

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....Cory Prince
Lead Singing Paul Hurst
First Prayer Mike Mullins
Reading Tommy Turner
Scripture 2 Peter 3:17-18
Lord's Table Tony Lawrence
Sermon Derrick Stiles
Dismiss.....Chris Snow

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....Cory Prince
Lead Singing Paul Hurst
First Prayer.....Allen Hughes
Reading.....Kelly Thaxton
Scripture Judges 8:3-4
Lord's Table Caleb Graves
.....Jacob Graves
Sermon Derrick Stiles
Dismiss.....Barry Mayes

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Joe Collins
Lead Singing Herb Rowland
First Prayer Kane Newby
Reading Michael Pack
Invitation Derrick Stiles
Dismiss Joseph Stiles

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship 192
Bible Study.....148
P.M. Worship.....159
Wednesday Bible Study 111
Contribution\$5617

Welcome Committee

A.M. Tim & Amanda Gann
P.M. Brandon & Kara Fuston

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Ushers: David McColloch, Eddie Palmer, Bruce Pryor
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Pantry Item: Grape Jelly
Check Pantry: Marsha Collins
Check Kitchen: Tera Elkins
Check Workroom: Becky Maynard
Video Scott Elkins
Elder Closing Remarks Allen Hughes

Van Driver

Sunday AM & PM Chris Snow
Wednesday PM Chris Snow

Sunday Sermon Titles

AM‘Growing Stronger to Reach Farther’
PM Expository Lesson Judges 8 ‘Part 1’

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Services

Sunday	Wednesday	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study 6:30 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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Caleb Graves	Paul Hurst
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Jared Mullican	Mike Mullins
Cory Prince	Bruce Pryor
Herb Rowland	

Josue Castorena (Hispanic) 580-2477

Prayer List:

Sick at home

Jean Clendenon
Glenda Ferrell
Maggie Hurst
Gary Grizzell

Upcoming Surgery

Terry Hanvey - Knee Surgery, date unknown
Thelma Rowland - November 9

Upcoming Area Events:

Arlington church of Christ will host its annual Singing night on November 6.

Leoni church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting November 8-11. Guest Speaker David Costello.

Mount Della church of Christ will host its annual Singing night on December 31.

Elders & Deacons Meeting

October 25th the elders and deacons will meet in room 10 before evening services at 5:00pm.

General Business Meeting

October 25th the general business meeting will be conducted downstairs in the fellowship hall immediately following evening services.

Pew Packers...

Resumes on October 25. Meeting time is 5:40 on the front pew in the auditorium.

Monday Morning Bible Class

Monday Morning Bible Class will be on October 26. Study will begin at 1 Kings 14:16. We hope to see you there!

H.E.Y. (Helping Edify Youth)!

Our next community H.E.Y. program event will be on November 22 at 5pm. Host congregation is the Church of Christ at Hebron.

Bible Bowl

The next Bible session will be at Morrison on November 1st and the study is 2 Corinthians 4-6.

New Building Clean Up Day

The scheduled work day for October 17 has been postponed until further notice. Information about this day of cleaning and preparation will be posted at a later date. Thank you all!

Welcome another new family!

The Custer Family

We are delighted to welcome the Custer family, Duncan, Haley Beth, Harrison, and Bouldin, as they have expressed their desire to have their membership in the Lord's church recognized here at Bybee Branch. We are thankful for their decision to become part of our congregation and look forward to growing together in faith, fellowship, and service to the Lord. As Paul reminds us in Romans 12:5, "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another." May we encourage, strengthen, and support one another as we labor together in the kingdom of God. Please take a moment to welcome the Custer family and let them know how glad we are to have them with us!

Don't Forget...

To fall back! Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1, 2026, at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night, October 31. Enjoy that extra hour of rest, and we look forward to seeing everyone on time for Bible study and worship Sunday morning!



2 Peter 3:17-18

"You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

Growing Stronger to Reach Farther

As Christians, we should never become satisfied with where we are spiritually. The Christian life is one of continual growth, greater understanding, and faithful service. Peter closes his second epistle with a powerful warning and an equally important encouragement: "You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:17-18). These words remind us that spiritual growth is not optional. If we desire to reach farther in the work of the Lord, we must first grow stronger in our relationship with Him.

Consider the example of a tree. Before its branches can stretch outward and provide shade, its roots must grow deep enough to support its weight. Without strong roots, even the largest tree becomes vulnerable to the storms. The same principle applies to Christians. Paul wrote, "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith" (Colossians 2:6-7). Our ability to influence others depends greatly upon the strength of our own spiritual foundation.

Growing stronger begins with God's Word. Peter encouraged Christians to desire the pure milk of the Word so that they might grow spiritually (1 Peter 2:2). Just as our physical bodies require nourishment, our souls need the constant instruction and encouragement found in Scripture. The more time we spend studying God's Word, the better equipped we become to recognize error, resist temptation, and teach others the truth. Paul reminded Timothy to be diligent in correctly handling the Word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). A congregation filled with knowledgeable Christians is better prepared to carry the Gospel into the community.

Growing stronger also requires putting our faith into action. James reminds us that faith without works is dead (James 2:17). Spiritual maturity is not measured simply by how much Scripture we know,

but by how faithfully we practice what we have learned. Prayer, worship, encouragement, benevolence, and personal evangelism are all opportunities to strengthen our faith. Hebrews 5:14 teaches that spiritual maturity develops through exercising our ability to discern good and evil. Growth occurs when we consistently apply God's truth to everyday living.

However, spiritual growth should never end with ourselves. God strengthens His people so that they can become more effective in His service. Jesus instructed His disciples, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). This responsibility requires Christians who are spiritually prepared and willing to act. The stronger our faith becomes, the more confidently we can share the hope found in Christ.

Paul described this principle beautifully in Ephesians 4:15-16. As Christians grow into Christ, the entire body becomes stronger, with every member doing his or her share. A healthy congregation is not built upon the efforts of a few individuals, but upon members growing together and working together. When we strengthen one another, we increase our ability to reach those who are outside of Christ.

We must also remember that growth requires perseverance. Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58). There will be discouragements, disappointments, and obstacles along the way. Nevertheless, our mission remains unchanged. We must continue growing, serving, and reaching.

As we consider the future of the Lord's church at Bybee Branch, may we never become content with simply maintaining what we have. Let us deepen our knowledge, strengthen our faith, encourage one another, and increase our efforts to reach the lost. The stronger we become in Christ, the farther we can reach with His Gospel. May our spiritual roots grow deeper, our faith become stronger, and our influence extend farther, all to the glory of God!

Derrick Stiles