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Wednesday Night, January 10	SERVICES
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PERFECT ATTENDANCE to be put in next week's issue.	

1972 Report

The year 1972 is now history; it's time and opportunities are gone forever, never to be recalled. What we did, or did not do, is now recorded in God's book of rememberance, and someday we will meet those deeds; good or bad

As we look back over 1972 we see some good that was done, and we rejoice in these accomplishments and give God the glory. In 1972 at Bybee Branch 15 were baptized, 14 made confession of sins, and 22 placed membership with us. Of course, a few died, and some had to move away.

The attendance and contribution for 1972 has shown an increase. Bible study on Sunday moraged 278, and the attendance on Sunday night averaged 200. The contribution averaged \$680,00 per week. This is a good and healthy sign of growth for this congregation, and we hope and pray that 1973 will yield a greater growth for God's Kingdom,

While we look back to 1972 let us look for ward to 1973 with a renewed zeal. Whatever accomplishments we have made in the past will not suffice for the future. We must keep on keeping on, remaining faithfull nuto death.

242 claim membership in the Bybee Branch congregation, and this number does not enclude children. The potentials of this church is great, but only by utilizing our potentials can we continue to grow and increase. It is important and essential that every member of the congregation do their part, and help the Church to grow.

We need to set our goals for 1973 higher than they have ever been in the past. But goals are set to be broken, and then set new ones. We have the man power and the money power to do things that a few years ago we would have thought impossible. With God to bless us in His work there is no task too great ! Let us strive harder in 1973 to be what God's Word commands of us, and to do a greater work than we have ever done. <u>NEW CLASS SYSTEM</u> Bro. Don Griffith is now serving as educational director, and he has done an outstanding job in rearranging our classes, selecting the materials, and securing teachers for each class. We hope that all of the teachers will give Bro. Don their full support and cooperation. If there are questions or problems about the educational program; he will be happy to answer them for you, and to work with you in their solution. We urge all the teachers to make full use of their class rooms, materials, and class time to teach their students the word of God.

CARDS OF THANKS We have received many "Thank You" cards [too numerous to mention each one seperately] for the fruit baskets that were prepared by the young adult class. These baskets were delivered by Bro. Lemmie Bratten, Bro. W. E. Neal, Bro. George Grizzell and Bro. Joe Rigsby.

WORK ROOM Class rooms #14 and #15 are now being used as a work area, especially for our teavhers. The church has gone to great expense to provide this work area and its materials, and we hope that the teachers will make good use of it in preparing their bulletin boards, and whatever other work that they need to do. It is open and available to you at any time.

THE SICK Sis: Joyce Mayberry is in Riverpark hospital recovering from surgery last week. Bro. 7. E, Neal is now at home after surgery last week at Riverpark Hospital. Sis. Lester Phillips' granddaughter is in the hospital at Murfreesboro. Bro. Thurman Griffith remains at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, but is making progress toward recovery, Sis. Gribble, Sis. Harris, Sis: Beaty, Bro. and Sis. Tramel, Sis. Barrett, and Sis. Lester Smartt's mother all remain on the sick list. Bro. Marion Jones was back in services last Sunday.

Vol.3 January 10, 1973 No.2 APPOINTMENTS FOR JANUARY 14. 1973 6:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M. Preside At The Lord's Table Jo Mac Pennington - Danny Jones Don Griffith Serve The Congregation George Bolding - Rickey Prince James Wayne Tubb - Kenneth Woods Thomison Ronnie Prince - J.T. Holt Rodney Terry Franks - Buell Warren Reynolds Read Lesson: 9:00 A.M. Morris Griffith PUBLISHED BY THE 6:00 P.M. Milton Sharp **Bybee Branch Church of Christ** Wednesday Night, January 17, 1973 1005 N. Chancery McMinnville, Tennessee 37110 Lead Singing Different Ones Read Lesson..............................Joe T Cantrell Lead Praver.....John Wood XX XX XX Dismissal Prayer.....Lynder Holmes THOSE UNABLE TO SERVE CALL 473-8706 ***** ****** ++++ SERVICES PERFECT ATTENDANCE December December LORD'S DAY NURSERY: Chip Cantrell, Brad Holt, Lynn Cantrell, Shane Winninghan, and Lorie Wilcher. 2 & 3 Yr.OLD: Julie Griffith, Scott Griffith, Radio Program WAKI 8:00 A. M. and Matt Colvard Bible School_____10:00 A. M. 4 & 5 yr.OLD: Sabrina Curtis and Denise Reynolds Morning Worship _____ 11:00 A. M. 1 & 2 GRADE: Carla Wood, Davy Griffith, and Evening Worship_____6:00 P. M. Susanne Moore 3rd. GRADE: John Tubb, Stevie Jones, Lynn WEDNESDAY Curtis, and Steve Deaton. 4th. GRADE: Zachary Merritt, Lesley Mitchell, Bible Classes For All _____ 7:00 P. M. and Ronnie Gribble 5 & 6 GRADE: Cynthia Woods, Pam Cantrell, Randy Wood, Darrell Merritt, Diane Higgins, Jack Eaton, Dewayne Woods. YOUNG ADULTS: Morris Griffith, Kenneth Woods, Rodney Reynolds, Patsy Reynolds, Cornielus Telephone 473-2486 Curtis, and Brenda Curtis. We hope the "perfect attendance" list will continue to grow throughout 1973 275 is our Goal for Sunday Morning Bible Study

<u>Ten Stings In The Wine Cup</u> Proverbs 23:29-35

Solomon makes a list of 10 evils of those who "tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine" These evils are [1] Woe, [2] sorrow; [3] Quarrels, [4] Babbling, [5] Red eyes, [6] Wounds, [7] Lust, [8] Perverted thoughts, [9] Dizziness, and [10] Chronic habit I know that drinking strong drinks has become very prevalent and popluar in our society, and those who take a stand against this evil is not too well thought of by a great number of people, especially by those who engage in or support the practice of strong drink.

The use of strong drink is something condemned throughout both the Old and New Testament. It is concluded that no drunkard shall inherit the kingdom of God (Gal.5:19-21, I Cor.6:9-10 It is argued that "social drinking" does not make one a drunkard, so the "social drinker" is not to be listed under the heading of the drunkard. Some think that as long as one does not go to excess in his drinking he is not guilty of sin. The defence of such is simply a dodge of the real issue involved.

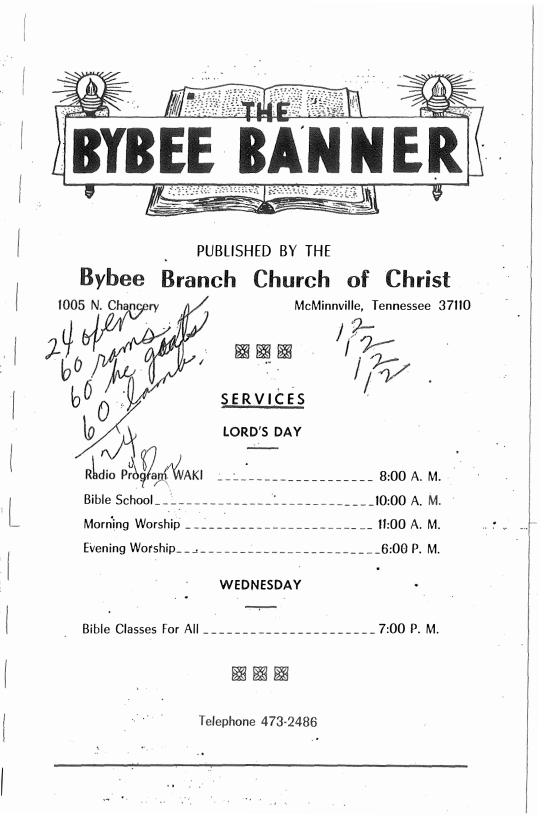
Men and women become alcholics because of the first drink; had they never taken the first drink they would never have become alcholics. Many lay in their grave today as a result of their drinking, but when they first started drinking they thought they could take one and then quit. Alcohol will destroy your mind, your body, your health, your family, your wealth, and finally your soul.

"Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" Proverbs 20:1

Good and safe advice for our young people is "Never start and you will not have to quit" Once you start you may not be able to quit. Have the faith and courage to take your stand against the evils of strong drink, even if it means giving up your present company. Do not be influenced by the devil's crowd and pulled down to their level.

SYMPATHY is extended from the members of the Church at Bybee Branch to the family of bro. Thurman Griffith who passed away on Monday. His funeral was today at High's. Also to the family of Mr. Roy Campbell, Sis. Vada Campbell's father-in-law, who was buried last Thursday. THE SICK. Sis. Joyce Mayberry is now at home from the hospital and feeling some better. Bro. W.E. Neal is also at home, and able to be out again. Sis. Beaty, Sis. Gribble, Sis. Harris, and Sis. Barrett remain on the sick list. We pray for each of these a speedy recovery. PANTRY ITEM this week JUICES (any kind) For The Records . 9:00 10:00 6:00 Cont. Wed. Date 179 173 - 543.75 1/7/73200 Due to the weather conditions and bad roads the services last Sunday night was canceled. We hope and pray that this will not be necessary again. We hope that those of you who were unable to get out last Sunday, will remember to make up your contribution this Sunday. This is a debt you owe to the Lord. SUNDAY SERMONS: " A Lion Is In The Way " 9:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M. " Prove All Things " THANK YOU ! My family and I want to thank each of you for your cards, well-wishes and the gifts, and for making our stay at Bybee Braz nch so pleasant. Your thoughtfulness and kindness means more to us than you will ever know. ----- B. J. Jones. NEW BULLETIN FRONTS are now being prepared, and should be ready for use in another few. weeks. The new bulletin will be 83 X 14 with a picture of the building on the front cover. We believe this will be an improvement that you will be proud of.

Vol.3 January 17, 1973 No.3 APPOINTMENTS FOR JANUARY 21, 1973 6:00 P.M. 9:00 A.M. Preside At The Lord's Table Carl M Newby - Woodrow Glenn John R Porter Serve The Congregation Morris Griffith - Eugene Wilcher Bud Winfrey Hennessee - Buell Warren Curtas Joe T Cantrell - Clyde Pennington Joe Milton Sharp - Douglas Hendrixson Rigsby Read Lesson: 9:00 A.M. Jo Mac Pennington 6:00 P.M. Cecil Cantrel Wednesday Night, January 24, 1973 Lead Singing.....Different Jnes Lead Prayer.....George Bolding Dismissal Prayer.....J. E. Ferrela THOSE UNABLE TO SERVE CALL 473-8706 **** ***** *+++ One reason why some people don't talk much about their religion is they don't have mich to talk about. Read, and you will know; know, and you will love: love and you will serve; serve, and you will be happy. "A Sabbath well spent brings a week of content And health for the toils of the morrow; But a Sabbath profaned, whatso[®]er may be gained Is a certain forerunner of sorrow." The Church that is not a missionary Church will soon be a missing Church. All the long year through, the joy that you give to others is the joy that comes back to you. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord,"



Just A Word About Our New Goals

It is fitting and right that we should set new goals from time to time, and then do our best to reach these goals. We believe that the new goals that have been set at Bybee's are reasonable, and can be reached if we all do our part.

<u>300</u> for the Sunday morning worship is not too much to expect. We could easily reach this number, and exceed it, if every member will be faithful to this duty. We usually have between 40 to 60 out every Sunday morning. Add this number to those who were present and you will have an idea of what our attendance can be.

275 for Bible classes on Sunday morning, and the number should be equal to that for the worship service with an exception of extreme emergencies. There may be times and conditions for some to leave before Bible classes, but surely this would not be true each Sunday

250 for the Sunday night and Wednesday night services. We have been over the 200 mark several times for these services, and with just a little more effort we can increase our attendance to the new goal.

\$850.00 is the new goal for the contribution. For the last Four [4] months of 1972 the contribution averaged \$692.00 per week. With an increase of \$158.00 per week we could reach the new goal. Just think, if 158 individuals increased their contribution just \$1.00 per week we would reach the new goal immediately. As a result of this growth the Church her at Bybee Branch could do more work.

A Challenge To You

If you are not now attending all the services regularly we challenge you to do so for at least the next few weeks and just see what we can do attendance wise. We challenge you to increase your contribution just \$1.00 per week By meeting these challenges we will see just what Bybee Brance is capable of doing. I am sure many of us would be surprised by the results.

Tory Aring. REACHED OUR GOAL ! 'Last Sunday morning we reached our goal of 275 for Bible study, and exceeded it by one, with 276 present. We hope you will continue to help us maintain this number. These Bible classes will help to increase your knowledge of the Bible and you will be better prepared to teach others the way of life. MOVING Ronnie and Ellen Prince, and daughter Marcy, are moving this week to La Vergne, Tennessee. Weregret their leaving, us, but pray and hope for their happiness in their new location. FELLO SHIP SUPPER tomorrow night (Thursday-January 18) at 6:30 p.m. We hope you will " make plans to come and share with us the good food that is always supplied in abundance, and the Christian fellowship that this opportunity affords. THE SICK Sis. Barbara Woods underwent surgery Tuesday morning in Murfreesboro, and is reported to be doing as well as could be expected. Bro. Howard Scott is in River Park Hospital suffering injuries received in a fall from a ladder on Monday afternoon. Sis. Lucille Cantrell was to enter River Park Hospital. today for tests. Sis. Smartt's mother, Sis. Mayberry, Sis. Beatty, Sis. Gribble; Sis. Harris, and Sis., Barrett remain on the sick list. Sis. Emma Cantrell and Sis. Judy Mitchell were unable to be in services Sunday because of sickness. It was good to have Bro. W. E. Neal and Bro. Joe A. Cantrell back last Sunday who have been out due to their sickness. CARDS were received this week from Joyce Mayberry, W. E. Neal, the family of Thurman Griffith, and t e family of Barry Colvard. PANTRY ITEM this week is GREEN BEANS. For The Records

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PUBLISHED BY THE **Bybee Branch Church of Christ** McMinnville, Tennessee 37110 SERVICES LORD'S DAY Bible School_____10:00 A. M. Morning Worship _____ 11:00 A. M. Evening Worship_____6:00 P. M. WEDNESDAY Bible Classes For All _____ 7:00 P. M. Telephone 473-2486

What Would You Do ?

We often hear people say, "I would do this,.. .." or "I would not do this,...." Suppose, for just a minute, that you were and elder in the Church. What would you do if:

- ...Many continually and habitually came late for the services ?
- ...Some continued to sit in the back when it was not necessary ?
- ... Members were not faithful to attend every service ?
- ...A member goes astray ?
- ... Members are asked to do something and they refuse ?
- ... The preacher was guilty of preaching false doctrine, either public or private ?
- ... A member was sick; in the hospital or at home ?
- ... A family in the community was in need ?
- ... There was an opportunity for the Church to grow, but it demanded immediate action ?
- ... The contribution was falling behind ?
- ... The attendance began to fall down ?
- ...A Bible class teacher was not qualified to teach ?

...Someone is a talebearer and gossiper ? The elders in the Church have a great responsibility, "they watch for your souls" (Heb. 13:17) and they are to "feed the Church" (Ac. 20:28), and the Lord has given certain qualifications for them to meet (I Tim.3 and Tit.1). Some seem to think that elders are to be some kind of super-humanbeings, expecting more of them than the Lord does. Before we become too critical of them and their work let's give ourselves the above test.

We are not trying to justify failures of the elders, but are trying to encourage a little more concern and understanding of their work. I am sure that none of us really know what we would do untill we were put to the test. If you are proned to be critical of others, try putting yourself in their place and under their station in life. We should read and practice the teaching of Matthew 7:1-5; this will help us to be better and then be prepared to help others. 283 PRESENT last Sunday morning for the Bible classes; 8 above our goal of 275 This is two consecutive weeks we have exceeded our goal, and with your continued support and cooperation we can maintain this goal, and be able to set a higher goal in a short time.

BUSINESS MEETING. The elders invite and encourage all the men of the congregation, especially the men recently appointed to the different committees, to a business meeting next Monday night, Jan.29, at 7:00 P.M.

TEACHER'S MEETING is scheduled for Monday night, Feb.5, at 7:00 P.M. All teachers and their assistants are urged to be present. It important that the teachers take an active part in our educational program and keep up to date on the current plans.

\$200.00 has been sent to the Andrews Avenue congregation in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. to be used to help Christian families in Nicaragua that were made homeless by the earthquake a few weeks ago. The Andrews Avenue congregation is helping with the support of the work in Nicaragua.

THE SICK, Bro. Jim ("Peanut") Cantrell underwent surgery Tuesday morning at River Park hospital, and is resting and doing as well as could be expected. Bro. Howard Scott remains in River Park hospital, he is suffering from a back injury received in a fall last week. Sis. Barbara Woods is now at the home of her mother recovering from surgery last week. Sis Lucille Cantrell is now at home after spending several days in the hospital for test. Sis. Gribble, Sis. Smartt's mother, Sis.Alva Beaty, and Sis. Barrett remain on the sick list. It was good to have Sis. Harris back in services last week after several months of absence due to an automobile accident last Summer. Sis. Judy Mitchell and Sis. Emma Cantrell were also back last Sunday.

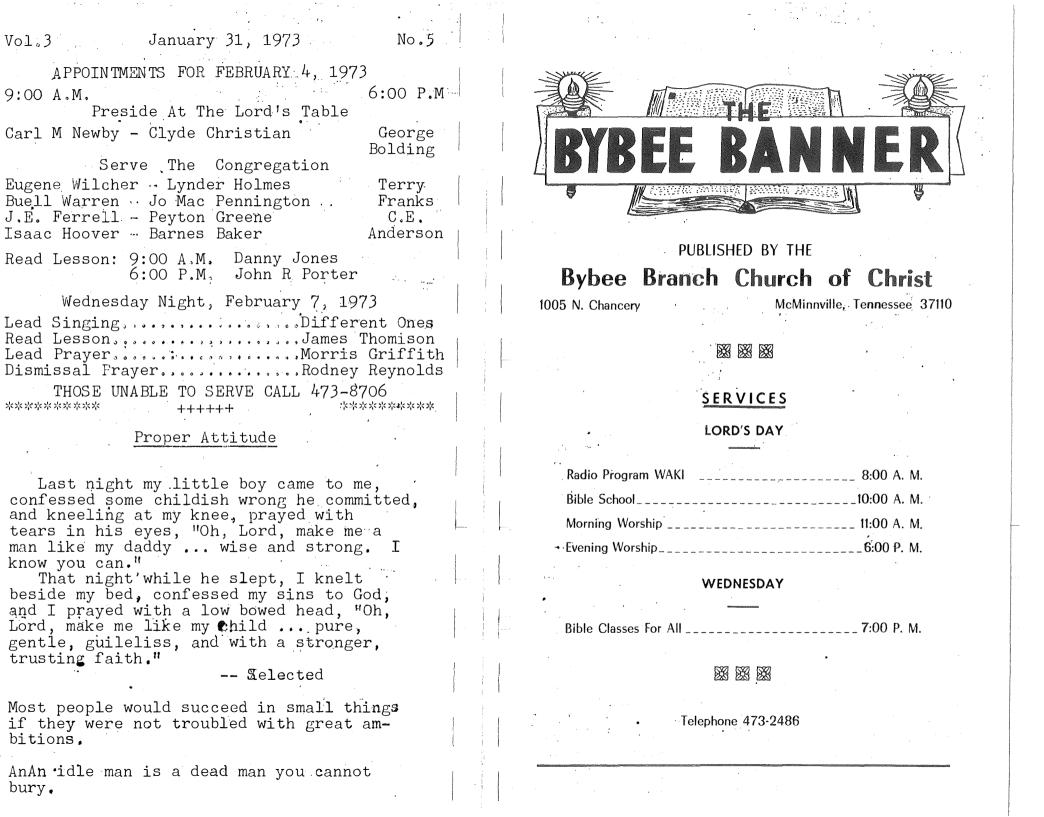
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Just Next To Me

pour it on, but he just let me be, He took the starch right out of them That sat Just next to me.

You should have heard the things he said, It was true as true could be; He burned the seat from under them that sat just next to me,

Our preacher sure did He hit the nail square on the head; with him I do agree, He trimmed the dead limbs off them that sat just next to me.

> And then I got to thinking I felt as sneaking as I could be. And when I turned and looked at him, His guns were turned on me,

> > - Anonymous.

I wounder how many of us are characterized by this little poem ? Most of us can always apply the sermons we hear and the truths we read in our private study of the Scriptures to others, but it is most difficult to apply them to ourselves. We just don't want to think of ourselves as being displeasing before God, and certainly we don't want to see ourselves spending eternity in hell. It is easy to see others in this condition, but we just don't want to think we are this way. What we learn from God's Word will profit us nothing unless we practice it. We should always strive to examine ourselves by theTruth (the Bible) and see ourselves as God sees us. Instead of trying to find fault with sermons we hear we should make a personal application of their truth to our lives. Some are hearers and not doers. They know the truth but will not obey it. They know they are guilty of sin but will not repent of it. They know they need to be restored but refuse to do so. Some know they are not active in the Lord's work and continue to show indifferent attitude.

Instead of applying the truth only to others let's apply it to ourselves as well. What we are doing that is wrong; stop it. What we are not doing that is right, began (now) to do it

TEACHER'S MEETING next Monday night, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. here at the church building. All the teachers are encouraged to be present, Your support in our educational program is important both to you and to the welfare of this congregation.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS will have Bro. Julian Goodpaster, minister of the Central congregation, as guest speaker next Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. and a luncheon will follow. Everyone is invited to this service.

GOSPEL MELTING The date for our spring meeting is set for April 1-6. Bro. John T. Smithson, Jr., of Camden, Arkansas will be the guest evangelist. Make your plans now so you will be able to attend every service,

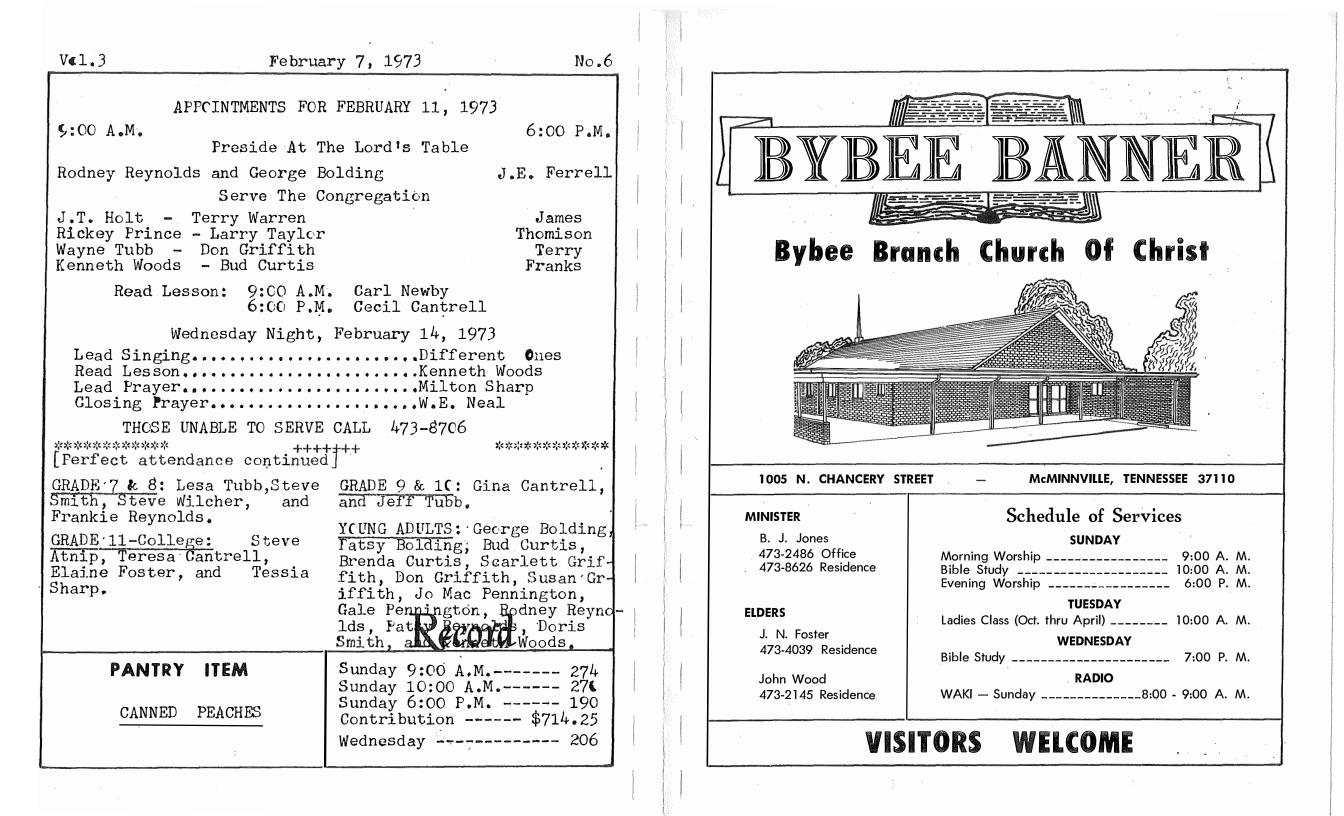
THE SICK: Sis. Marietta Mitchell, Bro. Howard Scott, and Sis. Sue Allison (Wayne Tubb's sister) are patients in River Park Hospital. Bro. Terry Womack is in Warren County Hospital recovering from surgery last week. Sis. Bryen Womack is in Vanderbuilt Hospital in Nashville. Sis. Lucille Cantrell is in Nashville for further tests. Bro. Jim Cantrell is now at home and feeling better. Sis. Barbara Woods, Sis. Gribble, Sis. Smartt's mother, Sis. Beaty, and Sis. Barrett remain unable to be out.

SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Bro. McKinley Wilson who passed away last week and was buried Monday of this week. He was a son-in-law to Sis. Allie Newby.

PANTRY ITEM this week is CANNED SOUP. For The Records 10:90 6:00 9:00 Date Cont Wed, 260 245 178 744.59 200 1/28/73 The devil has many tools, but a lie is the

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handle that fits all of them,





The first Sunday of March [March 4, 1973] will be a <u>special</u> day for the Bybee Branch congregation so far as the <u>con-</u> tribution is concerned. The elders have set this day aside to raise \$3,500.00, and they are asking each of us to do what we can toward this special contribution. There are reasons for it, cf course, and they have made known to the congregation of their plans.

- 1. There is at the present a debt of \$500.00 (side note)on the church building, and a debt of \$3,000.00 on the house and property provided for the preacher. By raising the \$3,500.00 to retire these debts it will free us to do (ther work that is needed.
- 2. When the present debts are paid plans are to build a new house for the preacher, enlarge our parking facilities, and to resurface the present parking area. This work is a necessity.

I believe the elders are showing wisdom in their plans for this congregation, and they deserve our support and cooperation. Remember their special plea to you as you plan your contribution for Sunday, March 4.

Anything worth having is worth working for, and anything worth working for is worth sacrificing for. The results are the reward for our labors. We see and understand this in our own affairs, and it is true in the Lord's Work. A sacrifice on our part makes us appreciate the results more.

With some 130 families in this congregation there should be no great burden on anyone to raise the needed \$3,500.00. With an average of \$25.00 per family we could reach this goal, but you be the judge in what you are able to give.

Remember, \$3,500.00 is needed to retire present debts !

TWO [2] RESTORED. Cur hearts, and the angels of heaven, were made to rejoice last Lord's Day when bro. Vernice Dotson and Sis. Gloria Young were restored to faithfulness to Christ and His Church. They confessed sins, and requested the prayers of fellow Christians. Please add bro. Dotson's name to your "Directory" His address is Route 1 McMinnville, phone: 668-8743

<u>CUR APPRECIATION</u> is expressed to bro. Jo Mac Pennington for drawing and preparing the picture of the church building for the front of the bulletin. You will notice that the bulletin has undergone a "face-lifting", and it now has a new appearance. We hope you think this is an improvement. We do.

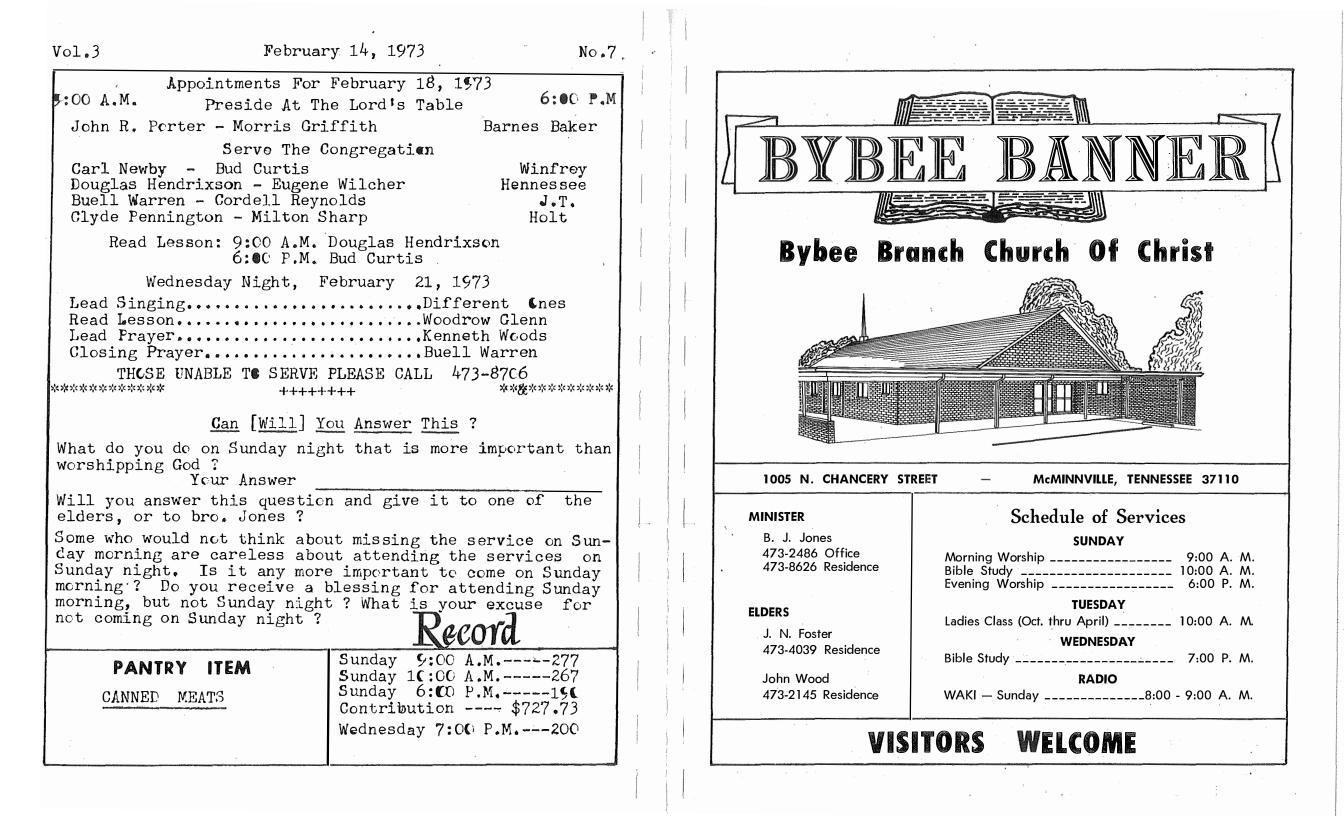
CARDS CF THANKS to the congregation and to the Ladies Bible class has been received from Bro. Jim (Peanut) Cantrell and Grundy Webb for the prayers, cards, visits, and the flowers.

THE SICK. Bro. Howard Scott, Sis. Marietta Mitchell, Sis. Lucille Cantrell, and Sis. Bryan Womack are all at home now after several days in the hospital and they seem to be improving. Sis. Jean Taylor was unable to attend services this past Sunday because of sickness. Sis. Barbara Woods, Sis. Smartt's mother, Sis. Beaty, Sis. Gribble, and Sis. Barrett remain on our sick list, and we pray for each of these a speedy recovery.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER next Thursday night, February 15, at 6:30 P.M. We hope you will make plans now to be with us.

1RFECT ATTENDANCE - JANUARY 1973

NURSERY: Chip Cantrell, Brac Holt, Becky Westbrook; Mitz Dearing, Lori Wilcher, and	Scott Griffith, and Brad
Abi Pennington.	GRADES 1 & 2; Missy Hendrix-
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Reynolds, GRADE 3: Rebecca Reynolds,	GRADE 4: Ronnie Gribble
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Many people spend a life time looking for riches, and the things of this world believing that genuine happiness is achieved through material gain and wealth. After collecting all things this life can offer there is still something lacking in their life, and they now realize they have by-passed something far more important. They have learned that real happiness is not obtained by the amount of worldly goods they possess.

Have you ever felt that your life is a waste, and that you are not really getting out of life what you would like ? Is there any real purpose to your life ? The only way this life can be of benifit to us is to use it to prepare for the life to come. We only have one chance to get ready for eternity. "...the night cometh when no man can work" Jo.9:4 (ur Bible class program is designed on every age level to teach the Word of God, and to encourage obedience to it. If you feel that your knowledge of the Bible is adequate and complete then I am sure the Bible classes would be of no help to you. But, if you have a sincere desire for a better knowledge and understanding of the Bible I believe our Bible classes, on Sunday morning and Wednesday night, will be of interest to you.

If you and your family are not regular members of one of our Bible classes we hope you will enroll this week, and begin now to enjoy the riches you will share with cthers in a study of the Bible. You will be blessed far above your expectations. "TRY IT....YCU'LL LIKE IT" <u>NEW CLASS</u> is now conducted on Saturday mornings at 9:00 for young boys [and men that can come] This class is designed for teaching and training song leaders. About 12 were present last Saturday morning, and we look for an increase this week. We encourage you as parents to bring your young boys for this class, and if transportation is needed call bro. Jones, 473-8626

Fellowship Supper tomorrow night [Thursday - February 15] at 6:30 P.M. We hope you will come and share with us in this period of Christian fellowship.

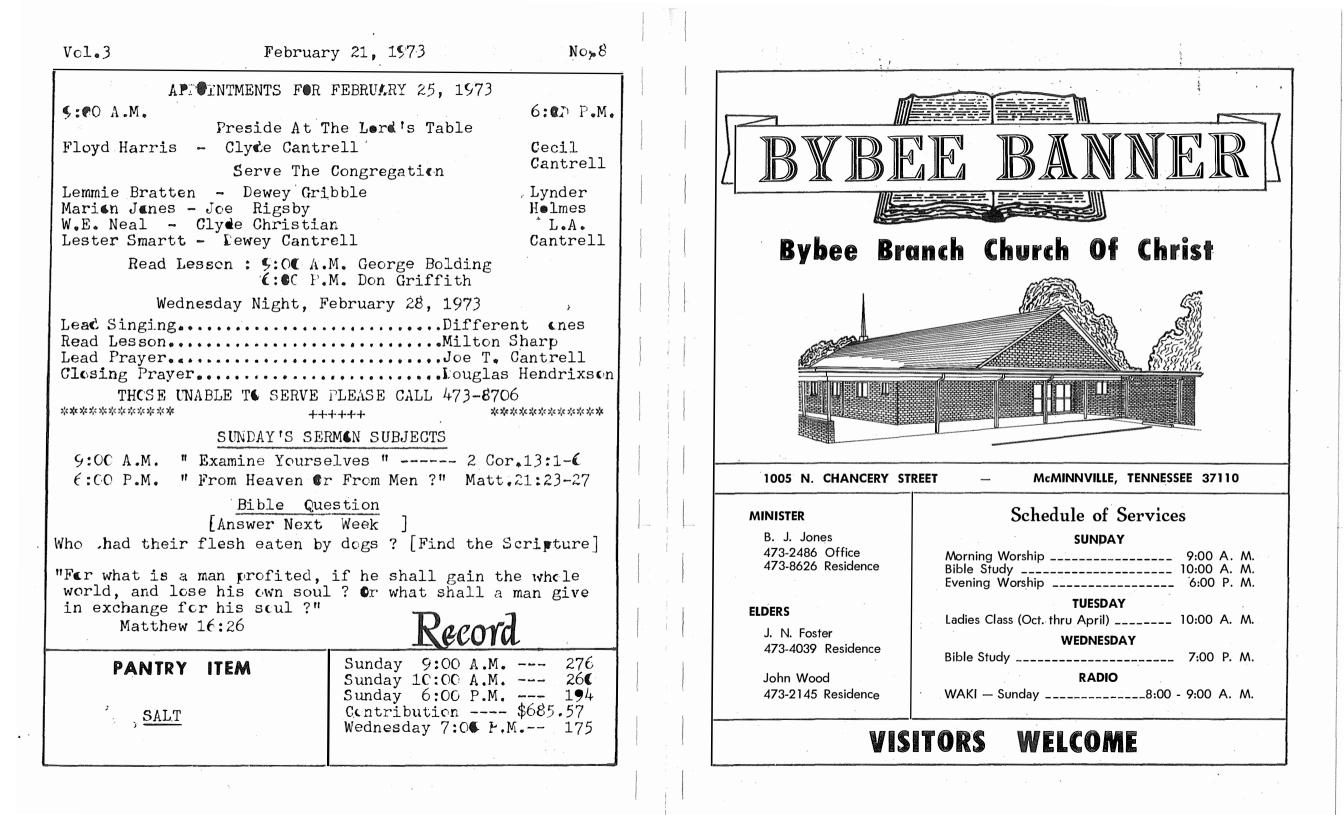
<u>CARDS (F "THANKS</u>". Sis. McKinley Wilson has expressed her appreciation for the kindness shown her and her family in the death of her husband. Sis. Mattie Womack, and bro. Howard Scott have expressed their "thanks" for the visits, calls, cards, prayers, and flowers during their illness.

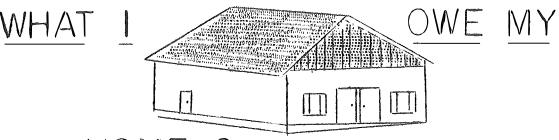
THE SICK. Bro. E.L. Glevier (room 9) and Sis. Bessie Masen (room 18) are patients at River Park hospital.(Sis. Masen is a sister to Sis.Ernest Boren). Mrs. Hazel Cantrell, the mether-in-law of Sis. Juanita Cantrell, is in Baptist hospital in Nashville, and was scheduled for surgery on Eusof this week. Bro. James Thomison, and bro. Oscar Groves are both at home recovering from surgery last week. Bro. & Sis. C.E. Anderson have been sick with the flu for the past several days. Sis. Judy Mitchell, Sis. Emma Cantrell, and Larry Morton were unable to attend services last week because of sickness. Bro. Lynder Holmes' mother is in the hospital at Woodbury. Bro. Grundy Webb, a brother to Sis. G.W. Davis, is in Warren County hospital. It was good to have Sis. Barbara Woods back in services last Sunday after several weeks of absence due to sickness and surgery.

A REMINDER

The goal for \$3,500.00 for the contribution is set for the first Sunday of March [March 4, 1973] If we all share in this effort it will not be a burden for anyone, and we can reach this goal. I, for one, believe we will !

<u>CUR ATTENDANCE</u> for Bible study on Sunday morning is increasing very good, and we hope to holt the attendance at least to the 275 mark. If you would like to see the attendance grow stay for the Bible classes following the morning worship service. Make Bible study a family practice.





HOME CONGREGATION

As a member of the Lord's Church I am obligated to a life of love and devoted service to the Cause of Christ, and as a member of the local congregation I have certain responsibilities to it. I cannot be a faithful Christian unless I fullfill my place in the local church.

I want my home congregation to have a wholesome influence in the community. Therefore, I owe to it, and to the Lord, a life of a good example. Mt.5:13-16, I Tim.4:12, Tit.2:7

I want my home congregation to be a friendly one, and I owe it my friendliness in meeting and welcome the strangers who enter it's doors. Heb.13:2

I want my home congregation to be active in the work that will help it to grow, and that will give honor to it's King, Jesus Christ. I, therefore, owe to it, and to it's leaders, my help and cooperation in it's every program. Heb.13:15

I want my home congregation to grow and multiply in number. Sc, I must set myself to the task of winning souls for the Lord. Prov.11:30

I want to see my home congregation increase in attendance for every service. Because of my desire for this growth I will be present for every service. Heb.16:25, Jas.4:17

I want my home congregation to meet all of it's financial obligations, and to increase it's ability to preach the gospel to other. I will be willing, therefore, to give, and to sacrifice to give, so that it may do more in evangelism and benevolence. I Cor.16:1-2, 2 Cor.8:5

I want my home congregation to be united in love, with all it's members being closely knit together with the same care for each other. Therefore, I will not be guilty of causing division among them. Jo.17:20-21, Eph.4:3

I want my home congregation to be the very best, not second best. And because I want this for my home congregation it is my debt to see that it is what I expect it to be. Each of us are equally responsible for these debts to the local congregation, and what it is, and what work it does depends on us. <u>CNE RESTORED</u> ! Bro. Clyde Phillips, an aged brother in Christ, came forward last Sunday morning, confessin and repenting of sins, and asking for the prayers of the Saints in his behalf. We rejoice with him, and pray that others will follow his example.

<u>CUR MEETING</u>! The date, April 1 \rightarrow 6, has been confirmed for our spring meeting. Bro. John T. Smithson, Jr., will be the guest evangelist. Services will be at the regular time on Sunday, and at 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 F.M. daily, Monday through Friday. As we begin to make plans for the meeting we do so with great expections for a good meeting Each of us need to begin now to plan, work, and pray for the meeting to help make it a success.

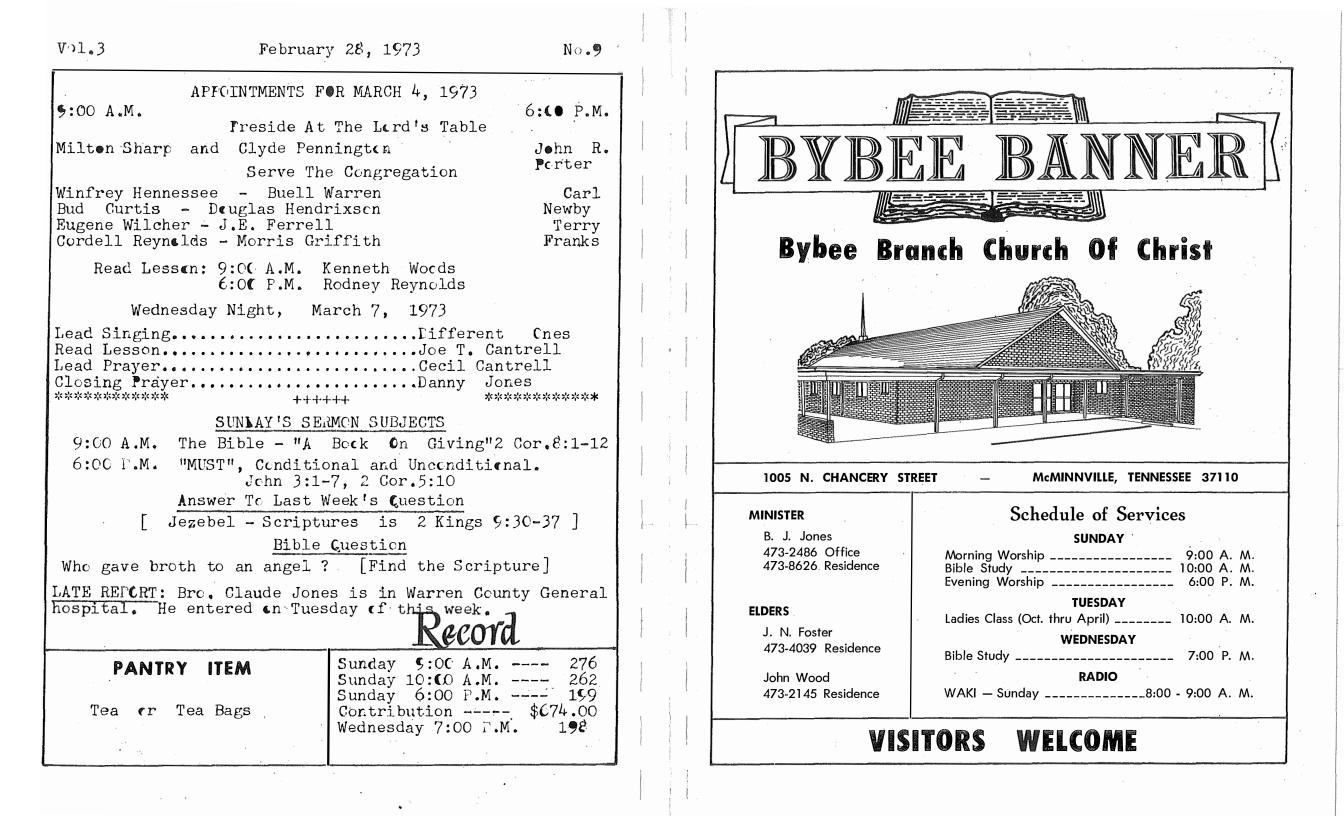
SYMFATHY ! We extend our sincere sympathy to the family (f brc. Grundy Webb who passed away last week and was buried on Friday. He was a brother to our Sis. G.W.Davis.

CARD OF THANKS. "I want to thank the ladies of the Bible class for the food. It was thoughtful of you. Thanks again -The family of Grundy Webb

THE SICK. Brc. Hobert Griffith was taken to River Fark hospital last Saturday for a knee injury received in a fall, but is now at home and expected to be up and around soon. Bro.E.L.Glovier remains in River Fark, but seems to be a little better. Mrs. Hazel Cantrell [Juanita's motherin-law] is in Baptist hospital recovering from surgery. Bro.Lynder Holmes" mother is still in the hospital in Woodbury, Bro.& Sis. Anderson are still suffering from the flu, and unable to be out. Sis. Judy Mitchell and bro. Claude Jones was unable to be at services last Sunday due to sickness. It was good to have Sis. Lucille Cantrell and bro. Howard Scott back last Lord's Day after being out for several weeks.

CUR LCSS ! Bro.& Sis. James Themisen, who have been attending Sunday night and Wednesday night services at Bybee' will be worshipping at Smartt Station regular. We will miss them, but wish them well.

HOW MUCH EFFORT would it take for you to stay for the Bible classes following the worship service on Sunday morning? What do you do that is so important that you cannot give an added 45 minutes to the study of the Bible? Can you really afford not to be in one of our classes?





FORGET

DCN'T FORGET TO REMEMBER !!

Tie a string around your finger, or do anything else that will help you to remember, but, please, don't forget next Sunday, March 4, is the date the elders are asking us to be extra generous in planning our contribution. They are trying to raise

to pay off two outstanding debts so as to be able to begin work on enlarging our parking facilities, resurfaceing the present parking area, and building a new house for the minister. This work is worthy of your careful consideration as you plan your contribution for next Sunday.

In the past few weeks new plans for the work at Bybee's has been made, and new goals have been set. This is done in the interest for the growth of this congregation, but the plans will not succeed, and the goals will not be reached unless' we all work together and push forward. We have the ability, the man-power, and the opportunity for a great work. The interest seems to be at a good level, and with the Lord to be with us and to bless us in our efforts there is no power on earth to stop us.

Cur goal of 275 for Bible study on Sunday morning has been exceeded twice in the last month, and we have been close to it at other times.

While we have not reached our goal of 300 for the Sunday morning worship service, we have been near that number a few times. With a little more work and effort we can see the attendance continue to climb.

The 250 goal for Sunday night and Wednesday night services have not yet been reached, but if we all continue to work together we believe they will be reached in just a short time.

The contribution goal of \$850.00 is almost a reality, and with an increase of just a little more than \$100.00 this goal will be broken.

TEACHER'S MEETING ! Monday, March 5, is the date for our next regular teacher's meeting. Time: 7:00 P.M. All the teachers and their assistants are urged to be present. Cur Vacation Bible School for this year will be the main topic for discussion. Those who wish to help with the V.B.S. this year are also asked to be present.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS will have as their guest next Tuesday morning the Ladies Bible Class from the Centertown congregation, and Bro. Jack Reed, their minister, will be the guest speaker. There will be a luncheon following the class period, and the ladies here are asked to prepare a little extra food for our guest. You are invited to be with us for the class next Tuesday, March 6 at 10:00 A.M.

THE SICK. Bro. Glovier remains a patient at River Park hospital, and his condition is about the same. Sis. Pat Stewart is a patient at Warren County hospital. Bro: Lynder Holmes' mother is still in the Woodbury hospital, but has improved a little in the last few days, Mrs. Hazel Cantrell is now at home, and is improving after surgery last week at Baptist hospital in Nashville. Sis. Nora Lee Griffith, Sis. Edith Sharp, and Sis. Grace Nunley were sick and unable to be in services this past Sunday. Sis, Barrett, Sis, Gribble, Sis, Beaty, Bro.& Sis. Tramel are still on the sick and shut-in list, Bro. Hobert Griffith, and bro.& Sis. C.E. Anderson were able to be with us last Lord's Day after being out sick.

TEACHERS COMMENDED for taking an interest in and preparing the bulletin boards in their class rooms. I am sure this will have a great influence on the atmosphere of the class room, and will be conducive to the study period. If you have not visited the class rooms lately I know you will be surprised to see the work that has been done. Why not visit your child's class room soon and see just what has been done.

SATURDAY MCRNING CLASS ! We consider it a great privledge and opportunity to work with our boys and young men in this class, and to try and help them with song leading and reading. Some day we hope they will be leaders in the Church, and they deserve all the teaching and training we can give them NCW. We hope others will share with us in this effort. Thanks to bro. Fuston Womack for taking care of the class last week.

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"The Lord's Hour ? Cr Day ?"

The scriptures speak of the Lord's Day, or the first day of the week, as being the day of worship (Rev.1:10, Ac.20:7)In times past Christians generally accepted this day as being just that - a day of worship. With the passing of time, however, the world has pressured members of the church into using this day as just another work day. Feeling that the paycheck comes before the Lord, they submitted to the demands made on them without any great objection. With businesses beginning to remain open on Sunday, television going into most homes seven days of the week, and sports drawing sellout crowds on the weekends, the first day of the week is quickly losing its idenity.

For years members of the church as a whole stood their ground and tried to keep the first day of the week truly the Lord's day. There were two services of the church every Sunday, and there are still two services every Sunday, but fewer and fewer are attending both of them. Many are attending now only on Sunday morning and then that has dwindled down to only one hour. Someone has said that we no longer refer to the Lord's day, but rather to the Lord'shour.

The story is told of an Indian woman who came to the States to live, and being invited to attend the Sunday morning meeting of the church, she went, but later told of her unusual experience. She said that she had been to many temples where the worshippers bowed down to a variety of objects, but never had she seen a group of people worship a clock as she had on this occasion. She went on to explain that there was a large clock on the wall and although there was a man standing before them, and speaking to them, everyone seemed to be watching the clock and paying homage to it. Futhermore, she said, just as soon as the hands of the clock got to 12:00 everyone was dismissed and the whole congregation rushed away.

I am sure that the people of the world, and of other religious backgrounds, truly find our worship services difficult to understand. I think maybe we have become more conscious of the clock than we have of the reason for which we are supposed to be assembled. We may not get to Bible Study, and even get to worship late. Then we time the poor preacher's sermon, just daring him to be one minute late. We are so anxious to get out a little early, if possible, so we can beat our denominational friends to the best restaurant in town. Then after a big meal, with all the trimmings, we rush home to see a football game on T.V. or we may spend the afterncon in some other leisurely way. J.C. Choate Vis. Words of Truth. GCSPEL MEETINGS. This season is upon us once again, and several meetings are planned for the area within the next few weeks:

EAST END - March 12-18 Services at 3:15 and 7:30 P.M. Bro Charles Lemons will be the preacher,

BYBEE BRANCH - April 1-6 Services at 10:00 A.M. and 7;00 P.M. John T. Smithson will be the preacher,

WEST RIVERSIDE - April 8-15 Services at 7:30 P.M. Bro. Foy E. Wallace will be the preacher.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS last Tuesday morning had 50 in attendance, including the ladies that came from Centertown and Ivy Bluff. Bro. Jack Reed delivered a good and timely lesson on "Mother"

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER next Thursday night, March 15, at 6:30pm We hope you will come and be with us.

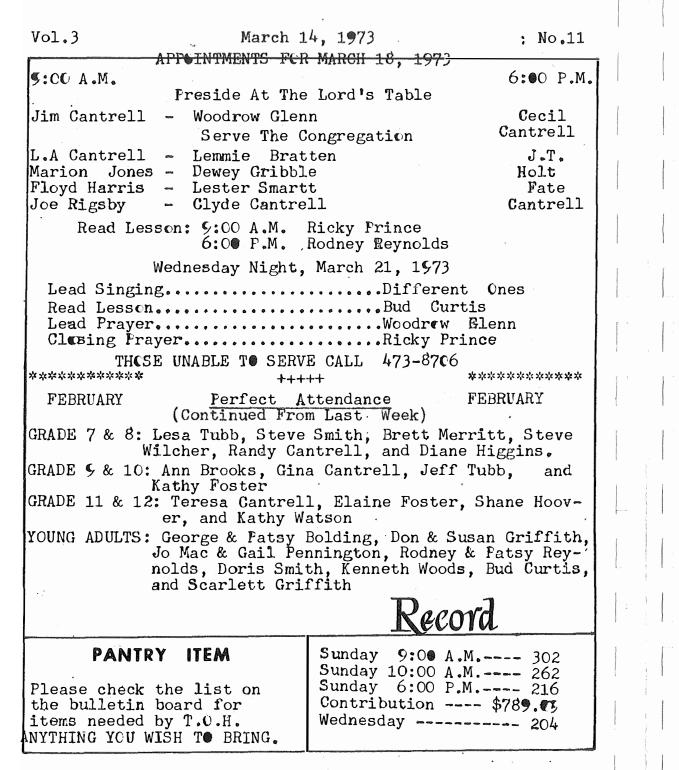
<u>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</u> has been set for this year for June 18-22 with the classes conducted in the mornings from 9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Teachers will be selected at the next teachers meeting, in April.

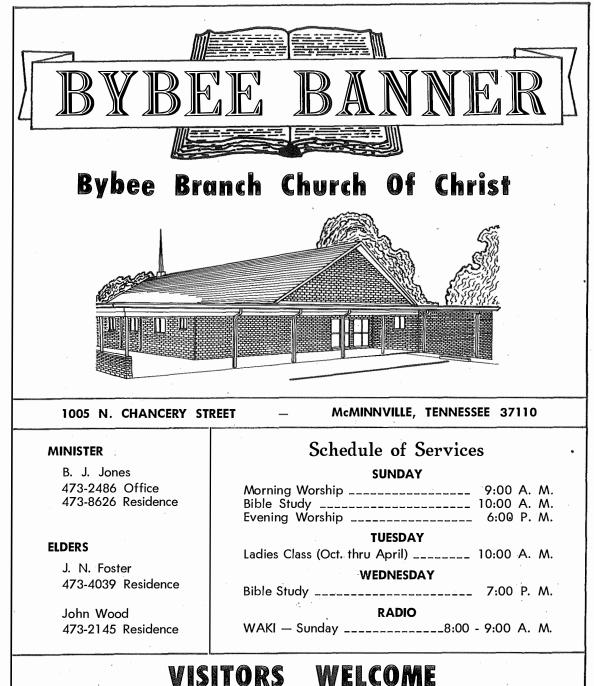
TEACHERS ! Be sure to try and have your class rooms ready and in order, clean and fixed up by the time of our meeting Some of the visitors may want to tour the building and we should be ready for them.

THANKS TO THE LADIES for making and hanging the curtains in the class rooms. Each class has bought their own material, but some of the ladies have worked hard and faithful to get them up. These have helped to improve the appearance of the class rooms. Thanks again, Ladies.

CLASS AWARD that is hanging in the vestibule is awarded to the NURSERY class for the month of February. They had a total of 9 visitors for the month. We hope other classes will try to earn this award by having the largest number of visitors. This is being done to encourage each class and each member of the class to bring others with them.

THE SICK. Bro. E.L.Glovier is in Park View hospital in Nashville, and his condition is about the same. Bro. Holmes' mother remain in the hospital at Woodbury. Bro. Randolph Lowry's mother is in Warren County hespital, and bro.Claude Jones is also at Warren County. Sis. Betty Cantrell, Bro.& Sis. Peyton Greene have been sick the last few weeks and unable to be at services. We hope each of these will soon be well again.





"But Not Cn Sunday Night" ("The Oncer")

C Lord, I thank thee for the love that makes my life so bright,

For this I praise thee Sunday Morning, But not on Sunday night.

I am glad to hear our singers chant my pure and deep delight;

On Sunday morning I hear them sing, But not on Sunday night.

I love to hear our preacher speak, his views are sound and right,

They feed my soul on Sunday morning,

But not on Sunday night.

At 11:00 A.N. I stroll to church in Sunday's garb bedight, but

Lord, I crave my easy chair and slippers on Sunday night.

Lord, bless our church and help to fill our preacher's soul with might,

To charge the sinful ramparts of my empty pew at night. - G.C. Brewer.

If the Church of our Lord today was entirely dependent on some would be Christians on Sunday mornings I am afraid it would soon lose it's influence for good, and Christianity would soon fade from the face of the earth. It is beyond me how some can claim to worship God Sunday morning because of their love for Him, and not have enough love to return on Sunday night. Do we love God less on Sunday night than we do Sunday morning ? Is the preaching of the gospel more important on Sunday morning than on Sunday night ?

Cut of 168 hours a week (7 X 24 = 168) how many do you give to the Lord ? You give only 1 hour a week if you just attend the Sunday Morning service. If you attend every service during the week you only give about 4 or 5 hours a week. I venture to say that those who only attend Sunday morning service are not daily Bible readers, nor do they pray regular, unless they are in trouble, I would suppose they never invite and encourage others to come to services with them.

Usually if you cannot depend on members of the Church to be faithful in attendance you cannot depend on them for any thing else. Those who are most active in the Lord's work are those who are faithful to all the services, not just on Sunday morning. **RESTORED** ! Sis. Pauline Taylor came forward last Lord's Day morning confessing sins she had committed, repenting of them, and asking for forgiveness; requesting prayers of fellow Christians. We rejoice with her in the conviction, courage, and determination she has shown. Pray for her.

<u>MEETING</u> continues through this week at East End, with the services at 3:15 and 7:30 P.M. Bro. Charles Lemons is the guest evangelist for this series of meetings.

FELLCWSHIP SUPPER ! All who can and will are invited to be with us tomorrow night, Thursday, March 15, at 6:30P.M. for this evening meal, and fellowship together. We hope each (f you will come and bring your family.

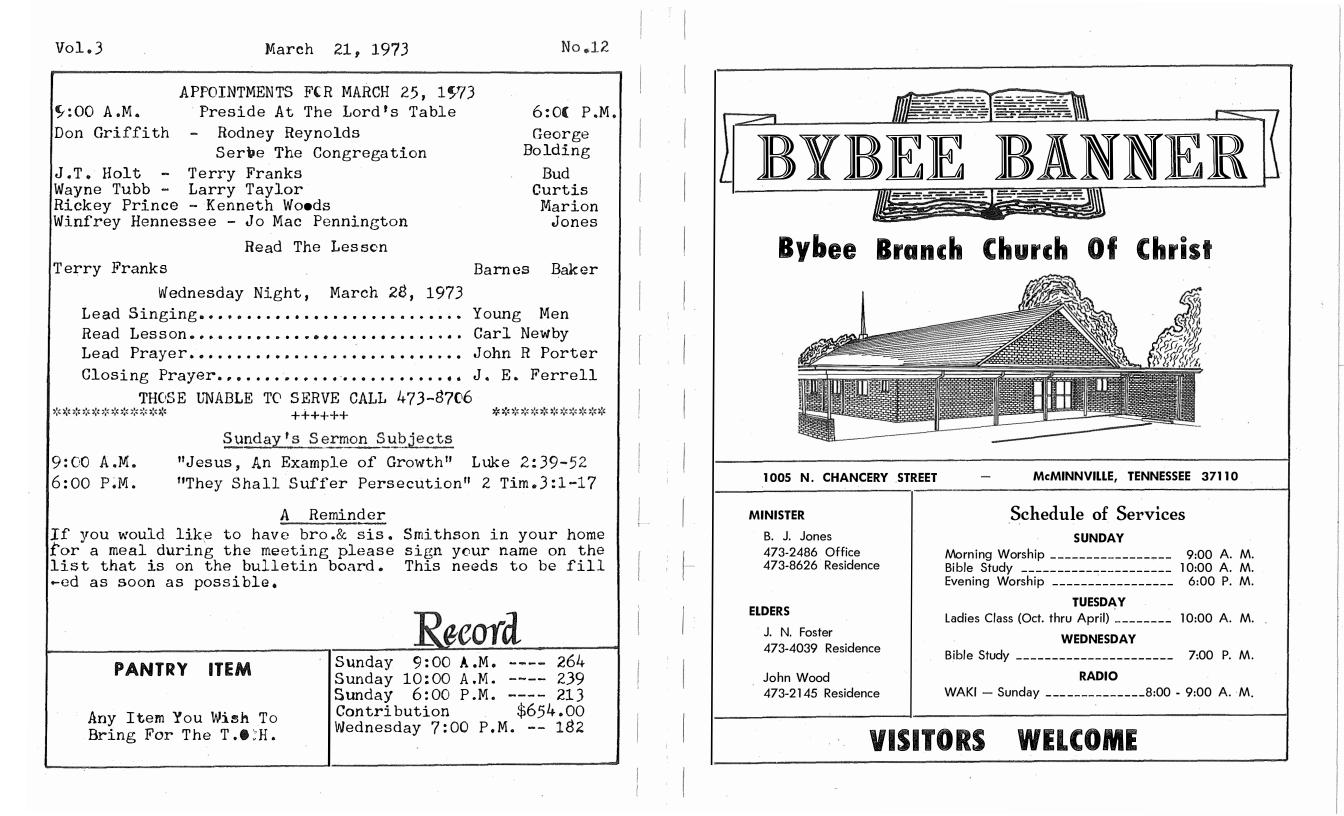
CARDS OF THANKS ! Bro. Claude Jones wishes to thank everyone for the calls, visits, and prayers during his recent sickness, and stay in the hospital.

"I want to thank everyone who had a part in my birthday party for the candy and money tree, and for the wounderful cake" - Stevie Jones

<u>T.O.H.</u> TRUCK will be in our area on Tuesday, March 27, to pick up our donation of food items for the home. A list of things they request is posted on the bulletin board, and we ask you to check it carefully and bring whatever you wish for the next two weeks. The entire pantry will be given for the T.(. H.

OUR MEETING is just two [2] weeks away. Bro. John T, Smithson will be with us to do the preaching, and his wife will be with him. If you would like to have them in your home for a meal please sign the list on the bulletin board.

THE SICK. Bro. Glovier is still in Park View hospital, and his condition is about the same. Sis. Holmes, Lynder^{*} mother, remain in the Woodbury hospital. Bro. Lowry's mother is still in Warren County hospital, but may be a little better. Little Melissa Hendrixson entered the hospital in Murfreesboro on Monday for test. Bro. Clyde Fhillips, and Bro. Claude Jones are both home now from the hospital. A sister to Sis. Christine Gribble, Mrs. Maxine Grissom, is nows at home after several days in the hospital last week. Sis. Clivia Cantrell has not been well for several weeks, and she is at the home of her daughter, Sis.Clyde Cantrell Bro.& Sis. Feyton Greene, and Sis. Betty Cantrell are also sick, and unable to be with us for the past few weeks.



Suppose You Were A Visitor !

If you were not a Christian, but had studied the New Testament throughly and had learned what a Christian is, and also had learned about the "Church of Christ", and now you are visiting different churches to find one that measures up to the New Testament pattern, what would you think if you visited a congregation and...

... The members were coming in just about the time services were to begin, or came in late, and then were sc eager to leave they could not wait untill the last "amen" was said so they could be on their way ?

...While you were trying to listen to what was said in the sermon, and trying to observe the things that were being done, there were all kinds of distractions around you.Some were wisperring, talking aloud, laughing, going in and out of the building so that you could not keep your mind on the worship ?

...When the song service was being conducted you could see that half of the congregation was not singing, and those who were were singing so poorly that you could not tell if they were singing from the heart or not ?

...Those who were to speak were speaking so low that you could not hear what was said; the preacher, the song leader the one leading the prayer had something to say but you were unable to hear because they spoke so low ?

...Some 300 were in attendance for the worship service, but when this service was concluded many of them got up and left before the Bible classes ?

... No one seemed to notice you, or speak to you; no one welcomed you to the service, and nobody invited you back?

... If by chance, on your own, you did return return to all the services and you noticed that about 1CC of those who were present Sunday morning did not come back Sunday night or Wednesday night ?

If you were a visitor in a congregation like this, how would you compare it to the Church you read of in the New Testament ? Do you suppose these things would have been true of the Church in Jerusalem ? Would you think the spirit prevailed in a congregation where these things exsist? We make some kind of impression on visitors who come our way. While it is not our chief concern to please our visitors, yet if we are really Christians it will show by our attitude and conduct, and cur example will encourage visitors to return and worship with us. <u>CUR MEETING</u> is just a little over a week away, and we hope you have already been working and praying for it, making your plans to attend every service, both morning and night Services during the week [Monday through Friday] will be at 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. I know bro. Smithson will do his part in preaching the Gospel, but to make the meeting a success we must all do our part.

BASKET LUNCH. Following the morning services on Sunday, April 1, we plan to share lunch together at the Northside School. Everyone is invited and urged to be present for the services, and to stay for the lunch. We should prepare a little extra for visitors who may wish to be with us.

BCNNER CONGREGATION will have bro. Garland Elkins with them for a series of Gospel Meetings March 26 through April 1, and services will be at 7:30 nightly. You are coolially invited to this meeting.

<u>T.O.H. TRUCK</u> will be here next Tuesday, March 27 If you wish to help supply their present needs please check the list on the bulletin board, and bring what you desire to give to the building for the pickup, try to have them here By Sunday.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED. If you can and will help with driving the bus please contact bro. Rodney Reynolds. Remember, the only way some have to the services is by the bus, and by helping in this work you are helping someone to be at the services.

THCSE TO SERVE in the services are, in some cases, appointed in advance. If your name appears in the bulletin, and you are asked to serve but you are unable to please call bro. Douglas Hendrixson so he may get someone else.

THE SICK. Bro. Glovier's condition is about the same, but he is still confined to Park View hospital in Nashville. Sis. Holmes is still in Woodbury hospital, and bro.Lowry's mother is still in Warren County hospital. Bro. Parker Woodlee underwent eye surgery in a hospital in Atlanta,Ga. last week, but is expected to return home some time this week. Sis. Brenda Curtis spent several days in Warren County hospital last week, and is soon to go to Nashville for futher test. Bro. Claude Jones and bro. Clyde Phillips are still unable to be with us in the services. Bro.&Sis.Peyton Greene, and Sis. Clivia Cantrell are still on the sick list Sis. Betty Cantrell was back with us last week.

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2:00 A.M. J. E. Ferrell Ailton Sharp Eugene Wilcher Douglas Hendri Bud Curtis - THO *********** ISHERS ! The four meeting:	APFCINTMENTS FOR APRIL 1, 1973 Preside At The Lor 's Table - Merris Griffith Serve The Congregation - Clyde Pennington - Buell Warren xsen - Cordell Reynolds Lynder Holmes SE UNABLE TO SERVE CALL 473-870 ++++++ collowing men are asked to serve Kenneth Woods and Jim R. Car	6:00 P.M. Carl Newby Jee T. Cantrell Barnes Baker 06 ***********************************	BYBEE BANNER Bybee Branch Church Of Christ
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Recipe For A Successful Meeting

- 1. <u>PRAYER</u>: No Christian endeavor or work should be undertaken without first asking for the blessings and help of God. We should begin our meeting with fervent prayer; praying for the preacher, and for the unsaved and the erring.
- 2. <u>PRESENCE</u>: It is important to preach the gospel of Christ but, it is also important that it be heard, believed, and obeyed. Preaching to empty pews will not make Christians. Be present at every service.
- 3. <u>PERSISTENCE:</u> Unless we are persistent for a good cause it is foolish to begin it. We must continue to work and pray for the meeting untill the last service is concluded.
- 4. <u>PROMOTE</u>: "It pays to advertise" is the motto of many business establishments. Our meeting will do little to save the lost unless we give them a personal invitation. There is no advertisement like the personal contact.
- 5. <u>PERSEVERENCE</u>: Don't give up, and don't be easily defeated in your efforts for the meeting. Put forth the effort, and make whatever sacrifice is necessary for the suncess of our meeting.

FRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

- 1. Try to arrive at the building in plenty of time before the services to meet and welcome our visitors.
- 2. Take a seat up near the front, leaving the back pews for those who come in late.
- 3. Take part in the singing, and help to put enthusiasm in the whole service by making the singing the very best.
- 4. Speak words of enceuragement to those who need to obey the gospel.
- 5. Make a good listener to the lessons presented, then go out and practice the truth you have learned.

OUR ME_TING, with Bro. John T. Smithson, will begin next Sunday, April 1 and continueing through Friday night, April 6. Services on Sunday will be at 9:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M., and at 7:00 P.M. for the evening services. Be sure to keep this in mind. Monday through Friday services will be at 10:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. You will profit from the meeting if you attend every service.

T.O.H. TRUCK came by on Tuesday morning for the pick-up of the grocery items and clothing that was given by the members at Bybee's. A list of the things donated is posted on the bulletin board. This is done to let you know of the good we are able to do by having the PANTRY.

CARD OF THANKS from Mrs. Maxine Grissom to the Ladies Bible Class for the visits and the flowers during her recent stay in the hospital.

SYMPATHY is extended to bro. Lynder Holmes and his family in the death of his mother last week. Her funeral was last Saturday at Shady Grove, where she was a member. She had been sick and in the Woodbury hospital for several weeks.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS on Tuesday morning will soon come to an end for this season, the last meeting date will be Apr.24 The Ladies Bible Class from Dibrell will be our guest on that date, and bro. Steve Short will be the speaker. On April 10 we have been invited to the Ladies class at Centertown, and bro. Jones will be the speaker.

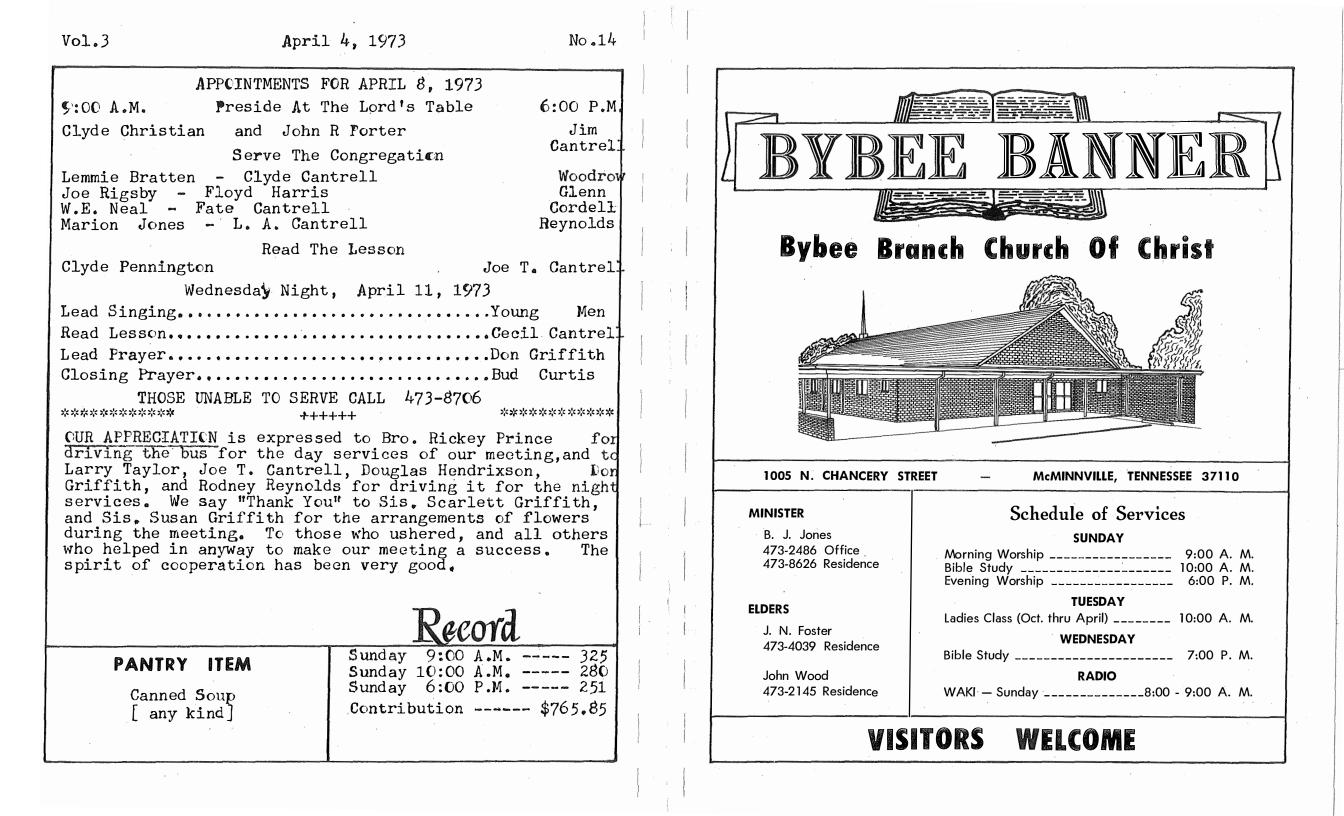
THE SICK. Sis. Ollie Waddell is a patient at the River Park hospital. Bro. Glovier remains in Park View hospital in Nashville. Sis. Charles Boren has been in River Park hospital, but is expected to be home by the middle of the week. Bro. Parker Woodlee is recovering well from the eye surgery several days ago, Bro. Clyde Phillips, and Sis. Clivia Cantrell are still on the sick list. Bro. & Sis. Peyton Greene were back with us last week, and also bro. Claude Jones.

BASKET LUNCH. We hope you will be present for the morning service Sunday, and come prepared to stay for the lunch. It will be at the Northside School building. We had a real large crowd last year, and are looking for more this year.

10:00	A.M.
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<u>OUR MEETING</u> April 1 Through April 6

7:00 P.M. Nightly



Retired Christians

There are no organizations in the political and industrial realms to my knowledge that permit retirement as soon as you enter the firm or shortly thereafter. The only area in which I have seen it attempted is among some members of the church. When you enter any type organization you expect to be involved in the work of that group and to participate actively for a number of years. If you failed to report for work each day and refused to work when you were present you would soon be dismissed and not be considered as an employee. When company officials checked on your whereabouts a show of indignations in being "checked on" and a plea of continual "Monday through Friday" sickness without a doctor"s certificate would not suffice to be considered as an employee and remain on the payroll. You would cease to be eligible for insurance benefits, bonsuses and retirement offered by the company to faithful employees You would miss the daily fellowship of fellow employees and the special closeness that comes from working together for years. In times of sickness and death it should not seem strange to you that the company and its employees did not do for you what they did for someone who had given then faithful service for years. No where along the line would it be effective for you to say, "I am still an employee of the company, I just don't report to work any more," If you think this article doesn't make sense and you readily admit that you would never think of trying any of the above mentioned deeds and expect to be an employee in good standing; apply it to your life and work as a Christian and see if it makes any better sense.

Billy R. Newby, Via "The Banner (f Truth"

How long do you suppose you would remain an employee of a company if you continued to miss work because [1] " I just didn't feel like going in today", or [2] "I had a headache, and didn't feel like working", or [3] "Company came in just as I was ready to leave for work"; or [4] "Someone on the job said something I didn't like", or [5] "I had something else more important to do" ?

We would not expect to make these excuses to our employer and keep our job very long. But, how many have made these excuses to the elders, the preacher, and to other members of the church ? In the words of Peter, "You have not made them unto men, but unto God" (Acts 5:4) There is no excuse that will ever justify a man in his failures. God has no retirement plan; we are called to a "vocation", not "Vacation" Eph.4:1

Our Meeting

We are now in the last half of the meeting, and it will soon be history. Bro. Smithson has presented some good and timely lessons. We have had many visitors with us at every service. One precious soul, Sis. Karen Sharp, has responded to the Lord's invitation thus far, and we hope there will be others to follow her example of faith and courage. We have enjoyed very much having Bro.& Sis. Smithson with us, and will look forward to working with them again in the future.

Teacher's Meeting

All teachers and their assistants, and those who wish to teach and help with the Vacation Bible School, are asked to meet Monday night, April 9, at 7:00 P.M. It is very important that you be here so we can lay the ground work for the V.B.S.

Meeting At West Riverside

Bro. Foy E. Wallace will do the preaching in this meeting, and services are at 7:30 P.M. each night April 8 - 15. We hope you will make plans to attend often.

Congratulations

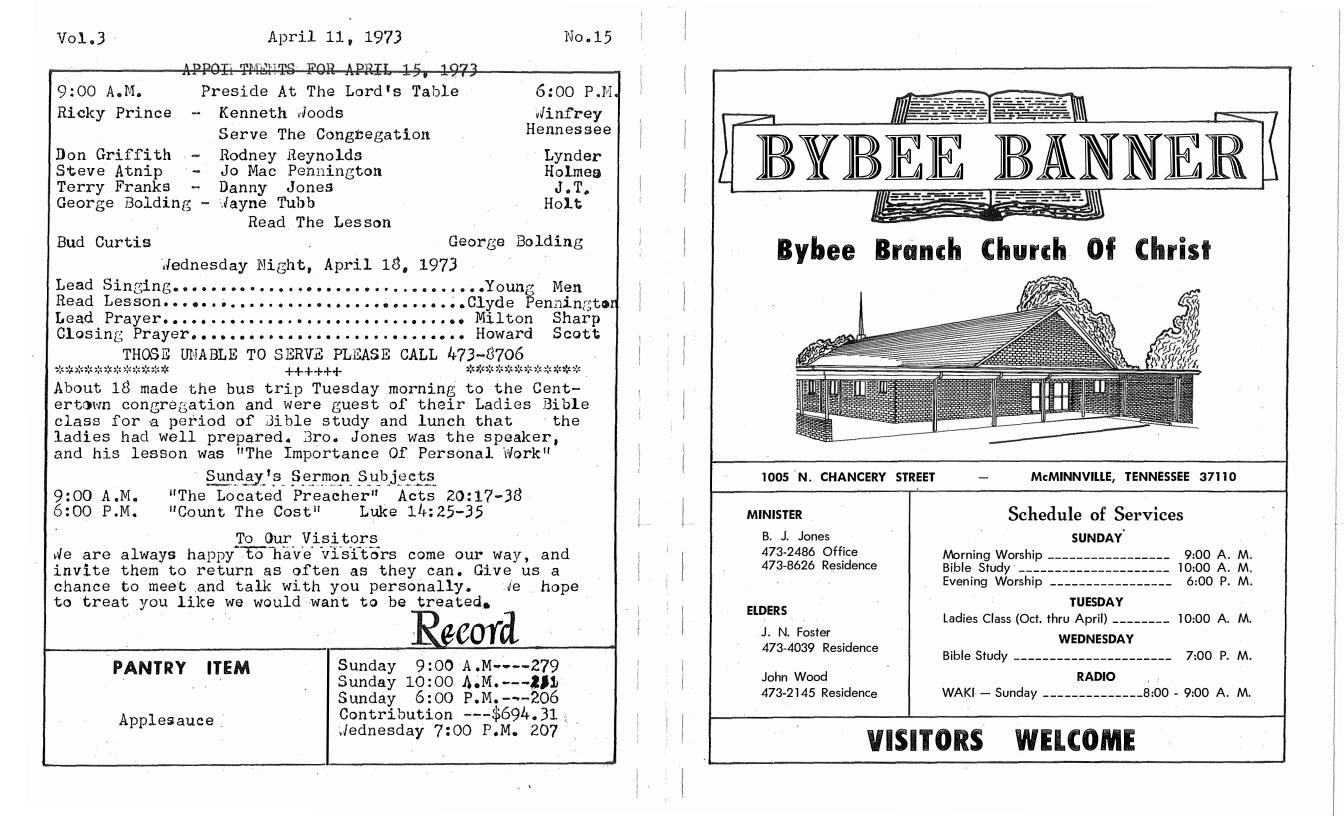
Steve Atnip and Teresa Cantrell were united in marriage on Friday night, March 30 The ceremony was performed here at the building, with bro. Jones officiating. They reside at 210 Hill Street, McMinnville, and will worship with us at Bybee Branch.

Ladies Bible Class

The ladies Bible class has been invited to visit with and to be the guest of the Ladies Bible class at Centertown on Tuesday morning, April 10 We plan to meet at the building and all go together on the bus. We will leave at 9:25 A.M. Bro. Jones will be the speaker for the class, and a luncheon will follow. Come, and go with us.

The Sick

Bro. Glovier, in River Park hospital, shows no signs of improvement. Sis. Olivia Cantrell is also at River Park, and is doing as well as could be expected. Frankie Newby, a brother to Sis. Lucille Cantrell, is in River Park suffering from a heart attact. Sis. Waddell is now at the home of her daughter, Sis. Viian Ferrell. Sis. Della Arnold, Sis. Jackie Cantrell's mother, is not feeling well. Sis. Nonie Grizzell is suffering from a sprained ankle sustained in a fall. Her mother, Sis. Greer, is also sick.



A temperature of the body is a signal of danger and infection. The higher the temperature is the danger is greater, and deeper the infection. When an abnormal temperature occurs in our body we take steps immediately to bring it back to the normal point, lest permanent damage is done. We safe-guard our health by watching for danger signals, and when they occur we try to find their cause and a remedy for them. This is right and proper, and should done, but what about your spiritual temperature ? Spiritually speaking, the lower your temperature is the greater dangers you face, and deeper the infection of sin. Either we are "Hot" [on fire for the Lord, or "Cold" [adversed] to the Lord, or "Lukewarm [Indifferent and unconcerned] about the Lord. Christ would rather we be "cold" or "hot" instead of "lukewarm" Rev.3:14-22 THE HOT. Those who are zealous unto good works, Eph. 2:10, Titus 2:14 Those who are not slothful, but

fervent in spirit, Rom.12:11 Those who attend all the services of the Church, Heb.10:25 Those who give themselves, Rom.12:1-3, their talents, Mt. 25: 14-30, and their time, Eph.5:16, and their money, I Cor.16:1-2 in the service of the Lord.

THE COLD. Those who make no effort to save themself or their family. They have no desire to serve God, but seek to satisfy the lust of the flesh. They are selfish and self centered. They think only of themselves, and the pleasures they enjoy. They could not care less about spiritual matters.

THE LUKE/ARM. Those who are conscious of spiritual matters and duties, but do not have the proper attitude toward thom, Lk.6:46 They may, or may not, attend the services; sometimes on special days,such as Easter, Mother's Day, Christmas, or during a "Big" meeting, they may be present. You could never depend on them to teach a class, or take an active part in the worship. It would do little good to assign them a work, for they would not do it. They wear the name of Christ, but deny Him by their unfaithfulness and unwillingness to serve Him. They desire to be counted as members of the Church, but are little concerned about it's work and growth.

What is your temperature ?

Meeting Closed

Our meeting closed last Friday night, and we have reasons to believe that much good was done by the preaching of bro. Smithson. The lessons were scriptural, timely, and were well presented. Our greatest regret is that more people did take advantage of the opportunity to attend the meeting, and hear the preaching of the Word of God. Bro. Smithson is to return for another meeting in 1980, the Lord willing.

Other Meetings In The Area

West Riverside. This meeting continues through Sunday night with services at 7:30 P.M. Bro, Foy E Wallace is doing the preaching.

Keltonberg. Bro. Rufe Higgins is doing the preaching in the meeting, and it will continue through Sunday night, and the services are 7:30 P.m. nightly.

Oakland. This meeting also continues through Sunday night, and services are at 7:30 P.M. Bro. Lamar Plunkett is doing the preaching.

Your Invitation

A miscellaneous shower will be given for Steve and Tresa Atnip on Saturday night, April 14 at 7:00 P.M. It will be in the fellowship foom here at the building.

Cards Of Thanks

"This message of thanks sincerely express a wish that you will always have the love and blessings of God"

Jean Boren

"I want to thank you for the cards. visits, phone calls, and the Ladies Bible class for the flowers. All were deeply appreciated." - Ollie Waddell

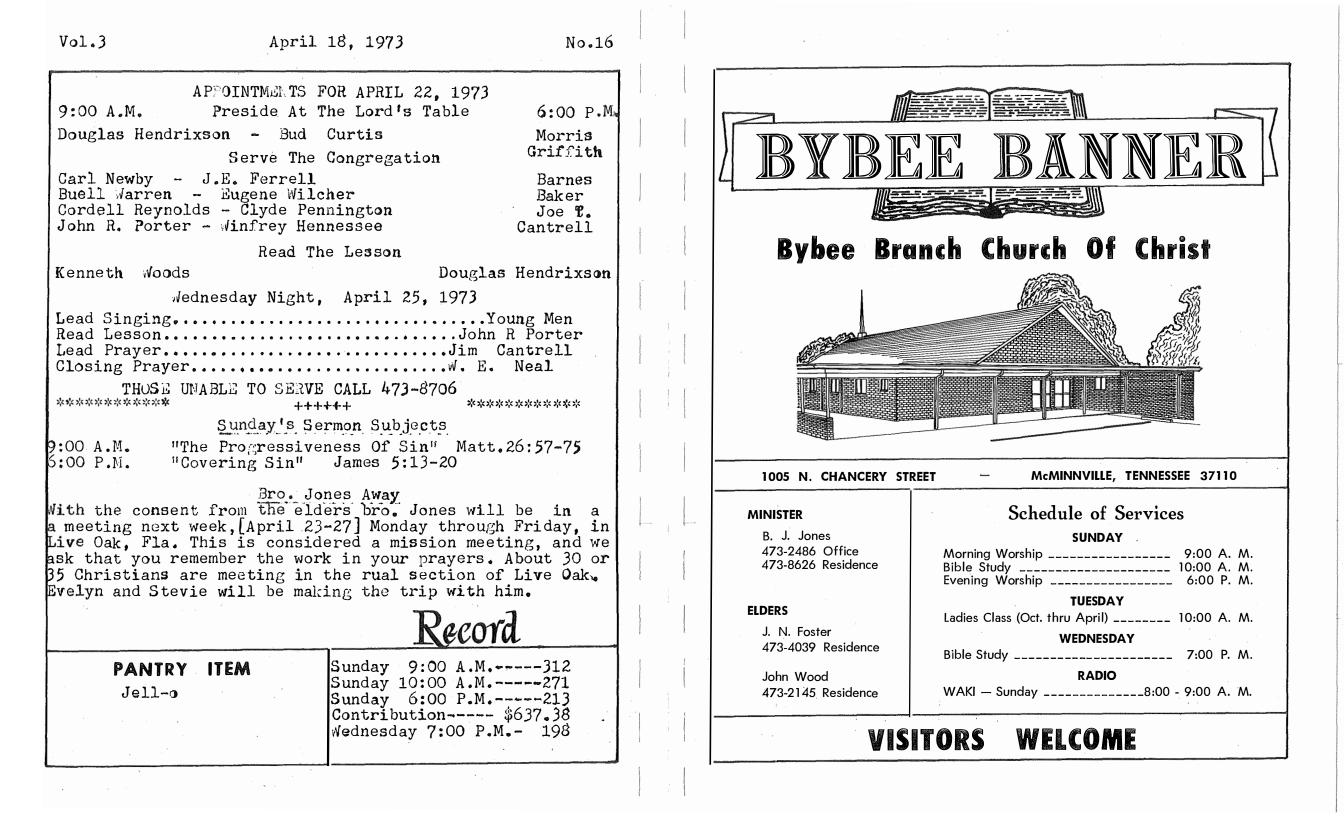
Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and loved ones of bro. E.L. [Ed] Glovier who passed away last Saturday and was buried on Monday of this week. He was a brother -in-law to bro.& Sis. Jim Case.

Also, our sympathy is expressed to the family of Sis.Olivia Cantrell who passed away Tuesday, and was buried on Wednesday of this week. She was the mother of Sis.Lorene Cantrell

The Sick

Sis. Dla Reeder is in River Park hospital, and bro. Lowry's mother is in Warren County hospital. Sis. Jaddell, Sis. Anderson, Randy Wood, and Stevie Jones have been sick and unable to attend services lately. We pray for these a speedy recovery.



"Parasites", In the Church ? You Tell Me !

A parasite is defined as an animal or plant that lives on, with, or in another, from which it gets its food, or a person who lives on others without making any useful and fitting Return.

There are some people in the Church today, if you can call them "church members" I pre fer to simply say, "they are in the fellowship of the church," are afraid of becoming involved with the activities of the church that they do absolutely nothing to promote the cause of Christ. They feel that if they are a part of a congregation where some of its members of are active in the work they can live off of their good works, and go to heaven because of what others did, If some would just spend about one-half of the time thev spend in working for other things in the work of the Lord, most congregations would double their work force. Too many want the blessings of being a Christian without any responsibilities. But, every blessing brings with it certain responsibilities. Consider the blessings of being a wife, or a husband, or a son, or a daughter; they all have their responsibilities, Being a Christian means that you have a number of duties to perform, and no one else can fullfill these duties for you. You can't serve God proxy. Just as you will not be condemned in the day of judgment for sins committed by another person, neither will you be saved on the merits of someone else,

Christianity is an individual matter. Each one must work out his own salvation with fear and trembling, Phil.2:12 Every Man will either stand or fall, depending on what he has don, Rom.14:11-12, 2 Cor.5:10 You cannot depend on others to serve God for you anymore that you can expect them to go to heaven for you.

Some desire membership in the Lord's Church, but they want to be "members-at-large", going from place to place, and attending here awhile and there awhile. This is done to avoid any responsibilities under group of elders in any one congregation. They really don't want to be involved in the work. Instead of "Standing On The Promises" they just want to "Sit On The Premises"

One thing that many have never been convinced of, but nevertheless it is true, that it is just as wrong not to bey what God has commanded as it is to do what God said not to do, James 4:17 Those who stand on the left of the Lord in judgment will be punished not for what they did, but what they did not do, Matt.25:31-46

Do you think there are parasites in The Church ? You tell me!

The time has come for every Christian to use his influence to benefit the youth of Tennessee. There is now a bill in the State Senate and one in the House of Representatives to get the Genesis account of creation into the science books of Tennessee. Please write your Senators and Representatives at once, asking them to support and vote for 'S394 and HR597' Your representatives need to be contacted personally just as soon as possible. Time is short. We may never have such an opportunity again.

Ladies Bible Class

We have had, I think, a very profitable study for the past Seven months in our Tuesday morning Ladies Bible Class. We want to thank all the ladies who have attended, supported, and have been active in this class. Truly it has been one the greatest encouragements in our work at Bybee Branch. The Ladies Bible Class from Dribell will be our guest next Tuedday, and bro. Steve Short will speak. A luncheon will follow the class, and all are invited to attend.

Gospel Meeting

Bro, Julian Goodpasture is doing the preaching this week in a series of meetings at the Highland congregation. Services are at 7:00 P.M. nightly.

Cards Of Thanks

"To all our Christian friends, at a time like this words come difficult, but we thank the Ladies Bible Class and everyone who did so very much. For the visits, food, and encouragement" - Clyde and Lorene Cantrell

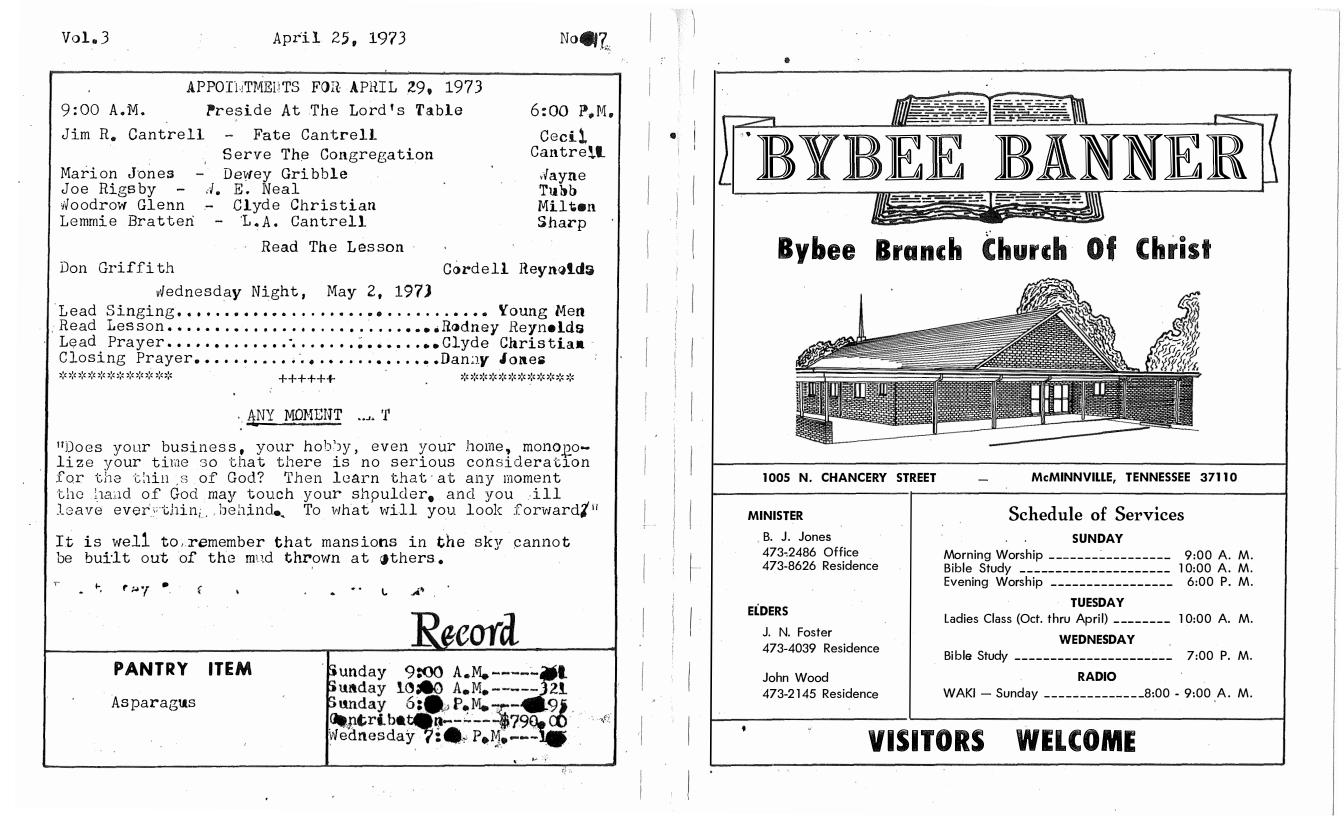
"I want to thank everyone for the cards, money, visits, and phone calls while I was sick. I Love you all"-Stevie Jones

Sympathy

We extend our sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mrs.Nola Lowry who passed away last Saturday and was buried on Sunday. She was the mother of bro.Randolph Lowry

The Sick

Sis.Bryan Womack, a sister to Nora Lee Griffith and Dorothy Foster, is in Vanderbuilt hospital: Sis. Hilda Jones entered River Park hospital last Sunday, where she remains as a patient. Bro.Oliver Warren was admitted to Warren County hospital Tuesday afternoon due to a fall. Sis.Ola Reeder is still in Warren County hospital, but seems to be improving slowly. Sis. Waddell is also improving at her home. Sis. Roy Hardcastle is suffering from a fall last week. Randy Wood is suffering from what is believed to be the measles.



Some brethren are "all sound" - They talk too much. Among these are the TATTLERS, I Tim.5:13 They delight in telling the bad things they know, or think they know, of others. To this class also belongs the GOSSIPER, the "busybody" who is always trying to take care of someone's business but their own. BOASTERS also are included in this group, 2 Tim.3:2 These like tell you what they have done as if it was the greatest thing ever done. The SAYERS, BUT NOT DOERS are in this category, Matt.23:3 They always talk about what they plan to do tomorrow, but never seem to get around to it. The SWEARERS and the LIARS come under the heading of "all sound", Jas.3:9-12, Ac.5:1-11 Their mouth is filled with filthy and ugly words, and they find it easier to lie than to tell the truth.

Some are "sound asleep", I Thess.5:6 They are not concerned about, nor are they interested in, the things that go on around them. They never see a door of opportunity opened to them to do good, They are so "sound asleep" in their ease and self-satisfaction that they never pay attention to the preaching of the gospel. This is why their life is not blessed, and a blessing to others.

Some are a "sounding brass", I Cor.13:1 They are filled with words, but have no love; No love for God, the Church, their fellow Christians, or for the Truth. They prove this by their indifferent attitude. They are very pious on Sunday, and can sing, "I Mant To Be A Worker For The Lord", but never visit the sick, feed the poor, or teach others about the "May Of Life"

Some are "sound in the faith", Titus 1:13 They speak "sound words", Titus 2:8, they pactice "sound deeds", Jas.1:22-25, and they endure "sound doctrine", 2 Tim.4:3 Brethren like this are worth something to the Lord, and to the Church They are always found at their post of duty, and can be depended upon for whatever work needs to be done.

Christianity is proven, not so much by what we say, but by what we do. The Lord's people are "a city that is set on a_n hill cannot be hid", Matt. 5:14

Greatness in the Lord's Church is obtained not by being served, but by serving the needs of others, Matt.20:20-28 We all are the stewarts of God, intrusted with time, talents opportunity, and money. How well we use these will determine how faithful we are.

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith....." 2 Corinthians 13:5 Ladies Sible Class

There were 35 wesselt at the Tuesday morning Bible class, April 24. Bro. Steve Short, from the Dibrell congregation, gave a very interesting and profitable lesson. Everyone enjoyed the luncheon following the less on. This was the last class session until after summer.

Gospel Meeting

Bro. Jones is in a meeting at Centertown, Florida, May 7-13. Sis. Jones and Stevie accompanied him on this trip.

Congratulations

Pam & Jerry Baker are the proud parents of twin girls, born April 21. Amy Beth weighed 41b. 6oz., and Anna Marie weighed 4# 3oz.

Cards of Thanks

The family of Nolia Lowry expressed their appreciation of sympathy shown to them during their time of bereavement. A message was received from Bessie Mason to thank you for the thoughtfulness shown to her. Teresa and Steve Atnip expressed their thanks for the many gifts received in their shower.

Sick

Bro. Dewey Cantrell and Sis. Hilda Jones remain in River Park Hospital and are doing some better. Sis. Bobbye Cantrell is now at home. Sis. Ola Reeder is in Warren Co. Hospital. Wynette Grizzell is in Park View Hospital in Nashville. Michelle Neal, grandaughter of Bro. & Sis. Lester Phillifs, 'had major surgery in Rutherford County Hospital. Bro. Oliver Warren is at home and improving slow--ly. Sis. Ella Cantrell is now at home. Mrs. Della Arnold is not doing too well at home. Brenda Lance has the mumps.

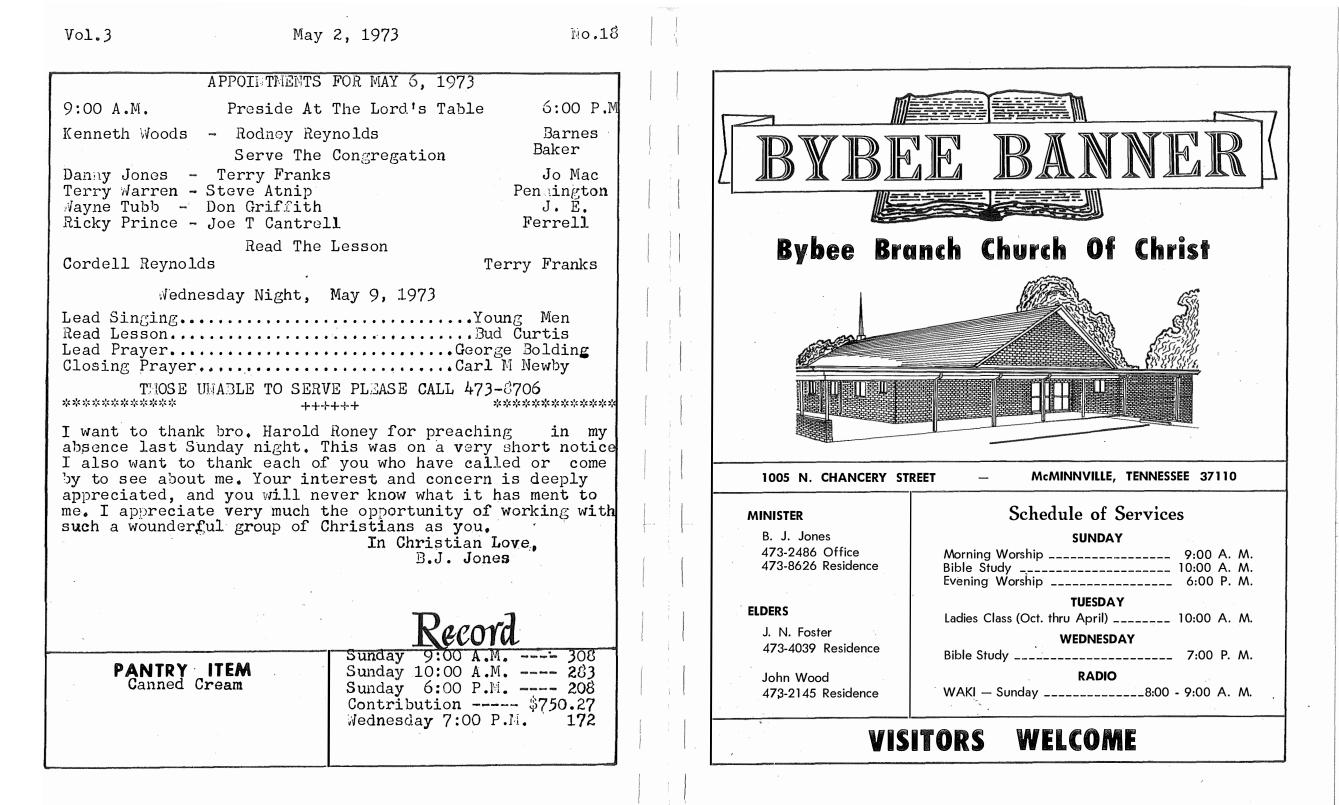
Time Change

The time changes to Daylight Savings Time this Sun. morning at 2:00 a.m. Everyone remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed so you will be in time for church Sunday morning.

A long tongue and a hollow head, a great noise, but nothing said.

The first great gift we can bestow on others is a good example.

Guilt is always suspicious.



1. "DROP THE HANDKERCHIEF" In this game a person accepts a responsibility in the work of a local congregation, and then goes around the circle untill he can drop it behind some unsuspecting person where upon he runs very fast (usually out of town every Sunday so he won't get caught.) When he is asked to serve in some way he makes it a point to be "away"

There is a place of service in the Church for every faithful member, but none should be forced to serve, neither should they have to be "begged", "persuaded", or "talked into it" against their will. We should never accept a responsibility unless we are willing to fullfill it.

2. "<u>TAG</u>" This is a real fun game because it puts the preacher and the elders at a disadvantage where the odds are 1,000 to 1 The rules of this game are very simple, in fact, there is only one: Everytime you visit me I'll come to church one Sunday, In other words, "You tag me at home and I will tag you in the pulpit" This sounds fair enough except with one person playing against several hundred, the preacher has a hard time to know who's "IT" all the time.

Some will only attend services if the preacher visits them on a regular basis. The ones who usually complain the most about others not visiting them are the ones who never visit others.

3. "HIDE-AND-SECK" Now here is a game with lots of fun and excitement, and personal satisfaction. It goes something like this: A member of the congregation hides in a bed, in a room, down a long corridor on the upper floor of a hospital. The object is for the preacher and the rest of the members to find him. It's against the rules for anybody to tell others where he is. If the preacher loses the game, the member enjoys the victory of telling everybody, "I was in the hospital for two weeks and the preacher, nor any of the members, came to see me".

There are others who hide out at the camp site, in the mountains, on the golf course, on the lake, and at grandma's, and it becomes the duty of the other members to locate them

4. "KICK-BAWL" Purpose: to demoralize the whole church. A small team is enough to play. Object: kick about everything that is done, and bawl if you are asked to help. Some play this game very well for they have had a lot of practice.

Meeting At Live Oak, Flordia

This 5 day meeting closed last Friday night with one being baptized, and one restored. The average attendance was 92 ' per night. Bro. Jones, with the consent of the elders here, did the preaching in this meeting.

Centertown Meeting

The Centertown congregation will conduct a series of Gospel meetings next week, May 7-13, with services nightly at 7:30 Bro. Jones will be the preacher for this meeting. They will host a SINGIEG Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

Card Of Thanks

"Thanks for the cards, phone calls, visits, and the pretty flowers from the Ladies Bible Class" - Oliver Warren.

Our Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Bertha Campbell, the mother-in-law of Sis. Vada Campbell, who passed away today [Wednesday] and funeral services will be conducted Friday morning at 10:00 A.M. at High's.

Baby Shower

You are invited to attend a baby shower given for the twin daughters of Jerry and Pam Baker on Saturday, May 5, at 7:00 P.M. in the fellowship room here at the building.

The Sick

Sis. Jewell Duggin, Bro. Dewey Cantrell, and Bro.J.T.Holt are patients at the River Park hospital. Sis. Ola Reeder is now at the home of her sister and feeling some better. Sis. Hilda Jones has returned to her home after several days in River Park hospital. Winette Grizzell, daughter of Sis/ Eunice Simpson, is also at home now after a stay in Park View hospital in Nashville. One of the Baker twins has been taken to the hospital in Murfreesboro. Bro.Jones is at home suffering from a severe case of tonsillitis.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is offered to the family of Charlie Potter, a brother to Sis. Mary Wilkinson, who was buried this past Monday.

Remember to pray for the sick and those in sorrow. The prayer of the faithful is powerful - Jas.5:15

May 9, 1973 No.19 Vol.3 APPOINTMENTS FOR MAY 13, 1973 9:00 A.M. 6:00 P.M. Preside At The Lord's Table Carl M. Newby - Cecil Cantrell Milton Sharp Serve The Congregation Bud Curtis - Douglas Hendrixson Fate George Bodding - Eugene Hilcher Cantrell Winfrey Hennessee - J. T. Holt John R. Buell Jarren - Lynder Holmes Porter **Bybee Branch Church Of Christ** Read The Lesson Ricky Prince Don Griffith Wednesday Night, May 16, 1973 Lead Singing.....Young Men Read Lesson.....Cecil Cantrell Lead Prayer....John R Porter Closing Prayer......Howard Scott THOSE UNABLE TO SERVE PLEASE CALL 473-8706 1|蟇||嚢||�� **** ****** Sunday Morning Sermon "Tho is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"-Matt.18:1-6 Class 2 and 3, [ages 2 & 3] won the "Banner Award" for the McMINNVILLE, TENNESSEE 37110 month of April. This award is given for having the most 1005 N. CHANCERY STREET visitors. Je hope others will try hard to win this award for their class. Schedule of Services MINISTER You can usually tell how really sick some people are. B. J. Jones SUNDAY not by how they miss church services, but by how they Morning Worship _____ 9:00 A. M. 473-2486 Office 473-8626 Residence Bible Study _____ 10:00 A. M. miss work. Evening Worship _____ 6:00 P. M. Live today as if it were your last day on earth It TUESDAY could very well be. **ELDERS** Ladies Class (Oct. thru April) _____ 10:00 A. M. Record J. N. Foster WEDNESDAY 473-4039 Residence Bible Study _____ 7:00 P. M. Sunday 9:00 A.M. ---- 270 PANTRY ITEM RADIO Sunday 10:00 A.M. ----- 243 John Wood WAKI - Sunday _____8:00 - 9:00 A. M. 473-2145 Residence Sunday 6:00 P.M. ---- 198 Orange Juice Contribution ----- \$695.34 VISITORS WELCOME Wednesday 7:00 P.M. - 179

"If every member of this church was just like me, what kind of church would this church be ?"

If every member of this congregation was just like YOU:

- 1. How many would be regular to their place of worship on the Lord's Day morning? If every member came only as regular as some there would be some Sunday mornings a service would not be conducted.
- 2. How many would stay for Bible study that follows the morning worship service ? If every member did as a few do, get up and walk out before the classes, there would be no classes for the children or the adults.
- 3. How many would return for the service on Sunday night? If every member of the church was like a lot of you there would be no Sunday night service conducted.
- 4. How would the contribution stand? If every member of the church gave as some give we would not have enough money to pay the light bill, much less to do the other work that needs to be done.
- 5. What would our singing really be like ? If all of the members of the church took no more part in the singing than some do we would have no singing at all.
- 6. How much teaching would be done in a week's time? If every member of the church were like some of you there would never be any teaching done.
- 7. How many would visit the sick, both at home and in the hospital? If every member of the church visited the sick like some do there would never be any visiting.
- 8. How much critizing and fault-finding would be offered? If every member of the church were like a few there would be nothing but critizing and fault-finding.

Aren't you glad that all the members of the church are not like a few ? If the church was wholly dependant on some it could not, and would not, make the progress that it does make. I . truly am sorry that we have some in the church that are not as faithful as they should be, and I know this is a hindrance, but instead of looking to their example why not follow the example of those who are faithful and who are trying to serve God to the fullest ? If you follow the hypocrite you will be lost, for he will be lost. There are those interested in the progress of the Church, and the salvation of the lost, and they prove this by their faithfullness, and willingness to serve.

Gospel Meetings

Centertown congregation is conducting a series of meetings this week - May 7-13 - with services at 7:30 each night. 3.J. Jones is the preacher for this meeting.

Dibrell Congregation will conduct a meeting next week -May 13-20 - Services will be at 7:30 nightly, and William Wilder will be doing the preaching.

Bethany congregation will also be engaged in a series of meetings next week ~ May 13-20 - with services at 7:30 P.M James Harris will be the speaker for this meeting.

Make plans to attend these meeting as often as possible !

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of bro. Jim Elder who passed away last Sunday, and was buried on Tuesday of this week. He was a brother-in-law to bro.Lynder Holmes.

Also to the family of bro. Alexander Campbell who died last Sunday afternoon. His funeral was also on Tuesday of this week. Bro. Campbell had been a faithful preacher of the Gospel of Christ for the past 25 years or more. He was serving the Earlyville congregation as Minister at the time of his death.

Card of Thanks

"I want to thank each of you for the calls, visits, prayers and the Ladies Bible Class for the flowers during my recent stay in the hospital" - Sis. Ola Reeder.

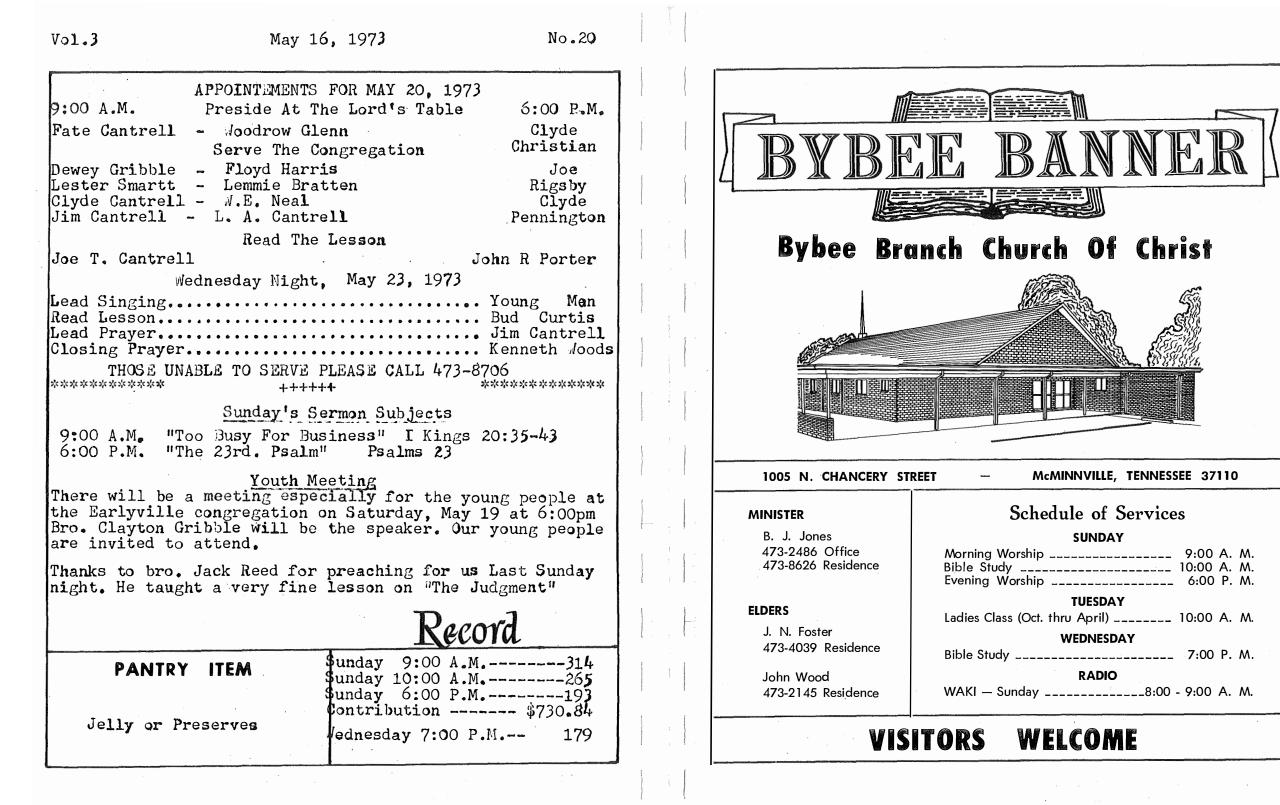
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Guest Speaker

Bro. Jack Reed, Minister of the Centertown congregation, will speak for us Sunday night at 6:00 P.M. Ne hope you will make plans to return for the Sunday evening service.

Some people are like buzzards....the only time they go about a church building is when someone has died.



An Open Letter From The Devil

Mr. Satan Hell Fire & Brimstone 1973, May 16

Mr. Lukewarm Christian 1973 Indifferent Street

Dear Brother Luke ,

I am a little worried about the work there, so I thought I would drop you a line and encourage you. You surely do not want to become active in the work of the congregation, and I do not want you to do anything that would hurt your chances of keeping our aggrement. I notice a lot of people are going to worship and Bible study on Sunday morning, but you are not going to let them get you, are you, Luke ? It is bad enough that they think you should go to services every Sunday, but don't you let them influence you to go back on Sunday night, or to go on Wednesday night. Don't you let them think for a minute that you are ,oing to spend more time in Bible study. After all, you might get to liking it too much. You make sure that you wait untill after the song service is started, or someone is reading the Bible, or praying then you go in, This way you can help me to keep people from worshipping in the right way because by you coming in late you can attract their attention. One more thing, Luke, don't you pay too much attention to

what the preacher says. He's an old fogy, anyway. Talk to those around you while he is preaching, this will keep them from listening to his sermon. If you decide that you want to go out for something during the services don't you let anyone keep you from doing so. You just try to distrub the worship anyway you can.

Did you hear what the preacher said last Sunday about GIVING All those people are interested in is just your money, but you show them that you are not going to give. You work hard for your money, and you should enjoy what it will buy instead of giving it away.

Listen, Luke, you are on my side, and don't you do anything that will help the Church to grow. Everytime they talk about doing good you try to discourage it. You try your best to keep things in an uproar and that surely will cause a division after awhile. Remember, I am counting on you.

Lovingly,

Your Friend, Sly Satan

P.S. Keep up your work ! You are serving my cause and work in a wounderful way.

Meetings Of The Area

The meeting at Centertown, in which I was privledged to do the preaching, closed last Sunday night. Good atterdance & interest prevailed throughout the meeting, although none responded to the Lord's Invitation. I want to thank all of you who came from Bybee's. B.J.

The Dibrell congregation is having a meeting this week (May 14-20) with bro. William Wilder doing the preaching. The services are at 7:30 each night

The Bethany congregation is also having a meeting this week with bro. James Harris doing the preaching. Their services are at 7:30 also.

Congratulations

Regina Ann Reynolds was born May 10 to Rodney and Patsy Reynolds, and she weighed in at $10_{i'}$ 6oz. Both Mother and daughter are doing fine, and bro. Rodney is expected to improve shortly.

Michael Patrick Sharp was born May 13 to Danny and Loretta Sharp in Brookheaven, Miss. He weighed 8["]/₄ 11oz. Bro.& Sis. Milton Sharp are the proud grandparents.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Calvin Jones who passed away in Corinth, Miss, He was a nephew to bro, Claude Jones.

Cards of Thanks

Cards of thanks have been recieved from Bro, Dewey Cantrell, Sis, Jewell Duggin, Jerry and Pam Baker, and the family of Charles Potter expressing their appreciation for the kindnesses shown to them,

The Sick

Sis, Sertie Gribble is in River Park hospital, and has not been feeling well for the past few days. Bro,Dewey Cantrell is still sick and unable to be at services. One of the twins of Jerry and Pam Baker remains in the hospital at Murfreesboro. Remember the sick in prayer and with visits.

Fellowship Supper

Tomorrow night [Thursday, May 17] will be the date for this meal together. The time: 6:30 P.M. We hope you will be with us.

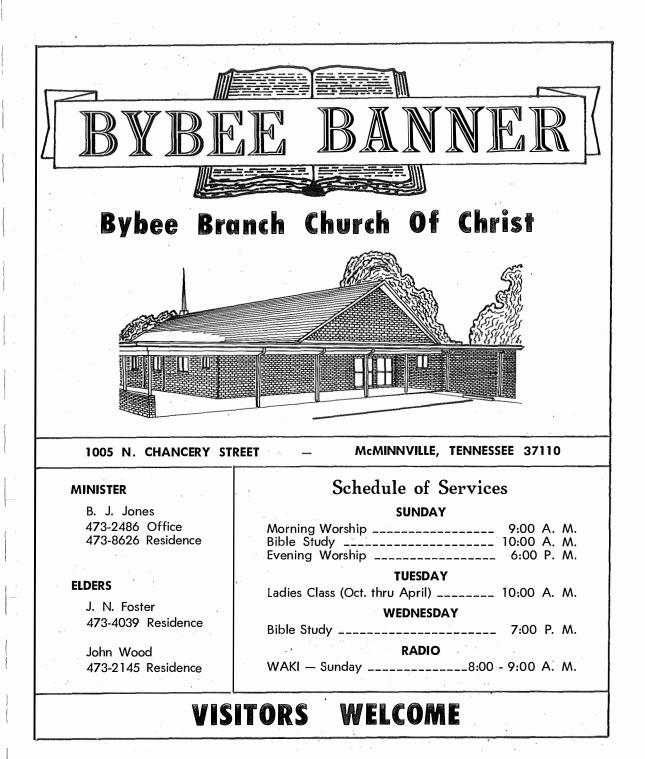
V.B.S. Material

V.B.S. Material is here, and the teachers are asked to get it and begin making plans for the V.B.S. It will be the week of June 18 - 22 Vol.3

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	ds, and Kathy Watson.
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Elaine Foster, Tessia Sharp	, Kathy Matson, Carl Taylor,
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Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Sis.Venus Cope who passed away last Thursday. She was a sister to bro Fuston Womack, and related to Sis. Sally Jo Cope.

Also, to the family of Sis. Mary Hendricks, of Chattanooga, who passed away last Friday. She was a sister-in-law to Sis Lena Bratten.

The Sick

Sis. Sertie Gribble seems to be feeling a little better, but she is still confined to River Park hospital. Sis. Vivian Ferrell is now at home after surgery last Thursday at St. Thomas hospital. Sis. Ruth Stubblefield, a sister to 'Sis. Freda Nomack, is in Earlanger hospital in Chattanooga, room 589 Little Danky Shields is in Vanderbuilt hospital in Nashville for surgery, room 3212 One of the Baker twins is a Nashville hospital, but is reported to be improving.Brent Pennington, a grandson of Sis. Bernice Fults, will undergo surgery this week in a Memphis hospital, Sis. Fults' sister Crystine LeFevers, is in Park View hospital for surgery one day this week. Mrs. John Newby is now at home after a brief stay at River Park hospital. Leslie Mitchell is at home sick with the mumps. Sis. Hilda Jones was sick this past week, and unable to be in services. Eugene Gribble is in Baptist hospital in Nashville for test. Bro. Dewey Cantrell was able to be back with us last Sunday after several weeks of sickness,

Teacher's Meeting

ALL TEACHERS are urged to be present for our next teacher's meeting on Monday night, June 4 at 7:00 P.M.

Gospel Meeting

Bro. Jones will be in a meeting with the Forrest Mills congregation in Coffee county the week of May 28 - June 3 The services will be at 7:30 each night. The building is located on highway 55 just north of the Manchester city limits.

Perfect Attendance For April

NURSERY: Brad Holt, Lynn Cantrell, Lori Wilcher, Abi Pennington, and Tully Franks.

28:3 Yr.Olds: Barry Hendrixson, Julie Griffith, Scott Griffith, Brad Bolding, Matt Colvard, Cappi Merritt, and Paddi Merritt.

4&5 Yr.Olds: Denice Reynolds

1&2 GRADES: Davy Griffith, Missy Hendrixson, and Carla Wood 3 GRADE: Shane Holland, Lynn Curtiss, Lisa Morton, Stevie Jones Rebecca Reynolds, and John Tubb. (Continuéd on back page)

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ool Activities Mildred Glenn will be in charge of the refreshments each day. We will have a picnic on Saturday, June 23	B. J. Jones	Don Griffith	Rickey Prince	Lennie Smith and Dorothy Foster	isher	Evelyn Jones and Scarlett Griffith	Doris Smith and Manda Hendrixson	Dorothy Hennessee & Lucille Newby	Susan Griffith and Shirley Tubb	Tamra Franks and Betty Holt	Teachers	- Class Schedule 9:00 to 11:00 A.M.

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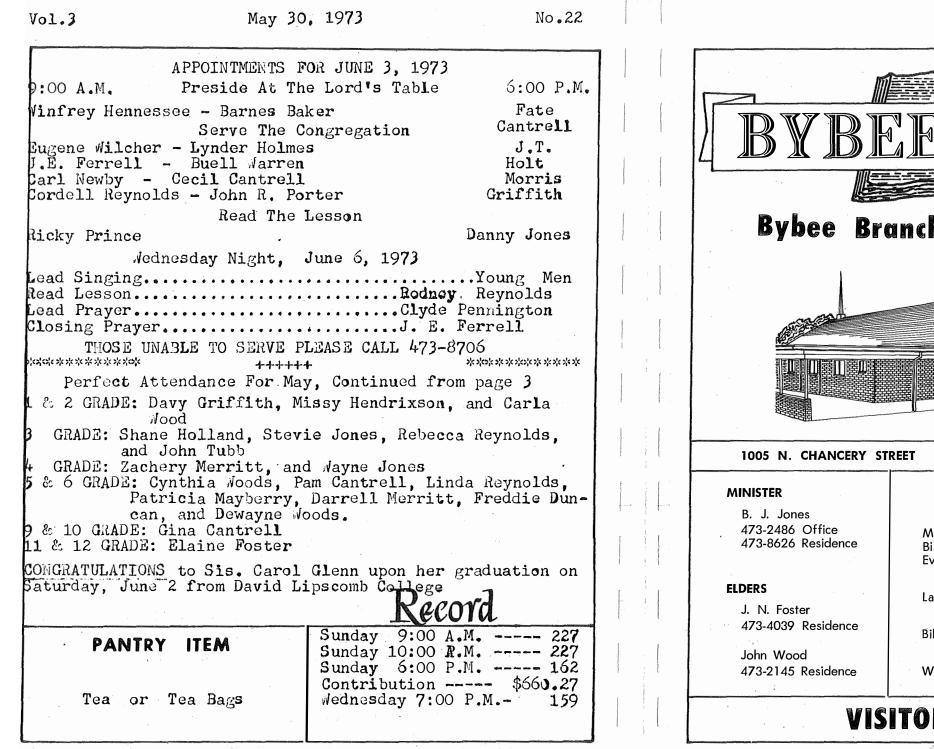
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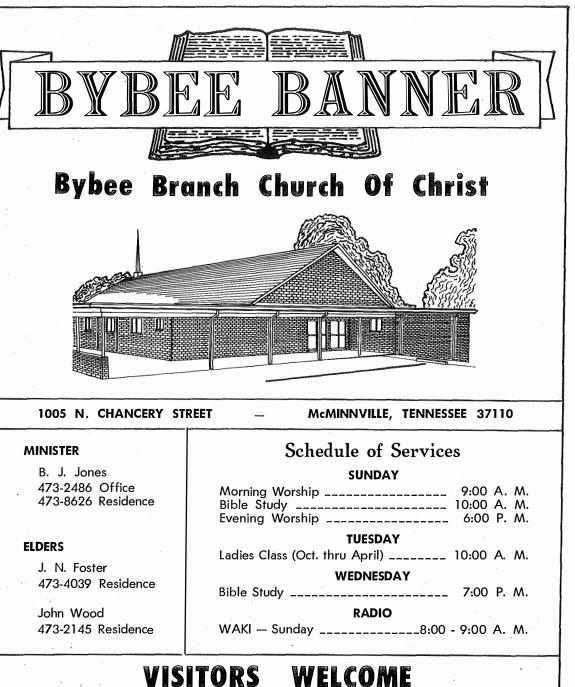
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SMILE ! YOU'RE ON CANDID CAMERA !

A few years ago there was a popular television program called "CANDID CAMERA" The purpose of this show was to catch people off guard, and just being themselves. The subjects of this program were not professional actors, but people who were caught in the act of doing what came natural for them to do under the circumstances. Many times a stage would be deliberately

set to see how people would react if the sutuation were as it seemed to be. Sometimes people were caught in a very embarrassing condition, and I am sure they would not have acted as they did if they had known someone was watching. According to Revelation 20:11-15 God is keepig a book of our life; in this book is recorded the deeds of our life even the things we do in secret, (Rom, 2:16), and someday we will be judged accordingly (Rom, 14:11-12, 2 Cor, 5:10) A recognition of the Judgment should cause us to tremble as it did Felix (Ac.24:25) It will be a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God unprepared (Heb.10:31) Especially when we know that "all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do" (Heb, 4:13) If we believed this as we should we would be more careful about what we think, say, and do each day, We would not want to be caught of f guard, and found in an embarrassing situation when we stand before God to be judged,

God does not tempt man to do evil (Jas.1:13-15), but He does allow us to be tried, just as He did Job. With every temptation there is a way of escape (I Cor.10:13) The way of escape is found in James 4:7, and when we do not follow this instruction we yield to temptation and become guilty of sin, and unless that sin is forgiven we will face it in the day of judgment and it will condemn us to eternal punishment.

We should remember these facts when we make excuses for not doing the Lord's Will. The Lord knows the real reason, and they will be brought out at the judgment. The hypocrite will have no defence, not even by his excuses, for he will be revealed for what he is, and not for what he claimed to be. It is possible to deceive (fool) man, but you can't deceive God: You will reap as you have sown (Gal.6:7-8) Let us not think that we can enjoy the pleasures of sin without paying the price. "Be sure your sins will find you out" Numbers 32:23

Teacher's Meeting

Next Monday night, June 4, at 7:00 P.M. is the time for our regular monthly Teacher's Meeting. ALL teachers, encluding the V.B.S. teachers for this year, are asked and urged to be present. The success of our Bible School program depends largely upon the teachers; when the teachers do not take an active part in the work the program will fail and the goals will not be reached.

Attention, Ladies !

You are invited to a baby shower for Larry and Jean Taylor this Saturday night, June 2, at 7:00 P.M. The hostesses are Scarlett Griffith, Susan Griffith, Barbara Woods, and Patsy Reynolds. It will be given in the fellowship room.

Gospel Meeting

Bro. Jones is preaching in a meeting at the Forrest Mills congregation in Coffee county this week, Through Sunday night, June 3, with services at 7:30 P.M.

He will be in a meeting next week, June 4-9 [Monday through Saturday] with the College Grove congregation near Pike-ville, Tenn.

V.3.S Dates

Our V.B.S. [June 18-22] is just a little more than 2 weeks away. Again we urge all the teachers to begin making plans for it, and to have their rooms prepared before it starts: Remember, we will have a special service on Friday night, June 22

The Sick

Sis.Sertie Gribble is now at home from the hospital, and may be feeling a little better. Sis.Posey Mullican is in Warren County hospital for test, but hopes to be home with in the next few days. Little Danny Shields is also at home and reported to be improving. The surgery scheduled last week for Brent Pennington has been postponed untill a latter date. Jerry and Pam Baker' baby that has been in a Nashville hospital is now at home. Sis. Hilda Jones, Sis. Vivan Ferrell, and Lesley Mitchell were back in services last Sunday after being out due to sickness.

Perfect Attendance For May

2&3 Yr.Olds: Barry Hendrixson; Julie Grif ith, Scott Griffith, Brad Bolding, Cappi Merritt, Paddi Merritt, and Chip Cantrell

4865 Yr.Olds: Denice Reynolds, Carmon Reynolds, Shawn Holland, Bennie Cantrell, and Bradley Cantrell

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APPOIL TMENTS FOR JUN 9:00 A.M. Preside At The Lord Jim R. Cantrell - L. A. Cantrel Serve The Congreg Clyde Cantrell - Joe Rigsby Clyde Pennington - Clyde Christia Dewey Gribble - Lemmie Bratten Lester Smartt - Marion Jones Read The Lesson George Bolding Wednesday Night, June Lead Singing. Read Lesson Lead Prayer. Closing Prayer. THOSE UNABLE TO SERVE CAL ************************************	I's Table 6:00 P.M., I Floyd Harris W.E. Neal Woodrow Glenn Morris Griffith 13, 1973 Young Men Jo Mac Pennington Rodney Reynolds John R. Porter I 473-6706 ************************************	BYBEE BANNER Bybee Branch Church Of Christ
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Cause For Alarm

As we look around us today and observe the conditions of the world, and our own nation, we cannot help but to be alarmed. It seems that the words of Paul are being fullfilled, "But' evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (2 Tim.3:13) In verses 1-5 of 2 Tim.3' Paul shows what will take place in these "perilous times", and I believe we live in a time when these things have come to pass. It is time that the people of God become alarmed about these conditions, and we just wounder how much longer the Lord will withhold his judgment.

It is time for an alarm when people show a lack of love and appreciation for the Word of God. We say we live in a day when there is an increase of preaching, but can we truly say that people love and appreciate it as they should ? Do you know what happened to God's people in the Old Testament when they rejected His Nord ? Re-read the account of their history and see why God punished them.

To say there has been a break down in moral standards over the last few years would be an understatement, "Free Love", "Adultery", and "Extra-Marital Sex" seems to be the order of the day. Divorce is on the increase, and the laws of God on marriage are no longer respected and obeyed. If this doesn't cause us alarm then we are losing the ground where we once stood.

While in the 1950's we could boast, "The churches of Christ are among the 10 fastest growing religious bodies in America today", yet there is a decrease in church-attendance, and there is a decay of spiritual matters being important. In most every congregation today there is from 40% to 50% of those in attendance on Sunday morning that never attend services on Sunday night or Wednesday night, Only those who are not converted see no reason for alarm in this matter,

Things spiritual and eternal have had to take a back seat for the things which are material. We are more interested in this life than we are in the life yet to come. We, like the rich man of Luke 12, think our life consist of the abundance which we possess, giving no thought to the fact that we must die, and be judged.

Brethren, there is a cause for alarm, and unless we repent and turn back to God there is no hope for us. "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" Prov.14:34 again "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God" Psa.9:17 What possible chance do we have of life eternal if we refuse to obey God? Read Hebrews 2:1-4, and 10:28-29 "I wish to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, and the Ladies Bible Class for the flowers, all were deeply appreciated" - Vivian Ferrell

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Paul Bratcher who passed away last week and was buried on Saturday. He was a nephew to bro. Claude Jones,

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Brackett L. Potter who died last week in Ft. Pierce, Fla. His body was brought to McMinnville for the funeral and burial last Sunday. He was a brother to Sis. Mary Wilkinson.

The Sick

Sis. Nancy Holland is in Baptist hospital in Nashville recovering from surgery last week. She is in room 6144S. Gene Gribble, a brother to J.B. Gribble, and Mildred Glenn, is also in Baptist hospital. He under went heart surgery last week, but is reported doing fine. Bro. LaFayette Smith spent several days last week in River Park hospital. Sis. Flossie Marren is now at home after a few days in the hospital in Moodbury. Sis. Jewell Duggin, Sis. Sertie Gribble remain on the sick list.

A Narrow Escape

Bro.& Sis. Lester Smartt, and grandson, Lesley Mitchell, were involved in a truck-motorcycle Sunday afternoon, but were able to escape injury. The young boy riding the motorcycle was taken to a Nashville hospital with a head injury We hope and pray that he will soon be well again.

Late Note

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Word has just been received that Sis. Nancy Holland undergo more surgery tomorrow. She has requested a special remembrance in your prayers.

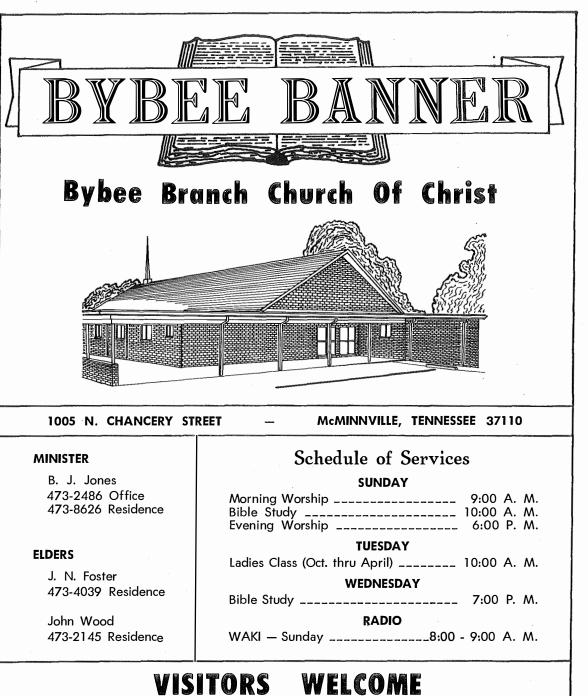
V.B.S. Time

Our V.3.S. will begin a week from this coming Monday, June 18 and will continue through Friday the 22th. A special service is planned for Friday night, at 7:00 and we hope that all the children and their parents will be with us for this service. You will have a chance to visit the class rooms and to talk with the teachers, and also to see the children in action. Make plans to be with us. Vol.3

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What We Teach Our Children

If a child lives with criticism, he will learn to condemn. If a child lives with fear, he learns to be apperhensive. If a child lives with pity, he learns to feel sorry for himself.

If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.

If a child lives with Jealously, he learns to feel guilty.

If a child live with tolerance, he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement, he learns to be confident.

If a child lives with praise, he learns to be apperciative.

If a child lives with acceptance, he learns to love.

If a child lives with apptoval, he learns justice.

If a child lives with friendliness, he learns to be a friend.

If a child lives with God, he learns the greatest of all lessons.

-Selected.

A mother once turned her son over to the court. She told the judge, "I just can't do a thing with him. He was born bad, just like his father.".

No child is "born bad", but they become bad when they do not receive the right kind of teaching. God has given the responsibility to parents to "train up a child in the way he should go" (Prov.22:6), and to rear them "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph.6:4) It is when mothers and fathers fail their responsibilities that we find a generation of "bad children"

Men and women bring children into the world, but they do not want to have the duty to teach and train them. Sometimes children are left to the courts of the land, other times they are sent off to school, or to a camp, and the parents hope they will be made men.and women.

We cannot, and we must not, shift the responsibility of teaching our children to others. Schools, and the Church can help us, but we must not depend on them to do our job for us.

We like to teach children. We like to help them. We hope you will come and bring your children to our V.B.S. next week. If you cannot come, be sure to see that your children are here.

V.D.S. Out onle

The date for our V.B.S. [June 18-22] is upon us, and we are really looking forward to it with great expectations. A lot of planning, time, and money have already gone into it, and we hope to make it the very best.

Fellowship Supper

Thursday night of this week is the time for us to share in a meal together, and we hope that you will be able to be here, and that we can get to know each other better. The time is 6:30 P.M. Je'll look for you !

Congratulations

Cissy Lynn Warren was born last Saturday to Terry and Naomi Marren. She weighed 5# 14oz. Mother and baby are doing well, and will be at home by the time you read this. Bro.& Sis. Buell Marren are the proud grandparents.

Restored

Bro. James Cantrell came forward last Sunday morning, confessed his sins as an unfaithful Christian, and asked for the prayers of the Church. We hope you will offer encouragement to him to live faithfully the Christian life.

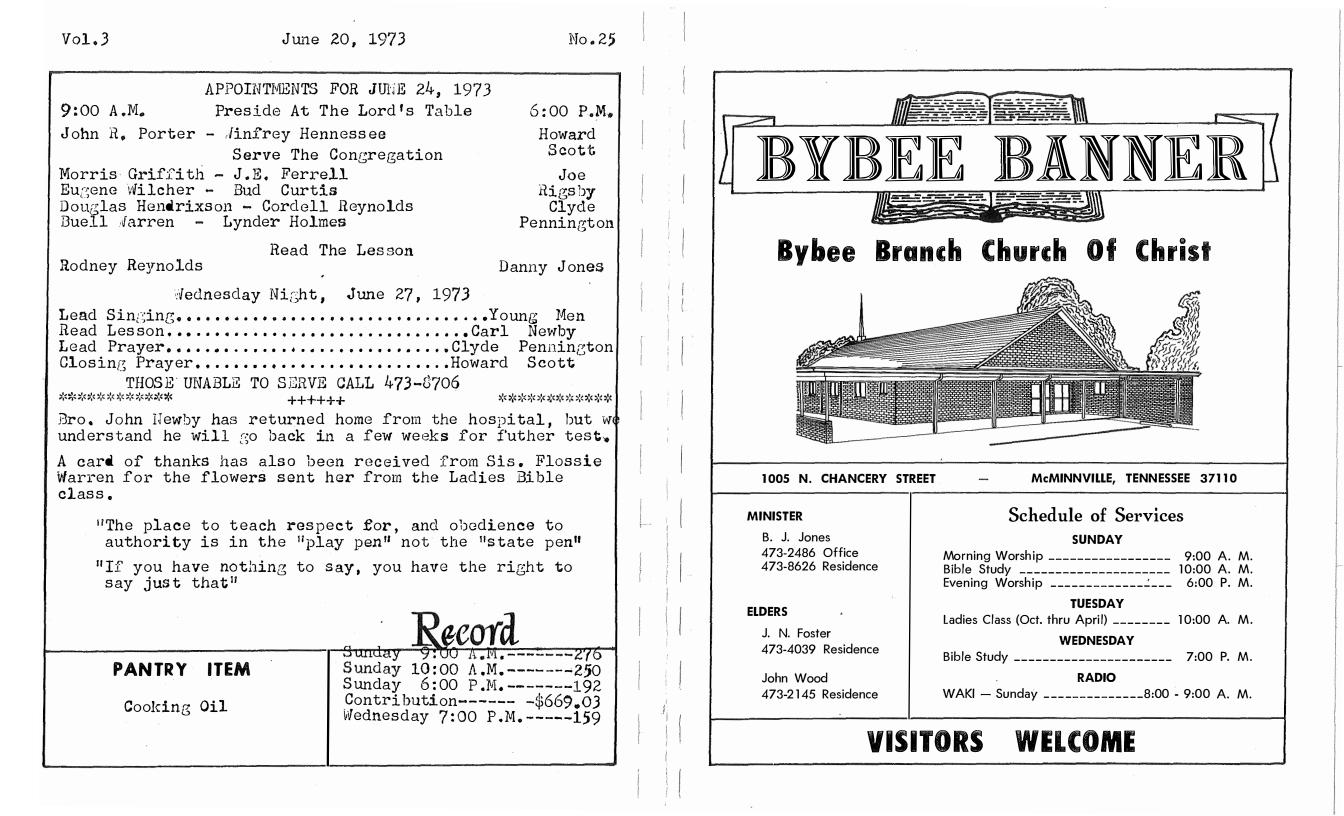
Also, Sis. Nancy Holland made a confession last Mednesday of things wrong in her life, and she too has asked for the prayers of fellow-Christians. We pray that she will have a speedy recovery, and will soon be back with us.

The Sick

Sis. Holland remains in Baptist hospital where she underwent surgery last Thursday. Gerald Fults, Sis. Bernice Fults son, is in Jarren county hospital suffering from a broken back and arm due to a fall last week. Brent Pennington, Sis. Fults' grandson, will undergo surgery next week. Bro. LaFayette Smith is now at home from the hospital. Also Bro. Gene Gribble is now at home after heart surgery, and is doing fine. Sis. Sertie Gribble is beginning to make progress and is feeling some better. Sis. Eunice Christian has not been well, and may have to return to the hospital

Gospel Meetings

Bro. M.E. Skipper is preaching in a meeting this week with the Berea congregation, and services are nightly at 7:30. You have an invitation to this meeting for any service you may have opportunity to attend.



Are You Really Sure.....

That man did not come from an animal ? Of course, we all know that man did bot come from an animal, but was made in the likeness and image of God (Gen.1 & 2) However, some people act like animals sometimes:

Some are as stubborn as MULES, and as sly as a FOX in their business deals. Some are as busy as BEES in spreading the latest gossip, but as quite as a MOUSE in spreading the Gospel story of salvation. Some have eyes like a HA-K with which to see the falts of others, and are as mean as a SNAKE when they don't get their way. Some are as eager as a BEAVER to attend a social affair, but lazy as a CAT about the mid-week services. They are as noisy as a CROM in the house of God, and as slow as a SNAIL to services. Many are night OMLS on Saturday night, and BED BUGS on Sunday morning. Some are as slippery as EELS on Sunday afternoon, and scarse as HENS teeth on Sunday night.

Are you sure you are not kin to an animal ?

- Selected.

Television has had a great influence on our society, and some of it's programs have suggested additional titles for some of it's shows:

"HAVE TONGUE, WILL TALK" The tongue is a deadly poison if it is used to tear down and destroy.

"I HAVE A SECRET", but not for long. Some can't resist the temptation to tell all the bad things they know.

"TO TELL THE TRUTH", if I have to, but some would rather be guilty of lying.

"LOVE, CHURCH-MEMBER STYLE" This is where you only love him who loves you.

"THE ODD PEOPLE" These are the ones who can work 5 or 6 days a week, but can't attend church services.

"LOST IN SPACE" This is where many are on Sunday night and Vednesday night.

"THE LITTLE PEOPLE" These are those who are not big enough to forgive the sins of others.

- Selected.

Too often today the only "Christian Race" we see in the church are Christians who race for the door when the final "Amen" is said.

GOS PEL MEETINGS

Bro. James Watkins is doing the preaching in a meeting at the Arlington congregation this week, with services each night at 7:30

Bro. Foster Ramsey will preach in a meeting at the Viola congregation June 24-29, with services at 8:00 P.M.

The Meeting at Spring Valley, near Tuscumbia, Ala. in which bro. Jones did the preaching, closed last Sunday night. Three (3) were restored.

OUR V.B.S.

We have completed Three (3) days of our VBS, and attendance has been 134, 140, and 147. A complete report will be given next week.

SPECIAL SERVICE, AND A PICNIC

On Friday night (June 22) at 7:00 we will have a special service, and all the children and all the parents will be invited to come. You will be given an opportunity to visit the class rooms, and talk with the teachers.

On Saturday morning we will have a picnic for all our VBS children, and everyone is invited to come and be with us.

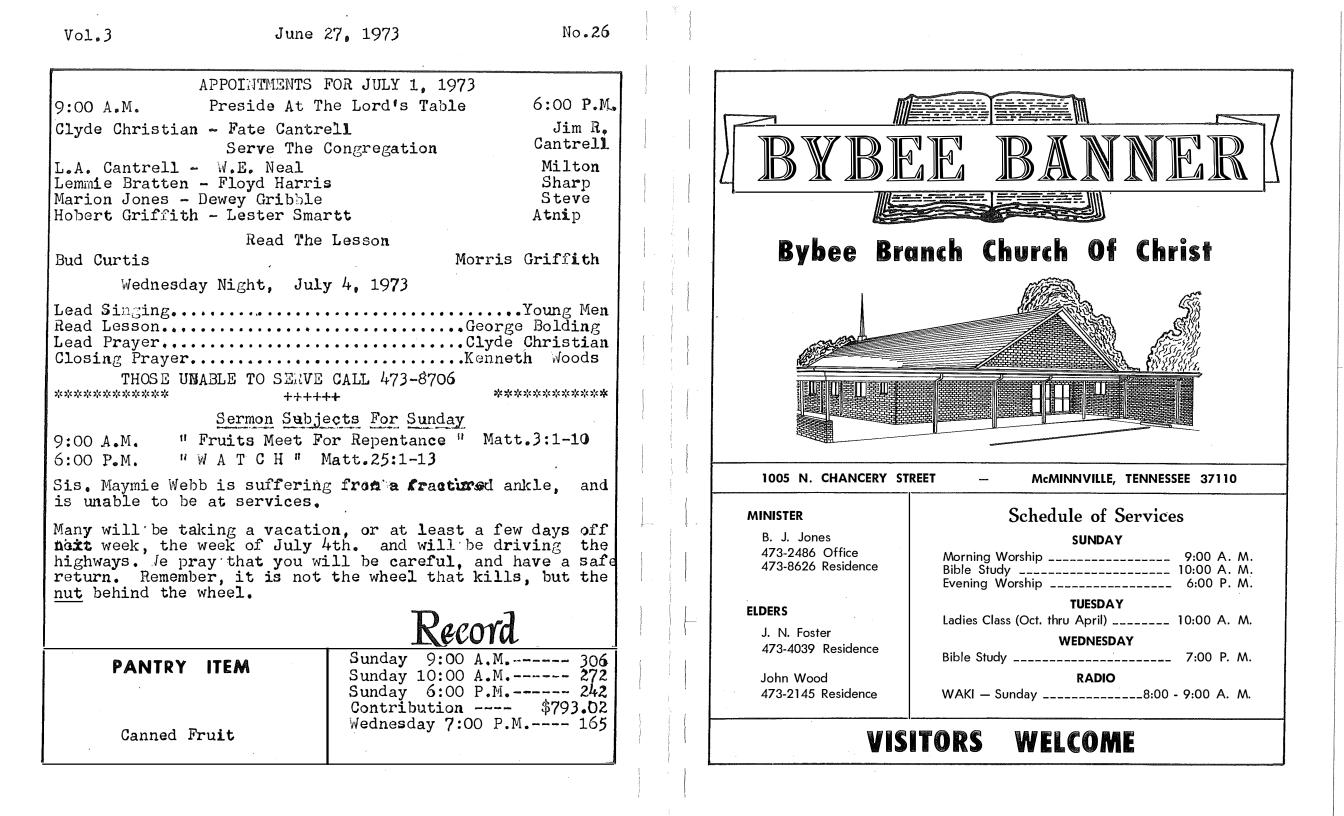
CARDS OF THANKS

Cards of thanks have been received from: Bro. LaFayette Smith, Sis. Eunice Christian, Sis. Sertie Gribble, and Sis Nancy Holland for the kindnesses shown to them,

THE SICK

Sis. Holland is now at home from the hospital, and was in services last Lord's Day. Brent Pennington is to undergo surgery this week. Gerald Fults, son of Sis.Bernice Fults, Is in Warren county hospital. Sis. Eunice Christian is reported to be some better. Tony Greene, nephew to Sis. Shirley Tubb, was in and auto accident last Monday, and is in Marren county hospital. Jerome Chambers, a nephew to Sis. Elsie Fisher; was involved in an auto accident last week near Atlanta, and he is in a hospital there in serious condition. Bryan Cantrell, grandson of bro.& Sis. L.A. Cantrell is to undergo surgery Friday at a hospital in Albuquerque, N.M.

We express our appreciation to bro.Young and to bro.Short for preaching last Sunday in the absence of bro. Jones. Also, to Kenneth Woods for teaching the class on Sunday morning and Wednesday night.



A GREAT DAY AT BYBEE

Last Lord's Day, June 24, was a great day for the Lord's Church at Bybee Branch, and should be a day long remembered by the members of the congregation. Seventy-five [75] made confession of sins; mostly sins of neglect and failures in living the Christian life, Three [3] were baptized, and [1] placed membership with us at Bybee. Those baptized were: Pam Cantrell, daughter of bro.&Sis, Joe T. Cantrell, Larry Morton, son of Sis. Pearl Morton, and Howard Maybery, son of bro.& Sis, Charles Maybery. Bro, Jack Newby made confession of sins, and asked to be idenified as a member of the congregation. He formerly worshiped at Highland.

All of this should add new zeal, and a renewed determination to the work at Bybee. We hope there will be others who will join in the ranks with us to do the most good in the greatest work on earth. Only by repentance and a complete return to God, and His Way, can we expect Him to be with us and bless us in our efforts to serve Him.

Brethren, we are off to a good start by making these things right with each other, and with God. However, this should only be the first step in the right direction. Since we have made the past right let us now really get down to the work that needs to be done, and work and cooperate together so that the Church here may go forward. The Church at Bybee has a potential for a great good: We have the Truth, we have a great area in which to work, and we have the power, with God's help, to accomplish many great things. We can really be on the "March For The Master" if we all will share in the work that is before us.

It is human to err, and it is divine to forgive, but greater it is to correct our sins, faults, and short comings. We can use the past mistakes as steping-stones to a better service, and a fuller life in service to God. Let's not let the past hinder us, but strive from this point on to be more faithful to our duty. "...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before" (Phil.3:13)

While we will never reach perfection in the flesh, yet, it is a goal for which to work. It is better to have a perfect goal before us and never reach it than it is to have an imperfect goal and reach it every day. We pray that God may richly bless us at Bybee Branch in our sincere efforts to serve Him according to His Will.

A Great Day

In addition to the response we had last Lord's Day we had a great day in other respects. 306 were present for worship Sunday morning, and 272 were present for the Bible classes. 242, which to my knowledge is a record, were present at the night service. The contribution was \$793.00 We can increase all of these figures with just a little more help and cooperation, but we need YOU to do so.

Gospel Meetings

Bro. Foster Ramsey is preaching this week, through Friday night, at the Viola congregation. Services are at 8:00 P.M.

Bro. Jones is preaching in a meeting this week with the Ragsdale congregation, in Coffee county near Manchester. Services at 7:30 each night.

Card Of Thanks

The family of Mrs. Annie M. Cope have expressed their appreciation for the kindnesses shown to them at the time of her death.

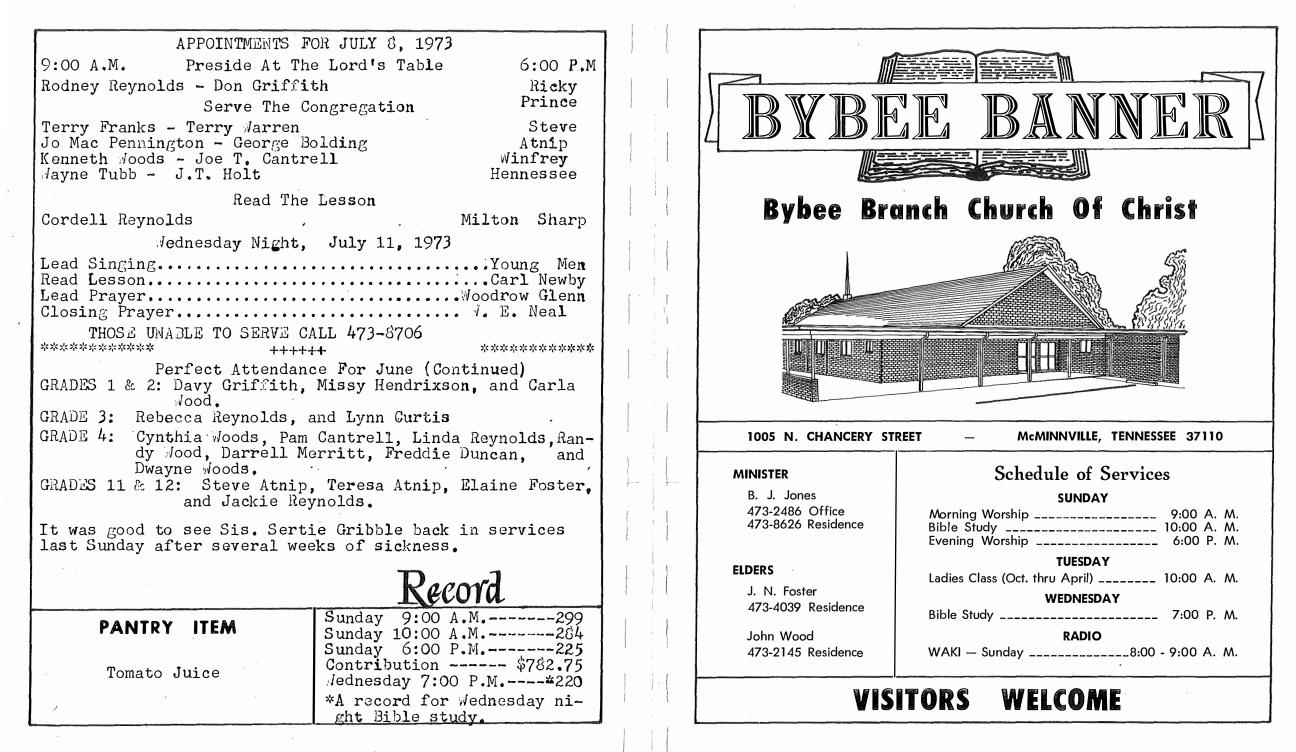
The Sick

Sis, Sertie Gribble seems to be slowly improving, but is still unable to be out. Bro. John Newby is to return to the hospital within the next few weeks, but is now at home Brent Pennington is recovering from surgery last week in a Memphis hospital. Gearld Fults has been released from the hospital, and is now back home. Jerome Chambers, a nephew of Sis. Elsie Fisher, is in serious condition after a car accident, and is in a hospital in Atlanta, Ga. Sis.Eunice Christian is still on the sick list, but may be a lettle better. Buddy Greene, a brother to Sis. Shirley Tubb, is in River Park hospital suffering from what is believed to be a heart attack. John Davis, son-in-law to bro. Sewell Woodlee, is in River Park hospital. Remember the sick in prayer, and with calls and/or visits.

"Push ! If you can't push, pull ! If you can't pull, get out of the way ---- don't hinder others."

God gave His best (His Only begotten Son) for us, and He expects nothing less than this of us - Mt.6:33

"He who loveth God love his brother also" I Jo.4:21 Question: "What will Christ do with me at the judgment ?" Answer: "The same as I do with Him now" - Mt.10:32-33



A young lady came home angry and excited. She told her parents how a man had insulted her in town. She and her mother demanded that her father do something about it immediately. He did ! He talked to his daughter. "Darling, let me tell you a thing or two that will help you see this matter in the proper perspective. You are young and attractive and your new short dress displays the beauty of your face and figure You are bare on the shoulders and the low cut blouses you wear leave little to the imagination. Your skirts are sxant and narrow; and your hem lines are such that modesty is hard to maintain when you are standing and impossible when you are seated, I talked with you before about this matter. I have told you before about the nature and ways of men and boys, so you know better than to dress as such. you obviously did not present a picture of a careful, chaste Christian hirl. Had you done so you would have received the careful, considerate and respectful treatment usually fiven to the obviously Christian woman."

Christian parents, the time has arrived when we must furnish scriptural directives to our children, both by word and by example, concerning modest and decent dress. Paul said to young Timothy, "that women should adorn themselves modestly and sensibly in seemly apparel" (I Tim.2:9, RSV) whether we be young or old, Christians are to be "transformed" rather than "conformed" to this world (Rom.12:1-2) If indeed we are people who have been "transformed" from the ways of the world, must not our dress exhibit such a transformation ? Elders are commanded to have their families in "subjection" (I Tim.3:4) As a Christian husband and father, does God expect any less of us ? Certainly not.

Selected from the

Church Bulletin

Springfield, Tenn,

(Editor's Notes)

The problem of short and scant dress among women is becoming more of a threat to the name Christian every day. No decent woman wants to be insulted, and neither will she give an occasion. for the insults by her improper dress. Some have asked, "What is modest dress ?", stating, "What is modest to one may not be modest to another" Of one thing we can be sure: When a woman's dress reveals MORE than it COVERS it is immodest. It is wrong for a man to look upon a woman to lust after her (Mt.5:28), but it is also wrong for a woman to dress in such a way as to encourage lustful desires. If a husband has respect for his wife and daughter he will not allow them to dress in a way that will cause men and boys to insult them.

Gospel Meeting

Bro. Rufe Higgins is doing the preaching in a meeting with the Armstrong congregation this week (July 2-8) and the services each night at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting at Ragsdale, in Coffee county, closed last Sunday night. Two [2] were baptized,

Two [2] Baptized

Linda Cantrell and Rhonda Newby came forward lsat Sunday morning, made the good confession, and was baptized for the remission of sins. Ne rejoice with them in their obedience to the Gospel of Christ, and pray for them in their efforts to live faithful the Christian life,

Cards Of Thanks

Cards expressing appreciation to the Bybee Branch congregation have been received from the family of Brackette Potter, from Buddy Greene, and from Shane and Sue Hoover.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of bro.Carl Lynn Deberry who passed away last week. His funeral was conducted on Saturday. He was related to Sis.Oliver Warren

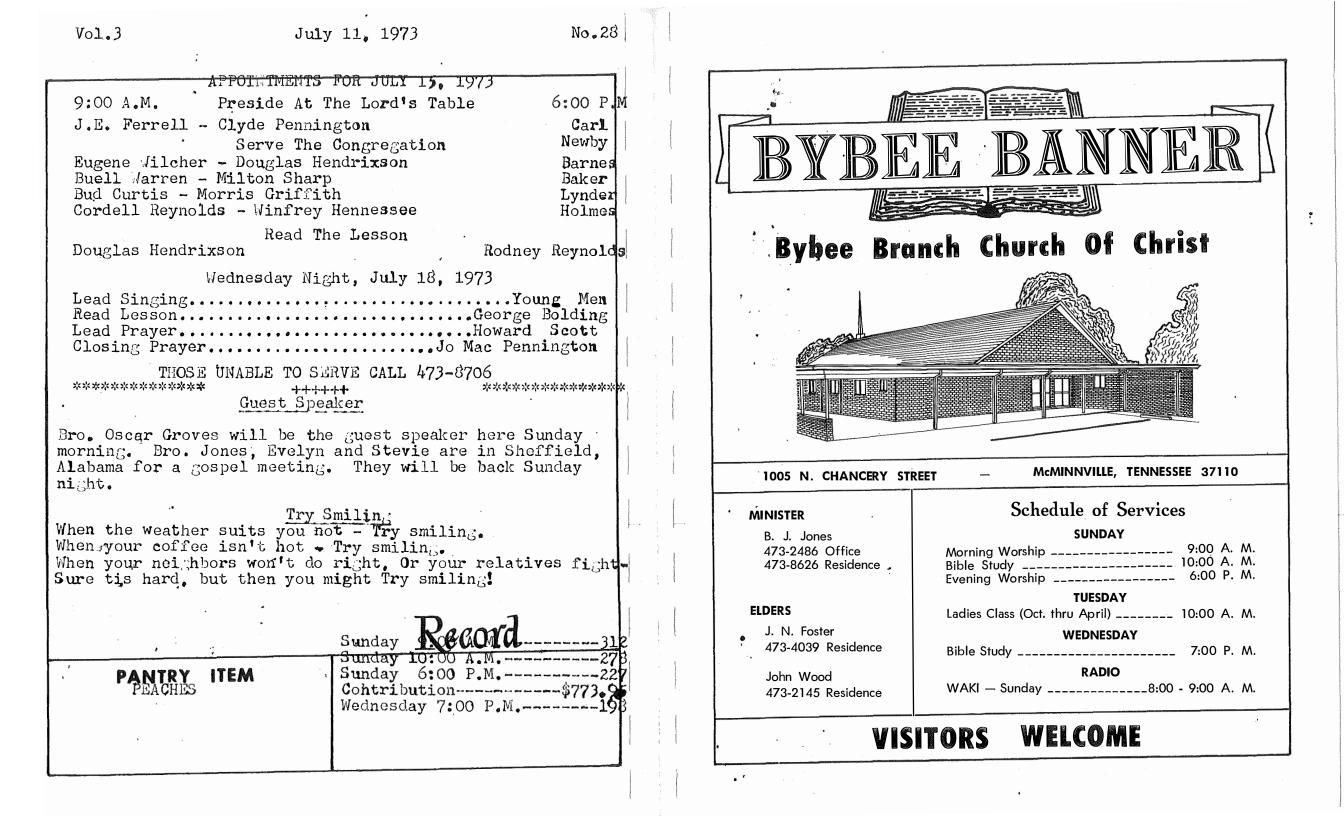
The Sick

Brent Pennington has had to return to the hospital in Memphis. Buddy Greene is still confined to River Park hospital but seems to be improving, Sis, Myrtle Medlen was unable to attend services last Lord's Day due to sickness. Glenna Boren, daughter of bro.& Sis.Charles Boren, was taken to River Park hospital on Tuesday. Sis, Bertha Stewart is in River Park hospital for test. Bro.LaFayette Smith is in the Murfreesboro hospital where he underwent surgery last week but is in hope of coming home in the next few days. Sis. Brenda Curtis was sick last Sunday, and unable to attend services. Sis. Maymie Nebb is still at home suffering from a broken ankle

Six [6] Months Perfect Attendance

The following young people have not missed a Bible class on Sunday morning for the last 6 months: Scott Griffith, Denice Reynolds, Carla Wood, Rebecca Reynolds, Cynthia Noods, Dwayne Woods, Pam Cantrell, Gina Cantrell, Linda Reynolds, and Elaine Foster.

Perfect Attendance For June 4 & 5 Yr.Old: Denice Reynolds, and Carmon Reynolds



Psychologists and marriage counselors have long urged- even insisted- that it is always best for two who undertake the greatest of human relationships be united in their faith, as marriage presents enough adjustments to make and problems to solve without the added burden of this additional one. Often, however, we think of these counselors and psychologists as being people off in an ivory tower somewhere; people who "just do not understand my problems; they don't know how much I love him (or her); they are talking of something that can't possibly happen to me."

Recently a woman who once took this attitude wrote a pathetic letter: "Please pray for him, and please pray for me, that I may bring him to Christ before it is too late. I feel that time is running out and that I must try harder. Not only do I worry about him, but I worry about the possibility of --- and --- being influenced by him when they are older. Never before have I had a deeper feeling of responsibility for all three of them. And how much I'd like young people to profit by my mistake and convert their loved one before marriage. After marriage it is so very much more difficult and very worring. I was sure I could make a Christian of him, but so far I have failed. Please pray hard for us. Bringing up children is a terrific responsibility, and with only one parent a Christian it is even harder, so please pray for them too. I know you do pray for us, but please pray harder" This is the touching plea of someone who knows, not of some one off in an ivory tower. She and hers now need the prayers of each of us. She now sheds bitter tears when she thinks of the possible eternal damnation of the three people in the world most dear to her -- her husband and their two children. How could she have prevented this ? What is the lesson she would teach young people ? First, she would warn them not to start dating one who is not a Christian. If we don't know a person and his good qualities we will not fall in love with him and seek marriage in the first place. But if it is too late for that warning, then she would warn that if he cannot be converted before entering into wedlock, do not delude yourself; the chances are greatly reduced- almost to the point of zero- that he can be reached after marriage. Heartbreaking hours of tears and prayers and the writting of letters like this one are the harvest to be reaped from the sowing of these unwise seeds.

Firm Foundation - Sept.26, 1967 Knowledge of experience, and wisdom is shown in this letter. Young people, beware ! One of those whom you date will some day be your husband or wife. Be sure they are a Christian. The Meeting at Armstrong closed last Sunday night. Bro. Rufe Higgins did the preaching.

Bro. Billy Reed will be doing the preaching in a meeting at

Pleasant Cove July 9 - 15. Services begin at 7:30 each evening.

The meeting at Smartt Station begins July 16-22. Bro. Glenn Ramsey will be speaking at 7:30 each night.

Bro. Jack Reed will begin at meeting with the White Hill congregation July 16-22. Services begin at 7:30.

Three Restored

Last Wednesday night Sis. Tula Newby came forward confessing her shortcomings and asking for the prayers of the church. Sunday morning Bro. and Sis. Terry Franks came forward also asking for the prayers of the church.

Congratulations

Jean and Larry Taylor are the proud parents of a baby boy born July 6. He weighed 7#10 oz. and has been named Larry Christopher. Sis, Pauline Taylor is the proud grandmother. Also to Clyde and Linda Pennington on the arrival of Alyssa Diana Pennington July 6. She weighed 7#11 oz. The proud grandparents are Sis. Eva Whiteaker and Bro. & sis. Clyde Pennington.

Jennifer Carmelle Nunley was born to L. D. & Debbie Nunley on July 7. She weighed 6# lloz. She is the daughter of Bro. Bill Cantrell and the grandaughter of Bro. & Sis. Fate Cantrell.

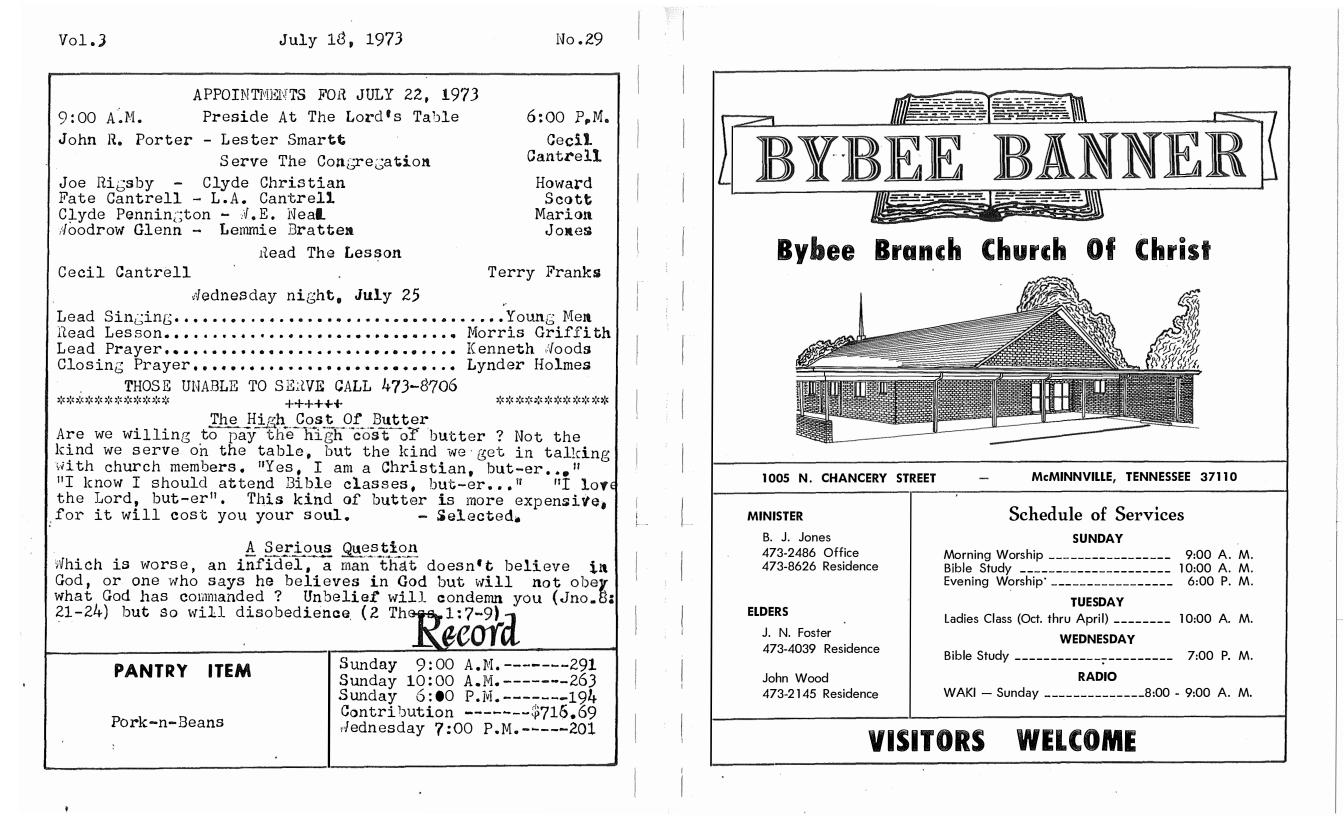
Fellowship Supper

Our regular monthly fellowship supper will be this Thursday night at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come.

The Sick

Glenna Boren, daughter of Bro. & Sis. Charles Boren remains in River Park Hospital. Buddy Green is still in River Park Hospital. Bro. Lafayette Smith is now at home. Sis. Eunice Christian is not feeling well at home. Brent Pennington remains in the Memphis Hospital. Sis. Mattie Womack is still in the Vanderbuilt Hospital.

Remember our shut-ins with a card or visit: Sis. Hassie Greer, Bro. & Sis. Jim Trammel, Sis. Radie Beaty, and Mrs, Della Arnold. There are others in the congrgation. Let's remember them in our prayers.



There was a story in the paper the other day about some dogs up in a New England town that had killed one hundred and twenty-three sheep in one night. That seems like a very strangle thing for dogs to do. Dogs are supposed to protect the sheep, and to keep other animals away that would hurt the flock. We could understand it if the sheep were slain by wolves or bears or other such animals.... But killer dongs? Never !!

Were all these dogs bad dogs ? No, not at first. It seems that they all had been good, faithful watch-dogs with the exception of one--- He was a sheep killer. Who do you think taught the other dogs the trick of killing sheep ? That is right, it was the one sheep killer. In other words, it was bad company that did the trick. The farmers shot every dog that had killed a sheep. They didn't ask if they were sorry or where they had got the habit. They didn't kill the ringleader and let the others off scot-free. They knew that once the dog had killed a sheep, he had to be destroyed.

There is an old proverb which says, "If you run with wolves you'll learn to howl just like them." The Bible says,"Evil companions corrupt good morals" (I Cor.15:33) The Living Bible translation says, "If you listen to them, you will start acting like them" These sayings simply mean, that you grow to be like the company you keep. If a dog runs with a sheepkiller, he will eventually become a sheepkiller. If a boy runs with boys who curse, then he will learn how to curse. If a girl runs with girls who are immoral, she will soon learn the ways of immorality.

It is really tough for you to see this now. You wounder why your parents will not let you play with certain ones in the neighborhood. They know the power of evil companions. They want you to be sweet and wholesome. They know how easily a life can be spoiled.

People grow to look alike, think alike, and act alike when they have lived together for a long time. If you don't want to be like the boy or girl you run with--don't run with them If you don't want to be a "sheep-killer" then stay away from sheep-killers.

An old Chinese proverb says, "Journey of a thousand miles begins with one step" It also begins in some direction. Will you ever be an alcoholic ? or placed behind bars for a crime? or will you prostitute ? or will you push drugs or shoot it yourself ? No one ever set out to be or do these things. They did not get there overnight. It was step by step.

worked with and preached for this congregation 1959-1961.

Bro,Glenn Ramsey is preaching in a meeting with the Smartt Station congregation this week (July 16-22) with services at 7:30

Gospel Meetings

The meeting with the Nestside congregation in Sheffield, Ala

(in which bro, Jones did the preaching) closed last Sunday

night. One was baptized and one was restored. Bro. Jones

Bro. Jack Reed is preaching in a meeting this week with the White Hill congregation. Services are at 7:30 P.M.

Cards Of Thanks

Glenna Boren, Sis. Webb, and bro. Lafayette Smith have sent cards to the congregation expressing their appreciation for the visits, calls, prayers, and flowers during their sickness.

.Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Joe Mc-Clain who passed away last week, and was buried on Monday of this week. He was the father of Laura Jane Certian.

Appreciation

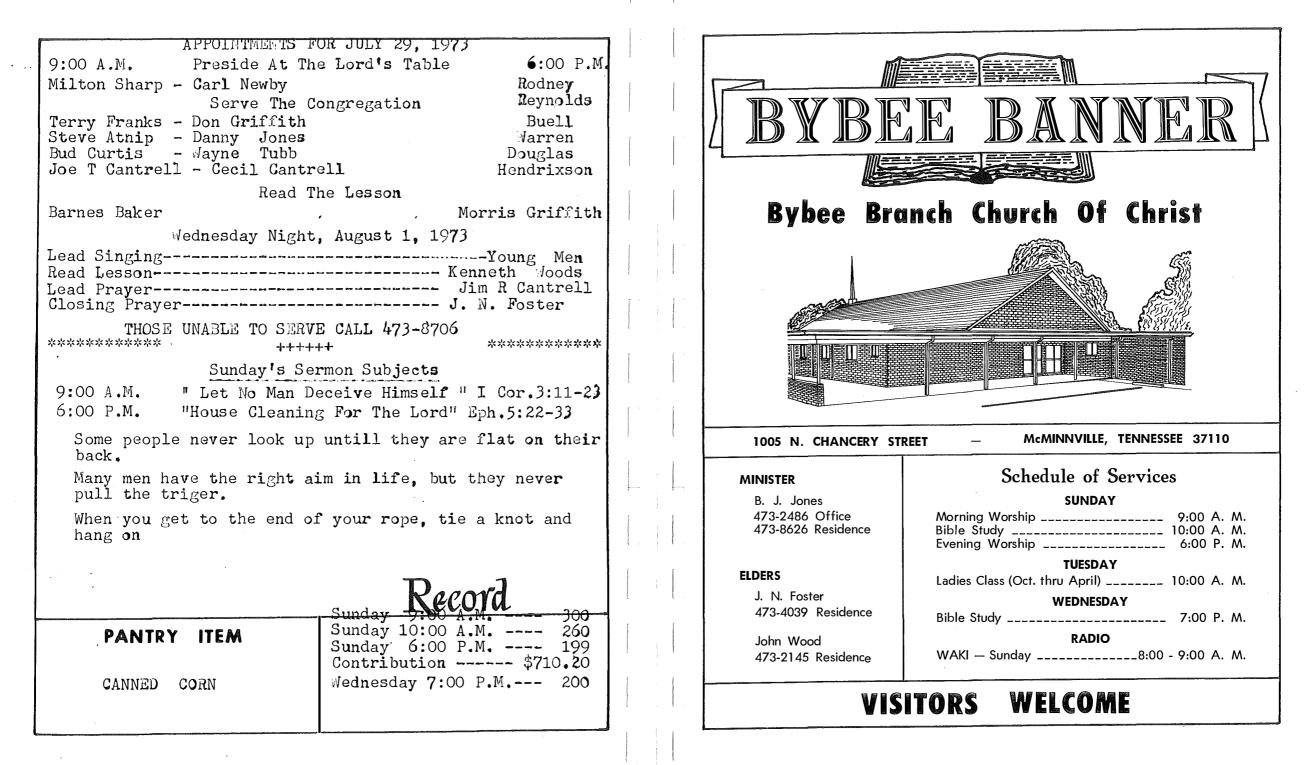
Our appreciation is expressed to bro.Oscar Groves and bro. Steve Short for speaking at Bybee' last Sunday in the absence of bro. Jones.

The Sick

Glenna Boren is now at home, and feeling much better.Buddy Greene is still in River Park hospital, but his condition is much improved. However, he is to be taken to a Nashville Doctor for test. Bro. Lafayette Smith is improving from his surgery, and is at his home. At last report Brent Pennington was still in the hospital at Memphis. Sis. Mattie Womack is in Vanderbuilt hospital. Sis. Eunice Christian also remains on the sick list. Dwayne Woods was sick last Sunday and unable to be at services. It was good to have Sis. Jean Taylor and her new born son in the services last Sunday. Sis. Webb is still suffering from and injured foot.

Two weeks ago when we reported the list of those who received a 6 months perfect attendance pin we over looked Carmen Reynolds. Her name should be added to the list. We are sorry this oversight was made.

The services on Sunday night and Wednesday night need your support. Make plans to attend these services.



Rushing Through Jorship

In several business meetings I have listened to varied suggestions on how the worship services should be shortened--use more trays, omit a song, cut the sermon, etc. In all this thinking there seems to be the underlying premise that a shorter service is a better service---that efficiency is more important than effectiveness.

Are we rushing through our worship so that we may hasten to feed the poor, to preach to our neighbor, to lift up the heathen ? NO ! We rush that we may get to a tasty, sumptous meal, or so that we can watch our favorite TV show, or take a nap, or to read the local newspaper, or play golf, or go on an outing. If none of these attract us, we may rush because we are nervous and are in the habit of doing everything in a rush.

We sing "Take Time To Be Holy" but we don't have time to meditate, to praise, to listen to the Word of God in a relaxed atmosphere. There is pressure by the more worldly members to "pay our respects" to God in the smallest consul of time possible. Novies and TV programs are getting longer, but peroids of worship are being compressed. MHY ? Is it because we are so spiritual that we don't need more time to become holy ? Or is it a lack of appetite for spiritual food ? Do we hunger and thirst after righteousness, or do we fret when the Lord's Supper takes more time than a newscast ?

Time is precious and we should learn to "redeem the time", (Eph.5:16) Our worship should be planned so that our worship will be more effective. Let's take time to be holy--- time for more spiritual songs, for sermons that are long enough to convince the sinner and edify the Christian. Let us take time to promote activities of the Church which will build us up in the most holy faith---time for meditation on the Lord's Supper. Take time for silence to be still and know that God is with us (Matt.18:20).

The world is living at such a fast pace. Everything is becoming stream-lined and modernized in the business world, and the way of convenience is the order of the day. People are busy trying to crowd 30 hours into a 24 hour day, trying to do more things, but doing none of them effectively. Me really don't have time for the more important things of life Let us take whatever time is necessary to conduct our worship is a spiritual and effective way so that we may truly say, "It was good to be at the house of God" Some get so little from the services because they put so little into it Take the time---make the time to worship God in the proper manner.

Gospel Meeting

Bro. Ted Kell is the guest evangelist for a series of Gospel meetings with the Ivy Bluff congregation July 22-29 and the services begin at 7:30 each night.

Sympathy

Our deep and sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Sis. Mattie Womack who passed away last Sunday. Her funeral was conducted this afternoon at the Mt.Leo church building where she was a member. She was a sister to Sis. Dot Foster and Sis. Nora Lee Griffith.

The Sick

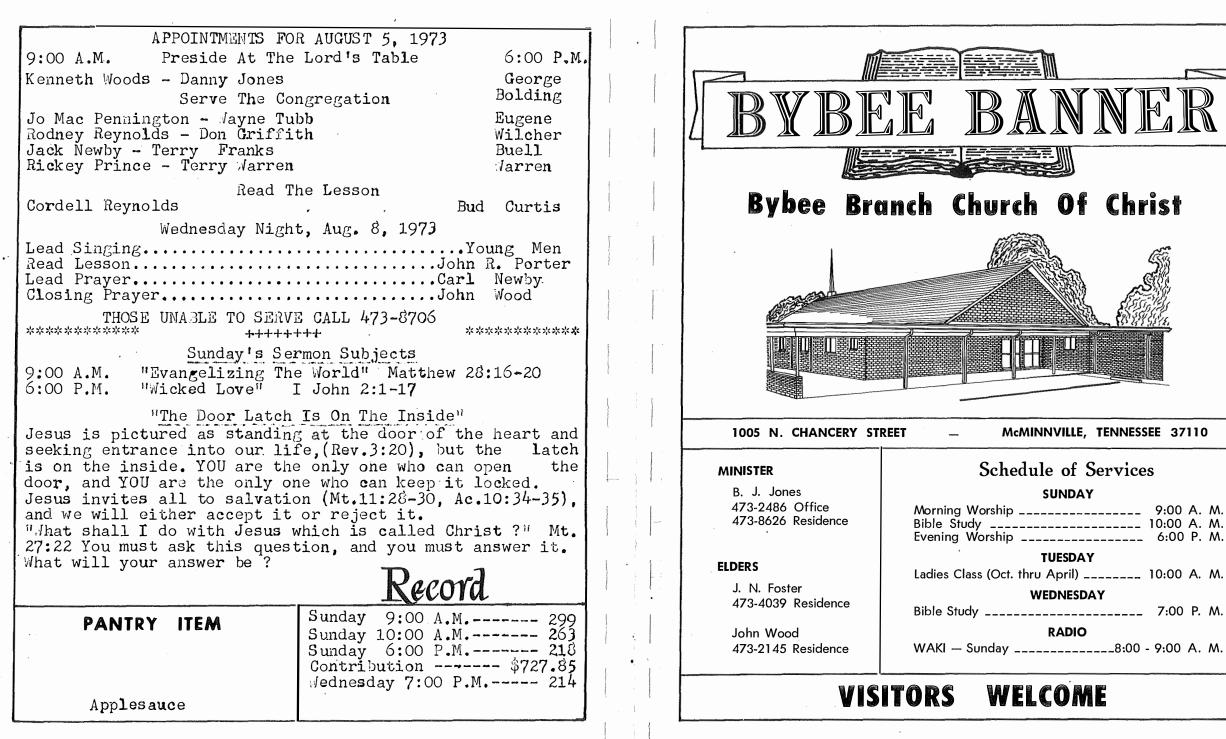
Sis, Lula Woodlee underwent surgery last Monday at Marren county hospital where she remains a patient. Little Brent Pennington is now at home, and making improvements, after a series of surgery at a Memphis hospital. Bro.Howard Scott is now at home after spending a few days in the River Park hospital, but is to go to Nashville this week for more test Buddy Greene is also scheduled to go to Nashville this week for test. Sis, Clara Deweese, daughter of Bro.&Sis.Lemmie Bratten, underwent surgery at a Donelson hospital, but is now at her home, and improving. It was good to have Bro. Lafayette Smith and Sis. Maymie Webb back in services last Sunday.

Eight (8) Weeks Report								
Date	9:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	5:00 P.M.	Contribut.				
6/3	302	256	194	700.00				
6/10	318	288	196	677.08				
6/17	276	250	192	669.03				
6/24	306	272	242	793.02				
7/1	299	284	225	782.75				
7/8	312	278	227	773.95				
7/15	291	263	194	716.69				
7/22	300	260	199	710.20				
Average	300	268	208	727.84				

We have an average from 15 to 46 that leave every Sunday morning before Bible classes, and between 75 to 135 that do not come back Sunday night. Since June 24 the contribution has begun to go back down, yet the attendance has not shown that decrease. May is this ?

How soon we forget ! It should not be necessary to remind Christians <u>every</u> Sunday of their duty in these matters. We have begun a good increase, let's not let it begin to go down. Vol.3

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RADIO

How's Your Dipstick ?

I was recently talking to a Christian who, like myself, was greatly disturbed by the lack of church attendance in recent times. He said something that I will try to always remember. He said, "Attendance is to the Christian's life what an oil dipstick is to an automobile engine". The dipstick is an indicator. It indicates when trouble is about to occur within the engine. If the engine is a quart low, the stick will show it. If it is two quarts low, it shows it. If the dipstick shows three quarts low, something must be done immediately, or a disater will occur. Likewise, a Christian's church attendance is also an dicator. If a person begins to miss services during the week, it is an indication that something is wrong. If the person begins to miss more and more, something drastic will soon happen unless a change is made. Lack of attendance in a person's life is usually very evident, because it shows. It shows in the way he lives. It shows in the companions he keeps: It especially shows in the amount of knowledge he has. Oh, incidentally, how's your dipstick ?

Firm Foundation, Dec.15, 1970

Jesus once said, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much" Luke 16:10 This simply means, if a person cannot be trusted with small matters he certainly can not be trusted in more important matters. If a Christian is not faithful to his duty of attending the services of the Church it is not likely that he will be faithful to the other duties of the Christian life. Usually, if you cannot depend on members of the Church to be regular and faithful to attend services you could not depend on them for anything else. Those who just attend services when they have a part in the service, or those who attend just because there is nothing else to do are not attending because it is God's Will that they attend, nor because it is right, but because of their selfish reasons.

While church attendance is not the only duty of a Christian, for there are many duties he must perform, yet you can very well tell his intrest and attitude by the way he attends. A Christian that begins to miss on Mednesday night will soon find reasons (?) to miss on Sunday night; and then it will not be long untill he misses every service. Falling away is not made by just one step, but rather by a series of steps. It is just as important for a Christian to do one thing that is commanded of him as it is to do another (read carefully James 2:10) If we fail in one point it is not likely that we will be faithful in another. We show our love for Christ and His Church by the way we attend it's services. Bro. Clyde Melton and Sis. Karen Sharp came forward last Wednesday night confessing sins in their lives, and with repentance of them asked for the prayers of the Church. in their behalf. We rejoice with them in their faith and determination to live the Christian life. May their example be an encouragement to others.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Bro. Joe Gray will preach in a meeting with the Smyrna congregation August 5-12 with services each night at 7:30 P.M.

Bro. Jones will be in a meeting with the Pocahontas congregation (Coffee County) August 6-12 and services will begin each night at 7:30

Vacation Bible School

The Mt.Leo congregation will have their VBS next week (Aug. 6-10) and classes will begin each morning at 9:30 Bro.Jones is to teach the Adult class.

Card of Thanks

The family of Sis. Mattie Womack have expressed their appreciation to the Bybee congregation for the kindnesses shown to them during her sickness and death.

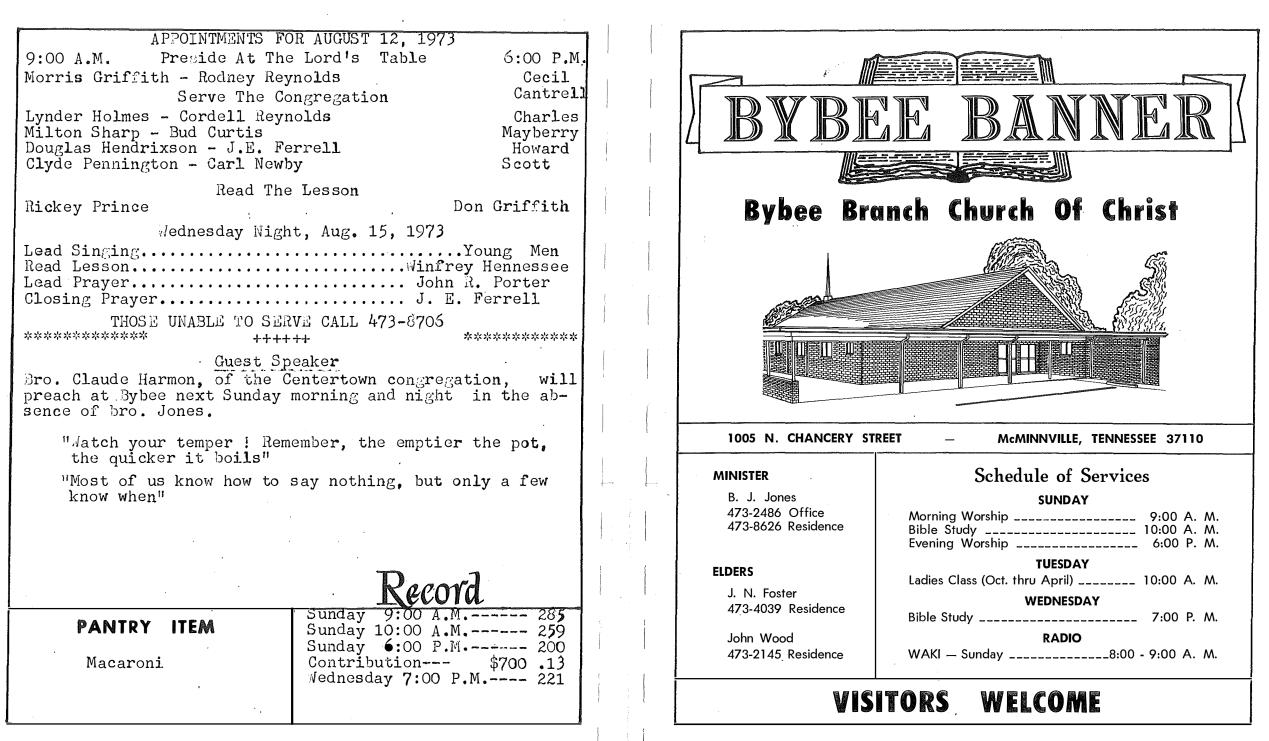
s/ Nora Lee Griffith & Dot Foster

The Sick

Buddy Greene was to undergo open heart surgery Tuesday morning at St.Thomas hospital in Nashville. We do not have a report on him at this time. Sis. Lula Moodlee is now at her home after surgery last week at Warren County hospital.Sis. C.E. Anderson's mother, Mrs. Hillis, is in River Park hospital suffering from a broken hip. Sis. Jim Case is at her home suffering from a broken arm and dislocated sholder.Bro. Howard Scott is in Vanderbuilt hospital for test. Beckey Womack, a neice of bro.Fuston Womack, was involved in a automobile accident last week and is in a hospital in Tupelo, Miss.

Welcome to Visitors

Bybee Branch is well blessed with visitors from time to time, and we should always do our very best to meet them, welcome them, and invite them to return. Don't neglect this opportunity thinking others will do it. Let's try to make Bybee Branch the friendliest congregation in Warren county.



Shopping For Religion

We are living in an economy-minded world today. People are looking and shopping around for the best bargins, trying to buy good products very cheap. There is an old saying, "You only get what you pay for" There is nothing wrong in wanting to save, but sometimes the cheapest way is not the best way.

Man is often the creature of his habits. Since many think about finding bargins and cheap products they have also applied this to their religion---they are looking for a "bargin", and one that will not cost them too much.

Most people want a religion that will make them feel good, and one in which they do not have to invest very much time, effort, and money. They want the benifits and blessings of religion, but they do not want to pay the price. Many are like the people of Laodicea, they are neither "hot" or "cold", but "lukewarm" (Rev.3:14-22) They thought they were religious, righteous, and saved, but the Lord said, "I will spue thee out of my mouth"

Some want a religion that does not require too much of their time. They don't mind going to church occasionally on special days (Mother's Day, etc), but they do not want one that ask of them three or four services a week; they just will not pay the price of Heb.10:25

Some folk want a religion where the preacher will lull the em to sleep spiritualy, and will never "stir them up" They like to hear things that sound good, but will not endure sound doctrine (2 Tim.4:1-4)

Some people want a "home-religion" and they expect the preacher to be the delivery boy to bring it to them. They think the preacher should make regular visits to them, and especially when there is a need, but they will never enter the doors of the building.

The religion of Christ is not a cheap religion, and it cannot be bought cheap. It will cost you all that you are and all that you have (Matt.16:24, Lk.14:33, Rom.12:1-3) If you desire a life of service to God and to your fellowman, and the benifits and blessings of this kind of life but are not willing to pay the price, you need to keep on shopping untill you find one that men offers. To serve the Lord faithfully you must be willing to give your very best. Some people are never satisfied. They will continue to shop around untill they find a church or a congregation that measures up to their standards. They think they are the ones to be pleased and satisfied, not knowing that it is God who is to be pleased.

Gospel Meetings

The meeting at Smyrna, with bro. Joe Gray, will continue through Sunday night, with services at 7:30

The Meeting at Salem, with bro. Leo Patton, will also continue through Sunday night. Their services are at 7:30 Bro.Vernon Joines is preaching in a meeting at Pleasant Knowl through Sunday night, services there are at 8:00 The meeting at Pocahontas will close Sunday night, and the services are at 7:30 Bro. Jones is doing the preaching.

Cards Of Thanks

Sis.Clara DeWeese and Sis. Lula Moodlee have expressed their appreciation for the visits, calls, cards, prayers, and the flowers during their sickness.

Fellowship Supper

Everyone is invited and urged to attend this get-together for the evening meal on Thursday night (tomorrow night) at 6:30 We are sure you will enjoy the food and the fellowship.

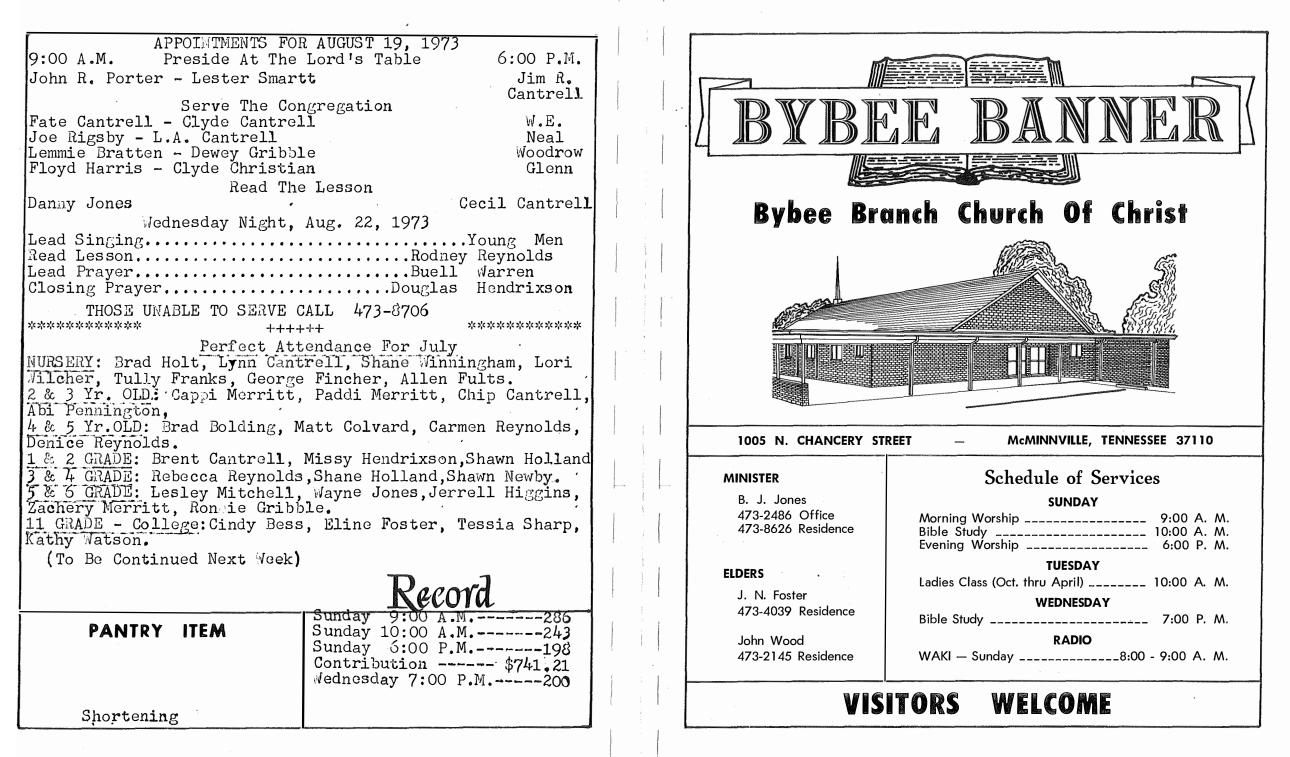
The Sick

Bro. George Grizzell suffered a heart attack on Tuesday night, and is in Warren County hospital at the present time but expects to be moved to a nashville hospital tomorrow if his condition permits. Buddy Greene, who underwent open heart surgery last week at St. Thomas hospital, is in hopes of coming home the last of this week. Sis. Anderson's mother, Mrs, Hillis, is still in River Park hospital with a broken hip, but is improving. Beckey Womack, bro. Fuston's neice, underwent surgery last week in Mississippi after an automobile accident. Sis. Pearl Morton was unable to stay for services last Sunday morning, but she is feeling some better at this time. Brad Bolding was sick last Sunday and unable to be in services. Sis. Woodlee is still improving after her surgery. Bro. Howard Scott, and Sis. Jim Case were back in services last Sunday after being out due to their sickness. Sis. Clara Cantrell was sick last week and not able to attend services. Bro.& Sis. Ernest Boren's son who has been sick and in the hospital is spending a few days with them at their home. Sis. Eunice Christian is not feeling as well as she did for awhile. Remember to include the sick in your prayers.

Vacation Bible School

The VBS is in progress at the Mt.Leo congregation, with classes each morning from 9:30 - 11:30.

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Stick With It

"Better is the end of a thing than its beginning" Eccl.7:8 Which is more important -

- Planting or harvesting ?
- Laying the foundation or completing the building ?
- Making the initial investment or collecting the profits ?
- Becoming a Christian or living the Christian life ?

When we start a work we need to finish it. It has been said, "Rome was not built in a day, but it was built day by day". Anything worth the effort to start is worth finishing. Some get excited about the novelty of a new undertaking, but soon the "new" wears off and they find the work becomes stale and tiresome.

Some people dream magnificent dreams, but never wake up and work long enough to make their dreams come true. Some are admirable architects of plans, but are unable to get the plan off of paper and into action. The person who combines dreams, plans, and actions reaps the great reward of bringing a work to it's completion.

There are some things that require time, talk, and plans, but then comes the time to do the work. A wise congregation of the Lord's Church, under it's eldership, will "Plan the Work, and then Work the Plan" Many efforts to reach the lost have failed due to the fact the work was not carried on. Plans to help increase the attendance and contribution failed because we did not continue the efforts. To begin a good work is praise worthy, but to finish it is more so.

There are some who stumble through life, leaving a trail of litter of broken resolutions, and half finished projects. They leave behind more clutter than construction. Peter said it is better for one never to begin the Christian life if he is going to forsake it before the finish (2 Pet.2:20-21) It is important that we enter the "Christian race", but it is also necessary that we finish the race (Heb.12:1-2) The one who sticks with it will reap a rich reward. "He who endures to the end will be saved" (Matt.10:22)

The Christian life is not to be lived just one day, but day by day. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Rev.2:10) Only by a life of service to the will of God can we finish our life with the hope of the crown of life. (2 Tim.4:6-8)

Good works begin with good plans, but good works are only accomplished by continued efforts.

"Better is the end of a thing than its beginning" Eccl. 7:8

Gospel Meetings

A meeting is in progress this week, Aug. 13-19, at the Earlyville congregation with bro. William Wilder doing the preaching. Services begin at 7:30 each night.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of John A Hendrixson who passed away last week in Manchester, Tenn. He was a brother-in-law to Sis. Eula Foster and Sis. Allie Newby.

Invitation

Mrs. Nonnie L. Jones request the honour of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Angela Rose, to Mr. Glyn H. Wallace, Jr. on Sunday, Aug. 19, 1973 at 2:00 P.M. at the Westwood Church of Christ. A reception will follow in the fellowship hall.

Those who would like to contribute for Angela's wedding gift see Sis. Mildred Glenn or Sis. Scarlett Griffith.

The Sick

Bro. George Grizzell is a patient at the VA hospital in Nashville, room 213 C: Carl Douglas Newby underwent surgery on his back last week, and he is in Summer County Memorial hospital in Gallatin, Tenn., room 203 B Buddy Greene is now at home and making real good progress in his recovery from heart surgery. Bro.& Sis. Clayton Gribble, parents os Sis. Patsy Bolding and Sis. Gayle Pennington, were involved in a automobile accident, but we are glad to report they were not hurt seriously. We were happy that Sis. Lula Woodlee was able to be back last Sunday for the services. Sis. Anderson' mother is still suffering from a broken hip.

Our Thanks

We express our appreciation to bro. Claude Harmon for being with us last Sunday and speaking for us in the absence of bro. Jones.

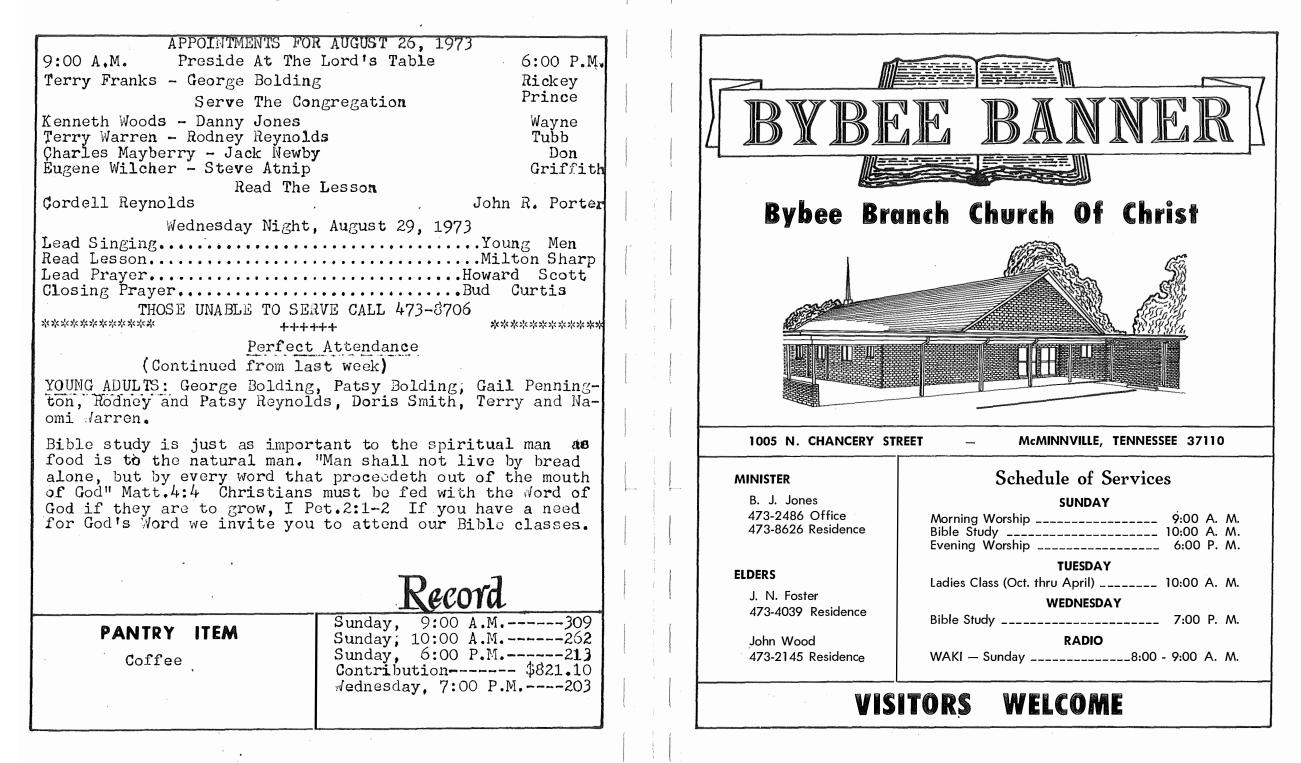
I Hope It Worked

I noticed that last Sunday morning the back four pews were roped off in an effort to encourage people to sit nearer the front. I hope this worked, and that it will not be necessary to do it again.

Sunday's Sermon Subjects

9:00 A.M. "Pleasant and Unpleasant Things About Preaching" II Cor. 11:1-8, 23-33 6:00 P.M. "The Place Of Refuge " - Gen.7:11-24

"Come now and let us reason together..." Isa.1:18



Love Is The Key

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments", Jo.14:15 and Paul wrote, "For in Jesus Christ neither circumcusion availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love", Gal.5:6 and from the pen of John comes these words, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" IJo.5:3 For a complete decription of what love will do and will not do read I Cor. 13

Love Is The Key to: (1) Service, Gal,5:13, (2) Obedience; Jo.14:15, (3) Truth, 2 Thess,2:10, (4) Life, Psa. 145:20, (5) Patience, I Cor,13:4, (6) Happy homes, Prov. 15:17, and (7) The Crown of Life, Jas,1:12

Love for God and keeping His commandments is the whole duty of man (Eccl.12:13) Love for each other is the sign of discipleship of Christ (Jo.13:35) and those who love not knoweth not God, for God is Love (I Jo.4:8)

Love is the key to successful Christian living. The Lord is always pictured as making a plea for men to follow Him, but He never forces Himself upon anyone. To follow the Lord is a choice we make because of our love for Him (Mt,16:24) The lack of proper love is the cause of our failures to serve the Lord faithfully.

When our conversion to the Lord and His Way has been prompted by devoted love everything else will fall into it's proper place. To love God is the first commandment, and the second is liken unto it, love thy heighbor as thy self, Mt. 22:37-39 No one really serves and obeys God without love.

Nothing short of genuine love for God, Christ, the Church, the Truth, and for lost souls will cause us to serve God according to His Nord. If we love God as we should it is no trouble to obey Him, When we find it hard to obey God at His Word, or it is a troublesome burden for us to fullfill our duties we need to examine our hearts and see if we love God as we say we do.

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" I Jo.3:18 Love is not seen in so much as what we say as what we do. Love is the first mentioned fruit of the Spirit, Gal.5:22, and those who are led by the Spirit are the sons of God, Rom.8:14 If we are not led by the Spirit we are none of His, Rom.8:9 We belong to and become the servant of the one we obey, Rom. 6:16 Hatred is a work of the flesh, Gal.5:19-21, but love is of God; for God is Love, I Jo.4:8, 16 "Let brotherly love continue" Hebrews 13:1

Congratulations

Glyn H. Wallace, Jr. and Angela Rose Jones were united in marriage last Sunday afternoon at the Vestwood congregation Ve pray for this young couple a long and happy life together. Angela is the granddaughter of Bro.& Sis. Marion Jones

Skating Party

Following the Bible classes tonight there will be a skating party for both young and old at the skating rink in Newtown, Bro. Wayne Tubb and his father allows us the use of the rink free of charge, and to them we express our appreciation.

Gospel Meeting

Bro. Jones will be away next week (Monday through Friday, August 27-31) for a series of meetings in East Tennessee near Cleveland.

Cards Of Thanks

We have received cards from Carl Douglas Newby, Gerald Fults, and Brent Pennington expressing their appreciation for the calls, visits, cards, prayers, and flowers during their sickness.

Business Meeting

There will be a business meeting next Sunday afternoon at 2:00 P.M. and all the men are invited and urged to attend.

The Sick

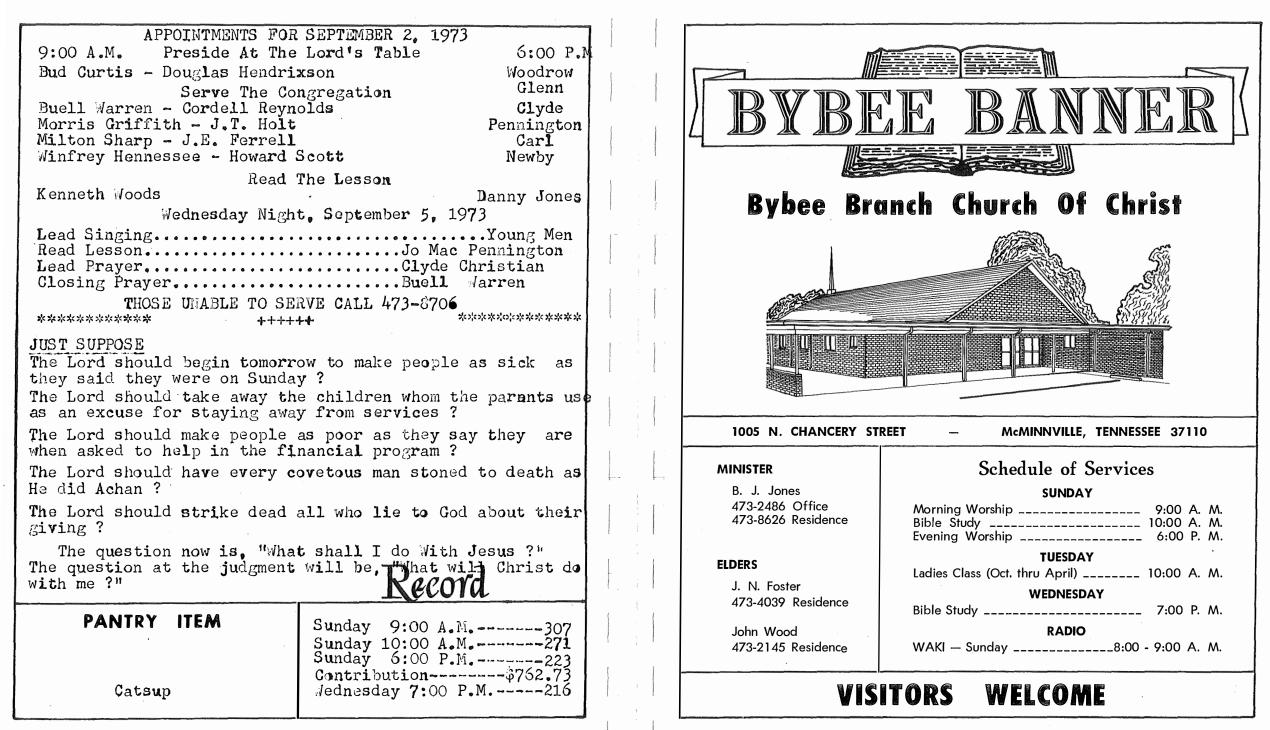
Bro. Geotge Grizzell is now at home from the hospital, and seems to be feeling some better. Sis. Eunice Christian was expecting to go to Nashville this week for test, but we do not have a late report on her. Sis. Willie Fuston is not feeling well, and she is at the home of her son and daughter-in-law. Carl Douglas Newby is now at his home in Gallatin, and improving after back surgery. Mrs. O.D. Baker, Jerry's mother, is now at her home after several days in the hospital, and is feeling some better.

Sunday's Sermon Subjects

9:00 A.M. " A Threefold Duty Toward The Lost " Mt.9:36-38 6:00 P.M. " Six Impossible Things " Heb.6:7-20

If you are interested in the salvation of your soul, and the souls of others we will see you in the services on the Lord's Day.

"Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" Jo.8:32



Three Rules Of Life

Before you finish reading this article I would like for you to read Luke 10:25-37. THE IRON RULE: "Might makes right" This rule is followed by thieves. They love money, Lk.10:30, I Tim.5:6-17, Jo.12:6 "What is thine is mine - I'll take it" Rom.13;9-10, IPet.4:15 Want money - are selfish, 2 Thess.3:10, Eph.4:23 Unbridled lust (Avarice) I Jo.2:15-17, Lk.12:15 Their reward: Luke 12:33, I Cor.6:10

THE SILVER RULE: "Do no harm to others" This rule is followed by the Levites, Priest.

They love ease and station in life, Amos 6:1, Mt.25:31-46 "What is mine is mine - I'll keep it" I Jo.3:17, ICor.10:24 Too busy and selfish, Jas.2:14-17, Mt.7:21

Neglect opportunity, Heb.2:1-3, Gal.6:7-10

Final reward: Jas.4:17, Matt. 25:34-36

THE GOLDEN RULE: "Do good unto others" This rule is followed by the Samaritan,

Loved fellow man, Heb, 13:2, Gal. 6:10

"What is mine is thine - you can have it if you need it" Acts 11:29, Eph.4:28

Time to aid others, Eph.5:16, Rom.12:10-13 "Do thou likewise", Lk,10:37, Ac,10:38 Final movered: T Con 15:59 Math 25:21

Final reward: I Cor.15:58, Matt.25:21

Each of us follow one of these rule of like. Which do you follow ?

"Pure religion" is the practice of helping those who are in need of life's necessities, including the widows and the fatherless (Jas,1:27) and includes "all men", Gal.6:10

The GOOD SAMARITAN did not stop to see what color of skin the man had, nor to ask him his nationality, nor to learn if he was a child of God. He saw a fellow-humanbeing in need, and an opportunity of doing good for him - and did it.

Those who stand on the left hand of the Lord in judgment are those who did not render service to those in need of their help when they had an opportunity to assist them. Their future reward is "everlasting punishment" Mt.25:31-46

God has richly blessed us with the material necessities of life and we should be willing to share them with the lessfortunate. This was the practice of the early church, Acts 2:41-47

If we will make the GOLDEN RULE our practice the Lord will bless us above our expections.

We are happy to announce that Ronnie and Ellen Prince are back with us at Bybee Branch, and we are proud to have them as a part of the work.

Gospel Meeting

The tent meeting now in progress about 4 miles from Sparta on the Cookeville highway will continue through Aug.30, and services begin at 7:30. Bro. Gordon Smith is the speaker. Bro. Jones is in a meeting with the Union Grove congregation near Cleveland, Tenn. this week, and this meeting will close Friday night.

Cards of Thanks

Bro. George Grizzell and Sis. Jim Case have sent cards of thanks to the members at Bybee for their kindness in their recent sickness. Especially to the Ladies Bible Class for the flowers.

The Sick

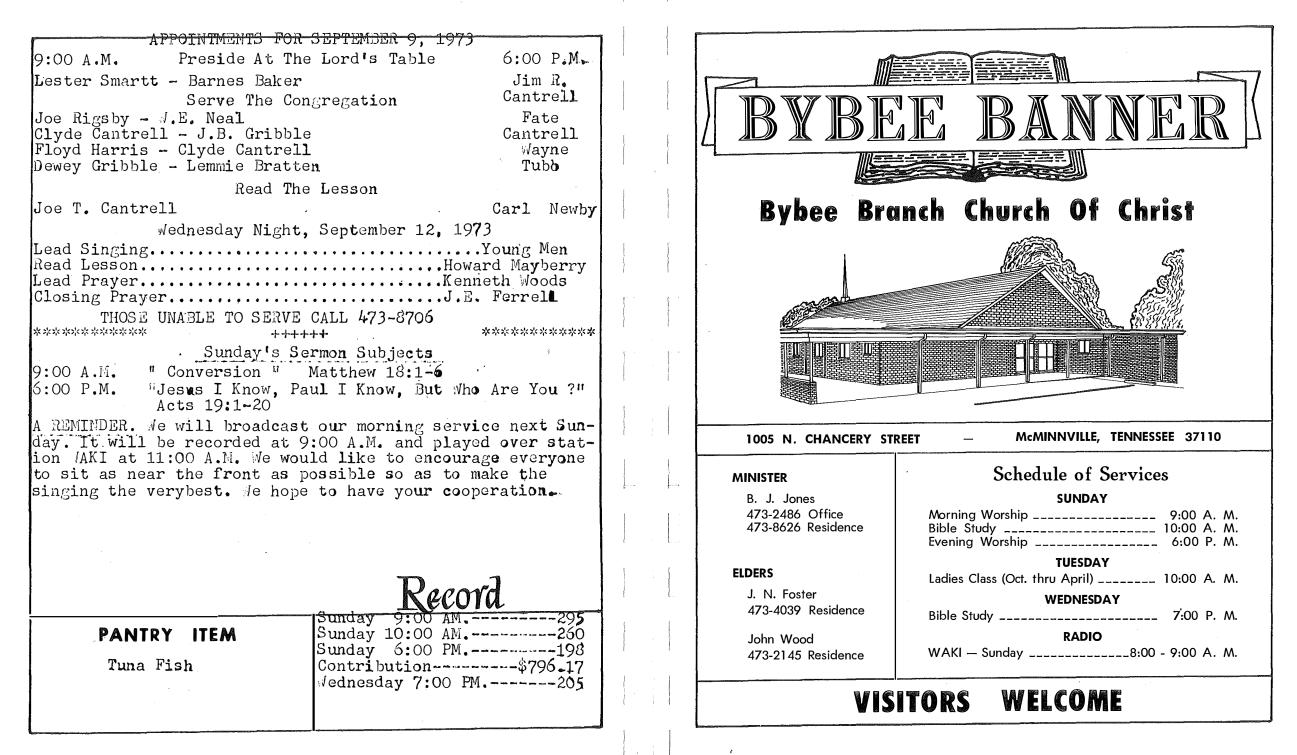
Sis, Nora Lee Griffith is still in River Park hospital undergoing test, Sis. Willie Fuston is in River Park hospital, and also Juanita Mitchell, daughter of bro.& Sis, Lafayette Smith, is in River Park. Bro. George Grizzell is still showing signs of improvement and is now at home. Sis, Emma Cantrell underwent surgery last Jednesday in Nashville but is now at home and feeling better, Bro, Peyton Greene has been in Vanderbuilt hospital for test, but had hope of coming home this past Monday. The grandson of bro.& Sis. L.A. Cantrell (Bryan) is in critical condition in a hospital in New Mexico, and they have requested a special prayer in his behalf. Bro. Howard Scott's Son underwent surgery on his back, but is reported to be improving. David Braxton, grandson of Sis. Scott, underwent open heart surgery last week at Vanderbuilt hospital, but is showing signs of a good recovery. Remember to include the sick in your daily prayers.

Plans Look Good

The final plans for the construction of the new house for the preacher is now being made, and we hope this work will be underway in the near future.

Sunday's Sermon Subjects

9:00 A.M. "The Importance of Preaching" 2 Tim.4:1-5 6:00 P.M. "That We May Be Like Other Nations" I Sam.8:10-22



Why Do You Go To Church ?

It is proper, right, and scriptural for the Lord's people to assemble to worship God in "spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-14). Jesus promised to be with those who gather in His name (Matt,18:20) We have a New Testament example of Christians who came together on the first day of the week to break bread (eat the Lord's Supper) - Acts 20:7 It is also taught in the scriptures, "Not forsaking the assembling of our selves together...," (Heb.10:25) Thus, it is right for Christians to attend the services of the church, but we can come for the wrong purpose, There is never a right way to do wrong; but there are wrong ways to do that which is right. Hence, Why Do You Go To Church ?

Some go just out of the practice of habit. To these the services and their purposes mean nothing. It is usually these people who find the services dull and boring.

Some people no doubt go to church to see and be seen. These are the ones who go to church only on special occasions, such as Easter, Mother's Day, etc. They have a new dress,or a new hat, or a new suit to show off and they want to be seen.

Some may attend services just to keep up a good front in the eyes of others. They don't want to appear to be irreligious. These attend, but they never really receive spiritual benifit for attending.

Some go to church just because there is nothing else to do. If there was a ball game, or a good TV show, or if they had a trip planned, or if company came about church time they would put these things first. These are the people who do not go to church on a regular basis.

Some do not attend services regularly, but maybe one or two services now and then in order to keep their name on the church-roll, and to be called on to take an active part once in a while.

Some go to church to really worship God in spirit and in truth. They receive a great blessing from having done so, and are made stronger in the faith by the fellowship they had with other Christians. These are they who are in services for their own good, and for the good of others. It is a joy for them to have the opportunity of serving God. No one really knows the reason or motive why others attend services, but we know our own hearts. May do we go to church ? We would do well to ask ourselves this question, and then answer it with honesty and sincerity. We might deceive others with our actions, but we know why we go to church.

Gospel Meeting

A gospel meeting is in progress this week, through Saturday night, at the Corinth congregation in DeKalb county. Bro. Leroy Dedmon is doing the preaching, and services are at 7:30 each evening,

Card Of Thanks

Sis, Emma Cantrell would like for the congregation to know that she appreciated the cards, calls, prayers, and the flowers from the ladies Bible Class while she was in the hospital and after she came home.

The Sick

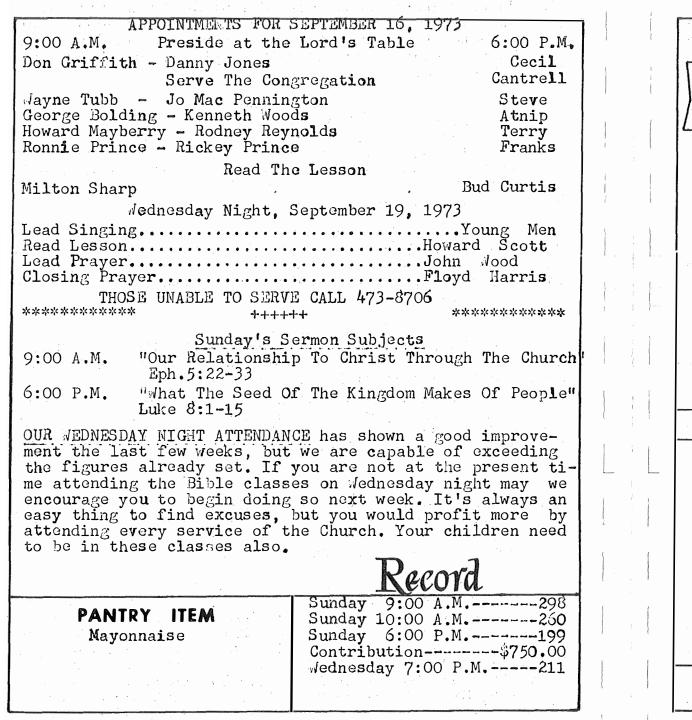
Sis, Charles Boren underwent surgery last Monday at River Park hospital, and is doing as well as could be expected. Sis, Juanita Mitchell, daughter of bro.& Sis, Lafayette Smith, is in a nashville hospital for more test. Bro.Peyton Greene is still a patient at Vanderbuilt hospital, and may have surgery later. Sis. Willie Fuston is in River park hospital. She is suffering from a stroke. Sis, Anderson's mother, Sis. Hillis, has been moved from the hospital to a nursing home. She has a broken hip. Bryan Cantrell, a grand -son of bro.& Şis. L.A. Cantrell, is now at home from the hospital, and is a little better. Sis. Nora Lee Griffith is home from the hospital and feeling some better. Bro. Howard Scott's son is making a good recovery after back surgery a week or so ago. Sis. Scott's grandson, David Braxton, also much better. Sis. Edna Smith is at home suffering from a broken foot. Bro. George Grizzell and Sis. Emma Cantrell were back in services last Lord's Day, and for this we are truly thankful.

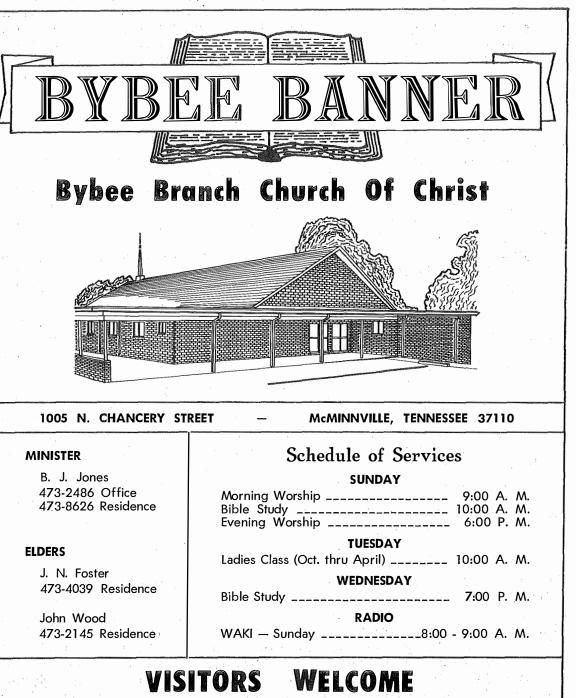
Fellowship Supper

Everyone is invited to a supper next Thursday night, Sept. 13, at 6:30 here at the building. We hope you can come to be with us for this meal, and the fellowship it will offer.

Please Read

A lot of time and money goes into printing the bulletin each week, and it'done for the members at Bybee. We encourage you to take a copy home with you and read it. If you do not wish to keep it pass it on to someone else, but do not leave them in the song book racks or on the floor for others to pick them up. We try to keep you informed with announcements that are of interest to the people at Bybee. We try to make it as complete as possible, and to avoid as many errors as possible. But, remember, we are human, too. No.37





Missing The Mark

A motorist in Minnesota drove into a service station one day and asked for ten gallons of gas. Immediately three station attendants sprang into action. One began wiping the windshield, another checked the battery, and the third gave attention to the oil. When they finished the motorist drove away, A few minutes later he returned with a worried look. "Did any of you put gas in my car ?" he asked. The three attendants consulted among themselves, and then admitted that neither of them had. The attendants missed the mark !

This same thing happens to us in life. In the rush of life many become so preoccupied with doing unimportant things so that the things which are really important are left undone. We often overlook the main purpose for which we were created The whole duty of man is to know, to love, and to serve God in this life, so that he may live eternally with Him in the life to come (Eccl.12:13)

We often become bogged down in doing "church work" that we seem to lose sight of our primary work---that of saving the the lost. The time is NOW to work for God, tomorrow may be too late ! We might be in eternity tomorrow. The souls that are lost might be called from this life TODAY. How foolish it is then to cumber our lives with trivial things and to neglect the very purpose for which we live. Brethren, we are missing the mark !

Our lives are filled with duties and obligations, both physcial and spiritual. We feel very keenly about making a living for ourselves and our family, we are aware of our place and work in the community, and we know that we must spend a little time is rest and relaxation, and in addition to these we become involved with clubs, lodges, and social activities If we are not careful we let these things become first in our life and forget the things which are to be first. Jecus taught in Matthew 6:24-34 that it is better to make a LIFE than it is to make a LIVING. Christians (?) are found to be so busy with the material affairs of life that they don't have any time left for the spiritual duties,

While it is important and necessary to take care of the natural man, nothing should come between us and serving God If we provide a happy and prosperous life in this world and in the process lose our soul, what have we gained ? (Mt,16:26) If we are so busy that we do not have time to serve God and save ourselves, and others, brethren, we are TOO BUSY ! We are missing the mark ! Try to picture yourself at the judgment making the excuses for not being faithful to your duty as a Christian, and then hunt for the passage that will justify that excuse.

One Baptized

Sis. Betty Cantrell came forward last Sunday morning stating she was dissatisfied with her baptism as a young girl. She corrected this doubt that was in her own mind by making the good confession and being baptized for the remission of her sins.

Teacher's Workshop

The Westwood congregation will be host to a teacher's Workshop, conducted by members of the Madison Church of Christ of Nashville, on Monday and Tuesday nights, Sept.24 and 25 from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. They have invited us to come and be a part of this program. Ve urge and encourage all of our teachers, and any others who may desire, to attend.

Fellowship Supper

Tomorrow night, Thursday, Sept.13, is the time for the monthly supper together. We hope you will prepare whatever food you desire, and will come and be with us, I believe it will be to your advantage.

Gospel Meetings

A meeting is in progress this week at the Stewart's Chapel Church of Christ, with bro. Moody doing the preaching. The services begin each night at 7:30

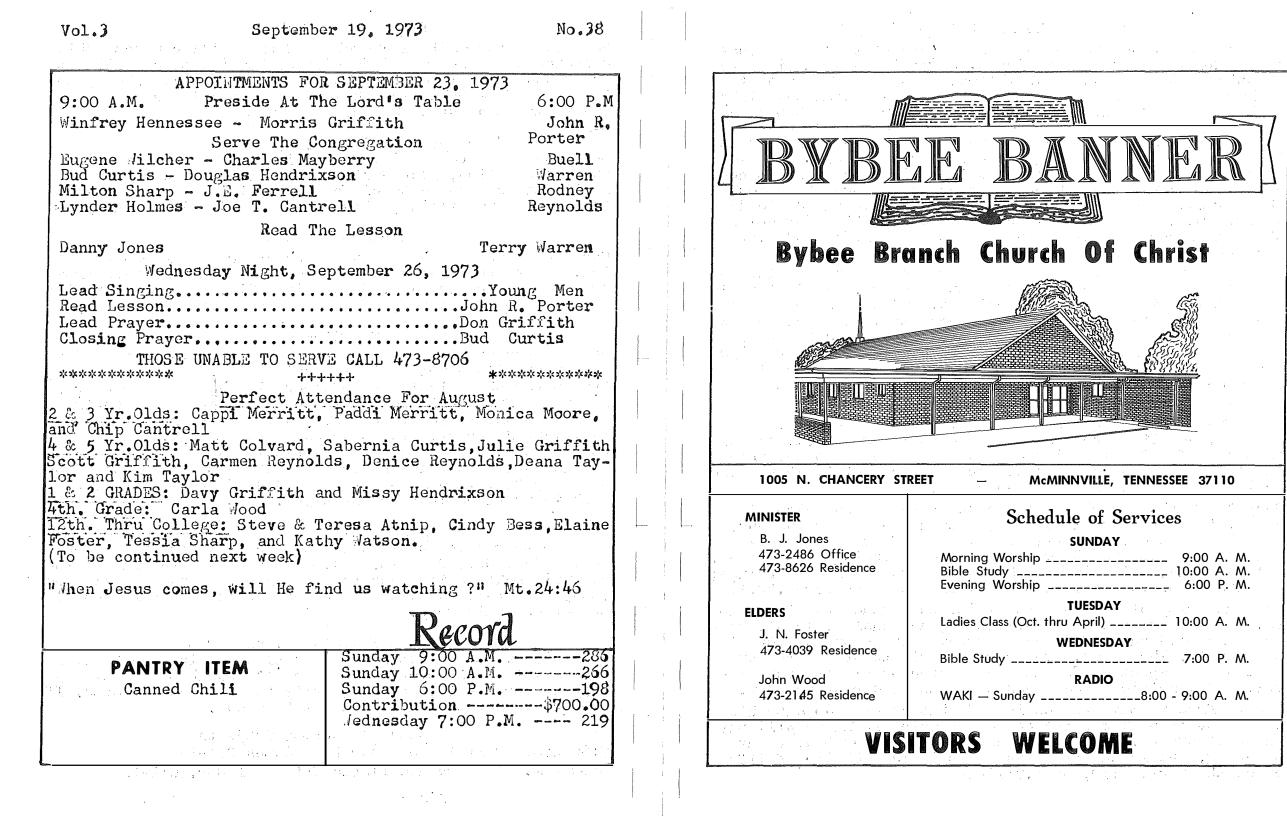
Bro. Jones will be in a meeting next week, Monday through Friday, Sept.17-21, with the congregation at Simpson's Point on Grant mountain near Guntersville, Ala, He will only be gone on Wednesday night.

Sympathy

Our deepest and sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Sis. Bettie Blanks who passed away on Monday of this week. She was the mother of Sis, Winnie Stiles, Funeral services were conducted this afternoon.

The Sick

Sis, Radie Beaty, Sis. Bobbie Mitchell, Sis. Charles Boren and Sis, Hillis (Sis. Anderson's mother) are all patients at the River Park hospital. Sis. Mitchell underwent surgery on Tuesday. Bro. Peyton Greene remains in Vanderbuilt hospital, and Sis. Junita Mitchell was scheduled for surgery this past Monday at Park View hospital. Sis.Nora Lee Griffith, Sis. Hilda Jones, and bro. Ernest Boren were unable to be at services last Sunday. It was good to have Sis, Edna Smith in services Sunday night, although she is attill wearing the cast on her foot.



Do Men Have The Right To Be Wrong ?

Many people of this great nation of ours feel that they have the right to do what they please, and this they justify by shouting FREEDOM, and CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. There was time in Israel's history when every man did that which was right in his own eyes (Judges 17:6) People feel very much the same way today, and the cry is made for everyone to "do his own thing" Man has never been give the right to do a thing that is wrong without suffering the consequence (Heb.2:1-3) To be sure, man is a free moral agent, having the right to choose between right and wrong, but he is not free to choose the results of his choice. That is, he cannot choose to do wrong, and at the same time choose justification for doing the wrong. Our sins will find us out (Num.32:23) and every man will reap as he has sown (Gal.6:7-8)

Some feel today that they have the right to live together as husband and wife before and without marriage, and if this is their choice it is nobody's business, and they should be let alone and not be censured for the practice. God ordained and approves of marriage (Heb.13:4, Gen.2:18-25) And in order to avoid fornication every man is to have his own wife, and every woman her own husband (I Cor.7:1-2) Immorality is on the increase because some feel they have the right to do wrong.

Homosexuality is a growing thing of our day, but it is nothing new, and it is condemned in the Scriptures (Rom.1:21-32) If men prefer to live with men, and women with women, they should be allowed to do so without any restraint. They, also feel they have the right to do wrong.

Many think they should be given the right to use alcohol or drugs, if that is their choice, without any repercussions. But the innocent, many times, have to suffer with them.Any thing that destroys the mind and sober thinking is not good. Solomon said, "Wine is a mocker, and strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Prov.20:1)

The authority of God and the Bible, the authority of parents, the authority of the government, national or local, have been trampled under foot and a break down in our society is the result. The lives, property, and rights of others are no longer respected. Corruption is seen on almost every level, and lasciviousness seems to be the order of the day.

Man is free to make the choice of what he will do with his life, but if he makes the choice of doing wrong he will pay the consequence. We have the choice of good or bad, right or wrong, but in the final analysis it is a choice of life or death (Deut.30:19, Matt.7:13-14)

Teacher's Workshop

Members of the Madison church of Christ will conduct this workshop next Monday and Tuesday nights (Sept.24 & 25) at the Westwood building from 700 to 9:00 P.M. All who plan to attend from Bybee meet here at the building and we will try to leave about 6:40 P.M.

Brother Jones Away

Bro. Jones is preaching in a meeting with the Simpson's Point congregation, near Guntersville, Ala., this week. The meeting is scheduled to close Friday night, and he will be back, the Lord willing, with us for the Services Sunday.

Cards Of Thanks

Cards expressing thanks and appreciation to the congregation, and to the Ladies Bible Class have been received from bro. Peyton Greene, Sis. Edna Smith, Sis. Nora Lee Griffith and the McClain family, and also from Louise Blankenship.

The Sick

Bro. Peyton Greene was to undergo surgery this past Monday at Vanderbuilt hospital in Nashville. Bro. Parker Boulding, bro. Clyde Christian's step-father, is in Warren county hospital. Bro. Julian Goodpasture, minister of the Central congregation, is in River Park hospital suffering from a fall last Saturday. Sis. Charles Boren and Sis. Bobbie Mitchell are both at home now, and feeling some better. Sis. Willie Fuston has also returned to the home of her son from the hospital. It was good to have Sis. Nora Lee Griffith back in services last Sunday night.

Ladies Bible Class

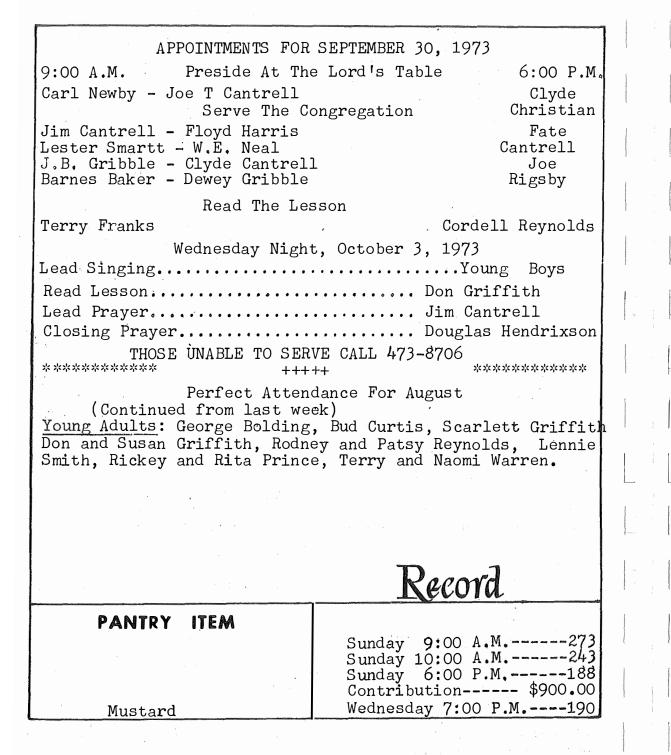
We hope to resume our Tuesday morning class for the women on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 10:00 A.M. We hope all the ladies who can will make their plans to be with us. We had a real good study last fall and winter, and we are looking for even a better one this year.

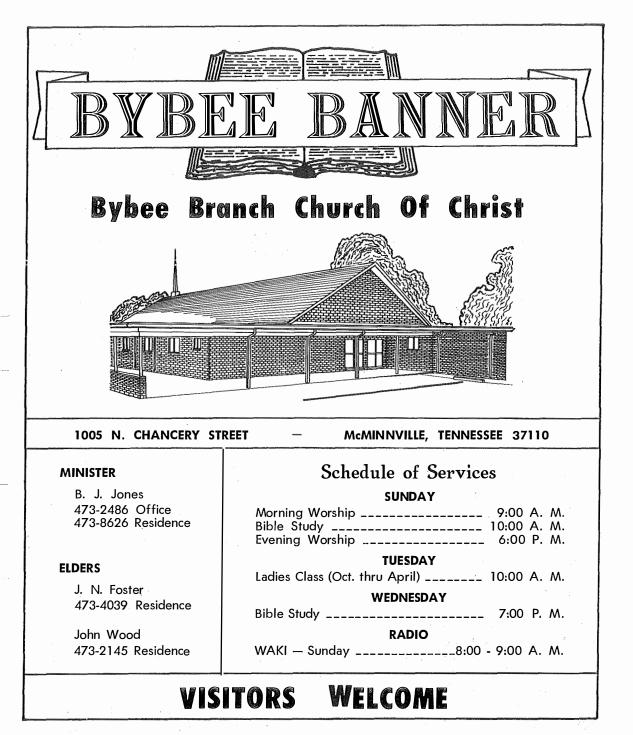
Men's Training Class

Some have mentioned starting this class again, and we will be happy to do so provided we can get enough men and young boys to support it, and to justify the time and efforts. If you are interested please let it be known.

Sunday's Sermon Subjects

9:00 A.M. " It is not enough " James 2:1-13 6:00 P.M. " Where God Placed Water" I Cor.10:1-12 Vol,3





Christian Fellowship

"But is we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." I John 1:7 Being cleansed from sin and having Christian fellowship is conditional and dependant on our "walking in the light" Those who walk not in the Truth have neither forgiveness of sins northe fellowship of Christians. The Bible teaches that fellowship is to be withdrawn from those who do not walk upright and according to the Truth (2 Thess, 3:6) There are a number of Bible reasons for withdrawing Christian fellowship, [1] Those who teach false doctrine and cause division among brethren, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause division and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned, and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple." (Rom.16:17-18) John wrote that we should not receive them into our house, nor bid them God speed, for if we do we are partakers of their evil deeds (2 Jo.9-11) If a man, or an angel, should speak contrary to the gospel of Christ he is accursed and should not be in fellowship with Christians. (Gal.1:6-9)

[2] Those who committ sin and refuse to repent should not be in Christian fellowship, I Cor.5 deals with a man in the Church who committed fornication by taking his father's wife. Paul said he should have been delivered unto satan; (Vs.5) and should have been purged out (Vs.7) Christians, and the Church, cannot have fellowship with such people without condoning and upholding such practices. Therefore, Christian fellowship should be withdrawn from such men. [3] Those who are not faithful to Christ, His Church, and to the duties of a Christian should not be welcomed into Christian fellowship, and neither should they be allowed to take part in Church acativity. Those who deliberately and willfully forsake the assembling of the Saints (Heb.10:25)

and who will not be in subjection to the elders (Heb.13:17) should not be permitted to take an active part in the services of the Church. If we allow them to do so we are encourageing their unfaithfulness. Those who are not faithful in attendance should not be allowed to teach a class, wait on the Lord's Table, lead in public prayer, nor in any way be in Christian fellowship.

The elders are "overseers" of the Church (Ac.20:28) and they are to lead and guide the flock (I Pet.5:1-5) and they must watch for the souls (Heb.13:17) If they do not care for the flock they must someday give an account. Hello, my name is Merideth Cherie Atnip; and I was born last Monday morning, Sept.24, at 4:11 A.M. at Warren county hospital.I am sure you already know my parents, Steve and Teresa Atnip, and my grandparents, Joe Tom and Mary Lois Cantrell. I weighed 7# and 3oz. but I hope to be big enough in a little while so I can come to church and meet all of you, but right now I must stay in the hospital a few days in the hospital with my mother.

Cards Of Thanks

The family of Sis. Bettie Blanks wishes to express their appreciation for the food and kindnesses shown to them at the death of their mother. Also Sis. Jean Boren sends a card to thank you for the cards, flowers, calls, visits, and prayers while she was in the hospital.

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Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Sis. Willie Fuston who passed away last Saturday and was buried on Sunday, She was the mother of O.D. Fuston and Mrs. Doyle Hillis.

The Sick

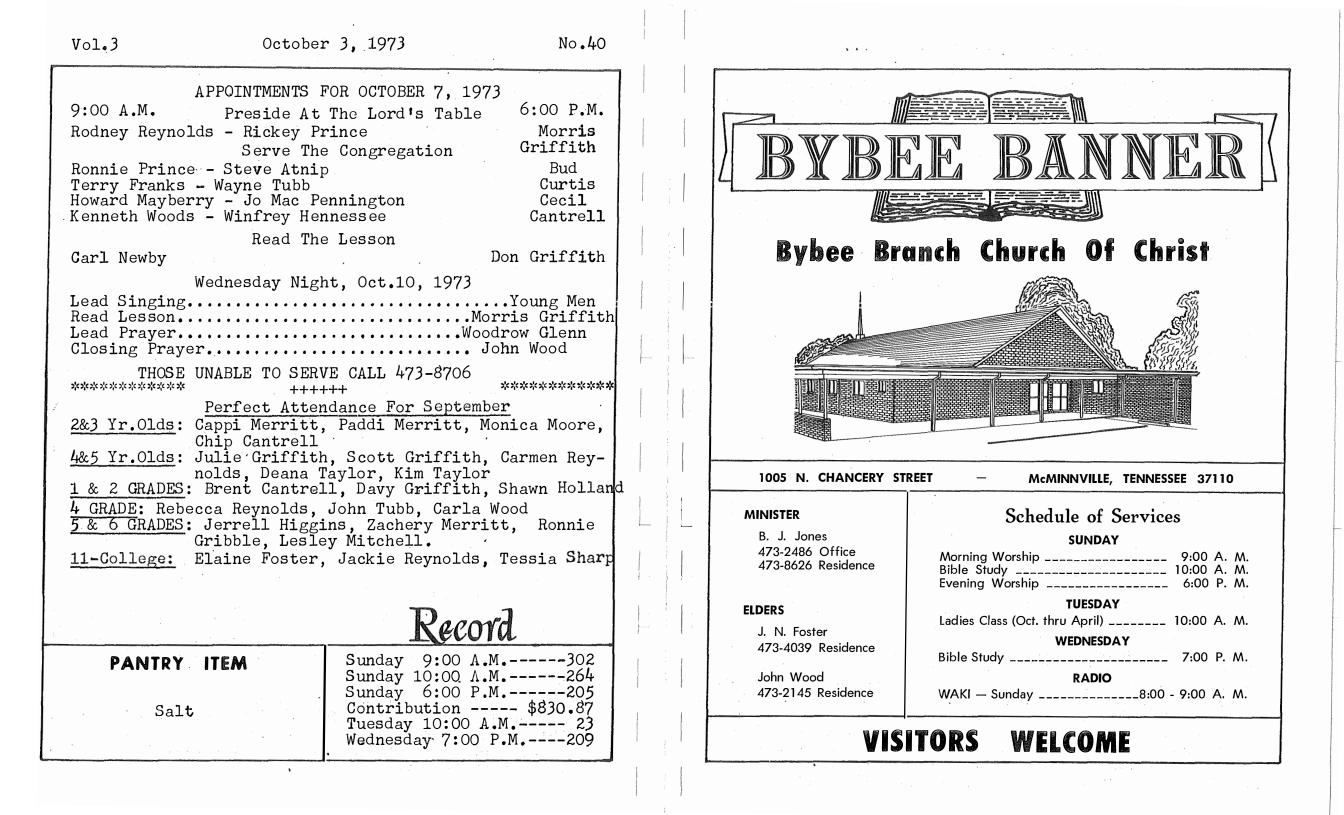
Bro. Peyton Greene has returned to his home after several days in Vanderbuilt hospital, and seems to be improving day by day. Sis. Beaty is also at home now from the hospital, and is some better. Sis. Bobbie Mitchell is at home, and she too is feeling better. Sis. Hilda Jones was sick last Sunday and unable to be in services with us. Sis. Jean Boren was able to be back in services last Sunday after her surgery and stay at the River Park hospital. Sis. Hillis, Sis. Anderson's mother, has been taken back to the nursing home.

New Classes

Beginning on Tuesday, Oct.2, the Ladies Bible Class will will meet for the first time this season, and we want to urge and encourage all the ladies to attend. The time will be 10:A.M.

On Sunday evening, Oct.7, the men and young boys will meet to begin our Training Class at 5:00 P.M. We hope you make your plans to attend, and we will try to help better ourselves in our efforts to serve God.

Everyone who possibly can should take advantage of these classes. I am sure they will be a great help to us in learn -ing more about God's Word, and will help us to be more eff -ective in our service to Him.



If You Don't Need The Lord ...

If there is no need in your heart and life for the Lord you should stop breathing His air and drinking His water; stop plowing His ground and eating His bread; stop warming yourself by His sunshine and cooling yourself by His breeze. It is from God that all blessings of life come, Jas.1:17

We don't consider how well blessed we are and how fortunate we are to live under the mighty grace of a loving God, our Father in heaven. He gives the sunshine and the rain, He gives us the seasons of the year to plant and to reap. From Him comes the blessings of life, yet we are not thankful to so well blessed.

Some seem to have no need of the Lord, that is untill they have lost their health and now are sick, or they have lost their job or business and now are poor. Then they realize a need for God. It is a shame that some people only have need of God when they are in trouble and sorrow.

The Lord has blessed us far greater than we ever deserved. How thankful are we? He gives so much, and yet ask so little. For all the good things of life we need God, and without Him we cannot have them. We need the hope of life eternal, and without God this is not possible.

God has set down a certain pattern for us to follow in our obedience unto Him, and has made this a test of our love for Him, John 14:15, I John 5:3 A great number of people demonstrate by the lack of their obedience that they have no need for God and His Word. It is sad indeed to see men that shun and ignore the Lord's plea for them to obey the gospel and be a Christian. It is sad also to see those who are Christians refuse the Lord's commands. I am sure this is done because they see no need they have for God.

Too many of us are enjoying the blessings which God gives and do not return our thanksgiving for these blessings. In some ways we feel that what we have we have made for ourself and without the help of God. The Bible says it is "in Him we live, move and have our being" Acts 17:28

Surely if God has so richly blessed us with the good things of life; and has provided for our salvation in and through His Son, Jesus Christ, we can show our thankfulness to Him by obeying Him, and being what He desires us to be. It has been said, "You don't miss the water untill well goes dry" Suppose God withheld His blessings from us. Where would we be, and what would we do ? No man can afford to be without God, either in this life or in the life to come. "Count Your Many Blessings, see what God hath done"

Gospel Meetings

Bro. Vernon Joines is doing the preaching in a series of gospel meetings at the Viola Church of Christ this week, and services begin at 7:30 each night.

Bro. Jones is preaching in a meeting with the Bethlehem congregation near Spencer. This meeting will continue through Saturday night with services at 7:30

The Rock Island Church of Christ will have a meeting Oct.6 through 9 with bro. Charles Marshall doing the preaching.

Off To A Good Start

The Tiesday morning Ladies Bible Class began this week, and we had 23 present. The interest seems to be high, and we are looking forward to a profitable study. Our theme will be "The Christian Home" We hope you will come and be with us for these lessons.

Men's Trainging Class

The men and young boys are urged to attend this class Sunday afternoon at 5:00 This will be our first class for this season and it will be of help to you and to us if you will start with us. We encourage the parents of young men to have them here for this class.

Card Of Thanks

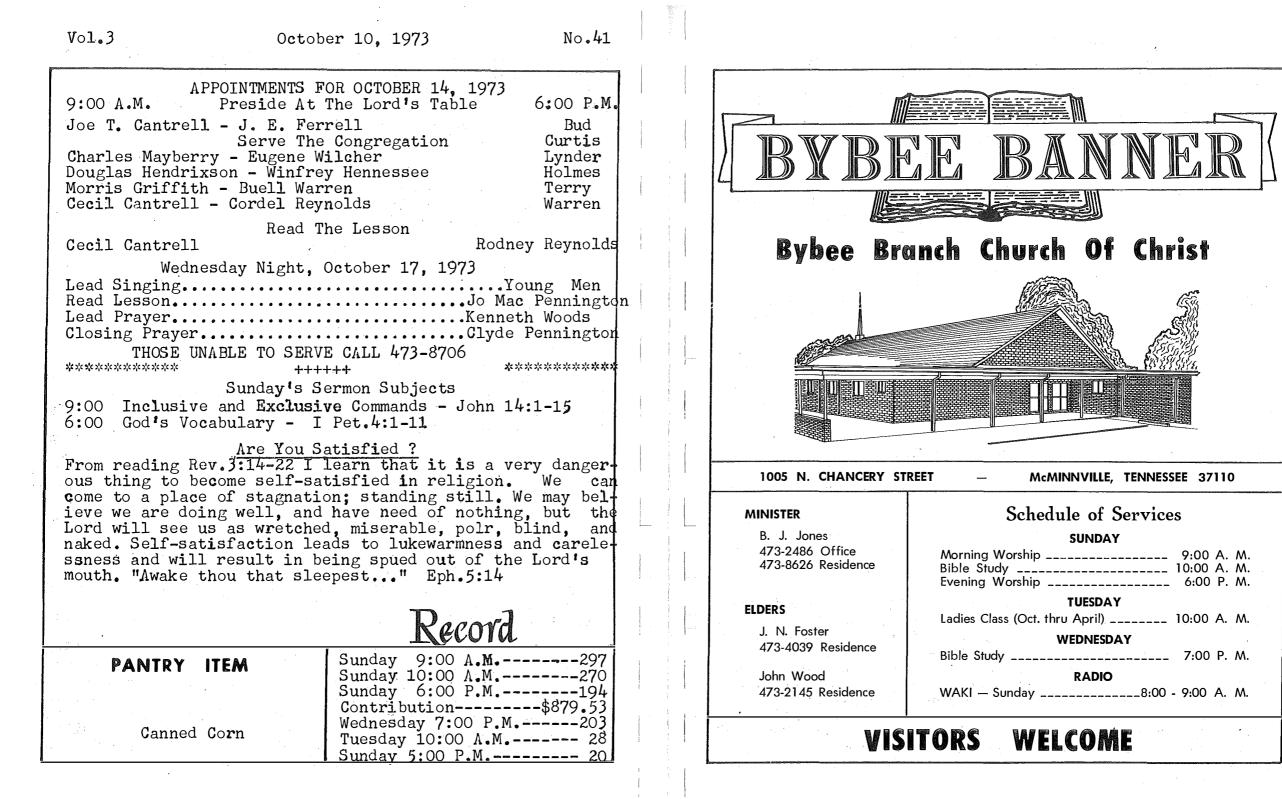
The family of Sis. Willie Fuston expresses their appreciation to the Bybee congregation for the kindness showm to them during the sickness and death of Sis, Fuston.

The Sick

Bro. Peyton Greene is now in River Park hospital, and he is not feeling as well as he did for a few days after returning home from Vanderbuilt hospital. Sis. Pam Baker is also in River Park hospital undergoing test, but seems to be a little better. Miles King underwent surgery last week in a hospital in Milan, Tenn. but we have not had a report on his condition. Tom Higgins is now at home after surgery last week on his arm. Sis. Nora Lee Griffith is still under the care of the doctor. Sis. Medlen has not been well this week, and was unable to be with us Tuesday for the Ladies class.

Fellowship Supper

Next Thursday night, Oct. 11, will be the time for this monthly meeting. We remind you now of this so you can begin making plans to attend. We hope you will come and share with us the evening meal.



"Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of Sin" These words were written by an inspired writter - Heb.3:12-13 and by them we are warned of the "deceitfulness of sin" We can be fooled by sin in many ways, and unless we are carefull, we will fall into the pit of sin and into the snare of Satan. The devil is able to make sin glitter by his devices and power. He never shows sin for what it really is, but by the power to masquerade sin he is able to ensnare us.

Sometimes sin wears the mask of a "servant" Some look at a life of sin and believe they can make it their servant. They think they can make lies, deception, and immorality become their servant to bring them a life of happiness and joy. But, sin will not fill the roll of a servant. Instead it will make us a servant to sin. Rom.6:16

Sin often wears the mak of "attractiveness" or "advantageous" Sin promises more than it gives. It discounts what it actually does give. Eve was badly deceived by the serpent, but the tree was attractive and she was led to believe she could eat of it's fruit without being put to death Satan is able to make sin to appear beautiful and appealing but he never shows it for what it really is.

Sin can also wear the mask of "right" "There is a way that seemeth wight unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death"- Prov.16:25 It is easy for one to believe he is in the way of life when he is really in the ways of death. Many think they are saved by faith only, but the Bible says plainly that we are not.-Jas.2:24 Beware ! Lest you try to justify sin by thinking it is right. It is easy to believe a lie if you want to.- 2 Thess.2:8-12

Sin wears the mask of reaping what it "does not sow" Paul said, Be not deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap"-Gal.6:7-8 Sin wears the mask of promising to reap a harvest of happiness, joy, and peace from sowing the seeds of corruption. But, the fruit which comes from such seed is: (1) in this life: degradation, misery, fear, frustration, unhappiness, loss of fellowship with God and the good people of the world, and (2) in the world to come: eternal seperation from God and everything that is holy and good, and the loss of every thing that is of any worth or value to human exsistence. Gal.5:19-21, Rev.21:8

Gospel Meeting

The Whites Chapel congregation is conducting a series of meetings this week, with bro. Vernon Joines doing the preaching. Services nightly at 7:30

The meeting at Bethlehem congregation, near Spencer, closed last Saturday night. Bro. Jones did the preaching, and one was restored to Christian duty.

Fellowship Supper

Tomorrow night (Thursday- Oct.11) is the time for our regular monthly fellowship supper, and every family in the congregation is invited. We hope you can be with us.

Card Of Thanks

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Sis. Alva Beaty sends her appreciation to members at Bybee for the calls, visits, prayers, and flowers during her recent stay in River Park hospital.

Ladies Bible Class

The ladies who attend the Bible class on Tuesday morning at 10:00 are showing real good interest in the class, and this week we had an increase of Six (6) new members. Our study is "The Christian Home" We believe these lessons are vital to young wives and mothers, and older ones can profit from them. We encourage you to attend.

The Sick

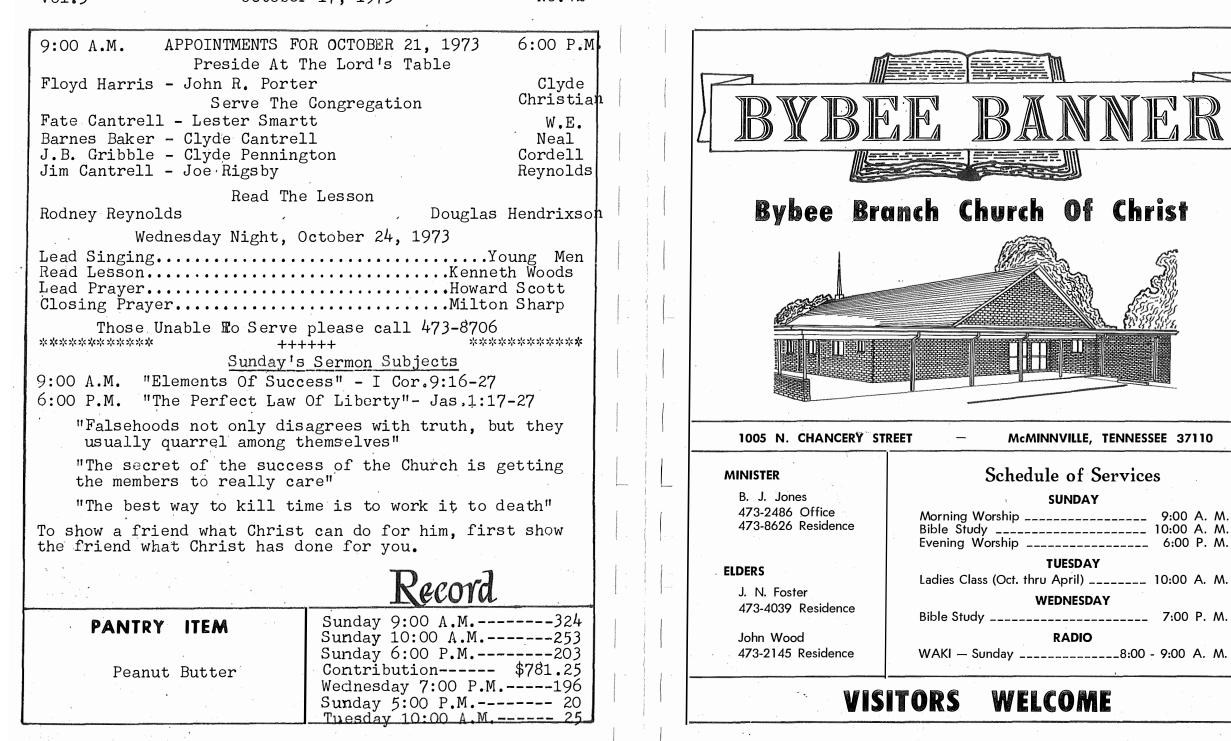
Sis, Daisy Dean Atnip; bro. Steve's mother, is in St.Thomas hospital in Nashville, and she was to undergo surgery Tuesday of this week. Bro. Mrs. Rosemary Summers, a daughter-in -law of Sis. Bertha Summers, is in Fort Sanders Presbyterian hospital in Knoxville, Tenn. She also was scheduled for surgery on Tuesday of this week. Bro. Robert Cantrell is in River Park hospital. Sis. Wanda Hendrixson had surgery last week, but is now at home. Bro. Peyton Greene is now back at home, and seems to be a little better. Sis, Pam Baker and Sis. Hilda Jones were unable to be in services last Sunday.

Men's Training Class

This class begun last Sunday afternoon at 5:00 with 20 men and young boys present. This is good, but no where near the 70 or 75 men and boys that we have in the congregation. If we are to succeed in this effort we need your support and full cooperation. We would like for all of you to be with us next Sunday afternoon for we plan to decide on a day and time that would be more suitable to everyone. Vol.3

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The Bible gives many warnings against the danger of apostasy 2 Thess.2:1-12, I Tim.4:1-5, 2 Tim.4:1-4, Heb.3:1-19 The Lord's church is only one generation away from apostasy, and it comes about with step by step, and so gradually that it is unlikely that we will know it untill it has happened. A departure from the faith, regardless of how small it may seem to be at the time, is a dangerous thing; it has a way of leading to other departures and finally to a complete apostasy. Those who have been in the Church for a number of years have seen many steps that have been taken in the wrong direction, and many of us are asking, "Where will it end ?" Many congregations of the Lord's church are striving for a great success, but in the wrong way. The Church is competeing for attention and favor with a wide variety of worldly attractions. In many cases the church feels that she is not successful in her mission unless she tries to keep up with modern day practices. Instead of being faithful to her duty of preaching the gospel of Christ (God's power to save) the Church must compete with denominational churches, and even other congregations of the church of Christ. To survive in this competition the church often measures her success by how well she receives attention and attendance of the general public.

Naturally such a false standard of measuring success leads to a quest for popularity. To succeed and survive in the stiff competition the local church must attract and hold its quota of people. The ensuing battle reminds us of the pitches that are made for and bonuses offered to leading athletes to join a certain ball club. In this mad rush true spiritual values are lost sight of and a wholly material concept creeps in. When a congregation advertises what it has to offer how much is said about spiritual things ? It advertises the comfort of the building by a central heating and air unit, cushioned pews, staffed nurseries, and a convenient parking lot. The advertisements usually carries a picture of beauty and size of its building. While these things may not be wrong within themselves, but when we place more importance upon things of this nature we have lost our spiritual insight. How far will these things lead us ?

The pressure of the world is being felt upon the Church, and, brethren, if we are not careful this pressure will cause us to completely abandon the faith, and we will become just another denomination with no Bible idenity at all. To be the Lord's Church in the 20th century we must be what it was in the 1st.century: nothing more and nothing less. There is a need for alarm ! Where will it end ?

Confession Of Sins

Sis. Karen Sharp, a young Christian, came forward last Wed -nesday night making confession of sins and asking for the prayers of the Church in her behalf. This is not an easy thing to do, but it must be done when we fall.

Congratulations

The Central Church of Christ is now meeting in their new building, and they held open house last Sunday afternoon. However, if you did not have the chance to see it then I am sure they would be glad for you to stop by any time.

Card Of Thanks

"Thanks so much for the flowers sent to me while I was in the hospital" Pam Baker

The Sick

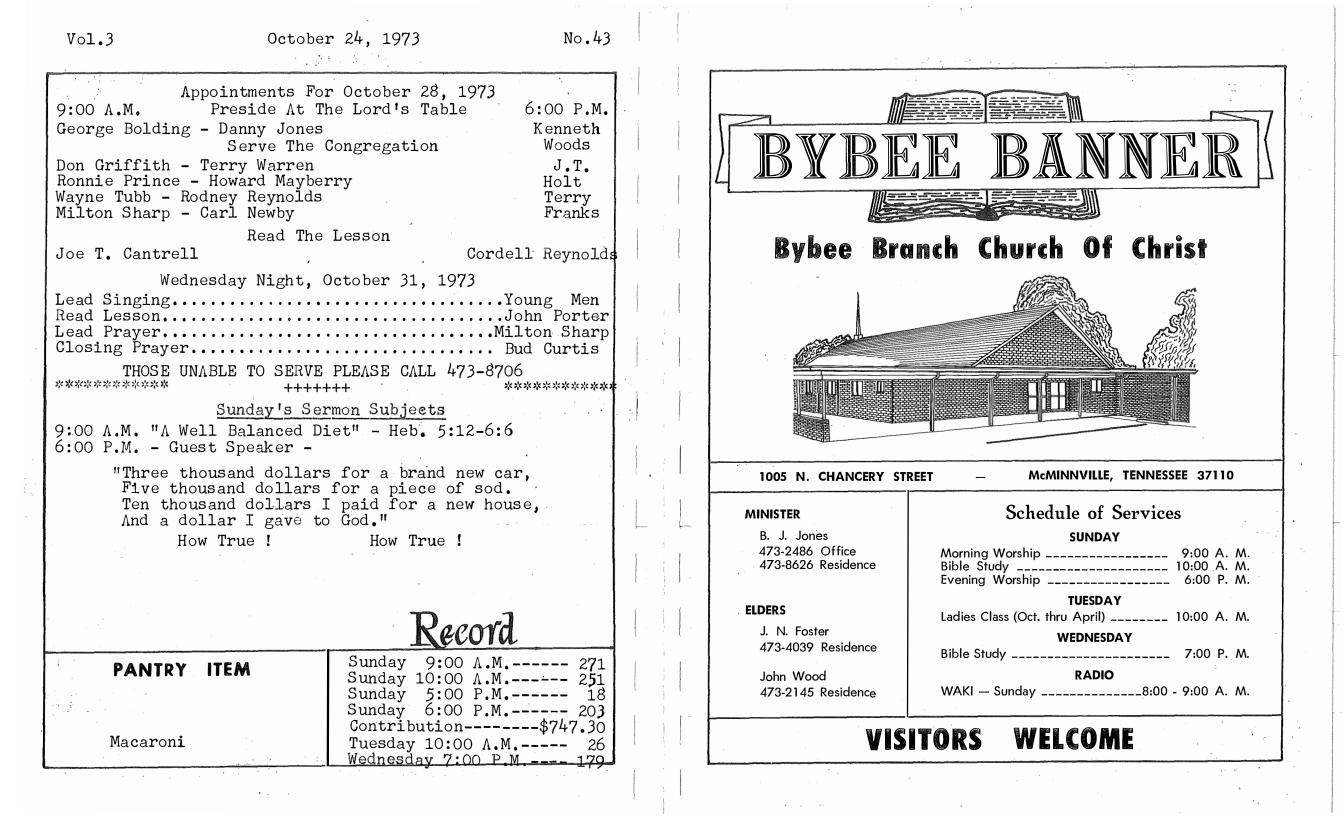
Sis. Vada Campbell is in River Park hospital where she underwent surgery on Monday morning, and she is making good progress toward recovery. Sis. Daisy Dean Atnip has been a surgery patient at St.Thomas hospital, but is in hope of coming home by today. Mrs. Rosemary Summers is in a Knoxville hospital, but we have no late word on her condition. Sis. Beatrice Rigsby is sick and has not been able to be in services this past week. Mr. John Brock, Sis. Lucille Brock' husband, is sick at his home and unable to be out, Sis. Pam Baker is also on the sick list. Bro. Peyton Greene was able to be in services last Sunday, and we hope it is not too long untill he is back with us on a regular basis again. Bro. Robert Cantrell was also back with us after a few days in River Park hospital.

Ladies Bible Class

The ladies are showing good interest in this class study on "The Christian Home" We had a new one to enroll in the class this week making a total of 30 on roll. Five (5) of the ladies were out this past Tuesday due to various reasons, but we hope they will be back next week. Why not make your plans to be with us next Tuesday morning at 10:00 A.M

<u>71 Went Away</u>

Last Sunday morning after the worship service 71 people left before Bible study. This is the biggest difference in number for the two services in a long time. What did you do after leaving that was more important than studying the Word of God ? We encourage everyone to stay on Sunday morning for the Bible classes.



Rules For Church Growth

If members of the Church were asked one by one "Would you like to see the Church grow ?" their answer, I am sure, would be "Yes" However, the desire for growth is not enough. Some would like to see the Church grow but are not willing to do their part to help it grow. Success in any field of work is dependant on rules; rules that are set and followed Here is a list of 10 rules, and they are made with a fervent plea that you will consider them and help the Church grow by keeping them.

- 1. Every member of the Church attending every service.
- 2. Everyone inviting and bringing someone to the services.
- 3. Each member taking a personal interest in the lost. Pray for them and talk with them about their salvation.
- 4. Pray and work in behalf of the Church and the work that it does.
- 5. Be willing to serve where you can when called upon.
- 6. Study the Bible daily so that you will be able to teach others "The Way Of Lige"
- 7. Give of your prosperity freely. Give sacrificially of your time, efforts, money, and talents.
- 8. Be friendly toward our visitors, Make them welcome and invite them to return.
- 9. Don't grumble and complain. Do not gossip or carry tales. Be honest in all things with all men, and let love be your motive.
- O. Be the "salt of the earth and the light of the world" so that others can see Christ living in you.

I assure you that if these rules are followed by every member of the Church you would see a great movement of growth in the Church.

In most every congregation you have two groups of people: One group is willing to work and the other group is willing to let them. Some who wear the mame of Christian are nothing more than a bench-warmer. You can't really depend on them for anything. In fact, if the whole Church was like them no good work would ever be done, and the Church would suffer a great loss.

The Church is like a body (I Cor.12) and it depends on each of it's members to do their work. When members of the body do not work properly the body is hindered; when members of the Church do not work properly the Church is hindered. We are either a help or a hindrance to the Church. If a member of our body is a hindrance to us we would be better off without it - Matt.18:8-9

Cospel Meetings

The meeting at the Central congregation will continue through Friday night with services at 7:30. Bro. Clarence Dailey is doing the preaching.

The Mt.Leo congregation will have a meeting next week, Sunday through Wednesday (Oct.28-31) with bro. M.F.(Mid) Mcknight doing the preaching. Services at 7:00 P.M.

Invitation

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a miscellaneous shower for Mrs. Richard Myers on Thursday, Oct.25, at 7:00 P.M. here at the building.

Congratulations

Don and Barbara Pennington are the proud parents of a baby boy born last Friday. Sis. Bernice Fults is the grandmother.

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Luncheon

Following the Bible study next Tuesday morning in the Ladies Bible Class there will be a covered dish luncheon, and we invite you to be with us at 10:00 A.M.

Sympathy

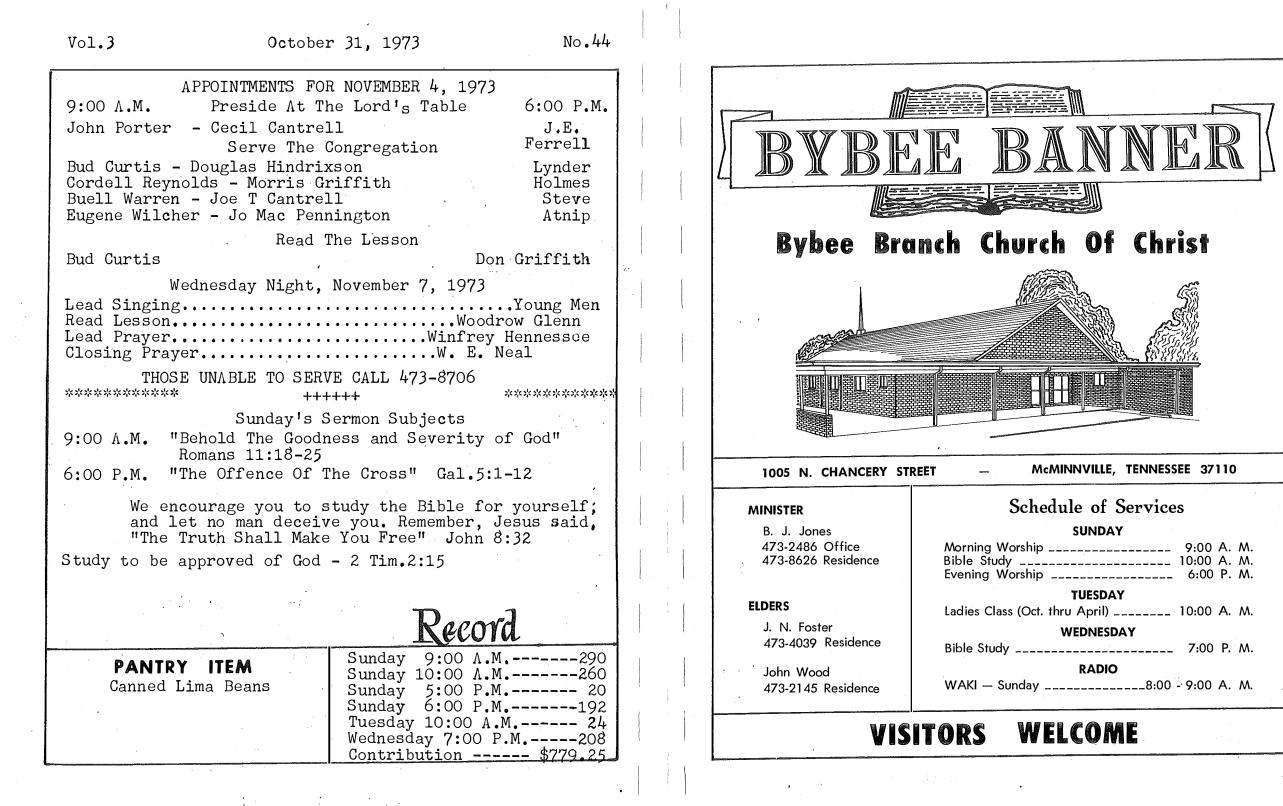
Our sincere sympathy is extended to Sis, Velma Bennett and to members of her family in the death of her grandson, Forest Bennett. He was killed in an automobile accident on Tuesday. We do not have all the details at this time.

The Sick

Bro. Dewey Cantrell is in Rutherford County hospital where he underwent eye surgery last Monday morning. Sis. Vada Cantrell is now at home, and feeling better. Sis. Flossie Warren, Sis. Dorothy Foster, and Bro. Robert Mullican were sick this past week and unable to be in services.Sis.Daisy Atnip is recovering well from her surgery, and is now at home. Sis. Rosemary Summers has returned to her home in Oneida, Tenn. after surgery in a Knoxville hospital and she is feeling much better. Bro.& Sis. Ernest Boren have received word that their son, Ernie, is in serious condition in a hospital in Michigan. They ask for your prayers.

Men's Training Class

All of the men and young boys are invited and urged to attend this class on Sunday evenings at 5:00 P.M.



The Master Teacher

Everyone, I am sure, will agree with me that Jesus is the master teacher. He is our example and model. Each of us as teachers would do well to follow in His foot steps, and to become like Him so much as is humanly possible. There are many reasons for Jesus being the master teacher. Here are just a few of them.

1. HIS PREPARATION. Jesus began to prepare for His work as a teacher early in life. At a very young age, 12 years old, we find Him "sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions" (Lk.2:46) Later in his life He was baptized to fulfill all righteousness, (Mt.3:15) All who would teach must likewise gain knowledge and become a Christian.

2. HIS KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S WORD. Jesus demonstrated His knowledge when He was tempted of the devil. He was able to reply with "it is written" (Mt.4:1-10) To be effective as a teacher of the Way of Life today we must be able to give a "thus-saith-the-Lord" (I Pet.3:15)

3. HIS METHODS. Jesus is the master teacher because he knew how to teach as well as what to teach. He could sit in the midst of the doctors, or he could wander among the shepherds and fishermen and not be found lacking. Some of His greatest lessons were taught in parables, and in them He made His teaching simple enough for the uneducated, and yet challenging enough for the greatest minds. The Lord's methods of teaching were natural and effective. To be a good teacher of God's Word today we must make the lessons simple, and direct to the point.

4. HIS LIFE. Jesus not only taught in word, but also by example (Acts 1:1) He practiced what He preached. He taught men to obey God (Mt.7:21), and He obeyed (Heb.5:8) He was willing to forgive (Lk.23:34) and He taught forgiveness (Mt. 6:14-15) He taught His disciples to do good for all men (Lk.10:25-37) and this He also did (Ac.10:38) A good teacher follows this example.

5. HIS ATTITUDE. People were often offended at His teaching (Mt.13:57) and He met with many disappointments (Mt.23:37), Yet His attitude of mind and purpose of heart was to obey God and lead men to Him. Jesus prayed, "Thy will be done", (Lk.22:42) Jesus had a proper attitude toward God, the Word of God, and those He was teaching. We, too, must have a good attitude toward them to be a good teacher.

Every Christian is a teacher in one way or another, and he, therefore, should become like the Master Teacher.

One Baptized

Rita Prince, wife of bro. Rickey Prince, came forward last Sunday morning, made the good confession and was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. We are happy to see the home united in Christ and pray for them a long and useful life in God's service.

Card of Thanks

I would like to express my thanks to the ladies Bible class and the families of Don Griffith, Morris Griffith, Wayne Tubb, and Randolph Lowry for the beautiful flowers I received while I was in the hospital, and also for the cards. - Vada Campbell

Sympathy

On behalf of the congregation we extend our sympathy to the family of bro. Ernie Boren who passed away last Thursday. He was a son of bro,& Sis. Ernest Boren who worship here at Bybee Branch.

Also our sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs.Florean Cope Hooper who passed away last Sunday and was buried on Tuesday. She was a sister to bro. Austin Cope.

The Sick

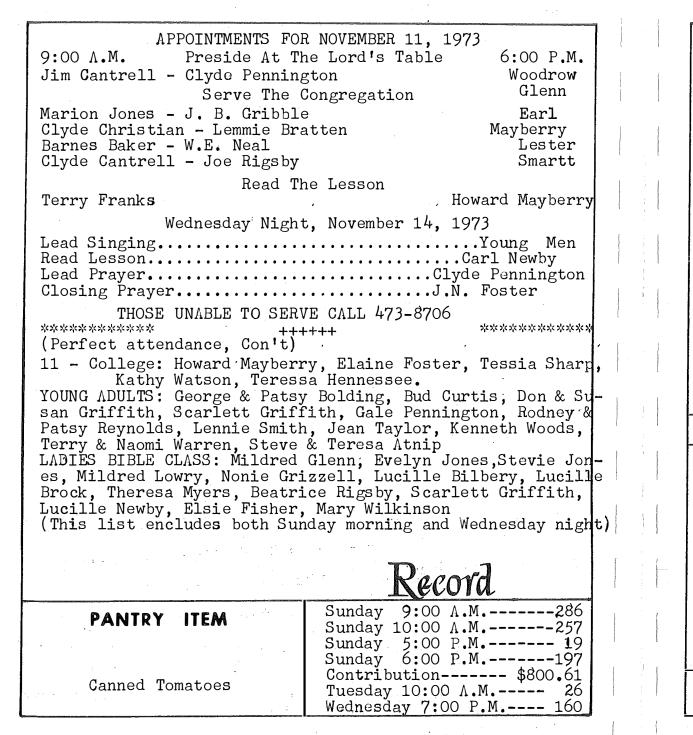
Bro. Dewey Cantrell is now at home and making good improvement after eye surgery last week. His wife, Sis. Betty Cantrell, is a patient at River Park hospital. Ervin Johnson, a brother-in-law to Sis. Evelyn Jones, was seriously injured in a truck accident last week and is in Earlanger hospital in Chattanooga. Bro. Douglas Hindrixson has been sick this past week and unable to be in services. Sis. Vivian Ferrell has not been well for the past several days, and she is at her home. Remember the sick in prayer and in deeds.

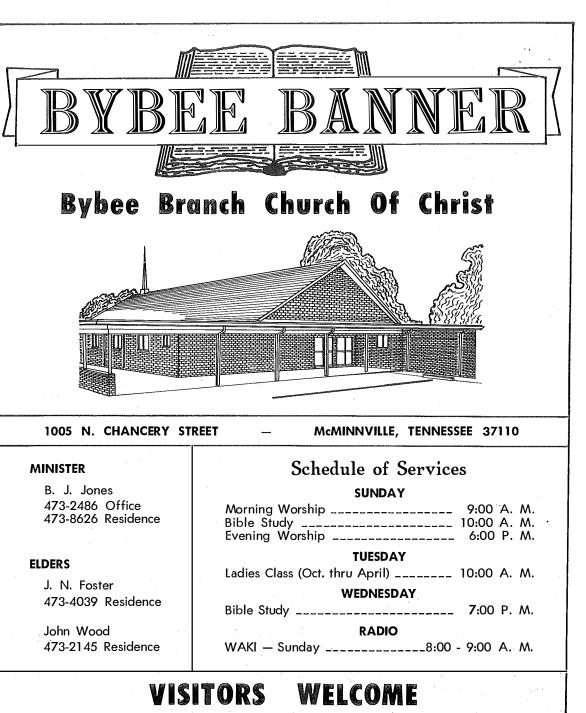
Thanks To Bro. Miller

Bro. Max Miller of the East Main congregation in Murfreesboro spoke last Sunday night to the congregation here in behalf of the School of Preaching in Memphis. Good reports have been given about his visit and the things he had to say.

Fellowship Supper

Next Thursday night, Nov.8, will be the time for the meal we share together. We hope you are making plans now to be with us. Remember, the time is at 6:30 P.M.





Some Serious Questions

If there is no God, as some claim (Psa.14:1), where did the world and all things in it, and man himself, come from ? It is impossible to have these things without God (Gen.1:1-2)

If the Bible is a dead letter, and the work of men, how has it stood the test of all these years, and still remains to be the best seller of all times ? (2 Tim. 3:16-17)

If everyone will be saved at the judgment, why did Christ say many would enter the broad way that leads to destruction ? (Matt.7:13-14)

If a man can be saved without faith, why did the writter of Hebrews say that without it it is impossible to please God? (Heb.11:6)

If one is saved by faith only, why did James say that man is not justified by faith alone ? (Jas.2:24)

If a sinner is saved in answer to prayer, why does the Bible say their prayers are not heard ? (Jo.9:34)

If one does not have to be baptized, why did Jesus command, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved"?(Mk.16: 16)

If a person is saved without being baptized, why did Peter say that baptism doth also now save us ? (I Pet.3:21)

If one can "join the church of his choice," why does the Lord add the saved to the Church ? (Acts 2:47)

If one church is just as good as another, why did the Lord love the Church and give Himself for it ? (Eph.5:25-32)

If "Holy and Reverend" is God's name, why do men wear them? (Psa.111:9)

If we do not have to obey the gospel to be saved, why did Paul say the Lord will take vengeance on them that obey not the gospel ? (2 Thess,1:7-9)

If it is not n eccessary to eat the Lord's Supper, why did jesus say "except ye eat of my flesh and drink of my blood you have no lifte in you"? (Jo.6:53)

If a child of God cannot sin and be lost, why are we told to "take heed l.est we fall" ? (I Cor.10:12)

If there is no preality of hell, how was the rich man there? (Luke 16:19-31)

If there is no promise of tomorrow, why do you take a chance with your soull by putting off your obedience untill tomorrow ? (Jas.4:113-14)

Fellowship Supper

Once a month members of the congregation meet here at the building to share a meal together. Tomorrow night, Thursday Nov.8, at 6:30 will be the next meeting, and everyone is invited to attend.

Gospel Meeting

Bro. Foy E. Wallace is preaching in a meeting at the Morrison congregation this week, through Sunday, Nov.11, and the services are scheduled to begin each night at 7:30 You are invited to these services.

Singing School

The East End congregation is conducting a Singing School through Friday night of the week with classes each night at 7:00 - 8:30 All who are interested are invited to be in attendance.

Card Of Thanks

"Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude" Signed: The Boren Family

The Sick

Bro.& Sis. Dewey Cantrell are both sick at home, and unable to be out, but seem to be improving. Bro. Kirby, Sis.Eula Baker's brother, is in River Park hospital suffering from a heart attack. Bro. Claude Jones and bro. C.E. Anderson were sick this past week and were not in services. We hope and pray that each of these will soon be feeling much better.

Perfect Attendance For October

NURSERY: Tully Franks, and Lori Wilcher

2 & 3 Yr.OLDS: Cappi Merritt, Paddi Merritt, Chip Cantrell, Abi Pennington, Brad Holt, Lynn Cantrell, Brad Cantrell.

4&5 Yr. OLDS: Brad Bolding, Matt Colvard, Julie Griffith,

Scott Griffith, Carmen Reynolds, Denice Reynolds,

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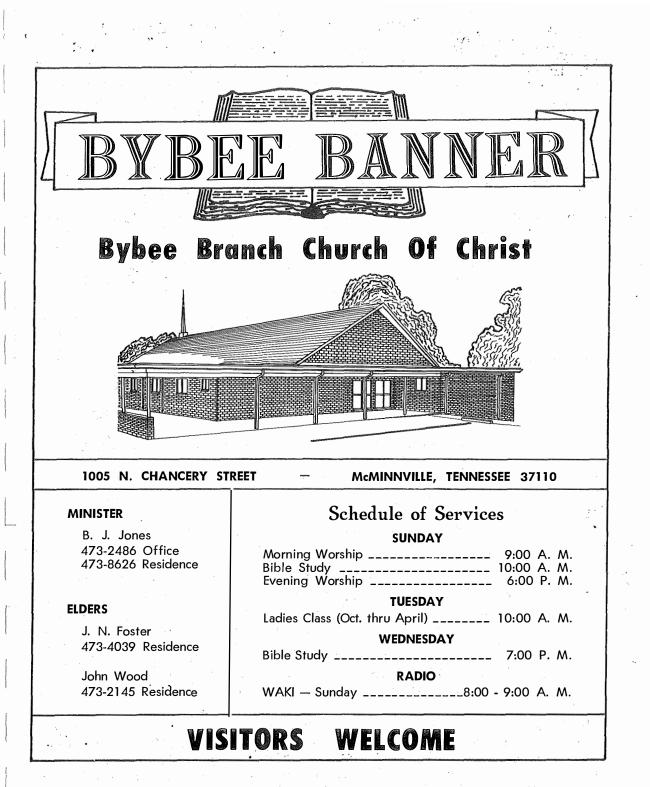
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Joe T Cantrell	Clyde Pennington ght, November 21, 1973
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Some people think they have a clear conscience, but what they have is a poor memory. The best way to get on your feet is to first get on you knees. It is not necessary to tell everything you know, but it is best to know everything you tell. Some have their own ideas about a secret: either it's not worth keeping, or it's too good to keep.	
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Spiritual Mindedness

The apostle Paul wrote, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" Rom.8:6 If you were asked, "What do you consider to be the greatest hindrance to the progress of Christianity", how would you answer ? Unbelief ? Persecution ? Outside evil powers ? All of these, I am sure we will agree, become hindrances on certain occasions. From where I sit I would say the greatest hindrance is the carnal mindedness of those who profess to be Christians, but who have never been really converted.

God never assigned a work for His people that was impossible for them to do. Whatever their task was God always provided the way for it to be done. No outside power or force could ever prevail against the power of God, and cannot stop the work which He commands unless we allow it too by a spirit of indifference and "don't care" attitude.

There are many moves abroad in the land today to undermind the power and force of New Testament Christianity. The laws of God are tarmpled under the feet of man, and the "Way Of Life" is everywhere spoken against. The account of creation as given in Gen.1 & 2 is made fun of. The inspiration of the Bible is ridiculed. God's Law for marriage and the home is ignored. The plan of salvation is perverted. The method of work and worship through the Church is denied. The name of Christ is blasphemed. The idea of judgment and eterhal punishment is scoffed at. Why is this? The reason is simple: People are carnally minded instead of spiritually minded. Materialistic minded people judge happiness and success only on the basis of what they have now, and never look to that which is to come. They think in terms of "now" with no thought about eternity. This was the mistake of the rich man in Luke 12:16-21 Many live in want of pleasures and things the world can give, but what profit will there be ? Matt.16:26 To be spiritually minded is to think as the Spirit of God

directs us through the Word, and to be governed by His law. Note: Gal.5:22-23 Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God (Rom.8:14), but those who have not the Spirit are none of His (Vs.9) If we live by the flesh we will die (Rom.8:13) This is why Paul wrote, "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace"

There is a great need in the Church today for spiritually minded people who put first things first (Mt.6:33) and who let nothing stand in their way of serving God. One of the first steps away from God is to become carnally minded. We, then are open to whatever will follow.

Someone Is Needed

No one has volunteered to take care of the preparation of the communion trays for the month of December, and someone is needed immediately. This should never be a problem in a congregation the size of Bybee Branch. Please sign your name on the list that is on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of bro. Frank Newby who passed away last Saturday, and his funeral was conducted this past Monday. He was a brother to Sis. Lucille Cantrell, and had other relatives at Bybee Branch.

3 Day Meeting

Bro.Jones will be in his last meeting for this year at the Soddy Church of Christ near Chattanooga Thursday through Saturday night of this week. Remember this effort in your prayers.

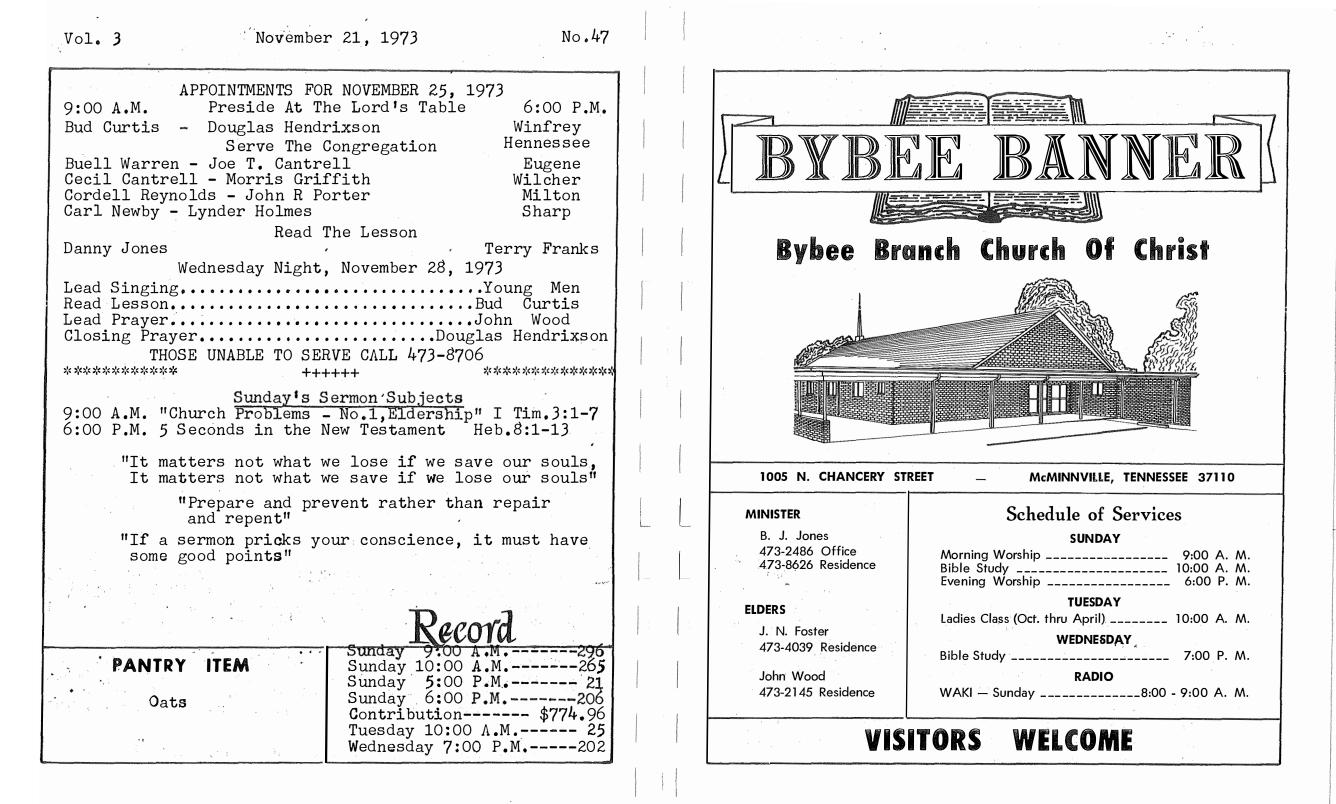
The Sick

Sis. Betty Cantrell has been back in River Park hospital, but is now at home and some improved. Bro. Dewey Cantrell is still recovering from eye surgery, but is doing fine. Sis. Lena Bratten is a patient at Warren County hospital in room 255. Bro. Kirby is still confined to the hospital, but his condition seems to be improving. Sis. Mary Lois Cantrell and Sis. Brenda Curtis were sick last Sunday and unable to be at services. Bro, Claude Jones has also been sick and unable to be out. Bro. C.E. Anderson was able to be back with us last Sunday after his sickness. We would appreciate it if you would let us know of those who are sick so that we may announce it.

Our Sunday Morning Broadcast

The second Sunday of each month the morning services are heard over WAKI at 11:00 A.M. For the past several **times** we have received a poor quality presentation, The tapes were so distorted and muffled that you could hardly understand what was said. Maybe we could get some results if enough of us called the station and let them know of our dissatisfaction. It would be better to have no program at all than to have one with such poor quality.

"You can always depend on God, but can He always depend of you ?"



Thanksgiving

On Thursday of this week, November 22, many families will be spending the day together and the world in general will celebrate a national holiday called "Thanksgiving" We rejoice, of course, that families will be together, and the loved ones whom we have not seen for a long time can spend a little time with us, Many happy memories will be brought to mind of the past years, and many will try to re-live the days when the family was all together; before they grew up, married. and moved away, This day will be celebrated, but I am afraid that little "thanksgiving" will be expressed.

The Christian should let everyday be a day of "thanksgiving" and should remember the good things which he has received from God. No day should begin nor end without thanksgiving. Every good and perfect gift comes from God (Jas.1:17) and our gratitude should be shown to Him by using these blessings aright, and by obeying His commands.

Man was made in the image and likeness of God (Gen.1&2) and was placed on the earth for a purpose. This purpose is stated in Eccl.12:13 "Fear God and keep His commandments" If our life is spent in neglect of this nothing will profit us in the last day (Matt.16:26) One who truly fears God and keeps His commandments gives himself to God as a living sacrifice (Rom.12:1-3)

Only when we realize that we are "His offspring" (Ac.17:28) and that we are dependant upon Him for life, and all things of life will we express our "thanksgiving" each day.

I suppose the people of this nation is blessed far above any nation of the world. But how have we shown our thankfulness ? People have forgot God, left him out of their plans and life, and never stop long enough to say "Thank you"

We should not have to be reminded over and over again to be thankful to God, but many times we are forgetful. If we remember that we came from God, and to God we must return for judgment it may help us to live better lives. While we live we are wholly and completely dependant upon Him for the things of life. To them who "seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness" all necessities of life are promised (Matt.6:33)

We pray that this day of "Thanksgiving" will be a blessing to you and your family, and that it will bring many pleasant memories for years to come.

Financial Report

The financial report for the 1st. Six (6) months of 1973 (Jan.-June) is included in this week's bulletin. You are asked to look it over carefully, and any questions you may wish to ask bro. Morris Griffith, the treasurer, will be happy to discuss them with you. The contribution averaged \$774,41 per week for the 1st, 6 months of 1973 This is an average of \$165.46 more than for the 1st. 6 months of 1972

The Sick

Sis, Lena Bratten remains a patient in the Warren county hospital, but is some better and has hopes of being home' in a few days, Mrs. John Newby is in River Park hospital, but the family has requested that she not have visitors at this time: Bro. Junior Kirby is in Park View hospital in Nashville, but is showing signs of improvements. Leslie Mitchell is in the Murfreesboro hospital, but may return home this week. Sis, Nannie Chisam, a sister to Sis. Josie Davis, is in the Woodbury hospital, Bro.& Sis. Dewey Cantrell are a little better, but still unable to be out. Sis. Brenda Curtis is still suffering from a back injury. Mrs. Eva Ware, a sister to Sis, Homer Perry, is in River Park hospital. Be sure to include the sick and shut-ins in your daily prayers.

"Morning Devotion"

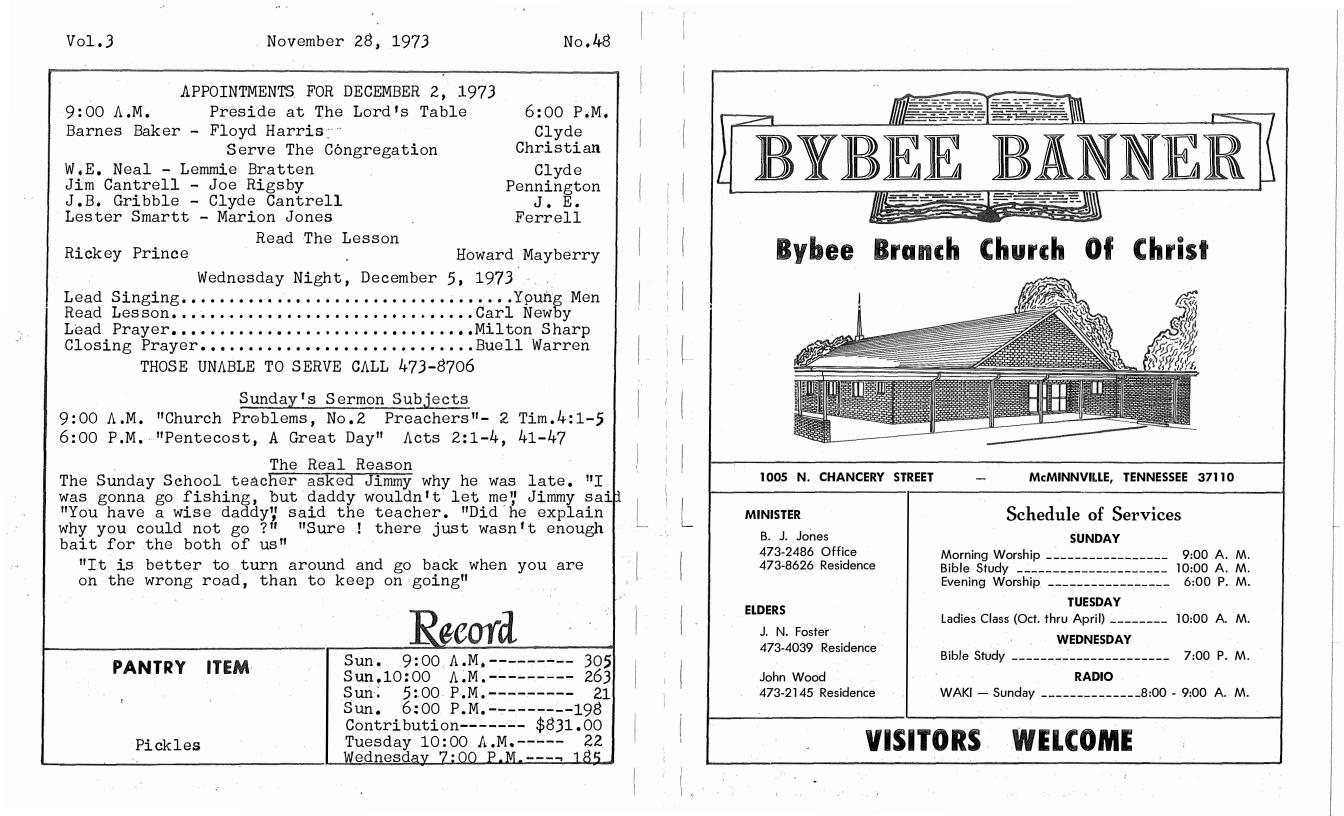
Bro. Jones will be the speaker of the "Morning Devotion" program next week (Mon.-Fri,) over W B M C at 10:05 A.M. We hope you will listen, and invite others to listen also.

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In addition to the two (2) preaching services on Sunday, the Church here provides other Bible study periods whereby the members, and non-members, may increase their knowledge of God's Word. These opportunities to learn are listed for your benifit, and you are encouraged to take advantage of them.

Sunday morning Bible classes...A class for everyone. Men's Training Class - Sunday 5:00 P.M. For men and boys. Ladies Bible Class - Tuesday 10:00 A.M. For all ladies. Wedhesday night Bible classes - 7:00 P.M. A class for all

"Knowledge + Opportunity = Responsibility "



The Lord through John wrote to the Church at Sardis,"I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead"- Rev.3:1

Men said of Sardis, "She is alive" - this was her reputation The Lord said of Sardis, "Thou art dead" - this was her true character. What men say of you is your reputation, but what the Lord says of you is your character; what you really are A man's character and reputation should be the same. When his character is good his reputation should be good; when his character is bad his reputation will be bad. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Though a man's character may be stable, his reputation will likely fluctuate. Between his character and reputation there may be a conflict. A GOOD MAN MAY HAVE A BAD REPUTATION. Though a pure young man, Joseph was accused of impurity, Though a patriot, Jeremiah was banded a traitor. Though sinless, Jesus was often under the condemnation of religious leaders. Though one of the world's greatest men, the apostle Paul was imprisoned, It was Paul who said, "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution"-2 Tim. 3:12 Thus, a bad reputation may be a good indication.

A BAD MAN MAY HAVE A GOOD REPUTATION. Though an unworthy son, Absalom "stole the hearts of the men of Israel"- he reveled for a while in a fine reputation. Concerning Judas Iscariot, we hear no critical remarks untill the last. Though the Church at Sardis was dead, men were saying, "She is alive" All through the ages men have been praised for good deeds which they did not do. "Woe unto you," said Christ, "when all men speak well of you." When thieves, robbers, drunkards, and fornicators speak well of you, when false teachers and false livers speak well of you, something is wrong with you. Your character is revealed by the character of men who praise you. A GOOD REPUTATION MAY BE A BAD INDICATION.

GOODNESS OF CHARACTER IS PARAMOUNT. It is vastly more important than reputation--than all the praise and honor and all the glory men can give. Reputation is an uncertain thing, for it is what men think you are. Character is a stable thing, for it is what God knows you to be. Solomon said, "As he thinketh in his heart, so is he"- Prov.23:7 What we really are is a product from our heart.

We may be evil and corrupt in mind and life, and make others think we are good, but we cannot deceive God-Gal.6:7-8 Our character should be built upon the Rock--the character and teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. For the man who wears the breastplate of righteousness there is no permanent defeat.

Fellowship Supper

On Thursday night, Dec.13, we will have our last fellowship supper for 1973 and we hope you will begin now making plans to be with us. Those who attend these supper find them to be both pleasant and profitable. I am sure you will agree if you will come.

Cards Of Thanks

"Your kind expression of sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance by the family of Frank Newby"

"Thanks so very much for the flowers, it was so thoughtful of you" - Nannie Chisam

The Sick

Mrs. Linda Newby remains in River Park hospital, but is reported to be improving, Bro. Junior Kirby is still in the Park View hospital in Nashville, but is some better. David Hennessee underwent eye surgery last week in the hospital at Murfreesboro. Bro. Austin Cope, son-in-law of bro. &Sis Marion Jones, is in River Park hospital suffering from an automobile accident, but is not believed to be in serious condition. Darrel Winningham, Sis. Shirley's husband, will undergo surgery on his had that was hurt in an hunting accident. His surgery is scheduled for Thursday of this week at Smithville. Sis. Bratten is now at home, and feeling a little better. Bro.& Sis. Dewey Cantrell are still on the sick list, and Leslie Mitchell is home from the hospital. Bro. Floyd Harris, Bro. Howard Scott, and Sis. Barrett are also among our sick.

Ladies Bible Class

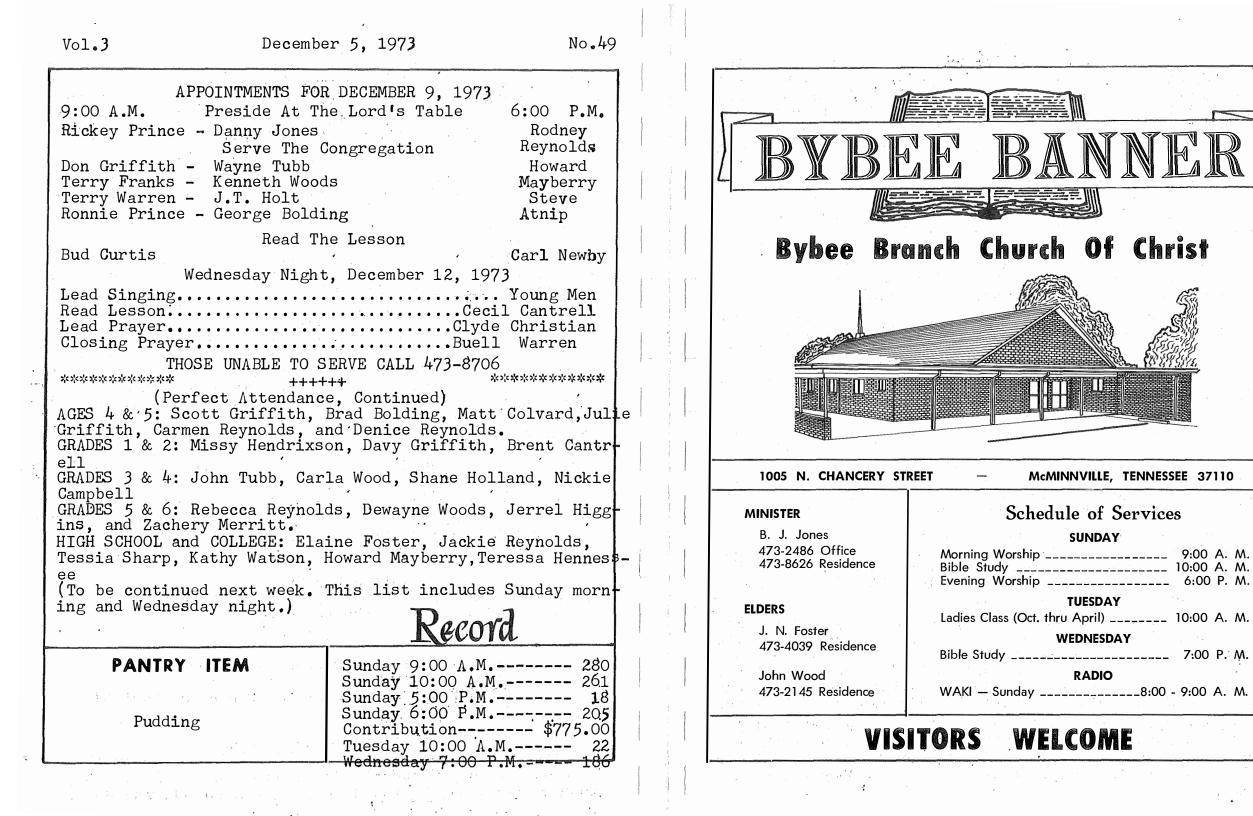
Following the study of the lesson next Tuesday morning at 10:00 the ladies are planning a covered dish luncheon, and all are invited to be with us. We would like to encourage all the women to be regular members of this class, for we believe it to be for your good.

Teacher's Meeting

Next Monday night, Dec.3, is the time for our next regular teacher's meeting, and all teachers are urged to be present. This will be the last one for 1973. Your cooperation and support is needed.

> "It was never loving that emptied the heart, nor giving that emptied the purse."

"The teeth may be false, but let the tongue be true."



Limited Obedience

Jesus asked, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Luke 6:46 The point is, if you are to be My disciples you must do what I command. We cannot restrict or limit our obedience to the Lord and still claim to be His followers. Some have tried to limit their obedience. "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" Mk.16:16 Some are baptized, not because the LORD COMMANDED IT, but because they felt they were already saved. This is not in obedience to the Lord's commands.

"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess before my Father which is in heaven" Matt.10:32 Some will confess Him to be Lord if it does not put their job or business in danger. They will confess Him at certain times and at certain places, but refuse to do so if it will interfer with their gain. (Note: John 12:42)

"Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also" Matt.5:39 Some, making light of this passage, say, "But the Bible doen't say what to do then" as if they are at liberty to return the blow. This is only partial obedience, for the Lord does not allow a recompense of "evil for evil" Rom 12:17

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" Heb.10:25 Some have erroneously added conditions to this verse; "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together"...unless "Company comes in", or "Unless you have a trip to make", or "Unless you are tired and want to sleep late" then, under these conditions they think it is alright to "forsake the assembling" Is this obedience ?

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" I Cor.16:2 Some will give, but not according to their prosperity. This is not obedience. Others will give provided it will not keep them from having what THEY want.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith" Gal.6:10 Some will practice this, unless it is someone of a different race or color, or unless he is not a Christian, then they withhold their good deeds thinking they have done the Lord's Will. This is nothing but limiting our obedience

One cannot follow the Lord part of the way and still claim to be a faithful Christian. Either it is doing what the Lord commands, the way He commands it, for He commanded it to be done, and in that way, or else we do not Obey the Lord at all. ' One Restored

Bro. Howard Mayberry, a young Christian, both in age and in the Church, came forward last Sunday morning confessing sins of neglect and requesting the prayers of the Church. Howard has a great desire to be of service in the Lord's work, and we should encourage him all we can.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Bro, Andrew Myers, and elder in the Church at Smyrna, who passed away Sunday morning while teaching his class. His funeral was to be Tuesday of this week.

Also our sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs, Louis (Jackie) Boggs who passed away Sunday in Orlando, Fla. and funeral services was to be today in Chattanooga. She was an aunt to Sis. Evelyn Jones,

The Sick

Bro. Austin Cope is now at home, and is much better. Mrs. Linda Newby is also at home after several days in the hospital. Darrel Winningham is improving after surgery on his hand last week. David Hennessee is some better and hopes to be out soon. Wayne Ray, Sis. Earlene Ray's son, is in River Park hospital where he underwent surgery last Monday Bro. Dewey Cantrell is not able to be out, but is improving Junior Kirby is improving from his heart attact but is still in Park View hospital in Nashville. Ronda Newby was sick this past Sunday. Sis. Elsie Fisher, Sis. Medlen were out Sunday night due to colds. Sis. Barrett and Sis. Christian and Sis. Beatty remain on the sick list. It was good to see Sis, Bratten, Bro. Harris, And sis. Betty Cantrell back in services, and also Leslie Mitchell

Fellowship Supper

Everyone is invited to the supper next Thursday night, Dec. 13 at 6:30 P.M. here at the building.

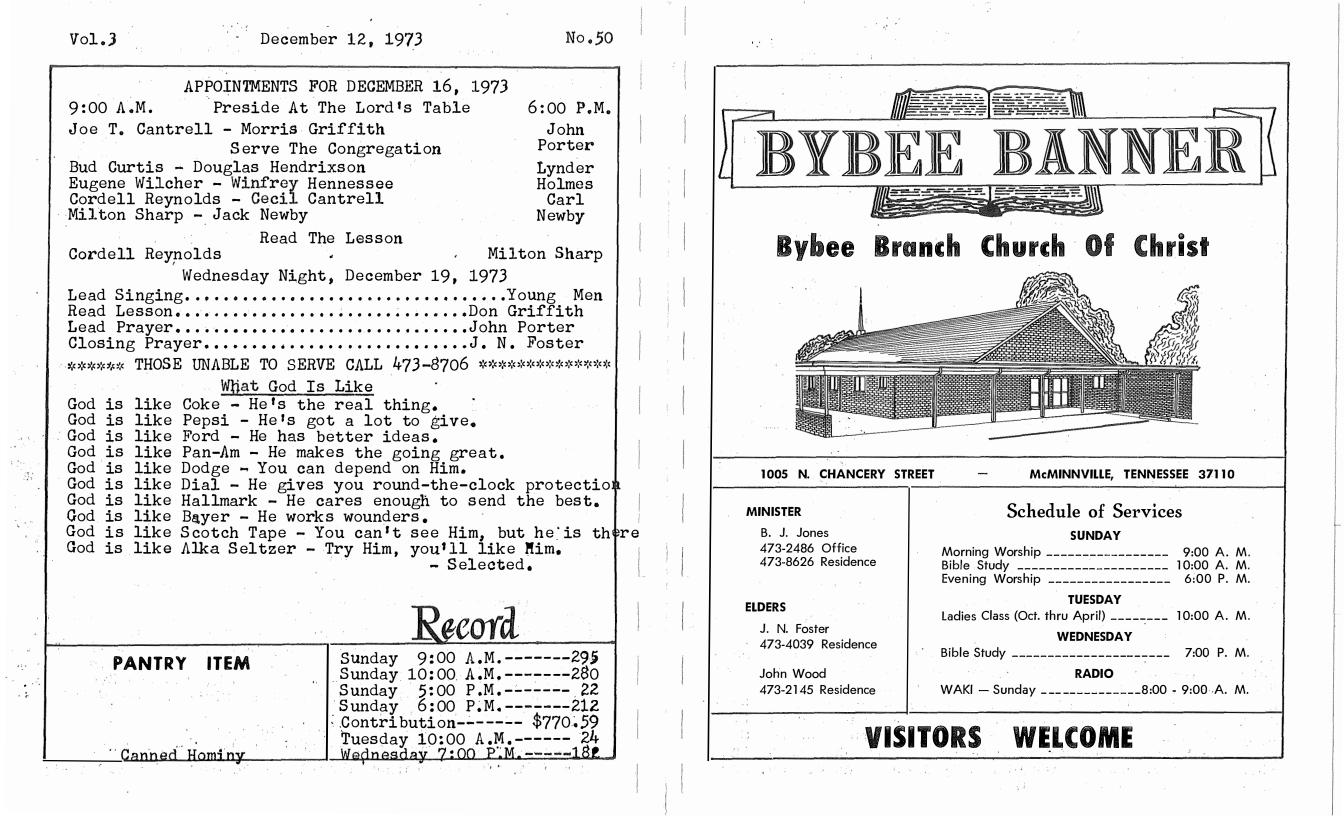
Sunday's Sermon Subjects

9:00 A.M. "Problems in the Church, No.3, Members" I Cor.12:12-31

6:00 P.M. "Why I am a member of the Church of Christ" Matt.16:13-20

Perfect Attendance For November

NURSERY: Lori Wilcher, Tully Franks, and Lynn Cantrell AGES 1 & 2: Chip Cantrell, Cappi Merritt, Paddi Merritt, Barry Hendrixson, Monica Moore, Brad Cantrell, Brad Holt.



"A Christian Was Killed"

I once heard a story that went something like this: "Satan was going to attack a Christian, and would try his best to kill him. He first shot a poisonous dart at his heel, but the Christian was unharmed because he had on the shoes of the preparation of the gospel of peace. Satan's second attempt was at his loins, but the Christian was able to repell the attack because his loins was girted about ' with Truth, Unsuccessfully Satan tried a shot at his breast, for there was the breastplate of righteousness. The Christian knocked away one arrow with the shield of faith, and another one was repelled by the helmet of salvation, Satan, who is not easily discouraged, slipped around behind the Christian and shot him in the pocketbook,, and killed him dead as a hammer, A Christian Was Killed"

The Devil is our greatest enemy, and he is always on the alert to take advantage of us any way he can (I Pet.5:8) He never sleeps, but is watching for a point of weakness in us. If he cannot succeed one way he will try another, He is always hammering away at us. The only way to avoid the dangerous traps is to "resist him, and submit to God" (Jas. 4:7)

Satan has entraped some by the temptation of strong drink, others by the gain they make by lying, stealing, and cheating. Some have been kept from God by unbelief and disobedience. A few have been led astray by neglect of duty in attending services once in a while, and by failing to use their talents for the glory of God: But, I suppose Satan has been able to kill more Christians, and to hinder the work of the Lord, by tempting us to withhold from God what is rightfully His.

The Bible teaches the Christian to "Lay by him in store as God prospered him" (I Cor 16:1-2) The failure to do this as God has commanded will condemn us just as much as if we were drunkards, adulterers, fornicators, liers, murderers, or thieves. It is just as wrong to sin by omission as it is by comission. (Jas.4:17)

Our giving to God as He has'instructed us is just as much a duty as living a godly life, praying, studying the Bible,or "going to church" If some were to sell their lands and houses they still would not have enough to catch up on their debt to God. They would not be able to make up for the times they did not give as they were prospered. Our debt to God must come first, even if we have to do without some of the things of life that we would really like to have. You, and what you have, belongs to God.

<u>Card Of Thanks</u>

"I want to express my thanks and appreciation for the many nice cards, visits, phone calls, gifts and prayers during my illness. Special thanks to the Ladies Bible class for the pretty flowers. Again I say thanks ! Lena Bratten

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Mrs. Annie Brown at her death last Sunday. She was the grandmother of our Sis. Ellen Prince.

Young Adult Class, Attention ! Members of this class are asked to meet here at the building on Tuesday night, Dec.18 at 6:00 P.M. to help prepare fruit baskets for the sick, shut-ins and aged.

Fellowship Supper

Tomorrow night we will meet, the Lord willing, for the last fellowship supper of 1973 We hope that each family will prepare a covered dish and come to be with us.

Communion Trays

You who will help prepare and care for the communion trays in 1974 are asked to sigh your name on the list that is on the bulletin board.

The Sick

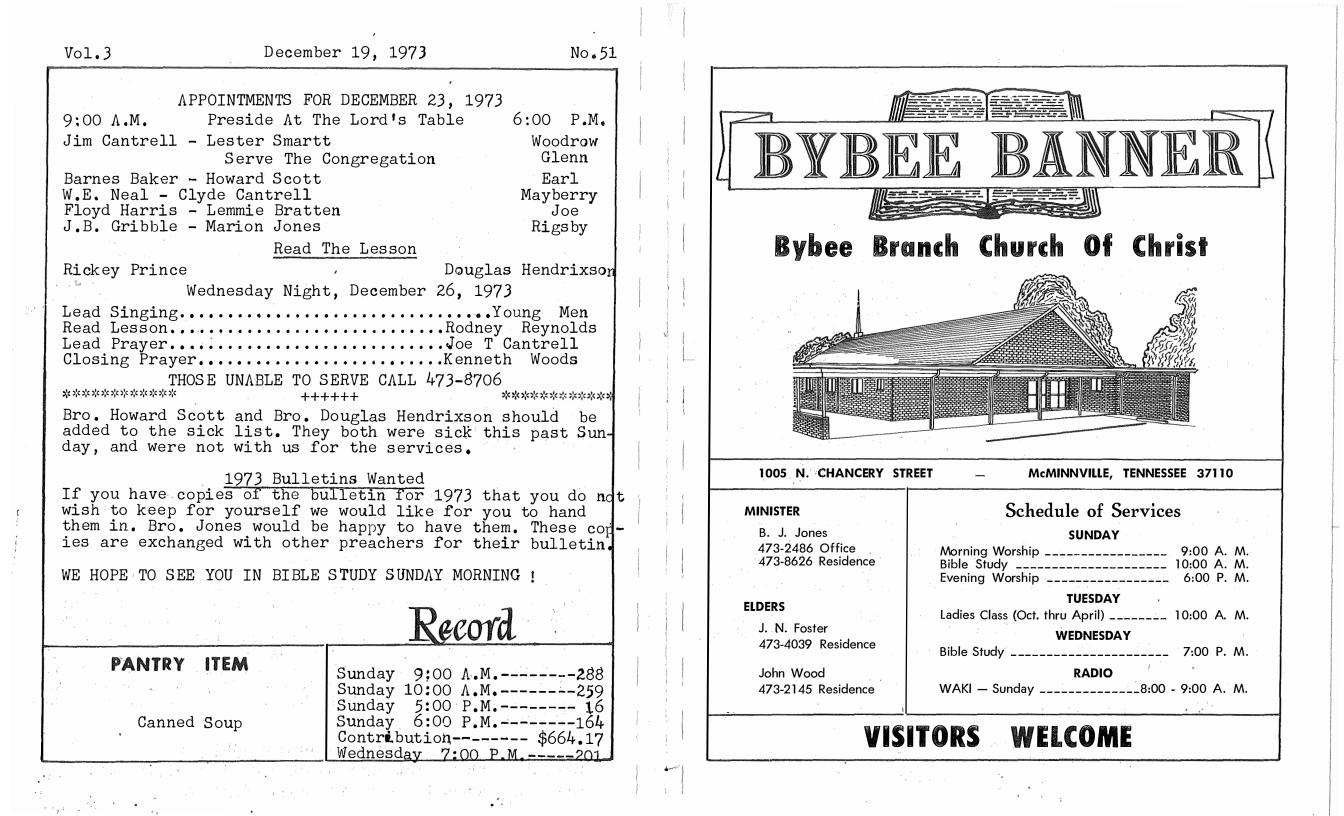
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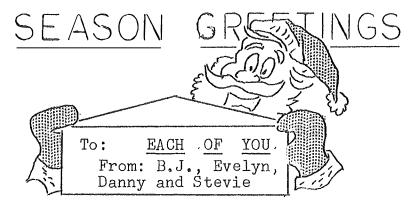
Perfect Attendance for November

(Continued from last week) YOUNG ADULTS: Don & Susan Griffith, Douglas Hindrixson, Rodney Reynolds, Lennie Smith, and Kenneth Woods. LADIES BIBLE CLASS: Mildred Glenn, Evelyn Jones, Stevie Jones, Mildred Lowry, Bertha Summers, Stella Duncan, Nonie Grizzell, Lucille Bilbery, Lucille Brock, Theresa Myers, Beatrice Rigsby, Lucille Newby, Elsie Fisher, Mary Wilkinson, and Vivian Ferrell.

Sunday's Sermon Subjects

• 9:00 A.M. "Problems at Cornith" I Cor. 1:10-17 6:00 P.M. "Three Things That Abide Forever" I Pet.1:13-25





While we do not celebrate December 25, or any other date, as the birthday of Christ, we do believe it is always a good thing to wish people well and to pray for them and to hope for them the best. I assure you that this is our sincere feelings toward each of you and your families. Holidays usually means tragedies and sorrow for many, but we hope the days ahead will only bring you gladness, and happiness.

It has been a pleasure for us to have worked with you the past $2\frac{1}{2}$ years in the Church of our Lord, and words fail us as to the best way of expressing just how much you' have ment to us. Your expressions, both in word and deed, of love and consideration is deeply appreciated. Members at Bybee Branch will always have a warm place in our hearts, and we will remember you for many years to come.

I know that it is humanly impossible for us to repay your kindnesses, but we would like for you to know that we are ready at any time to serve you, and to help you in any way we can. We are as near you as your telephone. You may feel free to call on us when you have need of our services.

We pray that God will richly bless you during the present holiday season, and all through the coming years and that you will continue faithful to Him and His Word.

We say, to you, in the words of the apostle John:

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth"

3 John 2

Immediately following the classes tonight everyone is invited to meet with us at the Northside School. The teachers have planned this gathering for their classes and it will offer us an opportunity of fellowship together. There will be an exchange of gifts among the children.

Gift to T.O.H.

The stock of pantry items was boxed last Sunday night, and the truck from the Tennessee Orphan Home came Monday to pick them up. This is just one of the many ways the Church at Bybee Branch helps with the work with these children, Your support and cooperation in this effort is deeply appreciated. Continue to bring the "Pantry Ites" each week;

"Fruit Baskets"

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Members of the Young Adult Class was to meet last night to prepare these baskets for the sick and shut-ins. Some 25 or 30 baskets were needed, and the Young Adult Class is to be commended for their interest in this work.

Ladies Bible Class

The ladies Bible class on Tuesday mornings has been postponed untill January 8, 1974 Good interest has been shown in this class, and when we resume our studies we hope you will be with us.

Card of Thanks

"First to tell you "Thank You" and then a line to say,"to do nice things for others just seems to be your way" Mr. William Gillen

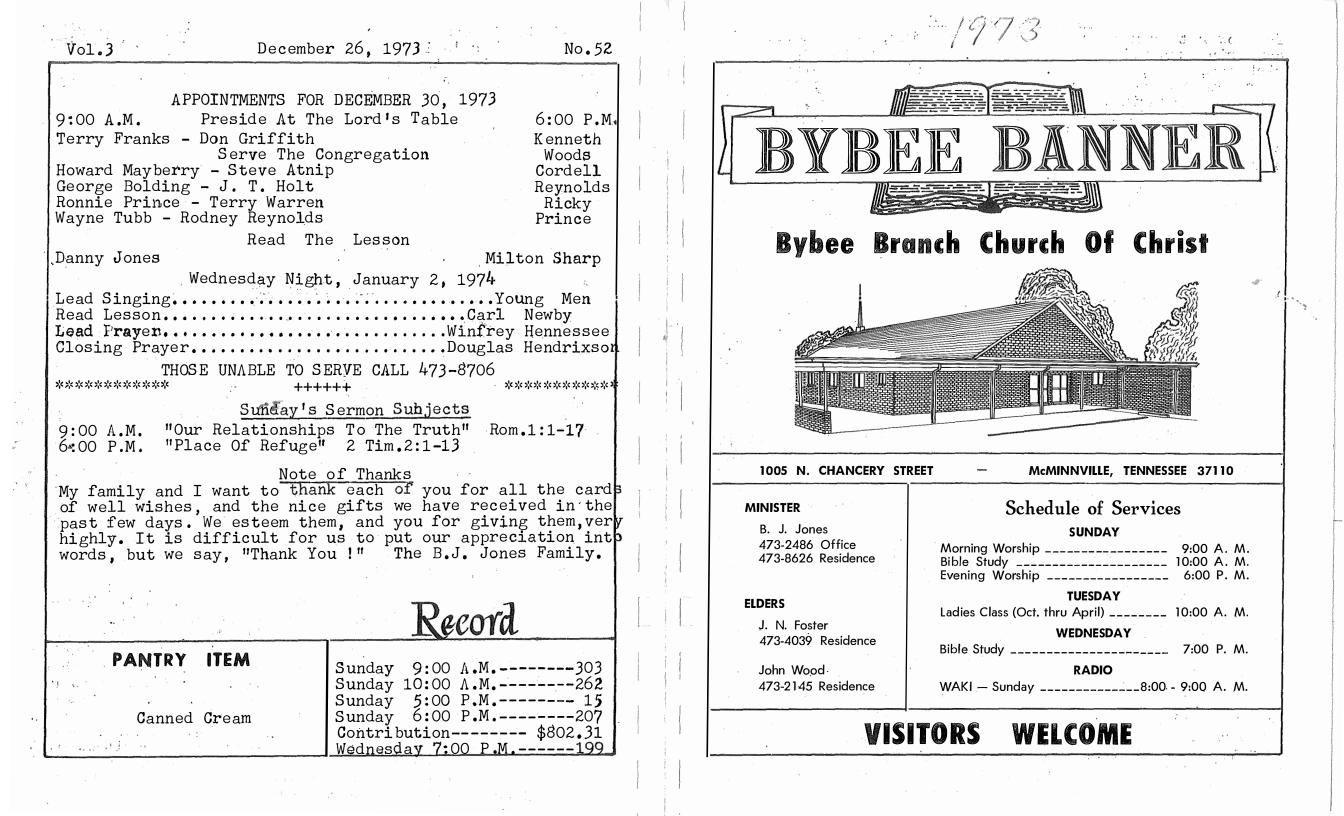
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The Sick

Bro. Kirby is now at home from the hospital and feeling much better. Bro. Benton Tubb has not made much improvement, and has been returned to River Park hospital. Sis. Wyonna Neal has been sick the past several days and unable to be at worship. Sis. Medlen also remains on the sick list, and she, too, has been unable to be with us. Mr. Gillen remains in River Park hospital, and seemingly there has been no change in his condition. Bro.& Sis. Dewey Cantrell remain shut-in at their home, but are feeling a little better.

Sunday's Sermon Subjects

9:00 A.M. "Our Relationships With God" Eccl.12:1-13 6;00 P.M. "What is Truth ?" John 18:28-40



Things To Remember

The power to remember is a great blessing, but sometimes it can bring unhappiness and sorrow. Abraham called upon the rich man, "Son, remember..." (Luke 16:25) That which he was to remember were the good things he once enjoyed, and Lazarus once enduring evil things. We may forget God, and fail to obey Him, but we will have an eternity to remember all the time and opportunties we had in life. It will then be too late to do anything about our condition. There are some things that we should remember now.

<u>REMEMBER THY CREATOR</u>. This is Solomon's advice to the youth but would enclude older people as well. (Eccl.12:1) Think of God's goodness that has been bestowed upon us; count the blessings which you have received from God and be thankful that all things are as well with you as they are, for they could be worse. We cannot really be thankful to God unless we obey Him and live for Him.

REMEMBER THE WORD OF THE LORD. Peter wrote his second epistle to stir up pure minds by way of remembrance: that we may be mindful of the words spoken before (2 Pet.3:1-2) Our salvation depends on hearing the Word of the Lord (Rom:10: 13-17), and also on our remembering what we have heard, lest we believed in vain (I Cor.15:1-4) Those who forget God's Word will likely forget God.

REMEMBER LOT'S WIFE. Jesus calls attention to this event in history, and tells us to remember it. (Luke 17:32) From the example of Lot and his wife we learn that God will save the obedient, but will punish the disobedient, No one ever disobeyed God without paying the price (Heb.2:1-3) If they did not escape, how shall we ?

REMEMBER THE CONDITION IN HELL. Jesus told of Lazarus and the rich man to impress us with the reality of death, Judgment, and eternity (Luke 16:19-31) What happened to the rich man can happen to us. We can profit from his mistakes before it is too late,

Some things we like to remember, other things we would like to forget. To remember and reflect upon the good things of life brings joy and happiness, but to remember tragedies of the past causes sorrow, and we try to forget them.

We should look over our life for this past year and see where we can make improvements, and try to profit from the mistakes. Let the past become only a steppinstone to higher ground, and greater service to God, in the future. We cannot go back and relive the past, but we can make better plans for the days ahead. "Today" (2 Cor.6:2) is the only time we have, "Tomorrow" (Jas.4:14) may not come.

One Baptized

Cheryl Curtis came forward last Sunday morning at the singing of the Lord's invitation, she made the good confession and was baptized the same hour for the remission of sins. We are happy that she obeyed the Lord, and is now a Christian, and pray that she will have a long and productive life in serving God.

Sympathy

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Mrs. Billie Bussell, mother of Sis. Stella Duncan, passed away last Saturday and her funeral was Monday of this week in Michigan.

Mr. Rube Wright passed away last week, and his funeral was this past Sunday at High's. Mr. Wright was an uncle to bro. C.E. Anderson.

To both of these families we express our sincere sympathy.

Ladies Bible Class

All the ladies are reminded that our class will resume on Tuesday, Jan.8, 1974 at 10:00 A.M. All women, both young and old, are invited bo be regular members of this class.

List of Ushers

A list of ushers for 1974 is posted on the bulletin board, and the men are asked to check it. Those who are asked to serve are asked to let it be know if they are unable to do so.

All who met with us last Wednesday night after Bible study at the Northside School seemed to enjoy themselves. Gifts were exchanged among the children, and happy faces were everywhere. Bro. Terry Womack and the young people of the Westwood congregation presented a number of songs, and did a wounderful job with them.

The Sick

Sis. Bratten is back in Warren County hospital, but she shows signs of improvements. Mr. Gillen remains in River Park hospital, and his condition is about the same. Bro. Benton Tubb is also in River Park hospital, and seems to be a little better. Sis. Judy Mitchell is at home suffering from an injury to her hand. The accident happened on her job. Sis. Medlen, Bro. Scott, and Sis. Clara Cantrell were sick this past week, and unable to be out. Sis. Nelda Roberts is at the home of her parents, Joe and Clara Cantrell, recovering from surgery last week. Mrs. Winnie Ward, sister to bro. Marion Jones, is in the Murfreesboro hospital. Sis. Neal and bro. Hendrixson were back with us last Sunday.