

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Cory Prince  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Don Sullivan  
Reading.....Chris Snow  
Scripture.....Hebrews 11:8-10  
Lord's Table.....Ray Weddington  
Sermon.....Barry Mayes  
Dismiss.....Kelly Thaxton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Cory Prince  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Tim Gann  
Reading.....Dale Bennett  
Scripture.....Hebrews 11:17-19  
Lord's Table.....Mike Mullins  
.....Kane Newby  
Sermon.....Barry Mayes  
Dismiss.....Scott Elkins

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Bruce Pryor  
Lead Singing.....Herb Rowland  
First Prayer.....Jacob Graves  
Reading.....Tucker Gann  
Invitation.....Willie Newby  
Dismiss.....Michael Pack

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship.....158  
Bible Study.....126  
P.M. Worship.....100  
Wednesday Bible Study.....98  
Contribution.....\$4776

**Welcome Committee**

Temporarily suspended

*If you can not serve, please contact  
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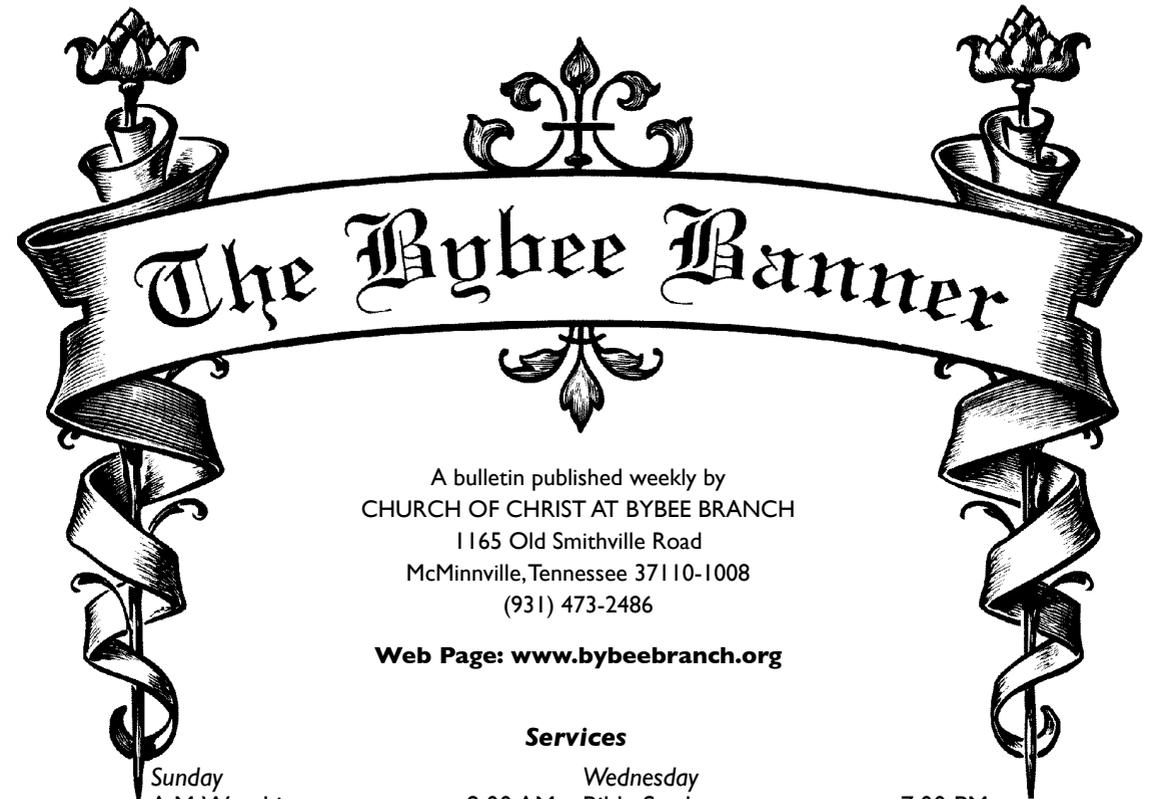
Ushers:.....Eddie Palmer, David McColloch, Bruce Pryor  
Un/Lock Building:.....Ronnie Prince, Caleb Graves  
Assist Baptisms:.....Kara Fuston  
Pantry Item:.....No need at this time  
Check Pantry:.....Jane Flatt  
Check Kitchen:.....Nancy Mayfield  
Check Workroom:.....Marsha Collins  
Video.....Caleb Graves  
Elder Closing Remarks.....Allen Hughes

**Van Driver**

Sunday AM & PM.....Willie Newby  
Wednesday PM.....Eddie Palmer

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**Services**

*Sunday*  
A.M. Worship 9:00 AM  
Bible Study 10:15 AM  
P.M. Worship 6:00 PM  
*Wednesday*  
Bible Study 7:00 PM  
*Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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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Jeff Flatt  
Tim Gann  
Paul Hurst  
Clent Kesey  
Kurt Maynard  
Jared Mullican  
Cory Prince  
Herb Rowland

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## Prayer List:

## Sick At Home:

Charlie Mayes  
Barbara Sain  
Joyce Vandagriff

## Surgery:

Mary Ashford - Surgery moved to March 13th  
David King - Surgery Postponed

## Upcoming Area Events:

West Riverside church of Christ is hosting Biblical studies on each Thursday night January 8th - April 2nd.

Central church of Christ is hosting H.E.Y. beginning at 5pm on Sunday March 8th.

Arlington church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on March 8-10. Guest Speaker Bro. Tony Lawrence.

Noah church of Christ will host a men's day on March 14th.

Campaign church of Christ will host their annual homecoming on March 15th

Rockcliff church of Christ will host their annual Friends and Family day on April 19th.

West Riverside church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on April 24-26. Guest Speaker Eric Bonner.

## Monday Morning Bible Class

The next meeting of the Monday Morning Bible class will be on February 23rd. We meet every second and fourth Monday of the month at 9am at the Bybee Branch building, room 10-11. The area of study will pick up from 1 Kings 10:11-12. Hope to see you there!

## Bible Bowl

The last Bible Bowl of the season will be March 1st at Rockcliff church of Christ. Service and testing to begin at 2PM. Our youth will be studying and preparing for the comprehensive test over 1 Corinthians 15-16.

## 2026 LECTURESHIP

Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies will host their annual lectureship on March 12-15. Theme 'Awestruck, Beholding God's Glory.' The list of speakers and complete schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Or, you may visit [www.makingpreachers.com/lectureship-2026](http://www.makingpreachers.com/lectureship-2026) for a full printable schedule.

## NHC Services in 2026

We are beginning the work of holding a 30 minute service at NHC Healthcare in 2026. We require the assistance of some of the men in the congregation. A sign up sheet will be located on the bulletin board for anyone willing to volunteer their time for this good work. Bybee Branch was assigned the 5th Sunday of the month through 2026. Anyone is welcome to attend in support of the residents of NHC. The sign up sheet is for those participating in the worship services. Please see Derrick if you have any questions!

## Bybee Branch Singing Class!

Our singing class will be the 2nd Sundays of February, March and April at 4:30pm. The goal of the class is to provide a structure for the congregation to: 1. Learn new songs for the public service, and 2. Establish an "open" atmosphere for any of the men who would like to learn to lead singing. In February we focused on pitch, tempo, rhythm, and phrasing. We will use the songs 'Thus remember me' and 'All creatures of our God and King' to demonstrate these ideas.

How you can help: We will need singers present to make this happen, If you want to try leading a song, come ready to learn your favorite song.

## Short Mountain Bible Camp

For those interested in counseling for the 2026 White/Warren week at SMBC, registration is now open. Please see Derrick for information on how to register. Camper registration begins in March. The ability to inspire and guide our youth spiritually is one of the greatest joys of my work as a minister. I would encourage anyone who has not yet participated in this great work to step out of their comfort zone and register. I promise, you will not regret your decision.

## The Preciousness of the Church

In a world that often minimizes the importance of spiritual things, the church of our Lord remains one of the most precious institutions on earth. It is not a human denomination, social club, or political movement. It is the divine body purchased, planned, and preserved by God. When we understand what the New Testament teaches about the church, we cannot help but see its immeasurable value.

First, the church is precious because of its divine origin. Jesus declared in the Gospel of Matthew 16:18, "I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." The church was not built by men, nor did it originate in the mind of any reformer. It was purposed by God before time and brought into existence through Christ. The apostle Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Ephesians 3:10-11 that the church is according to the "eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord." Anything that originates in the eternal purpose of God is precious beyond measure.

Second, the church is precious because of its purchase price. In Acts 20:28, Paul exhorted the Ephesian elders "to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood." The price of the church was not silver or gold, but the blood of Christ. Jesus Christ gave Himself for her. The cross demonstrates the worth of the church in the eyes of heaven. If the Son of God shed His blood to obtain it, how can we treat it as common or optional?

Third, the church is precious because of its relationship to Christ. Scripture describes the church as the body of Christ. In Colossians 1:18, we read, "And He is the head of the body, the church." Christ is the head; the church is His body. To love Christ is to love His church. To submit to Christ is to honor His body. Paul further explains in the Epistle to the Ephesians 5:25 that "Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her." The church is also pictured as the bride of Christ—loved, cherished, and sanctified by Him. Such a relationship makes the church profoundly precious.

Fourth, the church is precious because it is the realm of salvation. After Peter preached the gospel on Pentecost, those who gladly received his word were baptized, and "the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47). The saved and the church are not separate groups. The Lord adds the saved to the church. Paul affirms in Ephesians 1:22-23 that the church is His body, "the fullness of Him who fills all in all." To be in Christ is to be in His body. This is why the church must never be viewed as unnecessary; it is the spiritual family of the redeemed.

Finally, the church is precious because of its mission and hope. The church is "the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Timothy 3:15). It upholds and proclaims the gospel in a world darkened by error. Through worship, fellowship, edification, and evangelism, the church carries out the Great Commission and glorifies God. Moreover, the church looks forward to eternal glory. Paul wrote in Ephesians 5:27 that Christ will present the church to Himself "a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle."

Brethren, may we never take the church lightly. Let us love her, support her, attend faithfully, and labor diligently within her. Let us guard her unity, uphold her purity, and treasure her doctrine. The church is precious because it belongs to Christ, was bought by His blood, and will endure forever. May we always esteem it as heaven does—with reverence, gratitude, and unwavering devotion.

Derrick Stiles

## 1 Peter 2:4-6

"Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."