

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Tony Lawrence  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....Luke 10:41-42  
Lord's Table.....Ray Weddington  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Barry Mayes  
Reading.....Joseph Stiles  
Scripture.....2 Kings 4:25-26  
Lord's Table.....Kurt Maynard  
.....Kane Maynard  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Jeff Flatt

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Eddie Palmer  
Lead Singing.....Jared Mullican  
First Prayer.....Bruce Pryor  
Reading.....Tucker Gann  
Invitation.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Stanley Graves

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship.....157  
Bible Study.....119  
P.M. Worship.....102  
Wednesday Bible Study.....88  
Contribution.....\$4768

**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:.....Allen Hughes, Paul Hurst  
Assist Baptisms:.....Kara Hurst  
Pantry Item:.....No need at this time  
Check Pantry:.....Heather Pack  
Check Kitchen:.....Cynthia Duncan  
Check Workroom:.....Kara Fuston  
Video.....Tommy Turner  
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**

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Paul Hurst  
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Kurt Maynard  
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## Prayer List:

## Sick At Home:

Maggie Hurst  
Barbara Sain  
Joyce Vandagriff

## Surgery:

Mary Ashford - Surgery moved to March 13th

## Upcoming Area Events:

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

*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

*Rockliff church of Christ* will host a Girls Day on March 21.

*Morrison church of Christ* will host a Singing School on March 28-29.

*Leoni church of Christ* will host a Gospel meeting on April 5-8. Guest Speaker Bro. Stan Stephenson.

*Altamont church of Christ* will host a Gospel singing on April 10

*Bethlehem church of Christ* in Van Buren County will host a Ladies Day on April 11.

*Bybee Branch church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting on April 12-15. Guest Speaker Bro. Michael Clarke.

*Morrison church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting on April 12-15. Guest Speaker Bro. Johnny Trail.

*Central church of Christ* will host a Ladies Day on April 18. Guest Speaker Hannah Bradford.

*Rockliff 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

Our next meeting for Monday Morning Bible Class will be March 23. Our study will pick up with 1 Kings 10:16. Hope to see you there!

## NHC Services in 2026

This great work begins on March 29, 2026. The first service is full, however, areas to serve remain open for the three remaining months. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Please see Derrick if you have any questions!

## Bybee Branch Singing Class!

Our next singing class will be on April 19th 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

Camper registration is open as of March 1. Any of our youth 9-18 years of age is encouraged to participate. Parents, please encourage your children to be part of a spiritually uplifting work. Camp will be a key part of their spiritual growth and serve as an opportunity for our young people to make lasting relationships with other Christians. If interested, please see Derrick for information on how to register.

## LADIES DAY ANNOUNCEMENT

The ladies of Bybee Branch plan on having a ladies day planning meeting with the chairmen and co-chairmen on March 22 at 5 pm in the Ladies Bible Class. This meeting is to organize their committees. If you would like to be a part of this year's ladies' day, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer. There will be meetings throughout the year as the committees are organized and our ladies day approaches.

## The Tragedy of a Wasted Life

In the Gospel of Luke 16:19-31, Jesus presents one of the most sobering accounts found in Scripture—the rich man and Lazarus. It is a passage that forces us to look beyond the temporary comforts of this life and consider the reality of eternity. That is why I chose, on March 8, to speak on the lesson titled, "The Tragedy of a Wasted Life." It is a subject that demands our attention because the greatest tragedy in life is not poverty, hardship, or even death—it is living a life that wastes the opportunities God has given.

The rich man described in Luke 16 had everything that many people strive for in this world. He was clothed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. By worldly standards, he appeared successful and secure. Yet when death came, the true condition of his life was revealed. His wealth could not save him. His comfort could not follow him into eternity. In a moment, the life he had enjoyed was gone, and the reality of judgment began.

The tragedy was not that he was wealthy. The tragedy was that he wasted the opportunities placed before him. This wasted life is not always marked by scandal or rebellion. Often it is simply a life that ignores what truly matters. Many people assume that because they are not openly immoral or rebellious, they are safe spiritually. Yet the rich man's failure was largely one of neglect. He neglected mercy. He neglected spiritual preparation. He neglected the needs of the soul. Day after day he passed by opportunity until opportunity was gone.

When a person repeatedly ignores what is right, the heart gradually becomes less sensitive. The rich man likely became accustomed to seeing Lazarus at his gate. What should have stirred compassion eventually produced no response at all. The same thing can happen in our spiritual lives. When we continually delay obedience or ignore the needs of others, our hearts grow harder.

Another danger is false security. Prosperity and routine can create the illusion that life will continue as it always has. But death often comes

unexpectedly. The rich man likely believed he had plenty of time. Yet when death came, the time to prepare had already passed.

Wasted opportunity also affects others. While in torment, the rich man pleaded that someone would go warn his five brothers so they would not come to the same place of suffering. Suddenly he understood the importance of spiritual influence. But the time to influence them had been during his life. Our choices, priorities, and examples are constantly teaching those around us what truly matters.

Perhaps the most haunting words in the account are spoken by Abraham: "Son, remember..." Memory became part of the rich man's torment. He remembered the blessings he had enjoyed. He remembered the opportunities he ignored. Regret filled the space where obedience should have been.

This is why the lesson is so important. Our world often measures life by success, possessions, and comfort, but God measures life by faithfulness. A person may gain everything this world offers and still waste the most important opportunity of all—the opportunity to prepare for eternity.

The rich man invested his life in things that could not last and neglected the things that matter forever. Lazarus, though poor in this life, was rich toward God. When both men died, eternity revealed the true value of their lives.

The good news is that the warning Jesus gave still speaks to us today. As long as we have life, we still have opportunity. We have the Word of God. We have the chance to repent, to grow, to serve, and to obey the gospel.

The tragedy of a wasted life happens one neglected decision at a time. But a faithful life is built the same way, one obedient choice at a time.

May we learn from this powerful account and resolve not to waste the blessings and opportunities God has given us. Let us live each day with eternity in view, using our time, influence, and abilities for the glory of God and the salvation of our souls.

Derrick Stiles