

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(473-0557) Johnny Anderson
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Mike Driver
Reading	Chuck Medley
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table (N)	*Thurman Bennett
(S)	*Jim Slatton
(N)	Ralph Crouch
(N)	Rodney Maynard
(N)	Bran Merritt
(S)	Joe Roller
(S)	Edgar Webb
(S)	John Nussbaum
Sermon	Dale Bennett
Dismiss	Doug Hendrixson

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(473-0557) Johnny Anderson
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Bob Bonner
Reading	Roger Kalonick
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*David Chilton
	*Dale Bennett
Sermon	Joe Collins
Dismiss	Bill Womack

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing	Eddie Palmer
First Prayer	Willie Newby
Reading	Ken Martin
Invitation	Larry Flatt
Dismiss	Clyde Christian

Welcome Committee

A.M.	Rodney & Patsy Reynolds
P.M.	Bernice Fults & Dora Wilcher

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Chip Cantrell & Ricky Prince

Attend Nursery: Hazel Bennett

Lock Building: W.C. Chilton

Pantry Item: Macaroni & Cheese

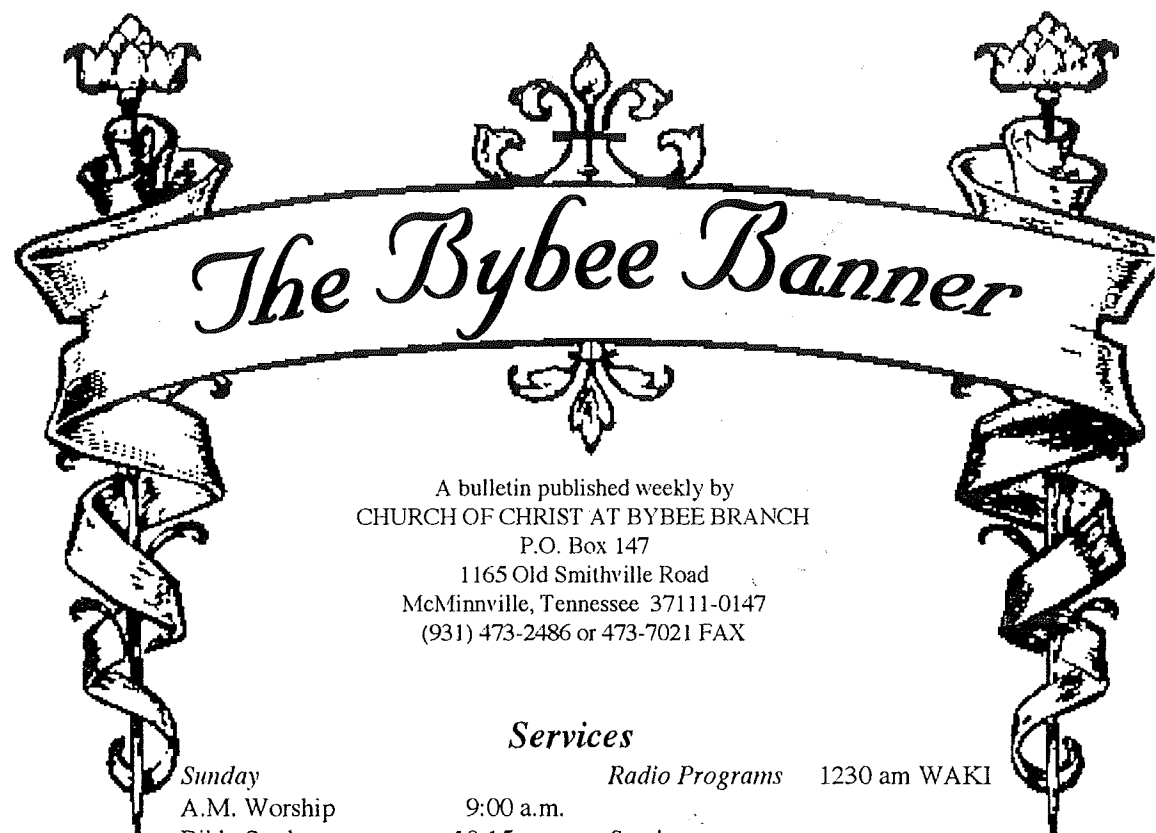
Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship .....	383
Bible Study .....	254
P.M. Worship .....	230
Wednesday Bible Study .....	70
Contribution .....	\$3822

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Jim Slatton	

Preacher

Tony Lawrence	473-8079
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Sick

At Home: Bessie Atnip  
Don Griffith

Sermons

A.M. .... GUEST SPEAKER: Dale Bennett  
P.M. .... GUEST SPEAKER: Joe Collins

To The Youth

Sharla and I would like to thank the Senior High Class for their gift of \$50. That was very thoughtful.

Also, we want to thank all the youth who participated in all the activities and devotionals we had in 1998. We thought it was a great year for Bybee's youth and we hope you did too!

Finally, there are some very faithful and caring parents, chaperones and individuals who made 1998 extremely successful. Thank you! Without your devotion and caring there is no way the activities of this year would have come together.

Lord willing, we look forward to an even better 1999!  
Steve, Sharla, and Terann Hillis



THAT'S FIVE STRAIGHT WEEKS OF RERUNS, PREACHER.  
WHEN DOES THE NEW SEASON BEGIN?

The Day The Cricket  
Preached

On one particular Sunday morning when I was young, I learned a lesson that I have never forgotten. It started out like any usual Sunday morning. As a teenager I goofed around in class (as usual), and when worship time came, I sat down with my buddies to squirm through another worship service (as usual). I soon found out that this was no usual service.

As soon as the preacher got up to deliver the sermon, a cricket walked out onto the stage. It probably came from one of the cracks that were found almost anywhere in the old building. Everyone saw the cricket, at least the first three rows did. He looked like he was dazed, and stumbled near the edge of the pulpit area, with our eyes following his every step. We could see that he had come to the edge, so again we shouted to ourselves, "Jump! Jump!" But, alas, the cricket did not jump. Time after time it walked back and forth. I didn't know if the sermon was any good, but the cricket sure was fun to watch.

When the invitation song began, we all stood up and watched the cricket run. He almost got stepped on when the song leader walked toward the microphone, and again we all laughed. But then my laughing turned to amazement. Someone had gone forward. It was my dad! He was not a Christian. My Mom and I had been trying for years to get him to come to church with us, but he never would. And now the preacher was taking him back and baptizing him.

"Dad," I asked later at home, "what made you want to be baptized today?" "Didn't you hear the wonderful things the preacher was saying today?" Dad asked. "Did you not hear how Jesus gave His life for us so that we could be saved?" I hung my head in shame. The beautiful message of the Bible did not reach me that day because I was watching a cricket.

To this day I believe that cricket was preaching to me. He was saying, "Watch me! Jesus isn't important. I'm more fun." Since then there have been many more crickets walk across the stage, babies crying, sneezes, coughs. A lot of things will distract a person from worshipping God, but I learned a lesson! God is more important than anything. When I worship God all other thoughts are put out of my mind so that I can concentrate on Him and His wonderful blessings. I love the Christian life I lead, and I'm thankful for the day the cricket preached a sermon to me.

~Author Unknown~

January 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					TOMMY & GAIL CROUCH Jason Vandagriff Teri Smith	TOM & PAM MCCOLLOCH
					1	2
Mitchell Jones	Leonard Clemons Danny Duncan Kraig Campbell	BUELL & FLOSSIE WARREN Jacob Griffin Dillon Napier	Katherine Bennett Pat Boles Kendra Napier		Eunice Simpson Sarah Pennington Dora Mullican	Paula Prater Patsy Reynolds  Bible Bowl study session at Ronnie & Cindy Rogers 6:30 p.m.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	Talissa Pelham	Lisa Chilton	Dot Hennessee Ethan Duncan Stephanie Maynard	Kristi Patterson DAVID & IONA KING		
Bible Bowl at Main St. Manchester 2:00	School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 p.m.					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	JOHN & PEARL BIDDLE Scarlett Griffith Janie Griffin Lynn Gann JACKIE & SHERRY PELHAM	Lena Mai Gribble	Pam McColloch Jackie Pelham	TONY & CORRETTA LAWRENCE		Susie Griffith
TABS Program at Wilson Ave. Tullahoma						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
RODNEY & PATSY REYNOLDS Bobby Cantrell Tom McColloch Jeff Templeton	Missy Biles		MARTY & SHARON BOLES Leah Pack Jared Mullican	David Chilton	Shannon Griffin	
	School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 p.m.					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Ronnie Prince						
31						

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Announcements (473-0557) Johnny Anderson  
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 First Prayer John Biddle  
 Reading Brett Merritt  
 Scripture TBA  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Bob Mayfield  
 (S) \*Don Griffith  
 (N) Harold McGinness  
 (N) Harley Northcutt  
 (N) Abram Pryor  
 (S) Caleb Graves  
 (S) Eugene Wilcher  
 (S) Joe T. Cantrell  
 Sermon Don Sullivan  
 Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-0557) Johnny Anderson  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Don Sullivan  
 Reading Danny Duncan  
 Scripture TBA  
 Lord's Table \*Winfrey Hennessee  
 \*Bruce Pryor  
 Sermon Kurt Maynard  
 Dismiss Steve Boyd

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Tyler Boyd  
 First Prayer Chip Cantrell  
 Reading Jeff Templeton  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss W.C. Chilton

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Allen Hughes Family  
 P.M. Winfrey & Dorothy Hennessee

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

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**Attend Nursery:** Melba Bonner

**Lock Building:** W.C. Chilton

**Pantry Item:** Hamburger Helper

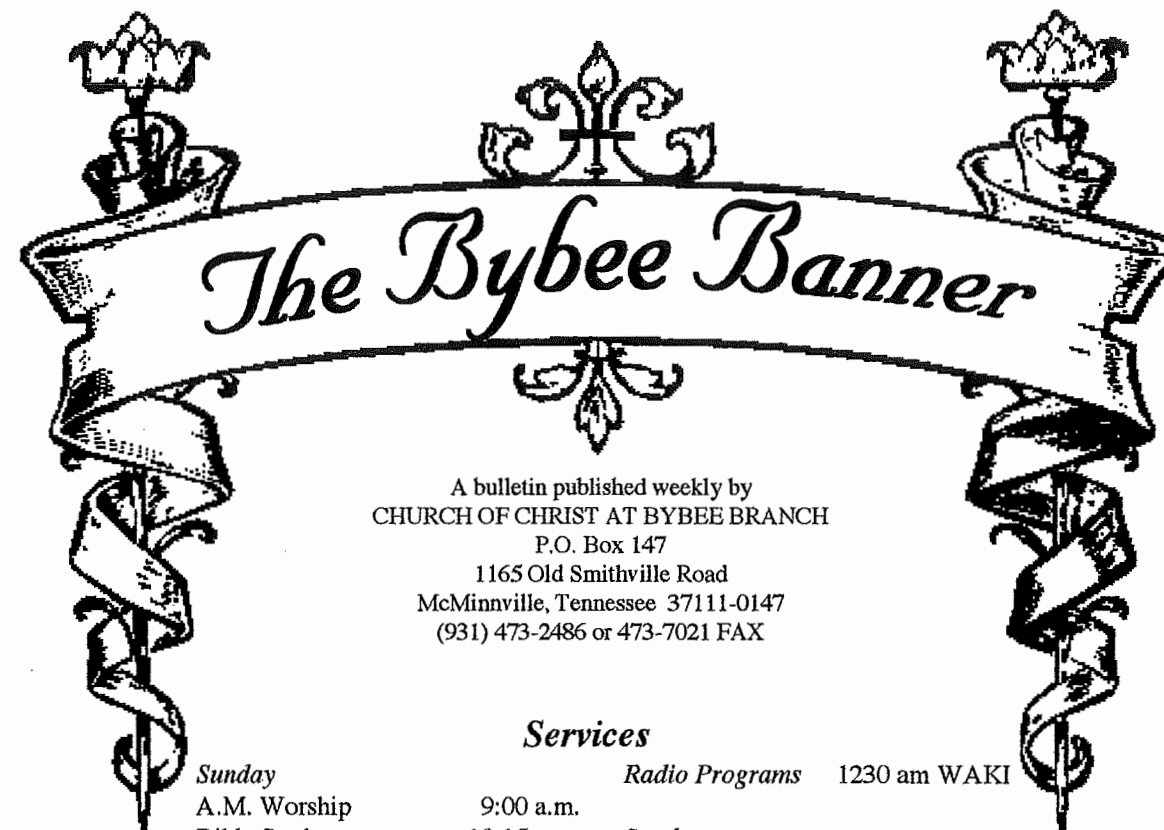
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 P.M. Worship ..... 206  
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Tony Lawrence

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## Sick

**At Home:** Bessie Atnip, Clercie Delon

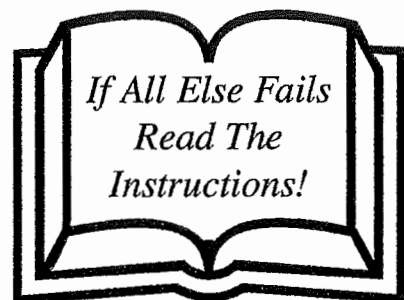
**In The Hospital:** June Slatton, Subrina Merritt  
Lena Mae Gribble

Jack Bond to have surgery Tuesday in  
Murfreesboro

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... GUEST SPEAKER: Don Sullivan

P.M. .... GUEST SPEAKER: Kurt Maynard



"MY ENTIRE CONGREGATION"

## Shut-ins

*Help us keep this list up-to-date.*

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond's mother)

Pauline Greene

Lena Mai Gribble

Houston Stiles

Carol Sue Taylor

Belle Young

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles

Edith Morrow

Flossie Smartt

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Minnie Lane

### McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

### Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

### Home:

Katherine Bennett

Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)

Rozelle Goodman

Joe Maxwell

Harold & Pearl Mitchell

Bessie Parker

June Slatton

Bertha Stewart

Magdalene Taylor

## Bible Bowl

The Bible Bowl for this month will be Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Main Street congregation in Manchester. The bus will leave **promptly** at 1:30 p.m.

There will be a study session on Saturday evening 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 P.M. at the church building in the fellowship room. Those attending are asked to bring \$2.00 for pizza.

## Barriers To Fellowship

by Jerry L. Martin

Fellowship is such a pleasant word, isn't it? It expresses a common desire of two or more individuals to commune together and share with one another. Fellowship is an association had between those that agree and share common interest, activity, feeling or experiences. In *1 John 1:6* through *1 John 2:6*, one gets a clear picture of not only the beauty of the fellowship that we can have with God but also the barriers that can block us from the sweetness of such fellowship with our divine creator.

INSINCERITY is a barrier to fellowship. "*If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth*" (*1 John 1:6*). If we pretend to share the same interest with God but our walk exposes our hypocrisy, a barrier is erected that separates us from true fellowship with Him. The barrier of insincerity can be removed by walking in the light of the Lord (*1 John 1:7*).

IMPENITENCE is another barrier to fellowship. "*If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.... If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us*" (*1 John 1:8,10*). When we insist that our mistakes are not really sins, we build a barrier between us and our God. When we don't recognize our sin as God does, then the agreement needed for spiritual fellowship is forfeited. Truth is replaced with a lie. The barrier of impenitence can be removed if we confess our sins (*2' John 1:9*).

INDIFFERENCE also is a barrier to fellowship. "*He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him*" (*1 John 2:4*). When we are apathetic and show a lack of interest in faithfully following the Lord's instructions, we construct walls of separation between us and Him. The barrier of indifference can be removed only by keeping the words of the Lord (*1 John 2:5*).

If we are to tear down the barriers to fellowship and keep them from being erected in our lives, we must sincerely walk in the light, penitently confess our sins, and faithfully keep His Word. May God help us in this endeavor so that sweet and lasting fellowship can truly be enjoyed.

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Announcements (473-0557) Johnny Anderson  
Lead Singing Joe Collins  
First Prayer Lemmie Bratten  
Reading Willie Newby  
Scripture 2Thessalonians 3:6  
Lord's Table (N) \*Tommy Crouch  
(S) \*Rodney Reynolds  
(N) Kraig Campbell  
(N) Ryan Kesey  
(S) Brandon McGinness  
(S) Bob Cantrell  
(S) Jeff Bond  
(S) Don Johnson  
Sermon Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss Buell Warren

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-0557) Johnny Anderson  
Lead Singing Joe Collins  
First Prayer Noel Pepper  
Reading Tyler Boyd  
Scripture Acts 17:22-27  
Lord's Table \*Frank Reynolds  
\*Ken Martin  
Sermon Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss Ronnie Prince

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
First Prayer Dennis Gain  
Reading Tom McColloch  
Invitation Ronnie Rogers  
Dismiss Leonard Crouch

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Lawrence & Betty Jo Lane & Miranda  
P.M. Ricky Prince Family

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Steve Hillis & Kevin Judkins

**Attend Nursery:** Brenda Bratten

**Lock Building:** W.C. Chilton

**Pantry Item:** cake mix

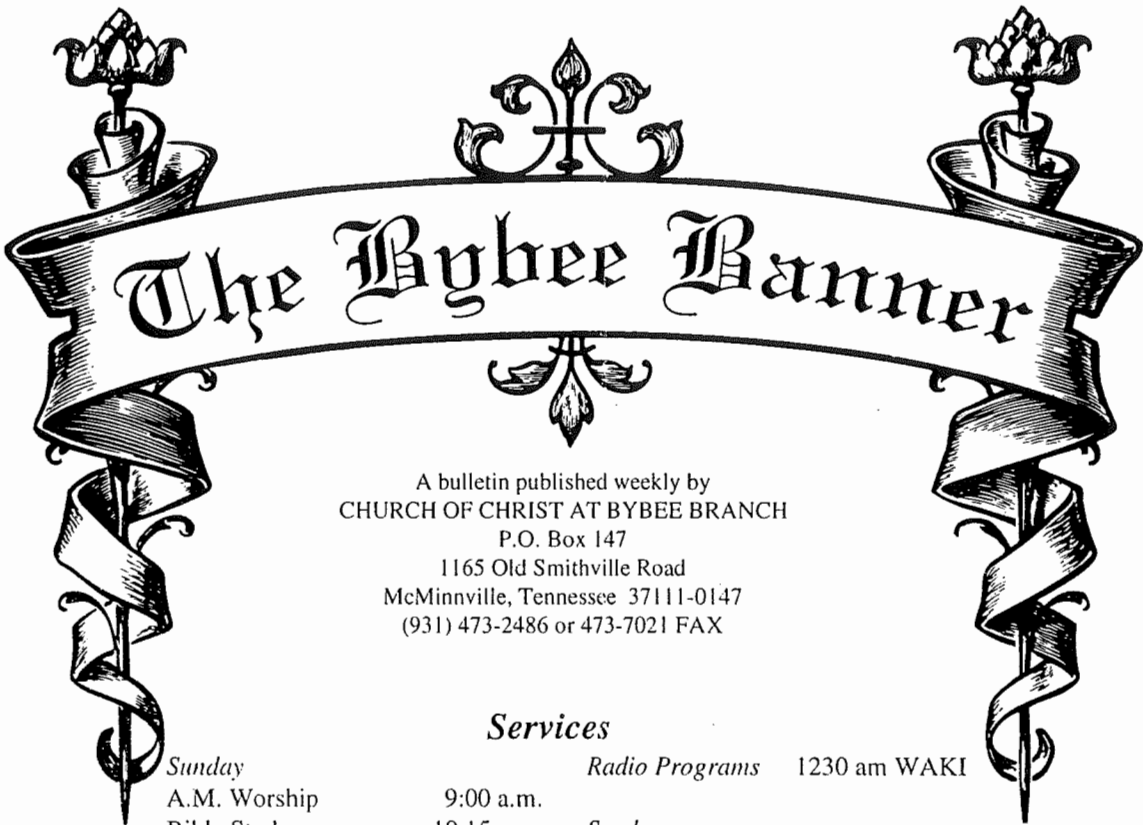
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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Bessie Atnip (mother of Eddie Palmer and Janice Mayfield)

June Slatton-following surgery

Clercie Delon

### In The Hospital:

Jack Bond (Anna Jean's husband)-MTMC/  
Murfreesboro-Room 252

Lena Mai Gribble-NHC

Sabrina Merritt-in hospital in Mexico

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Dealing With The Disorderly

P.M. .... Spiritual Sustenance For The Hungry Soul

## T.A.B.S. Program

The T.A.B.S. program will be this coming Sunday evening at the Wilson Ave. congregation in Tullahoma. The group will leave the building at 5:00 p.m. in order to be there in time for services.

## Bible Bowl

Congratulations to the young people from the Hebron congregation for taking first place in the Bible Bowl this past Sunday at Main St. They did not miss any on the test. Our young people came in second place missing only one. Coming in third was Earleyville and tying for fourth place were New Hope, New Union, and Ivy Bluff. It is encouraging to see so many young people enthusiastic in studying the Bible!

## Baptisms

We rejoiced a couple of weeks back when Joe Huntley and Claudia Scott were baptized into Christ. Pray for them as they begin their new life in Christ.

## The Fall of Rome

According to the historian Gibbon, the Roman Empire fell because of five failures on the part of its citizens:

1. Rapid increase of divorce, undermining the sanctity of the home which is the basis of society.
2. Higher and higher taxes; and the spending of public money for bread and celebration.
3. The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting and brutal.
4. The building of gigantic armaments, when the real enemy was within; the decadence of the people.
5. The decay of religion, faith fading into mere form.

We should be reminded of these often and measure our own national conduct in the light of these failures. How long can America stand if she continues to pursue the course which she now follows?

~Copied~



## Visitation Teams January — June 1999

### Team #1 — First Sunday (meet in Room 1)

Chris & Merideth Jones\*  
Helen Morgan  
Tony & Corretta Lawrence  
Ken & Nona Martin  
Joe & Marsha Collins  
Lynette & Becky Maynard  
Bernice Fults

Teresa Atnip  
Jackie & Sherry Pelham  
Ricky & Rita Prince  
Mike & Sharon Driver  
Glenda & Myra Bell  
Stanley & Sherry Graves

### Team #2 — Second Sunday (meet in Room 1)

John & Pearl Biddle\*  
Woodrow & Mildred Glenn  
Kurt & Stephanie Maynard  
Dot Foster  
Clyde Christian  
Ryan & Tammy McKinney  
Dawn Wanamaker

Mildred Bumbalough  
Linda Cantrell  
Edna Smith  
Lucille Newby  
Mary Davis  
George Christian

### Team #3 — Third Sunday (meet in homes)

Bruce & Susan Pryor\*  
Steve & Sharla Hillis  
Bob & Ada Mayfield

Willie & Donna Newby  
Ronnie & Cindy Rogers  
Kraig & Heather Campbell

### Team #4 — Third Sunday (meet in homes)

Don & Judy Sullivan\*  
Don & Susie Griffith  
Calvin & Nancy Rogers  
Dana Roller

Phillip & Teri Smith  
Chuck & Mattie Medley  
Thurman & Hazel Bennett

### Team #5 — Fourth Sunday (meet in homes)

W.C. & Nelma Chilton\*  
Larry & Jane Flatt  
Roger & Jan Kalonick

Angie Caldwell  
Lemmie & Brenda Bratten  
Johnny & Donna Anderson

### Team #6 — Fourth Sunday (meet in homes)

Danny & Cynthia Duncan\*  
Doug Hendrixson  
Missy Biles  
Doris Smith

Jeff & Mary Flatt  
Denice Reynolds  
Debbie Glenn  
Rodney & Patsy Reynolds

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First Prayer	Billy Gilbert
Reading	Marty Boles
Scripture	1 Timothy 1:3-11
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(S)	*Ronnie Rogers
(N)	Dickie Kesey
(N)	Micah Lawrence
(N)	J.B. Gribble
(S)	Chad Graves
(S)	David McColloch
(S)	Joe Maynard
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Lee

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(473-0557) Johnny Anderson
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Chuck Boles
Reading	Eric Fisher
Scripture	John 17:20-23
Lord's Table	*W.C. Chilton
	*Tim Fisher
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Steve Hillis

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing	Young Men
First Prayer	Calvin Rogers
Reading	David Chilton
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Mike Driver

Welcome Committee

A.M.	Rodney Maynard Family
P.M.	Chip Cantrell Family

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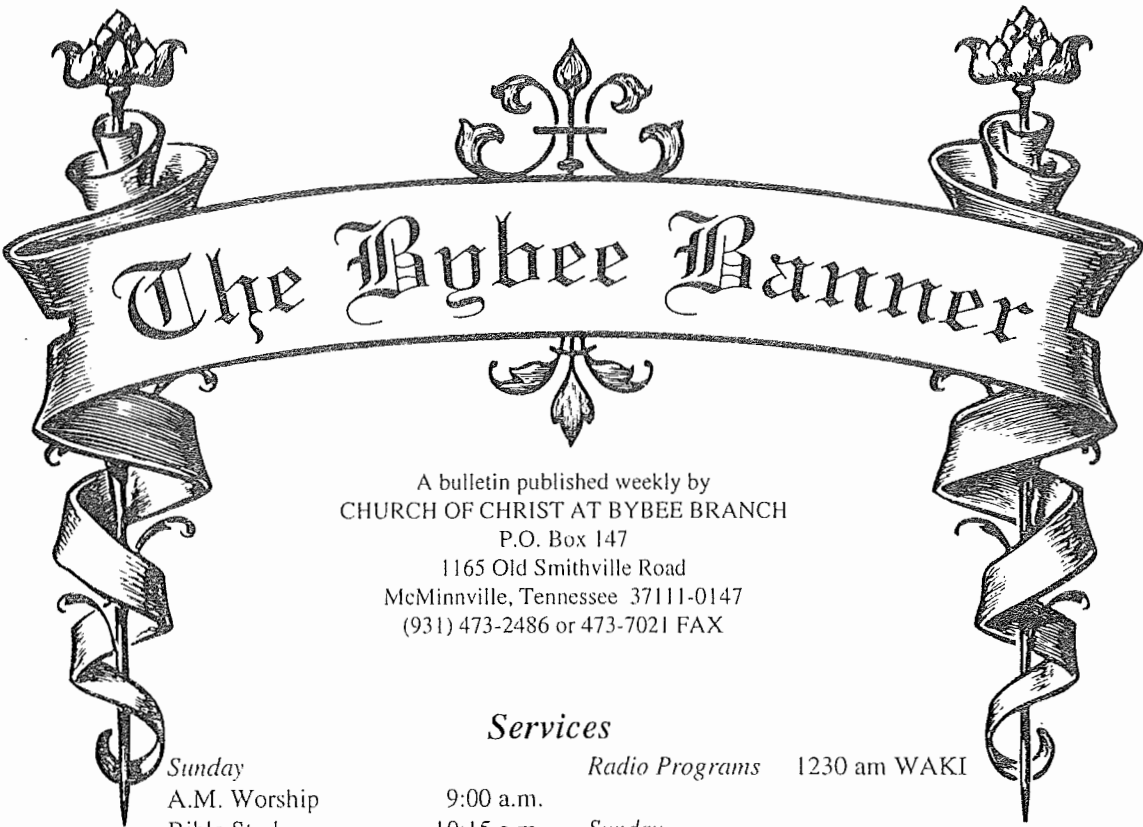
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## At Home:

Bessie Atnip (mother of Eddie Palmer and Janice Mayfield)  
June Slatton-following surgery  
Clercie Delon  
Jonathan Goodman-following surgery  
Jack Bond (Anna Jean's husband)  
Jessica Templeton  
Clint Kesey-pneumonia

## In The Hospital:

Stanley McInery (in Canada)-scheduled to come home this week. Cards may be sent to his home at RR #1, Selkirk, Ontario, Canada NOA-1PO

# Youth Gathering

There will be a get-together at the home of the Kalonick's this Saturday, January 23, 5:00-9:00 p.m. for those in Middle School through High School. Baked potatoes will be served. See Jan for what else to bring.



# Old Folks

There are some lessons that we who are old have learned. We have learned that life is made up of the good and the bad — it is a give and take way of living. Most of us have learned not to be sensitive. We know that everyone will have burnt toast every now and then for breakfast. We have learned that if we carry a chip on our shoulder it will get us into a fight. We have learned that the best way to be unpopular is to carry tales and gossip. We have learned that most people are human and it does not hurt to smile and say "good morning." We have learned that hard work and not cleverness is the secret of success. We have learned that it does not matter who gets the credit just so the job is done. We have learned to sympathize with the young as we have made the same mistakes. We have learned that people are no harder to get along with in one place than in another. We have learned that when ambitions, aspirations and ideals halt, old age begins.

We have learned that prayers and work go together. A man driving through the country saw this sign on a farm, "Pray for a good harvest, but keep hoeing." We have learned it would be foolish to ask the Lord for a good crop and refuse to plant the seed and cultivate the field. There are many blessings to us who are old so let us be thankful for the many lessons learned over the years.

~G.K. Wallace~

# Prom Alternative Trip

There will be a meeting this coming Sunday evening following the services regarding the Prom Alternative Trip. All those in grades 9-12 and chaperones are encouraged to be at this meeting.

# Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Passing The Torch Of Truth  
P.M. .... The Unity Jesus Prayed For

# Be An Example Of The Believers

by Jerry L. Martin

In Paul's first letter to Timothy, he instructs him to, "*Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith and in purity*" (I Timothy 4:12). He then tells Timothy to give attention to reading, exhortation and doctrine, and not to neglect the gift that is in him (vss. 13, 14). Timothy is also encouraged to meditate on things he has been taught and give himself wholly to them (vs. 15). We often emphasize that we are to be examples in the areas pointed out in verse twelve, but sometimes we don't spend enough time learning how. Yet, Paul did not leave us to guess as to how we can develop the ability to be such an example. Let's notice what he says it takes (vs. 16).

First, it takes PURPOSEFUL CONCENTRATION. "*Take heed...*" This lets us know we are to always pay attention and be aware of what we are seeing and hearing. In the parable of the sower, the Lord admonished, "*Take heed therefore how ye hear...*" (Luke 8:18). Peter warned, "*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour*" I Peter 5:8). As an example of the believers, we must decide to be spiritually focused and alert at all times.

Secondly, it takes PERSONAL COMMITMENT. "*Take heed to thyself...*" If we make a personal determination to apply to our own life what we are trying to encourage others to apply to theirs, we can be an influential example. Paul said of himself, "*But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway*" (II Corinthians 9:27). As an example of the believers, we must make personal applications of all divine principles.

Thirdly, it takes PLANNED CONSISTENCY. "*Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them...*" To be a true example of the believers, we must heed Christ's directive. "*If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*" (John 8:31,32). As an example of the believers, we must determine to finish the course and keep the faith.

The PROMISED CONSEQUENCE of purposeful concentration, personal commitment and planned consistency is that you will be an example of the believers. Paul promises, "*...for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee*" (4:16). Let's all determine to be an example.

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (473-0557) Johnny Anderson

Lead Singing Leonard Clemons

First Prayer Dale Bennett

Reading Kurt Maynard

Scripture 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Lord's Table (N) \*Winfrey Hennessee

(S) \*Larry Flatt

(N) Jeff Templeton

(N) Jason Vandagriff

(S) Chris Jones

(S) Steve Wilcher

(S) Harry Felty

(S) Kevin Judkins

Sermon Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Bob Bonner

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements Shane Fisher

Lead Singing Tyler Boyd

First Prayer Caleb Graves

Reading Lynn Gann

Scripture TBA

Lord's Table \*Chuck Boles

\*Kelly Thaxton

Sermon Tim Fisher & Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Joey Reynolds

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt

Lead Singing John Biddle

First Prayer Joe Collins

Reading Bruce Pryor

Invitation Tim Fisher

Dismiss Bob Mayfield

Welcome Committee

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P.M. Eugene & Doris Wilcher

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Lock Building: W.C. Chilton

Pantry Item: Cake Mix

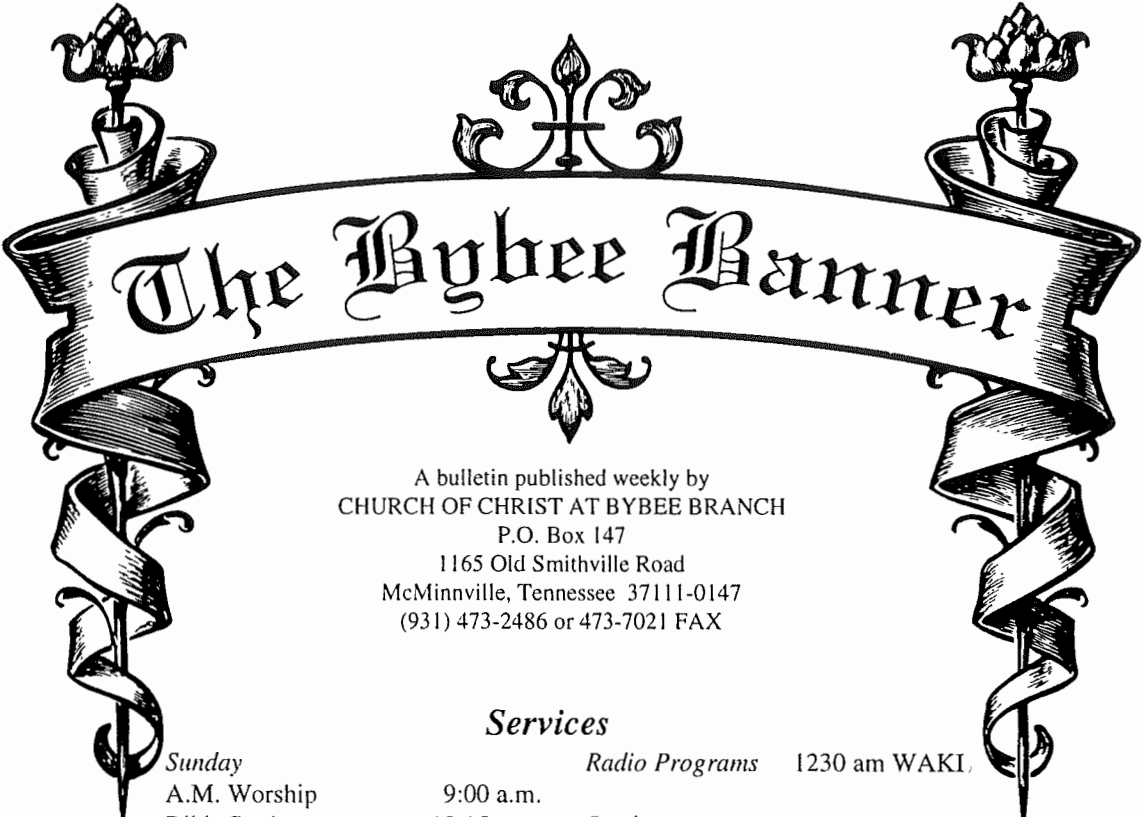
Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship .....	360
Bible Study .....	274
P.M. Worship .....	247
Wednesday Bible Study .....	255
Contribution .....	\$4,240

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Rodney Reynolds	473-3570

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Leonard Clemons	Joe Collins
Jeff Flatt	Billy Gilbert
Stanley Graves	Willie Newby
Jim Slatton	

Preacher

Tony Lawrence	473-8079
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Sick

At Home:  
June Slatton-following surgery  
Jonathan Goodman-following surgery  
Jack Bond (Anna Jean's husband)  
Stanley McInery  
Doris Wilcher  
Andy Slatton  
Bobbie Mitchell (Judy Nussbaum's mother)  
Lawrence Lane

In The Hospital:  
Jane Golden-Riverpark (surgery for broken hip)

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... From Persecutor To Preacher  
P.M. .... Report On Bible Lands Trip

General Business Meeting

The schedule General Business Meeting of the men of the congregation is schedule for this Sunday evening following services.

Bible Lands Trip Report

This coming Sunday evening Tim Fisher and I will give a report on our recent trip to the Bible Lands. We will use a video projector so that you can actually see the places we visited. We will narrate as we go along and give you the biblical significance of the various sites.

We also will try to have some of our souvenirs on display so that you can see some of the things that were available while we were on our trip.

Tony

Prepare To Meet Thy God

by Jerry L. Martin

The humble prophet, Amos, was sent to prophesy of the coming doom upon the enemies of Israel (chapters one and two). He then delivered God's warning to the nation of Israel in the following sobering words, "Therefore thus will do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel" (Amos 4:12). What is often overlooked is the entire process of PREPARING TO MEET GOD that Amos describes for us.

First, one must prepare to meet God in his WALK. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed" (Amos3:3)? Walking with God takes preparation. We must determine to know what the Lord expects of us and then do those things in order to feel comfortable walking with Him (Genesis 5:22-24; 1 John 1:7-10). If we aren't obedient to the Lord's instruction, we find ourselves hiding from God rather than walking with Him (Genesis 3:8).

Secondly, one must prepare to meet God in his WORSHIP AND WORK. "Come to Bethel, and transgress; at Gilgal multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes after three years: And offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and proclaim and publish the free offerings: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord God" (Amos 4:4,5). Amos delivers God's rejection of Israel's worship because they had not prepared themselves to seek and do His will. Contrast Israel's lack of preparation to Ezra's spiritual readiness (Ecra 7:10).

Thirdly, one must prepare to meet God in the WAITING JUDGMENT. "Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel" (Amos 4:12). Because Israel had not properly prepared themselves to walk, worship and work with God they would not be prepared to meet God when He came in His judgment. Many pleas had gone out, and were still being extended, for Israel to return faithful to God. Israel rejected each plea and thereby failed to prepare. Paul reminds us, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Corinthians 5:10).

May each of us be serious in our preparation to walk, worship and work with God so we will be prepared for the waiting judgment.

February 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Dot Foster	Bill Womack		Amy Graves	HAROLD & TERESA MCKINNEY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Stanley Graves Ricky Prince Parker Smith	Tim Fisher Buell Warren Ashley Newby	Cory Prince HUSTON & LISA THAXTON	Scott Griffith			Bible Bowl study session at the home of Rodney & Patsy Reynolds
		FREED-HARDEMAN UNIVERSITY BIBLE LECTURES				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Joe Maynard	Harley Northcutt Anna Bennett	Dickie Kesey Florene Nokes Abram Pryor	Daisy Maxwell Jonathan Anderson	Nona Martin	Mark Lawrence Chuck Boles	
Bible Bowl at East End at 2:00 p.m.						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Avie Clemons	Beth Reynolds Joey Reynolds	JIM & JUNE SLATTON	Rozelle Goodman Leslie Pepper		Gilbert Kell	
T.A.B.S. at Morrison at 5:00 P.M.	School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 p.m.					
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Pauline Greene Loy Watson						
Prom-Alternative Trip Meeting following P.M. Services						
28						

*Sunday Morning Worship*

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Noel Pepper
Reading	Shannon Griffin
Scripture	1 Timothy 1:18-20
Lord's Table (N)	*Ken Martin
(S)	*Dale Bennett
(N)	Paul Davis
(N)	Tom McColloch
(N)	John Stembridge
(S)	Ken Lee
(S)	David Chilton
(S)	Matthew Young
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Steve Wilcher

*Sunday Evening Worship*

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Steve Hillis
Reading	Frank Reynolds
Scripture	Romans 7:1-3
Lord's Table	*Ronnie Prince
	*Don Sullivan
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Rodney Reynolds

*Wednesday Bible Study*

Announcements	(668-2605) Brett Merritt
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Steve Boyd
Reading	Eric Fisher
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Chuck Boles

*Welcome Committee*

A.M.	Myra and Glenda Faye Bell
P.M.	Eugene & Doris Wilcher

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*Ushers:* Chip Cantrell & Ricky Prince

*Attend Nursery:* Pat Boles

*Lock Building:* Don Griffith

*Pantry Item:* Oatmeal

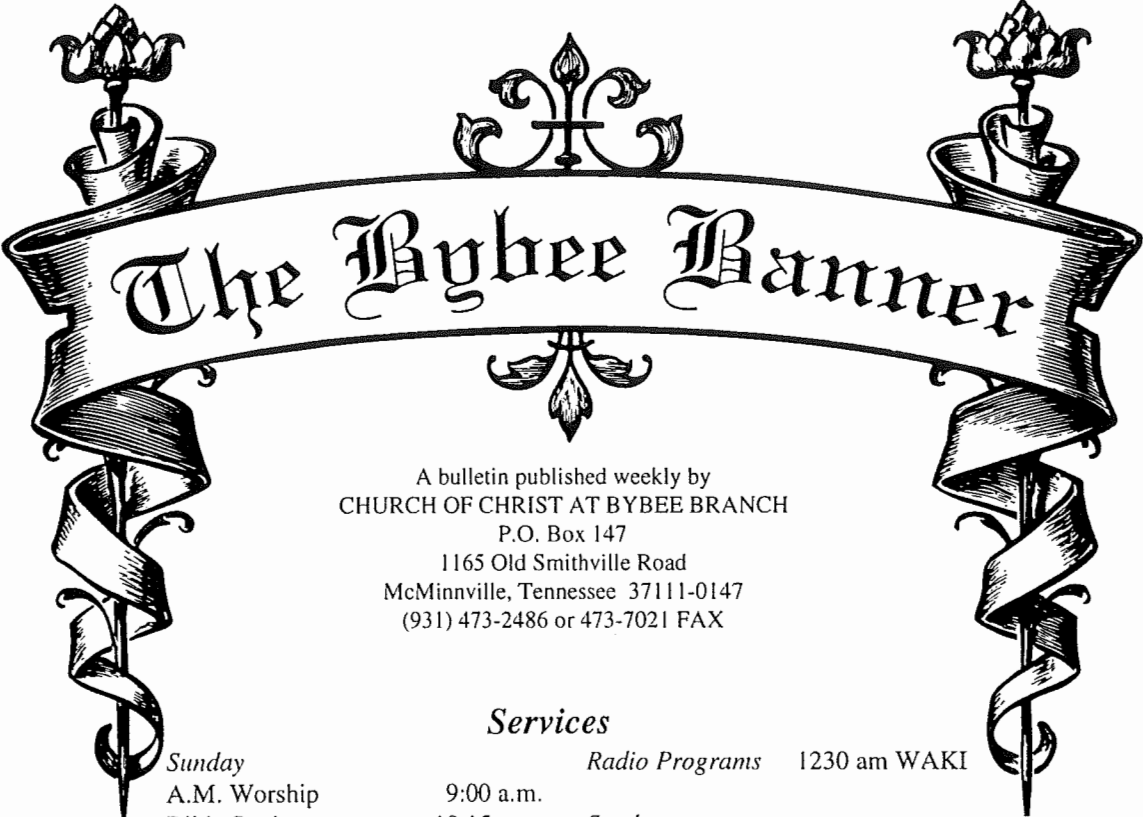
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A.M. Worship .....	335
Bible Study .....	263
P.M. Worship .....	256
Wednesday Bible Study .....	251
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Tony Lawrence	473-8079
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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby

Lead Singing Stanley Graves

First Prayer Danny Duncan

Reading Eddie Palmer

Scripture 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Lord's Table (N) \*Mike Driver

(S) \*Lemmie Bratten

(N) Buell Warren

(N) Eugene Wilcher

(S) Caleb Graves

(S) Ralph Crouch

(S) Tyler Boyd

(S) Dickie Kesey

Sermon Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Dennis Gann

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby

Lead Singing Stanley Graves

First Prayer Chuck Medley

Reading Chad Graves

Scripture Acts 2:1-4

Lord's Table \*Bob Mayfield

\*Jim Slatton

Sermon Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Ronnie Rogers

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt

Lead Singing Young Men

First Prayer Allen Hughes

Reading Joey Reynolds

Invitation Larry Flatt

Dismiss Thurman Bennett

Welcome Committee

A.M. Johnny Anderson Family

P.M. Tim Fisher Family

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Jeff Flatt & Calvin Rogers

Attend Nursery: Dana Roller

Lock Building: Don Griffith

Pantry Item: Cereal (small boxes)

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship .....	315
Bible Study .....	251
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Sick

At Home:  
Bobbie Mitchell (Judy Nussbaum's mother)  
Allison Chilton  
Jonathan Anderson  
Marie Smedley (asked for prayers of the congregation)  
Joe Lawrence

In The Hospital:  
Jane Golden-Riverpark (surgery for broken hip)

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. ... Those For Whom It Is Our Privilege To Pray  
P.M. .... The Great Day Of Pentecost

New Arrival

Congratulations to Susan and Bruce Pryor on the arrival of a new grandson, Jessie Hayden Jones.

Bible Bowl

The Bible Bowl study session will be this Saturday, 13th at the home of Rodney and Patsy Reynolds from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Bring Bible and \$2.00 for pizza.

The Bible Bowl will be next Sunday afternoon at the East End congregation at 2:00. Since it is local we will not be carrying the bus.



Please make the following change to your church directory:  
  
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P.O. Box 48  
Smartt, TN 37378  
635-3492



Mission News From Thailand

- Message From Howard Witty in Udorn, Thailand
- Report on Gospel Meeting, February 4-7, 1999 on Theme: Fellowship And Church Discipline.
- Visible Results
1. Good Attendance - 383-459 people present. All N.E. preachers present.
  2. Day classes for young people.
  3. Preachers presented lessons to adults.
  4. Clothing purchased for orphans and widows in the amount of \$900.00. Local preachers wives made wise selections of clothes and shoes which took about 4 1/2 hours, going to eight different stores to buy. I know orphans and widows will be happy to receive new clothes.
  5. We have enjoyed good singing both in Thai and English. Thai's enjoy singing English songs.
  6. People had a good amount of food to eat and they were happy.
  7. Good news: 20 people were baptized and 1 was restored. Contribution today: 9,700 bahts.
  8. Weather has been nice, not too hot in daytime, and cool at night time.
  9. All the Americans are enjoying good health. Betty and I go to Bangkok tomorrow, she will return home alone on February 9.

TURN YOUR RADIO ON AT THE TIME AND STATION FOR THE GOSPEL IN TRUTH AND LOVE

Each Sunday Morning

WAKI	7:15	Gary Colley
WBMC	7:30	Paul Meacham
WAKI	8:00	Tony Lawrence
WAKI	8:30	Winford Claiborne
WCPI	9:00	Truth For The World
WBMC	9:15	International Gospel Hour
WCPI	11:00	Arlington Morning Service

Each Sunday Evening

WCPI	5:00	Pioneer Preachers
WCPI	5:30	Truth For The World
WCPI	6:00	Arlington Evening Service

Each Tuesday Evening

WCPI	5:00	Pioneer Preachers
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Each Wednesday Evening

WCPI	5:30	Ernest Laws
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Each Monday Through Friday

WBMC	8:45 a.m.	Jim Gammon
WBMC	4:30 p.m.	Various Speakers

Each Saturday Morning

WBMC	11:45 a.m.	Glendon Cantrell
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Daily Bible Reading

WCPI	12:05 p.m. 7:05 p.m.	Jim Gammon
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WCPI-FM at 91.3 mhz — WBMC-AM at 960 khz — WAKI at 1230 khz

AND ON THE TELEVISION

Each Sunday Morning

Channel 6 (McMinnville Cablevision)	7:30 a.m.	James Watkins
Channel 17 (WZTV-channel 7 on cable)	7:30 a.m.	In Search Of The Lord's Way with Mack Lyon





**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Johnny Anderson
Reading	Bob Cantrell
Scripture	1 Timothy 2:8-15
Lord's Table (N)	*Chuck Boles
(S)	*Tim Fisher
(N)	Joe T. Cantrell
(N)	Shane Fisher
(N)	Lynn Gann
(S)	J.B. Gribble
(S)	Jason Vandagriff
(S)	Chris Jones
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bill Womack

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Winfrey Hennessee
Reading	Jeff Templeton
Scripture	1 Peter 5:8
Lord's Table	*Billy Gilbert
	*Joe Collins
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ricky Prince

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements	(668-2605) Brett Merritt
Lead Singing	John Biddle
First Prayer	Kurt Maynard
Reading	Abram Pryor
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Chip Cantrell

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.	Shannon Griffin Family
P.M.	Larry & Jane Flatt

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Steve Hillis & Kevin Judkins

**Attend Nursery:** Heather Campbell

**Lock Building:** Don Griffith

**Pantry Item:** Instant Oatmeal

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	364
Bible Study .....	279
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## Sick

### At Home:

*Bobbie Mitchell (Judy Nussbaum's mother)  
Jarah Anderson*

### In The Hospital:

*Jane Golden-Riverpark  
Georgia Brown (Mattie Medley's mother)-  
Riverpark with pneumonia  
Vickie Gallagher (Mary Platt's sister)-Memorial  
Hospital/Nashville for tests*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... What God Desires In The Church  
P.M. .... "If I Were The Devil..."

## Bible Bowl

Our young people continue to show their diligence in study by coming in first at the Bible Bowl. They took first place missing none on the test. The number and enthusiasm for the Bible Bowl continues to grow. We had 21 young people participate and there were in excess of 300 at the Bible Bowl!

Be sure not only to congratulate the young people on their efforts but also the teachers of the Junior and Senior High that give so much of their time and effort to help prepare these students.

## T.A.B.S Program

The T.A.B.S. Program will be this coming Sunday evening at the Morrison congregation. There services are at 5:00 p.m. so the group will leave the building at 4:30. The theme: "Choices" continues with this lesson being on "Stop The Depraved—Start Singing" from Eph. 5:18-20.

*"How can a young man cleanse his way?  
By taking heed according to Your word."  
Psalms 119:9, NKJV.*

## Youth Visitation

The youth visitation will be this Saturday, February 20, from 10:00-12:00. All of the youth are invited to come and visit the shut-ins and elderly.

## Ladies Retreat

Mark your calendars for April 23-24. Maggie Colley will speak on "Taking Control of the Stress in my Life" and "Joy in the Morning." The retreat will be held at the Armour's Hotel in historic Red Boiling Springs, Tennessee. The cost of \$45.00 will cover the lodging (2 people to a room with a private bath), the Friday evening meal and breakfast Saturday morning, favors, and a portion of the speaker's room and meal. Money and roommate reservations should be turned in to Carol Boyd or Donna Newby by Wednesday, March 17. We must turn in an exact number to the hotel by March 20. Make your plans now to attend!

If you would be interested in working on favors, booklets, devotional or games and activities, please let us know!

## Teachers Meeting

There will be a very *important* but *short* meeting of the teachers following the morning services this coming Sunday morning at the front of the auditorium. All teachers are encouraged to be present.

## Gospel Meeting



with  
**Lynwood  
Mathis**  
**April 4-8**

## Can A Child Of God Fall From Grace?

One of the most damnable doctrines conceived in the mind of men is the doctrine of *Once Saved, Always Saved*. Those who espouse such say that once a man is saved there is NO sin that can remove that person from eternal salvation. Surely, God will forgive sin when one allows the blood of Christ cleanse that sin. On the other hand, will God forgive sins that one is unwilling to admit, unwilling to confess, and a sin for which one is unwilling to repent? Let's ask a few questions and seek our answers from the word of God. Can a Christian fall from the grace of God?

### IF A CHRISTIAN CANNOT FALL, WHY HAS GOD WARNED HIM AGAINST FALLING?

1 Corinthians 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

Hebrews 3:12 "Take heed brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."

Hebrews 4:1 "Let us therefore fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into his rest any of you should seem to come short of it."

### IF CHRISTIANS CANNOT FALL, WHY DOES THE BIBLE SAY SOME DID FALL?

Acts 1:25 "That he may take part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas by transgression fell that he might go to his own place."

1 Corinthians 10:8 "Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand."

### IF CHRISTIANS CANNOT FALL, WHY DOES THE BIBLE REVEAL THEIR DUTY WHEN THEY DO FALL?

Revelation 2:5 "Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen and repent and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place except thou repent."

### WHY DOES THE BIBLE TEACH CHRISTIANS TO AVOID THINGS THAT WOULD CAUSE THEM TO FALL?

James 5:12 "But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by heaven, neither by the earth, neither by any other oath: but let your yea be yea; and your nay, nay; lest ye fall into condemnation."

2 Peter 3:17 "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also being led away with the error of the wicked fall from your own steadfastness."

### WHY DOES THE BIBLE DOES TEACH THAT A CHRISTIAN CAN FALL FROM GRACE:

Galatians 5:4 "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."

THE BIBLE TEACHES THAT PUNISHMENT IS WORSE WHEN WE FALL AWAY THAN FOR THOSE WHO NEVER WERE CHRISTIANS:

2 Peter 2:20-21 "For IF AFTER they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are entangled therein and overcome the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. [21] For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them."

These verses hardly need explanation. The Bible could hardly be any plainer than what it already states. God's people are not magically secure in their salvation. Only a dishonest person would deny the meaning of the fore-mentioned verses.

~John Cotham~

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Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby

Lead Singing Joe Collins

First Prayer Bob Mayfield

Reading Tommy Crouch

Scripture 1 Timothy 3:1-7

Lord's Table (N) \*Calvin Rogers

(S) \*John Biddle

(N) Don Johnson

(N) David McColloch

(N) Harry Felty

(S) Jeff Bond

(S) Ryan Kesey

(S) Marty Boles

Sermon Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Craig Campbell

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby

Lead Singing Joe Collins

First Prayer Jeff Flatt

Reading Kelly Thaxton

Scripture Acts 2:40-47

Lord's Table \*Ken Lee

\*Allen Hughes

Sermon Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Ronnie Prince

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers

Lead Singing Shane Fisher

First Prayer Don Sullivan

Reading Micah Lawrence

Invitation Steve Boyd

Dismiss Ken Martin

Welcome Committee

A.M. Ronnie Prince Family

P.M. Steve Hillis Family

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (686-4088)

Ushers: Roger Kalonick & Jim Slatton

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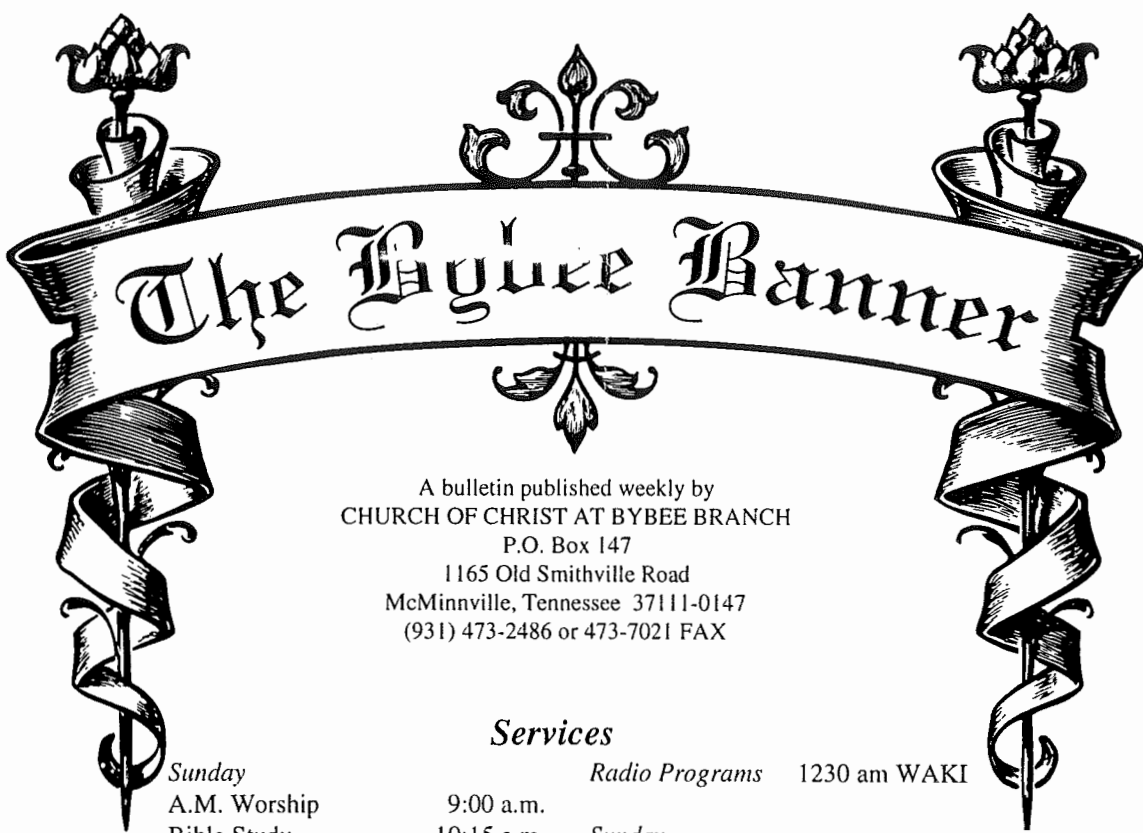
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A.M. Worship .....	317
Bible Study .....	263
P.M. Worship .....	204
Wednesday Bible Study .....	251
Contribution .....	\$4,189

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## Sick

### At Home:

*Bobbie Mitchell (Judy Nussbaum's mother)*  
*Vickie Gallagher (Mary Flatt's sister)*  
*Lawrence Lane*  
*Matthew Young*  
*Donna Anderson-following surgery*

### In The Hospital:

*Jane Golden-Riverpark*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Blameless Bishops  
P.M. .... The Jerusalem Church

## Responses

In last week's bulletin the responses were left out entirely by mistake. A week ago Saturday afternoon, we rejoiced that Cody Kalonick was baptized into Christ. On Sunday morning Bill Biles and David Biles were restored. On Sunday evening Lisa Bennett came forward requesting prayers. Please pray for these as they live the Christian life.

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to two of our families touched by death. Our deepest sympathy to the family of Wendy Jones, the granddaughter of Eugene and Georgia Jones. She was killed in a tragic car wreck this past week. Cards may be sent to her family at:

Donald Jones  
5066 SE Manatee Terrace  
Stuart, FL 34997-2543

Sympathy also to the family of Charlie Sullivan, grandfather of our Don Sullivan. He passed away Sunday morning.

## Youth Activity

There will be a youth activity at the home of Roger and Jan Kalonick this Saturday 5:00-8:00 p.m. For further details see Jan.

## Bears Project

The ladies that gather to work on the bears project for sick children will meet this coming Monday evening, March 1.

## Opportunities For Spiritual Growth

There will be a Gospel Meeting at the *Bonner church of Christ*, March 5-7, at 7:00 p.m. with Chris Whitaker. Sunday evening service will be at 7:30 p.m.

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Seminar, "Science & Nature: Two Votes For God" at the *Central church of Christ*, March 19-21. Bert Thompson, a recognized authority in the field will be presenting the program. You need to make plans to attend this program!

The "season for meetings" will soon be upon us. These are excellent opportunities for spiritual growth. Why not make plans to visit our sister congregations to support their Gospel Meeting and take advantage of this opportunity. Cf. Amos 8:11.



## The Church

The church is not made up of people who believe they are better than others, but rather it is made up of those who realize that they should be better than they are and must continually strive to do better always.

The church is not made up of perfect people, but people who realize they are following a perfect Lord and a perfect law and therefore must do the very best they can.

The church is not made up of people who never make mistakes, but those who often acknowledge their mistakes and then forsake them. Never must we seek to justify them or continually make the same mistakes over and over again.

The church is not trying to withdraw from everyone, but rather to draw all those who are willing to walk in the light into the fellowship and love where God the Father and Christ the Son are found.

The church is not trying to set up arbitrary rules to hinder anyone, but rather to show the rule of Christ, which helps everyone.

The church is not trying to make you feel ugly, but rather it is trying to instill the beauty of holiness in your life.

The church is not trying to separate you from your money, but rather is trying to keep your money from separating you from God.

The church is not trying to become the master of your life, but trying to get you to master yourself.

The church is not trying to rob your life of priorities, but rather trying to get you to put the right priorities in your life.

~Andrew Connally~

## "Points & Briefs" on Women's Role

Those who seek to overcome the prohibitions against women leading prayer or preaching in the assembly of the church sometimes point to I Corinthians 11:5. "But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven." From this it is assumed that Paul authorizes women praying and prophesying in church. Aside from the fact that such would be a plain contradiction of what is taught in I Timothy 2:8ff and I Corinthians 14:34f, this passage itself shows the impropriety of their praying or prophesying.

The issue in this section is the woman honoring her head and the covering as a symbol that she does. In chapter 14 he will address the impropriety of their speaking "in the church." It appears that some women in the Corinthian church were advancing themselves by publicly praying and prophesying. To further assert their new position, they had also removed the covering. To remove the covering was, in their society, to dishonor their head. Their praying or prophesying "in the church" (I Cor. 14:33-35), whether covered or uncovered, would be an exercise of authority, which would further demonstrate their failure to be in subjection (I Tim. 2:12). Paul was rebuking the twin improprieties of both praying and prophesying where it was not acceptable and of being uncovered while doing so. A woman who wore the covering symbol would be one who recognized her proper role. Such a sister, when properly instructed, would not seek to elevate herself by praying and prophesying where it was not allowed.

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Roger Kalonick
Reading	Harold McGinness
Scripture	1 Timothy 3:8-13
Lord's Table (N)	*Bruce Pryor
(S)	*W.C. Chilton
(N)	Kevin Judkins
(N)	Joe Maynard
(N)	John Nussbaum
(S)	Micah Lawrence
(S)	Brett Merritt
(S)	Harley Northcutt
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Clyde Christian

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Bill Biles
Reading	Larry Flatt
Scripture	Acts 5:42
Lord's Table	*Joe T. Cantrell
	*Bill Womack
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	David Chilton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Steve Hillis
Reading	Paul Davis
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton

Welcome Committee

A.M.	Marty Boles Family
P.M.	Harry Felty Family

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Pantry Item: Spam

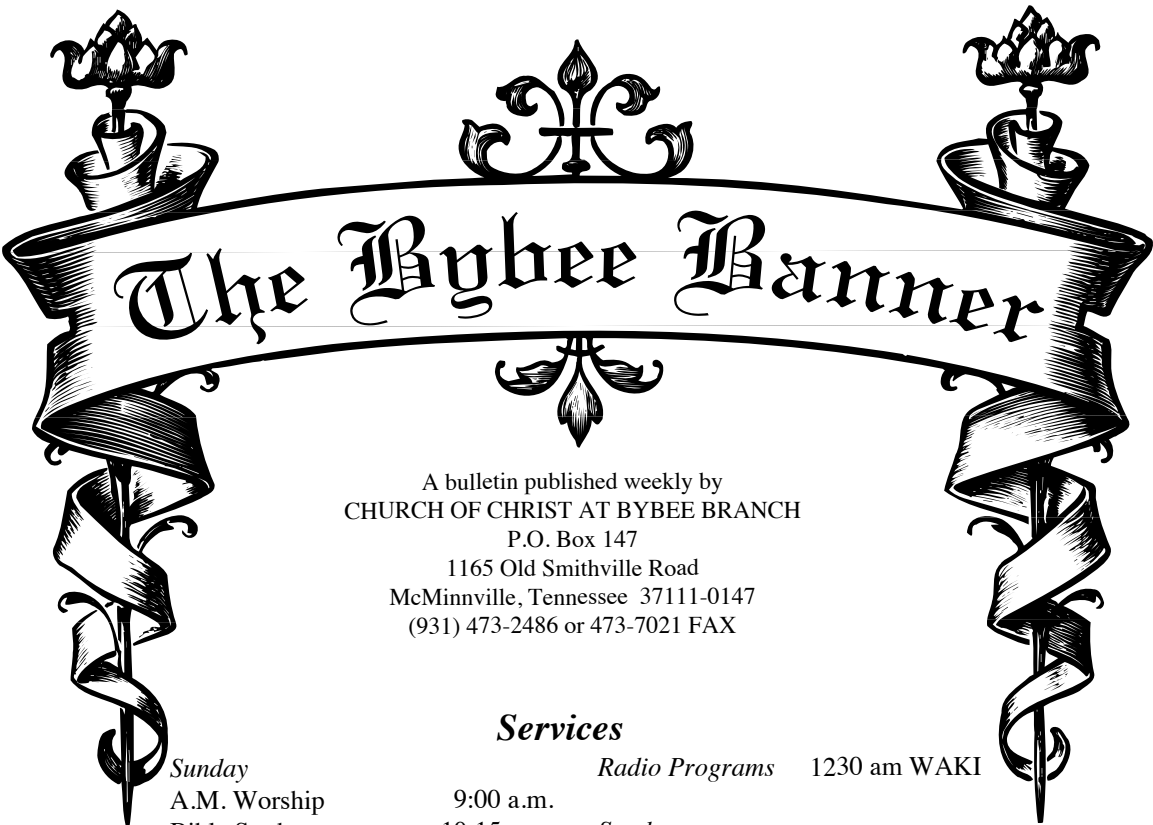
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P.M. Worship .....	250
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Sick

At Home:

Donna Anderson-following surgery

Jane Golden

Drusilla Crouch

Stanley Graves-flu

Delanie Sullivan-flu

Stanley McNery (at nephew's house)

In The Hospital:

none known

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Diligent Deacons

P.M. .... An Everyday Religion

Responses

We rejoiced this past week with another baptized and two restored. Last Friday afternoon Lee Gann was baptized into Christ. On Wednesday evening Regina Reynolds came forward and on Sunday morning Lynette Maynard responded requesting the prayers of the congregation. Please pray for these as they continue to serve the Lord.

“Open Your TV Guide And Turn To Andy Griffith”

The title of this article must be what some so-called preachers are saying these days as they show episodes of Andy Griffith in “Bible”classes. I appreciate the comedy of the old shows as much as anyone, but do they belong in the Bible Classes of the Lord’s Church? Will they cease to be called “Bible” Classes? I enjoy chicken and Dr. Pepper, but I would never think of adding these to the Lord’s Table. It seems that we have become a generation unable to discern between the common and holy. “*And they shall teach My people the difference between the holy and the unholy, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.*” *Ezekiel 44:23, NKJV.* There is a time and place in the lives of God’s people for clean, enjoyable entertainment, but in not worship to God and the study of His Word. (Cf. Ecc. 3:1-8).

Perhaps there is a greater problem: Have men lost their confidence in the power of the word of God to save the sinner and sanctify the saint? “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*” *Romans 1:16, NKJV.* “*All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.*” *2 Timothy 3:16,17, NKJV.* The Bible affirms that the Bible alone is sufficient. Let’s not abandon it ***T.L.***

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Lectureship at the ***Dunlap church of Christ*** on Saturday, March 6 from 9:00 am. to 2:45 p.m. The theme is “Issues & Challenges With Eternal Consequences”

Leadership Workshop at the ***Gainesboro church of Christ*** on Saturday, March 6 from 9:00 am. to 2:45 p.m. The theme is “Rise Up O Man Of God In The Home”

Seminar, “Science & Nature: Two Votes For God” at the ***Central church of Christ***, March 19-21.Speaker: Dr. Bert Thompson

***Don’t forget that our own Gospel Meeting will be coming up in the next few weeks with Lynwood Mathis, April 4-8.***

March 1999						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Eddie Palmer	Stanley McNery Lacy Pack		Drucilla Crouch Tara Leigh Felty	Tommy Crouch Ralph Crouch	BILLY & JUNETTA GILBERT Flossie Warren Benji Biles
	1	2	3	4	5	6
David McColloch Kaci Chilton Minnie Whiteaker	Glyna Lee Kees Kalonick  <i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 pm</i>	RALPH & DRUCILLA CROUCH ROGER & JAN KALONICK Juanita Cantrell Judy Payne	Kaitlyn Reynolds Phillip Smith Roger Kalonick			STEVE & ANGIE CALDWELL SHAWN & HOLLY BARRETT Jan Kalonick <i>Bible Bowl Study Session at Bonners’ 5-8 pm</i>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>Bible Bowl at Leoni Bus leaves at 1:20 pm</i>			Lynder Holmes	Scena Christian Hallie Cantrell Matthew Young Kaitlyn Thaxton KEN & NONA MARTIN	<div>Bert Thompson at Central “Science &amp; Nature: Two Votes For God”</div>	
	15	16	17	18	19	20
Katie Wanamaker  <i>T.A.B.S at Main St. Manchester leave at 5:00 pm</i>	JOE T. & MARY LOIS CANTRELL JOE & BECKY MAYNARD Ronnie Rogers Becky Maynard Calvin Rogers <i>SBE @Mt. Leo 7:00 pm</i>	Doris Smith	SIDNEY & JENNIFER GROVES	Brett Merritt	Jonathan Goodman Johnny Anderson	Larry Goodman
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
JOHN & JUDY NUSSBAUM		STEVE & TERESA ATNIP	Lela Ann Johnson Delanie Sullivan			
28	29	30	31			

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Kurt Maynard
Reading	Joe Roller
Scripture	1 Timothy 3:14-16
Lord's Table (N)	*Bob Bonner
(S)	*Billy Gilbert
(N)	Shannon Griffin
(N)	Edgar Webb
(N)	Cody Kalonick
(S)	Leonard Crouch
(S)	Abram Pryor
(S)	Brandon McGinness
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Tommy Crouch

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Dennis Gann
Reading	Eric Fisher
Scripture	Ephesians 6:18-20
Lord's Table	*Rodney Reynolds
	*Lemmie Bratten
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Lee

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
Lead Singing	John Biddle
First Prayer	Winfrey Hennessee
Reading	Jason Vandagriff
Invitation	Johnny Anderson
Dismiss	Buell Warren

Welcome Committee

A.M.	Ken & Nona Martin
P.M.	Chris Jones Family

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Pantry Item: Macaroni & Cheese

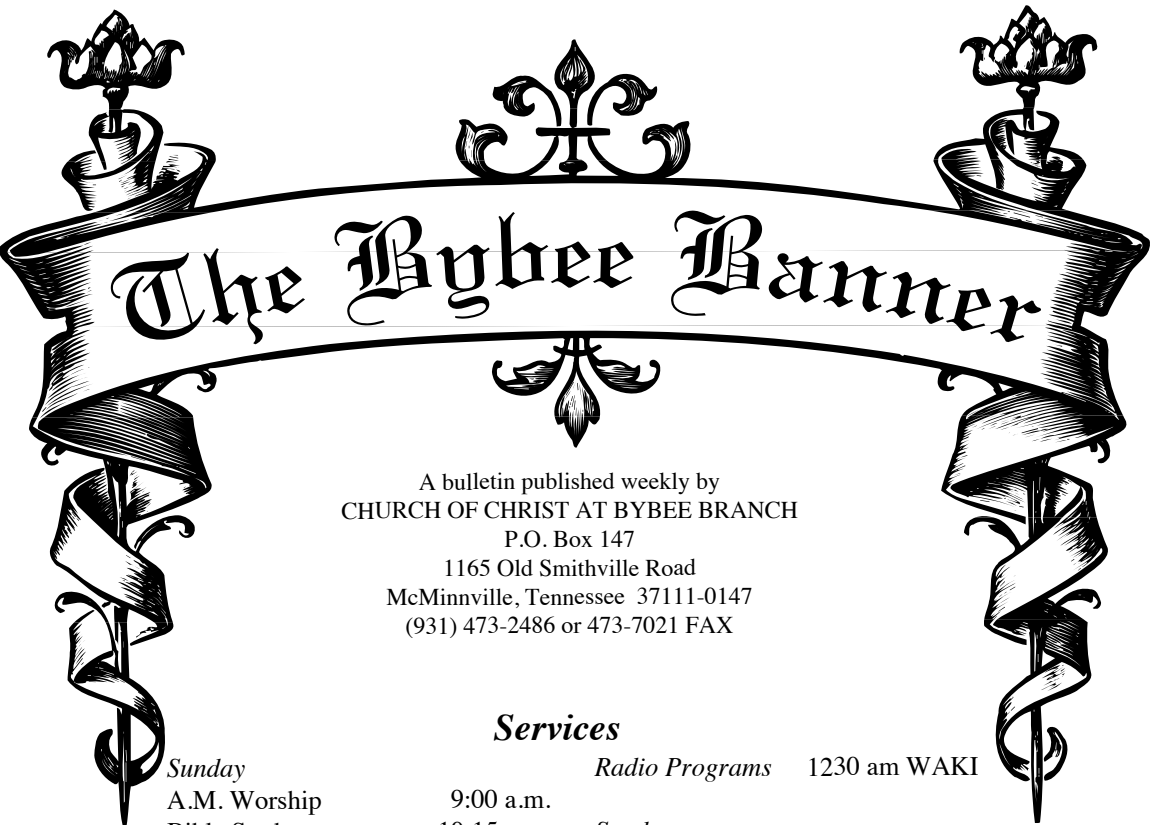
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Sick

At Home:  
Jane Golden  
Stanley McNery (at nephew’s house)  
Nancy Rogers-flu  
Sabrina Merritt  
Carolyn Cantrell

In The Hospital:  
Harold Mitchell-Riverpark

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Daisy Judd (sister of our Bertha Stewart). She passed away Thursday in Cookeville.

Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... The House Of God  
P.M. .... Sweet Hour Of Prayer

Baby Shower

There will be a baby show honoring Lisa Bennett and new daughter, Sunday, March 21 from 1-3 in the fellowship room. All ladies of the congregation are invited.

Meetings

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Spring Fellowship Meal

The Spring Fellowship Meal will be this coming Sunday evening (14th) following services. Please bring the following depending upon the first letter of your last name. A-D—chips & dip or cheese & crackers; E-G—soft drinks; H-L—vegetable or fruit tray; M-Q—finger food or sandwiches; R-Z—Dessert.

Shut–ins

Help us keep this list up-to-date.  
**NHC (formerly McMinnvillle Health Care):**  
Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond’s mother)  
Pauline Greene  
Lena Mai Gribble  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

**Raintree Health Care Center:**  
Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flossie Smartt

**Woodbury Nursing Home**  
Minnie Lane

**McMinnvillle Boarding Home**  
Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons’ mother)

**Hillcrest Health Care:**  
Edith Collins

**Home:**  
Katherine Bennett  
Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith’s Home)  
Jane Golden  
Rozelle Goodman  
Joe Maxwell  
Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

Bible Bowl

The Bible Bowl study session will be this coming Saturday evening from 5-9 pm at the Bobby Ray Elementary. After the session there will be an activity. The final Bible Bowl for the year will be at Leoni this Sunday afternoon. The bus will leave at 1:30

The Devil’s Beatitudes.....

If the Devil (whom we don’t hear much about today) were to write his beatitudes, they would possibly go something like this....

Blessed are those Christians who are TOO TIRED, TOO BUSY, too distracted to spend time with their fellow Christians in Church - they are my best candidates to backslide.  
Blessed are those Christians who WAIT TO BE ASKED and EXPECT TO BE THANKED - I can use them to slow things down.  
Blessed are those Christians who are TOUCHY, with a bit of luck they may STOP GOING TO CHURCH and get others to quit - they are my missionaries.  
Blessed are those Christians who are VERY RELIGIOUS but GET ON EVERYONE’S nerves- they are my most effective stumbling blocks.  
Blessed are those Christians who are TROUBLEMAKERS - they are my best wrecking crew.  
Blessed are those Christians who have NO TIME TO PRAY – they are easy prey for me.  
Blessed are those Christians who are COMPLAINERS - they are my best discouragers.  
Blessed are YOU when you read this and THINK IT IS ABOUT OTHER people and not yourself - I’ve got you.

via the Internet

All Are Terminal!!!

In the 1300s a plague swept over Europe killing a third of the population. Millions more died in China. For a time, as many as six hundred a day died in Venice and in Florence losses were estimated at half the population. The “Black Death” has been called the disease that changed history. In this century millions have died in warfare. Ten million were killed in World War I. Did you know, however, that during that war, in a period of just ten months, over twice that many died of influenza? In the U. S. alone, that flu epidemic took half a million lives. In one week five thousand people died in Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Some communities became so fearful that laws were passed against shaking hands, for fear of spreading germs. On August 14, 1945, a CBS radio program which celebrated victory over Japan, began: “Congratulations on being alive and listening. Millions didn’t make it.” Such death rates stagger the imagination. Yet the reality is that “The millions that tread the globe are but a handful to those who slumber within its bosom.” The expected death rate for all who are alive today is 100%! “It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.” We are all terminal!

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Sunday Morning Worship

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First Prayer	Chuck Medley
Reading	David McColloch
Scripture	1 Timothy 4:1-5
Lord's Table (N)	*Steve Boyd
(S)	*Chip Cantrell
(N)	Jeff Bond
(N)	Tyler Boyd
(N)	Doug Hendrixson
(S)	Rodney Maynard
(S)	Bran Merritt
(S)	Kraig Campbell
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Tim Fisher

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Frank Reynolds
Reading	Marty Boles
Scripture	1 John 2:23-25
Lord's Table	*Eddie Palmer
	*Jeff Flatt
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jim Slatton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
Lead Singing	Young Men
First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	Noel Pepper
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bill Womack

Welcome Committee

A.M.	John & Pearl Biddle
P.M.	Teresa Atnip & Girls

Bus Driver: Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

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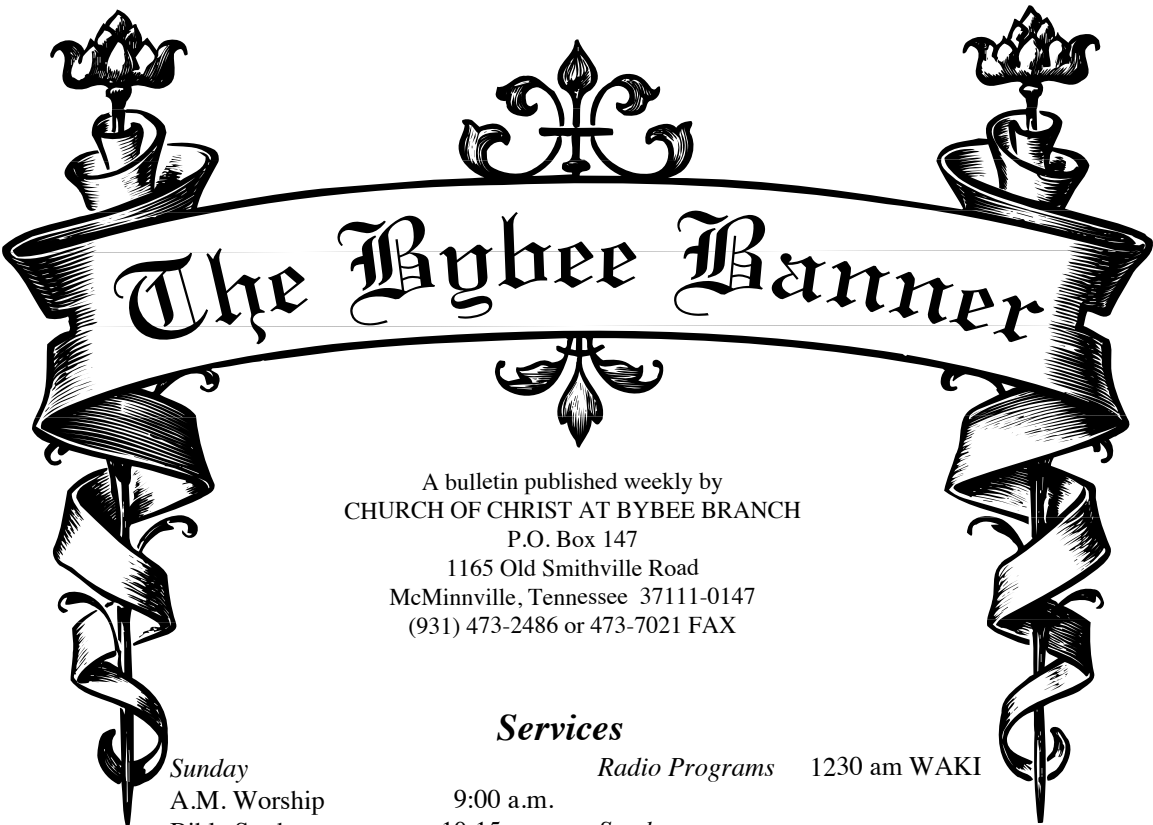
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# Sick

**At Home:**  
*Sabrina Merritt*  
*Jane Golden*  
*Stanley McNery (at nephew's house)*  
*Carolyn Cantrell*  
*Sharla Hillis*  
*Carol Boyd*  
*Tyler Boyd*  
*Alicia Driver*  
*Donna Newby*  
*Lisa Chilton*  
*Iona Gribble (Jane Platt's mother) home following mini-stroke*

**In The Hospital:**  
*Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)-Baptist Memorial (2520 5th St. N, Columbus, MS 39701) with broken shoulder after fall.*  
*Tommy Smith-Riverpark*

# Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Doctrines Of Demons  
P.M. .... The "Whosever's" Of 1 John

# Baby Shower

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Gospel Meeting at the *Arlington church of Christ*, March 21-24, at 7:00 p.m. with Paul Curless.

# Bible Bowl

What an encouragement our young people have become! They finished the Bible Bowl again this year in first place. This is the third year in a row they have finished in first place. They did not miss any on the final test of the year and only missed one all year. The number of our young people who are participating has grown also. There were 21 students who took the test Sunday afternoon.

It was also a wonderful outpouring of support when the congregation honored these young people with a fellowship meal following services Sunday evening. Thanks to all who made this a special event!

# Youth Activity

This Saturday, March 20, all of the young people are encouraged to meet at the building at 12:00 noon to eat lunch together then go to Central to hear Bert Thompson speak on Creation vs. Evolution at the 1:00 and 3:30 sessions. If you have any questions, see Steve Hillis.

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# Self-Will

Are you a self-willed person? Some people think they are being scripturally steadfast when in reality they are simply being self-willed! To be self-willed means to be dominated by one's own interests, to arrogantly assert one's own will. The Bible speaks frequently of those who are self-willed and has nothing commendable about them! The Bible indictment against self-will ought to be considered by those who preach the gospel of positive thinking! Much of their philosophy revolves around the idea that what "I" want is what ought to be the norm.

There were people even in Old Testament times who thought that their will should supercede even that of God Himself. This is the height of self-will. "This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing" (Jer. 13:10) In the next verse, God called upon them to be His glorious people, but "they would not hear" (verse 11). There is a vast difference in "can't hear" and "won't hear"!! Earlier in his book, Jeremiah called the people to the way of rest and peace, "But they said, We will not walk therein" (Jer. 6:16). WE WILL NOT WALK THEREIN. How fatal those words were! And they are as fatal today as when first uttered.

Those to whom Jesus spoke were self-willed. One could not find a more pathetic cry than that which Jesus prayed for His beloved and "holy" city. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, AND YE WOULD NOT!" (Matt. 23:37). The ultimate fate of that city was terrible: "Behold, your house is left unto you desolate" (verse 38). Think of all those years in the past when God called unto His Old Testament people for them to repent and turn to Him, yet they would not! Think of those who, in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah, chose their captive lands rather than the return of their divinely given land! They simply "would not" hearken to God. How tragic!

God said he had stretched out His hands "all the day" to a rebellious people (Isa. 65:2). Paul shows that because of their self-will, they continue in their unbelief and are lost (Rom. 10:21). No matter what God has done, they refused Him. Has the world today done better?

~Jerri Manasco~



There will be a work day on Saturday, March 27, at 8:00 am. Bring your shovels & rakes. We will work cleaning up the grounds around the building in preparation for our Gospel Meeting. The rain out date will be the next Saturday, April 3. If you have questions, contact W.C. Chilton.





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Scripture	1 Timothy 4:11-16
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(S)	*Bob Mayfield
(N)	Jason Vandagriff
(N)	Tom McColloch
(N)	Bob Cantrell
(S)	Jeff Templeton
(S)	Joe T. Cantrell
(S)	Shane Fisher
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Lemmie Bratten

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Willie Newby
Reading	Allen Hughes
Scripture	Romans 1:15-17
Lord's Table	*Ronnie Prince
	*Bill Biles
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Martin

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
Lead Singing	Joey Reynolds
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Reading	Bruce Pryor
Invitation	Leonard Clemons
Dismiss	Tyler Boyd

Welcome Committee

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P.M.	Leonard & June Crouch

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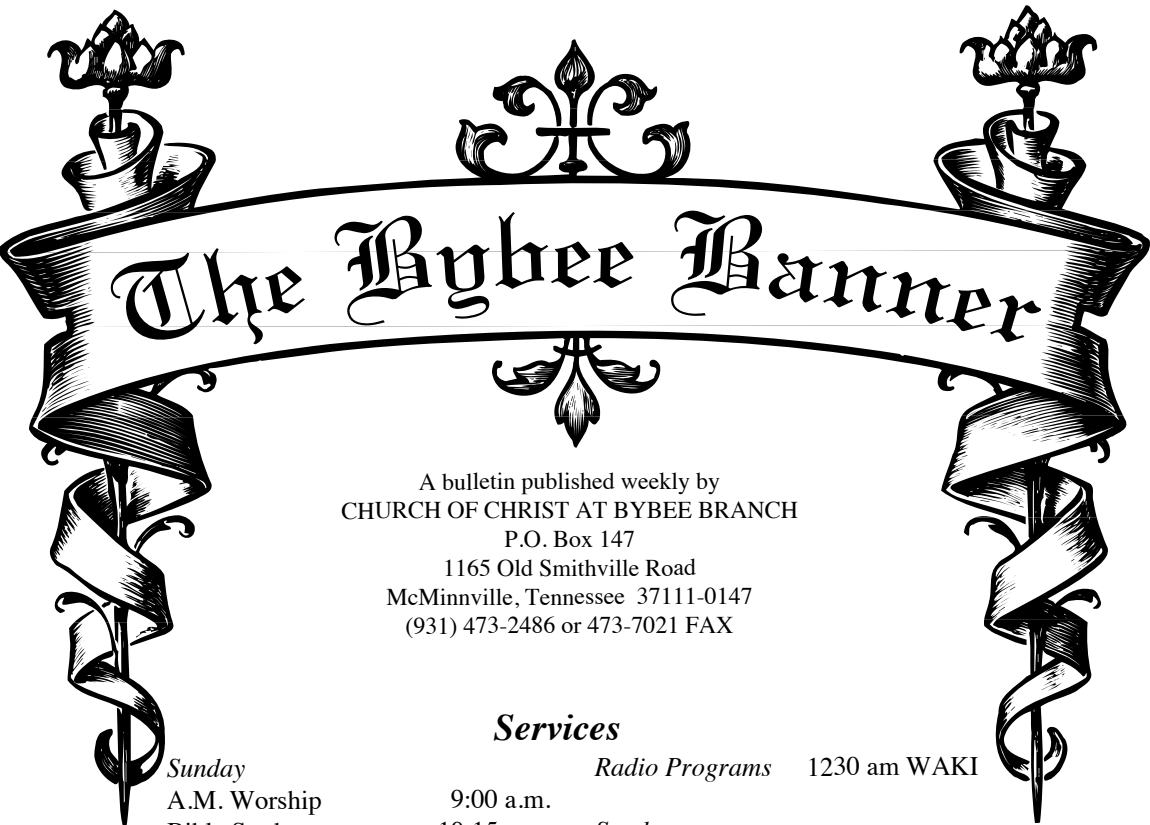
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Sick

At Home:

Tommy & Johnny Smith  
Georgia Brown (mother of Mattie Medley) after  
being in hospital

In The Hospital:

Helen Lawrence (Tony’s mother)-moved to Aurora  
Lodge for rehab following broken shoulder  
and back.  
Ray Rains (grandfather of Miranda Rains)-  
critical condition in Baptist Hospital

Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... Let No Man Despise Your Youth  
P.M. .... The “Keys” To A Successful Meeting

Gospel Meeting

Gospel Meeting at the *Arlington church of Christ*,  
March 21-24, at 7:00 p.m. with Paul Curless.

Bybee Gospel Meeting

Our meeting with Lynwood Mathis will be coming  
up a week from Sunday. There are flyers on the table  
in the foyer for you to help advertise the meeting.

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work day around the building this Saturday, March  
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Miracles, Providence, And  
Randomness

It is the contention of this article that these three ways are  
the ways in which God has operated or operates in the world. it  
is all important in discussing these matters that we define, as  
much as we can, our terms so we will know what we are talking  
about. This is often neglected in our Biblical discussions and as  
a result our statements are not on point.

As it is being used in this article, **miracle** means a sign or  
confirmation from God that He has spoken through a particular  
person or group of persons.

**Providence**, so far as I am able to determine, is the same  
act of God, but hidden behind His natural law, so that we cannot  
know when or even if He has acted. We say, as Mordecai said to  
Esther, “Who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom  
for such a time as this?” (Esther 4:14). We pray in faith and  
leave the answer of our prayer to God. We should always pray,  
“Thy will be done.” This prayer He will always answer.

**Randomness** is sheer chance, the sheer accident of natural  
law. This surely is how God deals with all men most of the time  
and the very reason for His natural law. It is objective and  
impartial toward all.

As an illustration let me use a quotation of an article from  
an incident that is now some years in the past. Some of us  
remember the tragedy that struck one of the congregations in  
Garland, Texas. During the Sunday morning worship service,  
the roof collapsed from the accumulated snow killing a little girl  
and injuring several other people. One of the elders of that  
congregation was quoted in the paper as saying, “It was a miracle  
more were not killed. God was with us.” While sympathizing  
with those who were suffering and realizing that many people  
are prone to overstatements, there are several things I find  
disturbing about that remark.

Was it really a miracle? The disaster, like most disasters,  
could have been worse. Does this make it a miracle? I can find  
no place in the Bible where a limited disaster is called a miracle.  
Was it a miracle when the Sanhedrin didn’t stone Philip to death  
as well as Stephen? All miracles were wonderful and  
extraordinary occurrences, but not all wonderful and  
extraordinary occurrences are miracles. If many great and  
wonderful events are not miracles, how much less this disaster  
in Garland?

In examining the miracles described in the Bible, we  
discover that the miracle (as opposed to providence or  
coincidence) was the **direct** and **obvious** intervention of God

into the chain of cause and effect we call natural law. Notice that the words “direct” and “obvious” are in bold print. In a  
miracle God makes it obvious that He is the One Who has done the thing. As Trench said, “The unresting activity of God,  
which at other times hides and conceals itself behind the veil of what we term natural laws, does in the miracle unveil itself  
it steps out from its concealment, and the hand which works is laid bare” (Richard Trench, *Notes on the Miracles of Our Lord*,  
p. 13). If in the tragedy at Garland, God obviously intervened, where is the evidence? Why was not the building spared? Why  
was not the life of the little girl spared? To ascribe such a lame “miracle” to God is strange indeed.

I understand the relief and gratitude at escaping from such disaster and the desire to express one’s gratitude to God, but  
“miracle” is an overstatement. God works much of the time by allowing His natural law to run its course. Is there no such  
thing in the life of some people as the natural or coincidental? Must we attribute everything either to the providential or to the  
miraculous activity of God.”

We live in a fallen and cursed world—a world of pain and sorrow and death. A world which is designed by God to allow  
us to make a free choice to serve Him or reject Him. It is a perfect place for soul growth. But it is not a perfect place. Unless  
we wish to ascribe to the deliberate and direct action of God all of the evil and suffering in the world, we must acknowledge  
that randomness exists. There are random sufferings and there are random causes for pleasures and lack of suffering. The  
wicked suffer, but the righteous suffer, too. The righteous sometimes prosper, but the wicked do so as well. We must also  
recognize that God’s Will for this world allows for the free will of man with all of its possibilities for good and evil.

The expression, “God was with us,” in the context of the tragedy in Garland, is fraught with difficulties. Such a statement  
can be true in only one of three ways:

1. It could be true in the sense that God is the ultimate source of everything and thus allows everything that exists to  
exist, and everything that happens to happen. But we cannot conclude that we should therefore attribute everything that  
happens to the purposeful action of God. God through His natural law sends sunshine and rain on the just and unjust.  
However, such is not a sign either to the just or to the unjust that God is with them. Every false religion in the world attributes  
the random good things its adherents receive as proof that God favors them. The true Christian has no need or excuse to fall  
into such nonsense. “And hereby we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments” (1 John 2:3).

2. Or it could be true in the sense that what happened was a miracle. But the miracles of the Bible were signs. They were  
confirmation that certain ones were God’s spokesmen. A miracle was therefore the **purposeful, direct, and obvious** intervention  
of God into the chain of cause and effect He put into place when He created this world. We call that chain of cause and effect  
natural law. The miracles of the Bible were the result of extraordinary gifts from God. They were for the purpose of revealing  
and confirming God’s Will. “And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming  
the word by the signs that followed” (Mark 16:20). “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? which having  
at the first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard; God also bearing witness with them,  
both by signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will” (Hebrews 2:3-  
4). They were to cease when God’s Word had been completely revealed and confirmed (1 Corinthians 13:8-13). To use the  
word “miracle” carelessly is to confuse ourselves and others and to compromise the integrity and authority of the Scriptures.

It could be true in the sense of providence. This, like the miracle, is the 3 purposeful intervention of God into the chain  
of natural law, but unlike the miracle it is not **direct** or **obvious** and, thus, is not a sign. Providence is hidden behind the veil  
of cause and effect. When God acts providentially, we cannot know at what point in the chain of cause and effect God has  
intervened, or in any particular instance, if God has intervened. If we could know these things, it would not be providence,  
but a miracle—a sign.

There are those in this 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> century, when science is almost universally worshiped, where man is ridiculously  
proud of his knowledge and his puny control of the material world, and where he is so ignorant of his own ignorance, who  
claim that they cannot believe in the miracles of the Bible, because they were contrary to the laws of nature. But the miracle  
was not anti-natural. It was super-natural. It was the intervention of a higher law and a higher power, perhaps the same power  
that is hidden in the exercise of the providence of God today.

We today believe in God, His Word, and His power. It is “alive and active” (Hebrews 4:12).

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First Prayer	John Biddle
Reading	Ken Martin
Scripture	TBA
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(S)	*Danny Duncan
(N)	J.B. Gribble
(N)	Dickie Kesey
(S)	Chris Jones
(S)	Eugene Wilcher
(S)	Harry Felty
(S)	Don Johnson
Sermon	Lynwood Mathis
Dismiss	Noel Pepper

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First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	Caleb Graves
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Bruce Pryor
	*Dale Bennett
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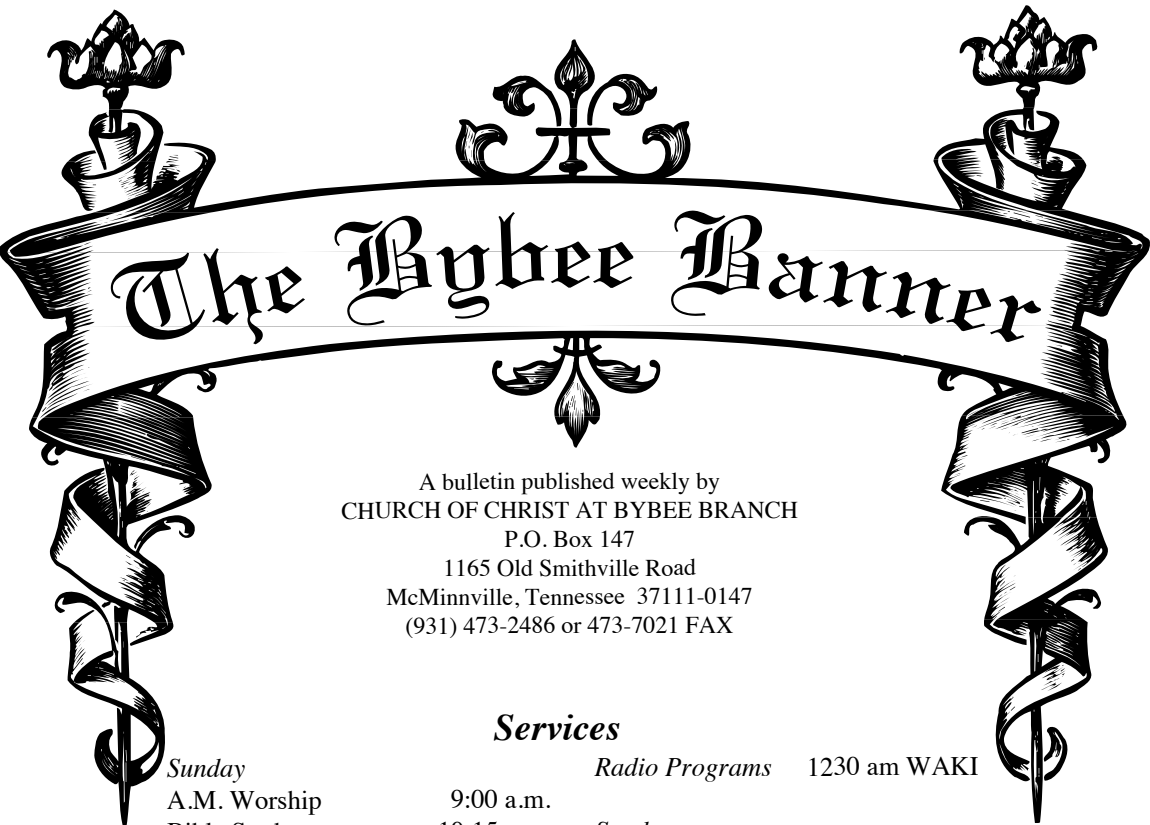
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## Sick

### At Home:

*Robbie Vandagriff*

Willene Kell

*Holly Hillis*

*Ray Rains (grandfather of Miranda Rains)*

### In The Hospital:

*Minnie Lane (Lawrence Lane's mother) returned to Woodbury Nursing Home*

*Yuriko Biles-Raintree (fell Sunday afternoon)*

## Rebukes To Excuses

‘And they all with one consent began to make excuse’  
(Luke 14:18).

**I CAN'T** — “I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me” (Phil. 4:13).

**I HAVEN'T GOT TIME** — “Seek ye first the kingdom of God... “(Matt. 6:33).

**GET SOMEONE ELSE** — “Here am I; send me” (Isaiah 6:8).

**IT CAN'T BE DONE** — “With God all things are possible” (Mark 10:27).

**IAM TOOTIRED** — “They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength” (Isaiah 40:31).

**I KNOW I OUGHT TO BUT** — "To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

**I WILL SOME OTHER TIME** — ‘Now is the accepted time’ (II Cor. 6:2)

**I MAY FAIL** — “Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world” (Matt. 28:20).

**I DON'T LIKE TO** — “For even Christ pleased not himself” (Rom. 15:3).

**LET THEM HELP THEMSELVES** — “Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ” (Gal. 6:2)

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(if you are unable to serve contact Leonard Clemons)

***Ushers***

Sunday AM & PM: .... Chip Cantrell & Ricky Prince  
Mon-Thurs ..... Mike Driver & Joe T. Cantrell

**Welcome Committee**

Sunday AM ..... Steve Boyd Family  
 Sunday PM ..... Calvin & Nancy Rogers  
 Monday PM ..... Bob & Ada Mayfield  
 Tuesday PM ..... Danny Duncan Family  
 Wednesday PM ..... Willie Newby Family  
 Thursday PM ..... Noel & Martha Pepper

Notice: All **Adult** Bible classes will meet in the auditorium for the Bible class hour this Sunday.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Adelia Smith	
					Makin' Music Trip for young people	
THURMAN & HAZEL BENNETT	Brenda Bratten Sherry Graves	Edna Lee Smith Sharla Hillis Sharon Boles	Christine Cantrell	Ryan McKinney		Amy Prince
GOSPEL MEETING WITH LYNWOOD MATHIS						
Dora Wilcher		Tyler Judkins		Eugene Wilcher Donna Anderson Holly Prince Shawn Barrett	Betty Lane Lou-Shawna Scott	
	School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7 pm					
Wanda Hendrixson Frank Reynolds	J.B. & CHRISTINE GRIBBLE Lynette Maynard Hannah Maynard	Tamara Campbell Tony Lawrence STEVE & SHARLA HILLIS	Jane Golden Denice Reynolds	Cody Lee Prince Junetta Gilbert		Betty Hill
David Williams to preach at Bybee Branch					LADIES RETREAT	
	Leslie Caldwell Angie Caldwell Betsy Hill Kristin Maynard	Lemmie Bratten Martha Pepper Dustin Rhea			Heather Kalonick	
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(N)	Ralph Crouch
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(S)	Matthew Young
(S)	Lynn Gann
(S)	Paul Davis
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Eddie Palmer

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Steve Boyd
Reading	Johnny Anderson
Scripture	Romans 12:1,2
Lord's Table	*Tommy Crouch
	*Chuck Medley
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bill Womack

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(473-4528) Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Frank Reynolds
Reading	Cody Kalonick
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Chuck Boles

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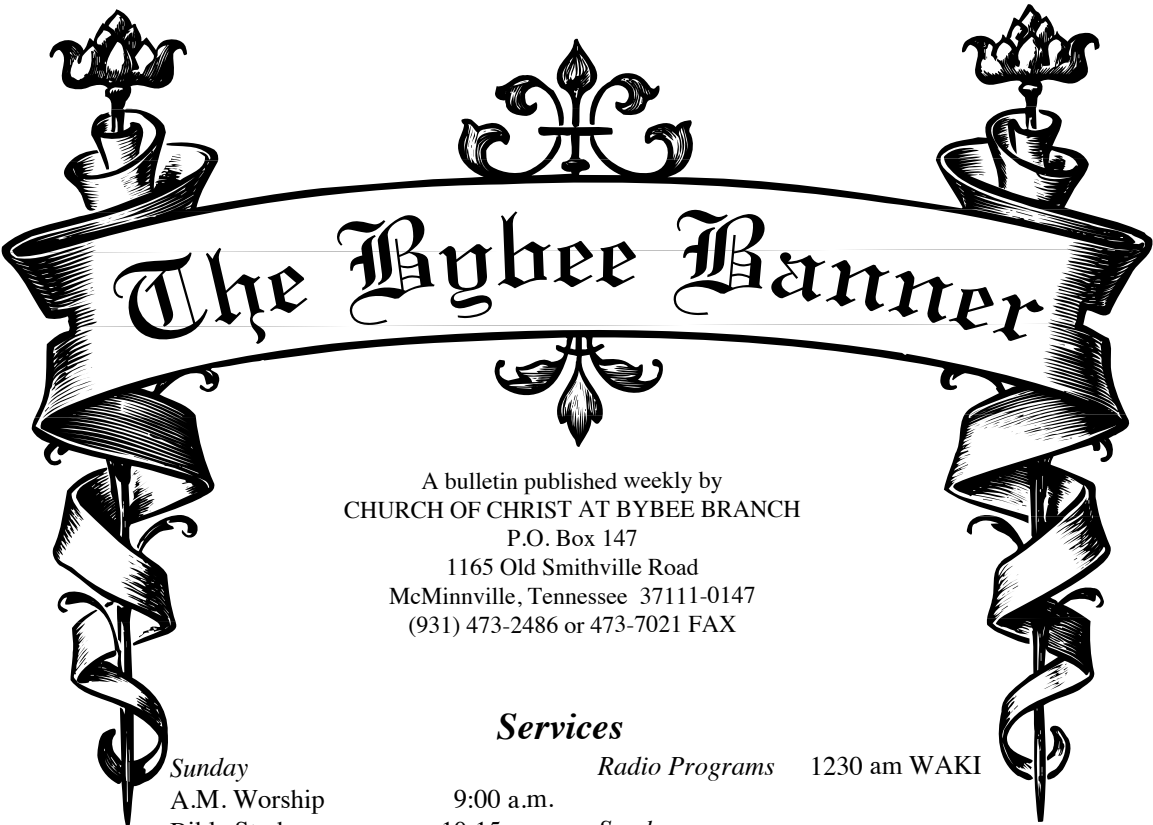
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gravely ill and requests prayers of  
congregation.

Sympathy

We want to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Bailey Brooks, the infant grandson of our Georgia Brooks. Graveside services were held Saturday.

We also want to extend sympathy to the family of Lola Flatt Kirkendall, the aunt of our Larry Flatt. She passed away late Sunday evening. Her funeral will be Wednesday afternoon at Highs.

Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... Respecting The Older  
P.M. .... The Pressure To Conform

Gospel Meetings

Shady Grove church of Christ, April 9-11 at 7:30 p.m.  
with Kent Bailey

Bluff Springs church of Christ, April 18-23 at 7:30  
p.m. with Tony Lawrence

West Riverside church of Christ, April 18-23 at 7:30  
p.m. with Paul Meacham, Jr.

Earleyville church of Christ, April 18-23 at 7:00 p.m.  
with Jerry Davidson

Northcutts Cove church of Christ, April 23-25 at 7:00  
p.m. with Bruce Atnip

Shut-ins

Help us keep this list up-to-date.  
NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):  
Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond’s mother)  
Pauline Greene  
Lena Mai Gribble  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

Raintree Health Care Center:  
Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flossie Smartt

Woodbury Nursing Home  
Minnie Lane

McMinnville Boarding Home  
Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons’ mother)

Hillcrest Health Care:  
Edith Collins

Home:  
Katherine Bennett  
Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith’s Home)  
Jane Golden  
Rozelle Goodman  
Joe Maxwell  
Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

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There were people even in Old Testament times who thought that their will should supercede even that of God Himself. This is the height of self-will. “This evil people, which refuse to hear my words, which walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is good for nothing” (Jer. 13:10) In the next verse, God called upon them to be His glorious people, but “they would not hear” (verse 11). There is a vast difference in “can’t hear” and “won’t hear”!! Earlier in his book, Jeremiah called the people to the way of rest and peace, “But they said, We will not walk therein” (Jer. 6:16). WE WILL NOT WALK THEREIN. How fatal those words were! And they are as fatal today as when first uttered.

Those to whom Jesus spoke were self-willed. One could not find a more pathetic cry than that which Jesus prayed for His beloved and “holy” city. “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, AND YE WOULD NOT!” (Matt. 23:37). The ultimate fate of that city was terrible: “Behold, your house is left unto you desolate” (verse 38). Think of all those years in the past when God called unto His Old Testament people for them to repent and turn to Him, yet they would not! Think of those who, in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah, chose their captive lands rather than the return of their divinely given land! They simply “would not” hearken to God. How tragic!

God said he had stretched out His hands “all the day” to a rebellious people (Isa. 65:2). Paul shows that because of their self-will, they continue in their unbelief and are lost (Rom. 10:21). No matter what God has done, they refused Him. Has the world today done better?

~Jerri Manasco~



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Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Thurman Bennett
Reading	Bill Biles
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table (N)	*Ken Lee
(S)	*Ricky Prince
(N)	Ryan Kesey
(N)	Joe Roller
(N)	Harley Northcutt
(S)	Joey Reynolds
(S)	Tom McColloch
(S)	John Stembridge
Sermon	David Williams
Dismiss	Dale Bennett

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Bob Mayfield
Reading	Jeff Templeton
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Calvin Rogers
	*Johnny Anderson
Sermon	Joe Collins
Dismiss	Kraig Campbell

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(473-4528) Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing	Young Men
First Prayer	Billy Gilbert
Reading	Tyler Boyd
Invitation	Mike Driver
Dismiss	Bob Cantrell

Welcome Committee

A.M.	John & Judy Nussbaum
P.M.	Eddie Palmer Family

Bus Driver: Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

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Attend Nursery: Sharon Driver

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Pantry Item: Chili

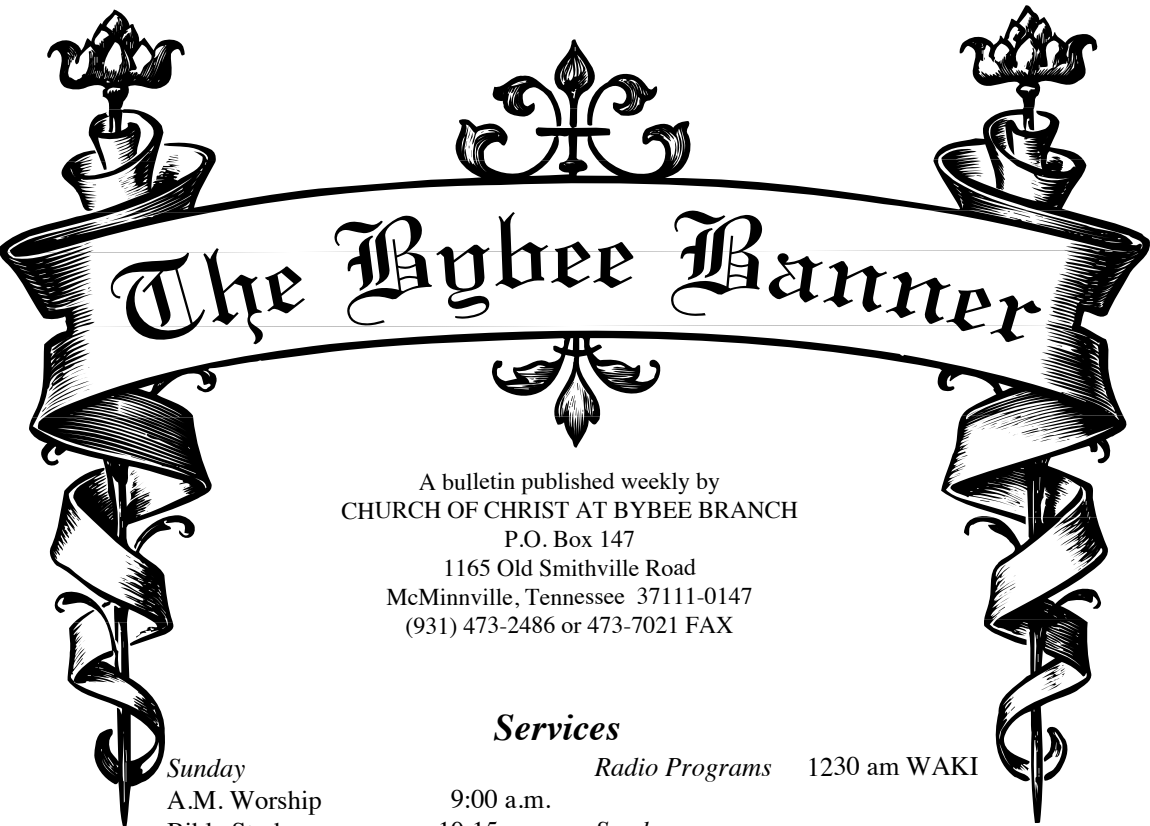
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Wednesday			
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Stanley Graves	Willie Newby
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Tony Lawrence	473-8079
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At Home:  
Robbie Vandagriff  
Willene Kell  
Sabrina Merritt

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gravely ill and requests prayers.  
Clyde Christian-Riverpark (for surgery)  
Carolyn Cantrell-Riverpark  
Iola Gribble (Jane Flatt’s mother)-Riverpark  
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having surgery and requests prayers.

Sympathy

We were all saddened to hear of the passing of sister Elma McInery this past Wednesday. Her funeral was Saturday afternoon in Hagersville, Ontario. She and “Brother Mac” were faithful members here prior to returning to Canada. You may wish to send cards to:

Stanley McInery  
RR 1  
Selkirk, Ontario N0A-1P0 Canada  
(905) 776-3948

Gospel Meetings

Bluff Springs church of Christ, April 18-23 at 7:30 p.m.  
with Tony Lawrence

West Riverside church of Christ, April 18-23 at 7:30  
p.m. with Paul Meacham, Jr.

Earleyville church of Christ, April 18-23 at 7:00 p.m.  
with Jerry Davidson

Northcutts Cove church of Christ, April 23-25 at 7:00  
p.m. with Bruce Atnip

Meeting Attendance

Thanks to all who helped make the meeting so successful!  
Monday ..... 211  
Tuesday ..... 203  
Wednesday ..... 272  
Thursday ..... 225

Teen Age Bible Study

The TABS program will be this coming Sunday evening at the New Union congregation in Coffee County. The group will leave the building at 5:15 pm.

ABC Network & The Bible

A gentleman by the name of Jim Neugent of Mena, Arkansas wrote ABC to complain about a recent episode of THE PRACTICE that endorsed homosexuality. His email to them and their reply is below:

His original message:  
ABC is obsessed (or should I say abscessed) with the subject of homosexuality. I will no longer watch any of your attempts to convince the world that homosexuality is ok. THE PRACTICE can be a fairly good show but last night’s program was so typical of your agenda. You picked the ‘dufus’ of the office to be the one who was against the idea of his mother being gay and made him look like a whiner because he had convictions. This type of mentality calls people like me “gay basher”. Read the first chapter of Romans (that’s in the Bible) and see what the apostle Paul had to say about it...He and God and Jesus were all ‘gay bashers.’ What if she’d fallen in love with her cocker spaniel.....is that an alternative lifestyle? (By the way....the Bible speaks against that, too.)  
Jim Neugent

Here is their reply.....  
The ABC online Webmaster wrote: How about getting your nose out of the Bible (which is ONLY a book of stories compiled by MANY different writers hundreds of years ago) and read the Declaration of Independence (what our nation is built on) where it says “All Men are Created Equal” - and try treating them that way for a change!? Or better yet, try thinking for yourself and stop using an archaic book of stories as your crutch for your existence.

His reply to them.....  
Thanks for your reply. Evidently, I hit a nerve from your harsh reply. I will share it with all whom I come in contact. Hopefully, the Arkansas Democrat Newspaper will include it in one of their columns. And....I will be praying for you. (Jim Neugent) -via the Internet

The Anger of Jehovah

“The Lord was angry with Solomon.” (I Kings 11:9)

No more tragic statement can be found to describe Solomon’s relationship to God in the closing days of his life than, “The Lord was angry with Solomon.” It is a revelation of the anger of God which we do well to ponder. The reasons for it are found in the story of Solomon in the eleventh chapter of First Kings. In this chapter we have the account of Solomon’s degeneracy and doom. The nature of this great man had a strong, evil side. His commercial enterprises led him into alliance with surrounding nations, and following Oriental custom, he allowed his heart to go after strange women. The wrong thus began to invade higher realms, and he built temples for these women. Inevitable there followed the demoralization of king and people, until at last, “Jehovah was angry with Solomon.”

It is indeed a tragedy that the man who had built the Temple and in priestly dignity had presided over its dedication, crying to God for his abiding presence, should, seduced by the lower side of his nature, turn from his loyalty to Jehovah and break the covenant. *One of the most promising characters in the Bible and the wisest mere man that ever lived had no more stability of character and intelligence of mind than to go awhoring after other gods.*

The anger of Jehovah was not merely passive. “Jehovah raised up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite” (v. 14). “God raised up another adversary unto him, Rezon the son of Eliada” (v. 23) “And Jeroboam . . . he also lifted up his hand against the king” (v. 26). All this was Divine judgement, and yet it was but the natural outworking of the evil heart which had possessed the king. David had learned that one cannot sin and get by without repentance. Now the lesson was to be learned again. The kingdom was to be rent for the hand of Solomon, and though it was not done until after his death because of his father’s sake, it was accomplished because the “Lord was angry with Solomon.” His was a life of promise, but it ended in failure and gloom, because his heart was turned from loyalty to God, in response to the seductions of his sensual nature.

The whole story of King Solomon is full of the most solemn value. May we be careful to *maintain loyalty to Jehovah* and not be led away from him through our sensual desires. The sinner will receive his due and it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

~Author unknown~

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First Prayer	Ronnie Rogers
Reading	Jeff Flatt
Scripture	1 Timothy 5:1,2
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(S)	*Dennis Gann
(N)	James Hayes
(N)	David McColloch
(N)	Jason Vandagriff
(S)	Lee Gann
(S)	Willie Newby
(S)	Buell Warren
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bruce Pryor

*Sunday Evening Worship*

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Kevin Judkins
Scripture	Romans 12:1,2
Lord's Table	*Winfrey Hennessee
	*Ken Martin
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Clyde Christian

*Wednesday Bible Study*

Announcements	(473-4528) Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing	John Biddle
First Prayer	Doug Hendrixson
Reading	Lemmie Bratten
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	W.C. Chilton

*Welcome Committee*

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P.M.	Mildred Bumbalough & Debbie Glenn

*Bus Driver:* Ronnie Prince (686-4088)

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*Lock Building:* Willie Newby

*Pantry Item:* Canned Tuna

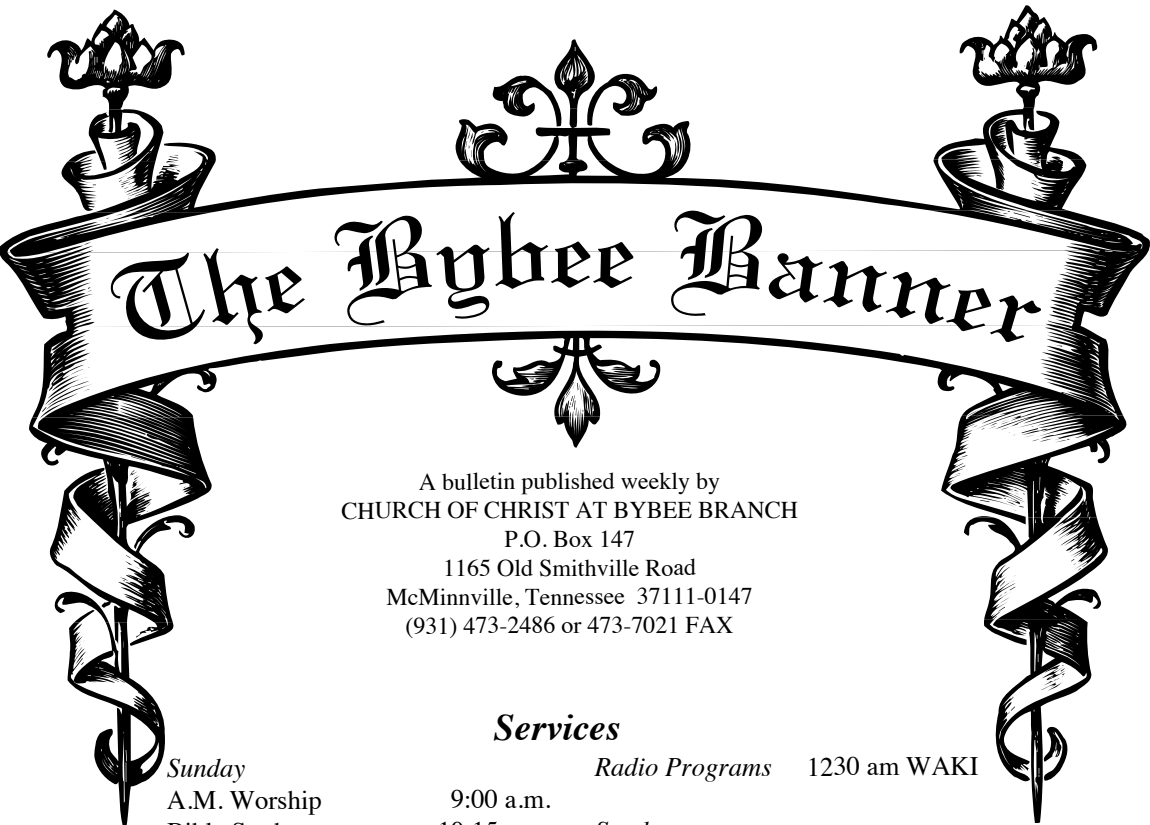
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# Sick

**At Home:**  
Robbie Vandagriff  
Willene Kell  
Iola Gribble (*Jane Flatt's mother*)  
Carolyn Cantrell  
Jonathan & Jarah Anderson

**In The Hospital:**  
Don Ridenour (*brother-in-law to Jan Kalonick*)-  
gravely ill and requests prayers.  
Clyde Christian-Riverpark (*for surgery*)  
Edith Cantrell-moved to NHC Room 11  
Laura Womack (*sister-in-law of Dora Mullican*)  
having surgery and requests prayers.

# Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Minnie Lane, the mother of our Lawrence Lane. Her funeral was this past Friday in Woodbury.

# Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Respecting The Older  
P.M. .... The Pressure To Conform

# Gospel Meetings & Etc.

**Northcutts Cove church of Christ**, April 23-25 at 7:00 p.m. with Bruce Atnip.  
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**Old Philadelphia church of Christ**, May 2-7 at 7:00 p.m. with different speakers. Our John Biddle will speak on Sunday evening at 7:30.  
Singing at the **Morrison church of Christ**, Friday, April 23, from 7:00-11:00 p.m.  
Lectureship at the **Ward's Chapel church of Christ**, Saturday, April 24, from 9:00-4:45.

# ABC Network & The Bible Followup:

In fairness to ABC, here is a follow-up to the article printed last week that recorded the response of an ABC Webmaster to the complaint of Jim Neugent regarding an episode of “The Practice” that endorsed homosexual behavior. The apology was for the denigrating response sent to Mr. Neugent. It is significant that ABC has not and likely will not apologize for glorifying ungodly behavior.

Here is the response of the ABC Webmaster:

*Once Webmaster found out that such a mail was sent out against policy, we did our best to put together a list of those emailed in order to get this apology sent ASAP.*

*I would like to send out this apology on behalf of one of our ex-freelancers that worked with us in the Webmaster Department. An email was sent out in response to Jim Neugent's mail regarding his feeling offense towards an episode of “The Practice.” This person's response was by no means the views shared by this organization, but of a personal opinion, and should not have been sent out.*

*The sole purpose of Webmaster is to fix any problems that occur on the website and to help our users with any technical difficulties that they may run into while using the site. It is, by no means, to be used as a medium to express one's own personal opinions.*

*Again, our Webmaster Division wishes to apologize for any misgivings that this ex-freelancer may have caused and thanks you for bringing this concern to our attention.*

ABC Webmaster Division

# Responses

Again, last week we neglected to report the responses during the previous week. We rejoice that Melinda Martin was baptized into Christ and Mark Martin and Eva Henderson requested prayers to be restored to faithfulness to our Lord. Please pray for these.

# “DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN?”

You may be thinking, “What a strange question to ask of those of us who are assembled here on this first day of the week to worship and praise God. Our presence demonstrates our attitude toward and interest in going to heaven.” But, do you know that the Lord said more people will miss heaven than will go there (*Matthew 7:13,14*). How tragic, because there is no reason for any to be lost seeing that God desires for all men to be saved and through the death of Jesus made provisions for the debt to be paid and full satisfaction given (*I Timothy 2:4; II Peter 3:9; John 1:29; 3:16; Romans 5:8-1 1*). The simple yet sobering truth is that the only thing that will keep us from going to heaven is a lack of desire on our part. The following points will help us determine whether or not we really want to go to heaven.

First, we must be willing to LEARN ABOUT HEAVEN. To learn means, “to gain knowledge or understanding.” Let me remind you that God desires “*all men to be saved and to come too knowledge of the truth*” (*I Timothy 2:4*). Though God has extended His grace toward all men that they might be taught how to live properly in this life and thus inherit an eternal home, many don’t have a willingness to learn (*Titus 2:11,12; I Peter 1:3,4; John 14:1-3,6*). Are you willing to learn more about heaven?

Secondly, we must YEARN FOR HEAVEN. To yearn is “to desire, to long persistently for something or someone.” God has filled His book of Holy Writ with reason after reason for us to yearn for heaven. First of all, heaven is where God dwells (*Ecclesiastes 5:2; Daniel 2:28; Matthew 5:45; 6:9*). Add to that knowledge the assurance that Christ our Savior now sits at the right hand of the heavenly Father (*Mark 16: 19; Acts 2:33; 5:31; 7:55; Colossians3: 1*). To further deepen our yearning for heaven, the Lord promised to prepare us a place in His Father’s house and to come back to take us there (*John 14:1-3*). Do you have a deep seeded yearning in your heart for heaven?

Thirdly, we must TURN TOWARD HEAVEN. To turn means, “to change course or direction.” The Bible word describing this action is repentance. Once again we start with heaven’s desire for us. Peter states that the Lord is “*not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*” (*II Peter 3:9*). Following the dictates of the world will lead to spiritual death and separation from that heavenly home while turning to the Lord will lead to life everlasting (*Romans 6:23; John 6:68; 10:10; 14:6*). The way to heaven is strait and narrow; we must be totally focused to find it and walk therein (*Matthew 7:13,14; I John 1:7*). Are you turning in heaven’s direction?

DO YOU REALLY WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN?

~Jerry L. Martin~

# Youth Visitation

The young people of the congregation will go out visiting the elderly and shut-ins this coming Saturday, April 24 from 10:00-12:00. Please meet at the building by 10:00 a.m.



Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(473-0557) Johnny Anderson
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Chuck Boles
Reading	Billy Gilbert
Scripture	1 Timothy 5:17-20
Lord's Table (N)	*Chuck Medley
(S)	*Tommy Crouch
(N)	Cody Kalonick
(N)	Bran Merritt
(N)	Joe T. Cantrell
(S)	Edgar Webb
(S)	Joe Maynard
(S)	Harold McGinness
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bob Cantrell

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(473-0557) Johnny Anderson
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	Paul Davis
Scripture	Titus 1:15
Lord's Table	*Ken Lee
	*Bruce Pryor
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	David Chilton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Tim Fisher
Lead Singing	Joey Reynolds
First Prayer	Larry Flatt
Reading	Kelly Thaxton
Invitation	John Biddle
Dismiss	Allen Hughes

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A.M.	David McColloch Family
P.M.	Kevin Judkins Family

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Attend Nursery: Alicia Driver

Lock Building: Steve Boyd

Pantry Item: Deodorant

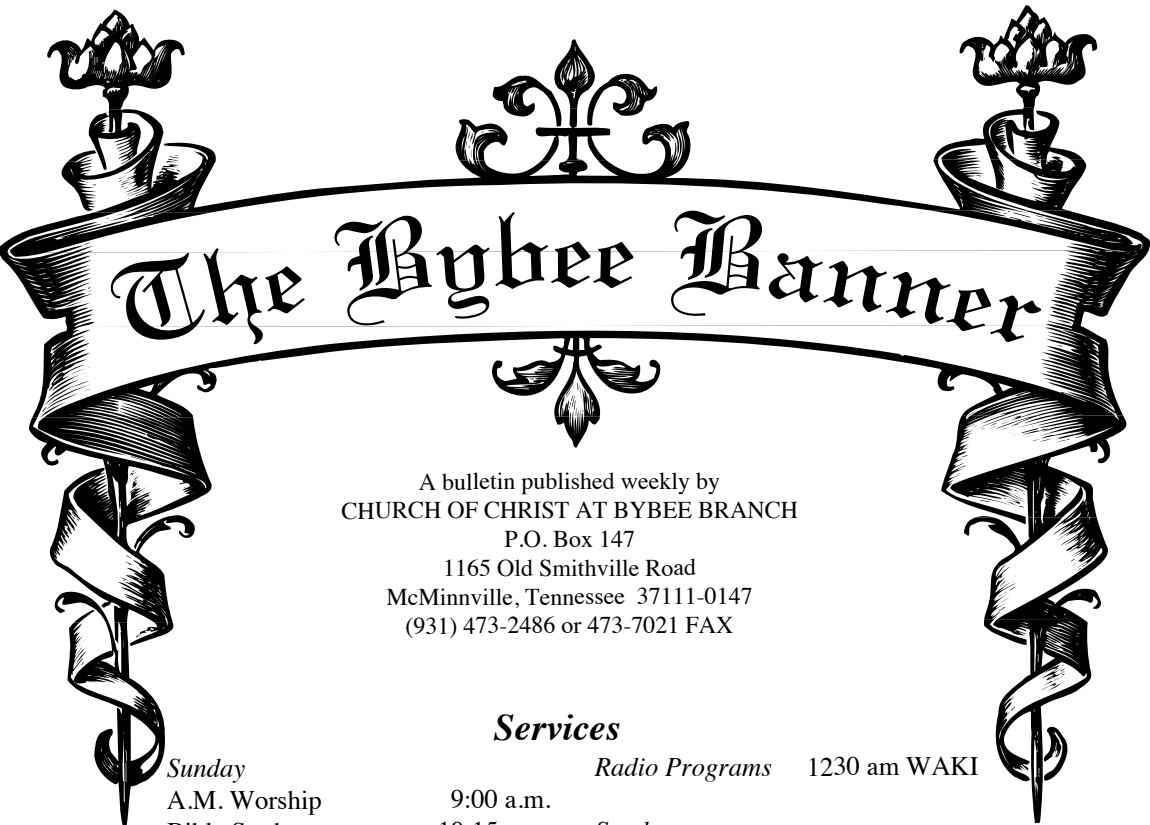
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Laura Womack (sister-in-law of Dora Mullican)

having surgery and requests prayers.

Sympathy

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Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... Careful Choices

P.M. .... Morally Pure Apparel

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Berea church of Christ, May 2-5, at 7:30 p.m. with Jim Gammon.

Prom–Alternative Trip

There will be a *very important* meeting for those going on the Prom-Alternative trip this Sunday evening. If you plan on going on the trip you need to be present. You will need to bring your release forms and the balance of your money. You should also bring \$2 for pizza.

AN ESTIMATED 220,000 PEOPLE

AT THE RACE TRACK SUNDAY

The Texas Motor Speedway had one of its “big” races this past Sunday (March 28) and people came from near and far to watch it. In fact, the crowd was estimated at 220,000, which is the largest crowd ever assembled in Texas for anything! The weather was less than desirable, sort of drizzly and cold. People were all wrapped up in rain gear and holding all sizes of umbrellas, and sitting on hard benches. And the traffic was horrendous! It took many of the racing fans two to four hours to even get out of the parking lot after the event was over!

I read all about it in the newspaper this a.m., and heard yet more on the radio while driving to the office. I thought to myself, “Is that amazing or not, that 220,000 people would fight through all that traffic to get to the Texas Speedway site and pay big bucks to sit in cold, wet weather to watch a bunch of cars race around a huge oval track, and then, have to fight through even worse traffic conditions to return home!?!” Couldn’t help but wonder—how many of those 220,000 thought about God during the day, or had compunction of conscience for not “attending church”? Were there members of the Lord’s church that went out there, choosing to absent themselves from the assembly of the saints and the worship of God in order to see the race?

Then I pondered, what did God think and how did He feel? And the same question could be asked concerning any event that keeps people from putting first things first, whether car racing, golf, football, baseball, or whatever! All I can do is surmise how I think He must think and feel. But I imagine we’ll all find out very clearly someday, don’t you?

~Maxie B. Boren~

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						EUGENE & DORIS WILCHER JEFF & REGINA TEMPLETON Ada Hensley 1
	Bob Cantrell		Nan Cantrell DARRELL & LISA CHILTON	Bessie Parker	Teresa Atnip	Tyler Boyd 8
2	3	4	5	6	7	
	Regina Templeton Ryan McColloch	Violet Webb Joe Roller	LEONARD & JUNE CROUCH Ken Lee Kevin Flatt Jamie Hayes	Billy Gilbert		GILBERT & WILLENE KELL Pauline Watson JOHN & RACHEL EVERETT 15
9	10	11	12	13	14	
	Melba Bonner	Mary Davis			Mattie Medley	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	LAWRENCE & BETTY LANE	Edgar Webb Pearl Biddle Bertha Stewart Eugene Jones	Terann Hillis	Rachel Flatt	Robbie Vandagriff	Edith Cantrell
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
BOB & JUANITA CANTRELL Harold McGinness 30						
	31					



***Sunday Morning Worship***

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Doug Hendrixson
Reading	Brett Merritt
Scripture	1 Timothy 6:1-10
Lord's Table (N)	*Ronnie Rogers
(S)	*W.C. Chilton
(N)	Micah Lawrence
(N)	Rodney Maynard
(N)	Brandon McGinness
(S)	Rogers Kalonick
(S)	John Nussbaum
(S)	Jeff Bond
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Danny Duncan

***Sunday Evening Worship***

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Eddie Palmer
Reading	Dale Bennett
Scripture	Mark 12:28-31
Lord's Table	*Bob Mayfield
	*Jim Slatton
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ronnie Prince

***Wednesday Bible Study***

Announcements	Tim Fisher
Lead Singing	John Biddle
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Reading	Willie Newby
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Martin

***Welcome Committee***

A.M.	Marc Martin Family
P.M.	Joe Maynard Family

***Bus Driver:*** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

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***Attend Nursery:*** Iona King

***Lock Building:*** Steve Boyd

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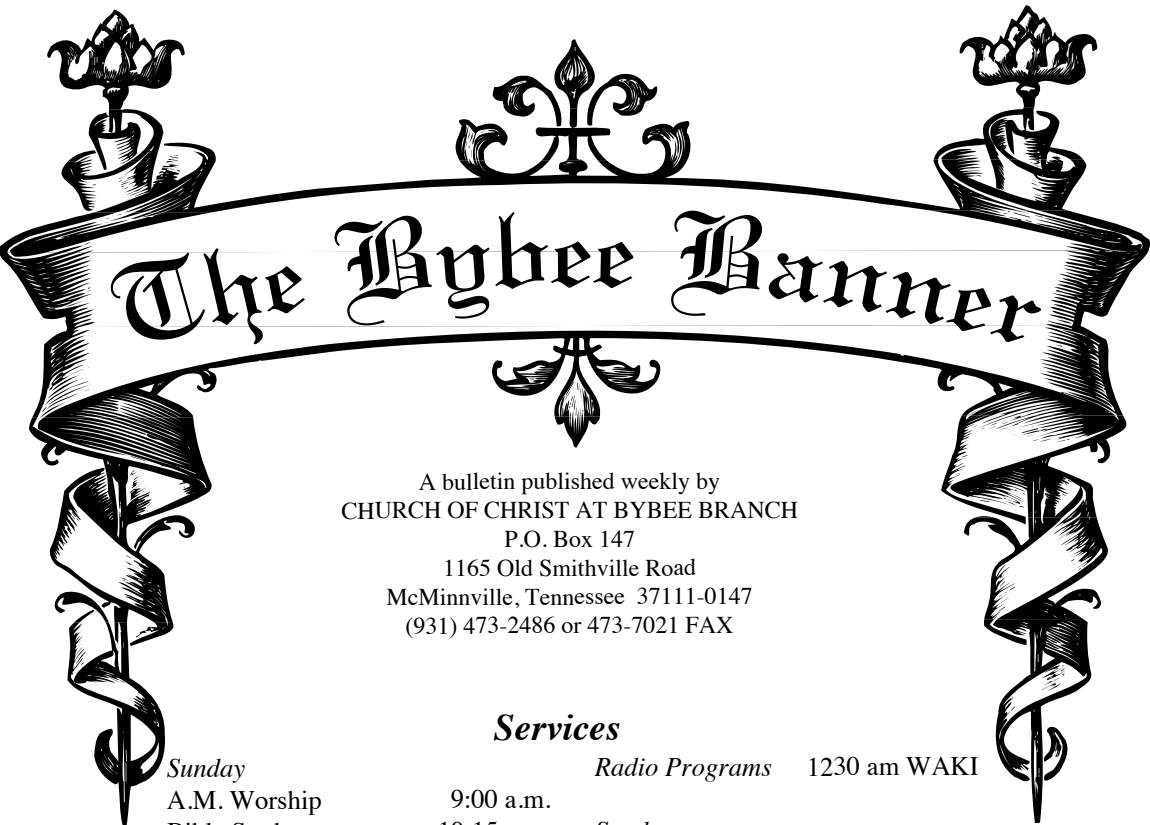
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At Home:  
Robbie Vandagriff  
Willene Kell  
Carolyn Cantrell  
David McColloch  
Haley McColloch-following eye surgery  
Lannie Clemons (Leonard’s brother)

In The Hospital:  
Laura Womack (sister-in-law of Dora Mullican)  
having surgery and requests prayers.  
Lela Johnson-Vanderbilt

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Harold Mitchell. He was a long time member of Bybee Branch but had been shut-in for the past several years. His funeral was this past Thursday.

Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... Godly Contentment  
P.M. .... A Life Full Of Service #1

Gospel Meetings & Etc.

Old Philadelphia church of Christ, May 2-7, at 7:00 p.m. with different speakers. Our John Biddle will speak on Sunday evening at 7:30.

Berea church of Christ, May 2-5, at 7:30 p.m. with Jim Gammon.

Taking It With You...

An old miser called his doctor, lawyer and minister to his deathbed. “They say you can’t take it with you,” the dying man said. “But I’m going to try. I’ve got three envelopes with \$30,000 cash in each one. I want each of you to take an envelope and just when they lower my casket, throw in the envelopes.”

At the funeral each person tossed in an envelope. On the way home, the minister confessed, “I needed the money for the church, so I took out \$10,000 and only threw \$20,000 into the grave.” The doctor said, “I, too, must confess. I’m building a clinic I took \$20,000 and threw in only \$10,000.” The lawyer said, “I’m ashamed of you two. I threw in a check for the full amount.”

Shut-ins

Help us keep this list up-to-date.

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):  
Edith Cantrell  
Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond’s mother)  
Pauline Greene  
Lena Mai Gribble  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

Raintree Health Care Center:  
Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home  
Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons’ mother)

Hillcrest Health Care:  
Edith Collins

Home:  
Katherine Bennett  
Jane Golden  
Rozelle Goodman  
Joe Maxwell  
Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

A Queen Who Would Not Dance At The Ball

“Let no man despise thy youth; but be an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity,” I Timothy 4:12.

To be selected queen at a high school basketball homecoming and to lead the group in the first dance at the royal ball is the dream of many high school girls. But not so with Olivia Wolfe, a senior at Neosho (MO) High School and a member of the Hillcrest Church of Christ.

When Olivia was nominated to be queen, she had some misgivings because she knew that it was traditional for the queen to participate in the dance that followed the game. She talked with the sponsor of the activity and told the sponsor that she had religious convictions that would not allow her to participate In the dance and that if dancing were a requirement of being elected queen, she would need to refuse the nomination. The sponsor assured Olivia that if she were elected queen, she would not be required to participate in the dance in any way.

However, word soon spread that Olivia would not participate in the dance If elected queen. When a fellow student told Olivia that her parents thought it was terrible that Olivia’s parents would not allow her to attend the dance, Olivia made it clear that the decision not to dance was based upon her own convictions and not upon orders from her parents.

Other students discussed whether they should vote for a queen candidate who would not be at the dance. When the ballots were cast and counted, Olivia was the successful candidate. On February 23, 1 998, Olivia Wolfe was crowned Neosho High School Homecoming Queen, and true to her conviction, she did not attend the dance.

Olivia is an outstanding example for others to follow—both young and old. She was willing to give up the honor of being queen if it required her to violate her convictions. And her experience demonstrates that it is not necessary for a person to compromise convictions and go along with the crowd in order to be popular with the crowd. She was elected queen because of the respect her peers had for her, and—no doubt—one reason her peers had respect for her was the fact that she was a young lady of conviction, someone they could admire and be proud to claim as their homecoming queen.

We salute you, Olivia, for having the courage to stand by your convictions and to be an exceptional example to us all.

~Bob Murray~  
(copied from the Messenger, East Tennessee School of Preaching, April 1999)

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(473-0557) Johnny Anderson
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Bob Bonner
Reading	Leonard Crouch
Scripture	1 Timothy 6:11-16
Lord's Table (N)	*Lemmie Bratten
(S)	*Winfrey Hennessee
(N)	Abram Pryor
(N)	Marty Boles
(N)	Shane Fisher
(S)	Tyler Boyd
(S)	Shannon Griffin
(S)	Joe Roller
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Mike Driver

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(473-0557) Johnny Anderson
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Ricky Prince
Reading	Tom McColloch
Scripture	Mark 12:28-31
Lord's Table	*Allen Hughes
	*Don Sullivan
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Buell Warren

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Tim Fisher
Lead Singing	Young Men
First Prayer	Thurman Bennett
Reading	Bill Womack
Invitation	Kurt Maynard
Dismiss	Noel Pepper

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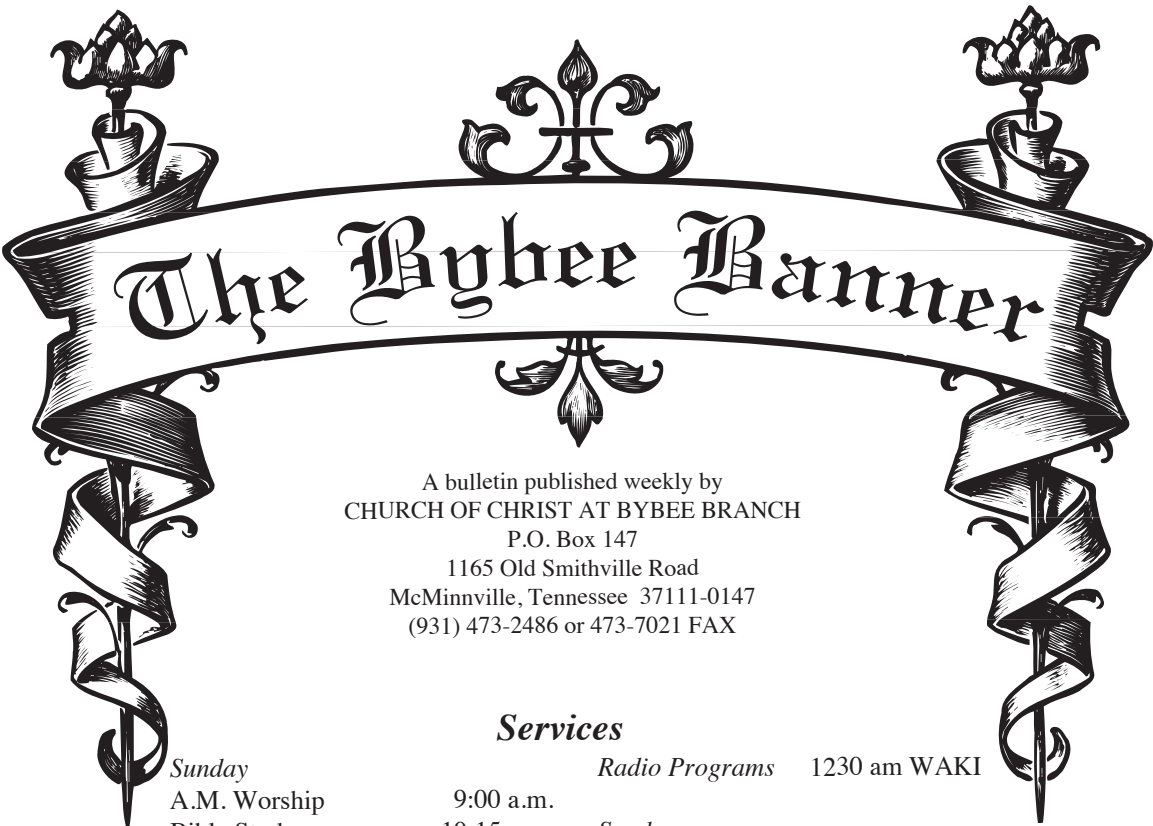
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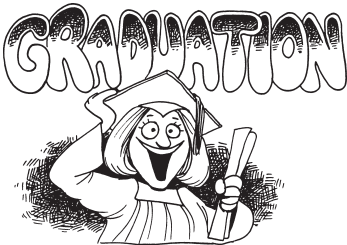
A.M. .... Flee, Fight, & Follow  
P.M. .... A Life Full Of Service #2

# Ladies Day

Leoni church of Christ, May 15, 10-12 with Maggie Colley speaking.

# Prom–Alternative Trip

There will be a large number of our young people travelling this weekend to Gatlinburg for the “Prom-Alternative Trip.” Please pray for their safe travel and return.



To all of those who have family that are graduating from High School or College, please give us their names and school (and degree) and we will list it in an upcoming bulletin. We want to recognize all that have achieved accomplishments among us. “Rejoice with those who rejoice...” Romans 12:15

# The Anger of Jehovah

“The Lord was angry with Solomon.” (I Kings 11:9)  
No more tragic statement can be found to describe Solomon’s relationship to God in the closing days of his life than, “The Lord was angry with Solomon.” It is a revelation of the anger of God which we do well to ponder. The reasons for it are found in the story of Solomon in the eleventh chapter of First Kings. In this chapter we have the account of Solomon’s degeneracy and doom. The nature of this great man had a strong, evil side. His commercial enterprises led him into alliance with surrounding nations, and following Oriental custom, he allowed his heart to go after strange women. The wrong thus began to invade higher realms, and he built temples for these women. Inevitable there followed the demoralization of king and people, until at last, “Jehovah was angry with Solomon.”

It is indeed a tragedy that the man who had built the Temple and in priestly dignity had presided over its dedication, crying to God for his abiding presence, should, seduced by the lower side of his nature, turn from his loyalty to Jehovah and break the covenant. *One of the most promising characters in the Bible and the wisest mere man that ever lived had no more stability of character and intelligence of mind than to go awehoring after other gods.*

The anger of Jehovah was not merely passive. “Jehovah raised up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite” (v. 14). “God raised up another adversary unto him, Rezon the son of Eliada” (v. 23) “And Jeroboam . . . he also lifted up his hand against the king” (v. 26). All this was Divine judgement, and yet it was but the natural outworking of the evil heart which had possessed the king. David had learned that one cannot sin and get by without repentance. Now the lesson was to be learned again. The kingdom was to be rent for the hand of Solomon, and though it was not done until after his death because of his father’s sake, it was accomplished because the “Lord was angry with Solomon.” His was a life of promise, but it ended in failure and gloom, because his heart was turned from loyalty to God, in response to the seductions of his sensual nature.

The whole story of King Solomon is full of the most solemn value. May we be careful to *maintain loyalty to Jehovah* and not be led away from him through our sensual desires. The sinner will receive his due and it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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# Take Advantage of Every Opportunity

“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

Webster defines, “opportunity” as, “Fit time; a favorable juncture of circumstances; a good chance.” A similar word is the word, “opportune” and means, “Fit; ready; hence; seasonable; timely.” Christians ought to be “opportunistic” people, that is, “ready” “fit” to teach the Gospel, do benelovence, restore the erring!

The Lord gave the charge to the apostles to, “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel . . .” This admonition is also given to the church today because it is the “pillar and support of the truth” (I Tim. 3:15). The church of our Lord should be busy about “sowing the Seed of the Kingdom” (Lk. 8:11), the “Word of God!”

There are two fundamental problems that confront the church today in obeying the “Great Commission.” These are: 1. Too many do not look for opportunities to do “good,” especially to teach one the Gospel, and 2. Too many are not “fit” or “ready” to teach if the opportunity presented itself. The “Evangelistic Thrust” is but dead in too many hearts today, and as a result the number of baptisms is down.

A word in the definition for, “opportune” was “seasonable.” Paul told Timothy to, “Preach the word, be instant in SEASON out of SEASON . . .” (II Tim. 4:2). The fact of the matter is that there is no season as such to preach the Gospel but it is always SEASONAL. True, there is a time to sow and a time to reap (Ecc. 3:7). A Christian is to be both “sower” and “reaper.” When Jesus exclaimed, “The harvest is truly plenteous but the labourers are few,” He was teaching that there are many that will receive the “Seed” if we will but go and “sow!” (Matt. 9:37).

Isn’t it sad to have THE MOST POWERFUL SEED in the world and we aren’t willing to sow it! May God help us to look for the “opportunities” and then seize that moment to teach the “Wonderful Word of God!”

~Ray Peters~

Sunday Morning Worship

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Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Steve Boyd
Reading	Chip Cantrell
Scripture	1 Timothy 6:17-21
Lord's Table (N)	*Larry Flatt
(S)	*Willie Newby
(N)	Marc Martin
(N)	Kraig Campbell
(S)	Eugene Wilcher
(S)	Eric Fisher
(S)	David McColloch
(S)	Ralph Crouch
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(473-0557) Johnny Anderson
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Frank Reynolds
Reading	Ronnie Rogers
Scripture	Mark 12:28-34
Lord's Table	*Chuck Boles
	*John Biddle
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Lee

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Tim Fisher
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Calvin Rogers
Reading	Lee Gann
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Cody Kalonick

Welcome Committee

A.M.	Elaine Goodman & Mary Davis
P.M.	Willie Newby Family

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Attend Nursery: Bernice Fults

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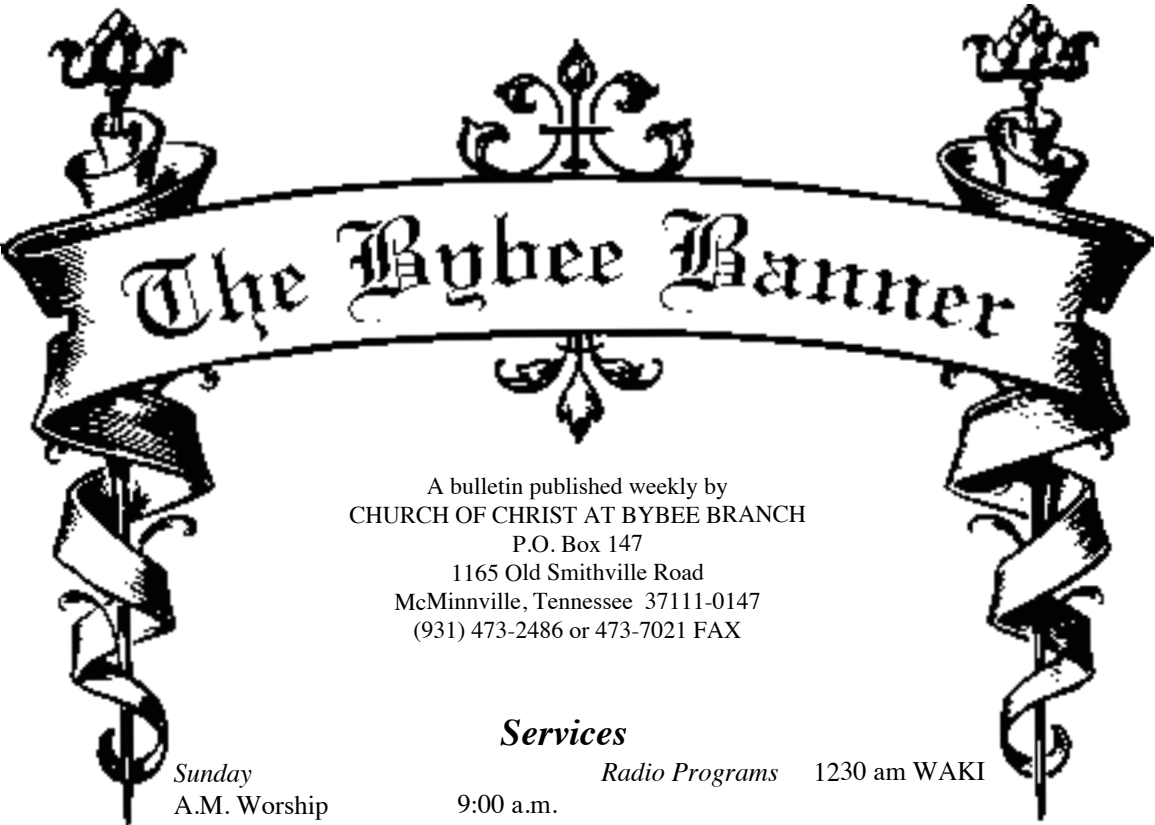
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# Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Wise Investments  
P.M. .... A Life Full Of Service #3

# Gospel Meeting

Oak Grove church of Christ, May 16-21, services at 7:30 each evening with Jimmy Wright preaching.

# Lectureship

The East Hill church of Christ in Pulaski will host their ninth annual Truth In Love Lectures this week, May 19-23. The theme will be "Pressing Toward The Prize." There is a poster on the bulletin board.

# Georgia Youth Trip

There will be a meeting Sunday evening following services for those going on the Georgia Youth Trip.

# Youth Get-together

This Saturday evening, May 22, there will be a get-together at the home of Roger & Jan Kalonick from 5-9 pm. See Jan for what to bring.

*"Most of us resent undeserved criticism,  
but accept underserved praise."*

# The Faithful Few

In every church, in every clime,  
When there's some work to do,  
It's very likely to be done  
By just the faithful few.

Many folks will help to sing,  
And some are glad to talk,  
But when it comes to doing things,  
A lot of them will balk.

"I can't do this," "I can't do that,"  
"Excuse me please, this time,"  
"I'd be glad to help you out,  
but it's not in my line."

So, when the elders look about  
For some who'll help to do,  
They nearly always have to go  
And ask the faithful few.

They know full well they're busy,  
And always hard at work,  
But, they are sure they'll not refuse,  
Nor any duty shirk.

Some day the Lord will come again  
With judgment wise and true,  
And then with him to heave fair  
He'll take the faithful few!

~author unknown~

# A Kind Word

If you hear a kind word spoken  
About somebody you know,  
It will help and encourage him  
If you only tell him so.

If a deed, regardless how small,  
Helps you on your way to go,  
Find the one whose hand has helped you,  
Seek him out and tell him so.

~author unknown~

# Why Do You Go To Worship?

The wife and husband were on their way home from worship Sunday morning. As they rode along, the woman asked him, "Did you see that woman on the front row showing off her Liz Claiborne suit?" The husband replied, "no."

She continued, "Did you see that man on our left, the one wearing that gaudy sport jacket that just simply clashed with his slacks?" "No!" again was the reply. Then she asked, "Well, did you see that young man to our right wearing an ear ring?" "No," he said.

The husband then spoke in a quiet tone, kind of embarrassed because of what he was about to confess: "Just to be honest with you, I dozed off during worship this morning."

Then his wife rebuked him, saying, "Well'a lot of good worship does you!"

~author unknown~

# Far Enough!

A pioneer preacher was called upon to preach the funeral of a man who had refused all his life to go to church.

As the pallbearers neared the door of the church building, the old preacher stood in the doorway and beckoned to them say, "Gentlemen, I have never taken undue advantage of any living person; neither I will not do so of the dead. If this man were living, he would not enter this building. Put him down right there. Let's respect him enough to finish his earthly pilgrimage as he lived it."

The brief services were conducted from the door, while the deceased body rested in the casket on the church lawn.

~author unknown~



# VBS Planning Meeting

There will be an important planing meeting this coming Sunday evening at 5:00 p.m. for all those who would be willing to participate in this summer's Vacation Bible School. We will have the VBS at night and will be using the "Learning Centers" again as we did in previous years. To have a great VBS we need to have as many volunteers as possible. If you can help, please try to come and help. The tentative date for the VBS is July 12-16.

*"Foolish people talk without thinking;  
wise people think without talking."*



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First Prayer	Roger Kalonick
Reading	Don Sullivan
Scripture	2 Timothy 1:3-7
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(S)	*Ken Martin
(N)	Kurt Maynard
(N)	Jason Vandagriff
(S)	Jeff Templeton
(S)	J.B. Gribble
(S)	Harley Northcutt
(S)	Jeff Flatt
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Steve Hillis

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2115) Tyler Boyd
Lead Singing	Eric Fisher
First Prayer	Cody Kalonick
Reading	Abram Pryor
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Rodney Reynolds
	*Lynn Gann
Sermon	Steve Boyd
Dismiss	Caleb Graves

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(473-5028) Jim Slatton
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Mike Driver
Reading	Shannon Griffin
Invitation	Bruce Pryor
Dismiss	Joey Reynolds

Welcome Committee

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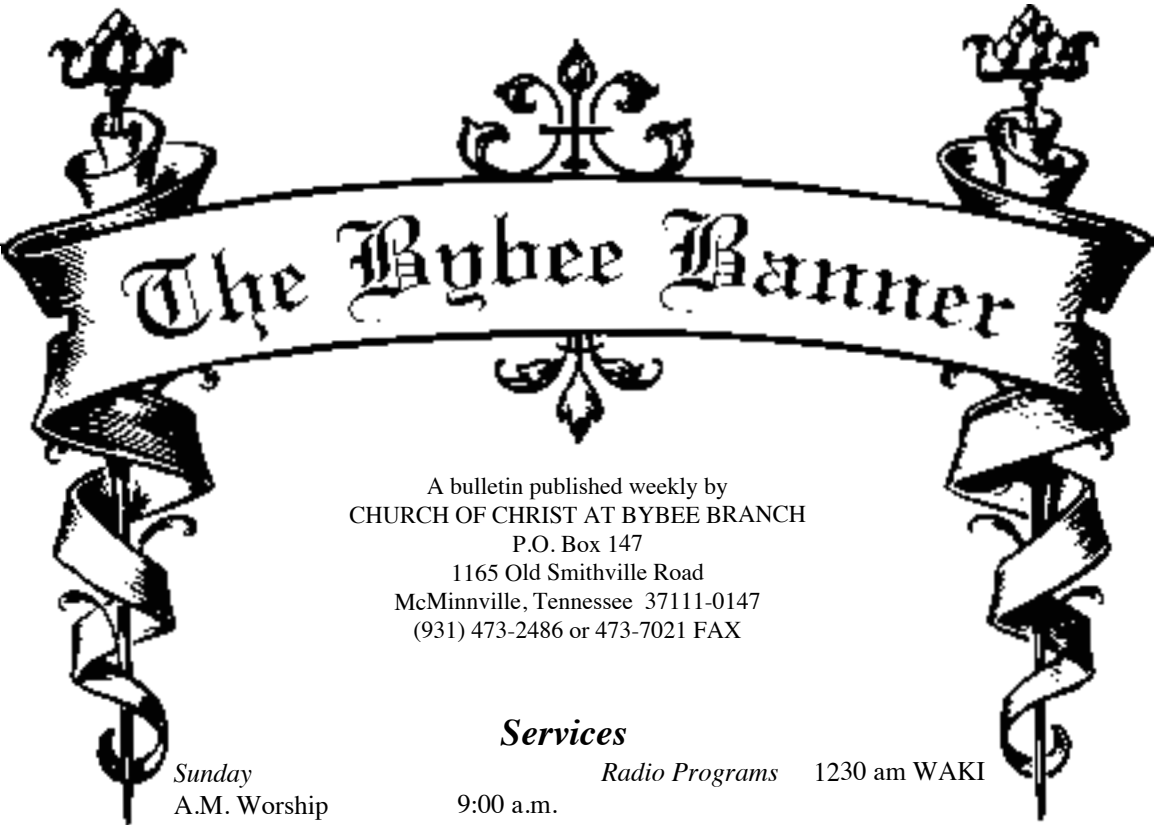
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Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... A Family Tradition  
P.M. .... Young Men Conduct Service: Steve Boyd

Gospel Meeting

Highland church of Christ, June 6-8, services at 7:00  
each evening with Vernon Joines preaching.

Wedding Shower

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a wedding  
shower honoring Holly Hillis (bride-elect of Jamie  
Hayes). It will Sunday, June 6, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at  
the church fellowship room.

Georgia Youth Trip

The trip to Six Flags over Georgia has been scheduled  
for Tuesday, June 29. There will be a sign up sheet on  
the bulletin board for all who would like to go. If you  
have questions, see Steve Hillis.

Youth Outing

This Saturday the young people will make a trip to  
the Cedars of Lebanon State Park for a day of  
activities. The bus will leave at 10:00 am and return  
at 4:00-5:00 pm. You will need to bring \$5.00 for lunch  
and a frisbee for Frisbee Golf.

Glossary of Unfamiliar  
Words found in Hymns

Abba — Aramaic for Father  
Aidenn — Poetic form of Eden  
Alleluja — Hebrew for praise ye Jehovah  
Alloy — A admixture of anything that debases  
Aught — Any least part of anything  
Azure — The blue of a clear sky  
Bane — Destroying or ruining cause; source of irreparable  
harm  
Bar — An obstruction or barrier  
Bark, Barque — Any sailing vessel or boat  
Bowers — Leafy shelter of bought, vines  
Cherubim — An order of angels  
Cleft — Split, supplying a place of retbge  
Coffers — Chest or trunk used for storing valuables  
Contrite — Broken down with sorrow for sin  
Diadem — An ornamental, royal crown  
Ebenezer — A stone of help  
Ebon — Like the color of ebony: a dark, black wood  
Ensign — A flag or banner  
Espy — To catch sight of  
Ether — The upper regions of space and the heavens  
Fen — Moor, march, swampy land  
Fraught — Filled up  
Guerdon — A well-deserved prize or reward  
Hosanna — A Hebrew exclamation of praise to the Lord  
Lays — Songs of praise  
Panoply — Anything protecting completely, or forming a  
magnificent covering  
Pining — Languishing  
Pinion — The wing or flight feathers of fowl  
Proffer — To offer for acceptance  
Repine — To feel or express dejection  
Requite — To repay  
Seraph — One of an order of angelic beings  
Solace — Alleviation of grief or anxiety  
Sore — Distressing  
Staid — Fixed  
Succor — Aid  
Supernal — Being or coming from above  
Train — A number of followers or attendants  
Unfeigned — Genuine

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Congratulations GRADUATES!



High School:  
Paul Davis  
Caleb Graves  
Hilary McGinness  
Amy Prince



College:

Joseph Atnip (grandson of our Daisy Maxwell)-David Lipscomb University



The details for Vacation Bible School have been set for this year. The  
date will be July 12-16, from 7:00-8:30 pm. The theme will be the “Great  
Cloud of Witnesses” from Hebrews 12:1. We will have ten learning centers  
featuring the lives of ten “heroes of the faith” with the “Bible Bee” and  
the “Vineyard” (refreshments). There will be an adult class with a special  
teacher(s). There are still some places where additional help is needed. If

you can assist in teaching one of the learning centers or would like to help someone, please  
see Tony.

A Church Garden

THREE ROWS OF SQUASH

- 1. Squash Indifference
- 2. Squash Criticism
- 3. Squash Gossip

FOUR ROWS OF TURNIPS

- 1. Turn Up For Meetings
- 2. Turn Up With A Smile
- 3. Turn Up With A Visitor
- 4. Turn Up With A Bible

FIVE ROWS OF LETTUCE

- 1. Let Us Love One Another
- 2. Let Us Welcome Strangers
- 3. Let Us Be Faithful To Duty
- 4. Let Us Truly Worship God
- 5. Let Us Give Liberally

“I have planted, Apollos watered;  
but God gave the increase.”  
I Corinthians 3:6

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Kurt Maynard
Reading	Dennis Gann
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table (N)	*Eddie Palmer
(S)	*Allen Hughes
(N)	Don Johnson
(N)	Buell Warren
(S)	Kevin Judkins
(S)	Dickie Kesey
(S)	Steve Wilcher
(S)	Marc Martin
Sermon	Thurman Bennett
Dismiss	Bill Womack

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	Mark Lawrence
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Frank Reynolds
	*Danny Duncan
Sermon	Gerald Reynolds
Dismiss	Kraig Campbell

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(473-5028) Jim Slatton
Lead Singing	John Biddle
First Prayer	Thurman Bennett
Reading	Bob Cantrell
Invitation	Dale Bennett
Dismiss	Doug Hendrixson

Welcome Committee

A.M.	Billy & Junetta Gilbert
P.M.	Noel & Martha Pepper

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Chip Cantrell & Ricky Prince

Attend Nursery: Ruby Huntley

Lock Building: Joe Collins

Pantry Item: Canned Beef Stew

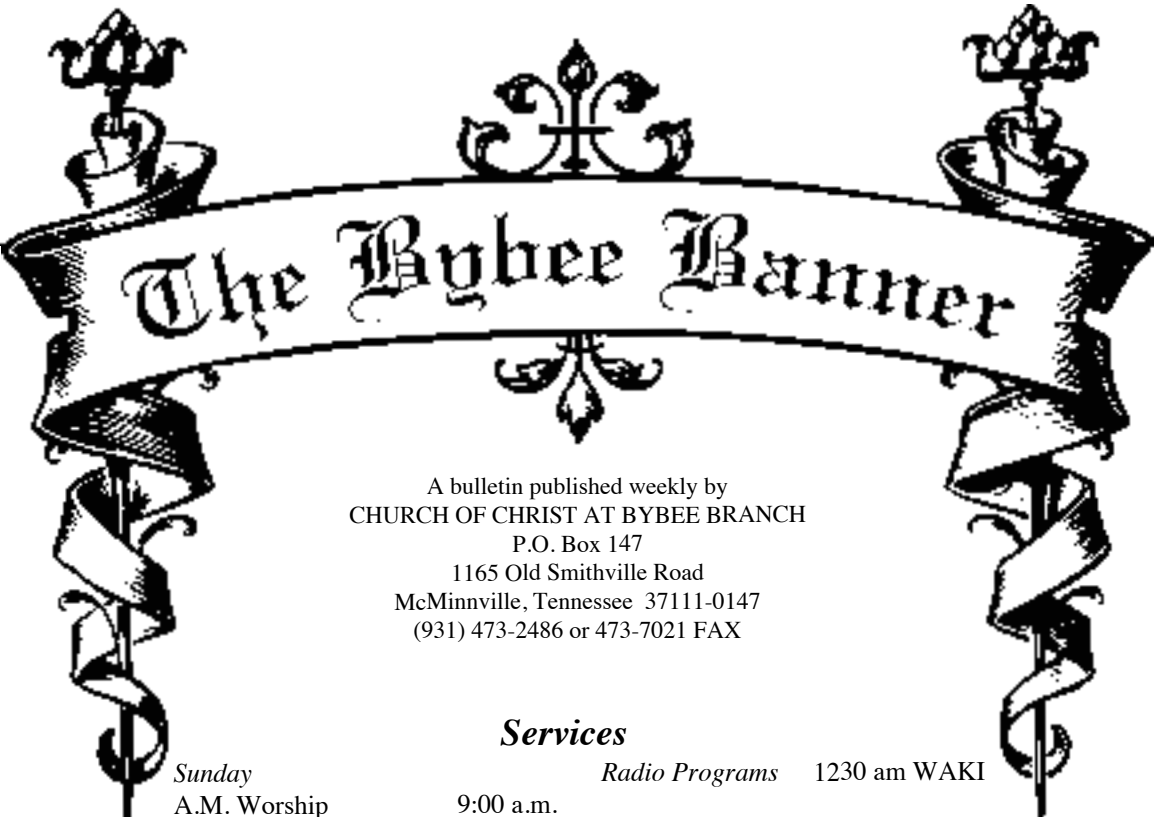
Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship .....	336
Bible Study .....	255
P.M. Worship .....	213
Wednesday Bible Study .....	247
Contribution .....	\$4,219

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Wednesday			
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Elders

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Bob Bonner	473-6992
Don Griffith	668-9006
Douglas Hendrixson	668-3115
Rodney Reynolds	473-3570

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Jim Slatton	

Preacher

Tony Lawrence	473-8079
email	alawrence@blomand.net

Sick

At Home:

Nelma Chilton  
Robbie Vandagriff  
John Stembridge  
Georgia Brown (Mattie Medley's mother) gone home following stay in Riverpark  
George Vandagriff (brother of June Crouch) following heart surgery

In The Hospital:

Betty Lane-transferred to Raintree Manor for therapy following triple-bypass surgery.  
Austin Newby (brother of our Dora Mae Wilcher)-hospital in Michigan  
Don Crouch (brother of our Leonard & Hoyt Crouch)-St. Thomas following accident that crushed both heels.

Gospel Meetings

Highland church of Christ, June 6-8, services at 7:00 each evening with Vernon Joines preaching.

Rockliff church of Christ, June 13-18, services at 7:00 each evening with Leroy Dedmon preaching.

Wedding Shower

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a wedding shower honoring Holly Hillis (bride-elect of Jamie Hayes). It will Sunday, June 6, from 4:00-5:30 p.m. at the church fellowship room.

Vacation Bible Schools

Unity church of Christ, May 30-June 3, services at 7:00 each evening with different speakers for the adult and teenage classes.

East End church of Christ, June 7-11, services at 6:30-8:00 each evening with different speakers for the adult classes.

Don't forget our VBS will be July 12-16!

Sunday Morning Worship 6/13/99

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby  
Lead Singing Joe Collins  
First Prayer Ricky Prince  
Reading Steve Hillis  
Scripture TBA  
Lord's Table (N) \*Bruce Pryor  
(S) \*Mike Driver  
(N) Lee Gann  
(N) Tom McColloch  
(S) Joe Maynard  
(S) Chris Jones  
(S) Ryan Kesey  
(S) Edgar Webb  
Sermon Chester Thompson  
Dismiss Steve Hillis

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby  
Lead Singing Joe Collins  
First Prayer Chip Cantrell  
Reading Larry Flatt  
Scripture TBA  
Lord's Table \*Kelly Thaxton  
\*Bob Bonner  
Sermon Chester Thompson  
Dismiss Lemmie Bratten

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton  
Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
First Prayer Johnny Anderson  
Reading Jason Vandagriff  
Invitation Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss Rodney Reynolds

Welcome Committee

A.M. Jeff Templeton Family  
P.M. Angie Caldwell & Helen Morgan

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)  
Ushers: Jeff Flatt & Calvin Rogers  
Attend Nursery: Rita Prince

June 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Haley Anne McColloch	DON & JALESIA JOHNSON KURT & STEPHANIE MAYNARD	Glenda Hughes	OSBURN & RUBY HUNTLEY DICKIE & LENNIE RUTH KESEY CHUCK & MATTIE MEDLEY	LARRY & ELAINE GOODMAN DON & SUSIE GRIFFITH June Crouch Bob Mayfield Huston Thaxton
		1	2	3	4	5
	Trista Caldwell BRETT & SABRINA MERRITT	Flossie Smartt Martha Pryor Holly Hillis		Mildred Gambrell Sidney Groves Jarah Anderson	DANNY & CYNTHIA DUNCAN	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
John Stembridge Kayla Maynard  Guest Speaker:  Chester Thompson	JARED & REBECCA MULLICAN		WINFREY & DOT HENNESSEE	Clay Hill Mildred Green	RICKY & RITA PRINCE	Tammy McKinney
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
JOHN & CORA STEMBRIDGE STANLEY & SHERRY GRAVES  VBS Teachers Meeting after PM service	WILLIE & DONNA NEWBY NOEL & MARTHA PEPPER W.C. Chilton	Nonie Grizzell	EUGENE & GEORGIA JONES	Cynthia Duncan June Slatton	Ruby Huntley Jessica Templeton DENNIS & TERESA GANN PHILLIP & TERI SMITH	Noel Pepper
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Jane Flatt	Jalesia Johnson Georgia Jones	FRANK & GEORGIA BROOKS John Nussbaum  Youth Trip to Six Flags				
27	28	29	30			

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby

Lead Singing Leonard Clemons

First Prayer Chuck Boles

Reading Marty Boles

Scripture 2 Timothy 1:12,13

Lord's Table (N) \*Steve Boyd

(S) \*Tim Fisher

(N) Tyler Boyd

(N) Harold McGinness

(S) Brandon McGinness

(S) Shane Fisher

(S) Brett Merritt

(S) Bran Merritt

Sermon Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby

Lead Singing Leonard Clemons

First Prayer Billy Gilbert

Reading Eric Fisher

Scripture Mark 12:29-31

Lord's Table \*Joe T. Cantrell

\*Don Griffith

Sermon Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Tommy Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton

Lead Singing Young Men

First Prayer Ronnie Rogers

Reading Don Sullivan

Invitation Tony Lawrence

Dismiss John Biddle

Welcome Committee

A.M. Clercie Delon & Doris Smith

P.M. Ken & Glynn Lee

Bus Driver: Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

Ushers: Steve Hillis & Kevin Judkins

Attend Nursery: Dawn Wanamaker

Lock Building: Joe Collins

Pantry Item: Shortning

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship .....	320
Bible Study .....	228
P.M. Worship .....	193
Wednesday Bible Study .....	207
Contribution .....	\$4,318

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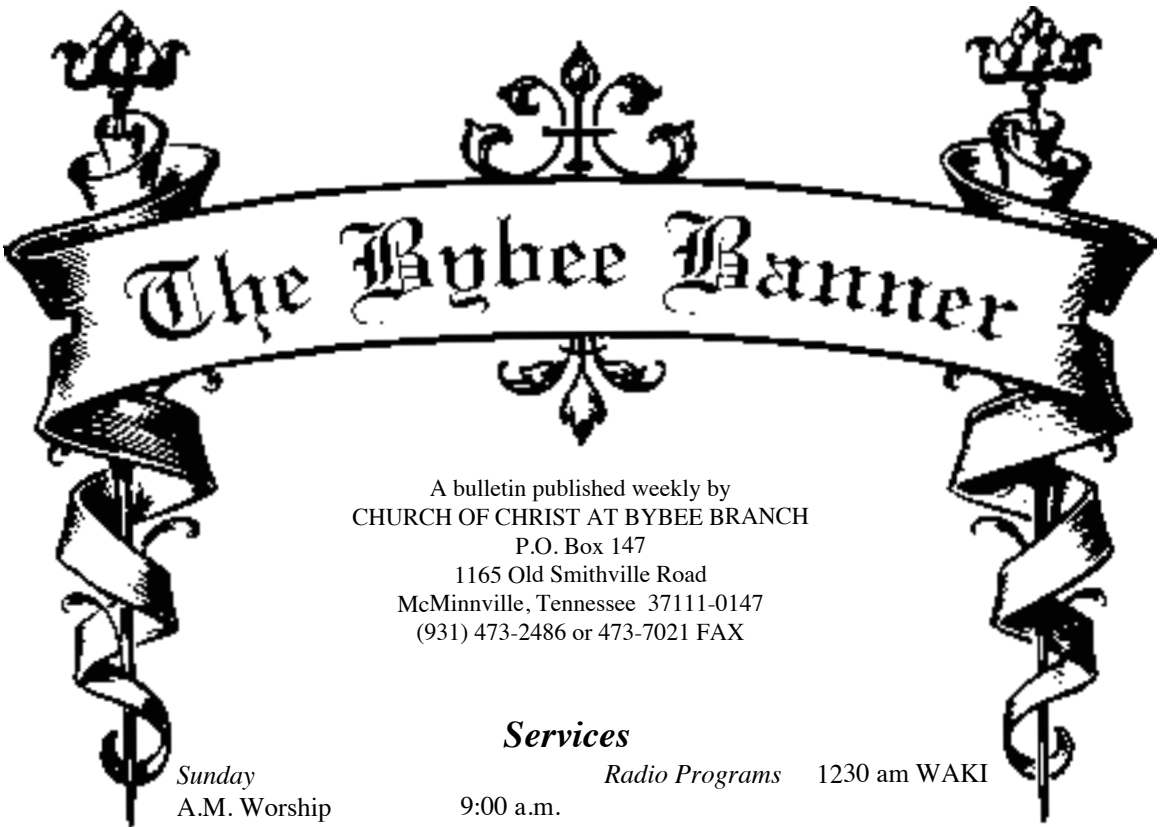
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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

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# Sick

## At Home:

Robbie Vandagriff  
John Stembridge  
Betty Lane

## In The Hospital:

Eva Henderson-Woodbury Hospital in serious condition following surgery.

# Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Paul Vandagriff (father of our Jason Vandagriff). He passed away suddenly this past Monday and his funeral was Wednesday.

Sympathy also to the family of Debbie Reed Odell. She is the daughter of Jack and Sharon Reed and the cousin of our Sharon Driver. Her funeral was Tuesday in Woodbury.

# Gospel Meetings

**Rockliff church of Christ**, June 13-18, services at 7:00 each evening with Leroy Dedmon preaching.

**Harmony church of Christ**, June 14-20, services at 7:00 each evening with Charles Marshall preaching.

**Jericho church of Christ**, June 18-20, services at 7:30 each evening with Newton Gribble preaching.

**Shady Grove church of Christ**, June 20-25, services at 7:30 each evening with Winford Claiborne preaching.

**Grange Hall church of Christ**, June 20-25, services at 7:30 each evening with Alan Adams preaching.

# New Arrival

Congratulations to Ronnie & Cindy Rogers on the arrival of a baby boy, Christopher Joe, born on June 3. He weighed in at 6 lbs. Mother and baby are doing well.

# Shut-ins

Help us keep this list up-to-date.

**NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):**  
Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond's mother)  
Pauline Greene  
Lena Mai Gribble  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

**Raintree Health Care Center:**  
Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flossie Smartt

**McMinnville Boarding Home**  
Edith Cantrell  
Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

**Hillcrest Health Care:**  
Edith Collins

**Home:**  
Katherine Bennett  
Jane Golden  
Rozelle Goodman  
Joe Maxwell  
Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

# Stanley McNery Move

Brother Stanley McNery has been moved to a retirement home and his address and phone has changed. He can be contacted at:

Stanley McNery  
%Norcliff Life Care Center  
85 Main St. N.  
Hagersville, Ontario N0A-1H0 Canada  
(905) 768-4612

# Spanish Gospel Meeting

The Gospel Meeting for the Spanish speaking people in our area will be coming up in a just a few days. A group will arrive from Houston, TX on Thursday evening June 24, and will begin making visits and knocking doors on Friday, June 25, with evening services on Friday and Saturday evening. Services will be at 9:00 and 10:00 on Sunday morning. Services will be held in the educational building at Mt. Leo.



We will need some to come and help on Friday morning to stuff door hangers with flyers and tracts. It is also very important that we try to set up as many places as possible for them to meet with and talk to Spanish speaking people. If you know of Spanish speaking people that they might contact, please let us know at the office and we will try to set up an appointment (if for only a introduction or for a few minutes at lunch).

In conjunction with this, on Sunday morning, June 27, we will have a pot luck fellowship meal with the workers and those attending the Spanish services as our guests. Please plan on coming and bringing a little extra. We want to be known as a people that can show hospitality.

# Visitation Reorganization

The Visitation Program will be reorganized July 1, 1999. There will be a fellowship meal Sunday evening, June 20. All teams are welcomed, and each team already knows what to bring. Anyone that would like to be added to the Program or anyone who wants to take a break, please let me know by Wednesday evening June 16. — W.C. Chilton

# Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting

The plans for our Vacation Bible School are coming together. There will be a very important meeting following services this Sunday evening, June 20. We will try to be as brief as possible so as not to conflict with the visitation reorganization meal. If you are willing to help and have not been given a place to serve, please try to be present at the meeting. There is plenty of work for all to do.

# Quote From A Journalist

A journalist student recently asked veteran Washington journalist Jack Anderson, what ideas he had about how to turn the moral fabric of our society around. His response was: “Our political leaders pay little notice to letters to editors, only some notice to letters to their office. But what they do notice is the polls. If you want to improve the moral fabric of our leadership, we must be moral ourselves.” He then added: “If to seek a rule to be moral, take this pledge: ‘If it isn’t right, I won’t do it; if it isn’t true, I won’t say it; if it isn’t mine, I won’t take it.’”



Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Noel Pepper
Reading	Bob Mayfield
Scripture	Acts 16:9,10
Lord's Table (N)	*Ronnie Prince
(S)	*Ken Lee
(N)	Harley Northcutt
(N)	John Nussbaum
(N)	J.B. Gribble
(S)	Bob Cantrell
(S)	Rodney Maynard
(S)	Micah Lawrence
Sermon	Jim Culpepper
Dismiss	Chuck Medley

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Jeff Flatt
Reading	David McColloch
Scripture	Mark 12:29-31
Lord's Table	*Winfrey Hennessee
	*Dale Bennett
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Mike Driver

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(473-5028) Jim Slatton
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Tom McColloch
Invitation	Bob Bonner
Dismiss	Bruce Pryor

Welcome Committee

A.M.	Kurt Maynard Family
P.M.	Don & Susie Griffith

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (686-4088)

Ushers: Jeff Templeton & Jim Slatton

Attend Nursery: Doris Wilcher

Lock Building: Joe Collins

Pantry Item: Muffin Mix

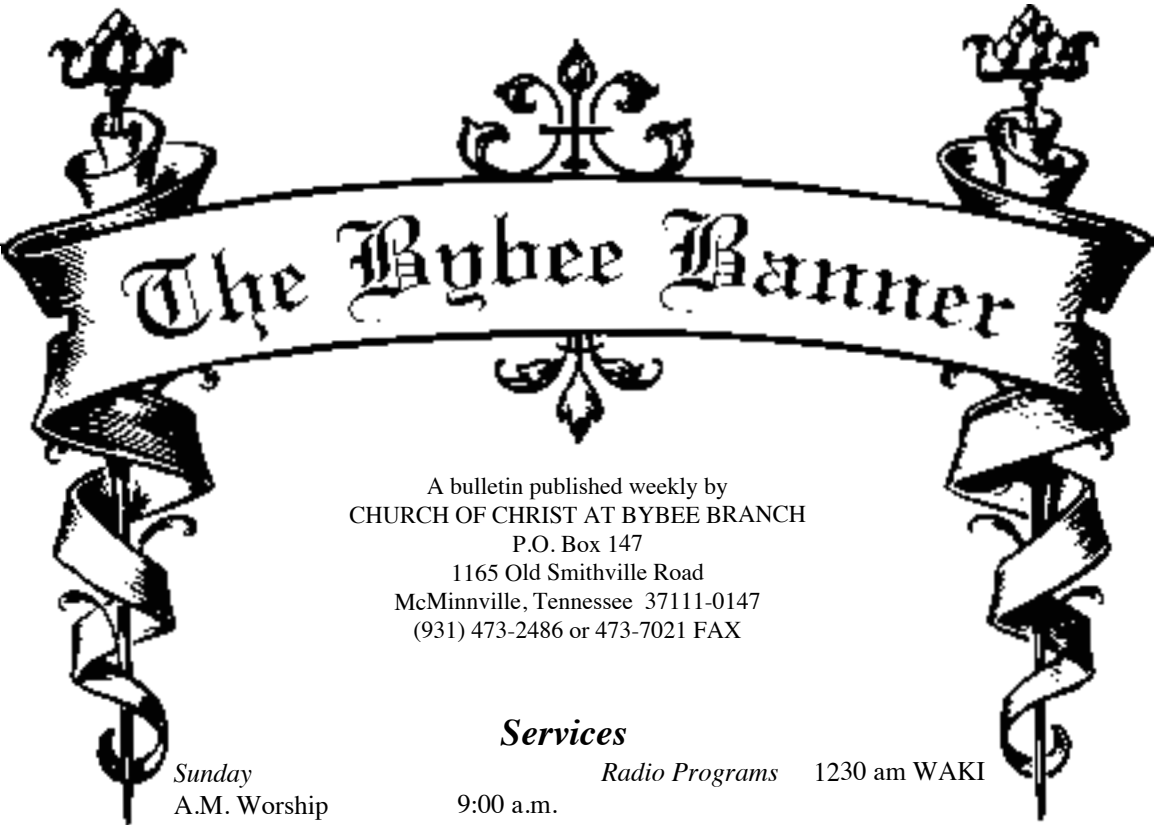
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Bible Study .....	247
P.M. Worship .....	228
Wednesday Bible Study .....	232
Contribution .....	\$4,719

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John Stembrige  
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Lela Johnson  
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In The Hospital:  
none known at this time

Gospel Meetings

Shady Grove church of Christ, June 20-25, services at 7:30 each evening with Winford Claiborne preaching.  
Grange Hall church of Christ, June 20-25, services at 7:30 each evening with Alan Adams preaching.  
West Sparta church of Christ, June 27-30, services at 7:00 each evening with Tom Holland preaching.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. ....Guest Speaker: Jim Culpepper  
P.M. .... A Life Full of Service #5

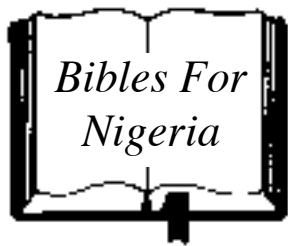
Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hillis  
request the honor of your presence  
at the marriage of their daughter  
Holly Earlene  
to  
Mr. James Michael Hayes  
on Saturday,  
the twenty-sixth of June  
nineteen hundred and ninety-nine  
at two o'clock in the afternoon  
Central Church of Christ  
101 East Morford Street  
McMinnville, Tennessee  
Reception immediately following.

Spanish Gospel Meeting

The Spanish Gospel Meeting will be this weekend, June 25-27. The group from Houston will arrive late Thursday evening and work all day Friday and Saturday. Services will be held at the Mt. Leo Education Building at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. All services will be in Spanish. On Sunday morning there will be Bible classes at 9:00 and worship at 10:00. Following the morning services the whole group (including visitors) will come to Bybee Branch for a fellowship meal. On Sunday afternoon the workers will return to their homes.

We want to make everyone feel welcome and extend to them the warmest hospitality. The fellowship meal on Sunday is for everyone. You will need to bring extra for the visitors so we will have plenty for all. Please pray that this effort will be successful and will result in the establishment of a new congregation in our area for the Spanish speaking population.



New and used Bibles are being collected to send to Nigeria. The Berclair church of Christ in Memphis is coordinating this effort and the Mt. Leo congregation will be carrying these Bibles to Memphis in the next few weeks. If you have a Bible at home that you are not using, or if you would like to buy some Bibles to contribute, then bring them to the building and place them on the pews in the foyer. We will repair any that are in need, box them and forward them along with the Mt. Leo congregation. We are so well bless with so many copies of God's word. We have an opportunity to share with those who are hungry for the Word of God, let us be generous and see that others can enjoy what we do.

Visitation Teams July -December 1999

Team #1 - Meets first Sunday of month

Calvin & Nancy Rogers*	Don & Susie Griffith
Teresa Atnip	Doug Hendrixson & Missy Biles
Bruce & Susan Pryor	Doris Smith
Willie & Donna Newby	Chris & Merideth Jones
Lemmie & Brenda Bratten	Jeff & Mary Flatt
Woodrow & Mildred Glenn	Stanley & Sherry Graves

Team #2 - Meets second Sunday of month

Mike & Sharon Driver*	Kurt & Stephanie Maynard
Joe & Marsha Collins	Ryan & Tammy McKinney
Glenda & Myra Bell	Linda Cantrell
Steve & Sharla Hillis	Helen Morgan
Ronnie & Cind Rogers	Thurman & Hazel Bennett
Johnny & Donna Anderson	Angie Caldwell

Team #3 - Meets third Sunday of month

W.C. & Nelma Chilton*	Don & Judy Sullivan
Lynett & Becky Maynard	Dana Roller
Jackie & Sherry Pelham	Denice Reynolds
Bob & Ada Mayfield	Debbie Glenn
John & Pearl Biddle	Tony & Corretta Lawrence
Dawn Wanamaker	Terri Smith

Team #4 - Meets fourth Sunday of month

Rodney & Patsy Reynolds*	Dot Foster
Bernice Fults	Mildred Bumbalough
Ken & Nona Martin	Lucille Newby
Ricky & Rita Prince	Danny & Cynthia Duncan
Steve & Carol Boyd	Mary Davis
Edna Smith	

FOUR CLASSES OF MEN

He who knows, and knows he knows — He is wise follow him.  
He who knows, and knows not he knows — He is asleep wake him.  
He who knows not, and knows not he knows not — He is dangerous shun him.  
He who knows not, and knows he knows not— He is childlike teach him.

...Author unknown (received from David Sain's Worth Repeating)

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Dennis Gann
Reading	Kelly Thaxton
Scripture	2Tim. 2:1-6
Lord's Table (N)	*Bill Biles
(S)	*Rodney Reynolds
(N)	Jeff Bond
(N)	Jason Vandagriff
(N)	Joe Roller
(S)	Eugene Wilcher
(S)	Abram Pryor
(S)	Paul Davis
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Winfrey Hennessee

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Steve Hillis
Reading	David Chilton
Scripture	Matthew 7:13,14
Lord's Table	*Tommy Crouch
	*Chuck Boles
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jim Slatton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Stanley Graves
Reading	Brett Merritt
Invitation	W.C. Chilton
Dismiss	Joey Reynolds

Welcome Committee

A.M.	Jeff Flatt Family
P.M.	Doug & Wanda Hendrixson

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Ushers: Chip Cantrell & Ricky Prince

Attend Nursery: Lennie Ruth Kesey

Lock Building: Bob Mayfield

Pantry Item: Mustard

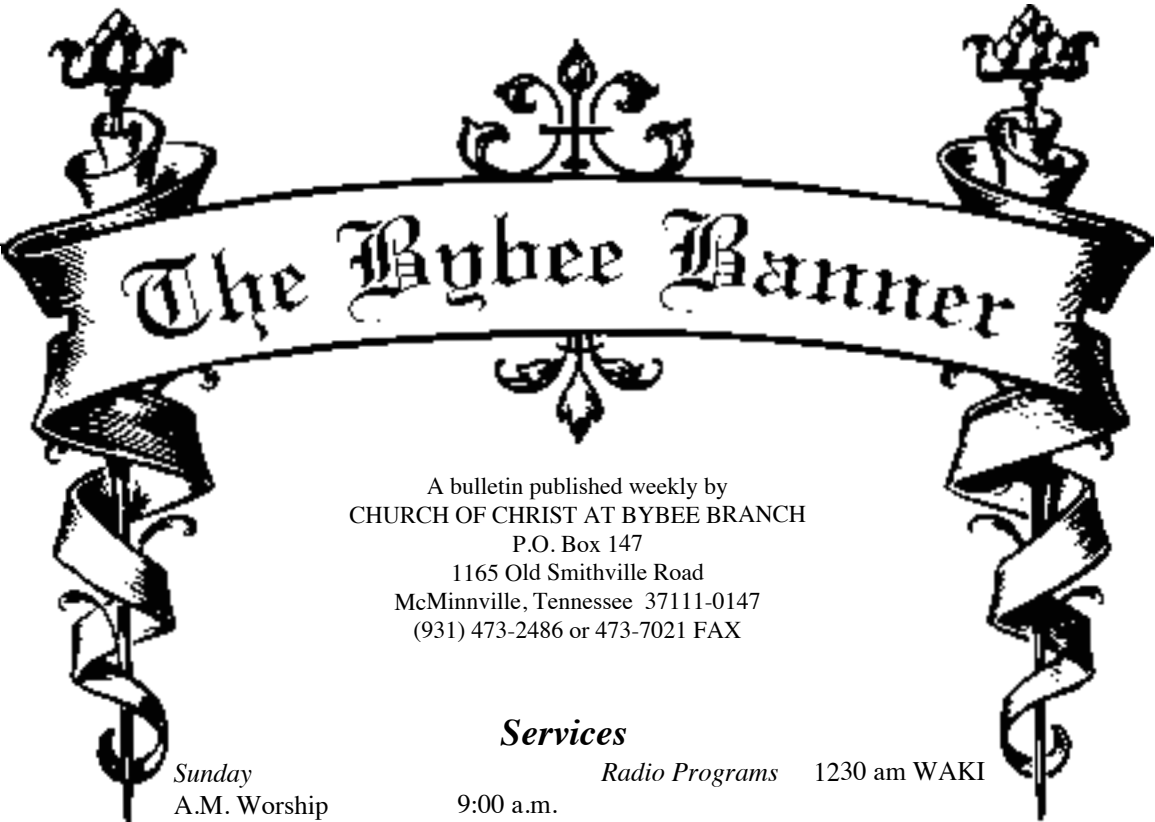
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In The Hospital:  
none known at this time

Gospel Meeting

West Sparta church of Christ, June 27-30, services at 7:00 each evening with Tom Holland preaching.

Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... Four Perspectives Of A Christian  
P.M. .... Who Can I Blame If I Am Lost?

A Pig or a Chicken?

If you didn’t already know, there is considerable difference in making a contribution to the work of Christ and in being committed to Him. Lots of folk make contributions to Christ (maybe that same old dollar bill they have been giving since Depression days), but few give their “bodies a living sacrifice” (Rom. 12:1,2).

The old story of the chicken and the pig illustrates this. A chicken and a pig were going down an old dirt road, when they noticed a sign telling of a banquet to be given for a charitable organization. Both the chicken and the pig thought they should help, but could not think of a way. Suddenly, the chicken said, “I know! I’ll donate a dozen eggs, and you can donate the ham. “Hold on,” said the pig. “For you that is just a contribution; but for me, it’s a total commitment!”

That is what God requires of us — total commitment. Let us make Gal. 2:20 a pattern for our life. “I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me.” ~Selected~

Spanish Gospel Meeting

The Spanish Gospel Meeting this past weekend was a great success! The group from Houston arrived about 1:30 am on Friday morning and were hard at work by 10:30 that morning. While a number of contacts were made and several Bible studies were conducted, there were no visitors that made it to the services (there were some that came to our building due to confusion as to where the services were to be conducted). Also, there were several messages left in Spanish on our answering machine. Saturday was an extremely productive day. Many more Hispanic people were contacted and invited along with even more Bible studies being conducted. This resulted in 25 Hispanic visitors at the services that evening. Sunday morning 15 showed up for worship services and what a thrill that one came forward requesting to be baptized into Christ. Jose Luis Romero was baptized into Christ. As far as we know this is the first conversion of a Hispanic to Christ in our community.

Plans are underway to further reach our Hispanic friends. Listen for announcements in the future. Thanks to all who helped bring this event about. A big thanks is due to John Biddle for coordinating the campaign and overseeing this project!



Annual Ice Cream Supper

Our Annual Ice Cream Supper will be this Wednesday evening following Bible Study. If you can please make a freezer of homemade ice cream. If you cannot please bring some kind of dessert.

July 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				JASON & SONIA VANDAGRIFF	DAVID & STEFANIE MCCOLLOCH WALLACE & GLYNDA STEVENS DON & JUDY SULLIVAN	Lisa Bennett Rita Prince
Willie Holmes	LYNDER & WILLIE HOLMES ALLEN & GLENDA HUGHES Sonia Vandagriff Corey Nunley Kathy Thaxton	Judy Nussbaum Kurt Maynard	Greg Wanamaker SHANNON & JANIE GRIFFIN		Lee Gann Debbie Glenn Emily Newby	Austin Medley Logan Wanamaker Glenda Faye Bell
	Edith Morrow Tanarra Pelham	Judy Sullivan BRUCE & SUSAN PRYOR	Pearline Cantrell JOE & IRENE LAWRENCE	Teresa McGinness	RODNEY & JENNIFER MAYNARD DONNIE & BETTY HILL KEVIN & LORI JUDKINS	KELLY & KATHY THAXTON KRAIG & HEATHER CAMPBELL Cora Stembridge Jeff Flatt
		Vaction Bible School — 7:00-8:30 PM				
Shirley Parker Jennifer Groves Miranda Atnip	Don Johnson Ruth Pinkley	Carolyn Cantrell	HARRY & CAROL FELTY RANDEL & MICKEY WHITEAKER Tyler Groves Hilary McGinness		Donnie Hill	Cindy Fisher
		Brentt Crouch Chip Cantrell Ashley Boles	JEFF & MARY FLATT Yuriko Biles Don Griffith	John Whiteaker	Thurman Bennett Steve Caldwell	Kevin Judkins

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	John Biddle
Reading	Jeff Templeton
Scripture	2Tim. 2:24-26
Lord's Table (N)	*Danny Duncan
(S)	*Doug Hendrixson
(N)	Shannon Griffin
(N)	Harry Felty
(N)	David McColloch
(S)	Joe T. Cantrell
(S)	Don Johnson
(S)	Caleb Graves
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ronnie Rogers

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Mark Lawrence
Reading	Lemmie Bratten
Scripture	Proverbs 11:30
Lord's Table	*KenMartin
	*Willie Newby
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Lee

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Young Men
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	Lee Gann
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Johnny Anderson

Welcome Committee

A.M.	Kraig & Heather Campbell
P.M.	Mike Driver Family

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Jeff Flatt & Calvin Rogers

Attend Nursery: Ada Mayfield

Lock Building: Bob Mayfield

Pantry Item: Mayonnaise

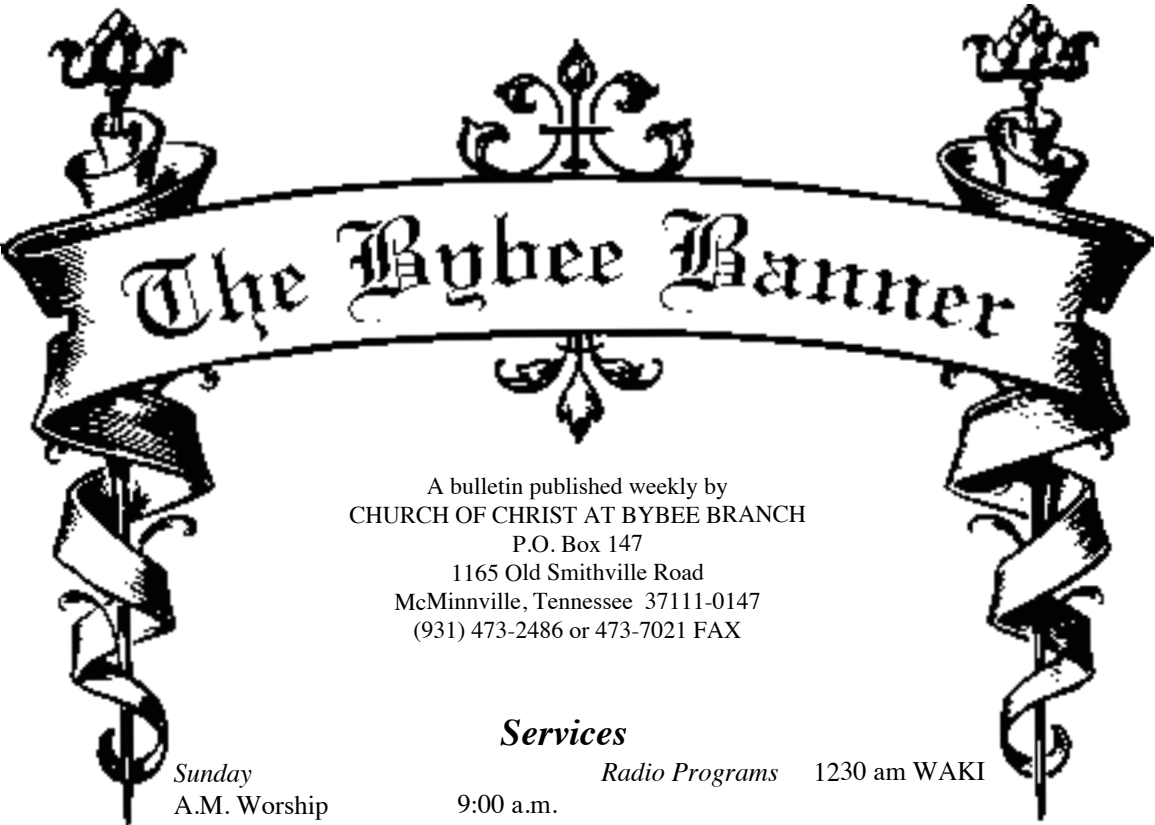
Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship .....	302
Bible Study .....	224
P.M. Worship .....	215
Wednesday Bible Study .....	233
Contribution .....	\$8,644

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Jim Slatton	

Preacher

Tony Lawrence	473-8079
email	alawrence@blomand.net

# Sick

## At Home:

Betty Lane  
Lela Johnson  
Sabrina Merritt

## In The Hospital:

Eva Henderson-Vanderbilt Hospital  
Patty Medley (sister of Terri Smith) to enter hospital for tests.

# Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Pascal Medley, the uncle of our Terri Smith. His funeral was Tuesday afternoon at the Monteagle Funeral Home.

# Gospel Meeting

Hiawasee church of Christ, July 4-9, services at 7:00 each evening with different speakers preaching.

# Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Developing Into A Dedicated Disciple  
P.M. .... Four Essentials To Winning Souls

# Vacation Bible School



July 12-16 • 7:00-8:30 PM

Our VBS will begin this Monday, July 12, with classes from 7-8:30 PM. Be sure to invite your friends and neighbors! We will have classes for Nursery through Adult. Special adult speakers each night!

# Shut-ins

Help us keep this list up-to-date.

## NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond's mother)  
Pauline Greene  
Lena Mai Gribble  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

## Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flossie Smartt

## McMinnville Boarding Home

Edith Cantrell  
Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

## Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

## Home:

Katherine Bennett  
Jane Golden  
Rozelle Goodman  
Willene Kell  
Joe Maxwell  
Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

# Responses

Due to an oversight, the names of those who had responded last week were left out of the bulletin. On Wednesday night, June 23, Dale Bennett came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation. On Sunday morning, June 27, Steve Wilcher and Danny Duncan came forward requesting prayers. Please remember these good brethren in your prayers.

# Update on Thai Work:

## Proclamation And Visit

In May, Bro. Sawat Boonkhao and Bro. Samrit Kammanee started the Lord work in Nongbualampoo area by surveyed the plaec in town and countryside also, We didn't know anyone in this province so we have gone out and made ourselves know to many people around church and many village. We have proclaimed and visited for

**Muang district** (Villages in the suburb) Wangmuen village, Nonthan village and Tamklongpel village.

**Nakiang district** (25 Km. far from town) There is a christian family who have a place in Chaingkhan district, Loei province, but they have farm at Fangdang village in Naklang district, Nongbualampoo, we often went to visit and encourage them and went to another village close to there, name Koktong village taught them the gospel.

**Suwanakuha district** (75 Km. far from town) There are 2 families that use to learn Bible course at Udonthani church, but they were apart from church and no preacher went to visited and encouraged them more than 6 years, they very pleased while we were coming there.

**Sriboonruang district** (40 Km. far from town) Bro.Wanchai Boonla came to visited us at Nongbualampoo church and took us to visited his cousins s home at Huay kwangthong village, after that we came to downtown visited people who Bro.Samrit use to known.

## Bible Correspondence Students

Bro. Sawat, Bro. Samirt and Sis. Angkana went to proclaim and recommend the students to study Bible correspondence. We went to many secondary school those are Romklao school, Ban boknonraing school, Thairatvitaya 81 school, Ban hueykhansomboon school and Nongsawanvitayakarn school. The students studied Bible correspondence total 918 person in this month. Bro. Rapin and Sis. Rachanee also help for this work.

## Build The New Church

Nongbualampoo church of Christ is a new church in N.E Thailand on Address 66 M. 10 Udorn-Loei Rd, Lampoo Muang Nongbualampoo, Thailand, 39000 (P.O Box 11) Tel. (042) 311280

Opening day On May 1,st 1999, but we have a small church opening ceremony on May 4, 1999. We invited Bro. Pradit Kammanee a preacher of Mahasarakham church to come to preach on topic, "The son of encouragement" there were about 30 persons who came to fellowship.

Preachers Bro. Sawat Boonkhao and family, moved from Loei church. Bro. Samrit Kammanee moved from Mahasarakham church all of member at first are 5 people.

## Thank You

We are really thank you Bro.Thurman Bennett and brethren from America that you help for the new church at Nongbualampoo and everywhere in N.E. Thailand, we will work the Lord work for grow up and strong, thanks again. (The preceding article was written by the two preachers at the newly established church)

***Sunday Morning Worship***

Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Frank Reynolds
Reading	Tommy Crouch
Scripture	2Tim. 3:1-5
Lord's Table (N)	*Johnny Anderson
(S)	*Thurman Bennett
(N)	Ralph Crouch
(N)	Lynn Gann
(N)	Marc Martin
(S)	J.B. Gribble
(S)	Chris Jones
(S)	Tom McColloch
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Leonard Crouch

***Sunday Evening Worship***

Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Steve Boyd
Reading	Bill Womack
Scripture	Acts 8:36-38
Lord's Table	*Ronnie Rogers
	*W.C. Chilton
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Chuck Boles

***Wednesday Bible Study***

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Caleb Graves
Reading	Billy Gilbert
Invitation	Chuck Medley
Dismiss	Noel Pepper

***Welcome Committee***

A.M.	Danny Duncan Family
P.M.	Lemmie & Brenda Bratten

***Bus Driver:*** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

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***Attend Nursery:*** Jane Wilcher

***Lock Building:*** Bob Mayfield

***Pantry Item:*** Pudding

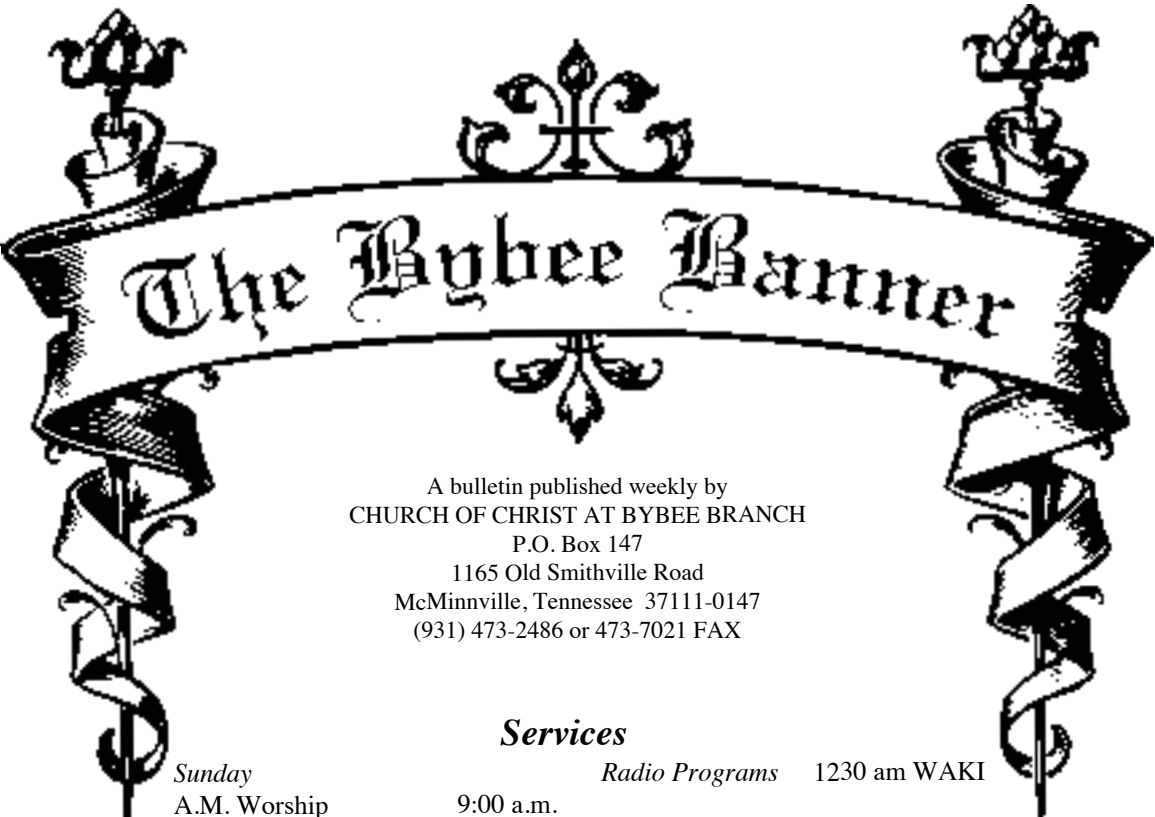
***Record For The Week...***

A.M. Worship .....	323
Bible Study .....	250
P.M. Worship .....	257
Wednesday Bible Study .....	232
Contribution .....	\$4,476

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P.M. Worship	6:00 p.m.	Tony Lawrence	8:00 a.m.
		Winford Claiborne	8:30 a.m.
<i>Wednesday</i>			
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.		

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# Sick

At Home:  
Betty Lane  
Lela Johnson  
Sabrina Merritt  
Dot Powell  
Eva Henderson

In The Hospital:  
none known

# Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... Beware Of Apostasy  
P.M. .... What Hinders Me From Being Baptized?

# Baby Shower

There will be baby shower in honor of Paula Bonner Prater this coming Sunday afternoon, July 18, from 1-3 p.m. at the church building in the fellowship room.

# Vacation Bible School

*Mt. Leo church of Christ*, July 19-22, services at 9:30-11:30 each morning with the theme: Champions For God. There will be classes for all ages.

# Bybee VBS

A big THANKS is due to all who have worked so hard to bring the VBS at Bybee Branch to fruition. There have been countless hours of work and preparation to make this one of the best VBS’s ever. At this writing we have only had our first night but we were greatly pleased with 196 to be in attendance Monday night. Look for a more complete report in next week’s bulletin.

# Gospel Meeting

*Ivy Bluff church of Christ*, July 18-22, services at 7:00 each evening with David Dunn preaching.

# Hispanic Work update and Fellowship

The elders are actively pursuing the locating of a man to come and work with the Hispanic community and to start a Spanish speaking congregation. The weekend of Saturday, July 23-25, the Roberto Garibaldi family of Houston, TX, will be with us with the possibility of moving and working with the new congregation. In light of this, there has been planned a congregational fellowship at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 24, for us to get to know him. It is very important that we make this family feel welcome. More details will be given in next week’s bulletin but make your plans now to be here to welcome this family.

# Church Needs Money

I’m glad this church needs money. If it didn’t, it would mean

it wasn’t supporting missionaries and preaching the gospel in other places. No missionary **zeal**.

it had “topped out” and wasn’t interested in expanding into other areas of service. No **vision**.

it wasn’t doing anything to help the homeless, helpless and needy. No **compassion**.

it wasn’t interested in providing wholesome activities for its young people. No **concern**.

it wasn’t expanding its outreach. No **evangelism**.

it wasn’t interested in teaching children in those impressionable, formative years. No **future**.

Yes, sir! I’m glad this church needs money! The fact it does means it has not forfeited its zeal, compassion, vision, concern, evangelism, and future. This church needs my gifts, and I’m glad of it. I wouldn’t want to be a member of any other kind.

How about you?

~selected~

# What’s Wrong With Being Tardy

Many congregations are grappling with a widespread brotherhood problem—tardiness. A brother who serves as an usher in a church of a thousand members in another state, recently made the comment, “If we were to lock the doors at 7:00 (the worship hour), one third would be inside and two thirds would be outside.” Since it appears to be such a prevalent problem, let’s ask the question, “What’s wrong with being tardy?”

(1) IT’S DISRUPTIVE. One teacher stated that when the bell rang, one student was in the classroom. It was not till twenty minutes later that the last of the students finally arrived. How can effective teaching take place in such a setting?

(2) IT INDICATES WRONG PRIORITIES. How many of us would be late responding to a dinner invitation to the White House? How often do we allow our children to be tardy at school? Or at ball games in which they are playing? How would it have gone over with your husband or wife for you to have been late at your wedding? Are you late to work (in which case you may be docked?) The point is, we are on time to the events or occasions which are important to us. Since corporate worship should be among the most important times of our week, shouldn’t we be on time?

(3) IT IS JUST PLAIN SLOPPY. Being tardy falls in the same category with the unprepared Bible class lesson or the unfulfilled assignment. It is demoralizing to those who are on time. Being tardy is just not consistent with the urgency of discipleship under the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Being on time cost something. In the long ago it was David who said, “I will not offer burnt offering to the Lord my God which cost me nothing” (II Sam. 24:24). It takes effort to be punctual. It was the preacher of Ecclesiastes who admonished, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might” (Ecc. 9:10). As the hymn puts it, “Give of your best to the Master.” Let’s all make the commitment and put forth the effort to be on time for every occasion of the work and worship of the church.

From an article written by Jim Howard

# 10th Annual Bible Lectureship: Upon This Rock I Will Build My Church...

This year we have an impressive list of preachers to speak at our lectureship. We hope that you will be present to hear each one. Those who are scheduled to speak are:

- Gary Colley — Evangelist for the East End church of Christ, McMinnville, TN
- David Hester — Evangelist for the Morris church of Christ, Morris, AL
- Dan Jones — Evangelist at the Smyrna church of Christ, Cookeville, TN
- Charles Myers — Evangelist for the Plainview church of Christ, Sparta, TN
- Flavil Nichols — Evangelist that holds numerous Gospel Meetings, Jasper, AL
- Jim Waldron — Missionary to Pakistan and India, Dunlap, TN
- James Watkins — Evangelist that holds numerous Gospel Meetings, Lewisburg, TN
- Chris Whiteaker — Evangelist for the Arnold Road/Main Street church of Christ, Murfreesboro, TN
- Kevin Williams — Evangelist for the Walnut Grove church of Christ, Benton, KY
- William Woodson — Evangelist that holds Gospel Meetings and teaches classes, Lawrenceburg, TN

Look for the program in an upcoming bulletin.

***Sunday Morning Worship***

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Willie Newby
Reading	Kurt Maynard
Scripture	2 Timothy 4:1-5
Lord's Table (N)	*Don Griffith
(S)	*Noel Pepper
(N)	Shane Fisher
(N)	Dickie Kesey
(S)	Rodney Maynard
(S)	Marc Martin
(S)	Marty Boles
(S)	Micah Lawrence
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bruce Pryor

***Sunday Evening Worship***

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Reading	Joe Roller
Scripture	Isaiah 55:11
Lord's Table	*Ken Lee
	*John Biddle
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Steve Wilcher

***Wednesday Bible Study***

***Lectureship***

***Welcome Committee***

A.M.	Jason & Sonia Vandagriff
P.M.	Allen Hughes Family

***Bus Driver:*** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

***Ushers:*** Chip Cantrell & Ricky Prince

***Attend Nursery:*** Amy Graves

***Lock Building:*** Ronnie Rogers

***Pantry Item:*** Instant Potatoes

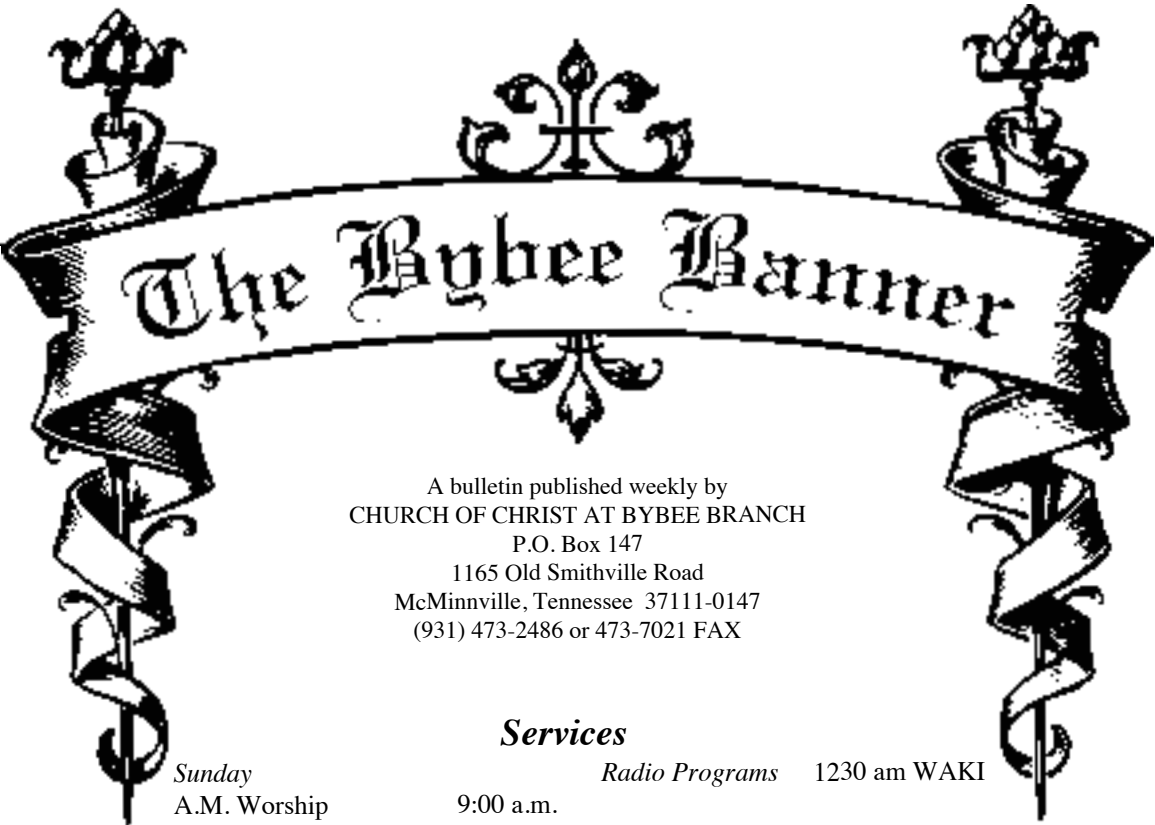
***Record For The Week...***

A.M. Worship .....	359
Bible Study .....	266
P.M. Worship .....	241
Wednesday Bible Study .....	236
Contribution .....	\$4,245

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    *Betty Lane*  
    *Sabrina Merritt*  
    *Dot Powell*  
    *Eva Henderson*  
    *Patti Medley (sister of our Terri Smith)*

**In The Hospital:**  
    *Elaine Goodman-Centennial Medical Center*

**Sunday’s Sermons**  
A.M. ....Preach The Word  
P.M. .... How We Got Our English Bible

**Vacation Bible Schools**  
*Arlington church of Christ*, July 31, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Classes for all ages. Theme: Bible Choices.

*Dibrell church of Christ*, August 2-6, from 7:00-8:30 pm. Classes for all ages. Theme: The Life of Peter: No Fear With Jesus

*Berea church of Christ*, August 15-19, at 7:00 pm. Classes for all ages. Theme: Champions For God

**Gospel Meetings**  
*Earleyville church of Christ*, July 25-28, services at 7:30 each evening with Richard Gibbs preaching.

*Pleasant View church of Christ*, July 25-29, services at 7:30 each evening with James Boyd preaching.

*Smartt church of Christ*, July 25-29, services at 7:00 each evening with Chris Whitaker preaching.

*Smyrna church of Christ*, August 1-4, services at 7:00 each evening with Winford Claiborne preaching.

**Congratulations**  
Congratulations to Keith and Paula Prater on the birth of a baby girl, Cassidy Shae. She was born July 21 at 11:54 am, weighing in at 6 lbs and 4 ozs. Bob and Melba Bonner are the proud grandparents.

**Translations of the Bible**  
One day some people were discussing the pros and cons of the different Bible translations.  
  
One man said he still liked the King James Version because of “its beautiful poetic style.”

The second person preferred the New King James version because “it’s more up-to-date in vocabulary.”

Another person said he liked the American Standard Version because “it is a more accurate translation from the Greek to the English.”

A fourth man then declared, “I like my mother’s translation best of all.” Then, noting the puzzled look on everyone’s face, he continued, “Oh, yes, she translated the Bible into life, and that is the best translation I have ever seen.”

And, he had a good point. The parent who lives by the Bible is a greater influence upon a child than the one who just talks about doing right.

Mom and Dad, all of the talking and teaching you do is never as powerful as the example you set.

~David Sain~

*Don’t Forget Our Lectureship!*  
*It starts next week. Be sure to*  
*invite your friends! The*  
*program is listed to the right.*

**The Garibaldi Family**  
  
This past weekend we were blessed to have the Roberto Garibaldi family with us to consider the work of the new Spanish speaking congregation. He along with his lovely wife, Isabella, children, Robert (17), Carla (15), and Tony (10) spent Thursday night through Sunday afternoon looking the work over and considering if it would be in their best interest to move here.



We were blessed Sunday morning to have several Spanish speaking people visit our services, and especially brother Jose Luis Romero that was baptized just a few weeks ago when the team from Houston came to work. The fields are truly “white unto harvest” among our Spanish speaking neighbors.

Look forward to announcements in the near future about the progress of the work.



**10th Annual Bible Lectureship “Upon This Rock...”**

WEDNESDAY-AUGUST 4		
7:00	Upon This Rock... The Church of Christ	Charles Myers
THURSDAY-AUGUST 5		
10:00	The Church In Prophecy	Dan Jones
11:00	The Church – Organization	Gary Colley
12:00-1:00	Lunch	
1:30	The Church – Worship	Flavil Nichols
2:30	The Church – Indestructible	Kevin Williams
7:00	The Church – How To Identify True One?	Flavil Nichols
7:45	The Church – Plan of Salvation	Kevin Williams
FRIDAY-AUGUST 6		
10:00	The Church And Evangelism	James Watkins
11:00	The Church And Benevolence	David Hester
12:00-1:00	Lunch	
1:30	The Church And Edification	James Watkins
2:30	The Church And Attacks Against It	Jim Waldron
7:00	The Church Is A Body	Jim Waldron
7:45	The Church Is A Temple	David Hester
SUNDAY-AUGUST 8		
9:00	The Church, The Bride of Christ	William Woodson
10:15	What Is Right With The Church?	William Woodson
6:00	The Church – Not a Denomination	Chris Whitaker

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Bill Biles
Reading	Tim Fisher
Scripture	Ephesians 5:24-32
Lord's Table (N)	*Frank Reynolds
(S)	*Kelly Thaxton
(N)	Bran Merritt
(N)	Edgar Webb
(N)	Ryan Kesey
(S)	Harley Northcutt
(S)	Brandon McGinness
(S)	Joe Maynard
Sermon	William Woodson
Dismiss	Eddie Palmer

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Dale Bennett
Reading	Bob Bonner
Scripture	1 Corinthians 1:10-17
Lord's Table	*Lemmie Bratten
	*Tommy Crouch
Sermon	Chris Whitaker
Dismiss	Bill Womack

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Steve Hillis
Reading	Lynn Gann
Invitation	Willie Newby
Dismiss	Ken Martin

Welcome Committee

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P.M.	Chuck Medley Family

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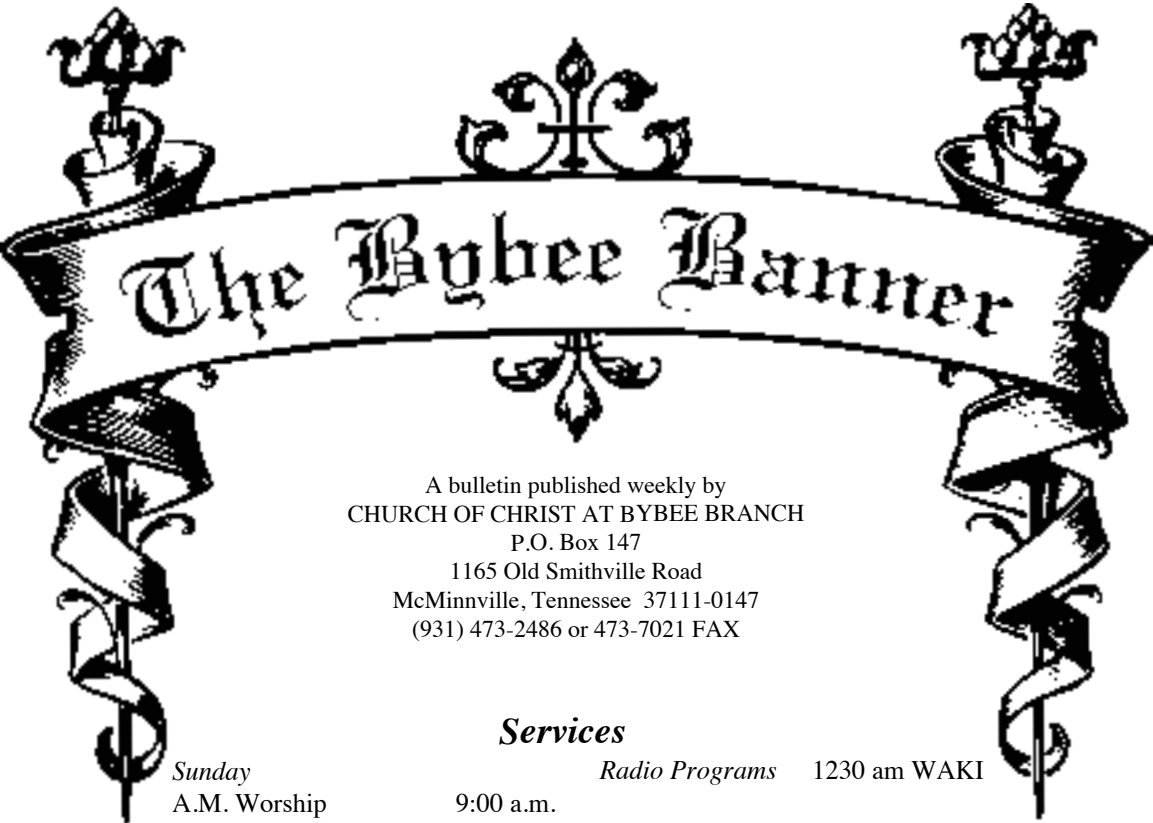
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Eva Henderson  
Patti Medley (sister of our Terri Smith)

In The Hospital:  
Joe Maxwell-Riverpark Rehab

Vacation Bible Schools

Dibrell church of Christ, August 2-6, from 7:00-8:30 pm. Classes for all ages. Theme: The Life of Peter: No Fear With Jesus

Berea church of Christ, August 15-19, at 7:00 pm. Classes for all ages. Theme: Champions For God

Gospel Meetings

Summitville church of Christ, August 8-12, services at 7:00 each evening with Earl Edwards preaching.

Bethany church of Christ, August 22-25, services at 7:00 each evening with Paul Sain preaching.

Fellowship Meal

The annual picnic for the lectureship this year has been moved to a fellowship meal following morning services this coming Sunday. Please bring your favorite dish and invite your neighbors and friends to come with you.

Classes During Lectureship

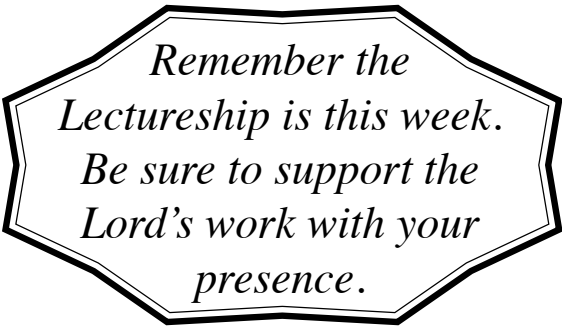
All classes will meet in the auditorium on Wednesday for the lesson. On Sunday morning, during the Bible Class hour, all classes for grades 7 and up will meet in the auditorium for the lesson while grades 6 and under will go to class as normal.

Shut-ins

Help us keep this list up-to-date.  
NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):  
Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond’s mother)  
Pauline Greene  
Lena Mai Gribble  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

Raintree Health Care Center:  
Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flossie Smartt  
McMinnville Boarding Home  
Edith Cantrell (returning home soon)  
Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons’ mother)

Hillcrest Health Care:  
Edith Collins  
Home:  
Katherine Bennett  
Jane Golden  
Rozelle Goodman  
Willene Kell  
Joe Maxwell (temporarily at Riverpark Rehab)  
Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
TIM & CINDY FISHER	Rebecca Mullican Barbara Pennington Amberly Thaxton	LYNN & MARLA CANTRELL Shane Fisher	Kara Nunley		JOHNNY & DONNA ANDERSON	Lula Woodlee Cindy Rogers BILL & YURIKO BILES Kayla Medley
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Mike Driver	DOUG & WANDA HENDRIXSON Brandon Lowry		Freda Womack Ryan Kesey Allen Hughes	Dawn Wanamaker	Bob Bonner
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Lucille Newby Marty Boles	Pearl Morton		Winfrey Hennessee Steve Hillis		Sheila Cantrell  Bo returns to MSOP and Garibaldi Family arrives	Lora Thaxton Morris Griffith
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Taylor Lane Mullican	Sharon Reynolds	Dennis Gann Clyde Christian RYAN & TAMMY MCKINNEY	BOB & ADA MAYFIELD	Micah Lawrence	Linda Cantrell Steve Wilcher Jeffery Gilbert	Jennifer Flatt Miranda Rains Heather Campbell Bo Pengprakon
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Clent Kesey Doris Wilcher  5th Sunday Young Men Conduct PM Services		Mildred Lowry Carol Sue Taylor Megan Rhea				
29	30	31				

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Bob Mayfield
Reading	Billy Gilbert
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table (N)	*Ricky Prince
(S)	*Ronnie Rogers
(N)	Jeff Templeton
(N)	Brett Merritt
(N)	John Nussbaum
(S)	Ronnie Prince
(S)	Chuck Medley
(S)	Harold McGinness
Sermon	Suwit “Bo” Pengprakon
Dismiss	Buell Warren

Sunday Evening Worship

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Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Chuck Boles
Reading	Steve Boyd
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Joe T. Cantrell
	*Mike Driver
Sermon	Thurman Bennett
Dismiss	David Chilton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Young Men
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	David McColloch
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Leonard Crouch

Welcome Committee

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P.M.	Shannon Griffin Family

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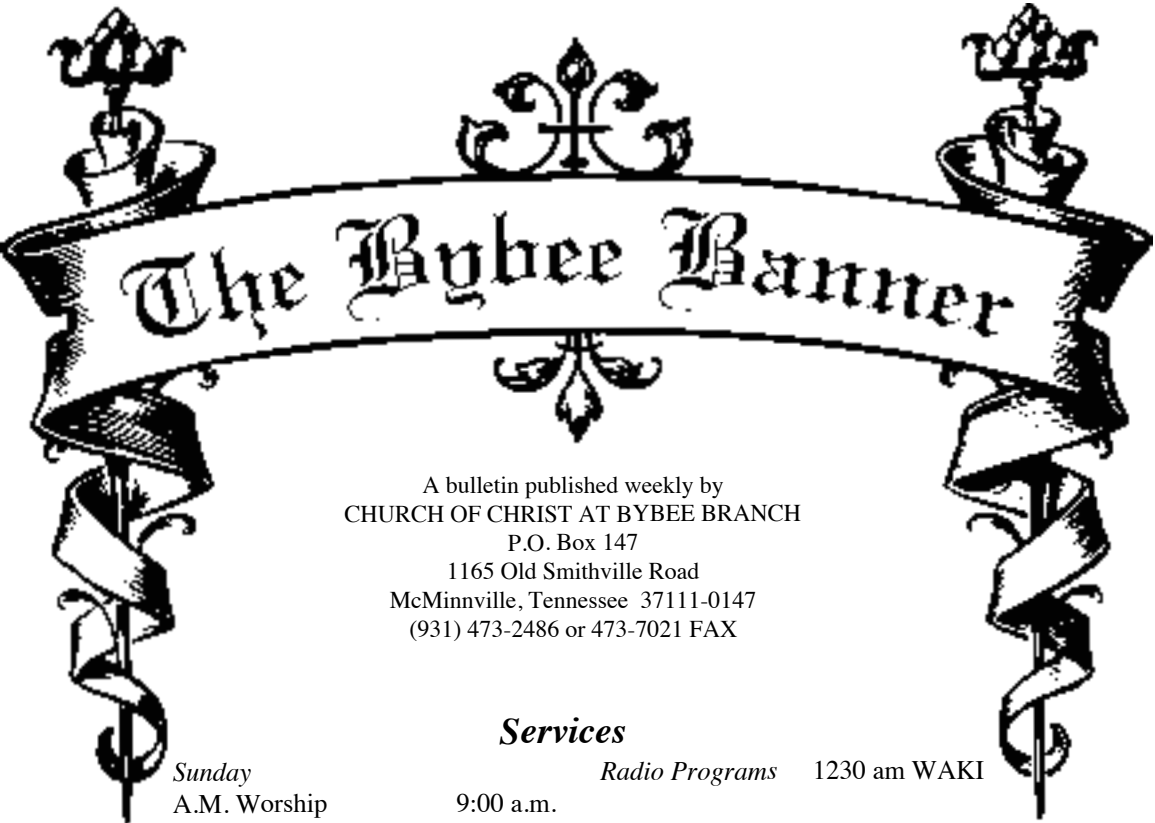
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*Katherine Bennett (broken ribs following a fall)*  
*Nettie Clemons (back in boarding home following stay in Riverpark)*  
*Mildred Glenn*

**In The Hospital:**  
*Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital (Room 163; Bldg 5; 3400 Lebanon Road; Murfreesboro, TN 37130)*

# Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Sabrina Merritt. She passed away early Monday morning. Sabrina was a faithful member at Bybee Branch. Her funeral will be Wednesday morning at the church building.

# Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... Guest Speaker: Suwit “Bo” Pengprakon  
P.M. .... Thailand Report-Thurman Bennett

# Vacation Bible School

*Berea church of Christ*, August 15-19, at 7:00 pm.  
Classes for all ages. Theme: Champions For God

# Gospel Meetings

*East End Drive church of Christ*, August 8-13, services at 7:00 each evening with Chris Whitaker preaching.

*Summitville church of Christ*, August 8-12, services at 7:00 each evening with Earl Edwards preaching.

*Bethany church of Christ*, August 22-25, services at 7:00 each evening with Paul Sain preaching.

# Thanks To Ladies

Thanks to all of the ladies that prepared the food, and especially those who helped in the kitchen during the Lectureship. You ALWAYS do a superb job and your efforts are greatly appreciated!

# Garibaldi’s – August 20

The Roberto Garibaldi family is scheduled to arrived in McMinnville on Friday, August 20. Remember them in your prayers as they make their journey here to being the work with the Hispanic community.

# Thank You

Jan Kalonick wishes to express her appreciation for the cards sent to her mother, Gladys Puckett. She enjoyed them so much.



# Sent From Heaven

Jesus Christ told us that there is the living God in heaven (Matt.6:1) David said this God “looked down from heaven upon the children of men...”(Psm.53:2) He is the same God who created the heaven and the earth (Gen.1:1; Acts 17:24). Some times the father will not give what his children ask or what his children want because he knows what is the best for his children and this is the same thing that God did to us; He already knows and has always known what is the best for man. James said “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” James 1:17, KJV. Sent from heaven is sent from God, there are three things that God sent to man: Christ, the Bible, and His kingdom.

The word Christ appeared 533 times in the New Testament, this word came from the Greek word *Christos* which means “the anointed one” which was used with Prophet, Priest, and King in the Old Testament. He is the same one in John 3:16 “the only begotten son of God.” Christ is God who became flesh (John 1:14). Without Him all man will lost (John 14:6) God has given all authority to Christ to judge all men in the final day (Matt.28:18) Christ said “He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.” John 12:48, KJV.

God communicated with man by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to man, word by word in the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:21). If one has more than the Bible it is not from God, or less than the Bible is not from God. All that we need and the only thing that we need is the Bible. We don’t want to put our eternity in the doctrine of any man, we need to make sure that what we listen to is what God really said not what my preacher said or your preacher said. It is terribly sad when God looks down from heaven and sees His offspring abuse His word. “... let God be true, but every man a liar...”(Rom. 3:4 KJV.)

God sent His kingdom into this world with the power of the Holy Spirit at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Lk. 24:47; Ac. 2:1-4). People heard the Gospel, believed, repented and were baptized into Christ on that day about 3000 souls (Acts 2:38; 47) they fellowship in the apostles’ doctrine (Acts 2:42) God never promised to put salvation outside His Church. A person needs to be on the right flight in order to arrive the right destination, and the same thing is true with the matter of salvation. Man needs to be in the right place where God has commanded (Eph. 1:7). If the church name is not important why did God put Roman 16:16 in the Bible? If the place where God’s church originated is not important what do Luke 24:47 and Acts 2:1-4 mean? It will be sad when God says “depart from me” to good people and intelligent people in the last day who are lost just because they were in the wrong place where there is no God.

Are you sure that your Savior is from God? Can you prove that the message that you have will help you go to Heaven? Are you in the right place where God will save you and bless you? If what you received is not from God it came from somewhere else. God ‘s message is one of consistency, it will be the same and it will never change (1 Pet. 2:25) Your destiny is in your hand, you are the one who will make a choice to go to heaven or hell. Make sure that your Savior is Christ, make sure that what you receive is the Word of God, and make sure that you are in the group of people that God wants you to be in. When you are sure that you sure that you received what God sent then you receive what God send from heaven.

*Suwit “Bo” Pengprakon*



Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Winfrey Hennessee
Reading	Jason Vandagriff
Scripture	2 Timothy 4:6-9
Lord's Table (N)	*Ken Martin
(S)	*Jeff Flatt
(N)	Eugene Wilcher
(N)	Abram Pryor
(N)	Don Johnson
(S)	Kevin Judkins
(S)	Lee Gann
(S)	Tom McColloch
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Clyde Christian

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Mike Driver
Reading	Bob Cantrell
Scripture	Acts 19:8-20
Lord's Table	*Willie Newby
	*Dale Bennett
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Don Sullivan

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	John Biddle
First Prayer	Noel Pepper
Reading	Chip Cantrell
Invitation	Rodney Reynolds
Dismiss	Jeff Flatt

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A.M.	Bob & Ada Mayfield
P.M.	Johnny Anderson Family

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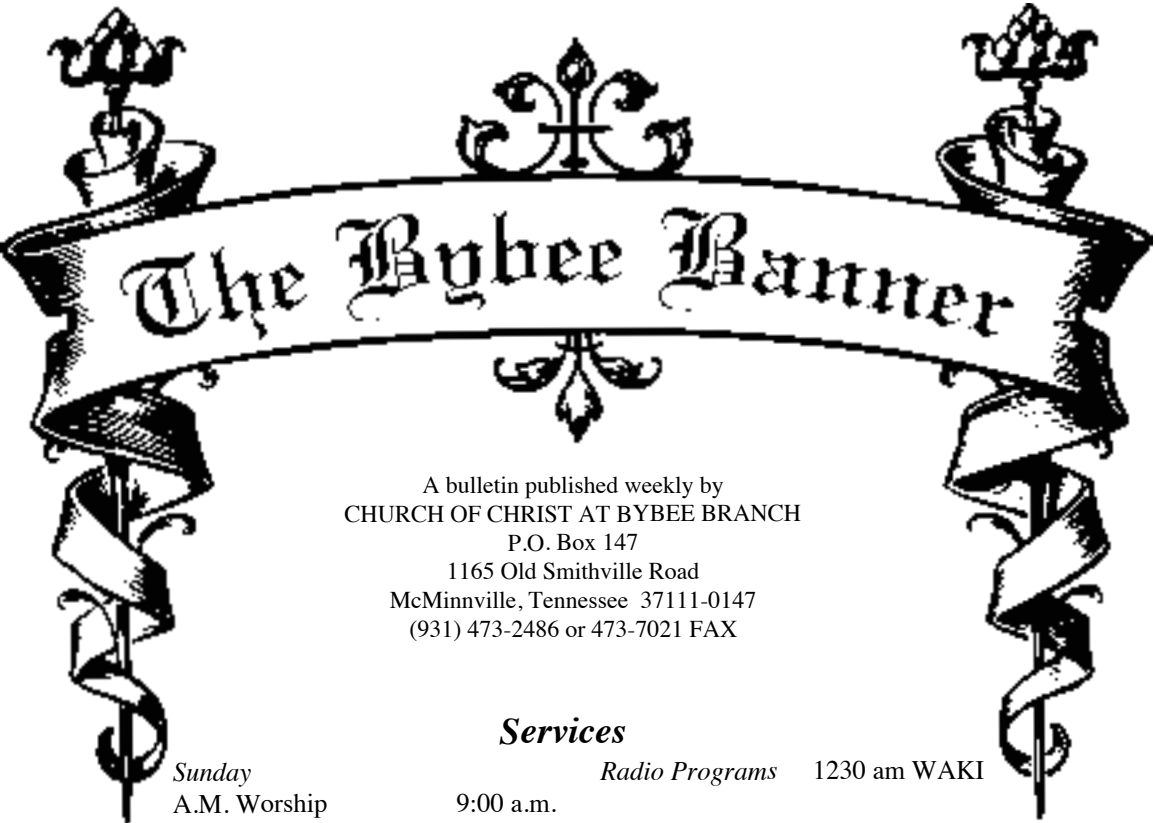
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*Robbie Vandagriff following eye surgery*  
*Eva Henderson*  
*Katherine Bennett (broken ribs following a fall)*  
*Jonathan Anderson*

**In The Hospital:**  
*Betty Hill-St. Thomas following surgery*  
*Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro*  
*Willie Barnes (grandmother of Steve Hillis)-St. Thomas-triple bypass surgery Wednesday*  
*Susan Holloway (cousin of Mary Flatt)-UT Medical Center/Knoxville with malignant brain tumor.*

# Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of James Dennis the brother of our Eunice Simpson. His funeral was this past Thursday.

# Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... Paul’s Departure  
P.M. .... Burning The Books

# New Arrival

Congratulations to Jeff and Regina Templeton on the birth of a baby boy, Joshua Allen, born Monday, the 17th. He weighed in at 9 lbs and 1 oz. Joshua was transferred to Vanderbilt for possible surgery.

# Gospel Meeting

*Bethany church of Christ*, August 22-25, services at 7:00 each evening with Paul Sain preaching.

# Youth Activity

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# Seldom The Church – More Likely It’s You!

If you want to belong to the kind of a church, That’s the kind of a church you like. It’s not necessary for you to pack up and leave, And start on a long, long hike.

You’ll find in every church what you leave behind, ‘Cause there’s nothing that’s really new. It’s a knock at yourself when you knock the church, For it’s seldom the church - more likely it’s you.

~Charles T. Shortridge~

# How Do You React?

When was the last time you heard a sermon and, because of what you heard, you changed the way you were living?

In Acts, chapter two, people were told they had sinned, and when they heard it, they were convicted in their hearts and asked what they should do.

The apostle Peter told them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus in order to receive the forgiveness of their sins. And the Bible says that those who gladly received the word were baptized.

But, in Acts, chapter seven, others were told they had sinned, and they became so angry that they refused to listen, and stoned the preacher until he died.

What a contrast of attitudes! Both audiences were told they had sinned. But one group repented and obeyed the Lord, while the other group defiantly rebelled.

When the preacher shows you that, according to the Bible, you are guilty of sin, how do you react?

~David Sain~

# Nobody!

The work of the church depends on the unity of the members working together as a body.

In fact, the devil has probably won more battles through dividing than by any other method. For example, the church at Corinth was losing ground fast as a church, because they were changing the word of God to please themselves. This caused division! To stop this problem, Paul wrote: “Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1 Corinthians 1:10).

Instead of division, Paul wanted unity! He reminded the Christians at Rome: “For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another” (Romans 12:4,5). Our physical bodies are successful because there is unity among our members. Each member works in behalf of the other members. This is the way it MUST be in the church.

However, there are too many members in the church today who isolate themselves from the other members. When there is work to do, these refuse to function as a member by saying, “Let someone else do it.” Or, “If it’s not my way, I won’t do it!” This kind of attitude eats away at the unity of the body. There is great spiritual strength when we as a body—pray, work, serve, and cooperate together.

Sometime in the past, I found a selected article (author unknown) with the title: “Nobody!” This seems to sum up the point of this article:

“Fred SOMEBODY, Thomas EVERYBODY, Pete ANYBODY, and Joe NOBODY were neighbors, but they were not like you and me. They were odd people and most difficult to understand. The way they lived was a shame.

All four belonged to the same church, but you wouldn’t have enjoyed worshiping with them. EVERYBODY went fishing on Sunday or stayed home to visit friends. ANYBODY wanted to worship, but was afraid SOMEBODY wouldn’t speak to him so NOBODY went to church. Really, NOBODY was the only decent one of the four. NOBODY did the visiting. NOBODY worked on the church building. Once they needed a Sunday School teacher. EVERYBODY thought ANYBODY would do it; and SOMEBODY thought EVERYBODY would teach. Guess who finally did it? That’s right, NOBODY!

It happened that a fifth neighbor (an unbeliever) came to live among them. EVERYBODY thought SOMEBODY should try to win him; ANYBODY could have at least made an effort. But guess who finally won him to the Lord? That’s right, NOBODY!”

~Benny B. Bristow~

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First Prayer Calvin Rogers

Reading Bill Womack

Scripture 2 Timothy 4:9-13

Lord's Table (N) \*Allen Hughes

(S) \*Steve Hillis

(N) Buell Warren

(N) Chris Jones

(N) Steve Wilcher

(S) David McColloch

(S) Joe Roller

(S) Tom McColloch

Sermon Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Ken Lee

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (473-8079) Micah Lawrence

Lead Singing Eric Fisher

First Prayer Shane Fisher

Reading Brandon McGinness

Scripture TBA

Lord's Table \*Eddie Palmer

\*Bran Merritt

Sermon Tyler Boyd

Dismiss Joey Reynolds

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-7078) Danny Duncan

Lead Singing Leonard Clemons

First Prayer Steve Boyd

Reading Jim Slatton

Invitation Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

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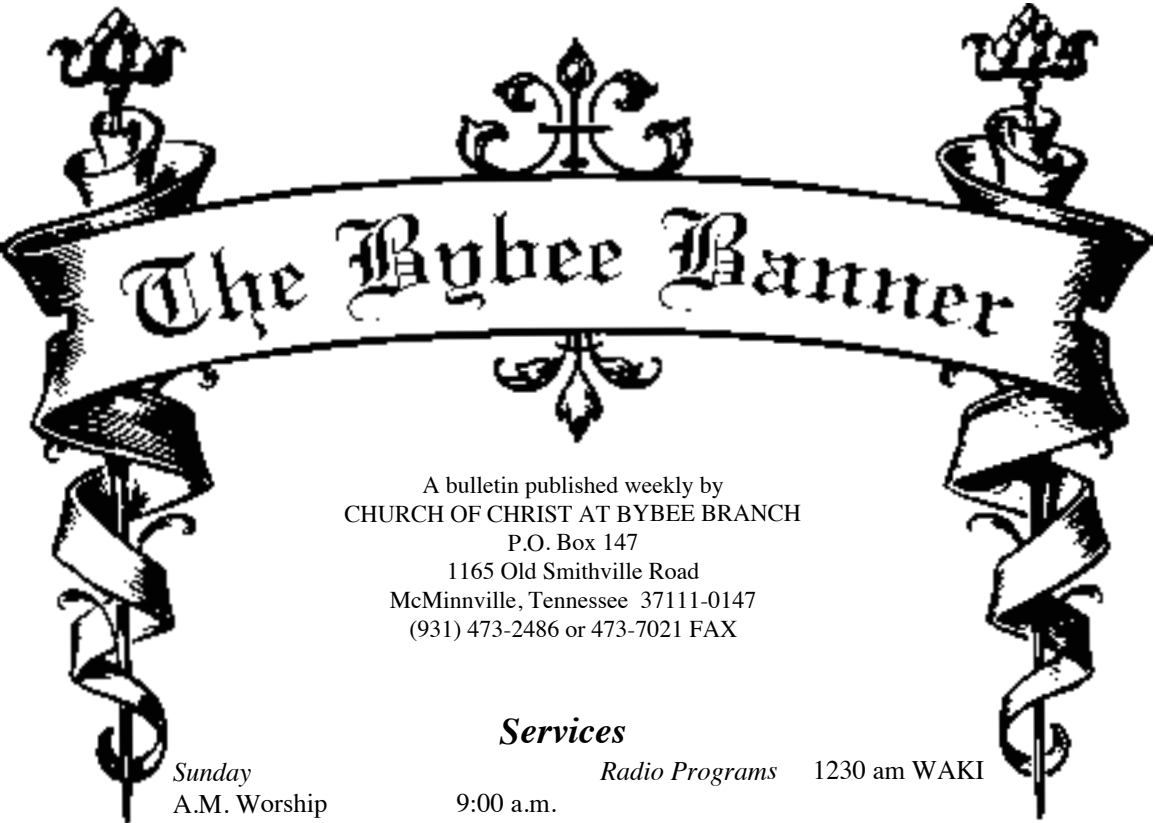
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# Fifth Sunday

The elders have announced that the fifth Sunday contribution will go to retire the indebtedness incurred in the paving of the parking lot.

# Response

We were encouraged Sunday morning when Kara Nunley came forward asking for the prayers of the congregation to be stronger in her spiritual life. Please continue to remember her in your prayers.

# King Tobacco

I am tobacco. I am an American. When the white man first came to the shores of America. I was already here. The Indian already knew me. He used me in medicines and ceremonies. I was his servant.

How times have changed! Imagine me ever being the servant of anyone. I am KING now, and what a king! I am a master who rules his subjects with a power stronger than that exercised by the Pharoahs and Caesars. I am KING now, an absolute MONARCH!

Do you think I am boasting just a little? Well, let me show you some proof.

I take food from the mouths of babies that fathers and mothers may have me. I take the keen intellect from the young man and turn him into a dullard. I take away beauty, modesty and self respect from the sweet young woman. I drool and dribble down the chin of the old man, making him an object of loathing.

I give my subjects an odor and stench more abominable than that of goats and skunks. I litter and befoul every cafe, hotel, and every other place in our land. I enter the quiet precincts of the hospital to fill this place of supposed cleanliness with my offal and the air with my obnoxious odor.

I enter the train, the bus, and all other public conveyances; and woe be unto the person who is not my servant. I burn his eyes. I sear his lungs. I befoul his clothes. I befuddle his brain. I make his travel an unforgettable nightmare. I am not content to rule just my own subjects. All must feel my power.

If you doubt my strength, try to break the nicotine chain by which I have you bound. I am your master; you are my slave. I am KING TOBACCO!

~Author unknown~  
“All things are lawful for me, but all things are not helpful. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.” 1 Corinthians 6:12, NKJV. & Cf. 1Cor. 6:19,20



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- 227 Some Sober Reflections On Death

# A New Program sponsored by the East End church of Christ

The East End congregation has begun a new program called “Bible Call.” You can access hundreds of topics on Bible subjects simply by calling 473-2255 or 473-CALL. This service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. To choose a topic all one has to do is have a touch-tone phone and know the three digit code for the topic that he wants to hear. A brochure with all of the topics and their corresponding codes is available on the table in the foyer. If you want to teach your friends the gospel, you can have them call the appropriate lessons. Below is a sampling of some of the topics and their corresponding codes.

## SALVATION

- 301 What Must I Do To Be Saved?
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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(473-0557) Johnny Anderson
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Doug Hendrixson
Reading	Shannon Griffin
Scripture	Titus 1:5-9
Lord's Table (N)	*Tommy Crouch
(S)	*Dale Bennett
(N)	Paul Davis
(N)	J.B. Gribble
(N)	Willie Newby
(S)	Jeff Bond
(S)	Harry Felty
(S)	Kraig Campbell
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Chuck Medley

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(473-0557) Johnny Anderson
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Eddie Palmer
Reading	Harold McGinness
Scripture	Jeremiah 18:1-6
Lord's Table	*Bob Mayfield
	*Calvin Rogers
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ronnie Rogers

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-7078) Danny Duncan
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	Brett Merritt
Invitation	Ronnie Rogers
Dismiss	Winfrey Hennessee

Welcome Committee

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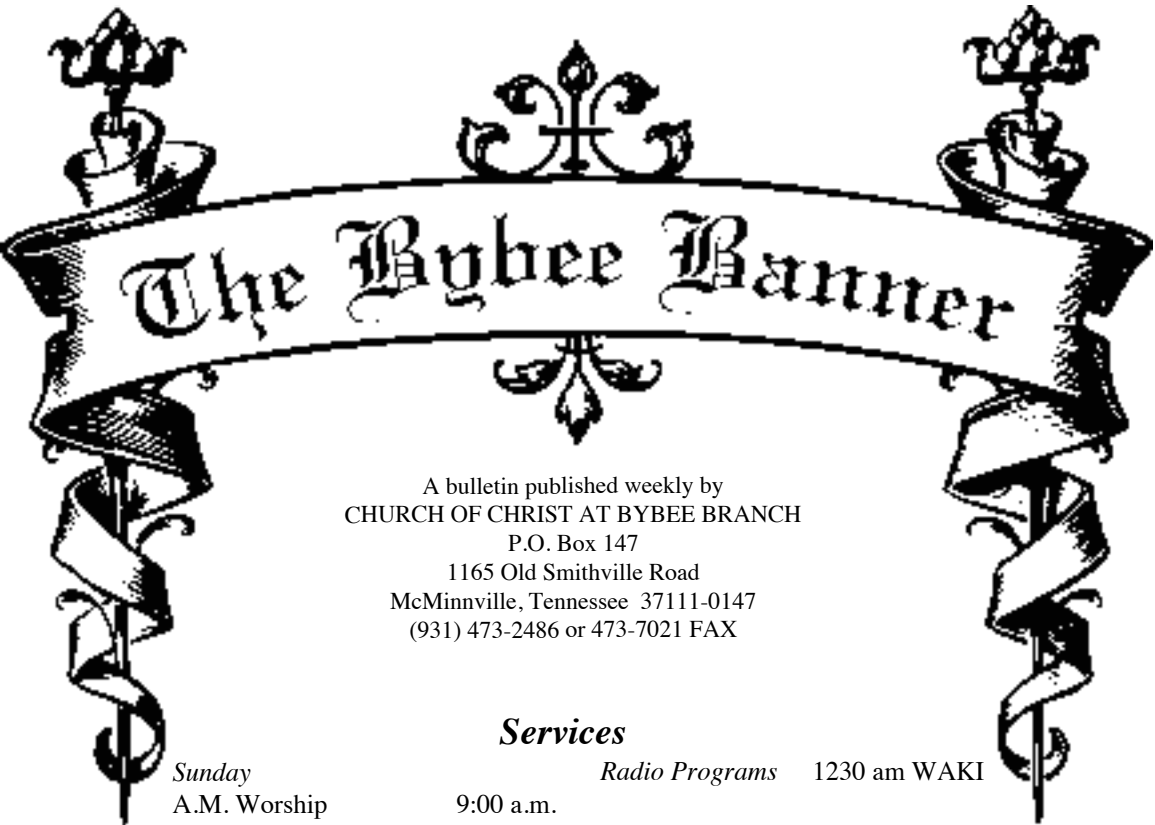
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Baptist Hospital

Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... Setting Things In Order  
P.M. .... Thou Art The Potter; I Am The Clay

Youth Activity

The second annual “Labor Day Youth Madness” will  
be Sunday evening September 4, following the  
evening worship. There will be pizza, bowling, games,  
activities, and singing. Sign up on the sheet on the  
bulletin board.

Address Updates

Ronnie & Denise Prince  
54 Maple Ridge Court  
Mc Minnville TN 37110-5888  
Phone 934-4088  
  
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103 Sunset Drive  
Mc Minnville, TN 37110-1874  
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August 30, 1999

To the Bybee Branch Family:  
  
All we can say all of you is thank you.  
  
We are forever thankful for your friendship. We will  
never forget how God brought us together. We love  
you so very much. We will also keep all of you in our  
prayers.

We have so much we’d like to say, but don’t know  
how to say it. Thank you for your love for us and  
encouragement and for introducing us to this  
congregation.  
  
You made our moving very easy, we feel so glad here.

You are very special to us, you’ll always be in our -  
heart.  
  
We love you. In God’s love.

The Garibaldi Family



Promotion  
Sunday

This Sunday will be the  
promotion Sunday when the  
young people will move up to the next  
grade level in the Bible school program. If you have  
not been attending classes, this would be an excellent  
time to start!

Responses

This past week Carol Felty, and Jalesia Johnson have  
all requested prayers to be more faithful in their  
Christian lives. Monday afternoon, Barbara King was  
baptized into Christ.

September 1999

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Nancy Rogers Rodney Reynolds Belle Young	KEN & GLYNA LEE Allison Chilton		
			1	2	3	4
	Gail Crouch	Marsha Collins Denice Prince Nichole Wilcher Micah McColloch	RONNIE & DENICE PRINCE	EDWARD & GLENDA SOLOMON Joe Lawrence Erin Duncan Roeba Jones		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
STEVE & CAROL BOYD Kayla Napier	Josh Medley Lori Pepper Chris Jones	Lennie Ruth Kesey Janice Foster Clercie Delone Merek McColloch			Doug Hendrixson	Caleb Hughes
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
LEMMIE & BRENDA BRATTEN		Caleb Graves	HARLEY & IONA NORTHCUTT RONNIE & CINDY ROGERS Magdalene Taylor	CALVIN & NANCY ROGERS CHRIS & MEREDITH JONES Clara Roller Eric Fisher Ken Martin Rosetta Bain	Merideth Jones Leonard Crouch	Mary Lois Cantrell Agnes Fults Glenda Solomon
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Joe Huntley	Danielle Lance Walter Maxwell Randel Whiteaker Dana Roller	Sandy Brown Harry Felty	Andrew Collins Glynda Stevens			
26	27	28	29	30		

Sunday Morning Worship

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Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Kurt Maynard
Reading	Kevin Judkins
Scripture	Titus 2:1-10
Lord's Table (N)	*Dennis Gann
(S)	*Chuck Boles
(N)	Lemmie Bratten
(N)	Don Johnson
(N)	Joe T. Cantrell
(S)	Tyler Boyd
(S)	Ralph Crouch
(S)	Jason Vandagriff
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Ronnie Rogers
Reading	Bruce Pryor
Scripture	James 3:13-18
Lord's Table	*Larry Flatt
	*Billy Gilbert
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Rodney Reynolds

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-7078) Danny Duncan
Lead Singing	Young Men
First Prayer	Mike Driver
Reading	Noel Pepper
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Steve Hillis

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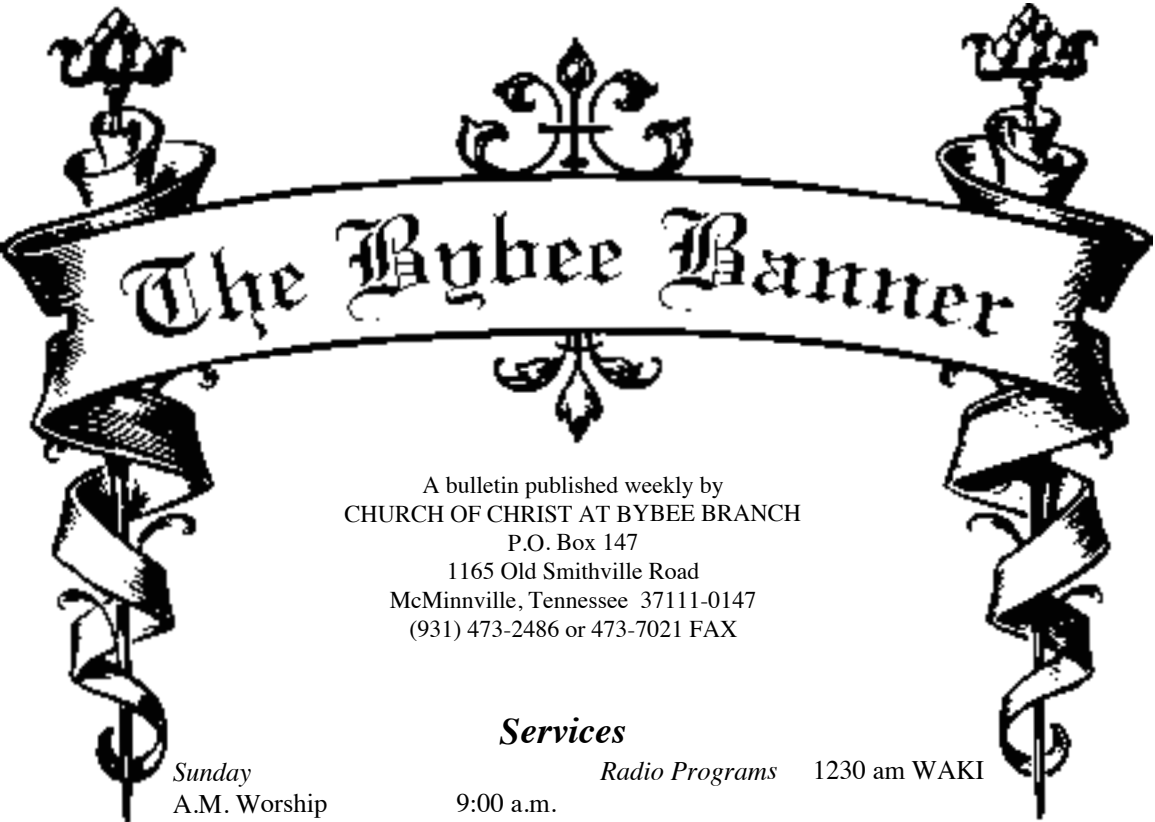
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# Sick

**At Home:**  
*Robbie Vandagriff*  
*Eva Henderson*  
*Iona Northcutt*  
*Joshua Templeton*

**In The Hospital:**  
*Katherine Bennett-moved to NHC*  
*Betty Sullivan (daughter of Scena Christian)- in*  
*MTMC/Murfreesboro following car*  
*accident.*  
*Gertrude James (grandmother of Jeff Flatt)-*  
*move to Waverly Hospital and not doing*  
*very well.*

# Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... The Sound Doctrine  
P.M. .... Wisdom Versus Foolishness

# Responses

Sunday sisters Dawn Wanamaker and Glenda Hughes requested the prayers of the congregation for wrong in their lives. Please remember these two good ladies in your prayers.

# House Warming

There will be a house warming reception for the Garibaldi family at the church building this coming Sunday afternoon from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the church fellowship room. Everyone is welcome to come and greet the Garibaldi family. A money tree will be prepared. If you wish to know more, contact, Melba Bonner, Susie Griffith, or Sherry Graves.

# Some things to consider...

*"Foolish people talk without thinking; wise people think without talking."*

*"One way to measure the character of a man is by what it takes to make him cry."*

# Shut-ins

*Help us keep this list up-to-date.*

**NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):**  
*Katherine Bennett*  
*Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond’s mother)*  
*Pauline Greene*  
*Lena Mai Gribble*  
*Houston Stiles*  
*Carol Sue Taylor*  
*Belle Young*

**Raintree Health Care Center:**  
*Yuriko Biles*  
*Edith Morrow*  
*Flossie Smartt*

**McMinnville Boarding Home**  
*Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons’ mother)*

**Hillcrest Health Care:**  
*Edith Collins*

**Home:**  
*Edith Cantrell*  
*Jane Golden*  
*Rozelle Goodman*  
*Willene Kell*  
*Joe Maxwell*  
*Pearl Mitchell*  
*Bessie Parker*  
*June Slatton*  
*Bertha Stewart*  
*Magdalene Taylor*

# Do You Wear The “Right Name”?

The headlines on the front page of last Sunday’s “Tennessean” was: “Churches dropping ‘Baptist’ from names.” Ray Waddle (Religion Editor) stated that churches are turning into name-droppers by dropping their denominational name. What is the purpose? “They hope to attract new worshippers who are turned off by the word “Baptist” or “Presbyterian” or other old- time church names.” Waddle pointed out that in the Nashville area four Southern Baptist churches, and three other local Baptist churches had dropped their name.

What is the purpose for this dropping of names? Is it because you can’t read from Genesis to Revelation about a “Baptist or Presbyterian church”? No, this has never impeded such action before. Let the “leaders” answer. They now want to be identified as “Community church.” Sound familiar? When asked why this transition is occurring in Davidson and Rutherford county, the response was: “...strong attendance their churches am enjoying today would be dampened if the word “Baptist” were in the name.” But, there is more. Waddle states further: “The church has several “contemporary” traits, like informal dress and a band on stage.” Now, it seems to me to be very simple - entertainment (with a capital E)!

For years brethren have maintained that the churches of Christ have the right name (Rom. 16:16). However, upon closer examination one finds that the Lord’s church does not have a name. It does have an identification, which shows to whom it belongs (“of” means belonging to). The church belongs to Christ; therefore it is the church of Christ (Matt. 16:18). It belongs to God (not man); therefore it is the church of God (1 Cor. 1:2). In “rank,” Christ is the firstborn (Heb. 12:23). therefore it is the church of the firstborn. These are designations of the church. They identify to whom the church belongs. The Lord’s church is also identified as the “temple of God” (1 Cor. 3:16); the “body of Christ” (Col. 1:24); the “household of faith” (Gal. 6:10); and sometimes simply “the church” ((Eph. 3:10). What makes the church scriptural is not a title fastened to a building, but the worshippers who live and worship according to God’s will (Matt. 7:21).

If you are a member of the Lord’s church (which you can read about in the New Testament) rejoice. But, we must realize our obligation to God. Our allegiance is to Christ and His word. “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.” (Col. 3:16-17). Not only should we be identified by the proper name of Him whose name we wear (Christ), but we must be willing to follow His divine precept in our coming together to worship God. Our worship must be “in spirit and in truth” (Jno. 4:24). Truth is according to God’s word (Jno. 17:17).

The Lord’s church may not grow in numbers due to our refusal to follow the “felt” needs of worshippers to be entertained However, our worship to the Lord, according to His pleasure will always be pleasing unto Him (2 Tim. 2:4). Now, is a “name” important? Yes, in two ways. First, it identifies to whom we belong. Second, it means we accept His (Christ’s) authority for all we do in worship unto Him. Do you wear the “RIGHT” name?

~Wayne Lankford~

Sunday Morning Worship

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Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Steve Boyd
Reading	Larry Flatt
Scripture	Titus 2:11-15
Lord's Table (N)	*Ken Lee
(S)	*Bob Bonner
(N)	Leonard Crouch
(N)	Marty Boles
(N)	Joe Maynard
(S)	Eric Fisher
(S)	Harley Northcutt
(S)	Bran Merritt
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bob Mayfield

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Ricky Prince
Reading	Tom McColloch
Scripture	Luke 17:1-10
Lord's Table	*David Chilton
	*Jeff Flatt
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Frank Reynolds

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-7078) Danny Duncan
Lead Singing	John Biddle
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Rodney Reynolds
Invitation	Don Sullivan
Dismiss	Kraig Campbell

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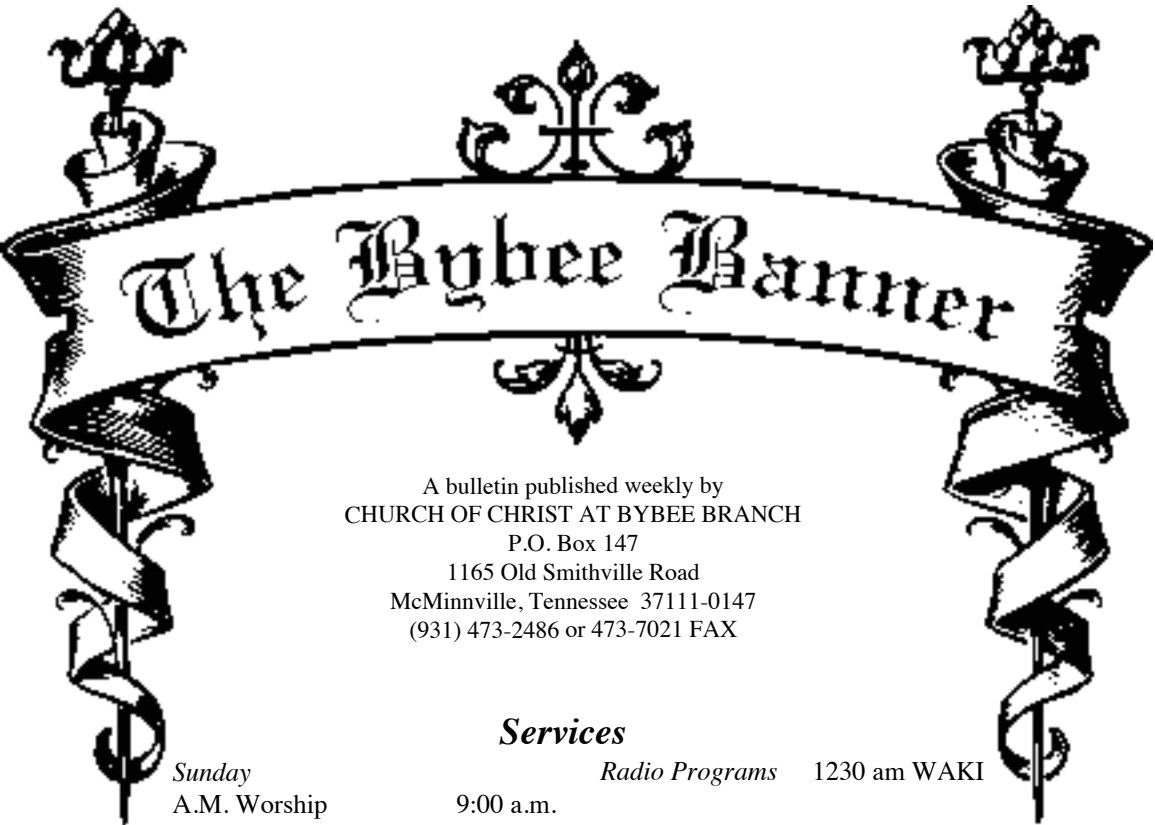
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Iona Northcutt  
Midred Glenn (following surgery)

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Betty Sullivan (daughter of Scena Christian)- in  
MTMC/Murfreesboro (doing better, now in  
a room)

Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... What Grace Teaches...  
P.M. .... Tell Me About Forgiveness

Gospel Meeting

Centertown church of Christ, September 26-30,  
services at 7:00 each evening with Lynwood Mathis  
preaching.

Fall Festival

Our annual Fall Festival will be on October 23, at 5:00  
p.m. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar.



A SAD DIARY

First Call: We are going to start attending as soon as  
the baby is old enough to bring.

Second Call: Yes, we are coming when our toddler  
stops squirming and crying.

Three Years Later: I knowyou think we are awful  
about church attendance, but Jane has trouble in her  
little Bible classes. She is different from the other  
children, we guess. It is bad to compel a child to go.  
We’ll come later when Jane wants to.

Eleven Years Later: The reason I telephoned is that I  
want you or the elders to see if you can help us with  
Jane. She is running around with the wrong crowd  
and continually gets into trouble; won’t even listen to  
us her parents.

Some Years Later: Yes, Jane is married. They ran  
away from home. Oh, definitely they are both too  
young, but she stopped minding us a long time ago.  
He promised not to stand in her way if she wanted to  
attend church services.

Ten Years Later: Well, Jane finally married a man  
that can give her the best things in life. Yeah, she had  
to divorce the other two fellows. Jane is upset about  
something though. The preacher preached a sermon  
on marriage and divorce the other day, and Jane says  
she will never go to church again.

Oh, yes, one thing, could you tell us where we went  
wrong with Jane?

House Warming Thanks

Thanks to all the ladies who helped make the Garibaldi  
Welcome a success. The food, gifts, and help in the  
kitchen were great. Everyone seemed to be so  
involved and caring.

Thankyou, Sherry, Melba, and Susie

May We Worship With Instrumental Music & “Calves”?

Several mentioned to me the article in last Sunday’s Tennessean (Local News section) which  
read: **TEACHER QUILTS LIPSCOMB OVER MUSIC DEBATE**. The subtitle read: *Minister’s  
church uses instruments; school disapproves*. The article (written by Ray Waddle, Religion Editor)  
is in regard to another feature that appeared in April of this year concerning the Hendersonville  
“Community Church” using instrumental music in their worship on April 4th. (Easter Sunday). Five  
members (teachers at Goodpasture Christian School) left that church when this occurred.

Doug Vamado (a Lipscomb University Bible teacher, and a minister at the Community Church)  
has been compelled to resign from Lipscomb because he continues to support the use of recorded  
instrumental music used “periodically” as part of their Sunday worship in the Community Church.  
The policy at Lipscomb does not allow any teacher to be associated with a church that uses instru-  
mental music. Steve Flatt (Lipscomb president) stated: “Our identity (D.L.U. w.l.) for the last 108  
years has included a cappella, it still characterizes who we are, and Doug understood that. I don’t  
know where Community Church is going - it’s not my business. I don’t run that congregation.” Bro.  
Flatt further stated: “But I think the world of Doug Varnado.”

The Community Church has now been meeting for some nine years. It began primarily from a  
split from the Hendersonville church. The article also states that this church “...has always posi-  
tioned itself as a progressive congregation that draws worshippers from diverse spiritual backgrounds.”  
The organizers discussed whether they should put “Church of Christ” on their sign when the church  
began. I have also been told (from some who have been present) this church uses a “choir” during  
their worship. This began by having “special singers” (a chorus) to sing between the Sunday School  
classes before the worship began (as was told to me by some who had been present during this  
time). Now (since they are a “progressive congregation”) the “choir” has ‘progressed’ into the wor-  
ship service, along with their instrumental music “periodically”!

Ron Cook (a former elder and class teacher at the church) stated: “*God made music, God  
surrounds us with music every day. It’s absurd to say we can’t give music back to God*” The article  
quoted Cook as predicting: “...the music issue in Churches of Christ will fade away once young  
churchgoers, awash daily in music, become church leaders.” Cook further is quoted: “*Instrumental  
music is already a part of youth events that happen at churches*. Teen-agers love Christian music.  
Music is a fact of life. It’s inevitable” (emphasis mine w.l.). Now, please observe carefully the above  
quote relative to God making music, and giving it back to God. To be consistent, would one agree  
with this statement: “God made “calves” (Gen. 1:24), and in times past commanded that such be  
offered for sins (Lev. 9:2), It would be “absurd” to say we can’t give “calves” back to God? Would  
this church offer a “calf” in their worship “periodically”? Think about it?

~Wayne Lankford~  
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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby

Lead Singing Joe Collins

First Prayer Noel Pepper

Reading John Biddle

Scripture Titus 3:8,14

Lord's Table (N) \*Winfrey Hennessee

(S) \*Chip Cantrell

(N) Marc Martin

(N) David McColloch

(S) Brandon McGinness

(S) Lynn Gann

(S) Rodney Maynard

(S) Brett Merritt

Sermon Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Bob Cantrell

Sunday Evening Worship

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Lead Singing Joe Collins

First Prayer Lemmie Bratten

Reading Ken Martin

Scripture 1 Corinthians 6:20

Lord's Table \*Steve Boyd

\*Mike Driver

Sermon Tony Lawrence

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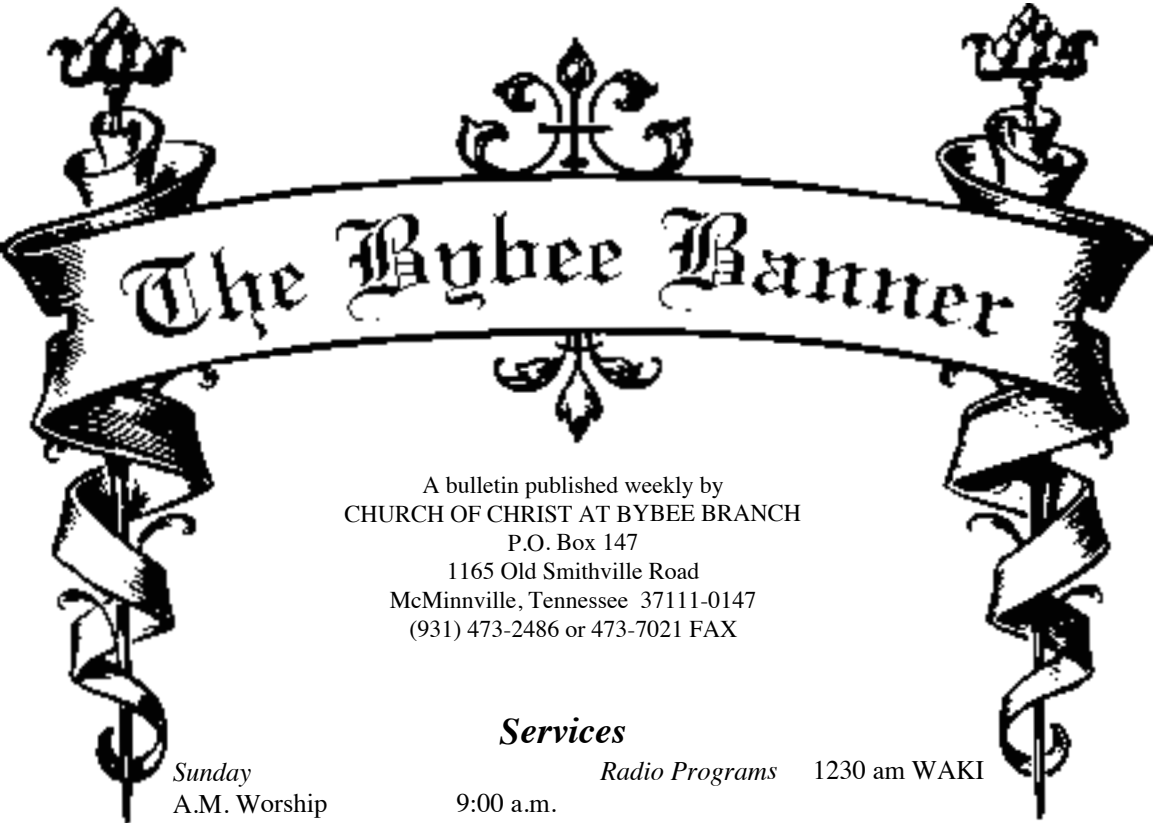
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Preacher

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

email alawrence@blomand.net

# Sick

## At Home:

Sharla Hillis  
Katie Wanamaker  
Robbie Vandagriff  
Eva Henderson  
Iona Northcutt

## In The Hospital:

Lucille Newby-Nashville Memorial Hospital-  
following surgery.  
Verl Henderson (Cindy Fisher’s father)-having  
cancer surgery in Kansas City, MO

# Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... Important Reminders  
P.M. .... What Do I Owe The Church?

# Gospel Meeting

*Centertown church of Christ*, September 26-30,  
services at 7:00 each evening with Lynwood Mathis  
preaching.

*Arlington church of Christ*, September 26-30,  
services at 7:00 each evening with Steve Ellis  
preaching.

# Baptism & Restoration

We rejoiced greatly Sunday morning! At our services  
brother Don Johnson came forward requesting the  
prayers of the congregation. Following the morning  
services we received a call that the new Hispanic  
congregation was on the way to the building for a  
baptism. Carlos Pic, known to most of us as “Romulo”  
was baptized into Christ. This is the second precious  
soul baptized due to the new work.

# Fall Festival

Our annual Fall Festival will be on October 23, at 5:00  
p.m. Be sure to mark this date on your calendar.

# Could You Be Re-elected As A Christian?

Suppose you, as a Christian, had to run for re-election  
for membership, like a senator or a member of the  
House of Representatives. And suppose your re-  
election depended upon how you have conducted  
yourself in the past year.

For example, let’s suppose that your re-election  
depended upon the “record” of your Sunday school  
attendance.

Or what if it depended upon your contribution record?  
Would you be willing to make that public, in order to  
be re-elected?

What about your speech? And your record of honesty  
and integrity? Would you be re-elected?

In II Peter 1:10, the apostle Peter said that we should  
give diligence to make our calling and election sure.

If you were to die today and then face God in judgment  
–just as you are– what would be the result?

David Sain  
HEART TO HEART ~ September 1, 1999

# New Arrival

Congratulations to Chip and Shelia Cantrell on the  
birth of a baby girl, Emma Grace. She was born last  
Wednesday morning, and weighed 7 lbs and 10 ozs.  
Mother and baby are doing well. Joe T. and Mary Lois  
Cantrell are the proud grandparents.

*It is strange that, while praying, we  
seldom ask for a change of character,  
but always a change of circumstances.*

# The New Testament And Masonry

By William M. “Mike” Hurley

To many who are unaware, the Masonic Lodge is thought to be little more than any other civic group in our community. Masonry is known for several good works of which they are involved, such as the burn hospitals that provide care for victims free of charge. However, the truth of the matter is that Masonry is not just a civic organization but also a religion. Notice the following truths:

**I. Religion Defined.** Webster’s dictionary defines religion as: “1. The service and adoration of God, as expressed in forms of worship...2. One of the systems of faith and worship...3. The profession or practice of religious beliefs.” Masons may claim not to be a religion, yet they are clearly established upon religious principles. In a tract put out by the committee on Masonic education the following is stated: “Freemasonry is a fraternal organization, religious in character, based upon the principle of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.” Concerning the Masonic system of worship the following from Masonic literature: “From the time a candidate crosses the threshold of the Lodge to the topmost degree in Masonry, the privilege and duty of prayer are urged upon him and every step is taken in a holy atmosphere of divine worship.” Masons are then an organization which is established upon a system of beliefs in God and has it’s own system of religious rituals and worship. These marks clearly identify Masonry as a religion unto itself.

**II. The Oaths And Obligations Of Masonry.** The taking of oaths and swearing by something play a very significant part in the secret organization of Masonry. In the early degrees of Masonic teaching the candidate is required to meticulously memorize and recite oaths. The following quote is taken from the Master Mason Oath: Binding myself under no less penalty than that of having my body severed in twain, my bowels taken from thence and burned to ashes, and the ashes scattered to the four winds of heaven, that no trace of remembrance may be had of so vile, and perjured a wretch as I.” The Christian is taught in the Bible: Matthew 5:34-37 ...*Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God’s throne: Nor by the earth; for it is his footstool: neither by Jerusalem; for it is the city of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.* (see also James 5:12)

**II. Masonry And Salvation.** Having already proven that Masonry is a religious institution unto itself, it stands to reason that Masonry would offer salvation to the faithful lodge member at the end of life. A few years ago I attended a funeral service performed by the Masonic chaplain. The Mason is given a white apron upon reaching the level of “Master Mason”. A symbol of innocence and the badge of a Mason this apron is buried with the body in the belief that it is essential to receiving entrance into the “celestial lodge above.” All of which is foreign to the teachings of the New Testament.

**Some Closing Remarks:** We are not debating the morality or good deeds of masons in this article. The subject is doctrine and the truth of the matter is that Masonry and New Testament Christianity are not compatible. The Masonic lodge, it’s the oaths, the rituals it requires and its promises of heavenly reward are totally foreign to the teachings of the New Testament. The only way to heaven is through the blood of Jesus (John 14:6, Acts 22:16) and we contact that blood by obedience to the gospel (John 12:48, Acts 2:38). No other organization or lodge on this earth can save you!

*“Investigation: Duties of Investigation Committee,”* issued by the Committee on Masonic Education of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Illinois A.F.& A.M. of the State of Illinois. P. 15

Albert Pike, *“Morals and Dogma of the Ancient Free and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry,”* Charleston, SC, published by the Southern Jurisdiction of Supreme Council of the 33rd degree, p. 639

Edmond Ronayne, *“Handbook of Freemasonry”*, Ezra Cook Publishers Inc., 1985, pp. 172-173

(Members of the Lord’s church need to be aware of this false religion and avoid any entanglement therein-tl.)

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Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Jeff Flatt
Reading	Don Griffith
Scripture	Hebrews 1:1-4
Lord's Table (N)	*Mike Driver
(S)	*Tim Fisher
(N)	John Nussbaum
(N)	Joe Roller
(N)	David Chilton
(S)	Chris Jones
(S)	Dickie Kesey
(S)	Abram Pryor
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jim Slatton

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Thurman Bennett
Reading	Shannon Griffin
Scripture	Jeremiah 36:20-25
Lord's Table	*Tommy Crouch
	*Chuck Boles
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Dale Bennett

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-8936) Allen Hughes
Lead Singing	Young Men
First Prayer	Calvin Rogers
Reading	Don Sullivan
Invitation	Joe Collins
Dismiss	Ronnie Prince

Welcome Committee

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Pantry Item: Sugar

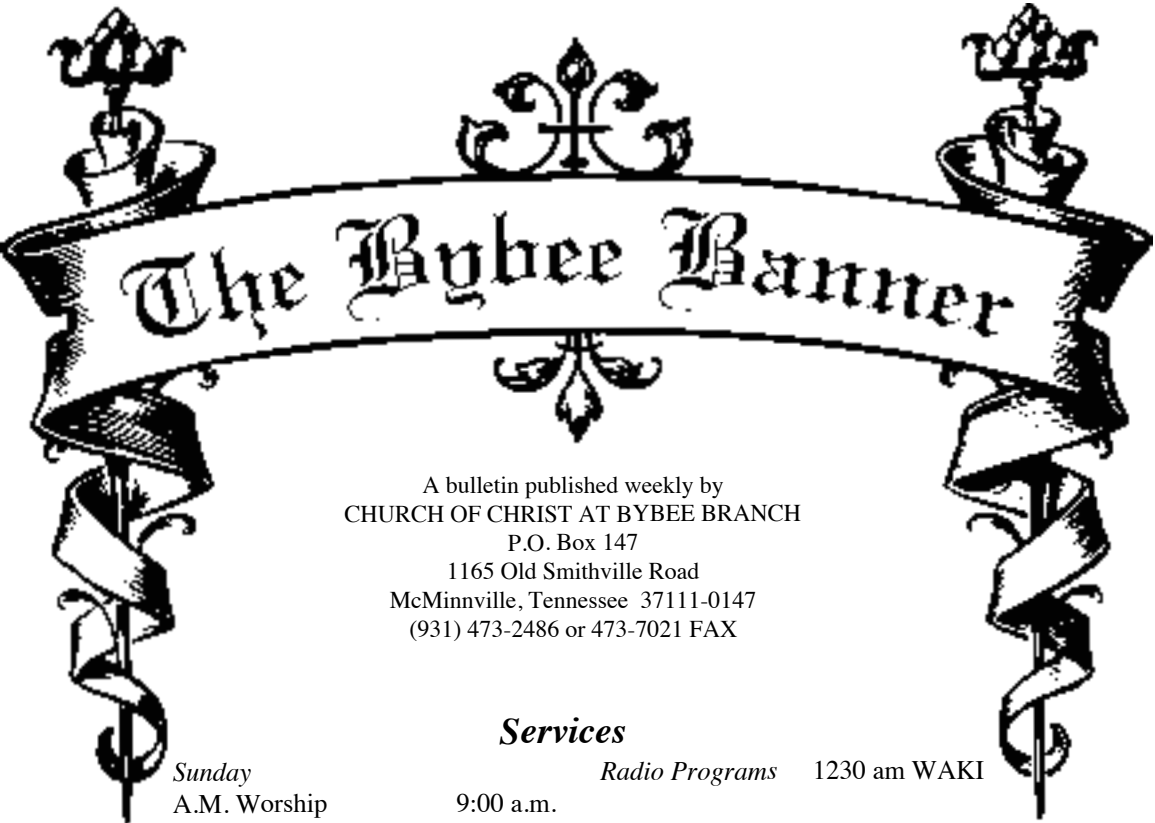
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A.M. Worship .....	352
Bible Study .....	262
P.M. Worship .....	246
Wednesday Bible Study .....	226
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Carol Sue Taylor-Riverpark

Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... God Speaks To Us!

P.M. .... A Penknife Religion

Placed Membership

We want to welcome George and Joy Trail that placed membership Sunday. Their address is 364 George Trail Rd., McMinnville, TN. Phone: (668-3376)

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“The Lies of Satan”

In the book of Genesis, following creation, the Lord showed Adam and Eve the garden of Eden. The Lord warned them saying...”Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the the day that thou eatest of thereof thou shalt surely die” (Genesis 2:16-17). Later, Satan deceived Eve into eating of the tree by saying...”thou shalt NOT surely die” (Genesis 3:4). Three little letters, which totally changed the meaning of what God had said. Thus the battle between truth and error, good and evil, sin and righteousness began and has been raging ever since. Notice the following which are some of Satan’s best lies to cause us to sin...

1. Sin Is Not So Bad. Yet the bible tells us that sin comes with an awful high price tag...”For the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). The Bible here is not speaking of physical death but of spiritual death which is eternal separation from God in the place of torment. Notice Revelation 21:8...”But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” Sin therefore is bad, very bad!

2. God Made You The Way You Are. This is an ever popular lie that Satan has used to dupe millions into indulging in things God has plainly taught us are sin. Some reply that it is in their nature of that they inherited the overwhelming desire to sin from their birth. Yet, listen closely to Ezekiel 18:20...”The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.” We sin when we, of our own choice, participate in that which is contrary to the commandments of God. (James 1:14-15)

3. Everybody Is Doing It, So It Must Be Okay. As United States citizens we have been raised on the idea of democracy. Our belief in democracy is founded upon the notion that the majority is always right. This may be true when it comes to presidential elections or the passage of bills in the congress, but in terms of spiritual matters, nothing could be further from the truth.

The devil’s arguments are so dumb, so absurd! Yet millions are taking the bait - hook, line, and sinker. Let us resolve to equip ourselves to resist him at every turn, by faithfully studying our Bibles, much, much more.

~William M. “Mike” Hurley~

October 1999						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Martha Maxwell	
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	Mickey Whiteaker	Stephen Boyd	Georgia Womack Bernice Fults		Larry Flatt Donna Newby	Carol Felty Daniel Boyd
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Dot Powell	W.C. & NELMA CHILTON Missy Lee	Willene Kell Bill Biles Bruce Pryor	Nelma Chilton	JACK & ANNA JEAN BOND LARRY & JANE FLATT Heath Griffith		
Bible Bowl at Leoni at 2:00	School of Bible Emphasis 7:00 pm					
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Jennifer Maynard Joe T. Cantrell Andy Slatton		MORRIS & SCARLETT GRIFFITH Derrick Pennington Myra Bell	Mildred Glenn Jim Slatton Lawrence Lane Christian Barrett	GREG & DAWN WANAMAKER CHIP & SHEILA CANTRELL	Mildred Bumbalough Hazel Bennett	Julie Slatton
17	18	19	20	21	22	Fall Festival at Building
	Kelly Thaxton	BRUCE & SHIRLEY NUNLEY Mary Flatt	Brandon McGinness Darrell Chilton		Cassie McGinness	BOBBY & CAROLYN CANTRELL
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						



Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Steve Hillis
Reading	Micah Lawrence
Scripture	Hebrews 1:4
Lord's Table (N)	*Billy Gilbert
(S)	*Eddie Palmer
(N)	Lee Gann
(N)	Tom McColloch
(N)	Ryan Kesey
(S)	Eugene Wilcher
(S)	Buell Warren
(S)	Jeff Templeton
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Leonard Crouch

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Larry Flatt
Reading	Bob Bonner
Scripture	1 Corinthians 6:9-11
Lord's Table	*Frank Reynolds
	*Kelly Thaxton
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Lee

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Bruce Pryor
Reading	Shane Fisher
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ronnie Rogers

Welcome Committee

A.M.	Harry Felty Family
P.M.	Ralph & Drucilla Crouch

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Jeff Flatt & Calvin Rogers

Attend Nursery: Mildred Gambrell

Lock Building: Shannon Griffin

Pantry Item: Pop-Tarts

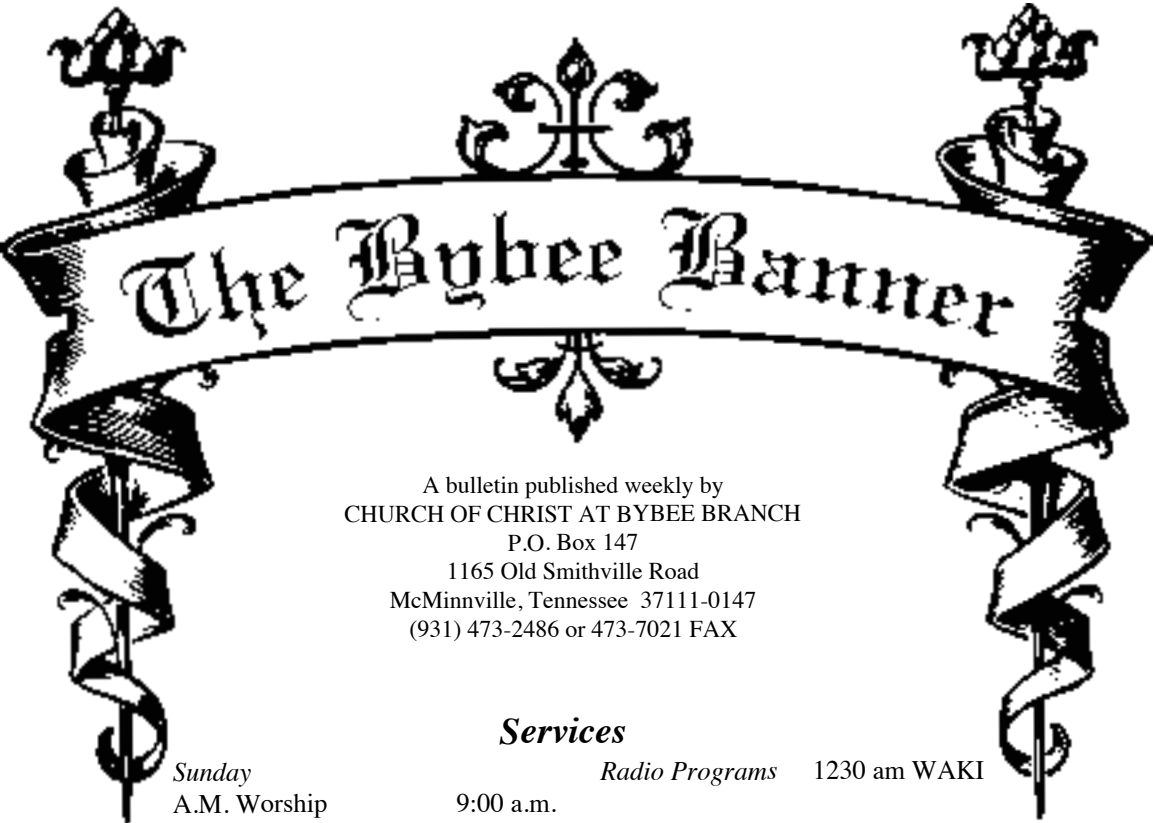
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Clyde Christian-Riverpark  
Joe Lawrence (Teresa McGinness’ father)-in St.  
Thomas ICU.

Restoration

The elders announced Sunday morning the restoration of brother Brett Merritt this past week. He asked for the prayers of the congregation.

Baptism

We rejoice again with another precious soul baptized into Christ at the Hispanic congregation. David Romero was baptized following the morning services. His father was baptized this past summer during the campaign.

Gospel Meetings

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Shut-ins

Help us keep this list up-to-date.

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):  
Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond’s mother)  
Pauline Greene  
Lena Mai Gribble  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

Eastside Boarding Home:  
Katherine Bennett

Raintree Health Care Center:  
Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home  
Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons’ mother)

Hillcrest Health Care:  
Edith Collins

Home:  
Edith Cantrell  
Jane Golden  
Rozelle Goodman  
Willene Kell  
Joe Maxwell  
Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... Our Savior Is Higher Than Angels  
P.M. .... Is Homosexuality A Sin?

October 4, 1999

Dear Thailand Supporters:

I first want to thank you for your prayers while I was in Thailand. This time, I was there for nearly five weeks and traveled about 4,000 miles. I love the Thai work, but it is still a long way from home, and I am thankful to be back safely with my family.

The church is growing and doing well. There were twenty-three baptisms while I was there.

Due to the generosity of a brother from West Tennessee, we were able to purchase a piece of property in Mukdahan. The plans are already drawn up for a church building, complete with classrooms, as well as a preacher’s home. Mukdahan is one of the largest growing provinces in the Northeast. There are four large public schools within a mile or mile and a half of the property. We have been invited to hold an English Bible Camp in one of the schools the last of February or the first of March next year.

At the present time, one of the most pressing needs is for the replacement of an old two ton truck that is used in transporting the people back and forth to church functions in Udorn. It will cost about \$17,000 in U. S. money.

Another need is for help in the Bible Training School in Buriram. \$100 a month will take care of a student, including his books, clothes, food and lodging. There are seven students there now, and five or six young men who would like to begin right away. The course takes about three years to complete. Brother Christian Boonla does a fine job heading the school. When Bo finishes his studies at the Memphis School of Preaching in August 2000 he will be going there to teach at the Buriram school.

Again, I thank you for your prayers and for your love for God’s creation in Thailand.

Sincerely,

Thurman Bennett

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	Lemmie Bratten
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table (N)	*Bob Mayfield
(S)	*Ricky Prince
(N)	Harley Northcutt
(N)	Jason Vandagriff
(N)	Dale Bennett
(S)	Bran Merritt
(S)	J.B. Gribble
(S)	Kraig Campbell
Sermon	TBA
Dismiss	Steve Wilcher

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Chuck Boles
Reading	Brett Merritt
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Ken Martin
	*Chip Cantrell
Sermon	TBA
Dismiss	Kurt Maynard

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing	John Biddle
First Prayer	Winfrey Hennessee
Reading	Chuck Medley
Invitation	Danny Duncan
Dismiss	Noel Pepper

Welcome Committee

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P.M.	Steve Boyd Family

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Attend Nursery: Sherry Graves

Lock Building: Shannon Griffin

Pantry Item: Salsa

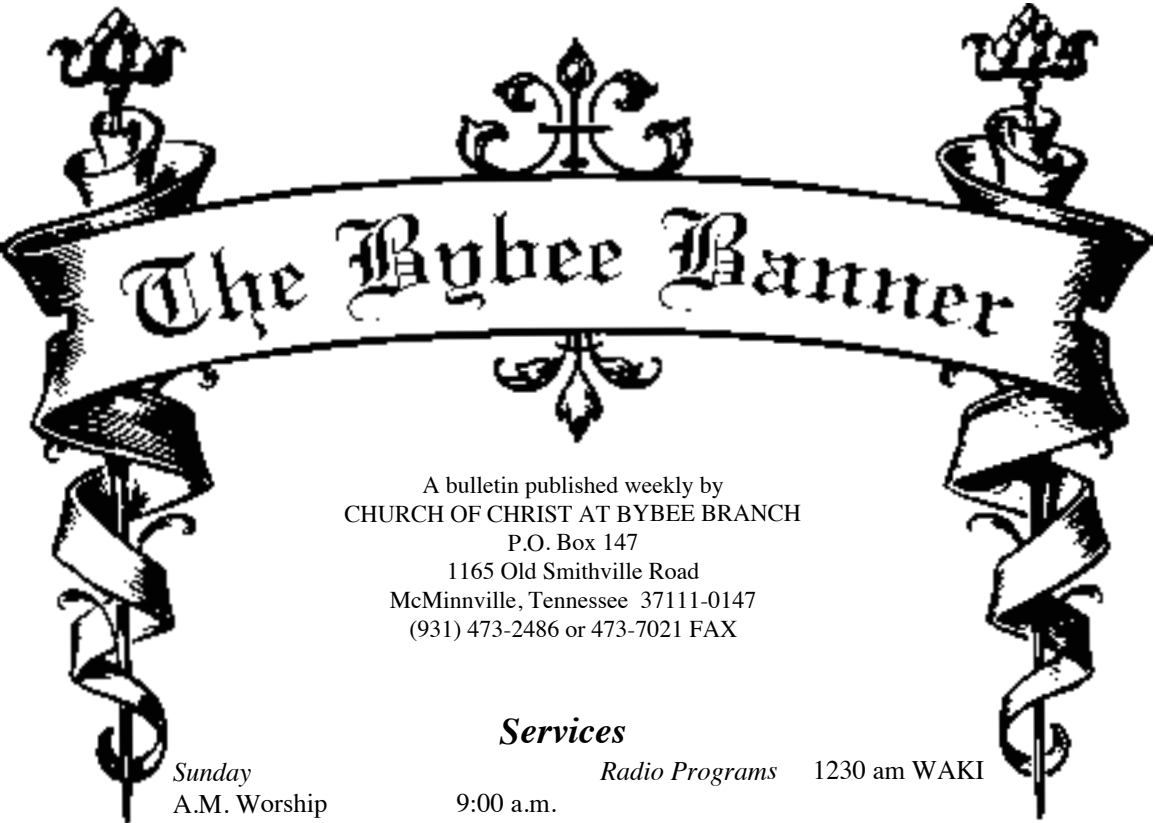
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# Sunday’s Sermons

There will be guest speakers Sunday morning and evening. Tony will be in Vernon, Alabama speaking at their homecoming.

# Gospel Meetings

*West Riverside church of Christ*, October 10-13, services at 7:00 each evening with Ray Winton preaching.

*New Hope church of Christ*, October 10-13, services at 7:30 each evening with Kevin Williams preaching.

*Morrison church of Christ*, October 17-21, services at 7:00 each evening with James Watkins preaching.

*Dibrell church of Christ*, October 22-24, services at 7:00 each evening with Freddie Clayton preaching.

# Classroom Changes

The Junior High girls class that has been meeting in room 13 on Wednesday evening will begin meeting in room 8. Also, the Young Adult class that has been meeting in room 13 on Sunday morning will begin meeting again in room 1.

Room 13 is now the office for brother Roberto Garibaldi.

# Bible Bowl

What a thrill to see a gathering of over 300 with over 230 students taking a test on Joshua 1-4 for the Bible Bowl. Bybee Branch had 22 young people participate. The church at Leoni were very gracious hosts for the first Bible Bowl of the season.

This year our young people continued their tradition of scoring #1 on the test. They did not miss any on the main test. They enjoyed this honor along with the congregations at Rome and Mt. Leo. Our young people brought home the banner since they excelled in the tie-breaker. However, 16 of the 18 congregations missed four or less on the test. This shows the great diligence being put forth by these young people. It is an honor for us adults to be associated with these great young people.

Many thanks to Steve Hillis and Chuck Medley for their dedicated work in not only teaching these young people in class but working with them on the outside to encourage them to do so well.

Next month, November 14, Bybee Branch will host the next Bible Bowl. Our guest speaker will be Chris Whitaker.

# Fall Festival

The annual Fall Festival will be next weekend, October 23. This is one of the most enjoyable fellowship gatherings that we enjoy each year.

Those who attend are asked to bring a 2-liter drink and their favorite dessert.

If you have any questions you can see Chip Cantrell.

# Baptism

We rejoice again with another precious soul baptized into Christ at the Hispanic congregation. A young man named Zachary from Houston, TX was baptized following the evening services.

# “Christianity & Halloween?”

Halloween has changed over the years here in America. Just few a generations ago, the holiday was primarily an evening of mischief, when teens often carried out “tricks” on neighbors and friends. I can remember my great grandfather telling me that on Halloween you always brought in your plants, lawn chairs, etc. from outside. Most folks stayed home on Halloween back in those days especially as the hours grew late. Over the years changing attitudes in communities has resulted in Halloween becoming an occasion for small children, usually in costume to go house to house for treats. The truth of the matter is that Halloween has not always been the innocent holiday for children that it is today. Consider the following...

The observances connected with Halloween are thought to have originated among the ancient Druids, who believed that on that evening, Saman, the lord of the dead, called forth hosts of evil spirits. The Druids customarily lit great fires on Halloween, apparently for the purpose of warding off all these spirits. Later the Celts also celebrated this same holiday. They believed that the spirits of the dead revisited their earthly homes on that evening. After the Romans conquered Britain, they added to Halloween features of the Roman harvest festival held on November 1 in honor of Pomona, goddess of the fruits of trees. Traces of the Roman harvest festival still survive in the of playing games involving fruit, such as ducking for apples in a tub of water. Of similar origin is the use of hollowed-out pumpkins carved to resemble grotesque faces and lit by candles placed inside.

Halloween has everything to do with fear and death: witches, ghosts, skulls, tombstones, graveyards, and nothing to do with life. Jesus is just the opposite. He came to give us life (Jn.14:6), to free us from our fears (Lk.1:74), knowing that He overcame death (Jn.10:17-18), and that we through Him might conquer every enemy of unrighteousness (Rev.2:10).

As Christians, we need to be very careful about such matters. We do not want to give a place of honor to the devil or to evil in this world. Parents should give careful attention to what costumes your children wear. Remember we are to be followers of righteousness each and every day God gives us life here on this earth.

~W. Mike Hurley~

# Seven Basic Ideas To Handling Anger by James Meadows

1. Drop it (Pr. 17:14).
2. Hold it (Pr. 29:11).
3. Are you listening (Jas. 1:19).
4. Close your mouth and think (Pr. 15:28).
5. Remove self from tempting situations (Ex. 32:1ff; Pr. 22).
6. Cool it (Pr. 15:1).
7. Speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15).

Sunday Morning Worship

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Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Don Sullivan
Reading	Danny Duncan
Scripture	Hebrews 2:1-4
Lord's Table (N)	*Ronnie Prince
(S)	*Calvin Rogers
(N)	Ken Martin
(N)	Ralph Crouch
(N)	Jeff Bond
(S)	Marty Boles
(S)	Don Johnson
(S)	David McColloch
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Tommy Crouch

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	John Biddle
Reading	Joe Roller
Scripture	Proverbs 23:29-35
Lord's Table	*Ken Lee
	*Dennis Gann
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bill Biles

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing	Young Men
First Prayer	Bob Bonner
Reading	Brandon McGinness
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Buell Warren

Welcome Committee

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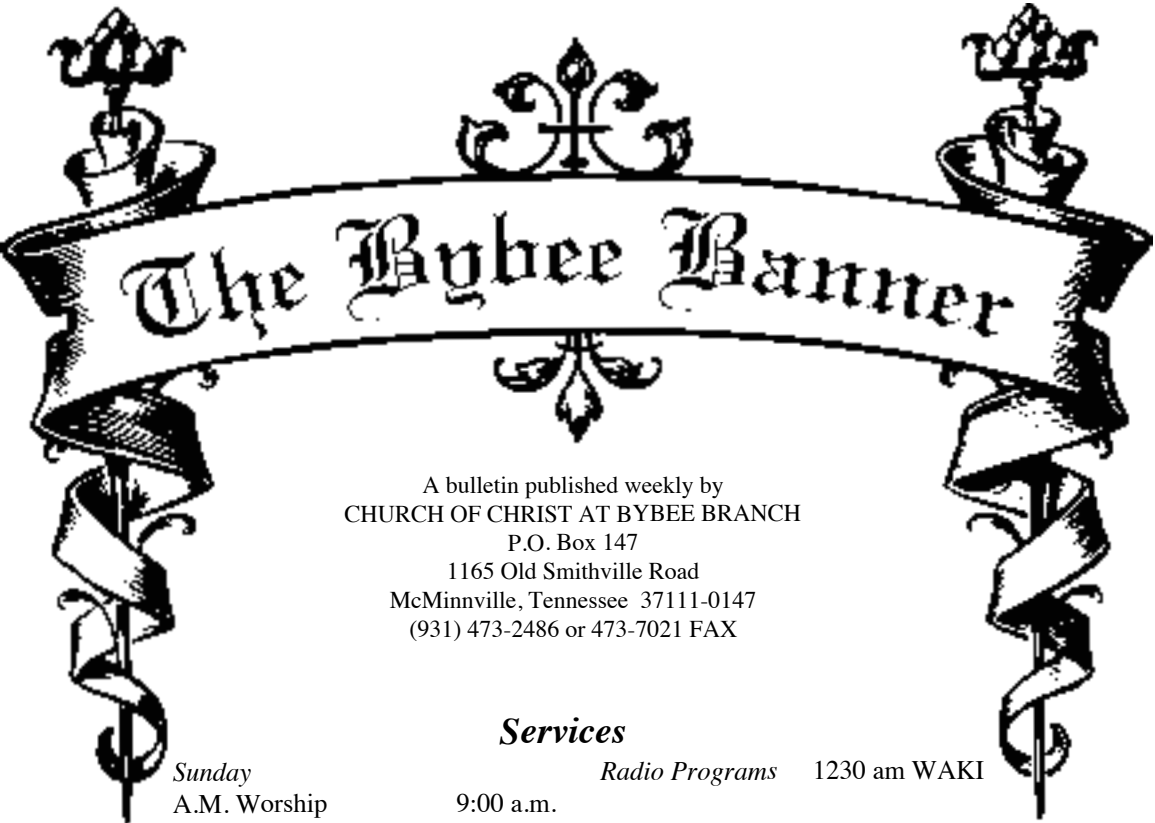
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*Jonathan Anderson*  
*Judy Sullivan*  
*Joe Lawrence*

**In The Hospital:**  
*Iola Gribble-(mother of Jane Flatt)-Riverpark*  
*Carol Sue Taylor-returned to NHC*  
*Finis Bennett- St. Thomas ICU.*

# Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. ....Neglecting Salvation  
P.M. ....The Sin Of Drunkenness

# Gospel Meetings

*Morrison church of Christ*, October 17-21, services at 7:00 each evening with James Watkins preaching.

*Dibrell church of Christ*, October 22-24, services at 7:00 each evening with Freddie Clayton preaching.


# Fall Festival

The annual Fall Festival will be this weekend, October 23, starting at 5:00 p.m. Those who attend are asked to bring a 2-liter drink and their favorite dessert.

If you have any questions you can see Chip Cantrell.

# Thanks

Appreciation is extended to Don Sullivan for preaching this past Sunday while Tony was away in Alabama. It is wonderful to have so many capable men within the congregation!



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# The Heart of the New Testament

Author Unknown

- \* In Matthew He is the King of the Jews (Matthew 2:2).
- \* In Mark He is the servant of God (Mark 10:44-45).
- \* In Luke He is the perfect Son of Man (Luke 9:56).
- \* In John He is the exalted Son of God (John 20:30-31).
- \* In Acts He is the ascended Lord (Acts 1:9-11).
- \* In Romans He our righteousness (Romans 3:21-25).
- \* In 1 Corinthians He is the firstfruits from the dead (1 Corinthians15:20).
- \* In 2 Corinthians He is the One made sin for us (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- \* In Galatians He is the One who set us free (Galatians 2:20-21).
- \* In Ephesians He is the One who blesses (Ephesians 1:3).
- \* In Philippians He is the joy bringer (Philippians 3:1, 3; 4:4).
- \* In Colossians He is the pre-eminent One (Colossians 1:18).
- \* In 1 Thessalonians He is the returning Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
- \* In 2 Thessalonians He is the world’s judge (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9).
- \* In 1 Timothy He is our mediator (1 Timothy 2:5).
- \* In 2 Timothy He is the bestower of crowns (2 Timothy 4:8).
- \* In Titus He is our great God and Savior (Titus 1:3-4).
- \* In Philemon He is the Equalizer (Philemon 16).
- \* In Hebrews He is the rest of faith (Hebrews 4:8-11).
- \* In James He is the Lord of Sabaoth [hosts] (James 5:4).
- \* In 1 Peter He is the theme of Old Testament prophecy (1 Peter 1:19-21).
- \* In 2 Peter He is the longsuffering Savior (2 Peter 2:21).
- \* In 1 John He is the Word of life (1 John 1:1).
- \* In 2 John He is the target of the anti-Christ (2 John 7).
- \* In 3 John He is the personification of truth (3 John 1-4).
- \* In Jude He is the believer’s hope (Jude 24).
- \* In Revelation He is the victorious Lamb (Revelation 5:6).

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# WHAT ABOUT SOCIAL DRINKING?

by Kevin D. Beard

The practice of drinking beverage alcohol has existed for thousands of years. Today, the alcohol industry is a multi-million dollar one. Beverage alcohol is available in hundreds of different forms, in varying degrees of potency. Millions of dollars are spent yearly in advertising these products.

As Christians who must live in the world, but not of the world, we must be aware of what God’s will is regarding alcohol. For many years, not only members of the Lord’s church, but also religious people in general have understood the drinking of alcohol in any quantity to be sinful. But that attitude is changing. Many in the Lord’s church believe there is nothing wrong with so-called “social” drinking. But such is not true. The only Scriptural grounds for drinking beverage alcohol is found in 1 Timothy 5:23, but the purpose of Paul’s instruction to Timothy is not for pleasure, but for the medicinal qualities of the wine. Scripture condemns the recreational use of beverage alcohol in any amount.

1. It is wrong because the Bible condemns drunkenness (Rom. 13:13; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5: 19-21). Advocates of “social” drinking often claim that since the Bible condemns being drunk, then one may drink as long as he does not become drunk. But the question must be asked, at what point is a person considered to be drunk? Is it when he has passed out from the alcohol? Is it when his coordination is hindered? Is it when his speech is slurred? Is it when he has had just enough to start “feeling good?” How “drunk” must one be in order to violate the command against drunkenness? Drunkenness is not a state that one enters suddenly. It is a gradual process that begins with the first drink. The following question should settle the matter about drunkenness: When one takes one drink, is he more “drunk” or less “drunk” than he was before he drank? Obviously he is more drunk. Drinking one drink puts one in violation of God’s command against drunkenness.

2. It is wrong because the Bible commands self control (Gal. 5:22-23; 1 Pet. 1:6). A Christian must be in control of his passions and desires at all times. Overcoming temptation requires this. But alcohol breaks down one’s inhibitions. It causes him to lose his self control. And it does not take a large quantity of alcohol to do this. Studies have shown that the higher functions of the brain (such as reasoning, judgment, and social restraint) are the first to be affected by alcohol, and this begins with the first drink. The “social” drinker needs to ask himself this question: Can a Christian, who has been commanded by Christ to exercise self control, willfully drink something that he knows will impair his ability to be self controlled, and be pleasing to God?

3. It is wrong because the Bible commands soberness (1 Thess. 5:5-8; 1 Pet. 1:13; 4:7; 5:8). It is true that when the Bible commands soberness it is speaking of watchfulness and sound-mindedness, and not necessarily of freedom from intoxicants. But it is interesting that one of the words the Bible uses (nepho), which is translated as “sober,” according to Vine literally means “to be free from the influence of intoxicants.” It is also interesting to study in 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8, the contrasts Paul makes: light and darkness, day and night, watchfulness and sleep, soberness (nepho) and drunkenness. Yes the force of the command is that the Christian is to be watchful and soundminded. But can a Christian truly be sober, even in the metaphorical use of the word, when he is under alcohol’s dulling influence? Can he be watchful and vigilant and in his own right mind?

4. It is wrong because the Bible commands us to be separate from the world (Rom. 12:1-2; Eph. 5:17; 1 John 2:15-17). There is no doubt that drunkenness is of the world, an unfruitful work of darkness. There is also no doubt that one cannot be drunk if he does not drink. How then can a Christian even think of dabbling with something that will cause his soul to be lost? Is the Christian truly having “no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness” if he has “a little drink” now and then? Most certainly not.

Drinking beverage alcohol in any amount is wrong. Christians must have no part of it, no matter what the world may say. But if any still doubt the danger of it, answer this question: Is your soul worth it?

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Frank Reynolds
Reading	Steve Boyd
Scripture	Hebrews 2:14-18
Lord's Table (N)	*Ronnie Rogers
(S)	*Bruce Pryor
(N)	Harry Felty
(N)	Kevin Judkins
(S)	Rodney Maynard
(S)	Edgar Webb
(S)	Joe Maynard
(S)	Marc Martin
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2115) Tyler Boyd
Lead Singing	Bran Merritt
First Prayer	Joey Reynolds
Reading	Lynn Gann
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Tim Fisher
	*Shane Fisher
Sermon	TBA
Dismiss	Micah Lawrence

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Tony Lawrence
Reading	Harold McGinness
Invitation	Steve Boyd
Dismiss	Bob Mayfield

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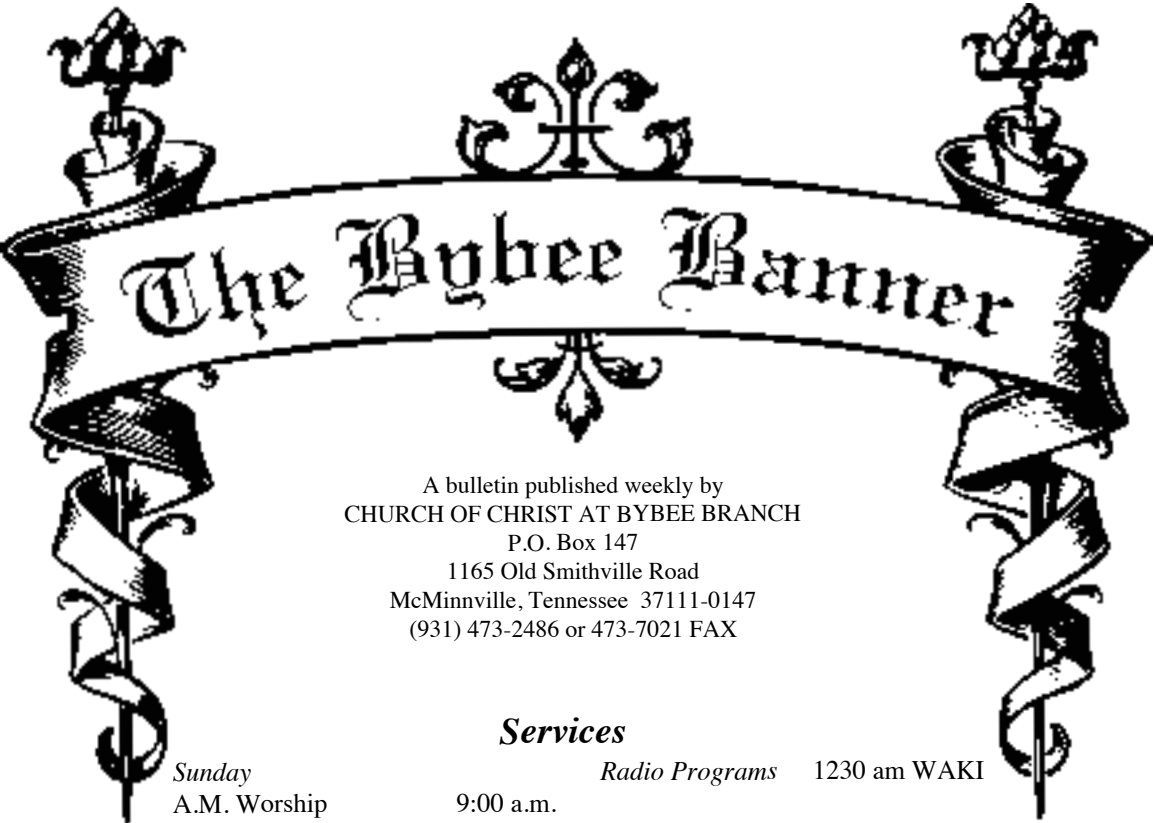
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*Joe Lawrence-home from St. Thomas*  
*Iola Gribble-(mother of Jane Flatt)*  
*Finis Bennett-(Thurman’s uncle)*  
*Thurman Bennett (to have tests Thursday-St. Thomas)*

**In The Hospital:**  
*Harley Massa (Willie’s uncle)-St. Thomas*

# Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... One Like Us  
P.M. .... TBA

# Lectureship


*Leoni church of Christ*, November 5-7, with the theme “God’s Word.” A copy of the schedule is on the bulletin board.

# Sympathy

We want to extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Jack Atnip, father of our Carol Felty and Steve Atnip who died Monday morning in Nashville, TN. His funeral will be Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. at the Harpeth Hills Funeral Home in West Nashville.

# Thanks

We want to extend thanks to all who helped make the Fall Festival a success. Thanks to Chip Cantrell, Barry Hendrixson, and Joe T. Cantrell for overseeing this event. They did a super job!



**TIME CHANGE**  
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# How Much Cleaner?


An elderly lady sat reading her Bible as she did several times a day, when her grandson said, “Why do you waste so much time reading the Bible? You don’t remember what you read. Why don’t you quit?”  
The old lady said nothing, but went outside, and returned with a bushel basket. “Here, son,” she said, “take this down to the creek and bring me a bushel of water.” It took persuading, but finally he went. Later, he returned. The basket was empty, of course. “Grandma, I tried; really I did, but the basket just won’t hold water. I dipped and dipped but it ran out as fast as I could fill it up.  
Then grandma took the basket and examined it carefully... Then she said kindly, “I know, my son, but look how much cleaner the basket is now!”  
~via. Bulletin Digest~

# Watch Out For Song Leaders

A preacher and a song leader in a certain church were not getting along. This began to spill over into the worship service. One week the preacher preached on commitment and how we should dedicate ourselves to service. The song leader then led the song, *I Shall Not Be Moved*.  
The next Sunday, he preached on giving and how we should gladly give to God. The song leader then led the song, *Jesus Paid It All*.  
The next Sunday, he preached on gossip and how we should watch our tongues. The song leader led, *I Love To Tell The Story*.  
The preacher became disgusted over the situation, and the next Sunday told the congregation he was considering resigning. The song leader led the song. *Oh, Why Not Tonight*.  
The preacher resigned the next week and informed the church that it was Jesus that brought him there and it was Jesus that was taking him away. The song leader led, *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*.

# Be Sure To Check Out What You Read And What You Hear!

There was a real good object lesson this past week. Since my wife was on a trip to her sister’s, I composed, printed, and mailed the bulletin. She generally proof-reads the master before it is printed and often keeps me from making some really glaring errors. But I having previously prepared the little graphic and with a quick glance at my desk calendar decided that the weekend of the 24th was the correct weekend for the end of Daylight Savings Time so I quickly copied the notice to the bulletin without giving it a further thought. It did not take some very long to catch my mistake and challenge me on it. Good for them! Others accepted the idea, “well, if it is in the bulletin even argued with their must be last weekend bulletin. What is sad, two good faith were late to of the notice.



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There are some things that are immediately apparent about this incident. First, I was careless and did not take the time to verify my information. Second, one often does not realize how far-reaching his actions or words may go. Third, people are often very quick to believe any “authority” is correct without any further corroboration. In other words, if it is in print, it must be true. The above makes me shudder when I think about the spiritual implications.

The truth is, if I with the best of intentions deceived and misinformed good and honest people on such a small issue as to when the time changes, how much more important is it that I be correct when I speak on spiritual matters? Carelessness on my part is inexcusable. This drives on the seriousness of the biblical admonitions. “My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment.” James 3:1, NKJV. “Whoever guards his mouth and tongue keeps his soul from troubles.” Proverbs 21:23, NKJV. The Bible is so clear that one must teach Truth. “If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God....” 1 Peter 4:11, NKJV. “Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.” 1 Timothy 4:16, NKJV. Though I realized my mistake by Wednesday night and made a correction in the class there were still people who did not get the correction. What about the teaching of error in the pulpit or in a class?

There is another great truth that must also be acknowledged, all men must be checked for the veracity of what they teach. Even the Apostle Paul, though inspired, was checked by the noble Bereans. “Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily, whether these things were so.” Acts 17:11, ASV. In the first century they were called upon to “test the spirits.” “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.” 1 John 4:1, NKJV. One may have great confidence in the speaker but when all is said and done, men are subject to mistakes, even honest ones. Don’t let your soul’s salvation depend on trusting any man! Check them out...

~Tony Lawrence~



Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Dennis Gann
Reading	Doug Hendrixson
Scripture	Hebrews 3:1-6
Lord's Table (N)	*Noel Pepper
(S)	*Tim Fisher
(N)	George Trail
(N)	Brett Merritt
(N)	Bob Cantrell
(S)	John Nussbaum
(S)	Ryan Kesey
(S)	Brandon McGinness
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bill Womack

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Dale Bennett
Reading	Jim Slatton
Scripture	Genesis 6:11,12
Lord's Table	*John Biddle
	*Lemmie Bratten
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Mike Driver

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Young Men
First Prayer	Jeff Flatt
Reading	Jeff Templeton
Invitation	Larry Flatt
Dismiss	Bob Bonner

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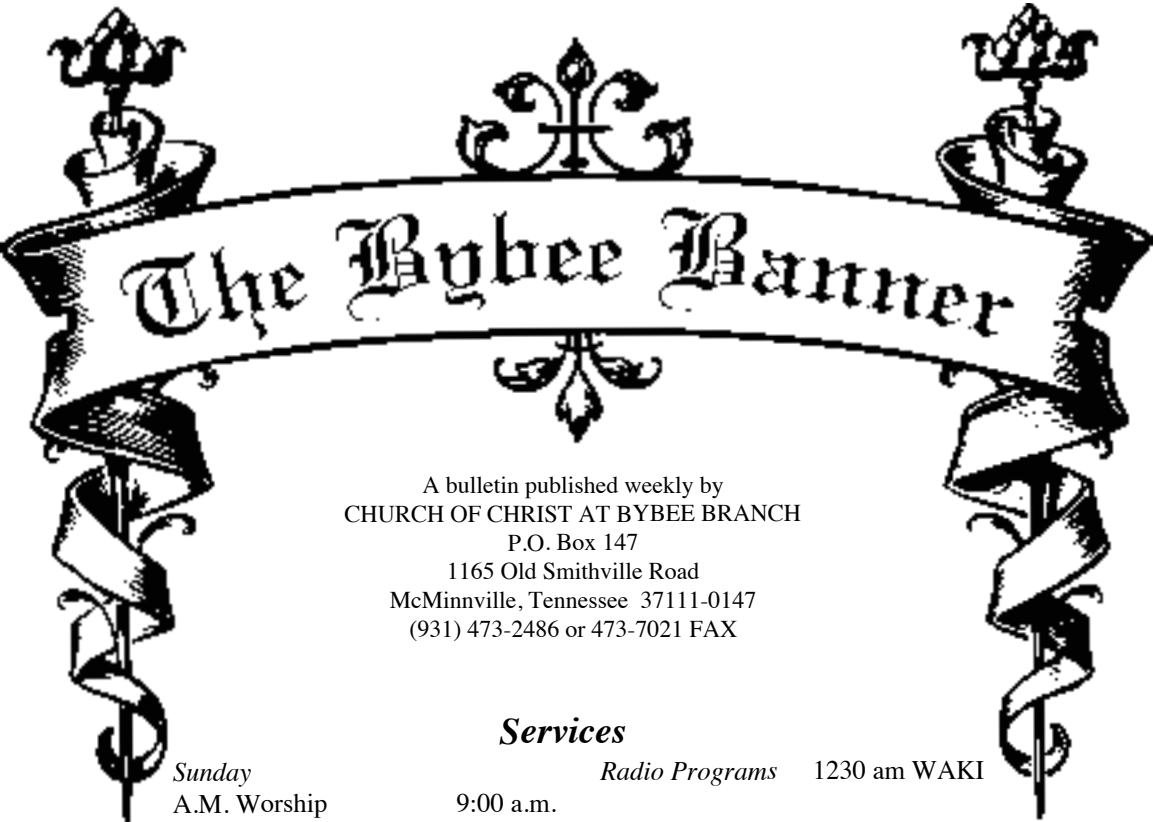
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Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... The Son, Not A Servant  
P.M. .... Lying, Cheating, and Swindling

Lectureship

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Baptized

It was a privilege and a joy to see three precious souls baptized into Christ on Tuesday evening of last week. Bill and Georgia Brown (parents of Mattie Medley) and Billie Barlow (sister of Mattie Medley) were all baptized by Chuck Medley.



Thankful Or Grumbling?

In light of our studies on Wednesday night regarding the murmuring of the Israelites, consider this prayer:

Dear Lord;

Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings, thank you, Lord, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.

Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible, thank you, Lord, that I can see. Many are blind.

Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, thank you Lord, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.

Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned and tempers are short, thank you, Lord, for My family. There are many who are lonely.

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the pictures in magazines and the menu is at times unbalanced, thank you, Lord, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry;

Even though the routine of my job often is hard, hard, thank you, Lord, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Even though I grumble and bemoan my fate from day to day and wish my circumstances were not so modest, thank you, Lord, for life.

~author unknown~

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Woodrow Glenn Lori Judkins	Barry Hendrixson Matt McColloch Teresa Gann	Mary Beth Atnip	Joe Thomas Cantrell III	
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	School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo at 7:00 p.m.	Chad Graves	WOODROW & MILDRED GLENN		Rodney Maynard Helen Morgan Bran Merritt	Taylor Felty
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Bruce Nunley	Stacey Bonner			LEONARD & AVIE CLEMONS David King	Steve Atnip	Georgia Brooks Alan Collins
Bible Bowl at Bybee Branch at 2:00 p.m.						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
WALTER & DAISY MAXWELL Cristy Caldwell		Iona Norheutt Olivia Newby	CHUCK & PAT BOLES		Anna Jean Bond	Willie Newby Joe Collins
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Dismiss	Eddie Palmer

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First Prayer	Danny Duncan
Reading	Tom McColloch
Scripture	Isaiah 65:11,12
Lord's Table	*Chuck Boles
	*W.C. Chilton
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Leonard Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

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First Prayer	Steve Boyd
Reading	Abram Pryor
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Lemmie Bratten

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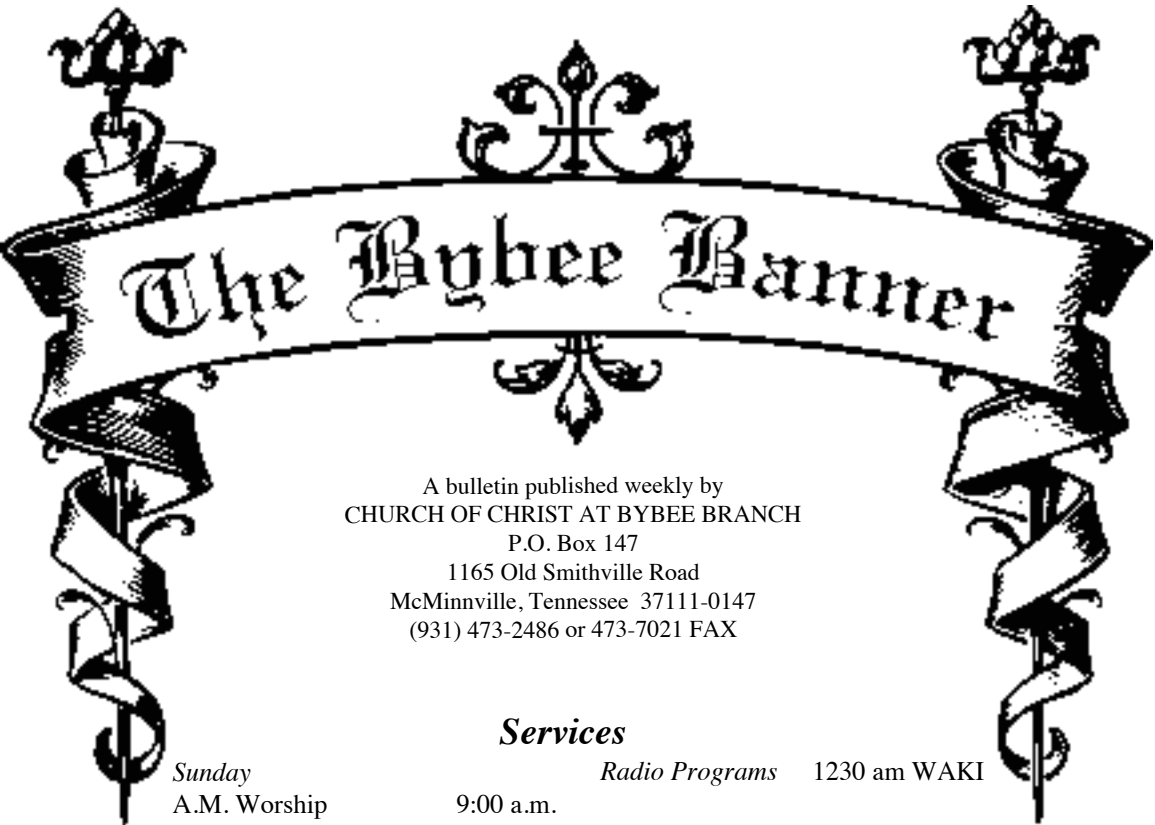
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Scripture Hebrews 4:14-16

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Reading Marty Boles

Scripture James 2:8,9

Lord's Table \*Jim Slatton

\*Dennis Gann

Sermon Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Tommy Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (686-2117) Kurt Maynard

Lead Singing John Biddle

First Prayer Doug Hendrixson

Reading David Chilton

Invitation Mike Driver

Dismiss Tyler Boyd

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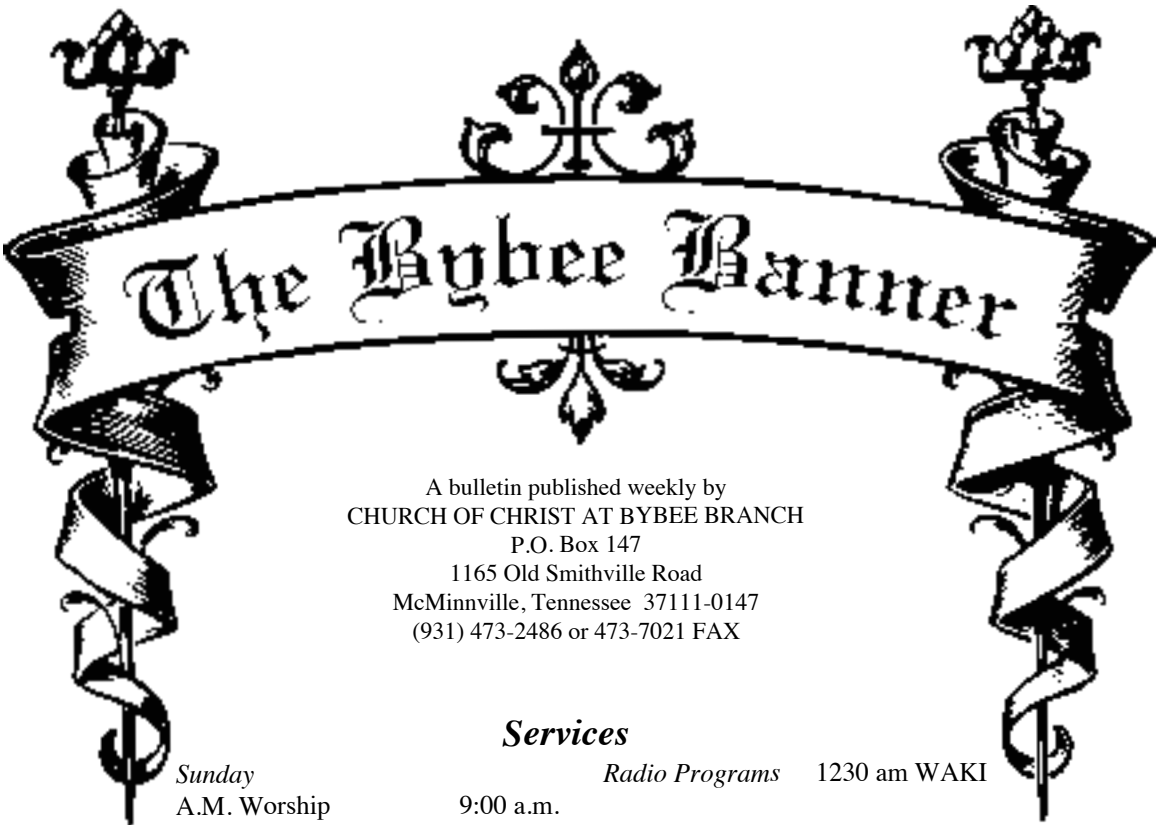
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**At Home:**  
*Eva Henderson*  
*Joe Lawrence*  
*Verl Henderson (Cindy Fisher’s father)*  
*Nettie Clemons-returned to boarding home*  
*Finis Bennett-(Thurman’s uncle)*  
*Stefanie, Ryan, and Hailey McColloch*

**In The Hospital:**  
*Annie Margret Campbell (Charlene Palmer’s mother)-Riverpark Rehab wing recovering from a broken hip.*  
*Bill Biles-Riverpark ICU*  
*Dot Foster-Riverpark-surgery on Wednesday*

# Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... Our High Priest  
P.M. .... The Sin of Racism

# Congratulations

The Bible Bowl was a great success this past Sunday. We had a great attendance of 335. Fourteen of the 18 congregations placed in the Bible Bowl. It is difficult to say how much good will be accomplished by these meetings. We were honored again when our young people took first place not missing any on the test. Following in second place were East End, Leoni, Rockcliff and New Union missing only 1. In third place were Ivy Bluff, Main Street, Mt. Leo and Southside missing only 2. In fourth place were Dibrell, Earleyville, New Hope, Rome and Woodbury missing only 3. This says a lot about how much studying the young people are doing!

# Classes Next Wednesday

Due to several teachers being away for the Thanksgiving holidays, there will be no classes next Wednesday evening, November 24. Instead, everyone will meet in the auditorium for a special lesson and a devotional period.

# The Bar

The name of each saloon’s a Bar  
The fittest of its names by far.

A Bar to heaven, a door to hell;  
Whoever named it named it well.

A Bar to manliness and wealth,  
A door to want and broken health;

A Bar to honor, pride and fame,  
A door to grief and sin and shame;

A Bar to hope, a Bar to prayer,  
A door to darkness and despair;

A Bar to honored useful life.  
A door to brawling, senseless strife;

A Bar to all that’s true and brave  
A door to every drunkard’s grave;

A Bar to joys that home imparts,  
A door to tears and aching hearts;

A Bar to heaven, a door to hell,  
Whoever named it named it well.

(Written by a convict in Joliet, Illinois prison)

# In The Lord’s Army?

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Preacher said to him, “You need to join the Army of the Lord!”

My friend replied, “I’m already in the Army of the Lord, Preacher.”

Preacher questioned, “How come I don’t see you except at Christmas and Easter?”

He whispered back, “I’m in the secret service.”

# Behave Yourself!

*By Kevin Rhodes*

In today’s society people often present the benefits of being popular and being respected as diametrically opposed. Popular thinking would also have us believe that morality must be sacrificed completely in order for people in the world to like us. Although it is certainly true that darkness hates light, it does not follow that God’s people are therefore totally unlikable! First Samuel 18:5 provides a wonderful example for us when the inspired writer records, “And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul’s servants.” At this time Saul had already decided that David was a threat, and his plans to keep David from becoming king were well known to David as well as many other people. However, the most important point to learn is not from the attitude that Saul displayed but from the attitude exhibited by David toward Saul.

David did not let the attitude that dominated Saul’s life change the way that he knew he ought to behave toward him. All too often we react quite differently when we are presented with similar situations. Saul’s actions were plainly wrong, but this did not justify a change in David’s behavior. David showed himself to be wise in his behavior because he did not let the actions of others cause him to be unfaithful to God. When we lash out without thinking or let our emotions control our lives-instead of controlling our emotions as we should, we have left God’s plan for our lives out of the picture. David behaved himself in such a way as to convince the people around him, including those who were under Saul’s direction, that he was not at fault. Many times we may make the mistake of assuming that people are going to believe the best of us regardless of our behavior. This cannot be further from the truth. We ought to follow David’s example and live in a way that will demonstrate to people that we are not at fault and that we want to please God in spite of the circumstances.

David was under great stress, yet the Holy Spirit inspired the writer to record this statement concerning him. We should learn from David that our lives are open to the scrutiny of all and that only by living righteously will people ever learn the truth. Do not leave room for questions about your life. Answer them by living a Christian life that is an open book to the world. David was persecuted, but remained faithful to his ruler. David was slandered, but he did not lash out. David’s life was put into question, but the people believed what they saw instead of what they heard. The problem many are having today with such actions has come about because they are well aware that what people have seen will confirm the report instead of showing its error. Be prepared. Some people will believe the worst about others no matter what. But let us live our lives so that we can withstand any attack and so that God will be glorified (Galatians 2:20; 1 Peter 2:21-25).

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First Prayer Chuck Boles

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Scripture Hebrews 5:12-16

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(N) Joe Maynard

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(N) Marc Martin

(S) Jason Vandagriff

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(S) Joe Roller

Sermon Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Calvin Rogers

Sunday Evening Worship

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First Prayer Bob Bonner

Reading Kevin Judkins

Scripture Lamentations 3:39

Lord's Table \*Mike Driver

\*Jeff Flatt

Sermon Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Billy Gilbert

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (686-2088) Tom McColloch

Lead Singing Young Men

First Prayer Bob Mayfield

Reading Dale Bennett

Invitation Tony Lawrence

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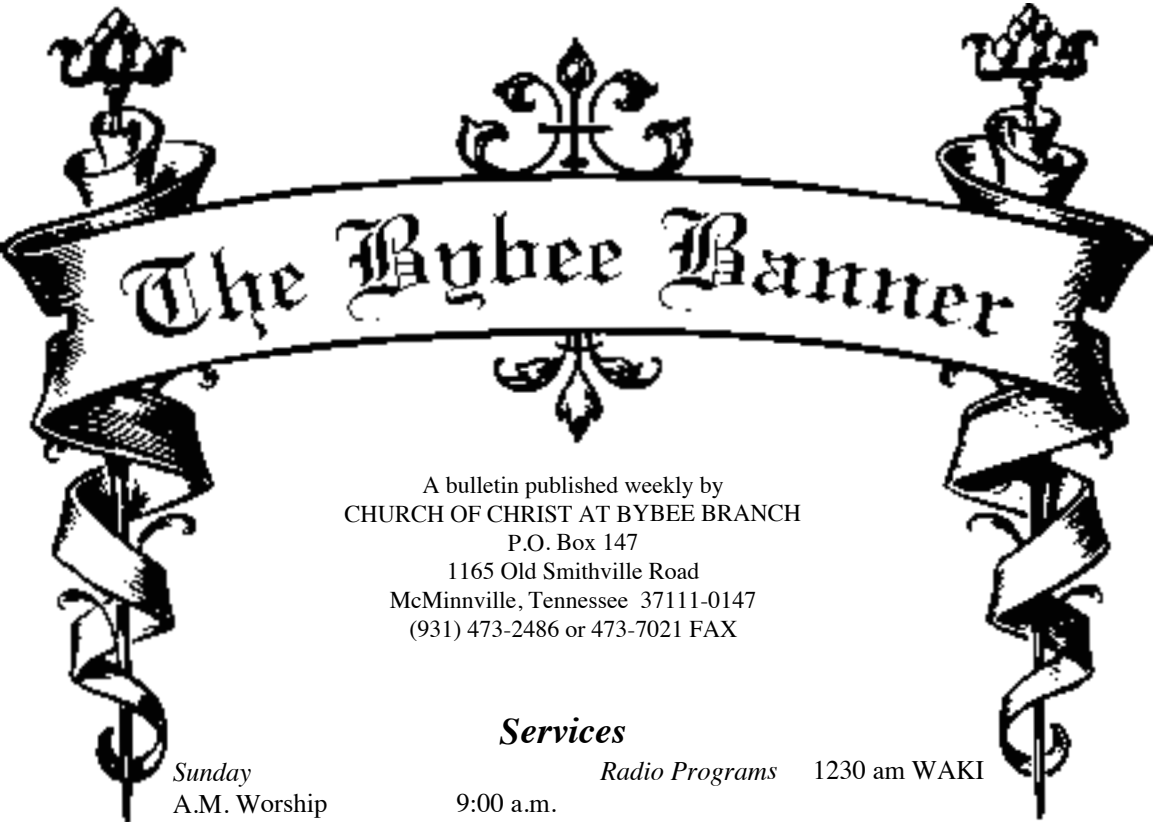
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*Dot Foster*

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*George Campbell (Charlene Palmer’s father)*  
*Bill Biles-Riverpark ICU*  
*Clyde Paris-MTMC/Murfreesboro-surgery on Monday*  
*Douglas Henley (grandfather of Terri Smith)-Methodist Hospital/Winchester in CCU*  
*Robbie Vandagriff-Riverpark*

# Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... A Matter Of Maturity  
P.M. .... The Bible And Punishment

# Classes This Wednesday

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# Restoration

It was a joy this past Wednesday evening following the services that sister Isabell Bouldin requested the prayers on her behalf. She expressed a desire to be restored and worship with the congregation here. Her address and phone are:

Isabell Bouldin  
377 Kingwood Drive  
McMinnville, TN 37110  
473-4346

# Hispanic Baptism

This past Sunday evening there was another baptism within the Hispanic congregation. After record attendance at the two services of 36 in the AM and 37 in the PM, the congregation came to Bybee Branch for the baptism of Juan Usain, who is an exchange student from Spain. We rejoice as the kingdom of God grows among our Hispanic brothers and sisters.

# Preaching The Gospel

The TV program “Preaching The Gospel” with brother James Watkins announces some additional airing times that affects those of us in our area. Starting November 21, they started airing on PAX 28-WNPX out of Cookeville (McMinnville Cable 10) at 1:00 pm and on January 2, the program will also be airing at 6:30 am on WB 58-WNAB (McMinnville Cable 98) and it airs at 7:30 am on McMinnville Cable Channel 6.

# Gospel Singing

The *West Riverside church of Christ* invites everyone to an area wide singing on December 3, from 7:00 pm until.

# Address Update

Mark and Tina Lance have moved from the work in Show Low, AZ to the church in Lovelady, TX. If you wish to contact them their new address is:

Mark & Tina Lance  
PO Box 533  
Lovelady, TX 75851-0533  
(409) 636-7659

# Wednesday Night Youth

The youth are invited to stay after services Wednesday night for a time of devotional and activities. There is a plan to eat pizza so bring a couple of bucks. Also, you might want to bring your favorite board game.

# Marks Of Maturity

by V. Glenn McCoy

It is a tragedy when a person grows up physically but remains an infant mentally. We have all been saddened to see men of mature physical stature talking, acting, and playing as if they were of a much younger age.

These cases are indeed sad, but in view of eternity, there is something which must be much sadder to God. I am thinking of the person who grows up physically and mentally, and yet remains an infant spiritually. This is a spiritual abnormality and is cause for serious alarm.

The New Testament has much to say about infancy and maturity. One of Paul’s great fears was that Christians might remain infants when the time for maturity had come. His letters are filled with exhortations to prevent that very thing. One of the words used in the New Testament to denote maturity is the Greek word “TELEIOS.” In the KJV it is often translated “perfect.” In some versions it is translated “mature.” The meaning of the word is “mature, full grown.” It is used as the opposite of infant, immature, or untaught. Adam Clarke says this word “TELEIOS” is used to signify an adult Christian, one thoroughly instructed in the doctrines of the Gospel.” The only way that we can measure spiritual maturity is to use the standard set forth in the New Testament. Let’s observe a few places where the word “TELEIOS” is used and notice what characteristics a mature Christian should have. I have capitalized the word translated from “TELEIOS.”

**1. WE WILL BE ABLE TO EAT SOLID SPIRITUAL FOOD.**  
1 Cor. 14:20 says, “Brethren, do not be children in your thinking: yet in evil be babes, but in your thinking be MATURE.” In many ways these Corinthians were behaving as little children, and while they were to be childlike in attitude, free from malice, they were to discard their childish actions and act like full grown men whose understanding is mature. Paul used the same word in 1 Cor. 2:6 when he said, “We do speak wisdom among those who are MATURE.” In Heb. 5:14 the same word is used. “But solid food is for the MATURE.” Some today, like the Hebrews, have been members of the church long enough to be mature and able to partake of solid food but they still desire only the milk.

**2. WE WILL BE ABLE TO DISCERN GOOD FROM EVIL.**  
Heb. 5:14 further states, “But solid food is for the MATURE, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.” Paul prayed for the Philippians that their love might abound more and more in knowledge in order that they might be able to approve what is excellent. This suggests that the ability to distinguish clearly the right from the wrong is a mark of maturity. The knowledge possessed by the mature person enables him to detect error when he hears it. The one who is still an infant spiritually will likely not have this ability.

**3. WE WILL BE UNSHAKEN BY FALSE TEACHERS.**  
Eph. 4:13,14 “Until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a MATURE man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming.” Mature men spiritually are men of conviction. They believe the gospel and their hearts are fixed and set. They are not wavering, vacillating, compromising characters who can be moved by every breeze that blows. They are not men of indecision, fickleness, and timidity, but they “know whom they have believed” and they are rooted and grounded in the faith of the gospel. Brother Raymond Kelcy describes those who lack spiritual maturity in this way. “Some are like ships that have many sails but no anchors. They move constantly and swiftly and they do nothing but move.”

**4. WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTROL OUR TONGUES:**  
For the next usage of the word translated from the Greek ‘TELEIOS,” we go to James 3:2. “For we all stumble in many ways. If any one does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well.” The Christian who is able to control his tongue is no longer a babe, but an adult spiritually. If he can bring his tongue under control he can also control his hands, feet, and even his entire body. In his letter James admonishes the mature use of the tongue by saying, “Swear not” (5:12), “Lie not against the truth” (2:14), “Speak not evil one of another” (3:11). We show our immaturity as Christians when we use the tongue to swear, lie, gossip, or to cut others to pieces with our sharp and hateful words. The mature Christian controls his speech.

There are many other characteristics of the MATURE Christian in the New Testament, but even in this short list we see the importance of growing in Christ. We must never be satisfied to remain spiritual infants.



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First Prayer	Ronnie Rogers
Reading	Jeff Templeton
Scripture	Hebrews 6:9-12
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(S)	*Steve Boyd
(N)	Buell Warren
(N)	Kraig Campbell
(N)	Shannon Griffin
(S)	Lee Gann
(S)	Harry Felty
(S)	Ralph Crouch
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bob Mayfield

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Mike Driver
Reading	Brett Merritt
Scripture	Matthew 1:18-25
Lord's Table	*Ken Martin
	*Allen Hughes
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bob Cantrell

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(686-2088) Tom McColloch
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Billy Gilbert
Reading	Joe T. Cantrell
Invitation	Bruce Pryor
Dismiss	Micah Lawrence

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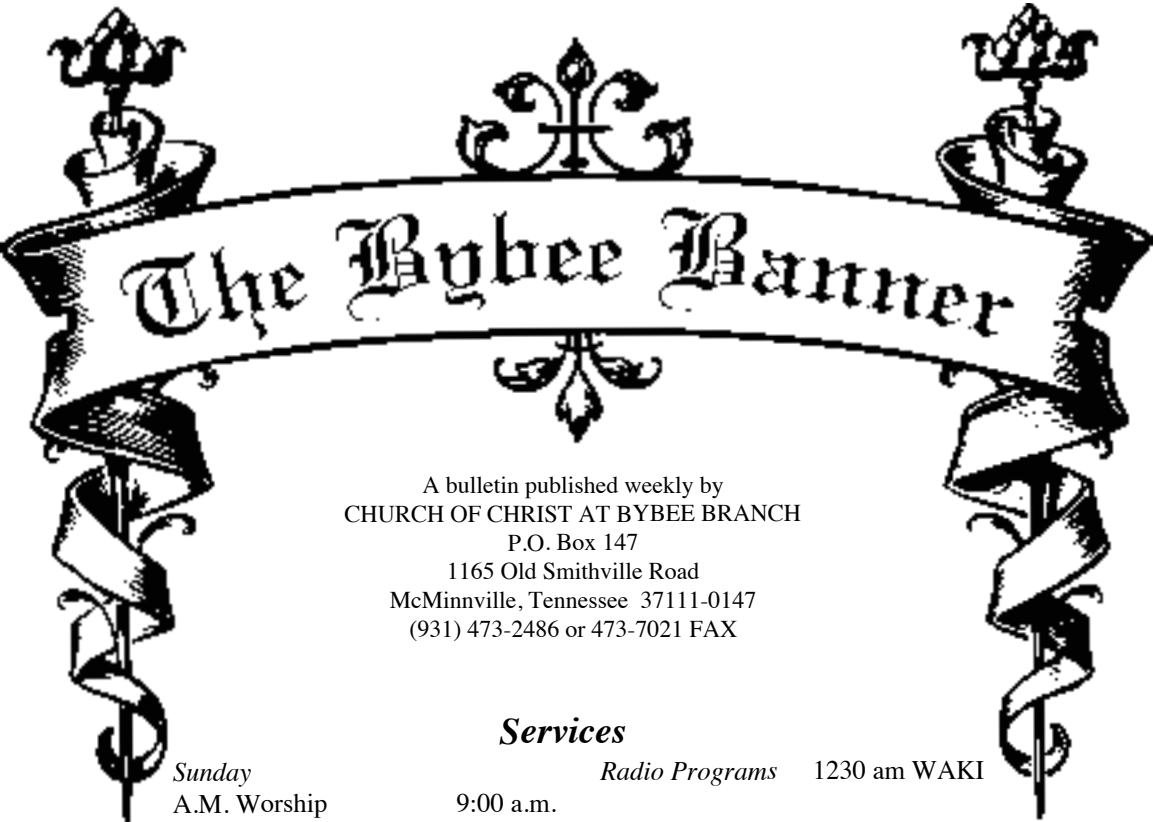
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Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Things That Accompany Salvation  
P.M. .... God Promised and Sent A Savior

Sympathy

Death has touched several in our congregation and community this past week.

We extend sympathy to the family of *Douglas Henley* (grandfather of our Terri Smith). His funeral was this past Thursday.

Sympathy to the family of *Delma Hill* (the twin sister to our Thelma Glenn). Her funeral was Saturday.

Sympathy to the family of *John Maxwell* (brother to our Georgia Jones). His funeral was in Bear Lake, MI.

Sympathy to the family of *Cornell Hale* (grandfather to Renee Mayfield). His funeral was Monday.



The new quarter begins this Sunday. In the adult rotation will be: Isaiah taught by Tim Fisher, Lessons from Luke taught by W.C. Chilton & Don Sullivan, and Romans taught by Tony Lawrence

Holiday Fellowship

The annual Holiday Fellowship has been set for Sunday evening, December 19, following the evening services.

As has been in the past, if your last name begins with the following letters you are asked to bring the following items:

- A-K ..... Desserts
- L-R ..... 2 Dozen Sandwiches
- S-Z ..... 2 Large Bags of Chips and Dip

If you have any questions, please see Glynna Lee.

Ladies Bible Class Party

We want to invite all the ladies on December 9th at 6:00 p.m. to a party in the fellowship room. Just bring a covered dish and if you want to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift to swap.



The “TABS” program will be here at Bybee Branch this coming Sunday evening. TABS stands for **T**een **A**ge **B**ible **S**tudies and is a program to encourage the young people. Each month the young people will assemble with a sister congregation and the lessons follow a consistent theme. This year the theme is on “Grow In Grace and Knowledge.” The lesson for this Sunday evening will be on “God Promised and Sent A Savior.” Following the services the young people get together for a time of fellowship.

Prepare Communion

There is a list on the bulletin board for those willing to prepare the communion in the year 2000. Please sign this list as soon as possible so that we can get it typed up .

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			TRENT & DANA ROLLER Susan Pryor	Janie York Hoyt Crouch	Elaine Goodman	
			1	2	3	4
Claudia Huntley Johnny Smith	DENNIS & JANICE FOSTER	Sherry Pelham	LOY & PAULINE WATSON Irene Lawrence		Joshua Foster Kane Maynard	Brandi Wilcher J.B. Gribble
TABS program at Bybee Branch				Ladies Bible Class Party 6:00 PM		
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
RAY & DORIS SMITH Shane Nunley Iona King Sharon Driver		Jane Wilcher	Jeff Bond	John Biddle Thelma Glenn	EDGAR & VIOLET WEBB	Lisa Thaxton
Bible Bowl at Main St. Manchester 2:00 PM	School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 PM					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Shirely Nunley	BOB & MELBA BONNER Christine Gribble	Don Sullivan	Allison Boyd		BILL & FRED WOMACK FRANK & SHARON REYNOLDS Paul Davis	Rachel Everett
Holiday Fellowship following PM Service						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
JOE & MARSHA COLLINS Chuck Medley Hunter Chilton Emily Groves	STEVE & JANE WILCHER Dale Bennett	Lee Edward Cantrell	Edith Collins			
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First Prayer	John Biddle
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(N)	Edgar Webb
(N)	J.B. Gribble
(S)	Shane Fisher
(S)	George Trail
(S)	Rodney Maynard
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Lee

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Dennis Gann
Reading	Joe Roller
Scripture	Matthew 25:31-33
Lord's Table	*Eddie Palmer
	*Ronnie Prince
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Danny Duncan

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(686-2088) Tom McColloch
Lead Singing	Young Men
First Prayer	Willie Newby
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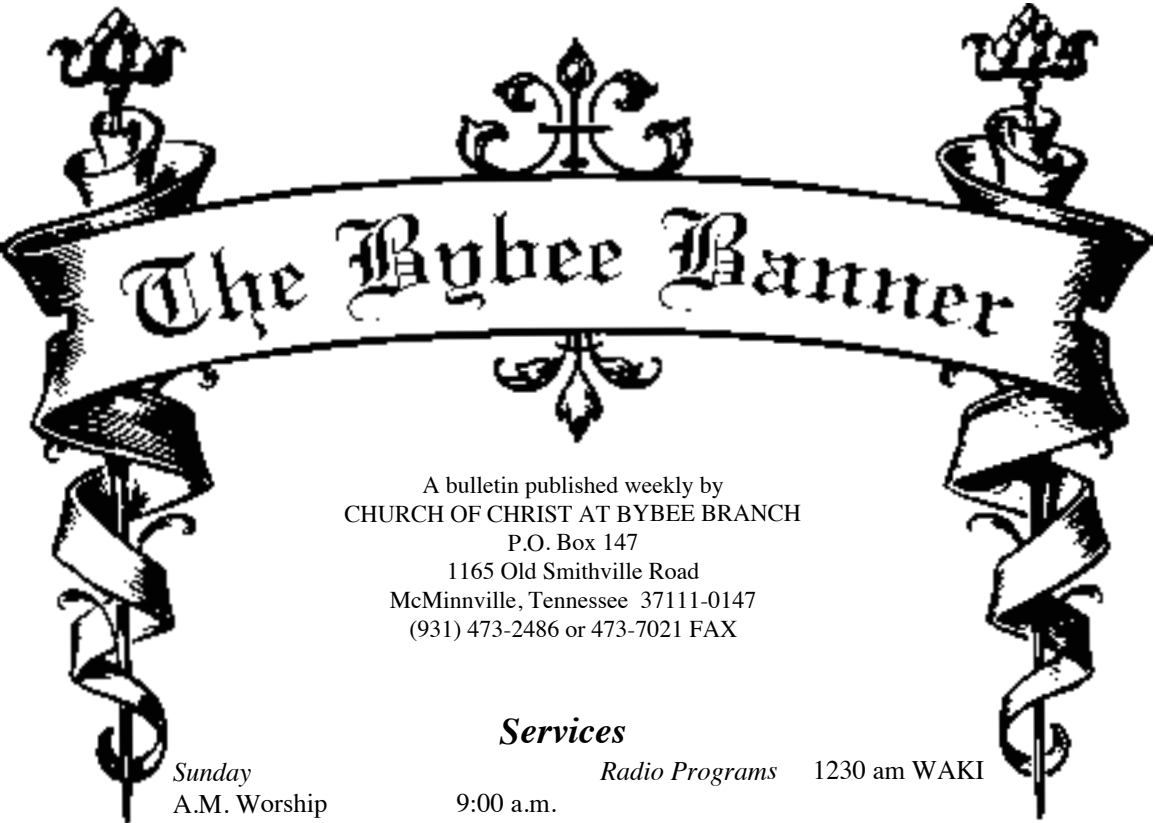
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Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... Hope, The Anchor Of The Soul  
P.M. .... Are You A Sheep Or Goat?

Bible Bowl

This coming Sunday will be the Bible Bowl. It will be at the Main Street congregation in Manchester and will cover Joshua 9-12. The bus will leave at 1:20 SHARP.

In preparation for the Bible Bowl there will be a study session this FRIDAY night at 6:00 pm at the home of Steve and Carol Boyd.

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Reorganization

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Ladies Bible Class Party

We want to invite all the ladies on December 9th at 6:00 p.m. to a party in the fellowship room. Just bring a covered dish and if you want to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift to swap.

Holiday Fellowship

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If you have any questions, please see Glynnia Lee.

Youth Project

Each year the Senior High Class collects money to purchase holiday gifts for different people in the nursing homes and community. The teenagers buy, prepare and deliver the gifts themselves. If able, we would like to continue this program. If anyone would like to make a donation, please give your money to Jeff Flatt, W.C. Chilton, or Steve Hillis.

Young Girls Holiday  
Fellowship

There will be a holiday get together for girls in grades 1-6 on Monday, December 20. There will be a devotional, pizza, games and fun. It will be in the church fellowship room from 6:00 pm until 10:00 pm. More information will be given out next Sunday in the classrooms. If you have any questions, please contact Lynette Maynard, Hilary McGinness, or Amy Prince.

Prepare Communion

There is a list on the bulletin board for those willing to prepare the communion in the year 2000. Please sign this list as soon as possible so that we can get it typed up .

Shut-ins

Help us keep this list up-to-date.

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):  
Lorene Foutch (Anna Jean Bond’s mother)  
Pauline Greene  
Lena Mai Gribble  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

Eastside Boarding Home:  
Katherine Bennett

Raintree Health Care Center:  
Yuriko Biles  
Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home  
Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons’ mother)

Hillcrest Health Care:  
Edith Collins

Alvin C. York VA Nursing Home/Murfreesboro:  
Joe Maxwell (Room 139) 3400 Lebanon Rd.

Home:  
Edith Cantrell  
Jane Golden  
Rozelle Goodman  
Willene Kell  
Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

Also remember brother Stanley McNery. You may write or call him at: Norcliff Life Care Center; 85 Main St. N.; Hagersville, Ontario N0A-1H0 Canada (905) 768-4612

Rules For Raising  
Juvenile Delinquents

1. In infancy give the child everything he wants. He will grow up convinced the world owes him everything.
2. Laugh at his bad little words. He’ll think he’s cute and try something cuter.
3. Ban spiritual training. When he’s 21 he can decide for himself.
4. Never say “wrong”. It develops guilt complexes, which condition him to believe society is against him.
5. Pick up after him and he will throw responsibility on others, too.
6. Sterilize his silverware and drinking glasses, but let him read anything - the mind can handle garbage.
7. Quarrel in front of him so he won’t be shocked when his home is broken to bits.
8. Satisfy all his sensual desire. Denial leads to harmful frustration.
9. Give him spending money and don’t let his earn it. Why should he have things as tough as you had them.
10. Take his side. Neighbors, teachers and policeman are all prejudice against him.
11. When he gets into trouble, graciously apologize, “I never could do anything with him.”
12. Prepare for grief. You’ll have it.

Selected

The Preacher’s Prayer

Lord, fill my mouth  
With worth-while stuff,  
And nudge me hard  
When I’ve said enough!

Author unknown

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Noel Pepper
Reading	Bill Womack
Scripture	Hebrews 7:22 & 8:7
Lord's Table (N)	*David Chilton
(S)	*Don Sullivan
(N)	Eugene Wilcher
(N)	Tyler Boyd
(N)	David McColloch
(S)	Steve Wilcher
(S)	Joe Maynard
(S)	Bran Merritt
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Joey Reynolds

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Winfrey Hennessee
Reading	Kelly Thaxton
Scripture	1 Peter 2:17; Hebrews 13:1
Lord's Table	*Ronnie Rogers
	*Tim Fisher
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Martin

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(686-2088) Tom McColloch
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Chuck Boles
Reading	Eric Fisher
Invitation	John Biddle
Dismiss	Jeff Flatt

Welcome Committee

A.M.	John & Cora Stembridge
P.M.	Rodney Maynard Family

Bus Driver: Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

Ushers: Steve Hillis & Kevin Judkins

Attend Nursery: Judy Nussbaum

Lock Building: W.C. Chilton

Pantry Item: Beef Stew

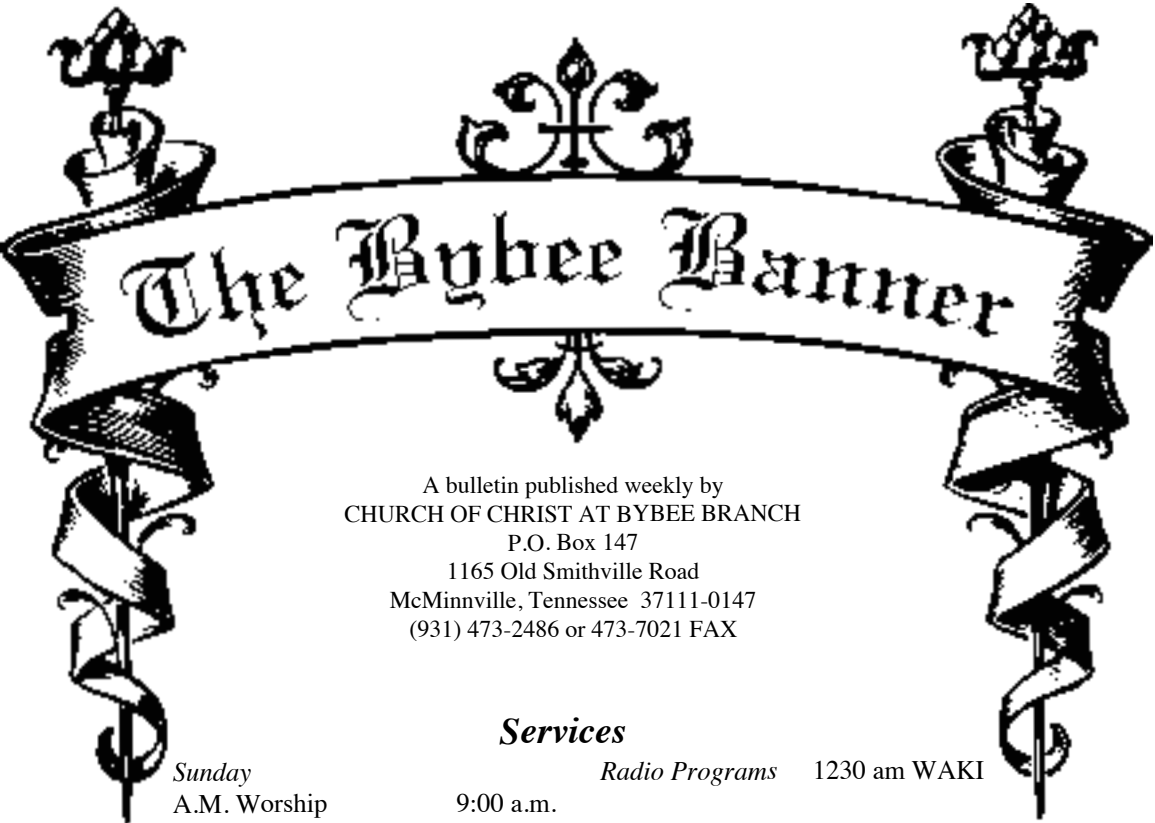
Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship .....	342
Bible Study .....	275
P.M. Worship .....	229
Wednesday Bible Study .....	228
Contribution .....	\$4,400

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Sick

At Home:  
Flossie Warren-following surgery  
Mary Myers (Angie Caldwell’s mother)-  
following surgery  
Clercie Delon

In The Hospital:  
Bill Biles-moved to Raintree for rehab  
Dot Foster-Riverpark for surgery  
Scena Christian-in Orlando, FL

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to two families that have been touched by death this past week.

We extend sympathy to the family of George Campbell, father of our Charlene Palmer, his funeral was this past Friday.

We extend sympathy to the family of Verl Henderson, father of our Cindy Fisher. He passed away Saturday morning in Kansas City, MO.

Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... Better Priest/Better Covenant  
P.M. .... Why I Love The Church

Bible Bowl

Congratulations to the New Hope young people on taking first place at this month’s Bible Bowl. They came in first place missing none on the test. Our young people came in second place along with Mt. Leo, missing only one. In third place was Ivy Bluff, Main St. and Rome. Coming in fourth was Central, Earleyville, and Hebron.

Our young people continue to demonstrate their enthusiasm in studying God’s Word. Be sure to congratulate them!

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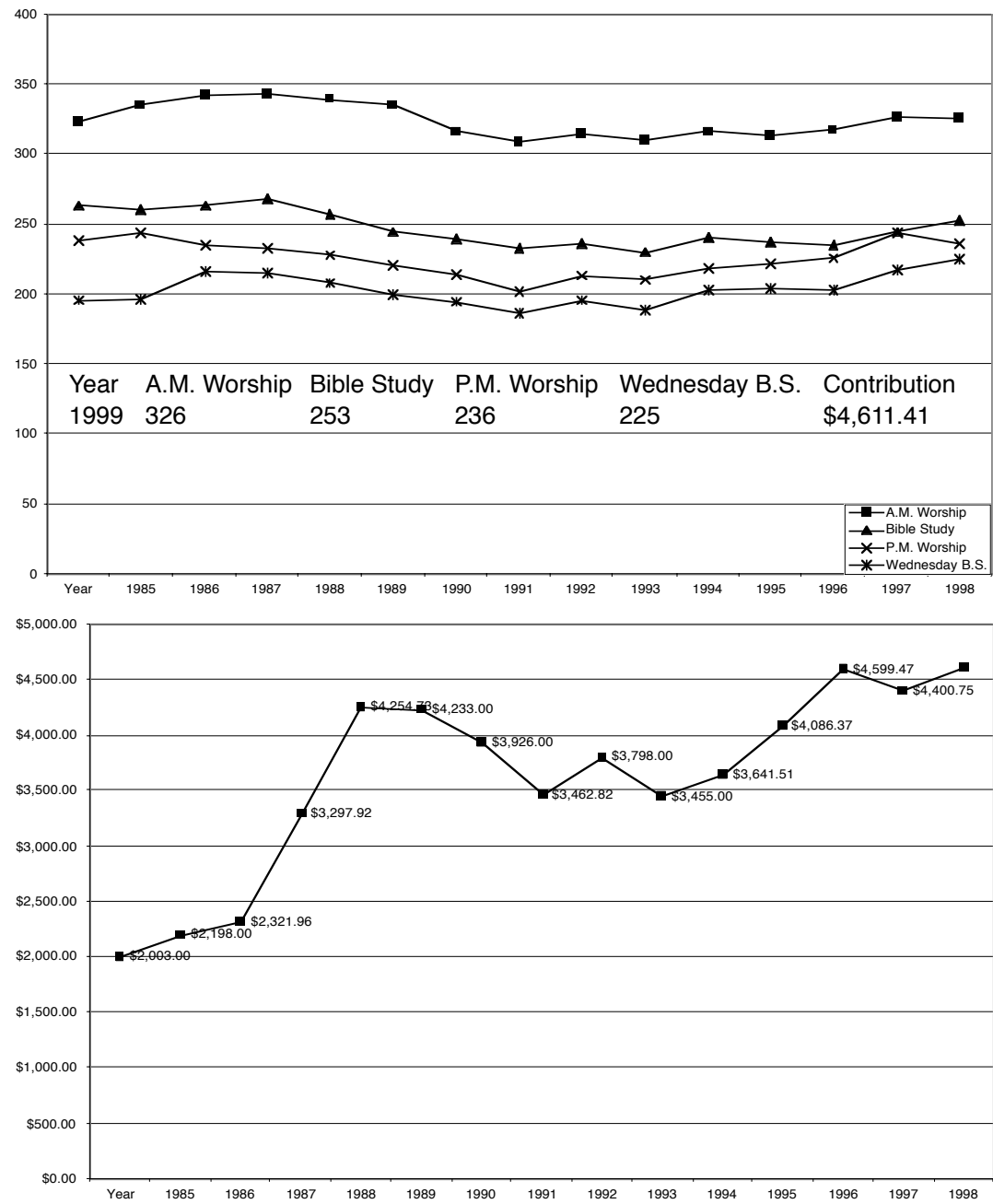
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Restoration

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Charts of Attendance And Contribution For The Years 1985-1999



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First Prayer	Calvin Rogers
Reading	Frank Reynolds
Scripture	Hebrews 9:16-22
Lord's Table (N)	*Chip Cantrell
(S)	*Tommy Crouch
(N)	Abram Pryor
(N)	Harley Northcutt
(N)	Brandon McGinness
(S)	John Nussbaum
(S)	Don Johnson
(S)	Kurt Maynard
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ricky Prince

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Jason Vandagriff
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Willie Newby
	*Bruce Pryor
Sermon	ELDERS
Dismiss	Chuck Medley

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(686-2088) Tom McColloch
Lead Singing	John Biddle
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	Bob Mayfield
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bob Bonner

Welcome Committee

A.M.	Tim Fisher Family
P.M.	Billy & Junetta Gilbert

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers: Jeff Templeton & Jim Slatton

Attend Nursery: June Crouch

Lock Building: W.C. Chilton

Pantry Item: Corned Beef Hash

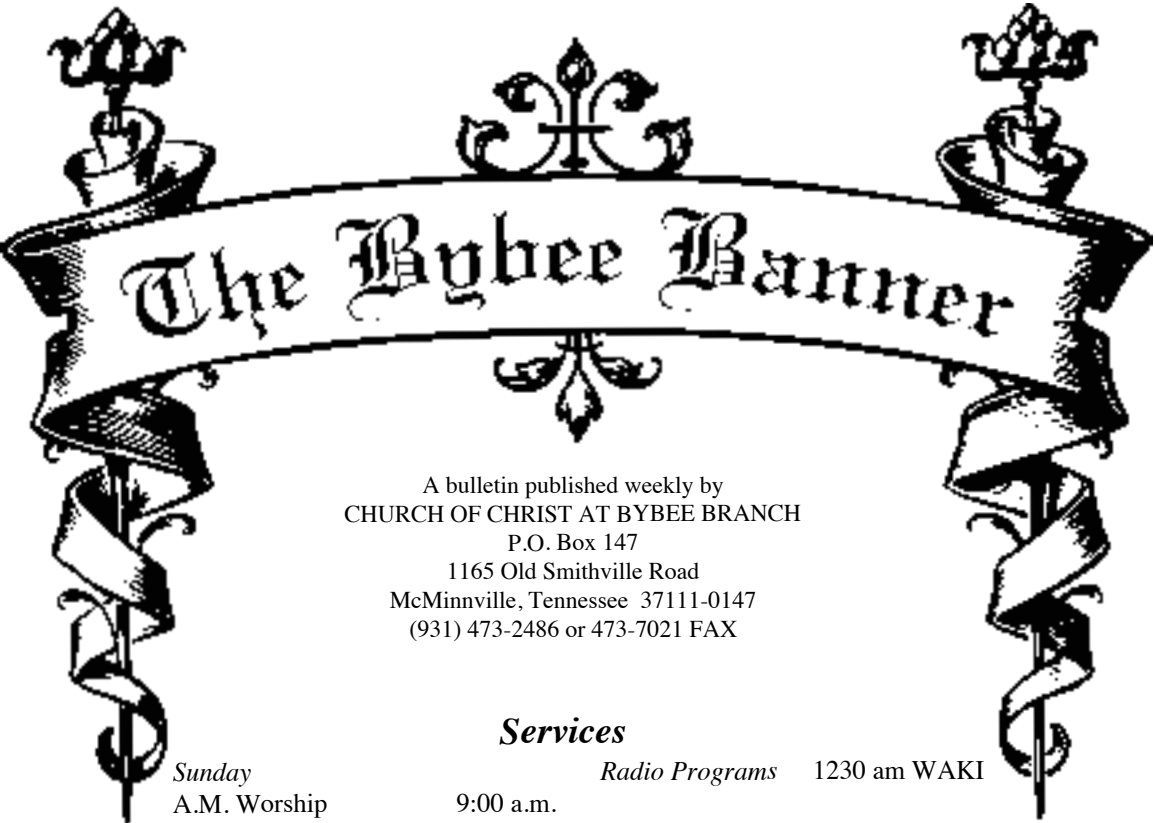
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# Sick

**At Home:**  
*Mary Meeks (Angie Caldwell’s mother)-  
following surgery  
Jeff & Kevin Flatt  
Scena Christian (now back at her daughter’s  
home in Orlando)*

**In The Hospital:**  
*none known*

# Sunday’s Sermons

A.M. .... The Sacrifice Of Blood  
P.M. .... Elders Present Budget for 2000

# Restoration

We rejoice that Sunday morning, brother Jeff Bond came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation. We are thankful to Jeff for his excellent example. Continue to remember him in your prayers.

# New Arrival

Congratulations to Trent and Dana Roller on the birth of a daughter, Abigail Faith, on Saturday evening. Both mother and daughter are doing well.

# A BIG “Thank You...”

The Lawrence family wants to say thanks to the congregation for the generous gift of \$329. The money is gratefully appreciated. However, your kind words and encouragement mean more than words can describe. We consider it an honor to have served with this congregation for 15 years.

We wish all a happy and healthy holiday season. As you travel be safe and remember the Lord wherever you go.

*Tony, Corretta, Mark & Micah*

# 200 Pianos

An elderly man who had led singing for many years in small country congregations went to the big city to visit family. While there, he had the chance to lead a group of about 350 on Sunday morning. Later that day as they ate lunch, his nephew asked him what it looked like from the pulpit with all those people out there. He replied, “Son, I saw 200 pianos.” The elderly song leader went on to explain how disappointing it was to see all those people not singing.

While most members of the church would still protest the use of a piano, many violate the same law of God by stoically warming a pew with tightly clenched lips while the praises of God are being sung. Many members will turn to Eph. 5:18,19 and Col. 3:16,17 to show Bible authority for singing. The addition of mechanical instruments in worship to God is then condemned, citing the lack of authority for such. While these things are true and must always be taught “lest they slip”, we MUST realize that these same passages COMMAND singing in worship to God. Anyone capable of “making a joyful noise” who fails to do so is committing sin and is in violation of God’s pattern just like a person who adds the piano.

Brethren, we must understand that ALL of God’s commands MUST be obeyed. When we refuse to obey the command to sing because we feel uncomfortable or self-conscious, we place our own pride above the will of God. When one chooses to add the instrument in worship to God he places his own judgment and will, above the will of God. Both are sin.

I implore you brethren to consider these things and resolve yourself to submit to all of God’s laws. Until we do, song leaders across our land will continue to see 200 PIANOS in the assemblies of the Lord’s people.

~Paul Meacham, Jr.~

# Looking for A New Preacher?

In our search for a suitable preacher the following scratch sheet was developed for your perusal. Of the candidates investigated by the committee, only one was found to have the necessary qualities. The list contains the names of the candidates and comments on each, should you be interested in investigating them further for future preaching placements.

- Noah: He has 120 years of preaching experience, but no converts.
- Moses: He stutters; and his former congregation says he loses his temper over trivial things.
- Abraham: He took off to Egypt during hard times. We heard that he got into trouble with the authorities and then tried to lie his way out.
- David: He is an unacceptable moral character. He might have been considered for minister of music had he not ‘fallen’.
- Solomon: He has a reputation for wisdom but fails to practice what he preaches.
- Elijah: He proved to be inconsistent; and is known to fold under pressure.
- Hosea: His family life is in a shambles. Divorced, and remarried to a prostitute.
- Jeremiah: He is too emotional, alarmist; some say a real ‘pain in the neck’.
- Amos: Comes from a farming background. Better off picking figs.
- John: He says he is a Baptist but lacks tact and dresses like a hippie. Would not feel comfortable at a church potluck supper.
- Peter: Has a bad temper, and was heard to have even denied Christ publicly.
- Paul: We found him to lack tact. He is too harsh, His appearance is contemptible, and he preaches far too long.
- Timothy: He has potential, but is much too young for the position.
- Jesus: He tends to offend church members with his preaching, especially Bible scholars. He is also too controversial. He even offended the search committee with his pointed questions.
- Judas: He seemed to be very practical, co-operative, good with money, cares for the poor, and dresses well. We all agreed that he is just the man we are looking for to fill the vacancy as our preacher.

Thank you for all you have done in assisting us with our search.  
The Search Committee.

(1 Sam 16:7 KJV) But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

~selected~

# From The Youth

The Senior High class would like to thank the congregation for their generous support in purchasing gifts for the various Boarding and Nursing Homes. \$625 was raised and we bought for around 170 people.

# To The Youth

Sharla, Terann and I are very appreciative of the money we received last Sunday night. We hope to put it to good use. What a great year we had! What memories we have shared! God has truly blessed me and my family. Lord willing, we are looking forward to even more “mayhem.”

*Steve Hillis*

*Preacher’s Page*