

Sunday Morning Worship

AnnouncementsLarry Flatt
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First Prayer.....Chris Snow
Reading.....Lincoln Sain
Scripture.....I Corinthians 1:21-23
Lord's Table.....Joe Collins
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles
Dismiss.....Danny Duncan

Sunday Evening Worship

AnnouncementsLarry Flatt
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First Prayer.....Norman Sain
Reading.....Nate Turner
Scripture.....Philippians 3:13-16
Lord's TableTim Gann
.....Tucker Gann
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles
Dismiss.....Bruce Pryor

Wednesday Abbreviated Services

Announcements.....Cory Prince
Lead Singing.....TBD
First Prayer.....TBD
Reading.....TBD
Invitation.....Derrick Stiles
Dismiss.....TBD

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship176
Bible Study.....135
P.M. Worship.....107
Wednesday Bible Study104
Contribution\$5937

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

*If you can not serve, please contact
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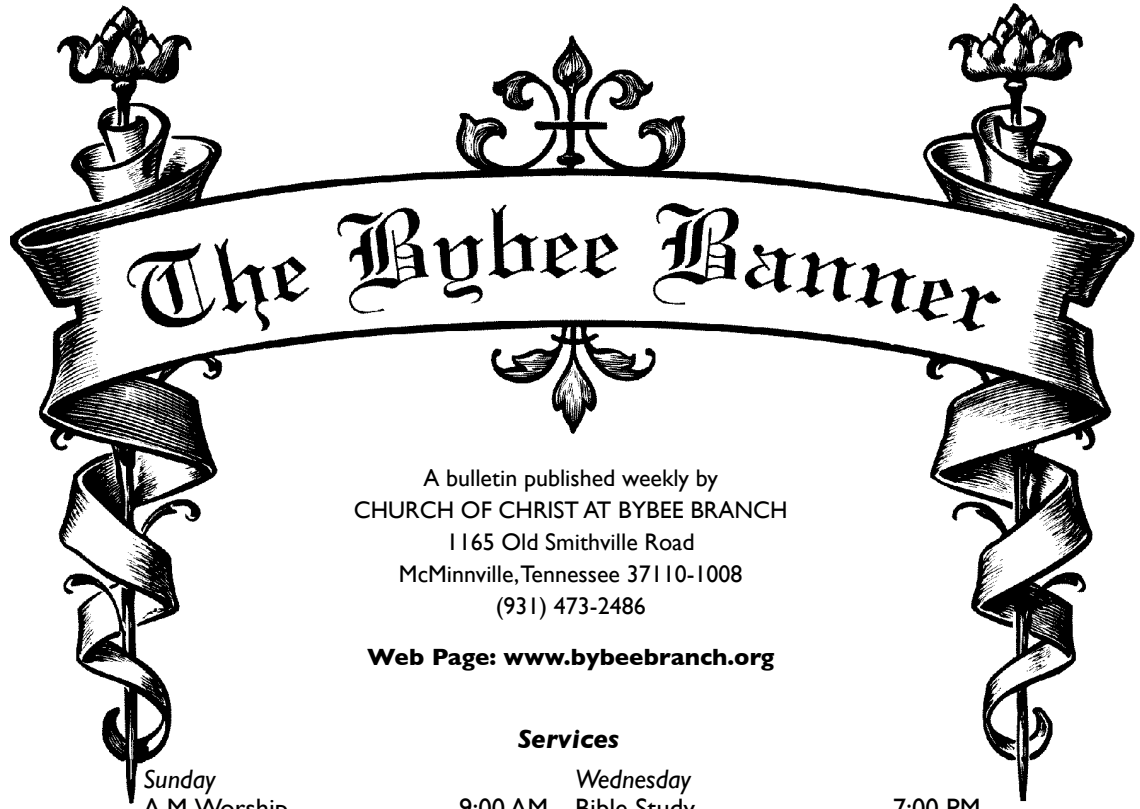
Ushers:.....Dale Bennett, Willie Newby, Herb Rowland
Un/Lock Building:.....Rickey Hurst, Don Sullivan
Assist Baptisms:.....Mary Flatt
Pantry Item:See List on Bulletin Board
Check Pantry:.....Rebecca Mullican
Check Kitchen:.....Thelma Rowland
Check Workroom:.....Judy Sullivan
Video.....Tommy Turner
Elder Closing RemarksAllen Hughes

Van Driver

Sunday AM & PMCaleb Graves
Wednesday PMAllen Hughes

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Services

Sunday	Wednesday	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM	
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	Monday (2 nd & 4 th of each month)
		Monday Morning Bible Class 9:00 AM

Radio Program

Each Sunday at 1:00 PM on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

TV Program

Each Sunday at 11:00 AM on BLTV Channel 6

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Mike Mullins	Cory Prince
Bruce Pryor	Herb Rowland
Josue Castorena (Hispanic)	580-2477

Sick List:

Reminder: all mentioned are based on current condition at time of publishing and subject to change during the week.

Sick At Home:

Eugene Womack

Shut-In At Home:

Maggie Hurst
Elmer Rutledge

Hospital:

No New Additions

Surgery:

Danny Higgins - Upcoming surgery on December 18. Danny is Allen Hughes cousin.

Sympathy:

Our deepest sympathy goes out to David and the family of Iona King. Sister Iona passed away at St. Thomas Rutherford on December 11th. She was laid to rest on December 16th. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Willie and Donna Newby, as well as the family of Denise Newby. Sister Denise passed away peacefully in her sleep on December 11th. She was laid to rest on December 13th. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Wilma Jean Young. Sister Young passed away on December 11th. She was laid to rest on December 17th. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Upcoming Area Events:

Rock Island church of Christ will host H.E.Y. Program on January 18th at 5pm.

Bible Bowl at Hebron

Bible Bowl will be January 4th at Hebron church of Christ. Service and testing to begin at 2PM. Be studying and preparing for the comprehensive test over 1 Corinthians 10-11.

Neighborhood Bible Study

Beginning in January Arlington church of Christ will host a Bible Study on each Monday night. These dates are January 5, 12, 19 & 26. Refreshments will be served at 6pm followed by a Bible study over Jacob & Esau from Genesis 26-36.

Congregation Holiday Fellowship

Thank you to everyone who made our holiday fellowship a huge success. I want to thank each of you for the generous gift given to our family during services Sunday evening. We are extremely grateful for each of you and what you mean to us. We are thankful to call you family and friends. In Christian Love, The Stiles'.

Food Pantry

GREAT JOB! We are quickly replenishing inventory in the food pantry. Several food items are full, but we still have need in a few areas. Please be checking the bulletin board each week for a list of updated items needed.

Outside Education Opportunities!

Upcoming opportunities for Biblical education outside the church are always available. As we approach a new year, many of our local Bible Colleges are offering classes for the new quarter. Some of these opportunities are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you are interested please see the posting or reach out to Derrick Stiles at derrick@bybeebranch.org.

Congratulations Youth!

Our youth participated in the Bible Bowl at Arlington and finished tied for first place! We are very encouraged by our youths desire to study and compete in our community Bible Bowl. However, the greatest prize obtained is the knowledge and spiritual growth that comes from an in-depth study of Gods Word. Keep up the good work!

Hearing the Gospel

From the beginning of God's redemptive plan, hearing the Gospel has been essential to man's salvation. The Lord's church has long emphasized that faith is not produced by feelings, personal experiences, or inherited belief, but by hearing the revealed word of God. The New Testament repeatedly affirms that hearing the Gospel is the first necessary step in coming to Christ and obeying Him.

The apostle Paul plainly states, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). Faith does not originate within the human heart apart from revelation; it is the result of exposure to God's inspired message. Without hearing the Gospel, there can be no genuine faith, and without faith, it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).

The Gospel itself is clearly defined in Scripture. Paul writes, "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Hearing the Gospel means hearing these divinely revealed facts concerning Jesus Christ—His death, burial, and resurrection—and understanding their meaning for our salvation.

Jesus emphasized the necessity of hearing during His earthly ministry. In the parable of the sower, He described different responses to the word, but the seed was always the same—the word of God (Luke 8:11). The condition of the heart determined whether the hearer benefited. Christ often concluded His teaching by saying, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (Matthew 11:15). This highlights that hearing involves more than sound waves reaching the ear; it involves attentive, receptive listening that leads to obedience.

The book of Acts provides inspired examples of how people were saved, and in every case, the Gospel was first heard. On the Day of Pentecost, the apostles preached Christ to the Jews in Jerusalem. Luke records, "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart" (Acts 2:37). Their hearing produced

conviction, which led them to ask what they must do. The Ethiopian eunuch likewise heard the Gospel when Philip "preached Jesus to him" (Acts 8:35). Only after hearing could he believe and obey by being baptized.

The church of Christ stresses that hearing must come before belief, repentance, confession, and baptism. This divine order is not accidental. Jesus commanded, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Preaching is required because people cannot respond to a message they have never heard. Paul asked rhetorically, "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:14). This underscores the urgency of evangelism and sound teaching.

Hearing the Gospel also requires respect for biblical authority. Not every religious message is the Gospel. Paul warned of those who would preach "another gospel" which is not truly good news (Galatians 1:6-9). Therefore, the church must be diligent to proclaim the pure word of God, "speaking the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15), without addition or subtraction. Only the message revealed by the Holy Spirit has the power to save.

Furthermore, hearing is an ongoing responsibility for Christians. While initial hearing leads one into Christ, continual hearing sustains faith. The early church "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine" (Acts 2:42). Regular exposure to God's word strengthens, corrects, and equips believers for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

In conclusion, hearing the Gospel is foundational to God's plan of salvation. It is through hearing that faith is produced, hearts are convicted, and souls are moved to obedient response. Christians must continue to emphasize clear, scriptural teaching so that men and women may hear, believe, and obey the saving message of Jesus Christ. As Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (Luke 11:28).

Derrick Stiles

Romans 8:28

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."