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Kelly Thaxton

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt **Lead Singing** Stanley Graves First Prayer Noel Pepper Dale Bennett Reading Scripture Hebrews 10:19-25 Lord's Table (N) *Chuck Boles *Ronnie Prince (S)Micah Lawrence (N) (N)Tim Fisher Chris Jones (N) Harold McGinness **(S) (S)** Marc Martin Dickie Kesey (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence Steve Hillis Dismiss

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Stanley Graves
First Prayer
W.C. Chilton
Reading
Willie Newby
Scripture
Luke 1:13, 60-63
Lord's Table
*Steve Boyd
*Tyler Boyd
Sermon
Tony Lawrence

Wednesday Bible Study

Dismiss

Announcements (668-9326) Bruce Pryor
Lead Singing John Biddle
First Prayer Don Sullivan
Reading Ken Martin
Invitation Chuck Medley
Dismiss Bill Womack

Welcome Committee

A.M. Calvin & Nancy Rogers P.M. Jeff Flatt Family

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Jeff Bond & Leonard Crouch

Attend Nursery: Nan Cantrell

Lock Building: W.C. Chilton

Pantry Item: Canned Juice

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	304
Bible Study	208
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Contribution	780

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Elders Deacons **Bob Bonner** 473-6992 Steve Boyd W.C. Chilton Don Griffith 668-9006 **Leonard Clemons** Joe Collins Billy Gilbert Douglas Hendrixson 668-3115 Jeff Flatt 473-3570 Stanley Graves Willie Newby Rodney Reynolds Jim Slatton

7:00 p.m.

Preacher

Wednesday

Bible Study

At Home:

Mary Meeks (Angie Caldwell's mother)following surgery Regina Templeton

In The Hospital:

Glenda Hughes - for tests Wednesday

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Holding Our Confession P.M. Calling Bible Things By Bible Names

Singing

There will be a New Year's Eve singing at the Arlington church of Christ from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am.



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Team 1 (1st Sunday)

Chuck & Pat Boles (Team Leaders); Bob & Ada Mayfield, Bruce & Susan Pryor, Calvin & Nancy Rogers, Angie Caldwell, Dawn Wanamaker, Jackie & Sherry Pelham, Jeff & Mary Flatt, Doug Hendrixson, Missy Biles, Doris Smith.

Team 2 (2nd Sunday)

Danny & Cynthia Duncan (Team Leaders); Denice Reynolds, Don & Judy Sullivan, Don & Susie Griffith, Mary Davis, Dot Foster, Debbie Glenn, Edna Smith, Helen Morgan, Lucille Newby, Mildred Bumbalough

Team 3 (3rd Sunday)

Lemmie & Brenda Bratten (Team Leaders); John & Pearl Biddle, Johnny & Donna Anderson, Ken & Nona Martin, Kurt & Stephanie Maynard, Leonard & Avie Clemons, Linda Cantrell, Lynette Maynard, Becky Maynard, Mike & Sharon Driver, Bernice Fults

Team 4 (4th Sunday)

W.C. & Nelma Chilton (Team Leaders); Rodney & Patsy Reynolds, Ronnie & Cindy Rogers, Ryan & Tammy McKinney, Teresa Atnip, Tony & Corretta Lawrence, Ricky & Rita Prince, Woodrow & Mildred Glenn, Joe & Marsha Collins, Glenda Bell, Myra Bell

Notable Quotes...

Religion that has no backbone is unstructured and worthless.

If we have repented of a sin, we will not be offended if that particular sin is preached against.

There are two things I have found it hard for people to see, their own faults and the faults of their children.

The things that really matter are things that don't have to do with matter.

JANUARY 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						TOMMY & GAIL CROUCH Jason Vandagriff Teri Smith
TOM & PAM McCOLLOCH	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	3	Talissa Pelham	Lisa Chilton 5	Dot Hennessee	7 Kristi Patterson	8
Paula Frater Patsy Reynolds Bible Bowl at Woodbury 2:00 pm	School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 pm	Tanssa Peinam	Lisa Chilton	Dot Hennessee Ethan Duncan Stephanie Maynard	Kristi Patterson Alicia Driver DAVID & IONA KING	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
TABS program at Wilson Ave 6:00 pm		JOHN & PEARL BIDDLE Scarlett Griffith Janie Griffin Lynn Gann JACKIE & SHERRY PELHAM	Lena Mai Gribble	Pam McColloch Jackie Pelham	TONY & CORRETTA LAWRENCE	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Susie Griffith	RODNEY & PATSY REYNOLDS Bobby Cantrell Tom McColloch Jeff Templeton School of Bible Emphasis	Missy Biles	26	MARTY & SHARON BOLES Leah Pack Jared Mullican	David Chilton	Shannon Griffin
5th Sunday Young Men Conduct Services	Ronnie Prince					

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Sunday Morning Worship

(668-2605) Brett Merritt Announcements **Lead Singing Leonard Clemons** First Prayer **Bob Bonner** Marty Boles Reading Scripture Hebrews 10:26-39 *Rodney Reynolds Lord's Table (N) *Jim Slatton (S)Ryan Kesey (N) Jason Vandagriff (N)Winfrey Hennessee (N) Kevin Judkins **(S) David Chilton (S)** Kraig Campbell (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence Lemmie Bratten Dismiss

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt **Lead Singing** Leonard Clemons First Prayer Ronnie Rogers Joe Roller Reading Acts 7:44: Hebrews 8:5 Scripture Lord's Table *Tommy Crouch *Bob Mayfield Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Steve Wilcher

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-9326) Bruce Pryor
Lead Singing Young Men
First Prayer Larry Flatt
Reading Tyler Boyd
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Buell Warren

Welcome Committee

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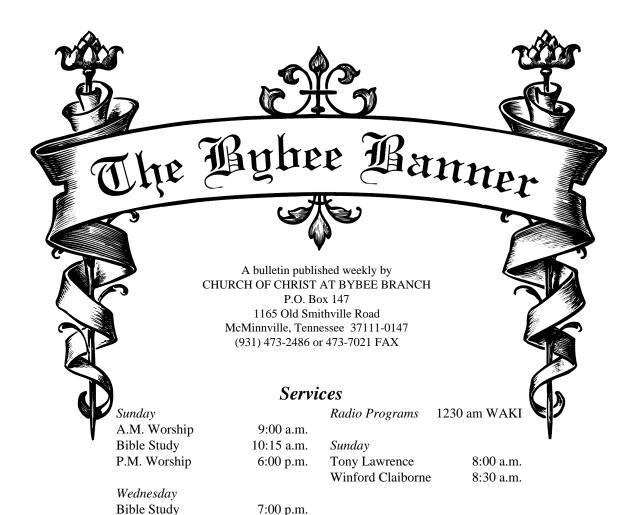
Pantry Item: Beef Stew

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Preacher

At Home:

Mary Meeks (Angie Caldwell's mother)following surgery Jeff & Jessica Templeton

In The Hospital:

Carolyn Cantrell-Mayo Clinic (Jacksonville, FL)-entering Wednesday for tests
Clifford McClain (uncle to our Frank Reynolds)-Riverpark ICU
Margaret Vandagriff (aunt of our June Crouch)-Nashville Memorial Hospital
Earlene McColloch (mother of our David & Tom McColloch)-Centennial Medical Center #7123 with a stroke.
Mary Flatt-will undergo outpatient surgery on Wednesday.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Dangers in Drawing Back P.M. Doing Bible Things in Bible Ways

Restorations

We rejoice with those who have publicly responded to the Lord's invitation this past week. Brother Jeff Templeton came forward on Wednesday evening asking for the prayers of the congregation. On Sunday morning brother Bob Cantrell came forward asking for prayers. Please remember these two brethren in your prayers.

Bible Bowl

The Bible Bowl for January will be this coming Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm at the Woodbury congregation. The bus will leave at 1:20 SHARP.

There will be a study session at the home of Chip and Sheila Cantrell on Saturday evening from 5:00-8:00 pm.

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 McInery. You may write or call him at: Norcliff Life Care Center; 85 Main St. N.; Hagersville, Ontario NOA-1H0 Canada (905) 768-4612

The Folly Of Rehoboam

Rehoboam was the son of Solomon, king of Jerusalem. Adam Clarke spoke of him as a "poor, unprincipled fool." He came to the throne at a most critical time in the history of Israel. His father had reigned with great wisdom and power. Royalty from the far ends of the earth had paid tribute to the glory and grandeur of his reign. The queen of Sheba said, "It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I come, and mine eyes had seen it" (I Kings 10:6,7). Solomon began his reign well; but the end of it was marked with apostasy, and exorbitant demands on the people in service and taxes were intolerable. Solomon did not leave the kingdom in good condition for his son and successor.

On becoming king, Rehoboam sought advice. This was a wise thing to do. There were men in Israel who could help him to be a better king. He first took counsel with the old men who had stood before Solomon. They advised, "If thou wilt be a servant unto this people...and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants forever" (I Kings 12:7). But he forsook the advice of the old men and sought the counsel of the young men. "Thus shalt thou speak unto them. My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father hath chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions" (I Kings 12: 10,11). Rehoboam gave heed to the young men, his "brain trust." The young men "took over" in Israel. As a result, the kingdom was divided; ten tribes left Rehoboam and followed Jeroboam. A once united nation was divided and headed for captivity and ruin. But it might have been otherwise. If Rehoboam had listened to the advice of the old men and had tried to be the servant of his people rather than their dictator, how different the outcome would have been. Ah! But Rehoboam would not have any of his young advisers saying he had gone "soft"; he would begin where his father quit, in oppressing his people. His terms would be "hard." Israel paid the price of his folly and stubborness.

It is a fine thing when young men can work with old men as Timothy labored with Paul. The world and the church need the best efforts of both. "Young men for action; old men for wisdom!" It is fine when the energy of the young can be seasoned with the wisdom of the old.

~B.C. Goodpasture~



A Time To Laugh...

"A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones."

Proverbs 17:22, NKIV.



"PLEASE BE PATIENT... OUR SPEAKER HAS A SCREW LOOSE."

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt Joe Collins **Lead Singing** Steve Boyd First Prayer Joe T. Cantrell Reading Scripture Hebrews 11:1-6 Lord's Table (N) *Jeff Flatt *Billy Gilbert (S)Ricky Prince (N) Abram Pryor (N) Harley Northcutt (N) Ken Martin **(S) (S)** Lynn Gann Tom McColloch (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** John Biddle

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt Lead Singing Joe Collins Kurt Maynard First Prayer **Bob Cantrell** Reading Scripture John 4:24 Lord's Table *Dennis Gann *Eddie Palmer Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Calvin Rogers

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-9326) Bruce Pryor
Lead Singing Tim Fisher
First Prayer Doug Hendrixson
Reading Chip Cantrell
Invitation Dale Bennett
Dismiss Kraig Campbell

Welcome Committee

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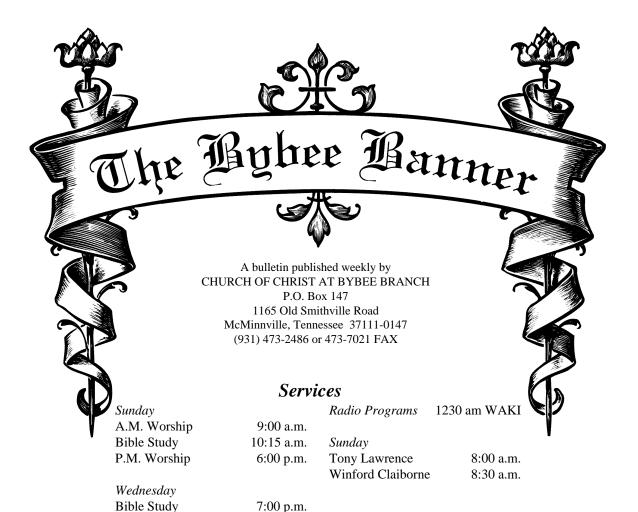
Pantry Item: Sweet Potatoes

Record For The Week...

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P.M. Worship	236
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$4,920

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•		Jim Slatton	·

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At Home:

Mary Flatt-following outpatient surgery Carolyn Cantrell-following tests at Mayo Clinic

In The Hospital:

Margaret Vandagriff (aunt of our June Crouch)-moved to Bethany Health Care Center in Nashville Earlene McColloch (mother of our David & Tom McColloch)-Riverpark #258

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. The Real Meaning Of Faith P.M. Doing Bible Things In Bible Ways (Music)

Restorations

Sunday morning our hearts were made to rejoice again with the restoration of Shane Fisher. We are thankful to have so many good and dedicated young people here.

Bible Bowl

Congratulations to the congregation at Rockliff and our young people on coming in first place in the Bible Bowl. Both groups did not miss any on the test. Our young people also did not miss any on the tie breaker. Rockliff's young people only missed two, thus our youth brought home the banner. Very close behind in second place missing only one were Earleyville, East End, Leoni, Rome, and Southside. In third place missing only two were Dibrell, Hebron, Main St., New Hope, and Woodbury. In fourth place missing only three were Bluff Springs and Ivy Bluff. As you can see, there were fourteen congregations that missed 3 or less on the test! All of the young people are putting for a great effort.

This is such a wonderful opportunity for young people to grow and mature in their knowledge of God's Word.

Thank You...

January 10, 2000

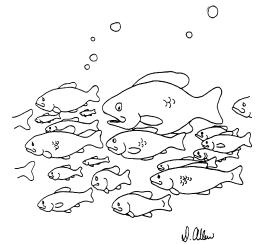
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Garibaldi Family would like to extend their appreciation with all of you for the wonderful gifts and Wal-Mart gift card that was given to us.

Also, we would like to thank the Ladies Bible Class for their lovely card, for your best wishes and prayers. We thank our Lord for giving us the opportunity to have a great spiritual family in which there is much love involved.

Once again Thank You for your prayers asking God to be with me while I was in pain with my backache. Your prayers were answered and thanks to the Lord's power, I was able to walk the next day and preach His word.

Thank You We love you in the name of Christ, Garibaldi Family



"THERE'S A BIG TRAFFIC JAM UP AHEAD. I OVERHEARD SOMETHING ABOUT THE WATERS BEING PARTED." SEE Exopus 14:21.

PURE SPEECH

"Only let your conversation (manner of life) be as it becometh (worthy of) the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27).

Christians should conduct their lives in a manner that is consistent with the gospel of Christ. The rules and principles of the gospel are to be applied to our everyday lives. Whether it involves a business transaction, our mode of dress, our style of living, or the entertainment we are associated with, we should do everything with the intention of pleasing God. This would include the way in which we speak.

Pure speech comes from a pure heart. "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8). The Bible declares that not everyone would have a pure heart and pure speech. "If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain" (James 1:27). There are many sins of the tongue that we must avoid: Cursing (Exodus 22:28; James 3:10), evil speaking (Ephesians 4:31), lying (Revelation 21:8), frowardness (Proverbs 4:24), talebearing (Proverbs 6:26), "thou fool" (harsh criticism, Matthew 5:22), whisperers (Romans 1:29), backbiting (Romans 1:30; Galatians 5:15), boasting (Romans 1:30), deceit (Romans 3:13), reviling (1 Corinthians 6:10), foolish talking (Ephesians 5:4), jesting (Ephesians 5:4), false teaching (Titus 1:11), idle words (Matthew 12:36), blasphemy (Colossians 3:8), and filthy speech (Colossians 3:8).

We use our tongue to speak everyday, so we should make sure we are uttering pure and decent speech at all times. Paul revealed by inspiration of the Holy Spirit that we should "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth..." There would be less problems in the world if we would heed this heavenly advice. Instead of using corrupt speech, we should speak "that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29). This is one of the benefits of using pure speech.

The kind of influence we have will depend on what kind of speech we use. Our influence affects everyone around us, so we had better do what is right to keep our light shining for our Savior. Have you ever heard someone you respected use a curse word, tell a filthy joke, or talk bad to someone? We all know the answer to this question. Did you have the same respect for them after that incident? Most likely they did not have much influence over you after that. Even though we are Christians, we still fall short from time to time. That still does not give us a license or make it all right to swear or use filthy language. Filthy talk can damn a person's soul just as easy as anything sinful. We need to remember that people look up to us even though we sometimes feel unimportant, our influence still carries a lot of weight with the people around us. Concerning our own influence, we should be careful to use sound, pure speech so that we will not be condemned. Paul exhorted Titus to use "sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you" (Titus 2:8).

Remember your responsibility to God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, and the people around you. To the youth "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an ensample to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12 ASV). The apostle Peter revealed "Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and ALL EVIL SPEAKINGS" (1 Peter 2:1).

~Steve Miller~

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Ronnie Prince

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt **Lead Singing** Stanley Graves Chip Cantrell First Prayer Eddie Palmer Reading Scripture Hebrews 11:13-16 Lord's Table (N) *Larry Flatt *Doug Hendrixson **(S)** Rodney Maynard (N) John Nussbaum (N) Joe Maynard (N) J.B. Gribble **(S) (S)** Jeff Bond Ralph Crouch (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence Mike Driver **Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Stanley Graves
First Prayer
Frank Reynolds
Reading
Bill Womack
Scripture
Acts 20:7
Lord's Table
*Lemmie Bratten
*Kelly Thaxton
Sermon
Tony Lawrence

Wednesday Bible Study

Dismiss

Announcements (668-9326) Bruce Pryor
Lead Singing Leonard Clemons
First Prayer Jeff Flatt
Reading Danny Duncan
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Jim Slatton

Welcome Committee

A.M. W.C. & Nelma Chilton P.M. Jeff Templeton Family

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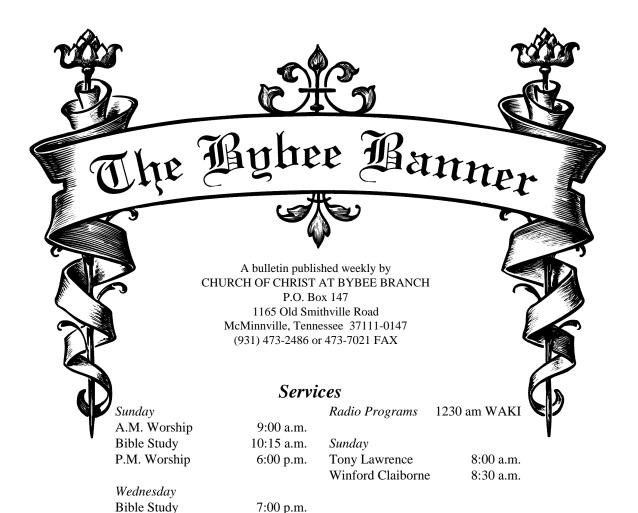
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At Home:

Carolyn Cantrell-following tests at Mayo Clinic Cynthia, Ethan and Erin Duncan Magdalene Taylor-following a fall (cracked ribs) Hollie Hayes-having tests Betty Hill-following treatment Bruce & Susan Pryor

Mary Flatt-following outpatient surgery

In The Hospital:

Earlene McColloch (mother of our David & Tom McColloch)-Riverpark #258 Andrew Collins-Riverpark #202 with kidney stones

Sunday's Sermons

Glenda Hughes-following surgery

A.M. I Am Bound For The Promised Land P.M. Doing Bible Things In Bible Ways (Day of Worship)

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The bi-monthly meeting of the elders and deacons will be this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m.

General Business Meeting

The regularly scheduled mens business meeting will be this coming Sunday evening following services. All the men of the congregation are encouraged to be present.

Prom Alternative Trip

There will be a meeting this Sunday evening after services for those interested in the Prom Alternative Trip.

WHAT ARE WE CLAPPING FOR?

It is becoming more and more common to find members of the Lord's church engaging in hand clapping in worship services. This is very popular at youth rallies and devotionals put on by brethren who would rather roll in the aisles than to worship in "spirit and truth" (John 4:24). People who try to justify hand clapping in worship have as much authority from the Scriptures to hand clap as they do to justify that a person wouldn't have to obey the gospel plan of salvation to be saved. There is simply no authority for it in the New Testament.

In various gatherings of our brethren where a spiritual message is presented, the majority applaud the speaker. Vain worship is when people invent their own way to worship Almighty God (Matthew 15:9). Most likely if the people were polled, there would be a variety of answers as to why they clapped after the message. Some would say "I liked the speaker." Others would say "I liked the message," while others would reveal that they did it because others were clapping. There could be no scriptural reason given because there isn't one.

If people are permitted to applaud a sermon or spiritual talk, why can't they do it at their home congregations? It's a matter of time. I know someone will say, "Oh you are getting excited over nothing." "It won't hurt anything." Listen, we should heed the examples of history and realize what is happening. In the beginning of the restoration movement members of the church never dreamed an instrument would be brought into the worship of the church of Christ. It happened. Several years ago members of the church never thought a chorus would one day perform in the worship services in congregatins of the Lord's church. It has happened. If we don't confront error when it occurs, we will be sorry down the road.

Why has hand clapping become so popular with our youth? One of the reasons could be that certain

pharisaical music groups have had a big influence on our young people. When these groups perform religious songs in our meetinghouses, our youth are led to believe that hand clapping, shouting, and jumping up and down is part of the worship service. The groups encourage these kinds of practices which have no place in our worship. They are pharisaical because they want to be seen doing something for the Lord (Matthew 6:1-8). Another reason may be the failure of preachers actually preaching the word (2 Timothy 4:1-5). Many congregations have gone for years without ever hearing a sermon on authority, instrumental music, or worshipping in spirit and in truth. The result of not preaching the full gospel (Acts 20:27) on these subjects and similar fundamentals of the faith have given the devil fertile ground for nurturing the seeds of error.

Here are some reasons why hand clapping in worship is wrong. 1. It is false worship. Our worship must be directed and guided by the authority of the word of God. Everything that is to be included in our worship must have divine authority (Colossians 3:17). Otherwise it becomes vain worship (Titus 1:14). Paul's admonition "Let all things be done decently and in order," (1 Corinthians 14:40) would be violated by hand clapping. 2. It is response to entertainment. When a singer sings a song, we applaud. When someone puts on a show such as a circus, we applaud. Hand clapping belongs in the entertainment business. Leave it where it belongs? If singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, listening to a sermon, taking the Lord's Supper or reading the scripture is entertainment to you, then you had better take a serious look at your spiritual life because you have been severely misled. 3. It is an innovation into the worship of God. If you accompany a song with hand clapping, you are adding to God's order of things. Hand clapping is just like instrumental music, in the sense that it is unscriptural accompaniment. It is also childish and produces unwholesome emotion.

In an attempt to try and justify hand clapping in worship, some refer to the Old Testament. They seem

to overlook the fact that we are no longer under the old covenant. "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross" (Colossians 2:14). Many also attempt to justify instrumental music by the Old Testament, which is also a failure. Our religious practices come from the authority of the New Testament only.

It all boils down to whether or not we have Biblical authority for such practices. Brother Roy Deaver concluded an article on hand clapping in worship by saying, "New Testament Christianity is the religion of Bible authority. To be pleasing to God, we are obligated (and privileged) to "walk by faith" (2 Corinthians 5:7), understanding that "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17), and knowing full-well that "Without faith it is impossible to please God" (Hebrews 11:6). What's wrong with hand clapping in our worship assemblies and as part of our worship to God? The answer simply is: there's no authority for it?" (Biblical Notes, November/December 1990, p. 12) A-men!

"Why worry about hand clapping when the world is going to hell? Simply because there will also be members of the church spending an eternity in hell for not following and obeying the teachings of Jesus Christ (Matthew 13:47-50). There have been and always will be people in the church who are willing to go beyond or fall short of God-authorized worship. If these issues aren't addressed from our pulpits and papers, we may be applauded on our next sermon!

~Steve Miller~

Hoax About O'Hair

There is a letter circulating again regarding a supposed petition about restriction of religious broadcasting. The FCC has a web site that clearly and forthrightly explains this is a 25 YEAR OLD RUMOR. Please do not help circulate this further. If you wish to verify this, go to the following site on the Internet:

http://www.fcc.gov/mmb/enf/forms/rm-2493.html

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt Leonard Clemons **Lead Singing** First Prayer Don Griffith Tommy Crouch Reading Scripture Hebrews 12:5,6 *Ken Lee Lord's Table (N) *Alan Hughes **(S)** Shannon Griffin (N) (N) Don Johnson Bran Merritt (N) David McColloch **(S) (S)** Don Sullivan Jeff Templeton (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence Bob Mayfield **Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Micah Lawrence
First Prayer
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table

*W.C. Chilton
*Winfrey Hennessee

Sermon Steve Hillis-Joey Reynolds-Tyler Boyd Dismiss Shane Fisher

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing John Biddle
First Prayer Rodney Reynolds
Reading Mike Driver
Invitation Bob Bonner
Dismiss Willie Newby

Welcome Committee

A.M. Mildred Bumbalough & Bernice Fults

P.M. Kraig & Heather Campbell

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Attend Nursery: Mattie Medley

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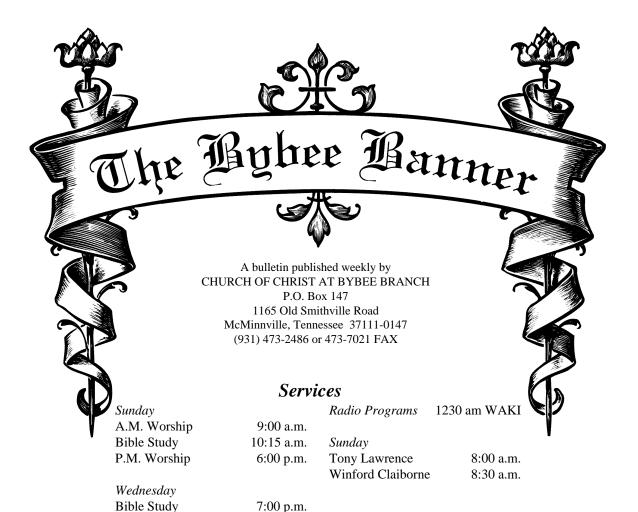
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473-8079 alawrence@blomand.net

At Home:

Carolyn Cantrell-improving
Magdalene Taylor-moved to NHC
Hollie Hayes
Betty Hill-following treatment
Glenda Hughes-following surgery
Bill Biles-following outpatient surgery
Roeba Jones (Glyna Lee's mother)
Doug Hendrixson
Sheila Cantrell

In The Hospital:

Earlene McColloch (mother of our David & Tom McColloch)-Riverpark #258
Billy Gilbert-Riverpark #321 (pneumonia)

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Chastened Children
P.M. A Guide To Spiritual Success

Sympathy

We would like to extend sympathy to the family of Clyde Lance (father-in-law to our Danielle Lance). His funeral was Monday.

Singing

There will be a singing at the Bethlehem congregation on Saturday evening at 6:30. The bus will leave at 5:30 for all who want to go.

Remember Bo

We need to remember Bo in his studies at Memphis School of Preaching. In only a few more months he will be finished and return to Thailand. If you wish to write or call him, you can contact him at:

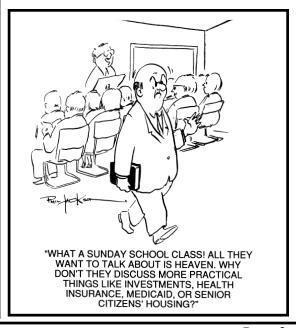
Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon; 8932 Links Drive East; Apt. 102; Memphis, TN 38125 or 901-309-2126. He also can receive email at: SuwitBo@aol.com

The BIBLE Class

The cartoon at the bottom of this column emphasizes a real problem that is developing within the Lord's church. There are many that are trying to reorient the focus of the Bible class away from the Bible towards more modern concerns. This type of thinking betrays several mistaken notions:

- 1. Those who want to study other things than the Bible in Bible class are implying that the Bible is not relevant to modern man's needs. The truth is the Bible has the answers, man just doesn't understand enough to ask the right questions.
- 2. Those who want to replace the Bible as the text of the Bible class really do not believe in the all-sufficiency of the Bible. Either the Bible contains all that man needs to live the Christian life or it does not.

The Bible provides for mans greatest need, directions from earth to heaven (Jn. 14:1-6). The Gospel only is God's power to save man (Rom. 1:16). The other matters are only insignificant issues in light of eternity (Mt. 16:26).



Why Worship Regularly and Faithfully?

According to a recent Gallup poll thirty-eight percent of Americans attend a place of worship. "This is the lowest figure in the last 50 years." (Gospel Advocate, Feb. 1998, P.9).

Have sixty-two percent of Americans accepted the doctrine that supposedly puts the "emphasis on Christ instead of the church?" Have people begun to really believe the old denominational dogma that separates salvation and the church? "One supposedly gets saved and then joins the church; he/she may even join the church of his/her choice." Has the church become as unimportant to people as it is non-essential to their salvation?

People who know the truth understand that in the process of salvation the Lord adds people to His church. (Acts 2:47). People are reconciled to God "in one body." (Ephesians 2:16) The body is the church. (Ephesians 1:22,23). The means of reconciliation is the cross of Christ. (Ephesians 2:16). If the cross of Christ is necessary then the church of Christ is essential. The cross of Christ gives significance to the church of Christ. In fact, Jesus died for the church. (Ephesians 5:25). It is true that Jesus "tasted death for every man" (Hebrews 2:9). However, only those in His church have taken advantage of the blessings of the Savior's death.

The Lord's church may be as unimportant to a skeptical world as it is non-essential to a denominational world, but faithful members of the church of Christ know the importance of the church to Christ and the value of the church to people so they assemble regularly and faithfully for worship in the church. Why?

When Jesus instituted a memorial to Himself, the Lord's Supper, He said, "This do in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19). Christians ate the Lord's Supper when they assembled, "came together". (I Corinthians 11:33). Furthermore, the Lord admonished His people not to forsake the assembly. (Hebrews 10:25). They assembled to eat the Lord's Supper on the "first day of the week". (Acts 20:7).

Because Christians have been saved from sin and reconciled to God by the blood of His Son, they gladly assemble to keep a memorial to God's Son. A compelling gratitude for the sacrifice of the Son of God brings them to His table with faithful regularity.

God wants His children to assemble to "provoke one another to love and good works." (Hebrews 10:24). Since the saved comprise the "body of Christ" (Colossians 1: 12-18), it is important for the members of that body to edify or build one another into a likeness of their Lord. (Ephesians 4:13-16).

Those who embrace the "give me" mentality of the world may have trouble understanding that God's children come together to help one another worship God "in spirit and in truth" (John 4: 24), and they assemble to stimulate one another to be more dedicated in the Lord's work and active in His service.

People who think in terms of coming to a worship service to get an emotional "high" may have difficulty appreciating that God's true children come together to give: to give glory to God in songs of praise and prayer, to give honor to Christ in keeping His memorial and to give strength to others by proclaiming in the Lords Supper that Jesus shall indeed come again, and through singing and preaching to urge Christians to be active in the Lord's work. (1 Corinthians 15:58). They assemble to give to the Lord (I Corinthians 16:1,2) and thereby express their gratitude to God. (2 Corinthians 9:6-11).

Those who do not deeply love the Lord may find a find a ball game, a car race, shopping, fishing, or golfing more fulfilling than taking the time and putting forth the effort to assemble with those "of like precious faith" to worship God; but those in whose hearts the love of God dwells find great joy and fulfillment in true worship to God.

Those who really know God as their Father and who really know and love the Lord as their Savior delight in regular and faithful worship. Their attitude is expressed in the beautiful hymn, "Welcome, delightful mom, thou day of sacred rest, I hail thy kind return, Lord make these moments blessed . . .from the low train of mortal toys, I soar to reach immortal joys."

The strength of faithfulness and the virtue of regularity come together to give purpose and meaning to worship assemblies for God's true children.

~Tom Holland~

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Bob Cantrell

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin **Lead Singing** Joe Collins First Prayer Tim Fisher Kelly Thaxton Reading Scripture Hebrews 13:1-6 *Calvin Rogers Lord's Table (N) *Bruce Pryor (S)Harry Felty (N) Brandon McGinness (N) Marc Martin (N) Buell Warren **(S) (S)** Jason Vandagriff Eugene Wilcher (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Jim Slatton

Sunday Evening Worship

(668-2180) Ken Martin Announcements Lead Singing Joe Collins Winfrey Hennessee First Prayer Kevin Judkins Reading Scripture Acts 16:30-33 Lord's Table *Chip Cantrell *Chuck Boles Sermon Tony Lawrence

Wednesday Bible Study

Dismiss

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt John Biddle **Lead Singing** First Prayer Dale Bennett Steve Boyd Reading Invitation Tony Lawrence Dismiss Danny Duncan

Welcome Committee

Dennis Gann Family A.M. **Kurt Maynard Family**

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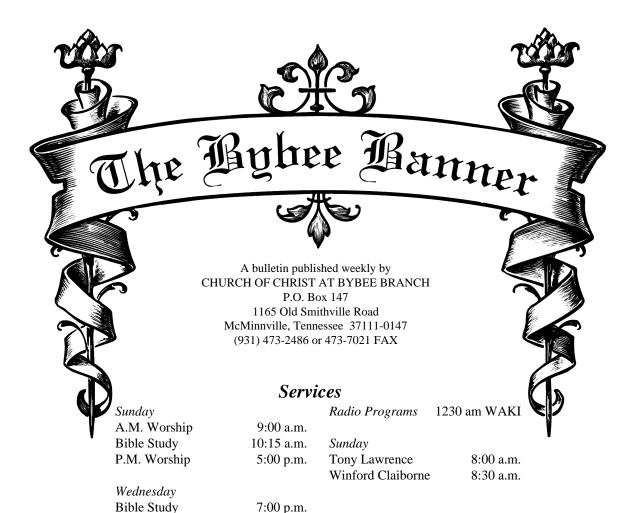
Lock Building: Tom McColloch

Pantry Item: Tomato Juice

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	302
Bible Study	254
P.M. Worship	209
Wednesday Bible Study	181
Contribution	\$4,283

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At Home:

Carolyn Cantrell-improving
Betty Hill
Glenda Hughes
Roeba Jones (Glyna Lee's mother)
Mary Lois Cantrell-released from hospital
Leonard Crouch
Martha Maxwell
Susan Pryor

In The Hospital:

Earlene McColloch (mother of our David & Tom McColloch)-Riverpark #258 Barbara King-Riverpark with pneumonia Dollie Maynard (mother of Joe Maynard and Gail Crouch)-Riverpark

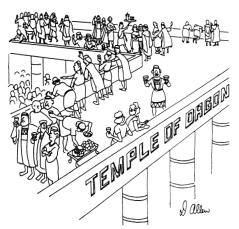
There have been a number of our folks sick recently with the flu and colds. We have not purposefully overlooked anyone but with the large number that have been sick we know we have. Please, don't assume that we know who is sick. If a member of your family or one of your friends here at church is sick or in the hospital please let us know.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Practical Exhortations P.M. Bible Things In Bible Ways (Salvation)

Household Furnishings

A new family is moving to McMinnville from Houston, TX to be a part of the Hispanic congregation. Brother Jose Manuel Rodriguez and his family are in need of all types of household furnishings. If you can help, please contact Bob Bonner.



"SAMSON MUST BE GETTING OLD. I JUST SAW HIM DOWNSTAIRS LEANING AGAINST A PILLAR." SEE JUDGES 16:29–30.

Important Notice About Sunday Evening Service Time

The Elders have decided to change the time of the Sunday evening services from 6:00 pm to 5:00 pm at least for the winter months. This change will begin this coming Sunday evening February 6. Please make a note of this.

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		Joey Reynolds	SLATION	Leslie Pepper		
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	Pauline Greene Loy Watson					
	School of					
	Bible					
	Emphasis					
	at Mt. Leo					
	7:00					
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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin **Lead Singing** Stanley Graves Willie Newby First Prayer Ronnie Rogers Reading Scripture Hebrews 13:7,17 Lord's Table (N) *Chuck Medley *Frank Reynolds **(S)** George Trail (N) (N) Steve Wilcher Joe Roller (N) Don Johnson **(S) (S)** Abram Pryor Harley Northcutt (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence Kurt Maynard **Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin Lead Singing **Stanley Graves** First Prayer Steve Hillis **Brett Merritt** Reading Scripture John 6:39-44 Lord's Table *David Chilton *Eddie Palmer Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Tommy Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements
Lead Singing
Young Men
First Prayer
Reading
Invitation
Dismiss
Mich Lawrence
Larry Flatt
Larry Flatt

Welcome Committee

A.M. Kevin Judkins Family P.M. Bob & Ada Mayfield

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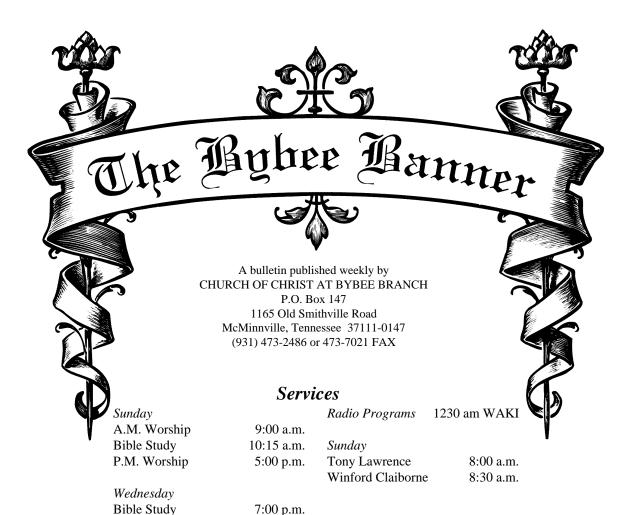
Pantry Item: Canned Yams

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	326
Bible Study	267
P.M. Worship	240
Wednesday Bible Study	222
Contribution	. \$4,601

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		Jim Slatton	

Preacher
Tony Lawrence

At Home:

Carolyn Cantrell-improving
Dollie Maynard (mother of Joe Maynard and
Gail Crouch)-home after being in the
hospital but not doing very well.

Eugene Jones Logan Wanamaker

In The Hospital:

Earlene McColloch (mother of our David & Tom McColloch)-Riverpark #258 Pearl Mitchell-Riverpark

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Merle Cagle (aunt of our John Nussbaum). Her funeral was Sunday afternoon in Madisonville, TN

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Someone To Watch Over Me P.M. Bible Things In Bible Ways (Last Things)

Bible Bowl

There will be a Bible Bowl study session this Saturday evening from 5-8 pm at the home of Chuck and Mattie Medley. Please bring \$2 for food.

The Bible Bowl will be this coming Sunday afternoon at 2:00 at the Central congregation.

TV Program Changes

The program with brother Mac Lyon, *In Search Of The Lord's Way* has been moved to 7:00 am on WKRN-Channel 2 out of Nashville.

The program with brother James Watkins, *Preaching The Gospel*, has been moved to 7:30 am on WZTV-Channel 17 (Cable 7).

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

Magdalene Taylor

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

Norcliff Life Care Center; 85 Main St. N.; Hagersville, Ontario NOA-1H0 Canada Stanley McInery (905) 768-4612

Alvin C. York VA Nursing Home/Murfreesboro:

Joe Maxwell (Room 139) 3400 Lebanon Rd.

Home:

Carolyn Cantrell

Edith Cantrell

Jane Golden

Rozelle Goodman

Willene Kell

Pearl Mitchell

Bessie Parker

June Slatton

Bertha Stewart

Love Lifted Jesus

It was the saddest of days, but also the most glorious day when Jesus was lifted up to hang on the cross between heaven and earth. It was sad because the innocent Son of God suffered and became sin for the guilty world (2 Corinthians 5:21). It was the most glorious day because Jesus made it possible for those lost in sin to be reconciled to God (Romans 5:10; 2 Corinthians 5:18). Adam and Eve, the first ones of the human race, knew the joy of being friends with God. He provided them a place to live in a beautiful garden decorated with trees and a river (Genesis 2:8-10).

Sin brought death and changed their closeness to Him. However, it was not God who left them, but they left Him! Sin brought separation between them and God, but Jesus died to bring them (and all others) together again. This is identified in the New Testament as sinners being reconciled to God. "Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

Therefore, in a figurative and spiritual way, while Jesus was dying on the cross, He was lifting one arm up to God and the other one down to man. Since Jesus had never committed a sin (Hebrews 4:15), He could serve as a mediator between man and God (1 Timothy 2:5). Why did all this happen? Because the cross was fully fortified with love—God's love for giving His Son (John 3:16), and Christ's love for giving His life (1 John 3:16). This is why John could say, "God is love" (1 John 4:8).

God's love is such a beautiful concept, but to receive it, there must be a response of obedience. Jesus summed it up: "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15).

When Jesus, the sacrificial Lamb, had been raised from the dead, He ascended to His Father to be our mediator (*Hebrews 8:6*). Thus, those who are born into God's family, can pray with hope and assurance through the name of Jesus (*John 14:13*).

The majority will refuse the love of Jesus and His sacrifice (*Matthew 7:13*). However, those who choose to obey the gospel and live faithfully for Him, will be saved. The divine word of God is very specific: "And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5:9).

As Christians gather on the first day of the week to worship and remember the death of Jesus, there is great joy, because it is during this time that the pain of the cross is turned into joy!

Therefore, we can thank God that Jesus was lifted up in love to draw all peoples to Him! "And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself" (John 12:32).

~Benny B. Bristow~

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Sunday Morning Worship

(668-2180) Ken Martin Announcements **Lead Singing Leonard Clemons** First Prayer Eddie Palmer Reading Jeff Templeton Scripture Ephesians 1:1-3 Lord's Table (N) *Don Sullivan *Ricky Prince (S)Joey Reynolds (N) Harold McGinness (N)Tom McColloch (N) Eric Fisher **(S) (S)** Caleb Graves Edgar Webb (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Ken Lee

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin **Lead Singing Leonard Clemons** First Prayer Steve Boyd Lemmie Bratten Reading John 17:20-23 Scripture Lord's Table *Kelly Thaxton *Joe T. Cantrell Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Leonard Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing Joe Collins
First Prayer W.C. Chilton
Reading Frank Reynolds
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Bill Womack

Welcome Committee

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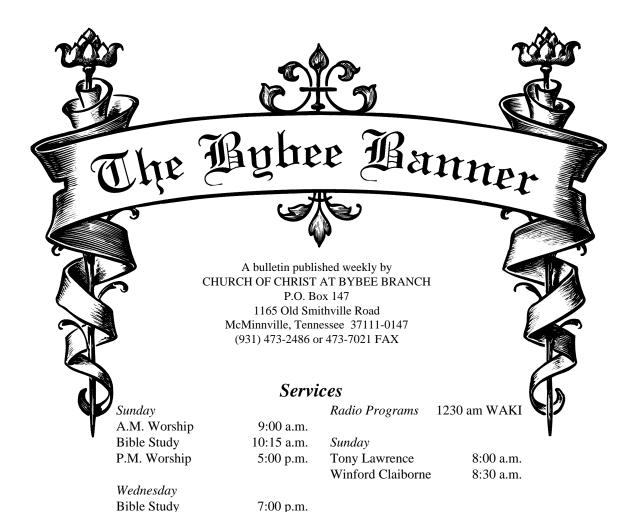
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Preacher

At Home:

Daisy Maxwell-following surgery
Eugene Jones
Jim McColloch (father of David & Tom
McColloch) home from hospital

In The Hospital:

Earlene McColloch (mother of our David & Tom McColloch)-moved to Adams Place; 1927 Memorial Blvd; Murfreesboro, TN 37129, Room. 248B

Dollie Maynard (mother of Joe Maynard and Gail Crouch)-Riverpark #314

Sympathy

We want to express sympathy to the family of Belle Young. She was a long time member at Bybee Branch. She passed away a few weeks ago and it was left out of the bulletin by mistake.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Spiritual Blessings In Heavenly Places P.M. Bible Things In Bible Ways (Unity)

Bible Bowl

The Bible Bowl was a tremendous success this past Sunday. There were close to 350 in attendance. Congratulations goes to the Earleyville youth that came in first place missing none on a very difficult test. Second place went to Dibrell and New Hope, missing two, our young people came in third missing three, and in fourth place were Ivy Bluff, Leoni, Mt. Leo and Southside missing only four. All of the young people worked hard and exhibited an excellent knowledge of God's word.

The final Bible Bowl for the season will be next month at the New Union congregation in Manchester. The text will be Joshua 21-24.



New Songbooks

The elders have decided to purchase new songbooks to replace the worn ones we now have. When we purchased the last songbooks several expressed an interest in

purchasing songbooks in memory of a loved one or friend. We will do that again. If you desire to purchase a songbook in memory or honor of someone, please get one of the blank envelopes on the table in the foyer and put in \$8.00 per book for the number you wish to pay for. On the outside of the envelope, please put the name(s) of the person(s) in whose memory or honor the book is being donated and the name(s) of those donating them. It would be greatly appreciated if you would PRINT as this would make it easier to read and spell the names correctly in the songbooks. Please give this to one of the elders. We would like to complete this within a month.



Elders-Deacons Seminar

The annual Elders-Deacons Seminar at the Kingwood Heights congregation in Murfreesboro will be on Saturday, February 26, from 8:30-3:00 p.m. The elders want to encourage all the elders and deacons to attend.

Don't forget that our Gospel Meeting is coming up soon! Keith Mosher will be with us April 9-13. Make your plans to be here and bring a friend.

The Precious Blood Of Christ

The New Testament teaches that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity (Titus 2:14). The greatest problem anyone can have is his iniquity or sin. The only way one can get rid of that problem is by God's forgiveness. God forgives sin because Christ shed his blood when he gave himself and died on a Roman cross. How precious indeed is the blood of Christ! Peter said Christians are people who have been redeemed "with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Peter 1:18-19).

The New Testament teaches that those who are redeemed by the precious blood of Christ constitute the church we read about in that book. This also makes the church very precious indeed!

Included in Preaching Jesus

Gospel preachers must include in preaching Jesus, preaching about his church. God's Word plainly and immutably declares that the church was purchased with the blood of God's own Son (Acts 20:28)! This alone makes the church mighty important!

Paul also wrote by the Spirit and said that Christ loved the church and gave himself for it (Ephesians 5:25). This should also cause us to love the church and realize how important it is.

Christ saves, but he saves in his church. The Holy Spirit guided Paul to write that salvation by the cross of Christ is in his one body which is the church (Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:16). Paul also wrote that Christ is the savior of the body which is the church (Ephesians 5:23).

One of the many festivals of the Jewish people was the feast of Pentecost. The Bible teaches that on the first Pentecost after his resurrection our Lord Jesus Christ established his church or kingdom in the city of Jerusalem (Acts 2). Pentecost was always on the first day of the week. Jesus had promised he would build his church (Matthew 16:18).

Saved by His Blood

In the days when the New Testament writers lived, people became members of the church which Jesus established by hearing and believing, and obeying the Gospel. By hearing the Gospel they learned how bad their sins were and how wonderful God was in being willing by his grace to forgive them because Jesus had shed his precious blood. When they believed all of this they were cut to their hearts or convicted of their sins (Acts 2:36-37), and they were told to repent of their sins and be baptized upon a confession of their faith in Christ as God's Son in order for God to forgive their sins and give them the gift of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38) and add them to the church (Acts 2:41, 47).

When the apostles of Christ lived, the obedience by which the Lord saved people from their sins was when the Lord made them members of his body which is the church. The New Testament makes it clear that that was when one becomes a Christian. In the New Testament being a Christian meant one was in the church Jesus purchased with his precious blood.

It is likely that many who get this journal already knew the elementary truths in the foregoing. If so, they need to be reminded of these truths (2 Peter 1:12-13). They also should rejoice and thank God that many thousands who get this [online] paper who likely do not know these truths, will have the opportunity to learn these words of eternal life (John 6:68).

Precious to Christians

Those who are Christians are blessed by the precious blood of Christ. The apostle John wrote to other Christians and said, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). In some following verses John said that if Christians confess their sins the Father in heaven is faithful and just to forgive them. This forgiveness is the same as the cleansing by the blood of Christ of which he had just written in verse 7. **The blood of Christ is indeed precious to all Christians. God's forgiveness is our greatest blessing!**

~Basil Overton~

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin **Lead Singing** Joe Collins First Prayer Larry Flatt Bob Mayfield Reading Ephesians 1:7-12 Scripture Lord's Table (N) *Mike Driver *Noel Pepper (S)Tyler Boyd (N) David McColloch (N) Shane Fisher (N) John Nussbaum **(S) (S)** Rodney Maynard Bran Merritt (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence Rodney Reynolds **Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin Lead Singing Joe Collins First Prayer Chuck Boles **Bob Bonner** Reading 1 Corinthians 10:15-22 Scripture Lord's Table *Danny Duncan *Stanley Graves Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Dennis Gann

Wednesday Bible Study

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Tim Fisher
First Prayer
Chuck Medley
Reading
Shannon Griffin
Invitation
Dismiss
Bruce Pryor

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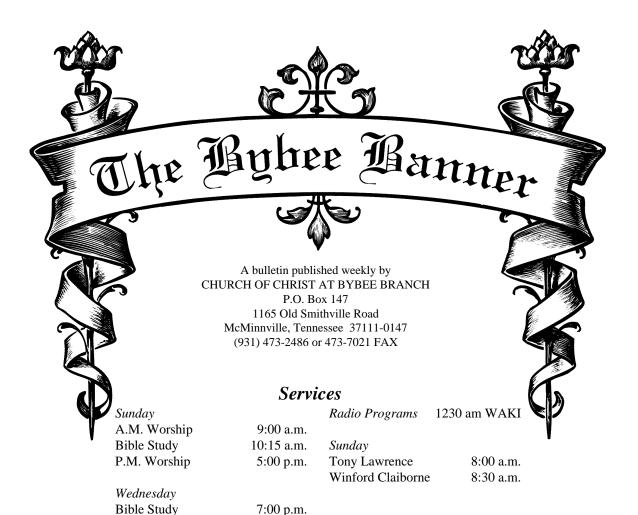
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Wednesday Bible Study	225
Contribution \$4	,524

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Gail Crouch) home from hospital not doing
well.

In The Hospital:

Pearl Mitchell-Riverpark Rehab

Sympathy

We want to express sympathy to the family of Rolfe Golden. He was the brother to our Violet Webb. His funeral was Monday.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. The "Mystery" in Ephesians P.M. Bible Things In Bible Ways (Lord's Supper)

Get Together

There will be a get together for boys in grades 4-8 this Saturday, February 26 from 5:00-8:00 pm at the home of Missy Biles.

"Makin' Music" Trip

Those who wish to make the trip to Freed-Hardeman for the Makin' Music program need to sign up by this coming Sunday, February 27. For more information see Steve Hillis or Tony Lawrence

Ladies Retreat

The Ladies' Spring Retreat will be May 5th & 6th. Information sheets are on the table in the foyer. All of the ladies are invited to join in for a fun, edifying weekend.

Singing

There will be a singing at the *Bonner church of Christ* this Friday night at 7:00 pm.



New Songbooks

The elders have decided to purchase new songbooks to replace the worn ones we now have. When we purchased the last songbooks several expressed an interest in

purchasing songbooks in memory of a loved one or friend. We will do that again. If you desire to purchase a songbook in memory or honor of someone, please get one of the blank envelopes on the table in the foyer and put in \$8.00 per book for the number you wish to pay for. On the outside of the envelope, please put the name(s) of the person(s) in whose memory or honor the book is being donated and the name(s) of those donating them. It would be greatly appreciated if you would PRINT as this would make it easier to read and spell the names correctly in the songbooks. Please give this to one of the elders. We would like to complete this within the next three weeks..

Directory Update

Would you please change the phone number for Clercie Delon in your church directory to 474-3160. Due to changes taking place in the local phone companies, if your phone number changes, please be sure to notify the office so we can let everyone know to update their directory.

Baptisms

We rejoice that the Hispanic congregation continues to grow. Last Wednesday evening two more precious souls were baptized into Christ. Blanca Edith Vazquez and Silvia Rodriguez were baptized at the Mt. Leo building after services.

Gospel Meeting

East End church of Christ, March 12-17, at 7:00 pm with Randy Kea preaching.

Don't Call Me a Religious Fanatic!

Do you consider yourself to be a religious fanatic? Do the people you are in daily contact with know you go to church? Is your Christianity common knowledge? Do you take whatever opportunity arises to tell people what the Bible teaches on various subjects? Do you stand where the Bible stands prepared to take whatever heat may come for doing so? If the answer to these questions is yes, that is wonderful and right. If the answer is no, there is a problem.

A fanatic is one who is "greatly enthusiastic or devoted." A fan is an "enthusiastic follower or admirer." Being a fan or fanatical is a common practice in our society. People are fans of movie stars, singers, athletes, etc. They display pride and wish to be recognized as a fan of the object of their interest. People often expend much energy, zeal, time, and money as they pursue their interest. It would seem that few in our society would object to be called fanatical when it comes to anything but religion. Doesn't that strike you as odd?

Some of the same Christians who are fanatical about football are mild or apathetic about Christianity. Some who would juggle their schedule and rush home to watch a baseball game barely drag in to worship services or allow conflicts to keep them away all together. Some who would not miss a performance of their favorite singer find it easy to miss a gospel meeting. Doesn't that strike you as odd?

Having varied interests is not a problem. Interests that conflict with the Lord's church are a problem. In Matthew 6:33, the Lord said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God..." There is no disclaimer attached to this passage. The excuse, "Well, this is the 90's," is meaningless. Being busy does not nullify the Lord's teaching. The Lord said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God," and that is exactly what He meant. A Christian's first priority at all times must be Christ.

Do you remember how Jeremiah felt about the Word of God? "His word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay" (Jeremiah 20:9). Jeremiah was saying that the Word of God built up in him until he thought he would explode. He simply had to pass on the Word. Poor old Jeremiah the fanatic. We often think of this passage as it concerns preachers, but the truth is every Christian ought to feel an overwhelming desire to teach the Word. Teaching should be done by every Christian on a regular basis. We each have a God-given role when it comes to teaching. If we are all zealous in educating those around us concerning the Gospel, the impact will be noticeable. But, perhaps only fanatics will do this.

There will be a day when we will all answer for the priorities we have set for ourselves. On that day I wonder how many of us would say to the Lord, "Don't call me a religious fanatic"?

~Paul Hoover~

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Steve Wilcher

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett **Lead Singing** Stanley Graves First Prayer Don Sullivan Billy Gilbert Reading Scripture Ephesians 1:13,14 *Chip Cantrell Lord's Table (N) *Don Griffith (S)Kraig Campbell (N) (N) Lee Gann J.B. Gribble (N) Marty Boles **(S) (S)** Shannon Griffin Hoyt Crouch (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence Clyde Christian **Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Stanley Graves
First Prayer
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table
Sermon

(473-8760) Dale Bennett
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Wednesday Bible Study

Dismiss

Announcements
Lead Singing
First Prayer
Reading
Invitation
Dismiss

(668-2632) Steve Hillis
Young Men
Kurt Maynard
Rurt Merritt
W.C. Chilton
Bob Cantrell

Welcome Committee

A.M. Noel & Martha Pepper P.M. Bruce Pryor Family

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

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Attend Nursery: Heather Campbell

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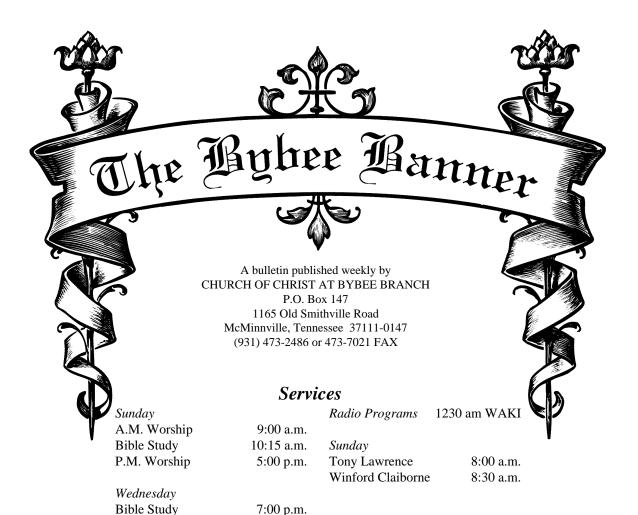
Pantry Item: Baked Beans

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	316
Bible Study	248
P.M. Worship	211
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At Home:

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Glenda Faye Bell-home with pneumonia
Dollie Maynard (mother of Joe Maynard and
Gail Crouch) home from hospital not doing
well.

In The Hospital:

Pearl Mitchell-Riverpark Rehab
Angie McPeak (daughter-in-law of Joe & Dora
McPeak)-suffered heart attack.
Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. The Holy Spirit in Ephesians P.M. Bible Things In Bible Ways (Miracles)

Gospel Meetings

Bonner church of Christ, March 3-5, at 7:00 pm with Samuel Jones preaching.

East End church of Christ, March 12-17, at 7:00 pm with Randy Kea preaching.

There will also be a Lectureship at the **Dunlap church** of **Christ**, March 4, from 8:15am to 2:50 pm with Jim Waldron, Don Iverson, Jim Burnette, Jim Lewis, and Roger Campbell speaking.

Don't forget our meeting on April 9-13, with Keith Mosher preaching!

Six Baptisms!

There is no way to describe the joy and happiness within the Hispanic congregation with six baptisms Sunday evening following worship. Margarito Rodriguez, Oscar Rodriguez, Juana Rodriguez, Esteban Rodriguez, Haydee Rodriguez, and Tony Garibaldi were all baptized into Christ. Also, the attendance continues to grow. There were 55 present at the Hispanic congregation Sunday morning.



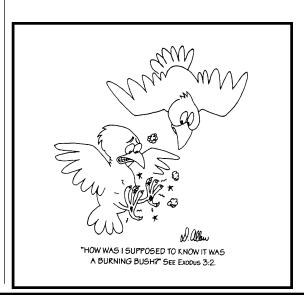
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Ladies "Bears" Project

The ladies will meet on Monday night, March 6, to work on their "Bears" project. These stuffed animals are given to sick children at the Riverpark clinic.



March 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	\sqrt{Thu}	ırsday	Friday	Saturday	
Sunday	Monady	Tuestay	Eddie Palmer	Stanley M Lacy Paci	IcInery	MIKE & SHARON DRIVER	Drucilla Crouch Tara Leigh Felty	<u></u>
Tommy Crouch	BILLY & JUNETTA	David McColloch	Glyna Lee	1 RALPH &		Kaitlyn Reynolds	3	4
Ralph Crouch	GILBERT Flossie Warren Benji Biles Ladies "Bears" project at 6:30 pm	Kaci Chilton Minnie Whiteaker	Kees Kalonick	DRUCILI CROUCH ROGER & KALONI Juanita Ca	ł & JAN CK	Phillip Smith Roger Kalonick		
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	STEVE & ANGIE CALDWELL Jan Kalonick					Lynder Holmes	Scena Christian Hallie Cantrell Matthew Young Kaitlyn Thaxton	
Bible Bowl at	School of Bible						KEN & NONA MARTIN	
New Union 2:00 pm	Emphasis at Mt.Leo							
12	7:00 pm 13 Carol Boyd Ada Mayfield Michael Griffith Robert Garibaldi	Katie Wanamaker	JOE T. & MARY LOIS CANTRELL JOE & BECKY MAYNARD Ronnie Rogers Becky Maynard Calvin Rogers	Doris Sm	16 ith	SIDNEY & JENNIFER GROVES	Brett Merritt	18
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Jonathan Goodman Johnny Anderson	Larry Goodman	JOHN & JUDY NUSSBAUM	Ĭ		t TERESA	Lela Ann Johnson Delanie Sullivan		
	School of Bible Emphasis at Mt.Leo 7:00 pm							
26	7.00 pm 27	28	3	29	30	31		

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett **Lead Singing Leonard Clemons** First Prayer Doug Hendrixson Bill Womack Reading Ephesians 1:15-18 Scripture Lord's Table (N) *Ronnie Prince *Willie Newby (S)Lynn Gann (N) (N) Chris Jones Dickie Kesey (N) Joe T. Cantrell **(S) (S)** Micah Lawrence (S) Joe Maynard Sermon Tony Lawrence **David Chilton** Dismiss

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett **Lead Singing Leonard Clemons** First Prayer Ricky Prince David McColloch Reading Scripture 2 Corinthians 12:1-4 Lord's Table *Bob Mayfield *Jim Slatton Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Steve Boyd

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements
Lead Singing
John Biddle
First Prayer
Lemmie Bratten
Reading
Joe Roller
Invitation
Tony Lawrence
Dismiss
Ken Martin

Welcome Committee

A.M. Ken & Glynna Lee P.M. Ronnie Rogers Family

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Danny Duncan & Allen Hughes

Attend Nursery: Janie Griffin

Lock Building: David McColloch

Pantry Item: Peanut Butter

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	325
Bible Study	268
P.M. Worship	220
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution \$5,	067

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Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Elders Deacons **Bob Bonner** 473-6992 Steve Boyd W.C. Chilton Don Griffith 668-9006 **Leonard Clemons** Joe Collins Douglas Hendrixson 668-3115 Jeff Flatt Billy Gilbert 473-3570 Stanley Graves Rodney Reynolds Willie Newby Jim Slatton

Preacher

At Home:

Daisy Maxwell Glenda Faye Bell W.C. Chilton Barbara King Dora Wilcher Eugene Jones

In The Hospital:

Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro

New Arrival

Congratulations to Will & Teresa Johnson on the birth of a baby boy, Issac Cole Johnson, in San Antonio, TX. Mother and baby are now home fine. Proud grandparents are Calvin & Nancy Rogers.

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Cleo McBride, grandmother of our Carol Boyd, she passed away this past weekend and her funeral was Sunday in Ripley, Tennessee.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Enlightened Eyes P.M. Would You Be Happy In Heaven?

Gospel Meetings

East End church of Christ, March 12-17, at 7:00 pm with Randy Kea preaching.

Don't forget our meeting on April 9-13, with Keith Mosher preaching!

Restoration

We rejoice with the restoration of Jane Wilcher at the services Sunday morning. Please pray for her.

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

Magdalene Taylor

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

Norcliff Life Care Center; 85 Main St. N.; Hagersville, Ontario NOA-1H0 Canada Stanley McInery (905) 768-4612

Alvin C. York VA Nursing Home/Murfreesboro:

Joe Maxwell (Room 139) 3400 Lebanon Rd.

Home:

Carolyn Cantrell

Edith Cantrell

Jane Golden

Rozelle Goodman

Willene Kell

Pearl Mitchell

Bessie Parker

June Slatton

Bertha Stewart

Clock Watchers

Brief sermons are in great demand. If one could package and sell twenty minute sermons with "pre-heat and serve" instructions, he would become an instant Forbes celebrity. The "hurry up and get this over with" philosophy has found a home in the church.

"If a man cannot strike oil in twenty minutes, he is drilling with a dull bit" may provide a chuckle, but not from the spiritual mind intent on drinking deep from the well of living water. Sunday's high noon sounds the gun for the Indianapolis 500 to the local restaurants; beating the Baptists to the drumstick has become a sporting event.

One brother said, "When the sermon goes overtime, I turn it off." Rest assured he never said that about his favorite television program. One can easily discern Sunday's time of day by taking note of the activity in the pew. Proceeding past the "allotted time" is like scraping the top of an ant bed. Overtime is no man's land where preachers void of stout hearts fear to tread.

Some attempt to justify this disturbing lack of interest in God, worship and the gospel by pointing to man's diminutive attention span. This is insane. The application of this point is always limited to small children or adults in a worship assembly. The truth is, the capacity of one's concentration is dependent upon his sense of priority and interest. One lack in spirituality can devote rapt attention for several hours to some entertainment medium, while experiencing a severe shortage of mental vigilance under the sound of gospel preaching.

Missionaries tell of people who walk for miles to sit for hours on backless boards in thatched huts and scorching heat to feast on the treasures of the gospel. It is indeed tragic when one's interest in spiritual things can be exhausted during the course of a thirty minute sermon.

~Frank Chesser~

Bible Bowl

This coming Sunday will be the final Bible Bowl for this school year. It will be at the New Union congregation in Manchester. The bus will leave at 1:15 sharp. Our young people have performed exceptionally over the past several years, demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of the Bible.

There will be a study session for the Bible Bowl this Saturday evening from 5-8 pm at the home of Ken & Nona Martin.



New Songbooks

The new songbooks are here! You can still purchase a songbook if you desire in memory or honor of someone. Please get one of the blank envelopes on the table in the foyer and put in \$8.00 per book for the number you wish to pay for. On the outside of the envelope, please put the name(s) of the person(s) in whose memory or honor the book is being donated and the name(s) of those donating them. It would be greatly appreciated if you would PRINT as this would make it easier to read and spell the names correctly in the songbooks. Please give this to one of the elders. We would like to complete this week.

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Eddie Palmer

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett Joe Collins **Lead Singing** Bob Mayfield First Prayer Calvin Rogers Reading Scripture Ephesians 2:1-10 Lord's Table (N) *Ken Martin *W.C. Chilton (S)Jeff Bond (N) John Nussbaum (N) Jeff Templeton (N) **(S)** Ryan Kesey George Trail **(S)** Tyler Boyd (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence Kelly Thaxton **Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
First Prayer
Reading
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table
Sermon

(473-8760) Dale Bennett

Joe Collins
Rodney Reynolds
Reiding
Eric Fisher
Matthew 22:1-4

*Chuck Boles
*Dennis Gann
Tony Lawrence

Wednesday Bible Study

Dismiss

Announcements
Lead Singing
Stanley Graves
First Prayer
Reading
Invitation
Dismiss
Stanley Graves
Bob Bonner
Rodney Reynolds
Winfrey Hennessee

Welcome Committee

A.M. Mike Driver Family P.M. Jason & Sonia Vandagriff

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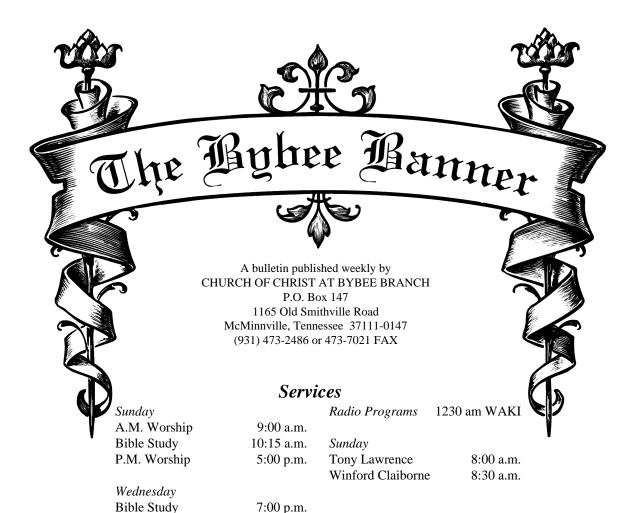
Pantry Item: Crackers

Record For The Week...

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Bible Study	264
P.M. Worship	225
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Preacher
Tony Lawrence
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At Home:

Daisy Maxwell
Barbara King
Eugene Jones
Mildred Gambrell
Avie Clemons
Kevin Flatt
Marty & Sharon Boles
Lawrence Lane

In The Hospital:

Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro Violet Webb-Riverpark recuperating from a fall

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Dying To Live P.M. Preparing For A Great Gospel Meeting

Gospel Meetings

East End church of Christ, March 12-17, at 7:00 pm with Randy Kea preaching.

Dibrell church of Christ, April 2-7, at 7:00 pm with Stan Stevenson preaching.

Leoni church of Christ, April 2-5, at 7:00 pm with Dan Winkler preaching.

Iglesia de Cristo (the Hispanic congregation), April 7-9, services at 7:00 pm with David Esparza preaching.

Don't forget our meeting on April 9-13, with Keith Mosher preaching!

Work Day

There will be a work day at the church building on Saturday, March 25, at 8:00 am. All men are asked to help. Please bring shovels, chain saws, seed sowers, fertilizer spreaders, and rakes. In case of rain, make up day will be April 1.

Bible Bowl

Congratulations to our young people again for coming in first place in the Bible Bowl missing none on the test. They also took first place for the year as well. This is four years straight that they have placed first overall. This year they only missed four questions all year long! This is a credit to their parents and teachers. A special thanks goes to Steve Hillis for his excellent work in preparing the young people and the constant encouragement that he provides. Thank you Steve!

Congratulations also to Earleyville for placing second, Main Street and New Hope third, and East End along with Rockliff for fourth. Over all New Hope and Earleyville tied for second place, Main Street came in third, and Leoni took fourth place. Our area is truly blessed with so many good young people.

Directory Updates

Would you please make the following corrections in your church directories:

new address
David & Stefanie McColloch
P.O. Box 74
Viola, TN 37394-0074

new phone number Glenda Faye Bell - 474-4574

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The bi-monthly Elders-Deacons Meeting will be this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm.

Grades 5-9 Fellowship

All boys and girls in grades 5-9 are invited to the home of Tim & Cindy Fisher on Saturday, March 25, from 6-8 pm for a fellowship.

Missionary Society And The Church Today

It seems as if few today understand the missionary society, what it was, and why it was wrong. The ignorance on this subject is contributing to some potentially serious problems today. There are some very real parallels between the missionary society and some organizations being promoted today. Consider, if you will, a little bit of history and see if you don't perceive the same.

The church in the early 1800's spread and moved into new territories in America. This paralleled the same sort of expansion that was taking place in our country as the population began to spread westward. There was an intense desire to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ into these new territories. These Christians knew that unless there was a preacher sent there would not be hearing and ultimately obedience to the Lord (Rom. 10:13-15). At the same time, most of the churches that existed then were relatively small. A desire to spread the Gospel coupled with a lack of funds, churches banded together to evangelize the expanding population. Robert Hooper records a very important meeting that took place here in Warren County, "A number of meetings had been held during the 1840's to discuss the proclamation of the gospel in Middle Tennessee. The most important was assembled in Warren County during November 1847, at which time the plan for a state cooperation was presented. The concept was generally accepted by those present at the Philadelphia meetinghouse...David's brother, William, was the secretary of the Christian Evangelizing Association of Tennessee for 1855. Calling for a meeting at Philadelphia, Warren County, for the third Lord's Day of October, he listed topics and speakers for the meeting." [Robert E. Hooper, Crying In The Wilderness: A Biography of David Lipscomb, (Nashville: David Lipscomb College, 1979), pp. 52,53]. No one would question that these men desired to do good, but as they later began to understand because of the efforts of men like Tolbert Fanning, these associations and organizations were unscriptural. The Disciples of Christ author, Herman Norton, recorded, "After the lengthy discussion, which included much reading from the New Testament, the consensus was reached that the cooperation of churches in religious endeavors was scripturally sound. Lead by Philip Fall, the Nashville pastor, the assembly further agreed that such organizations as missionary societies were unscriptural and therefore had no authority to perform services for the churches." [Herman Norton, Tennessee Christians (Nashville: Reed and Company, 1971), p. 120]. What this indicates is that after much debate they realized these organizations, separate and above the local church, had no authority to exist. The Lord gave the local church to do this work. The scriptural pattern involved the local church, overseen by a plurality of elders, doing the work which God gave the church to do.

This brings one to the present situation that exists today. Like 150 years ago, men want to do good. And, it seems sometimes that the task to be accomplished seems bigger than what any one church can do. As a result there are now several organizations that have been established to do the work that God gave the *church*to do. A case in point is the "Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc." This organization is *not* under the oversight of a local congregation of the church of Christ but is an independent corporation that answers to a board of directors and has an executive director. It is a benevolent society or association. In the Scriptures, these matters were handled by local churches with elders (cf. Acts 11:29,30). And, according to the latest newsletter (Vol. 1, Iss. 23, Jan, 2000), the corporation has expanded into evangelism. On page two they write, "Disaster Relief Expands Ministry. In response to requests from the leaders in many congregations where Disaster Relief has gone, the Board of Directors has taken the visionary step of establishing a Spiritual Follow-up Ministry. Incorporated into the great commission decreed by Jesus was the command to 'teach disciples.'..."

Brethren, though good might be done and brethren mean well this is without scriptural authority.

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett **Lead Singing** Stanley Graves First Prayer Jeff Flatt Jason Vandagriff Reading Scripture Ephesians 2:11-22 *Allen Hughes Lord's Table (N) *Larry Flatt **(S)** Steve Boyd (N) Harley Northcutt (N) (N) Abram Pryor Tom McColloch **(S) (S)** Eugene Wilcher Shane Fisher (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence **Buell Warren Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

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Dismiss Tommy Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

(668-2632) Steve Hillis Announcements **Lead Singing** Tim Fisher First Prayer Danny Duncan Bruce Pryor Reading Tony Lawrence Invitation Dismiss Ronnie Rogers

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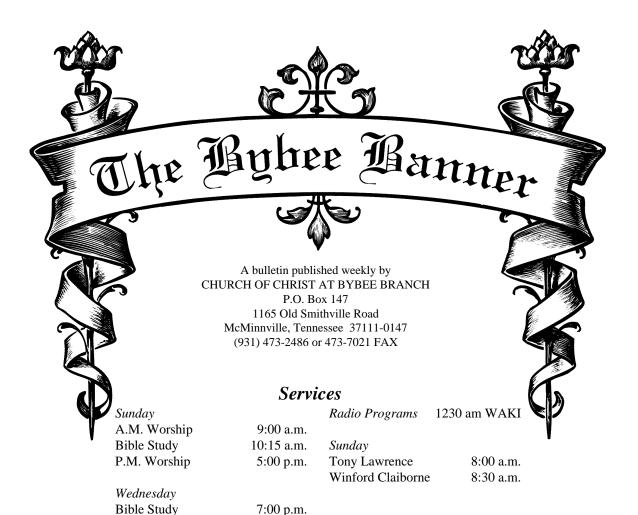
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P.M. Worship	
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Haley McColloch
Kaitlyn Reynolds
Lawrence Lane
Jackie Pelham (following bypass surgery)

In The Hospital:

Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro Violet Webb-Riverpark recuperating from a fall

Sunday's Sermons

Gospel Meetings

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Hispanic congregation

Our brothers and sisters in the Hispanic congregation continue to grow and progress. This past Sunday morning a new record was set with 76 in attendance. One came forward to be restored, Marisela Gaona. Please continue to pray for Roberto and his family as they work with the Spanish speaking population in Warren County.

Traditions Of Men

A young married lady was fixing a fancy ham dinner for her husband. As she was about to place the ham into the oven she took a knife and cut the end of it off. Her husband ask, "Why did you cut the end off the ham?" She replied, "I don't know; that's they way mamma always did it."

Later, at the family reunion the young couple asked mother why she always cut off the end of the ham. She answered, "That's the way mamma always did it." They went to grandmother and asked her why she always cut the ham's end off, and she said, "I cut the end off because my pan was too small!"

Likewise, in religion many follow the traditions of men without question or investigation and, friends, it is of far more serious consequence than losing the end of hams. Jesus denounced the traditions of the Pharisees, said, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:9). Paul admonished, "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ" (Colossians 2:8).

~copied fromThe Chapman Challenger~

Wrong is Always Wrong

In a time of loose and sagging morals, Satan provides many rationalizations for improper behavior. Those who would live faithful Christian lives must not be "ignorant" of his "devices." (II Corinthians 2:11). Wrong is always wrong despite our efforts to excuse our actions.

- 1. WRONG IS WRONG, EVEN IF YOU DON'T GET CAUGHT. Let us remember that "the eyes of the Lord are in every place beholding the evil and the good" (Proverbs 15:13).
- 2) WRONG IS WRONG, EVEN IF YOU DO IT FOR A GOOD CAUSE. The honorable purpose does not justify a dishonorable deed or action. The end never justifies the means. "All sin is transgression of the law" (I John 3:4; 5:17; II John 9).
- 3) WRONG IS WRONG, EVEN IF OTHERS ARE DOING WORSE THINGS. It will be of little comfort to you in the day of judgment, if you should be lost, knowing that others did things you considered worse than your sins. Remember, "The thought of sin is foolishness" (Proverbs 24:9).
- 4) WRONG IS WRONG, EVEN IF IT DOESN'T BOTHER YOUR CONSCIENCE. The conscience can be trained or educated to accept wrong-doings, and even an honest sin or evil done in sincerity is sinful in the sight of the Holy God. "...What ever a man sows, that shall a man reap" (Galatians 6:7).
- 5) WRONG IS WRONG, EVEN IF IT IS COMMONLY CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE. The Bible says, "Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil" (Exodus 23:2). The Christian should "enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it and pass away" (Proverbs 4:4, 5). "Prove all things and hold fast to that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil" (I Thessalonians 5:21-22).

REMEMBER, THERE IS NEVER A RIGHT WAY TO DO A WRONG!!!

~The Shiloh Salute~

Results of Tract Giving

A man was giving out Gospel tracts on a steamer. One gentleman whom he approached accepted a tract graciously but said, "I haven't much faith in that kind of work." The Christian worker replied, "It was through a Gospel tract given to me in Glasgow twenty years ago that I converted." Asking for particulars, the gentleman discovered that it was he who had given him the tract! He had ceased to do this because he saw so little results from his efforts. He added, "But by the grace of God I shall start again!"

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Come work for the Lord. The work is hard, the hours are long and the pay is low. But the retirement benefits are out of this world!

Volume 43, Number 14 April 2, 2000

Sunday Morning Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements Joe Collins **Lead Singing** Noel Pepper First Prayer Harold McGinness Reading Scripture **TBA** Lord's Table (N) *Danny Duncan *Chuck Boles Kevin Judkins (N) (N) Bran Merritt Tyler Boyd (N) Rodney Maynard **(S) (S)** Marc Martin Dickie Kesey (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Kraig Campbell

Sunday Evening Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements Lead Singing Joe Collins First Prayer Caleb Graves Tom McColloch Reading Scripture **TBA** Lord's Table *Ricky Prince *W.C. Chilton Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Chuck Medley

Wednesday Bible Study

Gospel Meeting

Welcome Committee

A.M. Lemmie & Brenda Bratten P.M. Eugene & Doris Wilcher

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Jeff Bond & Leonard Crouch

Attend Nursery: Melba Bonner

Lock Building: Jason Vandagriff

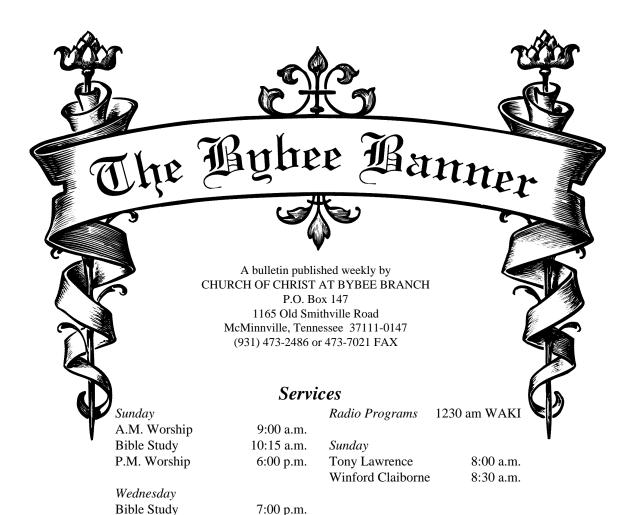
Pantry Item: Baked Beans

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	332
Bible Study	267
P.M. Worship	252
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution\$4	,359

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Preacher
Tony Lawrence
email

rence 473-8079 alawrence@blomand.net

At Home:

Daisy Maxwell Susan Pryor Jackie Pelham (following bypass surgery) Edna Smith (suffering from a bad fall)

In The Hospital:

Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro Violet Webb-Riverpark (she hopes to go home this week)

Sunday's Sermons

Gospel Meetings

West Sparta church of Christ, April 2-4, at 7:00 pm with Chad Ramsey preaching.

Dibrell church of Christ, April 2-7, at 7:00 pm with Stan Stevenson preaching.

Leoni church of Christ, April 2-5, at 7:00 pm with Dan Winkler preaching.

Shady Grove church of Christ, April 7-9, at 7:30 pm with Ken Chambers preaching.

Morrison church of Christ, April 9-12, at 7:00 pm with Tom Holland preaching.

West Riverside church of Christ, April 9-13, at 7:00 pm with James Watkins preaching.

Iglesia de Cristo (the Hispanic congregation), April 7-9, services at 7:00 pm with David Esparza preaching.

Don't forget our meeting THIS COMING WEEK, with Keith Mosher preaching!

NOTICE: Gospel Meeting Change

Due to a misunderstanding in scheduling the Gospel Meeting, it will be one week earlier than we have been announcing. Brother Mosher was under the impression that it was the "second of April" and we were under the impression it was the "second Sunday of April." He already had other obligations scheduled the second week (and airline tickets bought). Hence, our Gospel Meeting will be April 2-6. All this means is that we must get on the ball inviting our guests!

Meals For Meeting

The visitation groups will prepare the evening meals during the Gospel Meeting each night starting at 5:30 pm. Groups in charge are:

Monday Night	Group I
Tuesday Night	Group II
Wednesday Night	Group III
Thursday Night	Group IV

There will be a covered dish meal on Sunday morning following services.

Time Change

This weekend is also the time for Daylight Savings Time to begin. Set you clocks ahead one hour.

The time for Sunday evening services will also change back to 6:00 pm this Sunday.

Ladies Spring Retreat

The Ladies Spring Retreat will be May 5th & 6th. There will be a planning meeting next Sunday night, April 2nd. Right after evening worship. This is also the deadline for turning in money to Donna Newby or Carol Boyd. Information sheets are in the lobby. All ladies are invited to go!

April 2000

Sunday	<u>,</u>	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Adelia Smith				Brenda Bratten Sherry Graves	Edna Lee Smith Sharla Hillis Sharon Boles	Christine Cantrell	Ryan McKinney
		Gospel M	leeting Wi	th Keith M	losher		
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		Amy Prince	Dora Wilcher	Karla Garibaldi	Tyler Judkins		Eugene Wilcher Donna Anderson
		Ladies Bear Project					Holly Prince
		6:30					
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Betty Lane Lou-Shawna Scot	tt	Bill Brown	Wanda Hendrixson Frank Reynolds	J.B. & CHRISTINE GRIBBLE	Tamara Campbell Tony Lawrence	Jane Golden Denice Reynolds	Cody Lee Prince Junetta Gilbert
				Lynette Maynard Hannah Maynard	STEVE & SHARLA HILLIS		
				,			
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Betty Hill		Leslie Caldwell Angie Caldwell	Lemmie Bratten Martha Pepper		
				Betsy Hill Kristin Maynard	Dustin Rhea		
}	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30						

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Sunday Morning Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements Leonard Clemons **Lead Singing** Winfrey Hennessee First Prayer Ken Martin Reading Scripture Ephesians 3:8-11 *Lemmie Bratten Lord's Table (N) *Ken Lee (S)Ralph Crouch (N) (N) Don Johnson **Brett Merritt** (N) Harry Felty **(S) (S) Brandon McGinness** Lee Gann (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence **Bob Cantrell Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements Lead Singing Leonard Clemons First Prayer Dennis Gann Shane Fisher Reading Hebrews 5:12-14 Scripture Lord's Table *Jeff Flatt *Calvin Rogers Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Bill Womack

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements
Lead Singing
Micah Lawrence
First Prayer
Willie Newby
Reading
Invitation
Tony Lawrence
Dismiss
Micah Lawrence
Willie Newby
Kelly Thaxton
Tony Lawrence
Bob Mayfield

Welcome Committee

A.M. Joe T. & Mary Lois Cantrell P.M. Shannon Griffin Family

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Ushers: Danny Duncan & Allen Hughes

Attend Nursery: Regina Templeton

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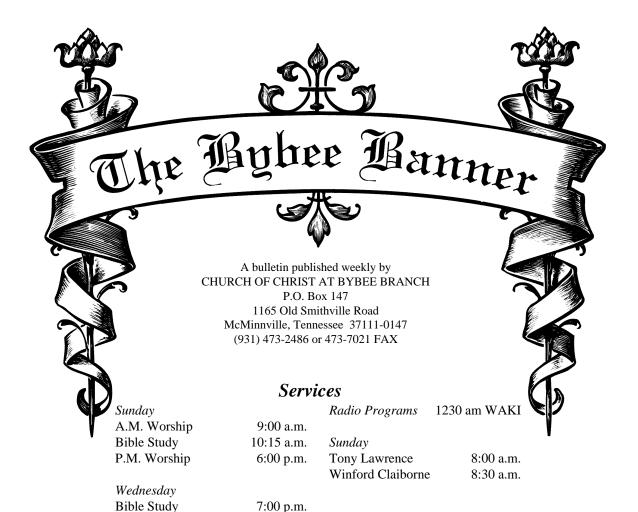
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Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	320
Bible Study	265
P.M. Worship	247
Wednesday Bible Study	200
Contribution\$4	,419

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At Home:

Daisy Maxwell
Jackie Pelham (following bypass surgery)
Edna Smith (suffering from a bad fall)
Violet Webb(home following extended stay in
Riverpak Rehab)

Lisa Chilton June Crouch Melinda Martin Bailey Martin Mary Davis

surgery

In The Hospital:

Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro
Joshua Templeton (heart catheterization &
possible balloon surgery on Wednesday)
Paula Ramsey (Melinda Martin's mother)Riverpark
Dana Roller-to enter Baptist on Friday for

Sunday's Sermons

Gospel Meetings

Shady Grove church of Christ, April 7-9, at 7:30 pm with Ken Chambers preaching.

Morrison church of Christ, April 9-12, at 7:00 pm with Tom Holland preaching.

West Riverside church of Christ, April 9-13, at 7:00 pm with James Watkins preaching.

Iglesia de Cristo (the Hispanic congregation), April 7-9, services at 7:00 pm with David Esparza preaching.

Bluff Springs church of Christ, April 16-21, at 7:30 pm with Larry Acuff preaching.

Ladies Bears Project

The "bears" project for the ladies will meet this coming Monday evening at 6:30. It was postponed one week due to the Gospel Meeting. If you have questions, please see June Crouch.

5th-9th Boys

There will be a fellowship activity for boys in grades 5-9 on Saturday, April 15 from 5-8 pm, at the Eastside Gym.

Makin' Music Trip

There will be a trip to Freed-Hardeman University this Friday evening for all those going to the Makin' Music program. There will be a short meeting following services on Wednesday night. Please try to be there.

You Finish The Story

Once there was a congregation in which every member was just like you! Each one cooperated and supported every program just the way you have been doing. Everyone worked as hard and attended the same services and gospel meetings that you did. The elders, deacons, and preachers were all interested in the church as you are at this time. They put the same emphasis on their recreation, business and other material affairs that you did. Within a year or so, this congregation...

Via The Chapman Challenger • Ripley, MS

Consider These...

"It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin."

"Looking at the way some people live, they ought to obtain eternal fire insurance soon."

"If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.

Shut-ins

Help us keep this list up-to-date.

NHC Health Care:

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

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

Norcliff Life Care Center; 85 Main St. N.; Hagersville, Ontario NOA-1H0 Canada Stanley McInery (905) 768-4612

Home:

Carolyn Cantrell
Edith Cantrell
Jane Golden
Rozelle Goodman
Willene Kell
Pearl Mitchell
Bessie Parker
June Slatton
Bertha Stewart

"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." James 1:27, NKJV.

"How The Church Voted"

The church on the corner took a series of votes on matters of importance to the congregation and the results were not just surprising, but alarming. Listed below are some of the issues that were voted on, along with the final results.

Should the church:	For	Against
Sing during worship service?	90%	10%
Partake of communion weekly?	78%	22%
Worship on Sunday evening?	49%	51%
Attend Wednesday Bible Class?	39%	61%
Give generously to the Lord?	20%	80%
Visit the sick in hospitals?	15%	85%
Visit those in nursing homes?	12%	88%

When asked how the votes were taken, the elders replied that the members were not asked their opinions on the matters, nor were they asked what the Bible taught. Instead of asking for a show of hands, the congregation voted with their feet! In other words, if their feet brought them to services, they voted "for". If their feet did not carry them to Wednesday Bible class they voted "against". They also voted with their voices (singing), participation (communion), and wallets (giving).

The elders felt that a show of hands would have produced a result more in keeping with the guidance of scripture, but taking the votes in this manner allowed them to find out how the members lived, and not just claimed to believe. If your vote had been tallied, how would you have voted: **For or Against?**

Via The Challenger • Carbondale, IL

Remember Bo at MSOP

Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon 8932 Links Drive East • Apt. 102 Memphis, TN 38125 (901) 309-2126

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Sunday Morning Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements **Lead Singing** Stanley Graves First Prayer Billy Gilbert Reading Larry Flatt Scripture Ephesians 4:1-4 Lord's Table (N) *John Biddle *Steve Boyd (S)Jim Slatton (N) Edgar Webb (N) Willie Newby (N) J.B. Gribble **(S) (S)** Joe Roller Lynn Gann (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence Clyde Christian **Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements Lead Singing Stanley Graves First Prayer Dale Bennett Micah Lawrence Reading Scripture 2 Peter 1:1-4 Lord's Table *Eddie Plmer *Joe T. Cantrell Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Allen Hughes

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements
Lead Singing
Tim Fisher
First Prayer
Reading
Invitation
Dismiss
(815-9040) Chip Cantrell
Tim Fisher
Doug Hendrixson
Ronnie Rogers
Kelly Thaxton

Welcome Committee

A.M. Eddie Palmer Family P.M. Leonard & June Crouch

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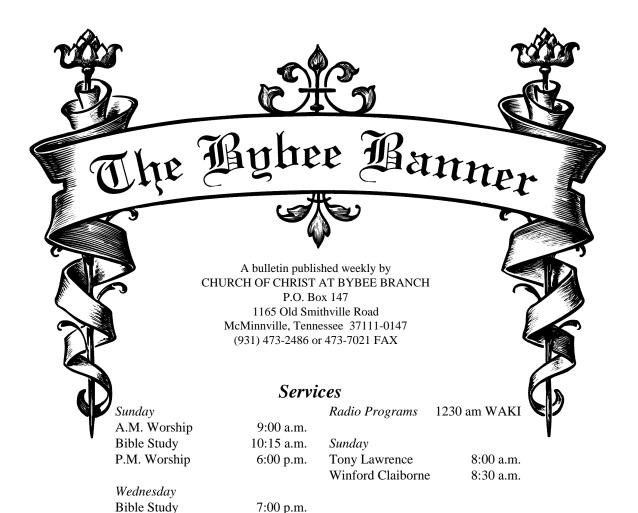
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Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	335
Bible Study	263
P.M. Worship	269
Wednesday Bible Study	232
Contribution \$5	,744

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		Jim Slatton	-

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Tony Lawrence

At Home:

Jackie Pelham-following bypass surgery
Judy Nussbaum-following a fall
Dana Roller-following surgery
Lawrence Lane-following surgery
Violet Webb(home following extended stay in
Riverpak Rehab)
Susan Pryor

In The Hospital:

Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Unity Of The Spirit P.M. Standing On The Promises

Gospel Meetings

Morrison church of Christ, April 9-12, at 7:00 pm with Tom Holland preaching.

West Riverside church of Christ, April 9-13, at 7:00 pm with James Watkins preaching.

Berea church of Christ, April 16-18, at 7:00 pm with Stan Stevenson preaching.

Bluff Springs church of Christ, April 16-21, at 7:30 pm with Larry Acuff preaching.

Welcome

On Wednesday evening sister Lueverne Lang Collins came forward to be restored. Sunday morning the elders announced her placing membership with us.

TABS

The Teen Age Bible Studies will be this Sunday evening at the New Union congregation at 6:00 pm. The group will leave the building at 5:00 pm.

5th-9th Boys

There will be a fellowship activity for boys in grades 5-9 on Saturday, April 15 from 5-8 pm, at the Eastside Gym.

Gospel Meeting Review

This past week concluded one of the best Gospel Meetings in recent years. Brother Keith Mosher did an excellent job preaching the simple Truth of God's word. We also had good attendance since two of our sister congregations were also having meetings.

Monday Night	176
Tuesday Night	238
Wednesday Night	232
Thursday Night	225

Hispanic Meeting

The meeting at the Hispanic congregation was a resounding success. The attendance figures were:

Friday Evening	96
Saturday Evening	142
Sunday AM Worship	126
Sunday PM Worship	56

While there were no public responses at the Gospel Meeting one lady, Carmen Martinez, while returning home to Shelbyville asked those driving if she could obey the Gospel and she was baptized in Shelbyville that evening.

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Romans 12:1,2, KJV.

What if you received this message?

Typing in the wrong email address could cause some serious harm.

Consider the case of the Illinois man who left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day. When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unable to find the scrap of paper on which he had written her email address he did his best to type it in from memory. Unfortunately, he missed one letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife, whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint. At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

Dearest Wife,

Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

Signed,

Your eternally loving husband.

PS — Sure is hot down here.

~submitted by Donna Anderson~

WANTED

- PEOPLE who are as interested in the church on Sunday and Wednesday night as they are on Sunday morning.
- Who are as liberal with their money as with their advice.
- Who are willing to deny themselves in order to serve God.
- Who love God more than pleasure (2 Tim. 3:4)
- Who are not only church members but also church workers.
- Who are willing to let church work interfere with their work and pleasure.
- Who are willing to spend at least half as much of their time studying the Bible as they do watching television.
- Who can be half as enthusiastic about a gospel meeting as about the World Series or the Super Bowl.
- Who are as anxious to tell others the good news of the gospel as they are to tell them the latest gossip.
- Who are willing to practice in their lives what they say they believe in their hearts.
- Who aspire to be leaders in the church purely for the good they can do for others and the greater service they can render to God.
- Who can object to something without becoming objectionable, and who can disagree without becoming disagreeable.

~Author Unknown~

Volume 43, Number 17 April 23, 2000

Sunday Morning Worship

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Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Leonard Clemons
First Prayer
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table
Sermon

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Leonard Clemons
Don Sullivan
David Chilton
2 Kings 22:8, 11-13
*Danny Duncan
*Ken Martin
Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Don Griffith

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements
Lead Singing
First Prayer
Reading
Invitation
Calvin Rogers
Tony Lawrence
Dismiss
(815-9040) Chip Cantrell
John Biddle
Calvin Rogers
Chuck Boles
Tony Lawrence
Ken Lee

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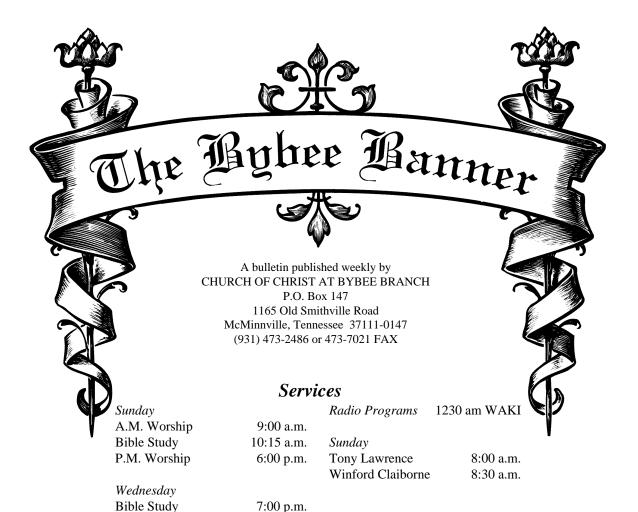
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Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	309
Bible Study P.M. Worship	253
P.M. Worship	*203
Wednesday Bible Study	232
Contribution*Young people away at TABS	\$4,667
*Young people away at TABS	

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Sunday's Sermons

A.M. The Maturity Of The Church P.M. Have You Lost Your Bible?

Gospel Meetings

Berea church of Christ, April 16-18, at 7:00 pm with Stan Stevenson preaching.

Bluff Springs church of Christ, April 16-21, at 7:30 pm with Larry Acuff preaching.

Old Philadelphia church of Christ, May 7-12, at 7:30 pm with different speakers preaching. Bybee Branch will be in charge of the services on Tuesday evening.

Singing

Morrison church of Christ, April 28, 7:00-11:00 pm.

What Will Money Buy?

It will buy a bed, but not sleep.

It will buy books, but not brains.

It will buy food, but not an appetite.

It will buy finery, but not beauty.

It will buy medicine, but not health.

It will buy a house, but not a home.

It will buy amusement, but not happiness.

It will buy preaching, but not the truth.

It will buy a Bible, but not salvation.

~Selected~

Baptisms & Restorations

There was joy in the presence of the angels of heaven this past week (Lk. 15:10). This past Sunday evening sister Sarah Kell asked the elders to pray for her to be restored to faithfulness. On Wednesday evening, her husband Asa Kell and his sister, Betty Upton came forward to be baptized. Also coming forward to be restored was Roberto Parmley. We welcome these four to Bybee Branch.

Please add their names and addresses to your church directory:

Asa & Sarah Kell 1085 McCollum Bend Road McMinnville, TN 37110-8809 668-4719

Betty Upton 383 McCollum Bend Road McMinnville, TN 37110-4862 668-9423

Roberto Parmley 989 Shady Rest Road McMinnville, TN 37110-4866 668-8435

Friendly Obstacles

For every hill I've had to climb,

For every stone that bruised my feet, For all the blood and sweat and grime,

For blinding storms and burning heat,

My heart sings but a grateful song—

These were the things that made me strong.

For all the heartaches and the tears, For all the anguish and the pain,

For gloomy days and fruitless years,

And for the hopes that lived in vain,

I give thanks, for now I know

These were the things that helped me grow. ~Anonymous~

The Audit!

Every time I get a letter with the "Internal Revenue Service" as the return address, my heart comes up to my throat! Even if the letter contains only information about changes in the law, etc., it gives me a scare. I try to be honest in dealing with my taxes, but I know I am fallible and I know the auditor is a hard taskmaster. So when I got the letter informing me I would have to justify my deductions for church contributions, I spent some nervous days awaiting my appointment. When the day arrived, a courteous young man examined the checks I presented to him and concluded I had actually given a little more than I had claimed. He thanked me and dismissed me.

Our government has given us a tax system based upon faith in our honesty. But audits are necessary in such a system to protect the honest from being overburdened by taxes and to punish the dishonest for their dishonesty.

Sometimes I think of this incident when I read passages in the Bible about the Judgment, such as in Matthew 25:31-46. God informed us that our life will be audited. We haven't been given the date, but we have been told it will be when we die, or when the Lord returns. God has put us on an honor system. We have His laws available, but He allows us to decide whether we will comply with them or not. Such a decision makes an audit necessary. To be fair to the just, God must punish the unjust. Knowing that our lives will be audited encourages us to live it right.

We do not have to live in constant fear, for the Auditor is a courteous, understanding, Being. He has a job to do, and He has laws that are guidelines for this audit. He isn't "out to get us". He is going to reward us for our honesty and faithfulness.

If we have taken too many liberties with our "returns", or if we have been willfully unlawful, we have reason to be concerned when the IRS calls us to an accounting. Likewise, if we have been to liberal in our interpretations of God's laws, we have reason for concern. But when we follow the rules, with a pure heart, the Auditor is no threat to us. He will reward our honesty.

There is one advantage the dishonest have when dealing with the IRS which he does not have when dealing with God. Only a small percent of the tax returns are audited...everyone will be audited by the Lord in the Last Day!

~Bill E. Smith-North MacArthur Church of Christ bulletin~

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (686-2117) Kurt Maynard Joe Collins **Lead Singing** Ronnie Rogers First Prayer Mike Driver Reading Scripture Ephesians 4:20-24 Lord's Table (N) *Tim Fisher *Shannon Griffin (S)Bob Mayfield (N) (N) Chris Jones Jason Vandagriff (N) Marty Boles **(S) (S)** Jeff Bond Steve Wilcher (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence W.C. Chilton **Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

(686-2115) Tyler Boyd Announcements Lead Singing Micah Lawrence First Prayer Joey Reynolds Reading Abram Pryor Scripture **TBA** Lord's Table *Mike Driver *Caleb Graves Sermon Chuck Medlev **Dismiss** Shane Fisher

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing Young Men
First Prayer Chuck Medley
Reading Kevin Judkins
Invitation Don Sullivan
Dismiss Billy Gilbert

Welcome Committee

A.M. Dana Roller & Denice Reynolds

P.M. Harry Felty Family

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Noel Pepper & George Trail

Attend Nursery: DawnWanamaker

Lock Building: Jason Vandagriff

Pantry Item: Canned Peaches

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship 36	6
A.M. Worship	3
P.M. Worship22	27
Wednesday Bible Study24	2
Contribution \$4,27	4

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		Jim Slatton	

Preacher

At Home:

Lawrence Lane Violet Webb Eugene Jones Thelma Glenn

In The Hospital:

Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Changing Our Spiritual Clothes P.M. Guest Speaker: Chuck Medley

Gospel Meetings

Northcutts Cove church of Christ, April 30-May 3, at 7:00 pm with Gerald Reynolds preaching.

Ward's Chapel church of Christ, April 29-30, will have their annual Lectureship. There are different speakers all day Saturday. Check the bulletin board for the schedule. The theme is: "come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord..."

Old Philadelphia church of Christ, May 7-12, at 7:30 pm with different speakers preaching. Bybee Branch will be in charge of the services on Tuesday evening.

Singing

Morrison church of Christ, April 28, 7:00-11:00 pm.

Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to the family of Gertrude James, grandmother of our Jeff Flatt. She passed away this past week.

Also we express our sympathy to the family of Ray Crouch, brother to our Hoyt and Leonard Crouch. His funeral was Sunday afternoon.



More Hispanic Baptisms

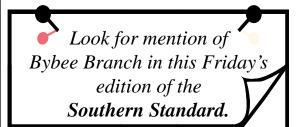
We rejoice that Sunday evening two more precious souls were baptized into Christ. Sunday evening following services the Hispanic congregation came to the Bybee Branch building to baptize Guillermo Martinez and Natividad Galindo into Christ. We rejoice with our Spanish speaking brethren.

Ladies Bears Project

This coming Monday evening will be the Ladies Bear Project. Those who can work to prepare the bears need to be a the building at 6:30 pm.

General Business Meeting

The quarterly mens' General Business Meeting will be this coming Sunday evening following the evening services. All of the men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.



MAY 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	EUGENE & DORIS WILCHER JEFF & REGINA TEMPLETON Ada Hensley	Betty Upton	Bob Cantrell	, Trumsuu,	Nan Cantrell DARRELL & LISA CHILTON	Bessie Parker
	Ladies' Bears					
	Project				LADIES 1	RETREAT
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Teresa Atnip	Tyler Boyd	Old Philadelphia Meeting Bybee Branch in	Regina Templeton Ryan McColloch	Violet Webb Joe Roller	LEONARD & JUNE CROUCH Ken Lee Kevin Flatt Jamie Hayes	Billy Gilbert
		charge				
7	GILBERT &	9	Melba Bonner	Mary Davis	12	13
	WILLENE KELL Pauline Watson JOHN & RACHEL EVERETT			,		
					PROM-ALTERNATIVE TRIP	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mattie Medley	13	10	LAWRENCE & BETTY LANE	Edgar Webb Pearl Biddle Bertha Stewart Eugene Jones	Terann Hillis	Rachel Flatt Billie Barlow
					Warren County High Graduation	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Robbie Vandagriff	Edith Cantrell	BOB & JUANITA CANTRELL Harold McGinness				
28	29	30	31			

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Jim Slatton

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt **Lead Singing Stanley Graves** Calvin Rogers First Prayer Ricky Prince Reading Scripture Ephesians 5:1-7 Lord's Table (N) *Eddie Palmer *Kelly Thaxton (S)Asa Kell (N) (N) Ryan Kesey Buell Warren (N) Harley Northcutt **(S) (S)** Tom McColloch Harold McGinness (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence Hoyt Crouch **Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Dismiss

Announcements (668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing Micah Lawrence
First Prayer Lemmie Bratten
Reading Eric Fisher
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Noel Pepper

Welcome Committee

A.M. Dot Foster & Lucille Newby P.M. Chip Cantrell Family

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Jeff Bond & Leonard Crouch

Attend Nursery: Cynthia Duncan

Lock Building: Mike Driver

Pantry Item: Spam

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	316
Bible Study	247
P.M. Worship	216
Wednesday Bible Study	250
Contribution\$	4,359

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Preacher
Tony Lawrence

At Home:

Violet Webb Eugene & Geogia Jones Thelma Glenn

In The Hospital:

Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro Clyde Christian-Centennial Medical Center Lucille Newby-Nashville Memorial (surgery Wednesday)

Sunday's Sermons

A.M	Followers Of God
P.M	Weights And Sins

Gospel Meetings

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Old Philadelphia church of Christ, May 7-12, at 7:30 pm with different speakers preaching. Bybee Branch will be in charge of the services on Tuesday evening. The bus will be carried.

Restoration

The angels of heaven rejoice when any child of God is restored to faithfulness (Lk. 15:10). Sunday morning sister Judy Nussbaum came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation.

Graduates

Those who are graduating from High School or college are encouraged to turn in a picture if you are graduating from High School or the school and degree if you are graduating from college and these will be highlighted in an upcoming edition of the Bybee Banner. We want to recognize those of our number that have reached this milestone in their lives.

Bibles For Nigeria

The Arlington congregation is collecting Bibles to ship to Nigeria. Most of us have several Bibles in our home which we never use. Why not share these with those who have none? We will be collecting Bibles until Sunday, May 14, then we will carry them to Arlington to be shipped to Nigeria.

Address Updates

Please make the following change in your church directory.

Clyde Christian 805 Red Road McMinnville, TN 37110-1305

Davis, George P.
DIV 236 SHIP 2
Recruit Training Command
3301 Indiana St.
Great Lake, IL 60088-3127
(This is Paul Davis, the son of Susan Pryor.)

Prom Alternative Trip

There will be a *very important* meeting this Sunday evening for those going on the Prom Alternative Trip. If you plan to go, you *must* be present at this meeting or make arrangements with Steve Hillis. This meeting will be to discuss the rules for those going on the trip and make all final arrangements.

VBS Meeting

The dates and plans for the VBS will be discussed this Sunday evening BEFORE services. Those who can help with VBS this year are asked to come at 5:30 and meet in Room 1. There are two proposed dates and other details need to be discussed. We need plenty of volunteers!

One Minute Bible Students

America has become a land of instant everything. One can purchase instant soup, instant coffee, instant iced tea, instant mashed potatoes, and countless other instant items. The advent of the microwave oven also has increased this demand for instantaneous fulfillment. No longer must hungry consumers wait thirty minutes for a meal to be prepared; now they can have it piping hot in only thirty seconds. If Americans cannot have it in an instant, then they do not want it at all.

Unfortunately, this attitude of having everything in an instant has not missed the realm of Christian life. Because Bible knowledge can never be attained instantaneously, many Christians in America neglect studying. This can be seen in the advertisement for a new "Bible" that is on the market: the "One Minute Bible." The advertisement for this book asks, "Never seem to have enough time to regularly read the Bible?" It then goes on to describe how the book is arranged into 366 daily one minute Bible readings that highlight "every primary Biblical topic and theme." Just like instant coffee, now there is instant Bible knowledge available, and all it takes is one minute per day!

This attitude toward Bible study contributes to the increasing departure from the faith that continues in the church today. Because brethren have not devoted the time to learning what God's will is, they are "...tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine,..." (Eph. 4:14). And there are many contrary winds blowing in the brotherhood today, whose destructive forces exceed those of any hurricane, tornado, or typhoon.

One of the best ways to avoid such damage to the Lord's body is by prevention. When hurricane warnings are given, home owners and store owners scurry to board up windows, store up provisions, and to make whatever preparation they can for the coming storm. The same principle holds true for the Lord's church. The warning was given long ago: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils" (1 Tim. 4:1). Those in the early church who heeded the warning protected themselves from the coming departure by being aware of it and by knowing what the truth of God's will is (1 Tim. 4:6). Those in the early church who heeded the warning protected themselves from the coming departure by being aware of it and by knowing what the truth of God's will is (1 Tim. 4:6). The same preparation must be made today. The people of God must be aware that departure is taking place and must not be ignorant of His Word.

God's warning to Israel ought also to be a warning to the church. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee,..." (Hos. 4:6). Knowledge of God's Word protects from sin (Psa. 119:11). Christians are commanded to grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18). Searching the Scriptures to prove what teachings are true is a noble thing to do (Acts 17:11). But all of these things demand determined study of the Word, not an instantaneous obtaining of knowledge.

An old saying states that anything worthwhile does not come easy. This principle certainly is true of Bible knowledge. Men who have devoted their entire lives to studying the Bible would be the first to admit that there is no end to its depth. Only a daily feasting on the Word can bring about that kind of knowledge that the Christian needs. But he first must develop that intense desire to know God's will. "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Pet. 2:2). Then, based on the intense desire, must come the diligent study. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

When Christians again realize the importance of Bible study and devote the time to it that is necessary, then the false teachers in the land will have a much harder task in trying to lead people away from the truth. ~Kevin D. Beard~

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt **Lead Singing Leonard Clemons** First Prayer Bill Biles Reading Bruce Pryor Scripture **TBA** Lord's Table (N) *Frank Reynolds *Ken Martin (S)Dickie Kesey (N) Joe Maynard (N) Micah Lawrence (N) John Nussbaum **(S) (S)** Bran Merritt Eugene Wilcher (S) Sermon Jacob Brunies **Dismiss** Ronnie Prince

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
First Prayer
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table
Sermon

(668-2605) Brett Merritt
Leonard Clemons
Chip Cantrell
Joe Roller
2 Timothy 2:15
**Tommy Crouch
Tony Lawrence

Sermon Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Steve Boyd

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing Tim Fisher
First Prayer Jeff Flatt
Reading Tyler Boyd
Invitation Willie Newby
Dismiss Joey Reynolds

Welcome Committee

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P.M. Winfrey & Dorothy Hennessee

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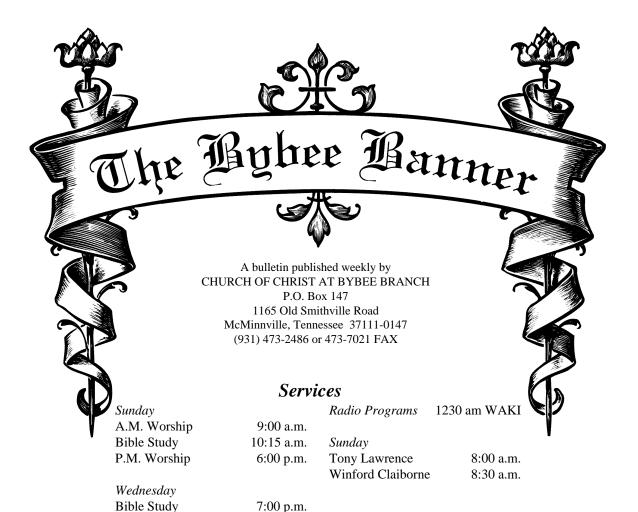
Pantry Item: Tomato Sauce

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	322
Bible Study	252
P.M. Worship	236
Wednesday Bible Study	231
Contribution\$6	,429

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Preacher

At Home:

Violet Webb Eugene Jones Thelma Glenn

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Bill Brown

Georgia Brown (following a fall)

Olivia Newby Austin Medley

Cora Stembridge (following surgery)

In The Hospital:

Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro Clyde Christian-Centennial Medical Center Bernice Fults-St. Thomas (following back surgery)

Frances Graves-(mother of Stanley Graves)-Fayetteville, TN Hospital

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Guest Speaker: Jacob Brunjes P.M. Studying The Bible & Learning Something

Gospel Meetings

Old Philadelphia church of Christ, May 7-12, at 7:00 pm with different speakers preaching. Bybee Branch will be in charge of the services on Tuesday evening. The bus will be carried.

Restoration

This past Sunday morning brother Steve Boyd came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation. We are proud of Steve and let us all continue to encourage and exhort one another.

Sympathy

We want to express sympathy to the family of Lorene Foutch, mother of our Anna Jean Bond. She passed away Monday morning and her funeral will be Wednesday in Smithville.

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Pauline Greene

Lena Mai Gribble

Houston Stiles

Carol Sue Taylor

Magdalene Taylor

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

Norcliff Life Care Center; 85 Main St. N.; Hagersville, Ontario NOA-1H0 Canada Stanley McInery (905) 768-4612

Alvin C. York VA Nursing Home/Murfreesboro:

Joe Maxwell

Home:

Carolyn Cantrell

Edith Cantrell

Jane Golden

Rozelle Goodman

Willene Kell

Pearl Mitchell

Bessie Parker

June Slatton

Bertha Stewart

Robbie Vandagriff

New Arrival

Congratulations to Chris & Merideth Jones on the birth of a baby girl, Ashlann Claire, on May 1, 8lbs, 1oz. Proud grandparents are Steve & Teresa Atnip

Parable For Mothers

By Temple Bailey

THE YOUNG MOTHER set her foot on the path of life.

"Is the way long?" she asked.

And her Guide said: "Yes. And the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young Mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed with them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them, and life was good, and the young Mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

The night came, and storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the Mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Oh, Mother we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come," and the Mother said, "This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, but at all times she said to the children, "A little patience, and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top, they said, "We could not have done it without you, Mother." And the Mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars, and said: "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today I have given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth — clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the Mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the Light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on, and the weeks, and the months, and the years, and the Mother grew old, and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide.

And the Mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates."

And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a Living Presence."

(Editors Note: I have used this poem before but it is often requested to be reprinted. I decided to save it until the day that the world uses to honor its mothers. "Let your father and your mother be glad, And let her who bore you rejoice." Proverbs 23:25, NKJV.)

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt Joe Collins **Lead Singing** Bob Mayfield First Prayer Kurt Maynard Reading Scripture Ephesians 5:15-21 *Noel Pepper Lord's Table (N) *Rodney Reynolds (S)George Trail (N) Rodney Maynard (N) Jeff Templeton (N) Kevin Judkins **(S) (S)** Chris Jones Abram Pryor (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence Bill Womack **Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt Lead Singing Joe Collins First Prayer Mike Driver Marty Boles Reading 1 Peter 3:21 Scripture Lord's Table *Ronnie Prince *Calvin Rogers Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Kraig Campbell

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements
Lead Singing
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First Prayer
Steve Hillis
Reading
Ronnie Rogers
Invitation
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Dismiss
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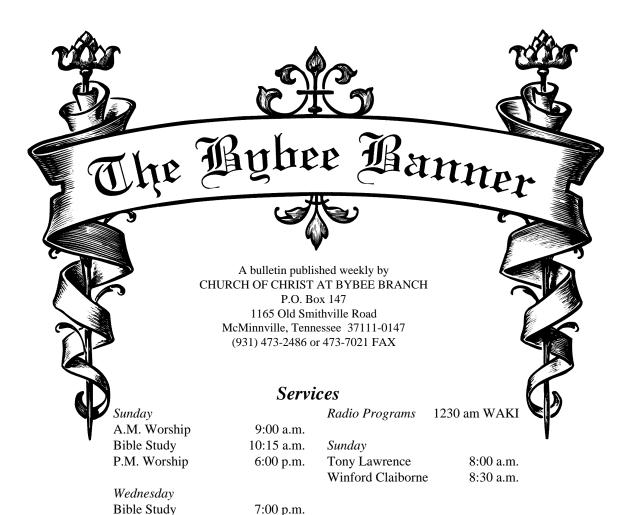
Pantry Item: Canned Mixed Vegetables

Record For The Week...

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Bible Study	264
P.M. Worship	239
Wednesday Bible Study	257
Contribution\$4	,383

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		Jim Slatton	

Preacher

At Home:

Violet Webb
Thelma Glenn
Georgia Brown (following a fall)
Bernice Fults-(following back surgery at the
home of Barbara Pennington)
Cora Stembridge (following surgery)
Brenda Bratten
Josh & Regina Templeton
Bob Bonner

In The Hospital:

Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro Clyde Christian-Riverpark Rehab #258 Frances Graves-(mother of Stanley Graves)-Lincoln County Hospital-Room 311

Gospel Meetings

Oak Grove church of Christ, May 21-25, at 7:30 pm with Mark Lance preaching.

Woodbury church of Christ, May 28-31, at 7:00 pm with Tom Holland preaching.

Restorations

This past Wednesday evening sister Miranda Rains came forward and asked for the prayers of the congregation. On Friday sister Florene Nokes asked for the prayers of the congregation also. Continue to remember these in your daily prayers.

Six Baptisms

The Hispanic congregation continues to grow. Sunday morning following services there were six more precious souls baptized into Christ. Jose Luis Jimenez, Jose Luis Fernandez, Omar Romero, Cecilia Romero, Alfredo Lara Ramirez and Anabel Lara Ramirez were baptized. The attendance at the congregation was 79 at the AM service and 56 at the PM service. We rejoice with our new brothers and sisters in Christ.

Welcome

We want to extend a warm welcome to Sandra Holt. She placed her membership with the congregation this past Sunday. Please add her to your church directory.

Sandra Holt 906 Pike Hill Road McMinnville, TN 37110-4288 668-0275

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Filled With The Spirit P.M. Is That Your Final Answer?

Prom Alternative Trip

The annual Prom-Alternative Trip will be this weekend, May 19-21. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 8:00 am sharp on Friday. Those going on the trip need to bring their luggage from 5-8 pm on Thursday evening.

Why Didn't He Just Fix The Hole?

As a boy growing up, I loved to watch the television show, "Gilligan's Island." But as much as I liked this show, one thing kept nagging at me and wouldn't allow me to fully enjoy the show. I couldn't understand how the professor could make washing machines, generators, rather elaborate huts, batteries for their radio, and a host of other complex gadgets, but he couldn't fix that little hole in the S.S. Minnow!

That just serves to remind me of how we sometimes readily agree to serve God in a big way, but when we have the daily opportunity to serve Him, almost effortlessly, we fail to come through. Friends, don't overlook the small things that you can be doing every day in service to God.

~Steve Higginbotham~

THE NEW SCHOOL PRAYER

This was written by a teen in Baghdad, Arizona!

Now I sit me down in school Where praying is against the rule For this great nation under God Finds mention of Him very odd, If Scripture now the class recites, It violates the Bill of Rights. And anytime my head I bow Becomes a Federal matter now. Our hair can be purple, orange or green, That's no offense; it's a freedom scene. The law is specific, the law is precise. Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice. For praying in a public hall Might offend someone with no faith at all. In silence alone we must meditate, God's name is prohibited by the state. We're allowed to cuss and dress like freaks, And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks. They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible. To quote the Good Book makes me liable. We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen, And the 'unwed daddy', our Senior King. It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong, We're taught that such "judgments" do not belong. We can get our condoms and birth controls, Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles. But the Ten Commandments are not allowed, No word of God must reach this crowd. It's scary here I must confess, When chaos reigns the school's a mess. So, Lord, this silent plea I make: Should I be shot; my soul please take. Amen

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Ricky Prince

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt **Lead Singing** Stanley Graves First Prayer Don Sullivan Jim Slatton Reading Scripture Ephesians 5:22-33 Lord's Table (N) *Willie Newby *Ronnie Rogers (S)David McColloch (N) (N) **Brandon McGinness** (N) Shane Fisher Jason Vandagriff **(S) (S)** Don Johnson Joey Reynolds (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence Chuck Boles **Dismiss**

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Sermon

(668-2605) Brett Merritt

Winfrey Hennessee
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Caleb Graves
Acts 23:1

*Dale Bennett
*Danny Duncan
Tony Lawrence

Wednesday Bible Study

Dismiss

Announcements (668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing Young Men
First Prayer Bruce Pryor
Reading Rodney Reynolds
Invitation Joe Collins
Dismiss Frank Reynolds

Welcome Committee

A.M. Doug & Wanda Hendrixson P.M. Steve Hillis Family

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Attend Nursery: Junetta Gilbert

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Pantry Item: Spaghetti noodles

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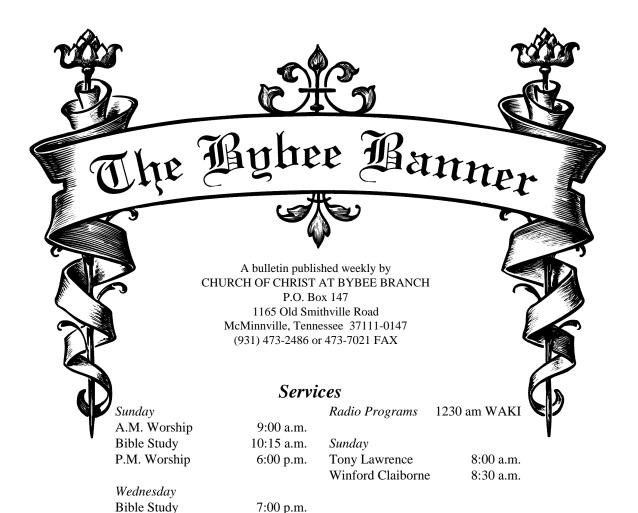
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•		Jim Slatton	·

Preacher
Tony Lawrence
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Lawrence 473-8079 alawrence@blomand.net

At Home:

Violet Webb Thelma Glenn Georgia Brown (following a fall) Bernice Fults-(following back surgery at the home of Barbara Pennington) Cora Stembridge (following surgery) **Bob Bonner** Hoyt Crouch (following surgery for a broken ankle)

In The Hospital:

Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro Clyde Christian-Riverpark Rehab #258 Frances Graves-(mother of Stanley Graves)-Lincoln County Hospital-Room 311 Florene Nokes-Woodbury Hospital

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. The Beautiful Bride Of Christ P.M. Is Sincerity Enough?

Gospel Meetings

Woodbury church of Christ, May 28-31, at 7:00 pm with Tom Holland preaching.

Mt. View church of Christ, June 2-4, at 7:00 pm with Daniel Denham preaching.

Lectureship

The Centertown church of Christ will be having their 1st Annual Bible Lectureship on Saturday, June 10. The theme will be Christ, Our Great Example.

Ladies Day

The Central church of Christ will be having their 23rd Annual Ladies Day on Saturday, June 3, starting at 9:30. Jane McWhorter will be the guest speaker. The theme is Weeds to Wildflowers.

Restoration

We rejoice that Sunday morning brother Robert Officer came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation. Robert attends the East End Drive congregation but wanted the prayers of the congregation here.

VBS Planning Meeting

Our first VBS planning meeting began with a great start. We still need some more helpers though. If you would be willing to teach or help in VBS please plan to be at the meeting this coming Sunday evening, May 28, at 5:30 pm, just before evening services. We will assign rooms at this meeting.

VBS

Central church of Christ, June 5-8, 7:00-9:00 pm.

FOR THE GARDEN OF YOUR **DAILY LIVING**

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

- 1. Peace of mind
- 2. Peace of heart
- 3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

- 1. Squash gossip
- 2. Squash indifference
- 3. Squash grumbling
- 4. Squash selfishness

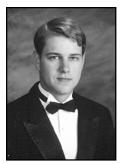
PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

- 1. Lettuce be faithful
- 2. Lettuce be kind
- 3. Lettuce be patient
- 4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN WITHOUT TURNIPS:

- 1. Turnip for meetings
- 2. Turnip for service
- 3. Turnip to help one another

Congratulations Graduates!



Clent Kesey





Micah Lawrence



Talissa Pelham



Kristi Patterson



Delanie Sullivan

Graduating From College 🗲

Andrew Collins graduated from MTSU with a Bachelors Degree in Mass Communications (Digital Animation)

Shane Nunley graduated from MTSU with a Bachelors Degree in Mass Communications (Recording Industry)



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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett **Lead Singing Leonard Clemons** First Prayer Lemmie Bratten Don Griffith Reading Scripture Ephesians 6:1-4 Lord's Table (N) *Tommy Crouch *Jeff Flatt (S)Joe T. Cantrell (N) (N) Harry Felty J.B. Gribble (N) Steve Wilcher **(S) (S)** Shannon Griffin Eric Fisher (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence Dennis Gann **Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett Lead Singing Leonard Clemons First Prayer **Bruce Pryor** Harold McGinness Reading Scripture Proverbs 22:1 Lord's Table *Ken Lee *Ricky Prince Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Calvin Rogers

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton
Lead Singing John Biddle
First Prayer Steve Boyd
Reading Jeff Templeton
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Bill Biles

Welcome Committee

A.M. Ronnie Prince Family P.M. George & Joy Trail

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Jeff Bond & Leonard Crouch

Attend Nursery: Sharon Driver

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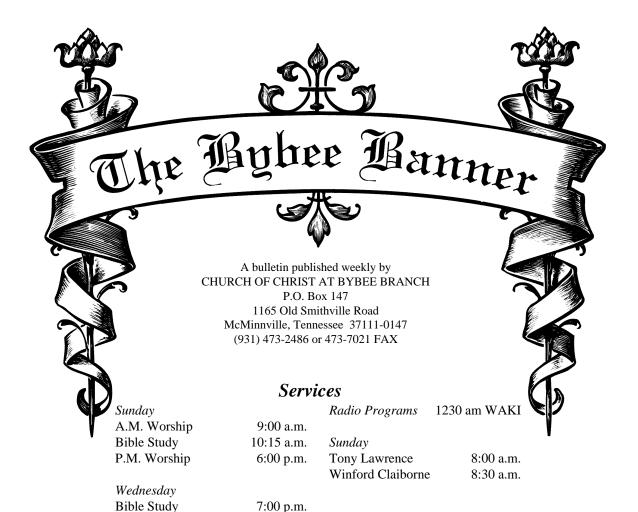
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Record For The Week...

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Contribution\$4	4,146

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		Jim Slatton	

Preacher
Tony Lawrence

At Home:

Violet Webb Thelma Glenn Hoyt Crouch (following surgery for a broken ankle)

In The Hospital:

Joe Maxwell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro Clyde Christian-Riverpark Rehab #258 Florene Nokes-Woodbury Hospital

Sunday's Sermons

Lectureship

The *Centertown church of Christ* will be having their 1st Annual Bible Lectureship on Saturday, June 10. The theme will be Christ, Our Great Example.

Ladies Day

The *Central church of Christ* will be having their 23rd Annual Ladies Day on Saturday, June 3, starting at 9:30. Jane McWhorter will be the guest speaker. The theme is Weeds to Wildflowers.

The cartoon to the left was drawn by Bran Merritt with an idea from the evening sermon on May 21.



Is that your final answer? Or What will your answer be?

Vacation Bible Schools

Unity church of Christ, May 28-June 1, 7:00 pm.

Central church of Christ, June 5-8, 7:00-9:00 pm.

East End church of Christ, June 12-16, 6:30-8:00 pm.

Gospel Meetings

Woodbury church of Christ, May 28-31, at 7:00 pm with Tom Holland preaching.

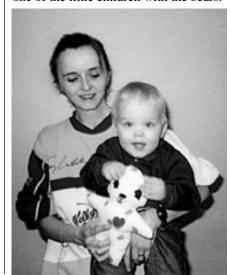
Mt. View church of Christ, June 2-4, at 7:00 pm with Daniel Denham preaching.

Arlington church of Christ, June 4-7, at 7:00 pm with Flavil Nichols preaching.

Southside/Manchester church of Christ, June 4-8, at 7:00 pm with Gary McDade preaching.

Bears Project

The ladies working for the "Bears Project" will be this Monday, June 5 at 6:30 pm. Below is a picture of one of the little children with the bears.



H A N K S

JUNE 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Haley Anne McColloch	STEPHANIE MAYNARD GEORGE & JOY TRAIL	Glenda Hughes
OSBURN & RUBY	LARRY & ELAINE	——	Trista Caldwell	BILL & GEORGIA	2	Mildred Gambrell
HUNTLEY DICKIE & LENNIE RUTH KESEY CHUCK & MATTIE MEDLEY	GOODMAN DON & SUSIE GRIFFITH June Crouch Bob Mayfield Huston Thaxton Bears			BROWN Flossie Smartt Martha Pryor Holly Hillis		Sidney Groves Jarah Anderson
4	Project 5	6	7	8	9	10
DANNY & CYNTHIA DUNCAN	Roberta Parmley	John Stembridge Kayla Maynard	JARED & REBECCA MULLICAN		WINFREY & DOT HENNESSEE	Clay Hill Mildred Green
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
RICKY & RITA PRINCE "Bo" graduates from MSOP	Tammy McKinney Asa Kell	JOHN & CORA STEMBRIDGE STANLEY & SHERRY GRAVES	WILLIE & DONNA NEWBY NOEL & MARTHA PEPPER W.C. Chilton	Nonie Grizzell Georgia Brown	EUGENE & GEORGIA JONES	Cynthia Duncan June Slatton
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Ruby Huntley Jessica Templeton DENNIS & TERESA GANN PHILLIP & TERI SMITH	Noel Pepper	Jane Flatt ROBERTO & ISABEL GARIBALDI	Jalesia Johnson Georgia Jones	FRANK & GEORGIA BROOKS John Nussbaum		
"Bo Day"						
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett **Lead Singing** Stanley Graves First Prayer John Biddle Asa Kell Reading Scripture Colossians 3:12-15 Lord's Table (N) *Bob Mayfield *Chuck Medley **(S)** Leonard Crouch (N) (N) Lee Gann Marc Martin (N) Edgar Webb **(S) (S)** Ryan Kesey Ralph Crouch (S) Sermon Joe Collins Doug Hendrixson **Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Stanley Graves
First Prayer
Chuck Boles
Reading
W.C. Chilton
Scripture
James 4:17
Lord's Table
*Frank Reynolds
*Ronnie Rogers

Sermon Joe Collins
Dismiss Buell Warren

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton
Lead Singing Tim Fisher
First Prayer Mike Driver
Reading Don Sullivan
Invitation Larry Flatt
Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

Welcome Committee

A.M. John & Judy Nussbaum

P.M. Ricky Prince

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Danny Duncan & Allen Hughes

Attend Nursery: Myra Bell

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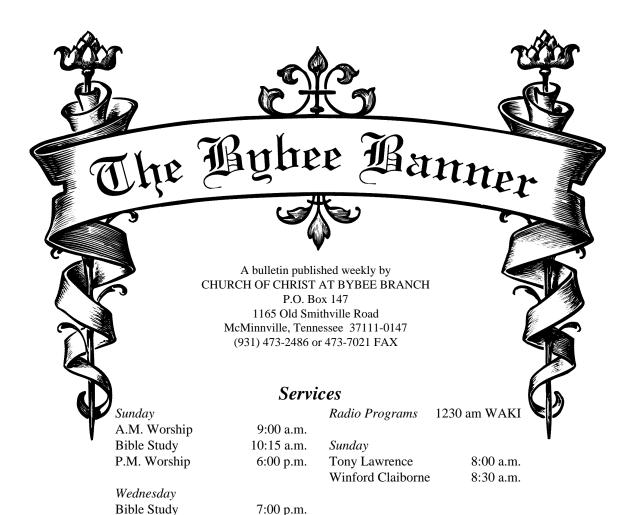
Pantry Item: Jello

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•		Jim Slatton	·

Preacher

At Home:

Hoyt Crouch (following surgery for a broken ankle)

Clyde Christian-at Emma Jean Hice's home

In The Hospital:

Florene Nokes-Woodbury Hospital

Please help us keep our sick list up-to-date. Call the office or the announcer with updates.

Lectureship

The Centertown church of Christ will be having their 1st Annual Bible Lectureship on Saturday, June 10. The theme will be Christ, Our Great Example.

Vacation Bible Schools

Central church of Christ, June 5-8, 7:00-9:00 pm.

Ivy Bluff church of Christ, June 4-8, 7:00 pm.

Earleyville church of Christ, June 4-8, 7:00 pm.

Leoni church of Christ, June 11-15, 7:00 pm.

East End church of Christ, June 12-16, 6:30-8:00 pm.

Gospel Meetings

Arlington church of Christ, June 4-7, at 7:00 pm with Flavil Nichols preaching.

Southside/Manchester church of Christ, June 4-8, at 7:00 pm with Gary McDade preaching.

Iconium church of Christ, June 11-14, at 7:00 pm with Tony Lawrence preaching.

Highland church of Christ, June 11-13, at 7:00 pm with different speakers.

Harmony church of Christ, June 11-13, at 7:00 pm with Newton Gribble preaching.

Grange Hall church of Christ, June 18-23, at 7:30 pm with Dan Jones preaching.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Guest Speaker: Joe Collins P.M. Guest Speaker: Joe Collins

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Pauline Greene

Lena Mai Gribble

Houston Stiles

Carol Sue Taylor

Magdalene Taylor

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

Norcliff Life Care Center; 85 Main St. N.; Hagersville, Ontario NOA-1H0 Canada Stanley McInery (905) 768-4612

Alvin C. York VA Nursing Home/Murfreesboro:

Joe Maxwell

Home:

Carolyn Cantrell

Edith Cantrell

Jane Golden

Rozelle Goodman

Willene Kell

Pearl Mitchell

Bessie Parker

June Slatton

Bertha Stewart

Robbie Vandagriff

Violet Webb

Life's Lessons - The Carpenter

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told his employer-contractor of his plans to leave the housebuilding business and live a more leisurely life with his wife enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck, but he needed to retire. They could get by. The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career. When the carpenter finished his work the employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you." The carpenter was shocked! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently.

So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then with a shock we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently. But we cannot go back.

You are the carpenter. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall, "Life is a do-it-yourself project," someone has said. Your attitudes and the choices you make today, build the "house" you live in tomorrow. Build wisely!

~submitted by Brett Merritt~

Sympathy:

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Margret Vandagriff, aunt of June & Leonard Crouch and sister-in-law of Robbie Vandagriff. Her funeral was Tuesday in Madison, TN.

We also want to extend sympathy to family of Berchie Hudson. Her funeral was Monday at McMinnville Funeral Home.

Pew Packers Class

Several times over the past few years we have had a "Pew Packers Class" on Sunday evening, just prior to the evening services. This coming Sunday evening all of the younger children are encouraged to come to the front of the auditorium at 5:45-5:55 for a class.

Parents be sure to bring your children early.

Graduation for Bo

Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon will graduate from Memphis School of Preaching on Sunday evening, June 18, at

On Sunday, June 25, we plan to honor Bo. We will have a fellowship meal following the morning services. Bo will also preach both services on Sunday. June 25.

Hispanic Baptism

We continue to rejoice with our brothers and sisters in the Hispanic congregation as it grows. This past Sunday morning following services, Jesus Rodriguez was baptized into Christ.

We rejoice with the dedicated work that brother Roberto Garibaldi is doing with the Spanish speaking population of Warren County. Be sure to give him an encouraging word.

This is a great learning time for the young children.

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett Joe Collins **Lead Singing** First Prayer Ricky Prince Tim Fisher Reading Ephesians 6:5-9 Scripture Lord's Table (N) *Larry Flatt *Winfrey Hennessee **(S)** Bran Merritt (N) (N) Caleb Graves Lynn Gann (N) **Bob Cantrell (S) (S)** David McColloch Joe Maynard (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Ken Lee

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
First Prayer
Reading
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table

(473-8760) Dale Bennett

Joe Collins
Rodney Reynolds
Reddie Palmer
Luke 23:39-43

*Bill Biles
*Lemmie Bratten

Sermon Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Bill Womack

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton
Lead Singing Young Men
First Prayer Bob Bonner
Reading Joe Roller
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Chip Cantrell

Welcome Committee

A.M. Steve Boyd Family P.M. Harley & Iona Northcutt

Bus Driver: Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

Ushers: Shannon Griffin & Don Johnson

Attend Nursery: Sharla Hillis

Lock Building: Willie Newby

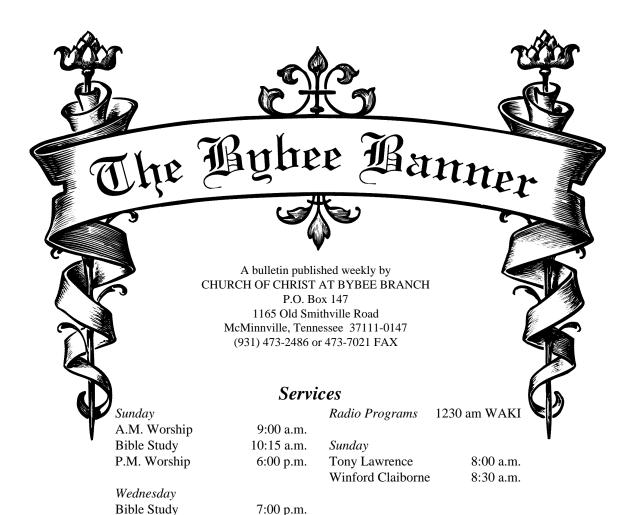
Pantry Item: Canned pears

Record For The Week...

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Bible Study	238
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Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution\$6	,288

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•		Jim Slatton	·

Preacher
Tony Lawrence
email

473-8079 alawrence@blomand.net

At Home:

Clyde Christian-at Emma Jean Hice's home Daisy Maxwell-(remains shut-in due to chemo treatments)

In The Hospital:

Florene Nokes-Woodbury Hospital
Betty Lane-Centennial Medical Center
Carol Felty-to enter MTMC/Murfreesboro on
Monday, June 19 for surgery

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. How The Church Affects The Workplace P.M. The Thief On The Cross

Gospel Meetings

Rockliff church of Christ, June 11-15, at 7:00 pm with Chris Whitaker preaching.

Grange Hall church of Christ, June 18-23, at 7:30 pm with Dan Jones preaching.

Library Books

Have you borrowed a book from the library in the past year or two and forgot to return it? There are a large number of books that are out and have been so for a long time. If you are using them, great. If they are just lying around your home, then why not return them so others can use them?

By the way, new books are being added to the library all the time, along with videos from various lectureships. Why not come in the library and take a look?

"Till I come, give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine."

1 Timothy 4:13, NKJV.

Visitation Program

The visitation program will be reorganized the first Sunday of July. If you have not been participating and would like to begin, or if you feel the need to drop out for this session, please let W.C. Chilton know by this coming Sunday, June 18.

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Vacation Bible Schools

Leoni church of Christ, June 11-15, 7:00 pm.

East End church of Christ, June 12-16, 6:30-8:00 pm.

Fellowship Trip

There will be a fellowship trip to the *Nashville Sounds* game on Monday evening, June 19. Those who wish to go are to contact Steve Hillis by Wednesday evening, June 14.

Address update

The Roberto Garibaldi family has moved and now has a new address and phone number. Please make the following changes:

Roberto Garibaldi 6117 Short Mountain Road McMinnville, TN 37110-4777

Home Phone: 939-2770 Office Phone: 474-4600

IMPORTANT! Recall Notice!

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to the serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units. This defect has been technically termed, 'Subsequential Internal Non-Morality,' or more commonly known as S-I-N, as it is primarily symptomized by loss of moral judgment.

Some of the symptoms:

(a) Loss of direction (e) Selfish, or violent, behavior

(b) Foul vocal emissions (f) Depression or confusion in the mental component

(c) Amnesia of origin (g) Fearful (d) Lack of peace and joy (h) Idolatry

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable or at fault for this defect, is providing factory authorized repair and service, free of charge to correct this SIN defect.

The Manufacturer has provided an operating manual called the BIBLE. Study of the manual reveals instructions on how to correct the defect.

The defect can be overcome by FAITH, REPENTANCE, CONFESSION and BAPTISM for remission of sins. No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, God will replace it with:

(a) Love(f) Goodness(b) Joy(g) Faith(c) Peace(h) Meekness(d) Long-suffering(i) Temperance

(e) Gentleness

Please continue to check the operating manual (HOLY BIBLE) for further details on the use of these corrections

For free emergency service, use the Manufacturer's communication line: P-R-A-Y-E-R

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DANGER: The human units not receiving this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect must not enter heaven or else heaven will be infected.

Author: The Creator.

(This is an edited version of an article circulating on the Internet. Author is unknown)

Volume 43, Number 26 June 25, 2000

Steve Wilcher

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett **Lead Singing Leonard Clemons** Ronnie Rogers First Prayer Tom McColloch Reading Scripture **TBA** Lord's Table (N) *Don Sullivan *Ronnie Prince (S)Harley Northcutt (N) (N) Abram Pryor Eugene Wilcher (N) **Brandon McGinness (S) (S)** Dickie Kesey **Brett Merritt** (S) Sermon Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon Kurt Maynard **Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Leonard Clemons
First Prayer
Frank Reynolds
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table
Sermon

(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Leonard Clemons
Frank Reynolds
Jason Vandagriff
Stripture
TBA
*Steve Boyd
*David Chilton
Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon

Wednesday Bible Study

Dismiss

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton
Lead Singing Micah Lawrence
First Prayer Jeff Flatt
Reading Hoyt Crouch
Invitation Danny Duncan
Dismiss Tyler Boyd

Welcome Committee

A.M. Marty Boles Family P.M. Larry & Jane Flatt

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers: Marc Martin & Joe Roller

Attend Nursery: Nona Martin

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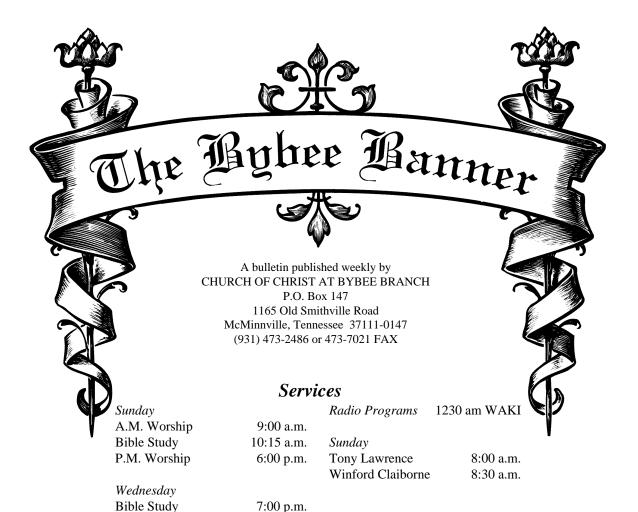
Pantry Item: Macaroni & Cheese

Record For The Week...

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Bible Study	237
P.M. Worship	242
Wednesday Bible Study	206
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		Jim Slatton	-

Preacher
Tony Lawrence

At Home:

Clyde Christian-at Emma Jean Hice's home Daisy Maxwell-(remains shut-in due to chemo treatments)

Betty Lane-home following surgery

In The Hospital:

Florene Nokes-Woodbury Hospital Carol Felty-MTMC/Murfreesboro following surgery

Edith Cantrell-Riverpark #220 Barbara King-surgery on Thursday Georgia Jones-St. Thomas-following bypass surgery.

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Guest Speaker: Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon P.M. Guest Speaker: Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon

New Arrival

Congratulations to Mark & Cindy Thaxton on the birth of a baby boy, Adrien Cole, born June 15. Grandparents are Kelly & Kathy Thaxton, and great grandmother is Mildred Gambrell.

Gospel Meetings

Grange Hall church of Christ, June 18-23, at 7:30 pm with Dan Jones preaching.

Pleasant Knoll church of Christ, July 2-5, at 7:30 pm with Garland Elkins preaching.

Lectureship

Adams Ave church of Christ in Lebanon, June 24-25, with the theme: Parables of Jesus. Check the board for times and speakers.

Don't forget our VBS will be July 17-19 and our Lectureship will be August 13-16

What if....

What if, GOD couldn't take the time to bless us today because we couldn't take the time to thank Him yesterday?

What if GOD decided to stop leading us tomorrow because we didn't follow Him today?

What if, we never saw another flower bloom because we grumbled when GOD sent the Rain?

What if GOD didn't walk with us today because we failed to recognize it as His day?

What if, GOD took away the Bible tomorrow because we would not read it today?

What if, GOD took away His message because we failed to listen to the messenger?

What if, GOD didn't send His only begotten Son because He wanted us to be prepared to pay the price for sin.

What if, the door of the church was closed because we did not open the door of our heart?

What if, GOD stopped loving and caring for us because we failed to love and care for others?

What if, GOD would not hear us today because we would not listen to Him?

What if, GOD answered our prayers the way we answer His call to service?

What if, GOD met our needs the way we give Him our lives??

Immodest Apparel

The temperatures are now well into the 80's and already there are a number of people who insist in parading their flesh in public. At the first signs of warm weather emerge the shorts, halter tops, see through mesh sweat shirts (if one is worn at all), swimsuits, and a host of other forms of immodest dress. Such immodesty has been the status-quo for so long in our society that it no longer shocks us to see people expose themselves to public view. To many it has become an accepted fact of life. This attitude of acceptance shows us the progressive nature of sin and how Satan is able to acheive his goals through gradual change. There was a time when men and women would hardly be seen in the confines of their own home in the state of nakedness that is now seen on the street corners, shopping centers and classrooms of our schools and colleges. Many try to justify their actions by saying it is fashionable.

As Christians, we must be aware of the sinfulness and shame of immodest apparel and protect our Christian influence by not seeking to be like the world. Romans 12:2 tells us "And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what (is) that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Bible principles, teach that it is shameful to allow our nakedness to be seen (Gen. 3:9,21;9:20-27; Ex. 20:26). Paul gave instruction in I Tim. 2:9-10 "...(that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works." "Shamefacedness" is the opposite of brazeness and simply means reserved or having the ability to blush. This passage not only condemns apparel that is seductive and enticing but also those who dress in such a way to draw attention but also those who dress in such a way to draw attention to themselves. So then, apparel that is gaudy and flashy or clothing that is inappropriate for certain occasions is also condemned by this passage (what may be appropriate in the privacy of one's home might be inappropriate and therefore, immodest at a public gathering). Christian men are not excluded in their responsibilities to dress modestly, but are to be "...an example of the believers, in word, in conversation (manner of life), in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity (emp DS)" (1 Tim. 4:12).

People are fooling themselves when they think they have to undress to be attractive. Solomon said in Proverbs 11:22 "(As) a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, (so is) a fair woman which is without discretion". The same principle holds true for men. Don't lower your standards and cheapen yourself by dressing immodestly.

~Dan Sikes - Via The Phillips Street Worker~

Special Sunday

This Sunday will be a special time. We will have Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon speak at both services and on Sunday morning following the morning service we will have a fellowship meal in his honor. Please bring a covered dish and plan on staying for the fellowship. He will be returning to Thailand sometime in the middle of July, after having graduated from the Memphis School of Preaching. Bo is a tremendous young man and will be a great asset to the Lord's cause in Thailand.

Volume 43, Number 27 July 2, 2000

Sunday Morning Worship

(668-2180) Ken Martin Announcements **Lead Singing** Stanley Graves First Prayer Mike Driver Marty Boles Reading Scripture Ephesians 6:10-18 *Billy Gilbert Lord's Table (N) *Noel Pepper (S)Don Johnson (N) John Nussbaum (N) Joey Reynolds (N) Kraig Campbell **(S)** Rodney Maynard **(S)** Jeff Templeton (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence **David Chilton** Dismiss

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin **Lead Singing Stanley Graves** First Prayer Kurt Maynard David McColloch Reading Scripture 1 Peter 1:6-9 Lord's Table *Ronnie Rogers *Steve Hillis Sermon Tony Lawrence Danny Duncan **Dismiss**

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing John Biddle
First Prayer Don Griffith
Reading Eric Fisher
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Dennis Gann

Welcome Committee

A.M. Allen Hughes Family P.M. Clara & Joe Roller

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Jeff Bond & Leonard Crouch

Attend Nursery: Alicia Driver

Lock Building: Steve Boyd

Pantry Item: Rice-a-roni

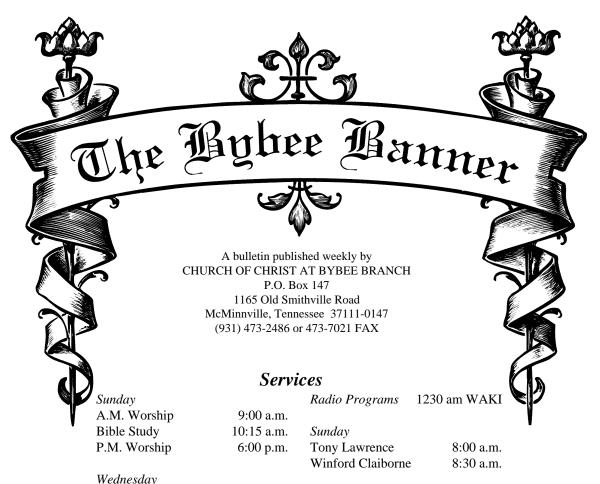
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Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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Preacher

At Home:

Daisy Maxwell
Shirley Parker
Betty Lane-home following surgery
Florene Nokes-home after being in hospital
Carol Felty-home following surgery
Edith Cantrell-at her son Ralph Griffith's home
Barbara King-home following surgery

In The Hospital:

Clyde Christian-Riverpark Georgia Jones-St. Thomas-following bypass surgery.

Ethan Green (grandson of Joe T. & Mary Lois Cantrell)-Cookeville Hospital

Sunday's Sermons

A.M	Our Spiritual Warfare
P.M	Challenges To Our Faith-Cults

Singing

The *Central church of Christ* will be having a singing this Friday night at 7:00 pm. All are invited.

Gospel Meetings

Pleasant Knoll church of Christ, July 2-5, at 7:30 pm with Garland Elkins preaching.

Ice Cream Supper

Our Annual Ice Cream Supper will be on Wednesday evening, July 5, following the evening services. Everyone who can is encouraged to make a freezer of homemade ice cream.

Restoration

Sister Carol Felty asked for the prayers of the congregation following the services on Sunday evening, June 18. Please remember her in your prayers.

New Visitation Teams

The new visitation teams have been reorganized for the next six months, July - December. If you have any questions, see W.C. Chilton.

*Designates Team leader.

Team 1 - First Sunday

*Bob & Ada Mayfield Ricky & Rita Prince
Doris Smith Doug Hendrixson
Missy Biles Helen Morgan
Jason & Sonia Vandagriff Teresa Atnip
Leonard & Avie Clemons
Kurt & Stephanie Maynard
Ricky & Rita Prince
Doug Hendrixson
Helen Morgan
Teresa Atnip
Ronnie & Cindy Rogers

Team 2 - Second Sunday

*Ken & Nona Martin

Dawn Wanamaker

Dot Foster

Mary Davis

Mildred Bumbalough

Bernice Fults

Edna Smith

Glenda & Myra Bell

Lucille Newby

Rodney & Patsy Reynolds

Team 3 - Third Sunday

*Tony & Corretta Lawrence
Don & Judy Sullivan
John & Pearl Biddle
Linda Cantrell
Joe & Marsha Collins

Calvin & Nancy Rogers
Jeff & Mary Flatt
Johnny & Donna Anderson
Lynette & Becky Maynard
Woodrow & Mildred Glenn

Team 4 - Fourth Sunday

*W.C. & Nelma Chilton Angie Caldwell
Bruce & Susan Pryor Chuck & Pat Boles
Don & Susie Griffith Jackie & Sherry Pelham
Mike & Sharon Driver Asa & Sarah Kell
Ryan & Tammy McKinney

VBS Meeting

This Sunday evening, July 2, there will be an important meeting for all those who are helping with VBS or would like to help. Final details will be set for VBS. Plan to meet in the fellowship room downstairs at 5:00 pm. If you cannot be at the meeting, please see Tony.

JULY 2000

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 Ice Cream	Judy Nussbaum Kurt Maynard	Greg Wanamaker SHANNON & JANIE GRIFFIN	I Isabel Garibaldi
Lee Gann	Austin Medley	4	Supper 5 Tanarra Pelham	Judy Sullivan	Pearline Cantrell	Teresa McGinness
Debbie Glenn Emily Newby	Logan Wanamaker Glenda Faye Bell	Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon returns to Thailand		BRUCE & SUSAN PRYOR	JOE & IRENE LAWRENCE	
RODNEY &	10 KELLY & KATHY	Shirley Parker	Don Johnson	Carolyn Cantrell	HARRY & CAROL	15
JENNIFER MAYNARD DONNIE & BETTY HILL KEVIN & LORI JUDKINS	THAXTON KRAIG & HEATHER CAMPBELL Cora Stembridge Jeff Flatt	Jennifer Groves Miranda Atnip	Ruth Pinkley	emorya Cunton	RANDEL & MICKEY WHITEAKER Tyler Groves Hilary McGinness Joy Trail	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Donnie Hill	Cindy Fisher	25	26	Brentt Crouch Chip Cantrell Ashley Boles	JEFF & MARY FLATT Yuriko Biles Don Griffith	John Whiteaker
Steve Caldwell	Kevin Judkins	23	20	21	26	29
30	31					

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin **Lead Singing** Joe Collins First Prayer **Bob Bonner** Chip Cantrell Reading Scripture Philippians 1:3-11 *Kelly Thaxton Lord's Table (N) *Calvin Rogers (S)Chris Jones (N) (N) Shane Fisher Steve Wilcher (N) Micah Lawrence **(S) (S)** George Trail Marc Martin (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence Bill Womack Dismiss

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Joe Collins
First Prayer
Chuck Medley
Reading
Brett Merritt
Scripture
1 Peter 1:6-9
Lord's Table
*Bob Mayfield
*Tommy Crouch

Sermon Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon Dismiss W.C. Chilton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing Young Men
First Prayer Don Sullivan
Reading Lee Gann
Invitation Bruce Pryor
Dismiss Bill Biles

Welcome Committee

A.M. Joe & Marsha Collins P.M. Joe & Becky Maynard

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Danny Duncan & Allen Hughes

Attend Nursery: Ruby Huntley

Lock Building: Steve Boyd

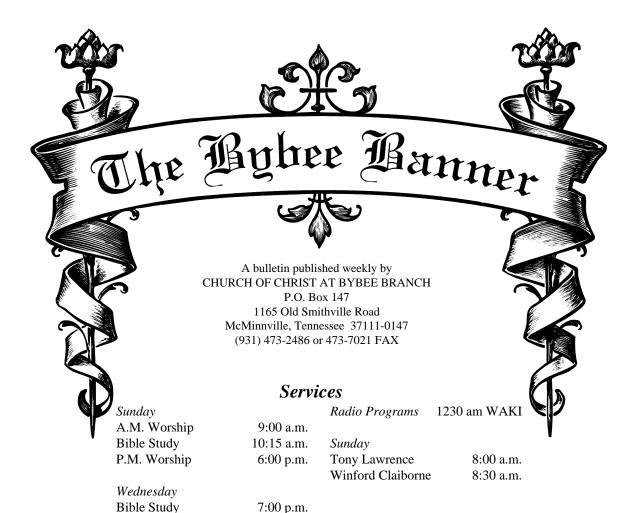
Pantry Item: Green Beans

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	270
Bible Study	235
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	237
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Preacher
Tony Lawren

At Home:

Daisy Maxwell
Shirley Parker
Betty Lane
Georgia Jones-following surgery
Ken Martin
Clent Kesey

Ethan Green-following eye surgery

In The Hospital:

Clyde Christian-Riverpark Katherine Bennett-St. Thomas H.L. Crouch (brother of Ralph Crouch)-St. Thomas

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. A Congregation To Be Thankful For P.M. Guest Speaker: Suwit "Bo" Pengprakon

Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Carlon Davis (a former member of Bybee Branch). He passed away Saturday evening and his funeral was Monday.

Gospel Meetings

Pleasant Knoll church of Christ, July 2-5, at 7:30 pm with Garland Elkins preaching.

Hiawassee church of Christ, July 2-5, at 7:00 pm with Eddie Sander preaching.

Shady Grove church of Christ, July 9-14, at 7:30 pm with James Watkins preaching.

Ice Cream Supper

Our Annual Ice Cream Supper will be on Wednesday evening, July 5, following the evening services. Everyone who can is encouraged to make a freezer of homemade ice cream.

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Pauline Greene Lena Mai Gribble Houston Stiles Carol Sue Taylor Magdalene Taylor

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

Norcliff Life Care Center; 85 Main St. N.; Hagersville, Ontario NOA-1H0 Canada Stanley McInery (905) 768-4612

Alvin C. York VA Nursing Home/Murfreesboro:

Joe Maxwell

Home:

Carolyn Cantrell
Edith Cantrell (at Ralph Griffith's home)

Jane Golden

Rozelle Goodman

Willene Kell

Pearl Mitchell

Bessie Parker

June Slatton

Bertha Stewart

Robbie Vandagriff

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Violet Webb

Please help us keep an accurate list of those who are both sick and shut-in. If you see and error, please let us know. Tony

Believing A Lie

Jesus described the universal enemy of mankind as "a murderer from the beginning... a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44). Satan even means *adversary*. "Devil" is a term that refers to the slanderous activity in which Satan engages. He is a false accuser; and in his efforts to destroy the saints, he employs one of his most powerful weapons: lies.

Some lies are difficult to discern. "Some men's sins are clearly evident, preceding them to judgement, but those of some men follow later" (1 Tim. 5:24; NKJV). This is why various deceptive practices ("scams") continue to abound. If the lie was obvious, scams would probably cease. It is hard to get a fish to bite the worm when the hook is exposed!

Like it or not, the emotions we experience are directly affected by what we believe (whether true or false). When we hear good news, such as getting a pay raise, we naturally feel good (Prov. 25:25). But suppose the news is bad. For twenty-two years, Jacob had believed his son Joseph was dead. He had been told a lie, but he believed it (Gen. 37:28-35). As a result, he mourned unnecessarily. Emotions are unreliable indicators of truth!

Nevertheless, many people rely on their feelings as "proof of their salvation. They insist that they are saved because they *feel* so good in their hearts. Jacob believed a lie that involved bad news. The devil is smart enough to use a lie about good news to deceive people. Who wouldn't want to believe good news? Remember, though, truth is never determined by how we feel about a matter.

The only way to be sure of one's salvation is to know the truth God teaches in the Bible. "Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, If you abide in my word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31,32,NKJV). Satan tries his best to convince men that they do not need to read or study God's Word. The devil knows that truth displaces lies, just as light dispels darkness.

Through His teaching, Jesus encouraged man to abide in God's Word. Why? Our Lord knows the human tendency to forget. Without repeated exposure to truth, error gains a foothold. Either we plant and water the seed, which is the Word of God (Luke 8:11), or we will allow the weeds of the devil a fertile field in our minds!

Douglas Hoff • Effingham, IL

Who Is A Sissy?

A young Christian who bad just completed his work and received his doctor's degree at Columbia University was invited to attend an important professional meeting of his metallurgist colleagues. At the meeting they began to serve beer. He calmly and confidently asked for a glass of milk. The waiter was somewhat surprised, but the young man showed no sign of embarrassment.

At that moment a colleague spoke up so that all could hear, "Dr. Jones is afraid to drink. He's a sissy, not man enough to take it." Naturally all attention was centered on the young man. Without batting an eye, he turned to his erstwhile friend saying, "Who is a sissy? I don't drink, and I'm not ashamed to say so. I see others here who have been taught not to drink and they're not man enough to say 'no'. I'll put it up to the rest of you. Who's the sissy?"

The young man's courage met with approbation even from those who didn't refuse to drink. After the incident they instructed the waiter to give him an ample supply of rich, healthful milk.

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin **Lead Singing Leonard Clemons** Steve Hillis First Prayer Steve Boyd Reading Scripture Philippians 1:12-14 Lord's Table (N) *Jim Slatton *Lemmie Bratten (S)Tom McColloch (N) (N) Eddie Palmer Jason Vandagriff (N) **(S)** Asa Kell **(S)** Joe Roller Abram Pryor (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Ken Lee

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Leonard Clemons
First Prayer
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table

(668-2180) Ken Martin
Leonard Clemons

Beandon McGinness
1 Peter 1:6-9
*Winfrey Hennessee
*Chuck Boles

Sermon Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Ronnie Prince

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing Tim Fisher
First Prayer Caleb Graves
Reading Tyler Boyd
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Billy Gilbert

Welcome Committee

A.M. Rodney & Patsy Reynolds P.M. Tim Fisher Family

Bus Driver: Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

Ushers: Shannon Griffin & Don Johnson

Attend Nursery: Iona King

Lock Building: Steve Boyd

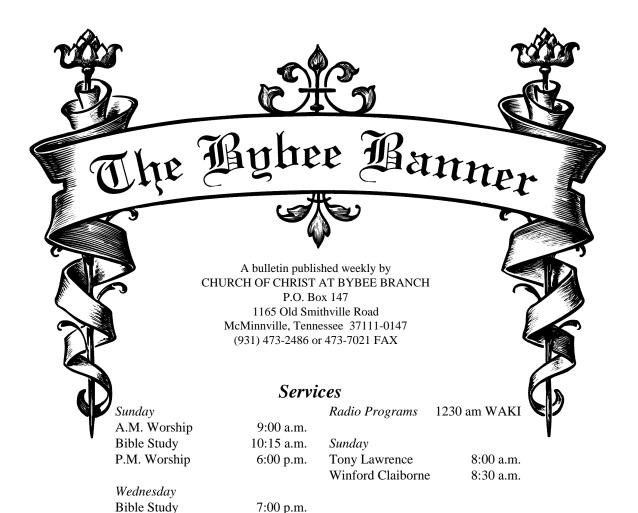
Pantry Item: Peanut Butter

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	275
Bible Study	202
P.M. Worship	211
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution\$5	,539

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•		Jim Slatton	·

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At Home:

Daisy Maxwell
Shirley Parker
Betty Lane
Georgia Jones-following surgery
Clent Kesey
H.L. Crouch (brother of Ralph Crouch)
Ken Lee-outpatient surgery on right arm

In The Hospital:

Clyde Christian-Riverpark Katherine Bennett-moved to NHC

Sunday's Sermons

A.M... Turning A Bad Situation Into An Opportunity P.M... Challenges To Our Faith: Denominationalism

Gospel Meeting

Shady Grove church of Christ, July 9-14, at 7:30 pm with James Watkins preaching.

Vacation Bible School

July 17-19, 2000

7:00-8:30 pm

Theme: Conversions from Acts

Classes for all ages

Adult Speakers:

<i>Monday</i>	Lane Dix
Tuesday	David Costello
Wednesday	Joe Ware

The "Jubilee" Apostasy Continues...

For the past 11 years the "Nashville Jubilee" has been the source of so much error that it is difficult to document all of it. Some sought to defend the gathering early on but for the past three years none but the most naive and apostate among us have voiced any support for the gatherings. The speakers are a list of the "who's who" of liberals. One need only listen for a short time to any of the speeches the vision that these people have for the church.

Even the Nashville journalists have been astute enough to recognize that this is a movement seeking to change and redefine the Lord's church. I don't know why some brethren have trouble seeing that. In The Tennessean, the Nashville paper, on Saturday, July 8, 2000, Ray Waddle commented on the gathering. His initial statement was: "In the old day, if you weren't Church of Christ, you were headed for hell. That attitude has changed..." (p. 1B). While one may understand that Mr. Waddle mistakenly concluded that this is matter of attitude, faithful Christians know that it is a matter of revelation. There is but one body (Eph. 4:4) and that body is the church (Eph.1:22,23), and one gets into that body by baptism (1Cor. 12:13), which the the same as being added to the church (Acts 2:47). What is distressing is that some of these selfproclaimed scholars no longer hold to the essentiality of the Lord's church.

I personally listened (via the Internet) to Mike Cope's first lesson, "The Power of Weakness." In that lesson he advocated modern day miracles among other errors. I also listened to Jeff Walling's lessons on "When Broadway meets Sunday." This performance type "worship" that is so characteristic of the Jubilee crowd is now being openly advocated. Gary Holloway, in The Tennessean article bemoaned the lack of holiness in the church. Perhaps they are search for it in the wrong places!

~Tony Lawrence~

Summer Vacation

Summer vacation—an American tradition, a part of our heritage, is just around the corner. Soon school will be out and many families will turn their thoughts toward vacation trips, and all the fun we're planning on having out-of-doors while the weather is pretty. While we are planning our R & R, perhaps we should remind ourselves of a few Biblical principles that would be helpful.

First, be careful of where you go and what you do for recreation. Never visit where you would be ashamed to have Jesus come along as your traveling companion. Never participate in any recreation which would cause you to forget you are a Christian. If you would be embarrassed for Jesus to accompany you on your recreational outings, then you need to find something more spiritually profitable to do. God sees all we do, for we cannot hide from His all-seeing eyes (Hebrews 4:13).

Secondly, be careful of what you wear this summer in your recreation activities. Summer vacation does not cancel God's law on modesty (1 Timothy 2:9). Adam and Eve were ashamed of their nakedness (Genesis 2:25; 3:7), and we should be too. Husbands and fathers need to take the reins of spiritual leadership in the family and make sure that all dress modestly. Christians are to be different from the world (John 17:11-23), and that includes the way we dress.

Thirdly, be careful of how you act on vacation. Some folks feel vacation is the time to kick up their heels and forget all moral restraints. Sin is sin, whether it is practiced at home or a thousand miles away. Summer vacation does not grant us a license to forget our commitment to Christ, nor does it magically make sinful activity holy. We should be careful to walk in the light of Christ's Word, soberly guarding our example and influence (Ephesians 5:8).

Finally, remember that in all things we are to put the Lord first (Matthew 6:33), and that includes our summer vacation. When we would normally be in worship or Bible study back home, then we ought to seek out the Lord's people at our vacation locale, to study and worship with them. Those who skip church services while they are gone on vacation or week-end trips make a mockery of their commitment to put Christ first. Also, putting Christ first includes our financial responsibilities to Him, and to the work of the home congregation.

May God bless all of us with a safe and enjoyable summer, as we remember we are His people, who owe Him our complete allegiance in every season of the year.

~Johnny Burkhart~

(This article was written before school was out but the principles are certainly applicable. Brother Johnny Burkhart is one of the men that Bybee's help support at Memphis School of Preaching. He also was a member of the Needmore congregation where I worked prior to moving to Bybee Branch-TL.)

Volume 43, Number 30 July 23, 2000

Bob Cantrell

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin **Lead Singing Stanley Graves** Allen Hughes First Prayer Kevin Judkins Reading Scripture Philippians 2:1-4 Lord's Table (N) *Ricky Prince *Chuck Boles **(S)** Jeff Bond (N) (N) Dickie Kesey Joe Maynard (N) Harold McGinness **(S) (S)** Buell Warren Eugene Wilcher (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Tim Fisher

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Stanley Graves
First Prayer
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table
Sermon

(668-2180) Ken Martin
(668-2180) Ken M

Wednesday Bible Study

Dismiss

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing Micah Lawrence
First Prayer Doug Hendrixson
Reading Jeff Templeton
Invitation Mike Driver
Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

Welcome Committee

A.M. Ralph & Drucilla Crouch P.M. W.C. & Nelma Chilton

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers: Marc Martin & Joe Roller

Attend Nursery: Lennie Ruth Kesey

Lock Building: Steve Boyd

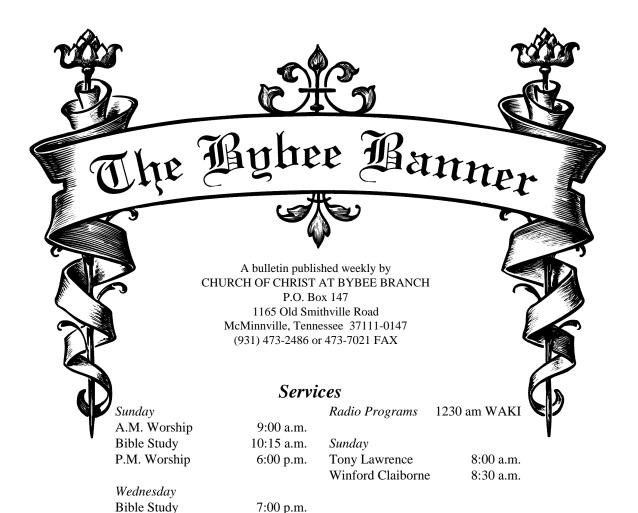
Pantry Item: Crackers

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	363
Bible Study	257
P.M. Worship	250
Wednesday Bible Study	256
Contribution\$4,	,820

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Rodney Reynolds	473-3570	Stanley Graves	Willie Newby
		Jim Slatton	-

Preacher
Tony Lawrence

At Home:

Shirley Parker
Betty Lane
Georgia Jones-following surgery
Nelma Chilton-home from Baptist Hospitaltests for possible back surgery

In The Hospital:

Clyde Christian-Riverpark Susan Pryor-Riverpark (surgery Tuesday)

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Four Aspects That Make A Joyful Church P.M. Challenges To Our Faith: Materialism

VBS's

Dibrell church of Christ, July 31-August 4, at 7:00 pm with the theme: In Search of Christian Traits.

Mt. Leo church of Christ, July 31-August 3, at 7:00 pm with the theme: How Shall The Young Secure Their Hearts.

Restorations

This past Wednesday evening, sister Luverne Collins came forward asking for the prayers of the congregation. On Sunday morning sister Lori Judkins came forward requesting prayers. Please remember these two sisters in your prayers.

Young Girls Activity

There will be a fun day for girls for ages that are going to be in kindergarten to those who are going to be in grade 5 this fall. It will be at the building this Saturday, July 22 from 11 am to 2 pm. There will be a devotional, food and games. If you plan to come, please get a form and let either Amy Prince or Lynette Maynard know by this Wednesday night, July 19.

For The Garden Of Your Daily Living

PLANT THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

- 1. Peace of mind
- 2. Peace of heart
- 3. Peace of soul

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

- 1. Squash gossip
- 2. Squash indifference
- 3. Squash grumbling
- 4. Squash selfishness

PLANT FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

- 1. Lettuce be faithful
- 2. Lettuce be kind
- 3. Lettuce be patient
- 4. Lettuce really love one another

NO GARDEN WITHOUT TURNIPS:

- 1. Turnip for meetings
- 2. Turnip for service
- 3. Turnip to help one another

TO CONCLUDE OUR GARDEN WE MUST HAVE THYME:

- 1. Thyme for each other
- 2. Thyme for family
- 3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

(received from the Internet)

Annual Bible Lectures Program August 13-16

THEME: PERSONAL CHRISTIAN GROWTH

DATE/TIME	Торіс	Speaker
SUNDAY		
9:00	The Need For Christian Growth	Jeff Archey
10:15	Growth In Faith	Jeff Archey
6:00	Growth In Virtue & Knowledge	Chris Whitaker
Monday		
7:00	Growth In Self-Control	Billy Smith
7:45	Growth in Patience	Donnie Iverson
Tuesday		
7:00	Growth In Godliness	Flavil Nichols
7:45	Growth In Brotherly Kindness	David Sain
WEDNESDAY		
7:00	Growth In Love	James Cossey
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Also, Michael Toby, minister for the Selkirk church of Christ will be us again to lead the singing at each of the sessions. Plan now to be at every session and invite your friends and neighbors to come with you!

"And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." 2 Peter 1:5-8, KJV.

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin Joe Collins **Lead Singing** Bob Mayfield First Prayer Ronnie Rogers Reading Scripture Philippians 2:5-11 Lord's Table (N) *Jeff Flatt *Dennis Gann **(S)** Ryan Kesey (N) (N) Shannon Griffin Eric Fisher (N) Harry Felty **(S) (S)** Joe T. Cantrell Harley Northcutt (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Tommy Crouch

Sunday Evening Worship

(473-6418) Caleb Graves Announcements Lead Singing Tyler Boyd First Prayer Lynn Gann **Bran Merritt** Reading Scripture **TBA** Lord's Table *Bruce Pryor *Abram Pryor Sermon Kurt Maynard **Dismiss** Joey Reynolds

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements
Lead Singing
First Prayer
First Prayer
Rodney Reynolds
Reading
Invitation
Chuck Medley
Tony Lawrence
Dismiss
Ken Lee

Welcome Committee

A.M. Tony Lawrence Family P.M. Chris Jones Family

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Ushers: Noel Pepper & George Trail

Attend Nursery: Doris Wilcher

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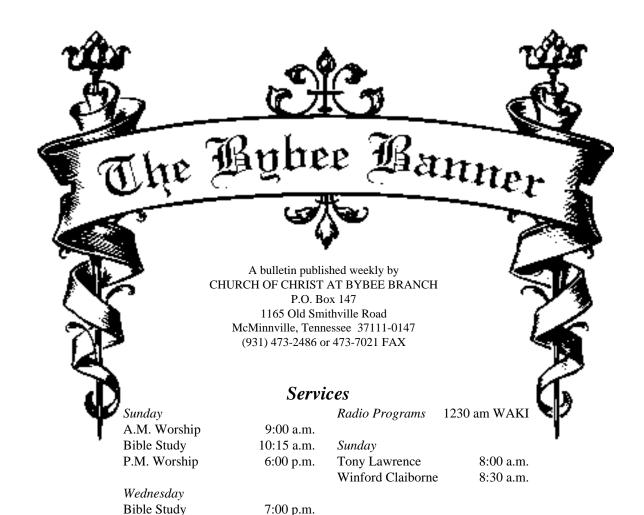
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Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	298
Bible Study	247
P.M. Worship	236
Wednesday Bible Study	300
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		Jim Slatton	

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473-8079 alawrence@blomand.net

At Home:

Shirley Parker Georgia Jones Susan Pryor-following surgery Bertha Stewart moved to Eastside Boarding Home

In The Hospital:

Clyde Christian-moved to NHC
Katherine Bennett-NHC (not doing well)
Adelia Smith-Riverpark for tests
Brenda Farr (sister of our David King) had
open heart surgery in Winchester, VA
Scena Christian-she will have hand surgery on
August 4, in Florida

Sunday's Sermons

A.M. The Mind Of Christ P.M. GUEST SPEAKER: KURT MAYNARD

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of George Whiteaker, son of John Whiteaker. He passed away last Saturday and his service was Monday at Highs.

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The scheduled bimonthly meeting of the elders and deacons will be this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm.

General Business Meeting

The quarterly men's General Business Meeting will be this coming Sunday evening following the services. All of the men of the congregation are urged to attend.

Restoration

This past Sunday evening brother Frank Reynolds came forward asking for the prayers of the congregation. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

VBS's

Dibrell church of Christ, July 31-August 4, at 7:00 pm with the theme: In Search of Christian Traits.

Mt. Leo church of Christ, July 31-August 3, at 7:00 pm with the theme: How Shall The Young Secure Their Hearts.

Arlington church of Christ, July 29, at 9:00 am to 1:00 pm with the theme: How Shall The Young Secure Their Hearts.

Iconium church of Christ, August 6-10, at 7:00 pm

Gospel Meetings

Smartt church of Christ, July 23-27, services at 7:00 pm with Garland Elkins preaching.

Earleyville church of Christ, July 30-August 3, services at 7:30 pm with James Watkins preaching.

Unity church of Christ, July 30-August 3, services at 7:00 pm with Steve Vice preaching.

Smyrna church of Christ, August 6-9, services at 7:00 pm with Tony Lawrence preaching.

Our VBS report

This past week we had a great VBS. Our attendance was great!

Monday	198
Tuesday	240
Wednesday	300

Thanks to all of those who worked hard preparing for and teaching in the VBS. You did a wonderful job!

Also, thanks to our adult speakers. Monday night was Lane Dix (Mt. Leo), Tuesday night was David Costello (Main Street) and Wednesday night was Joe Ware (East End).

What About the Sabbath?

In this article we want to ask and give a Bible answer to some important questions concerning the Sabbath Day.

Ouestion #1 - - What is the Sabbath?

The word sabbath means the "ceasing from work or activity." In the Old Testament Law the word is used in connection with (1) the Day of Atonement: Leviticus 16:29-31; (2) The Seventh Year: Leviticus 25:2-4; (3) The Fiftieth Year: Leviticus 25:8-11; (4) The Seventy Years of Judah's bondage: II Chronicles 36: 21 and (5) The Seventh Day of the week. This study will focus on the Sabbath as the seventh day of the week.

Question #2 - - To whom was the Sabbath given?

The sabbath law was given only to the Jews (Deuteronomy 5:1-3, 6-21). The command to keep the sabbath holy was never given to any other people.

Question #3 - - When was the sabbath law given to the Jews?

Some might point to Genesis 2:1-3 to prove that the sabbath law was given at creation. However, Genesis 2 is a statement of fact, not command. The sabbath was not made known or given until the giving of the Old Law to the Jews at Mt. Sinai (Nehemiah 9:13-14; Ezekiel 20:10-12).

Question #4 - - Why was the sabbath given to the Jews?

It was given as a day of rest and a day of remembrance of the Jews' deliverance from Egypt (Exodus 31:15-17; Deuteronomy 5:15). Also, it was given as "a sign" between God and Israel (Exodus 31:13-17). This within itself indicates that it was exclusively a law for the Old Testament Jewish nation.

Question #5 - - When did the sabbath end as a law to be observed by God's people?

The Old Testament anticipated the end of the Old Law and the sabbath (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hosea 2:11). The New Testament says that when Jesus died on the cross, the Old Law (of which the sabbath was part) was "nailed" to the cross and ended, giving way to the New Testament of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 8:5-13; Colossians 2:14-16; Hebrews 10:9-10; Hebrews 9:15-17; Ephesians 2:14-16; Galatians 3:19-28). We now live and serve under the New Testament of Christ. As Christians we assemble on the first day of the week (Sunday) to eat the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7), give of our means (1 Corinthians 16:1-2), and worship God in Spirit and Truth (John 4:23-24).

Sometimes we hear someone talking about the "Christian sabbath." This is an unscriptural term. There is nothing Christian about the sabbath. It was a part of the Old Testament Judaism, not New Testament Christianity.

No one today can take a Bible and condemn anyone for not "observing the sabbath" (Colossians 2:16). Let us always "rightly divide the word of Truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

~Randy Kea~

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Sunday Morning Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements Leonard Clemons **Lead Singing** First Prayer W.C. Chilton Don Sullivan Reading Scripture Romans 1:16 *Winfrey Hennessee Lord's Table (N) *Chip Cantrell **(S)** Edgar Webb (N) Marty Boles (N) **David Chilton** (N) J.B. Gribble **(S) (S)** Lee Gann Steve Hillis (S) Sermon Ronnie Rogers **Dismiss** Hoyt Crouch

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Leonard Clemons
First Prayer
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table
Sermon

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Leonard Clemons
Eddie Palmer
Chuck Boles
Titus 2:11-15
*Danny Duncan
*Frank Reynoods
Ronnie Rogers

Sermon Ronnie Rogers
Dismiss Ken Lee

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2088) Tom McColloch
Lead Singing John Biddle
First Prayer Frank Reynolds
Reading Calvin Rogers
Invitation Bob Bonner
Dismiss Jim Slatton

Welcome Committee

A.M. Rodney Maynard Family P.M. Helen Morgan & Doris Smith

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Jeff Bond & Leonard Crouch

Attend Nursery: Ada Mayfield

Lock Building: Eddie Palmer

Pantry Item: Salmon

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	302
Bible Study	234
P.M. Worship	240
Wednesday Bible Study	219
Contribution\$4,	,065

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		Jim Slatton	

Preacher
Tony Lawren

At Home:

Susan Pryor-following surgery Nonie Grizzell

In The Hospital:

John Whiteaker-Riverpark
Brenda Farr (sister of our David King) had
open heart surgery at Winchester Medical
Center; 1840 Amherst St.; Winchester, VA
22601

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Finis Bennett. His funeral was Monday at Highs.

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. Power of the Word of God P.M. Hope

RESTORATIONS & BAPTISMS

This past week saw three precious souls baptized into Christ at Short Mountain Bible Camp. Cassie McGinness, Craig Palmer and Matt Cantrell were all baptized last week. On last Wednesday evening Lori Judkins came forward asking for the prayers of the congregation. On Thursday afternoon Heath Griffith requested prayer to be restored.

VBS's

Dibrell church of Christ, July 31-August 4, at 7:00 pm with the theme: In Search of Christian Traits.

Mt. Leo church of Christ, July 31-August 3, at 7:00 pm with the theme: How Shall The Young Secure Their Hearts.

Iconium church of Christ, August 6-10, at 7:00 pm

Gospel Meetings

Earleyville church of Christ, July 30-August 3, services at 7:30 pm with James Watkins preaching.

Unity church of Christ, July 30-August 3, services at 7:00 pm with Steve Vice preaching.

Smyrna church of Christ, August 6-9, services at 7:00 pm with Tony Lawrence preaching.

Summitville church of Christ, August 6-10, services at 7:00 pm with Garland Elkins preaching.

UPDATE ON BO

Everyone has been asking about "Bo" and how he is doing. He has arrived back in Thailand and is doing well. He will be moving to the Nakorn Panom province to work shortly. He just purchased a new motorcycle to be able to go and preach the gospel. I (T.L.) suggested he buy a red one, but he followed the suggestion of brother Christian and purchased green. Brother Christian said that it looked good with his skin. His last email indicated he was happy to be home.

For those who want to send "Bo" email, he can be contacted at <suwitbo@hotmail.com>. We will give his physical address once he has a permanent address.

Meals for Speakers

During the lectureship brother Michael Toby (from Selkirk) will be with us to lead singing. Also, each night we will have a speaker(s). If you would be willing to entertain Michael for lunch or one of the other speakers for the evening meal, please sign the list on the bulletin board. Your help in this is greatly appreciated.

On Sunday morning, August 13, we will have a fellowship meal following services at 11:20 am. All are encouraged to stay.

August 2000

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

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Sunday Morning Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements Michael Toby **Lead Singing** First Prayer Don Griffith Rodney Reynolds Reading Scripture 2Peter 1:3-11 Lord's Table (N) *Bill Biles *Mike Driver **(S) Bob Cantrell** (N) Ralph Crouch (N) Kraig Campbell (N) Eugene Wilcher **(S) (S)** Tyler Boyd Chris Jones (S) Sermon Jeff Archev **Dismiss** Jeff Flatt

Sunday Evening Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements Lead Singing Michael Toby First Prayer Ricky Prince Jeff Templeton Reading 2Peter 1:3-11 Scripture Lord's Table *Kelly Thaxton *Jim Slatton Sermon Chris Whitaker **Dismiss** Buell Warren

Wednesday Bible Study

Lectureship

Welcome Committee

A.M. Ken & Nona Martin P.M. Calvin & Nancy Rogers

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Danny Duncan & Allen Hughes

Attend Nursery: Denise Prince

Lock Building: Eddie Palmer

Pantry Item: Combread Mix

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	. 319
Bible Study	. 236
P.M. Worship	. 253
Wednesday Bible Study	. 213
Contribution\$6	5,634

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		Jim Slatton	-

Preacher
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473-8079 alawrence@blomand.net

SICK

At Home:

Nonie Grizzell John Whiteaker (now at daughter's home, Pearl Morton)

In The Hospital:

Brenda Farr (sister of our David King) doing well following open heart surgery. Harold Glenn-St. Thomas-following heart surgery.

Donnie Christian (grandson of Clyde Christian)-Vanderbilt-following a car wreck.

Edna Smith-St. Thomas

Edward Elrod (brother of our Dot Foster)hospital in New Castle, Delaware after bypass surgery.

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Pauline Greene (mother of our Doris Wilcher), she was a long time member at Bybee Branch. She passed away last week and her funeral was Sunday afternoon.

We also want to express sympathy to the family of Eva Henderson. Sister Henderson attended Bybee Branch some. Her funeral was also Sunday afternoon.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Summitville church of Christ, August 6-10, services at 7:00 pm with Garland Elkins preaching.

East End Drive church of Christ, August 13-18, services at 7:00 pm with Richard Barclay preaching.

Bonner church of Christ, August 17-20, services at 7:00 pm with Chris Whitaker preaching.

Central church of Christ, August 20-25, services at 7:00 pm with Garland Elkins preaching.

Bethany church of Christ, September 3-6, services at 7:00 pm with Charles Marshall preaching.

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Lena Mai Gribble

Houston Stiles

Carol Sue Taylor

Magdalene Taylor

Katherine Bennett

Eastside Boarding Home:

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

Norcliff Life Care Center: 85 Main St. N.: Hagersville, Ontario NOA-1H0 Canada Stanley McInery (905) 768-4612

Alvin C. York VA Nursing Home/Murfreesboro:

Joe Maxwell

Home:

Carolyn Cantrell

Edith Cantrell (at Ralph Griffith's home)

Jane Golden

Rozelle Goodman

Willene Kell

Pearl Mitchell

Bessie Parker

June Slatton

Robbie Vandagriff

Violet Webb

John Whiteaker (now at daughter's home, Pearl Morton)

Please help us keep an accurate list of those who are both sick and shut-in. If you see and error, please let us know. Tony

Annual Bible Lectures Program
Theme: Personal Christian Growth

DATE/TIME	Торіс	Speaker	

SUNDAY The Need For Christian Growth Jeff Archey 9:00 Growth In Faith Jeff Archey 10:15 Growth In Virtue & Knowledge Chris Whitaker 6:00

MONDAY

7:00 Growth In Self-Control Billy Smith 7:45 Growth in Patience **Donnie Iverson**

TUESDAY

7:00 Growth In Godliness Flavil Nichols 7:45 **Growth In Brotherly Kindness David Sain**

WEDNESDAY

James Cossey 7:00 Growth In Love

Each year the church at Bybee Branch has the unique privilege of having several capable and dedicated men come to preach and teach in the Lectureship. They have made great preparation. Let us be sure that we do not allow this great opportunity escape us. We are going to make a special effort to invite our young friends on Monday evening. Make your plans to be here for every service.

YOUTH ACTIVITY

There will be a youth activity this Saturday evening August 12, from 5:00-9:00 pm. At the Riverfront Park. There will be a cookout, games and a devotional. If you have questions, see Steve Hillis.

BIBLE GLASSES

On Sunday morning and Wednesday night, during the Lectureship, those in 5th grade and up will meet in the auditorium for the lectures. Those in the lower grades will go to class as usual.

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (686-2117) Kurt Maynard Joe Collins **Lead Singing** Steve Boyd First Prayer John Biddle Reading Scripture Philippians 2:12-18 Lord's Table (N) *Lemmie Bratten *Larry Flatt (S)Eric Fisher (N) (N) Joe T. Cantrell Harry Felty (N) Jeff Bond **(S) (S)** Bran Merritt Kevin Judkins (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Leonard Crouch

Sunday Evening Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements Lead Singing Joe Collins First Prayer **Bruce Pryor** Bill Womack Reading Ezekiel 28:1.2 Scripture Lord's Table *Frank Reynolds *Don Sullivan Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Ken Martin

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2088) Tom McColloch
Lead Singing Tim Fisher
First Prayer Steve Hillis
Reading Kelly Thaxton
Invitation Chuck Medley
Dismiss Ronnie Rogers

Welcome Committee

A.M. Harold McGinness Family P.M. Dennis Gann Family

Bus Driver: Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

Ushers: Shannon Griffin & Don Johnson

Attend Nursery: Becky Maynard

Lock Building: Eddie Palmer

Pantry Item: Pancake Mix

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	349
Bible Study	263
P.M. Worship	321
Wednesday Bible Study	224
Contribution \$4,4	493

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		Jim Slatton	•

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Tony Lawrence

At Home:

Nonie Grizzell
Brenda Farr (sister of our David King)
Harold Glenn-following heart surgery.
Donnie Christian (grandson of Clyde Christian)-following a car wreck.
Edna Smith
Charles Turner (father of Melinda York)-diagnosed with cancer.

In The Hospital:

none known

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. Working On Your Salvation P.M. Challenges To The Faith: Humanism

RESPONSES

On Sunday morning three precious souls responded to the Lord's invitation to be restored. Angie Caldwell, Susan Pryor, and Tim Fisher all came forward requesting prayers.

On Monday evening between the two lessons Nallely Jimenez was baptized into Christ by brother Roberto Garibaldi.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

East End Drive church of Christ, August 13-18, services at 7:00 pm with Richard Barclay preaching.

Bonner church of Christ, August 17-20, services at 7:00 pm with Chris Whitaker preaching.

Central church of Christ, August 20-25, services at 7:00 pm with Garland Elkins preaching.

Bethany church of Christ, September 3-6, services at 7:00 pm with Charles Marshall preaching.

Congress Gives Away Bibles!

In 1777, our Continental Congress voted an expenditure of \$300,000 (think how much that would be now!!!) to buy and distribute Bibles throughout the country. By contrast, a few years ago the Supreme Court ruled that the Gideons could not even give away Bibles on public school property.

In this country, a rape, murder, or assault is committed every 2.5 minutes. More than 15 million copies of porn magazines are sold every month. Three billion copies of salacious literature are sold annually—enough to fill five buildings the size of the Empire State Building. Much of this ends up in the hands and minds of our youth. Too many marriages end in divorce. The annual profit to bookmakers and others on the receiving end of gambling is more than the combined profits of U. S. Steel, General Motors, and ninety-seven other large corporations. There are five million alcoholics in America. A leading group of educators in Alabama colleges (the conservative, Bible-belt South) estimated that 83 percent of their students had been sexually promiscuous.

Think of how things have changed since 1777! Maybe Congress ought to think about giving out some more Bibles.

~copied from Glad Tidings of Good Things~

LECTURESHIP

Thanks to all who have helped make this one of the best lectureships ever. The ladies did a super job with the fellowship meal Sunday. The attendance has been exceptional! Tapes will be available for those who were unable to attend or who want a copy of the lessons. It was a thrill to see one baptized on Monday evening as well!

Being Careless About Appearance

A woman called her lawyer, saying that she wanted him to represent her in divorcing her husband of 25 years. The lawyer said, "And what would be the grounds for your divorce, ma'am?" She replied, "I want to divorce my husband because he is careless about his appearance." "And how does being careless about his appearance give you grounds for divorce?" the lawyer responded. "Because," the lady explained, "He has not put in an appearance in our house for five years!"

Sadly, many members of the church are "careless about their appearance" in this way. Some are careless about putting in an appearance in worship or study assemblies during the summer months. Although we understand the need to make trips and take vacations in the summer, there is often "grounds" for criticism in that they will forsake the assembly on vacation to make another 200 miles or enjoy another couple of hours of pleasure.

Some are habitually careless about making an appearance in certain assemblies of the church — some for Bible classes, some for Sunday night, others for Gospel Meetings, etc. Some are careless about making an appearance in worship or study when certain situations arise. If they have company Sunday morning, they may stay home and entertain company, and come Sunday night to take the Lord's Supper.

Others may plan a Sunday morning outing to fish, golf, or see family out of town. They fail to assemble with any brethren Sunday morning, and come in Sunday night to come up and take the Lord's Supper. We must object to such conduct. Having the Lord's Supper Sunday night should not be used as a convenience for those who chose to do something else that morning.

Sometimes the cooperation and involvement of church members is requested in a certain project. It may involve helping in a work day at the building, knocking on doors to advertise a Gospel Meeting, teaching a Bible class, etc. It is always gratifying to see that some will be most careful to do their part. Others carelessly do not put in an appearance, thinking, "Somebody else will do it." Brethren, a careless attitude about our duty is wrong. We are commanded not to forsake the assembly (Heb. 10:25). We should "be ready unto every good work" (Tit. 3:1). Let us replace a "care less" attitude with a "care more" attitude!

~Darrell Beard - East Main Informer~

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Sunday Morning Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements Leonard Clemons **Lead Singing** Noel Pepper First Prayer Tommy Crouch Reading Scripture Philippians 2:19-24 Lord's Table (N) *Bob Bonner *Tim Fisher **(S)** Asa Kell (N) (N) **Brett Merritt** David McColloch (N) Allen Hughes **(S) (S)** Don Johnson Shane Fisher (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Billy Gilbert

Sunday Evening Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements Lead Singing **Leonard Clemons** First Prayer **Bob Mayfield** Shannon Griffin Reading Scripture Proverbs 13:4 Lord's Table *W.C. Chilton *Eddie Palmer Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Calvin Rogers

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2088) Tom McColloch
Lead Singing Young Men
First Prayer Chip Cantrell
Reading Brandon McGinness
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Rodney Reynolds

Welcome Committee

A.M. Buell & Flossie Warren P.M. Kevin Judkins Family

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers: Marc Martin & Joe Roller

Attend Nursery: Jane Wilcher

Lock Building: Eddie Palmer

Pantry Item: Pancake Syrup

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	360
Bible Study	252
P.M. Worship	275
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	4,199

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		Jim Slatton	

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At Home:

Edna Smith-chemotherapy treatments

In The Hospital:

Freda Womack-St. Thomas for pacemaker. Millard Young (brother of our Flossie Warren)-MTMC/Murfreesboro following surgery.

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. Fellow Workers In The Kingdom P.M. Challenges To The Faith: Laziness

Responses

There were more responses during our Lectureship this past week in addition to those listed in last week's bulletin. On Tuesday evening, sister Laverne Collins came forward asking for the prayers of the congregation. On Wednesday evening sister Regina Templeton came forward. We want to continue to remember these two sisters in our prayers.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Central church of Christ, August 20-25, services at 7:00 pm with Garland Elkins preaching.

Bethany church of Christ, September 3-6, services at 7:00 pm with Charles Marshall preaching.

LABOR DAY MESSAGE

The Main St. congregation in Manchester invites everyone to a Labor Day get together. They will have a singing at 11:00 am, Tom Holland will speak at 11:30 and a lunch will be provided at noon.

If you were charged with being a Christian would there be enough evidence to convict you?

"HE REFUSED JUST ONE BEER"

It's Friday night and the football team at the local high school team has just won a thrilling, last minute victory over their chief rivals. The win means that they now will be in the playoffs for the state championship. Many of the teens gathered at one of the student's home for a "victory party." The air was full of laughter, the rivalry was so bitter and the victory had been so sweet! Some Christians were present and when offered a beer, they did not refuse.

Christian parents were planning a party for their teenage child. It was to celebrate the upcoming graduation from high school. Some of the child's teen friends asked the parents if it would be O.K. if they brought champagne to toast the event. The parents had some reservations about it, but when their own child begged them, *they did not refuse*.

A Christian businessman sat across the table from an important client and all was going well. The client offered him a drink and the Christian knew that if he took it the sale he had longed for would be clinched. *He did not refuse*.

A Christian had helped his neighbor with some yard work in the hot afternoon sun. They had known each other for such a long time and had often fished and golfed together. When they finished they went into the neighbor's house to cool off. The neighbor offered the Christian a cold beer. *He did not refuse*.

A report from Jim Petty, missionary to South Africa says, "One of our former graduates from Untali Bible School, Douglas Dabangana, was killed by the terrorists where he was preaching. A group of terrorists tried to force him to drink beer, *but he refused*, saying he was a Christian and couldn't, so they shot him right then, killing him."

One day the Christian young people, the Christian legislators, the Christian parents, the Christian business man, the Christian neighbor, and Douglas Dabangana will stand before Christ to give account for the deeds done in the body. Which of these would you want to be?

~Dan Jenkins~

"No Ma'am, I Won't - Ever"

I saw him in the church building for the first time on Wednesday. He was in his mid-70's, with thinning hair and a neat brown suit. Many times in the past I had invited him to come. Several other Christian friends had talked to him about the Lord and had tried to share the Good News with him. He was a well-respected, honest man with so many characteristics a Christian should have but he had never put on Christ. Nor even entered the doors of the church.

"Have you ever been to a church service in your life?" I had asked him a few years ago. We had just finished a pleasant day of visiting and talking. He hesitated. Then, with a bitter smile, he told me of his childhood experience some fifty years ago. He was one of many children in an impoverished family. His parents had struggled to provide food, with little left for housing and clothing.

When he was about ten, some neighbors invited him to worship with them. The Sunday School class had been very exciting. He had never heard such songs and stories before. He had never heard anyone read from the Bible. After class was over, the teacher took him aside and said, "Son, please don't come again dressed as you are now. We want to look our best when we come into God's house."

He stood in his ragged. unpatched overalls. Then, looking at his dirty bare feet, he answered softly, "No ma' am, I won't — ever."

"And I never did," he said, abruptly ending our conversation.

There must have been other factors to have hardened him so, but this experience formed a significant part of the bitterness in his heart. I'm sure that Sunday School teacher meant well. But did she really understand the love of Christ? Had she studied and accepted the teachings found in the second chapter of James? What if she had put her arms around that dirty, ragged little boy and said, "Son, I am so glad you are here, and I hope you will come every chance you get to hear more about Jesus."

I reflected on the awesome responsibility a teacher or elder or a parent has to welcome little ones in His name. How far-reaching her/his influence is! I prayed that I might ever be open to the tenderness of a child's heart, and that I might never fail to see beyond the appearance and behavior of a child to the eternal possibilities within.

Yes, I saw him in the church house for the first time on Wednesday. As I looked at that immaculately dressed old gentleman lying in his casket, I thought of the little boy of so long ago. I could almost hear him saying, "No, ma'am, I won't — ever."

And I wept.

~S. Ward~

The above article illustrates a very good point. Visitors are precious to us. We must be careful not to embarrass those who may not be able to do any better and sometimes we simply don't know their situation. However, at the same time, we must not justify ourselves in offering God less when we can and should do better. **TL**

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt **Lead Singing Stanley Graves** First Prayer Doug Hendrixson Dennis Gann Reading Scripture Philippians 3:1-2 Lord's Table (N) *Ronnie Prince *Jim Slatton (S)Rodney Maynard (N) Harley Northcutt (N) **Brandon McGinness** (N) Dickie Kesey **(S) (S)** John Nussbaum Joey Reynolds (S) Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Steve Wilcher

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Stanley Graves
First Prayer
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table

(668-2605) Brett Merritt
Stanley Graves
Tim Fisher
Tyler Boyd
Nehemiah 6:1-9
*Steve Hillis
*Winfrey Hennessee

*Winfrey Hennessee

Sermon Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Kraig Campbell

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing John Biddle
First Prayer Chuck Boles
Reading Joe T. Cantrell
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Chip Cantrell

Welcome Committee

A.M. Jeff Templeton Family

P.M. Mildred Bumbalough & Debbie Glenn

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Jeff Bond & Leonard Crouch

Attend Nursery: Cassie McGinness

Lock Building: David Chilton

Pantry Item: Chicken Noodle Soup

Record For The Week...

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Bible Study	251
P.M. Worship	251
Wednesday Bible Study	238
Contribution\$4	,176

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Rodney Reynolds	473-3570	Stanley Graves	Willie Newby
		Jim Slatton	•

Preacher
Tony Lawrence

At Home:

Edna Smith

In The Hospital:

Joe Lawrence-St. Thomas Angie Caldwell-Murfreesboro-having skin cancer removed on Wednesday Sarah Kell-outpatient surgery Wednesday at Riverpark

Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Leonard Lance, brother-in-law to our Ada Hensley. He passed away in Nashville on Saturday.

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. Brethren Beware P.M. Challenges To The Faith: Compromise

GOSPEL MEETING

The Gospel meeting scheduled for this coming week at the *Bethany church of Christ* has been canceled due to extreme sickness in the congregation.

LABOR DAY MESSAGE

The Main St. congregation in Manchester invites everyone to a Labor Day get together. They will have a singing at 11:00 am, Tom Holland will speak at 11:30 and a lunch will be provided at noon.

HISPANIC NEWS...

We rejoice that the Iglesia de Cristo continues to grow. Another precious soul was added to Christ on Sunday after the morning services. Anita Jimenez was baptized into Christ. Also a new attendance record was set for a regular services with and attendance of 83. This is great since the church will only be one year old this week!

BIBLE BOWL 2000-01

Time is just around the corner for this year's Bible Bowl. Our young people will be studying the book of Matthew. The first Bible Bowl will be at Bybee Branch.

SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Test to cover:
Oct. 8, 2000	Bybee Branch	Matthew 1-4
Nov. 12, 2000	New Hope	Matthew 5-8
Dec. 10, 2000	East End	Matthew 9-13
Jan. 14, 2001	Main Street	Matthew 14-18
Feb. 11, 2001	New Union	Matthew 19-23
Mar. 11, 2001	Central	Matthew 24-28

Be sure to encourage your children to study hard and plan to participate in this year's Bible Bowl.

T.A.B.S. 2000-01

The Teen Age Bible Studies program is also set to begin again for this year. The theme this year is "Great Lessons From Songs." The schedule is as follows:

SCHEDULE

	bell	LDCLL
Date	Location	Topic
9/17/00	Main St.	The Great Commandment
10/15/00	Bybee Branch	Our God Is An Awesome God
11/5/00	Woodbury	The Steadfast Love Of The Lord
12/3/00	Central	We Shall Assemble!
1/21/01	Wilson Ave.	As A Deer Panteth!
2/18/01	Hickerson Station	Unto Thee O Lord!
3/18/01	Grundy St.	Our God, He Is Alive!
4/15/00	New Union	Pierce My Ear!
5/20/00	Cowan	I Am Crucified With Christ!

Youth Fellowship

The "Labor Day" youth activity will be this coming Sunday, September 3, following the evening services. If you would like to participate please see the sign up list in the foyer or contact Steve Hillis.

September 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	,				Nancy Rogers Rodney Reynolds	KEN & GLYNA LEE Allison Chilton
		ļ		ļ	1	2
Labor Day Youth Activity			Gail Crouch	Marsha Collins Denice Prince Nichole Wilcher Micah McColloch	RONNIE & DENICE PRINCE George Trail	EDWARD & GLENDA SOLOMON Joe Lawrence Erin Duncan Roeba Jones
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		ŠTEVE & CAROL BOYD Kayla Napier	Josh Medley Lori Pepper Chris Jones	Lennie Ruth Kesey Janice Foster Clercie Delone Merek McColloch		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Doug Hendrixson TABS at Main St. in Manchester 6:00 pm	Caleb Hughes	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 Tony Garibaldi
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Merideth Jones Leonard Crouch	Mary Lois Cantrell Agnes Fults Glenda Solomon	Joe Huntley	Danielle Lance Walter Maxwell Randel Whiteaker Dana Roller	Sandy Brown Harry Felty	Andrew Collins Glynda Stevens	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt Joe Collins **Lead Singing** Frank Reynolds First Prayer Kelly Thaxton Reading Scripture TBA *Ronnie Rogers Lord's Table (N) *Tommy Crouch (S)Marc Martin (N) (N) Abram Pryor Harold McGinness (N) Lynn Gann **(S) (S)** Joe Roller Joe Maynard (S) Sermon John Biddle **Dismiss** Bill Womack

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt **Lead Singing** Joe Collins First Prayer Don Sullivan Tom McColloch Reading Scripture **TBA** Lord's Table *Bob Mayfield *Jeff Flatt Sermon John Biddle **Dismiss David Chilton**

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing Tim Fisher
First Prayer Billy Gilbert
Reading Larry Flatt
Invitation Steve Boyd
Dismiss Lemmie Bratten

Welcome Committee

A.M. David & Iona King P.M. Bruce Pryor Family

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Danny Duncan & Allen Hughes

Attend Nursery: Patsy Reynolds

Lock Building: David Chilton

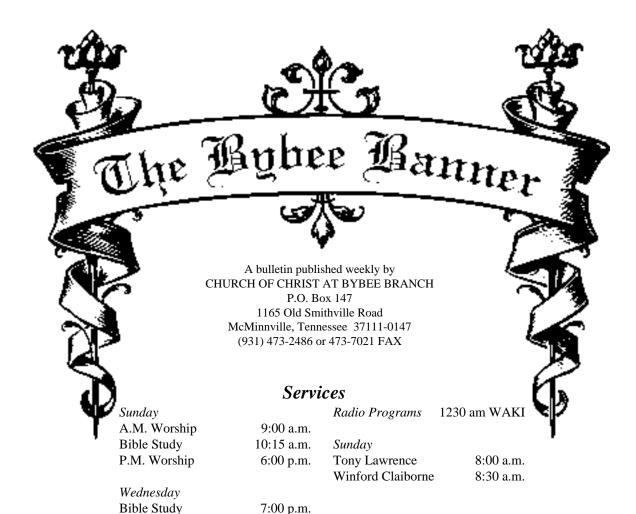
Pantry Item: Corned Beef Hash

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	354
Bible Study	295
P.M. Worship	270
Wednesday Bible Study	238
Contribution	\$4,397

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vrence 473-8079 alawrence@blomand.net

At Home:

Edna Smith Joe Lawrence Nan Cantrell

In The Hospital:

none known

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

Guest Speaker: John Biddle, September 10, 2000 A.M. The Most Important Lesson in the Epistles P.M. The Most Important Lesson in the Gospels

RESTORATION

We rejoice that brother Winfrey Hennessee was restored this past Wednesday evening. Please remember him in your prayers.

TOMBSTONE EPITAPH

"Remember friend as you pass by, as you are now so once was I; as I am now you soon will be; so prepare to die and follow me." Someone else had written with a black crayon under the above words, "To follow you I'm not content until I learn which way you went." Certainly, we should be careful whom we follow.

HUNTER & THE BEAR

As the hunter raised his rifle, the bear called out, "Can't we talk this over like two sober human beings."

The hunter lowered his gun. "What's to talk about?" he asked.

"Well, for instance," said the bear, coming closer, "what do you want me for?"

"Simple!" grunted the hunter, "I want a fur coat."
"All I want is breakfast," smiled the bear. "I am sure we can get together on this."

So they sat down to work out an agreement. After a while the bear got up all alone. They had reached a compromise. The bear had eaten his breakfast; the hunter was in a fur coat.

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Lena Mai Gribble Houston Stiles Carol Sue Taylor Magdalene Taylor Katherine Bennett

Eastside Boarding Home:

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

Norcliff Life Care Center; 85 Main St. N.; Hagersville, Ontario NOA-1H0 Canada Stanley McInery (905) 768-4612

Alvin C. York VA Nursing Home/Murfreesboro:

Joe Maxwell

Home:

Carolyn Cantrell

Edith Cantrell (at Ralph Griffith's home)

Jane Golden

Rozelle Goodman

Willene Kell

Pearl Mitchell

Bessie Parker

June Slatton

Robbie Vandagriff

Violet Webb

John Whiteaker (now at daughter's home, Pearl

Morton)

Please help us keep an accurate list of those who are both sick and shut-in. If you see and error, please let us know. Tony

Sunday Morning Worship (Sept. 17)

Announcements	(668-2605) Brett Merritt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Bill Biles
Reading	Jason Vandagriff
Scripture	Philippians 3:12-15
Lord's Table (N)	*Chuck Boles
(S)	*Noel Pepper
(N)	George Trail
(N)	Jeff Bond
(N)	Shane Fisher
(S)	Ryan Kesey
(S)	Asa Kell
(S)	Tyler Boyd
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Mike Driver

Sunday Evening Worship (Sept. 17)

Announcements	(668-2605) Brett Merritt	
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons	
First Prayer	Calvin Rogers	
Reading	Kevin Judkins	
Scripture	Matthew 14:25-31	
Lord's Table	*Joe T. Cantrell	
	*Ken Martin	
Sermon	Tony Lawrence	
Dismiss	Danny Duncan	

Wednesday Bible Study (Sept. 20)

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Young Men
First Prayer	Stanley Graves
Reading	Jim Slatton
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Eddie Palmer

Welcome Committee

A.M. Glenda Faye & Myra Bell P.M. Don & Susie Griffith

Bus Driver: Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

Ushers: Shannon Griffin & Don Johnson

Attend Nursery: Susan Pryor

Lock Building: David Chilton

Pantry Item: Spaghetti Noodles

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

Sunday, September 17, 2000

A.M. Pressing On
P.M. Challenges To The Faith: Doubt

10 Commandments For Songbooks

- 1. Thou shalt not bend my backs together.
- 2. Thouse shalt not mark on me.
- 3. Thou shalt not tear my pages.
- 4. Thou shalt not use me to hit the babies.
- 5. Thou shalt not let the children play with me.
- 6. Thou shalt not throw me on the seat at the end of the song service.
- 7. Thou shalt not borrow me without returning me to my proper place.
- 8. Thou shalt not use me as a fan.
- 9. Thou shalt extend my life with proper care.
- Thou shalt use me often and understand with thy heart my words.

These points are worthy of our consideration as we have just purchased new song books. Please take care of them and they will last us several years.

"GETTING EVEN"

Young Jim rushed up to his father one day and said, "Father, Tom has done me wrong, and I'm going to 'get even' with him if it's the last things I do." The father scratched his head and then said, "Son, when you start out to 'get even,' why not 'get even' with somebody who has done you a favor?"

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September 24, 2000 Sunday Morning Worship Ushers: Marc Martin & Joe Roller

W.C. Chilton

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt **Lead Singing Stanley Graves** First Prayer Winfrey Hennessee Hoyt Crouch Reading Scripture TBA *Larry Flatt Lord's Table (N) *Steve Boyd (S)Bran Merritt (N) (N)

Ken Martin Chris Jones (N) Marty Boles **(S)**

(S) David McColloch Eric Fisher (S) Sermon Larry Vinson Bob Mayfield **Dismiss**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt **Lead Singing Stanley Graves** First Prayer Lemmie Bratten Reading Chip Cantrell Scripture **TBA** Lord's Table *Bruce Pryor *Bill Biles Sermon Larry Vinson

Wednesday Bible Study

Dismiss

(668-7916) Joe Collins Announcements **Lead Singing** Steve Hillis First Prayer Jeff Flatt **Bob Bonner** Reading Invitation John Biddle Noel Pepper Dismiss

Welcome Committee

Kraig & Heather Campbell Mike Driver Family

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Attend Nursery: Glyna Lee

Lock Building: David Chilton

Pantry Item: Macaroni & Cheese

Record For The Week...

Week	9/10	9/17
A.M. Worship	344	344
Bible Study	255	254
P.M. Worship	254	225
Wednesday Bible Study	238	231
Contribution	\$5,997	\$4,566



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At Home:

Joe Lawrence Larry Goodman (following oral surgery) Emma Jean Hice (at daughter's home, Carolyn Woodside)

In The Hospital:

Robert Kelsey-Erlanger (in Intensive Care after a fall)

Edith Cantrell has been moved to Raintree Pearl Mitchell has been moved to Graceful Boarding Home

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

Guest Speaker: Larry Vinson

A.M. The Most Important Lesson in the Epistles P.M. The Most Important Lesson in the Gospels

WELCOME

We want to welcome Charles and Vada Campbell to Bybee Branch. They placed their membership last week.

Sympathy

We want to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Jeff Mayfield. He was the son of our Bob and Ada Mayfield. He was killed in a tragic accident this past Thursday evening.

We also want to extend sympathy to the family of Edna Smith. She was a long time member of Bybee Branch and the mother of our Lennie Ruth Kesey. She suffered a stroke Sunday morning and passed away at 12:30 am on Monday morning.

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Elders and Deacons will be this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm.

Meetings

Arlington church of Christ, September 24-27, services at 7:00 pm with Paul Meacham, Jr. speaking.

East End church of Christ will have their annual Homecoming, Sunday October 1, 2000.

Youth Retreat

There will be a meeting Wednesday evening following services for those interested in going on a youth retreat at Fall Creek Falls. For more information contact Steve Hillis

Message From Bo

Brother Tony,

Last Saturday I had 2 people from Zeaw village come to visit us and I sat and studied the Bible with them, then they decided to be baptized, one name Jamram 15 years old, another name Wang about 50 years old, they stayed with us one night and have service on Sunday with us, then they leave.

Preaching in the city is more difficult than in the village, people busy and making money all the time, they will not give time to study the Bible with us. Brother Kaew baptized 2 of them. Tum and I are at Mukdahan today, because I sent her home then I will return to work to morrow. I would like to write letter to the brethren too but letter is slower than email.

My cough still with me and I will go to see the doctor again next week. I wish that I could have a medicine that brother Tim use to give me, it help me alot. You take care and talk to you later.

In Christian love, Brother Bo

(I will give everyone Bo's address when we get it. He can be sent email at suwitbo@hotmail.com. Bo is planning on marrying this weekend, September 22.)

FEELING LEFT OUT?

WHEN IT IS ANNOUNCED AT THE ASSEMBLY THAT SOMEONE IS SICK, DO YOU: Offer to send a card or help? Organize help, if necessary? Visit them at the hospital? Get irritated at the announcements about people you don't even know?

WHEN NEW SOULS ARE ADDED TO THE LORD, DO YOU: Introduce yourself and welcome them? Visit and encourage them? Help supply any physical and spiritual needs?

WHEN YOU THINK THERE ISN'T ENOUGH SOCIAL ACTIVITY, DO YOU: Invite some Christians into your home? Plan and carry out recreational activities for either adults or children? Offer to help in activities which others may plan?

WHEN NO ONE SEEMS FRIENDLY, DO YOU: Make it your place to greet visitors? Invite members who may be weak to your home? Have you, yourself, been friendly?

WHEN BIBLE CLASSES ARE PROVIDED, DO YOU: Attend faithfully and encourage others to do so? Do you prepare your lesson? Contribute to class discussion with comments or by asking questions? Or do you sit with your mouth shut, waiting for the class to be more interesting than it was the last time? Or do you stay home - not interested at all?

WHEN A WORK DAY IS PLANNED, DO YOU: Arrange your plans so you can be there? Look for ways you can contribute to the upkeep and improvement of the building? Or always manage to be "too busy" because it is your day off?

~Selected~

THINK ABOUT IT

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to hell.

Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says.

Funny how everyone wants to go to heaven provided they do not have to believe, think, say, or do anything the Bible says.

Or is it scary?

Funny how someone can say "I believe in God" but still follow Satan who also "believes" in God.

Funny how you can send a thousand 'jokes' through e-mail and they spread like wildfire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.

Funny how the lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene pass freely through cyberspace, but the public discussion of Jesus is suppressed in the school and workplace.

FUNNY, ISN'T IT?

Funny how someone can be so fired up for Christ on Sunday, but be an invisible Christian the rest of the week.

Are you laughing?

Funny how when you go to forward this message, many on your list are not receiving it because you're not sure what they believe, or what they will think

of you for sending it to them.

Funny how I can be more worried about what other people think of me than what God thinks of me. Are you thinking?

(Received from the Internet)

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Sunday Morning Worship

(668-2180) Ken Martin Announcements **Lead Singing** Joe Collins First Prayer Billy Gilbert Reading **Bob Bonner** Scripture Philippians 3:17-21 *Chuck Medley Lord's Table (N) *Ken Lee **(S)** Barry Hendrixson (N) J.B. Gribble (N) (N) Don Johnson Harry Felty **(S)** (S) Ralph Crouch (S) John Nussbaum Tony Lawrence Sermon Dismiss **Bob Cantrell**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin Lead Singing Joe Collins First Prayer Mike Driver Joe Roller Reading Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:33 *Calvin Rogers Lord's Table *Ronnie Prince Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Tommy Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing John Biddle
First Prayer Steve Boyd
Reading Lynn Gann
Invitation Tim Fisher
Dismiss Bill Biles

Welcome Committee

A.M. Jeff Flatt Family

P.M. Denice Reynolds & Teresa Atnip

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Jeff Bond & Leonard Crouch

Attend Nursery: Teresa McGinness

Lock Building: Chip Cantrell

Pantry Item: Pork & Beans

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	315
Bible Study	261
P.M. Worship	247
Wednesday Bible Study	224
Contribution	\$5,205

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At Home:

Joe Lawrence Emma Jean Hice

In The Hospital:

Robert Kelsey-Erlanger (in Intensive Care after a fall)

Please call the office when you know of sick so that we can keep our list current and up-to-date

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. Our Citizenship Is In Heaven P.M. ... Challenges to Faith: Family, Friends, & Foes

CITIZENS FOR SAFER COMMUNITY

A group has been formed to fight the proposed "Liquor by the drink" referendum that will be coming up. Those who wish to donate to this cause can see Tony Lawrence or one of the elders.

THANKS TO ALL

I would like to express my personal thanks to all who have filled in for me the past couple of weeks while I have been out due to vacation and a Gospel Meeting. Thanks to John Biddle and Larry Vinson for preaching, they both are very capable and sound Gospel preachers. Thanks also to Joe Collins, Ronnie Rogers, and John Biddle for teaching my classes. Thanks also for the words of encouragement from all who missed us. There truly is "no place like home."

Study Your Bible Daily!

MEETINGS

Arlington church of Christ, September 24-27, services at 7:00 pm with Paul Meacham, Jr. speaking.

Centertown church of Christ, September 24-28, services at 7:00 pm with Kerry Duke speaking.

Hebron church of Christ, September 24-27, services at 7:00 pm with Jimmy Wright speaking.

Cowan church of Christ, September 24-28, services at 7:00 pm with Tony Lawrence speaking.

East End church of Christ will have their annual Homecoming, Sunday October 1, 2000.

Harmony church of Christ, October 1-3, services at 7:00 pm with Vernon Joines speaking.

Trousdale church of Christ, October 6-8, services at 7:00 pm with Leroy Dedmon speaking.

Bear's Project

The Ladies "Bears Project" will be this coming Monday evening, October 2 at 6:00 pm. If you have questions see June Crouch.

FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual Fall Festival fellowship will be coming up on October 28. Be sure to mark your calendars for this event. It will be at 5:00 pm at the building. See Chip Cantrell if you have questions.

Youth Activity

The "Big Tree Adventure" will this coming Saturday. Those planning on going need to be at the building at 9:00 am. Be sure to bring a sack lunch and hiking clothes. Drinks will be provided. If you have questions, see Steve Hillis.

October 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Martha Maxwell	Ladies "Bears Project" 6:00 pm		Mickey Whiteaker	Stephen Boyd	Georgia Womack Bernice Fults	
Larry Flatt Donna Newby	Carol Felty Daniel Boyd	3 Dot Powell	W.C. & NELMA CHILTON	Willene Kell Bill Biles	6 Nelma Chilton	7 JACK & ANNA JEAN BOND
Bible Bowl at Bybee Branch 2:00 pm	School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 pm		Missy Lee	Bruce Pryor		LARRY & JANE FLATT Heath Griffith
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
TABS at Bybee Branch 6:00 pm		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 Sarah Kell	Julie Slatton School of Bible	17	Kelly Thaxton	BRUCE & SHIRLEY NUNLEY Mary Flatt	Brandon McGinness Darrell Chilton	21
	Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 pm					Fall Festival at the building 5:00 pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Cassie McGinness	BOBBY & CAROLYN CANTRELL					
29	30	31				

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Sunday Morning Worship

(668-2180) Ken Martin Announcements Leonard Clemons **Lead Singing** First Prayer Kurt Maynard Reading Ricky Prince Philippians 4:1-3 Scripture *Don Griffith Lord's Table (N) *Eddie Palmer **(S)** (N) Jeff Templeton Buell Warren (N) Eugene Wilcher (N) **Brandon McGinness (S)** (S) Harley Northcutt **(S)** Tom McColloch Tony Lawrence Sermon **Dismiss** Caleb Graves

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin Lead Singing Leonard Clemons First Prayer Dennis Gann Reading Joey Reynolds Scripture Hebrews 10:35-39 Lord's Table *Larry Flatt *Jim Slatton Sermon Tony Lawrence Dismiss Bill Womack

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing Young Men
First Prayer Noel Pepper
Reading Kelly Thaxton
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Kraig Campbell

Welcome Committee

A.M. David McColloch Family P.M. Asa & Sarah Kell

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Danny Duncan & Allen Hughes

Attend Nursery: Judy Nussbaum

Lock Building: Chip Cantrell

Pantry Item: Potted Meat

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	334
Bible Study	267
P.M. Worship	240
Wednesday Bible Study	247
Contribution\$4	,143

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7:00 p.m.

Preacher

Bible Study

Tony Lawrence 473-8079 email alawrence@blomand.net

At Home:

Joe Lawrence Emma Jean Hice

In The Hospital:

Robert Kelsey-Erlanger (moved to rehab section) B.F. Wilson (Melba Bonner's father)-St. Thomas James McAfee-St. Thomas

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. Helping One Another To Heaven P.M. The Faith That Saves

MEETINGS

Harmony church of Christ, October 1-3, services at 7:00 pm with Vernon Joines speaking.

Trousdale church of Christ, October 6-8, services at 7:00 pm with Leroy Dedmon speaking.

Campaign church of Christ, October 8-10, services at 7:00 pm with Jimmy Wright speaking.

New Hope church of Christ (Readyville), October 8-11, services at 7:00 pm with Garland Elkins speaking.

Morrison church of Christ, October 22-26, services at 7:00 pm with David Pharr speaking.

BIBLE BOWL

The 2000-01 Bible Bowl season begins this Sunday hosted by the congregation here at Bybee Branch. We will meet at 2:00 pm for the service. Our guest speaker will be Chad Ramsey, who now preaches for the West Sparta congregation. He will speak to the adults while the young people take the test and then to the young people afterward. Chad grew up at Bybee Branch.

There will be a study session at the home of Harold and Teresa McGinness from 5-8 pm this Saturday evening.

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Clyde Christian Lena Mai Gribble Houston Stiles

Carol Sue Taylor

Magdalene Taylor

Katherine Bennett

Eastside Boarding Home:

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles Edith Cantrell Flossie Smartt

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Rozelle Goodman

Willene Kell

Bessie Parker

June Slatton

Robbie Vandagriff

Violet Webb

John Whiteaker (now at daughter's home, Pearl Morton)

THE ABC'S OF CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOR

Act instead of argue.

Build instead of brag.

Climb instead of criticize.

Dig instead of depreciate.

Encourage instead of envy.

Fight instead of faint.

Give instead of grumble.

Help instead of harm.

Invite instead of ignore.

Join instead of jeer.

Kneel instead of kick.

Love instead of lampoon.

Move instead of mold.

Nurture instead of neglect.

Obey instead of object.

Pray instead of pout.

Qualify instead of quit.

Rescue instead of ridicule.

Shout instead of shrink.

Try instead of tremble.

Undergird instead of undermine.

Vindicate instead of vilify.

Willing instead of wilting.

Exterminate instead of excuse.

Yield instead of yell.

Zip instead of zigzag.

ANOTHER HISPANIC BAPTISM

This past Sunday afternoon there was another precious soul baptized into Christ. Enrique Garcia was referred to the church by the brethren at Dibrell. He learned the truth and put on our Lord in baptism. This brings the number to 24 that have been baptized since last September. To God be the glory.

FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual Fall Festival fellowship will be coming up on October 28. Be sure to mark your calendars for this event. It will be at 5:00 pm at the building. See Chip Cantrell if you have questions.

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Sunday Morning Worship

(668-2180) Ken Martin Announcements **Lead Singing Stanley Graves** First Prayer Bruce Pryor Reading Allen Huges Philippians 4:4-7 Scripture *Rodney Reynolds Lord's Table (N) *Jeff Flatt **(S)** (N) David McColloch Leonard Crouch (N) (N) Joe Maynard Abram Pryor **(S)** (S) Bran Merritt George Trail (S) Tony Lawrence Sermon **Dismiss** Ronnie Prince

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (473-4887) Joey Reynolds Lead Singing Shane Fisher First Prayer Tyler Boyd Lee Gann Reading Scripture Psalms 66:1-7 *Steve Boyd Lord's Table *David Chilton Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Eric Fisher

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing Tim Fisher
First Prayer Ronnie Rogers
Reading Mike Driver
Invitation W.C. Chilton
Dismiss Frank Reynolds

Welcome Committee

A.M. Kurt Maynard Family P.M. Lemmie & Brenda Bratten

Bus Driver: Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

Ushers: Shannon Griffin & Don Johnson

Attend Nursery: Anna Hendrixson

Lock Building: Chip Cantrell

Pantry Item: Tomato Sauce

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	327
Bible Study	276
P.M. Worship	237
Wednesday Bible Study	228
Contribution\$6	,482

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At Home:

B.F. Wilson (Melba Bonner's father)-improving Trent Driver (son of Mike & Sharon)-good results from MRI and further tests Sherry Pelham-home following outpatient surgery

In The Hospital:

Robert Kelsey-Erlanger (moved to rehab section)

Hallie Cantrell-in Critical Care in Brandon, FL following surgery

James Ramsey (grandfather of our Melinda Martin)-St. Thomas following heart surgery.

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. Rejoice In The Lord
P.M. Our God Is An Awesome God

MEETINGS

Campaign church of Christ, October 8-10, services at 7:00 pm with Jimmy Wright speaking.

New Hope church of Christ (Readyville), October 8-11, services at 7:00 pm with Garland Elkins speaking.

Ward's Chapel church of Christ, October 15-20, services at 7:00 pm with Steven Yeatts speaking.

West Riverside church of Christ, October 15-18, services at 7:00 pm with Paul Meacham, Jr. speaking.

Quebeck church of Christ, October 15-18, services at 7:00 pm with Randy Kea speaking.

Morrison church of Christ, October 22-26, services at 7:00 pm with David Pharr speaking.

Leoni church of Christ, Lectureship, November 3-5, with the theme: Sermon on the Mount. Program and speakers posted on the bulletin board.

BIBLE BOWL

Congratulations to the young people from the Rome congregation. They took first place in the Bible Bowl missing none on the test. Taking second place were New Hope and our group from Bybee Branch, missing only 1. Coming in third were Dibrell, Earleyville, and Ivy Bluff. Fourth place was Hebron, Leoni, Rockliff and Southside. Half of the congregations placed in the top four positions!

It was great to see a crowd of 415 gathered for this month's Bible Bowl. Thanks to all the ones who so faithfully carried on their tasks to see this operate as smoothly as possible. There were so many who helped it would be impossible to thank them all by name. You were appreciated!

One highlight of the afternoon was to have Chad Ramsey with us. He delivered two excellent lessons! Next month's Bible Bowl will be at the New Hope congregation in Readyville.

HISPANIC BAPTISM

Again, this past Sunday afternoon there was another precious soul baptized into Christ at the Hispanic congregation. Daniel Blanco was baptized following the morning service on Sunday.

This past weekend was the Gospel Meeting at the Iglesia de Cristo and they had excellent attendance. The attendance was:

Friday	95
Saturday	136
Sunday	86

FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual Fall Festival fellowship will be coming up on October 28. If you would like to contribute to this event, please give your money to W.C. Chilton, Chip Cantrell, or Barry Hendrixson.

"SON, WE DON'T WANT THE CHURCH TO GROW INTO WHAT WE LEFT."

Sometime ago I heard Leroy Brownlow speak on "Why I Am a Member of the Church of Christ." The name and the title were both familiar to me, as they would be to most members of the church. Brother Browlow is the author of the popular book by the same name. My oldest copy of his book is the *ninth* edition. My most recent copy is the *forty-second edition!* It numbers into the hundreds of thousands.

Brother Brownlow is beyond three score and ten, but he has lost none of his power and effectiveness as a proclaimer. He enunciated his points with clarity, simplicity, and good humor. In the course of his remarks he pointed out that many people are what they are religiously, because they grew up that way. He said this was not true, however, in his case. He and his parents studied their way out of prominent denominational bodies in order to become undenominational New Testament Christians.

He spoke of how his father gave up his creed book when he obeyed the Gospel. He carried his New Testament with him thereafter, wherever he went. He described the excitement, happiness, and joy his parents experienced in becoming members of the New Testament church. They were thrilled to wear no name but Christian, to have no creed but Christ, and to hold membership in no institution except the church revealed in the New Testament.

A short time before his mother passed away, she began to observe the changes promulgated by some within the church. One day she said to him: "Son, we don't want the church to grow into what we left!"

What a powerful expression for the undenominational nature of the New Testament church. She had studied her way out of denominationalism. She knew the difference. She understood what it meant to be a simple, New Testament Christian and a member of the church as people were in the first century.

When we see denominational trends and modernistic departures taking place around us, let us remember that fervent entreaty: "Son, we don't want the church to grow into what we left!"

~Alan E. Highers~

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Sunday Morning Worship

(668-2180) Ken Martin Announcements **Lead Singing Leonard Clemons** First Prayer John Biddle Reading Noel Pepper Philippians 4:8-9 Scripture *Frank Reynolds Lord's Table (N) *Don Sullivan **(S)** (N) Harold McGinness Danny Duncan (N) (N) Joe T. Cantrell Jason Vandagriff **(S)** (S) Kelly Thaxton Rodney Maynard **(S)** Tony Lawrence Sermon **Dismiss** Jim Slatton

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin Lead Singing Leonard Clemons First Prayer Eddie Palmer Bill Biles Reading Scripture Proverbs 23:29-35 Lord's Table *Ricky Prince *Billy Gilbert Sermon Tony Lawrence

Dismiss Hoyt Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

(668-9581) Willie Newby Announcements Lead Singing Steve Hillis First Prayer Calvin Rogers Asa Kelly Reading Invitation Tony Lawrence Dismiss Chuck Medley

Welcome Committee

Bruce Pryor Family A.M. Ken & Glyna Lee

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

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Attend Nursery: Cindy Rogers

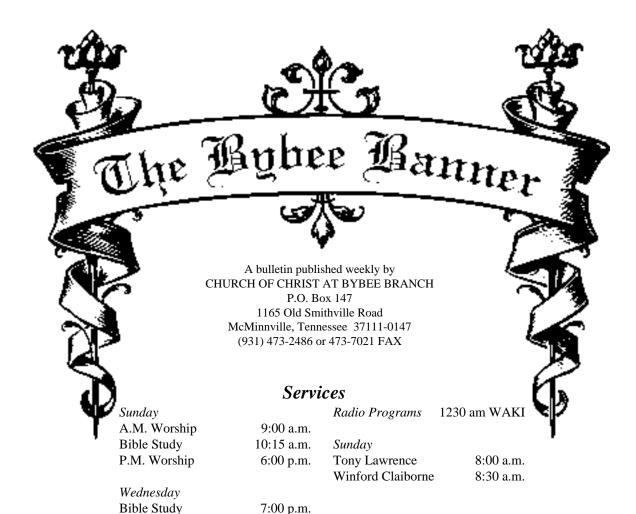
Lock Building: Chip Cantrell

Pantry Item: Beef Stew

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship 3	12
A.M. Worship	45
P.M. Worship	79
Wednesday Bible Study 24	40
Contribution \$4,2	33

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Preacher

473-8079 Tony Lawrence email alawrence@blomand.net

At Home:

Sherry Pelham Hallie Cantrell-following surgery Eugene Jones Doug Hendrixson-following surgery Trent Driver (son of Mike & Sharon)

In The Hospital:

Mary Flatt-surgery in Nashville this week
Winford Claiborne (preacher at the West
Fayettville church and speaker on our radio
program has a tumor on his liver. He will
have it removed at St. Thomas this week)
James Ramsey (grandfather of Melinda Martin)
St. Thomas

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

MEETINGS

Morrison church of Christ, October 22-26, services at 7:00 pm with David Pharr speaking.

Leoni church of Christ, Lectureship, November 3-5, with the theme: Sermon on the Mount. Program and speakers posted on the bulletin board.

FALL FESTIVAL

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If you would like to contribute to this event, please give your money to W.C. Chilton, Chip Cantrell, or Barry Hendrixson.

THE GREAT DESTROYER

Strong drink is indeed "the great destroyer." Evangeline Booth was right when she declared: "Drink has shed more blood, hung more crepe, sold more homes, plunged more people into bankruptcy, armed more villains, slain more children, snapped more wedding rings, defiled more innocent, blinded more eyes, dethroned more reason, wrecked more manhood, dishonored more womanhood, broke more hearts, blasted more lives, driven more to suicide, and dug more graves than any other scourge that has cursed the world." Beverage alcohol destroys internally, externally and eternally. There are many "woes" connected with alcoholic beverages. Please consider the following:

- 1. The woe of **physical consequences.** A disturbed stomach, a diseased liver, a weakened heart, a feverish brain, and early grave (Isaiah 5:22; Proverbs 23:29-35).
- 2. The woe of a **deranged mind.** Drunkenness beclouds reason, impairs memory, inflates imagination. While under the influence of an intoxicant, a man is insane. He errs in vision and stumbles in judgment.
- 3. The woe of **financial disaster** (Proverbs 23:21). Whiskey incapacitates man, unfits him for usefulness. Because of intemperance or drunkenness, men lose their jobs. For this reason drunkenness brings the man and his family rags and crumbs.
- 4. The woe of **social ostracism**. The drunkard is considered, and rightly so, an enemy of society.
- 5. The woe of **moral calamity**. Intoxicants arouse dormant passions. The sin of drunkenness is often followed by other sins. One of these is sexual sin. Another is falsehood. While under the influence of liquor, man's word in unreliable. Another sin is wrath. A drunkard will fight his best friend.
- 6. Finally, the woe of **God's judgment.** The Almighty has spoken His displeasure and pronounced His judgment. No drunkard can inherit the kingdom of heaven (I Corinthians 6:9, 10).

~from Chapman Challenger, October 11, 2000~

Wresting The Scriptures

he apostle Peter wrote, "As also in all his [Paul's] epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction" (2 Pet. 3:16). The practice of wresting the Scripture is quite common. To wrest is to pervert, change, or abuse the divine text. Many misuse the Bible to justify sinful actions by taking a passage out of its context or misapplying the Scripture. We should not be surprised that this happens, since Satan himself, who is knowledgeable of God's Word, seeks to pervert it. In Matthew 4, Satan tempted Jesus by using the Scriptures. "The devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone' (vv. 5,6). Satan, taking a passage out of context, tried to cause Jesus to sin. Jesus corrected Satan by replying, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (v.7). Jesus knew how to properly use the truth.

There are countless passages today that individuals seek to wrest. Perhaps the three most widely abused are: Matthew 7:1; John 8:7; and Matthew 23:23. We shall briefly consider each one:

I. Matthew 7:1 states, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." These words of Jesus were spoken during His sermon on the mount. Some take His words to mean you cannot judge another under any circumstances. However, one should read this passage in light of its context. Verses 1-5 clearly teach that we are not to judge others by any standard, if we are not first willing to judge ourselves by it. Judgement in this context is speaking of hypocritical judgement and censorious judgement (judging without knowing all the facts). This type of judging is sinful. However, Jesus tells us to 'judge righteous judgement" (Jn. 7:24). He continues in His sermon by saying, "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep 's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Mt. 7:15,16). How can this be done except by making a judgement? Christians are commanded to judge, but only by the proper standard- -the Word of God.

II. John 8:7 states, *He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.*" Some would say, since Jesus did not condemn this woman of ill repute for her sin, neither should we be condemned for sin. Again, the context of the passage deals with hypocrisy. Jesus' attitude toward the woman was not toleration for her sin, but sympathy and compassion in light of her condemnation by even more despicable characters, the self-righteous Pharisees. Jesus made it clear that this woman was to "go and sin no more" (v.11). The Savior here teaches that while we are to despise sin, we love the sinner.

III. Matthew 23:23 states, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin in, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgement, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Religious liberals almost make it a crime to obey God. This verse is often cited as a proof that what really matters in service to God is judgement, mercy, and faith; and we should not become absorbed with mere forms and outward devotions. To the contrary, this passage teaches that judgement, mercy and faith are more difficult to put into practice than tithing mint, anise, and cummin; thus, these weightier matters had been neglected by the Pharisees. The man who walks by faith and loves God with all his heart will not forsake any of the commandments of God. It is always right to obey Him, for Jesus says, "these ought ye to have done, and not leave the other undone."

Friends, let us never be guilty of wresting or twisting the Scriptures to prove something false or to gain some kind of advantage for ourselves. Let us take the totality of the Scriptures and always apply it to our lives.

Barry M. Grider

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Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2115) Tyler Boyd Lead Singing Bran Merritt First Prayer Lynn Gann Reading Eric Fisher Scripture **TBA** Lord's Table *Bruce Pryor *Abram Pryor Sermon Mike Driver **Dismiss** Shane Fisher

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-4528) Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing John Biddle
First Prayer Bob Bonner
Reading Jeff Templeton
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Ken Lee

Welcome Committee

A.M. Rickey Hurst Family
P.M. Joe T. & Mary Lois Cantrell

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Ushers: Noel Pepper & George Trail

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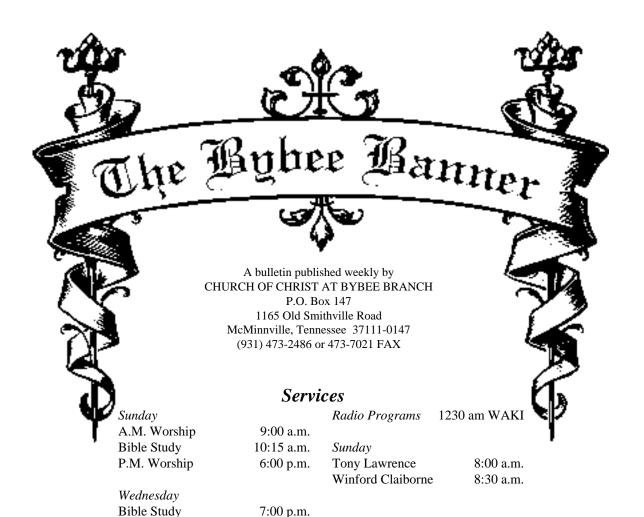
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SICK

At Home:

Mary Flatt Roberto Parmley

In The Hospital:

B.F. & Pauline Wilson (Melba Bonner's parents)-MTMC/Murfreesboro-following car accident.

SYMPATHY

We want to express our deepest sympathy the the family of Lela Anne Johnson. She passed from this life on Saturday and her funeral was this past Monday.

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. Giving And Receiving P.M. Guest Speaker: Mike Driver

MEETINGS

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FATHER/SONS CAMPOUT

There will be a campout for any of the fathers and sons this Friday night at the Bobby Mayfield farm on Locke Bend Road. It will begin when you get there after work on Friday and end when you leave on Saturday. If you have questions, see Steve Boyd.



The time of year has CHANCE come for the rolling back of the clocks. (I have

triple checked this year and it is correct). Be sure to set your clocks back one hour

on Saturday evening.

WELCOME

We want to welcome the Hurst family to the congregation at Bybee Branch (Rickey, Margret, Paul, Amy, and Sarah Beth). Please add the following information to your church directory:

3237 Yager Road McMinnville, TN 37110 668-1242.



"Righteousness exalts a NATION, BUT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE."

Proverbs 14:34

WHAT ABOUT SOCIAL DRINKING?

The practice of drinking beverage alcohol has existed for thousands of years. Today, the alcohol industry is a multimillion 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?

~Kevin D. Beard~

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Sunday Morning Worship

(473-8760) Dale Bennett Announcements **Lead Singing Leonard Clemons** First Prayer Chuck Medley Reading Kevin Judkins Scripture Acts 1:1-3 Lord's Table (N) *Winfrey Hennessee *Ricky Prince **(S)** (N) Joe Roller Tom McColloch (N) Kurt Maynard (N) Chris Jones **(S)** (S) Bob Mayfield (S) Dickie Kesey Tony Lawrence Sermon **Dismiss David Chilton**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett Lead Singing **Leonard Clemons** Don Griffith First Prayer Bill Womack Reading Scripture Philemon 1-2 Lord's Table *Joe T. Cantrell *John Biddle Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Frank Reynolds

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-4528) Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing Paul Hurst
First Prayer Bill Biles
Reading Joe Collins
Invitation Rodney Reynolds
Dismiss Jeff Flatt

Welcome Committee

A.M. Don & Judy Sullivan P.M. Willie Newby Family

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Jeff Bond & Leonard Crouch

Attend Nursery: Sharon Boles

Lock Building: Jeff Flatt

Pantry Item: Canned Potatoes

Record For The Week...

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Bible Study	265
P.M. Worship	225
Wednesday Bible Study	230
Contribution\$4	,361

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		Jim Slatton	•

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At Home:

B.F. & Pauline Wilson (Melba Bonner's parents)- home following car accident last week.

Eugene Jones

Clyde Christian (moved back to daughter's home, Emma Jean Hice)

Terry Woodlee (brother of Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin)

Lacey Pack-doing better following an accident

In The Hospital:

Vada Campbell-Parthenon Pavilion

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

MEETINGS

Dibrell church of Christ, November 3-5, services at 7:00 pm with Chad Ramsey speaking.

Leoni church of Christ, Lectureship, November 3-5, with the theme: Sermon on the Mount. Program and speakers posted on the bulletin board.

General Business Meeting

The quarterly men's General Business Meeting will be this coming Sunday evening following services. All male members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

Newsletters

The 3rd quarter newsletters for both the Thai and Hispanic works are on the table in the foyer. Those who wish may pick them up and read about the work that is being done.

Moral issues: Are they also

SOCIAL AND POLITICAL ISSUES?

Moral issues include such topics as abortion, homosexuality, gambling, drug abuse, suicide, prostitution, pornography, adultery, public nudity, pre-marital sex and the recreational use of alcohol. Other moral issues could be listed, but these are enough to show the range and type of conduct that is under consideration. Some of these topics (that is, abortion, homosexuality and gambling) recently have been the subjects of much controversy.

These issues, and others, are moral topics because God, through the Bible, has said something about them. Through the Scriptures, God regulates human conduct. They are issues because mankind resists God's regulation of his behavior. Anyone who is even somewhat familiar with the Bible probably knows the difference between God's position and man's practices of these moral issues.

These topics are social issues because they affect our society. What we practice regarding moral issues determines what kind of society we are now and what kind of society we will become. With a little thought, it is not difficult to see that there is a great difference between our society now and our society just a few generations ago.

In part, this contrast is the result of a shift in moral values. This liberal shift in moral values is the result of a disregard for God and his Word (the Bible, in which he included his moral code for humanity). We, therefore, have changed. The moral nature of God, though, does not change (Hebrews 13:8). Further, God has not changed his instructions to mankind in about 2,000 years (Galatians 1:6-9; Jude 3).

Abortion, homosexuality, gambling, etc. are also hotly contested political issues. These kinds of political issues are emotionally charged because of the emotional investment that opposing people have in moral and social issues. So, moral issues are social and political issues, too. Further, moral issues are still moral issues even though they may be social and political issues as well.

Political and social issues are especially important when they are also moral issues. The survival of our nation, the well being of our society and the salvation of souls are at risk.

"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

~Louis Rushmore~

November 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Bible					
Bible Bowl at	Emphasis at					
New Hope	Mt. Leo					
2:00 pm	7:00 pm					
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Steve Atnip	Georgia Brooks Alan Collins	WALTER & DAISY MAXWELL		Iona Northcutt Olivia Newby	CHUCK & PAT BOLES	
		Cristy Caldwell				
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Tommy Crouch

Sunday Morning Worship

(473-8760) Dale Bennett Announcements **Lead Singing** Stanley Graves Noel Pepper First Prayer Reading David McColloch Scripture Acts 2:1-4 *Bruce Pryor Lord's Table (N) *Jim Slatton **(S)** (N) **Brandon McGinness** Bran Merritt (N) (N) Ryan Kesey Marc Martin **(S)** (S) Don Johnson Joe Maynard (S) Tony Lawrence Sermon Dismiss Ken Lee

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Stanley Graves
First Prayer
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table
Sermon

(473-8760) Dale Bennett
(475-8760) Dale Bennett
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(475-8760) Dale Bennett
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Wednesday Bible Study

Dismiss

Announcements
Lead Singing
First Prayer
Reading
Invitation
Dismiss

(473-4528) Kelly Thaxton
Young Men
Chip Cantrell
Steve Hillis
Tony Lawrence
Kraig Campbell

Welcome Committee

A.M. Jason & Sonia Vandagriff P.M. Eddie Palmer Family

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Danny Duncan & Allen Hughes

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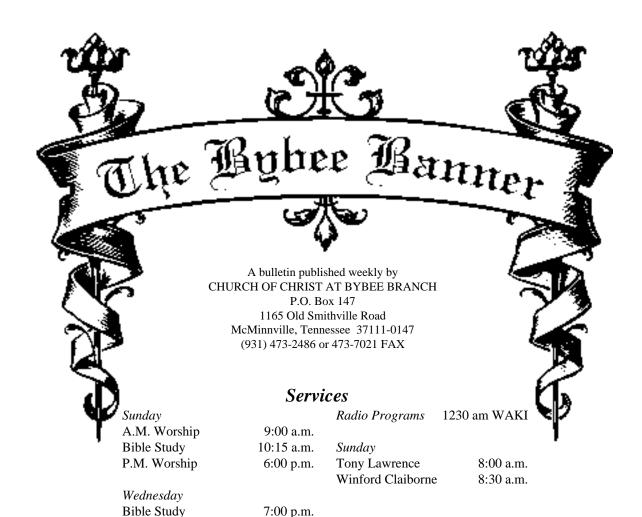
Pantry Item: Crackers

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	315
Bible Study	264
P.M. Worship	200
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution\$4	,902

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rence 473-8079 alawrence@blomand.net

SICK

At Home:

Ken Lee following outpatient surgery on his hand

In The Hospital:

Vada Campbell-Parthenon Pavilion (supposed to come home this week) Avie Clemons-surgery on Wednesday at MTMC in Murfreesboro

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. Miracles With A Message-Acts 2 P.M. A Postcard To The Elect Lady

BIBLE BOWL

This month's Bible Bowl will be this Sunday at 2:00 pm at the New Hope congregation in Readyville. The bus will leave at 1:20 SHARP.

There will be a study session on Saturday evening at the home of Calvin & Nancy Rogers from 5-8 pm.

HISPANIC NEWS

Our brethren in the Hispanic congregation are continuing to see growth and progress. They set a new attendance record this past Sunday with 91 present for the morning services.

Also, of great news they attended a Bible Bowl in Calhoun, GA on Saturday. The McMinnville Iglesia de Cristo came in first place overall and had several place first in individual tests!

"I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being. May my meditation be sweet to Him; I will be glad in the LORD." Psalms 104:33,34, NKJV.

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Katherine Bennett Lena Mai Gribble Houston Stiles Carol Sue Taylor Magdalene Taylor

Eastside Boarding Home:

Bertha Stewart

John Whiteaker

Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles Edith Cantrell Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

Graceful Boarding Home

Pearl Mitchell

Hillcrest Health Care:

Edith Collins

Norcliff Life Care Center

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Hagersville, Ontario NOA-1H0 Canada Stanley McInery (905) 768-4612

Home:

Carolyn Cantrell

Clyde Christian (at daughter's home)

Jane Golden

Rozelle Goodman

Willene Kell

Bessie Parker

June Slatton

Robbie Vandagriff

Violet Webb

Please help us keep our list updated. If you know of others that need to be on the list that are not or changes that need to be made, please let us know.

THE BIGGER THE LIE

During the years 1936-38, the National Socialist Party of Germany was seeking was whereby they might justify their military and social actions. Among other things, Adolph Hitler wanted possession of Czechoslovakia, Austria, and Poland; and he wanted to annihilate the Jewish race. Joseph Goebells was assigned the responsibility of accomplishing these tasks, and that of creating good "reasons" for doing so. It was then that Goebells adopted the phrase: *Tell a Lie That is Big Enough, and Repeat it Often Enough, and the Whole World Will Believe It.* He assumed the world would not be gullible enough to believe "little lies," but the bigger the lie, the more likely it is that people would eventually accept it as true. By the use of misinformation, negative propaganda, movies, and various dramatic presentations, the Nazi Minister of Propaganda was successful beyond the generation's realization.

Goebells was right, at least about the "Big Lie." We have seen this to be true in politics, ethics, science, industry, and advertising. Make it big enough and repeat it often enough, and a lot of people will believe it. For decades there have been those proclaiming that man is merely the result of millions of years of **EVOLUTION**. You will see it in textbooks and magazines, hear it on PBS, "observe" it at the Smithsonian Institute, and be taught this theory at virtually every public school and university. In light of what everyone is told and taught, a 1991 Gallup Poll on religious beliefs in the United States revealed that an amazing 47% of the respondents declared their belief in God's creation of man within the last 10,000 years! But the Theory of Evolution is just that - a theory - and a theory with neither proof nor the capability of proof.

Evolutionist Sir Arthur Keith correctly commented, "Evolution is unproved and unprovable." Dr. H.W. Conn said, "Evolution, by its very nature, is beyond the possibility of proof." The Bible says, "In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth," (Gen. 1:1). However, if you tell a big lie to enough people, some are going to accept it. Half of our population does believe it to this day, even though there is no mechanism - scientific or otherwise - to prove it. Perhaps the truly amazing thing is that *not everyone believes it*, given the blitz of publicity and teaching evolution receives. Maybe the population is not as gullible as we thought.

~Carl B. Garner~

GETTING EVEN

Young Jim rushed up to his father one day and said, "Father, Tom has done me wrong, and I'm going to get even with him if its the last thing I do." The father scratched his head and then said, "Son, when you start out to 'get even,' why not 'get even' with somebody who has done you a favor?" (From Bulletin Builders)



A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Don't crucify your today between two thieves — yesterday is already a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision. Make every day what it should be, then every yesterday will be a dream of happiness and every tomorrow a vision of hope. (From Bulletin Builders)

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Sunday Morning Worship

(473-8760) Dale Bennett Announcements **Lead Singing Leonard Clemons** First Prayer Mike Driver Reading Doug Hendrixson Scripture Acts 2:36-39 Lord's Table (N) *Ken Martin *Ronnie Prince **(S)** Willie Newby (N) Harley Northcutt (N) Rodney Maynard (N) Jeff Bond **(S)** (S) Joey Reynolds Jeff Templeton (S) Tony Lawrence Sermon **Dismiss** Eddie Palmer

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett Lead Singing Leonard Clemons First Prayer W.C. Chilton Jeff Flatt Reading Scripture III John 1-4 Lord's Table *Joe Collins *Chuck Boles Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Steve Wilcher

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (473-4528) Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing Tim Fisher
First Prayer Billy Gilbert
Reading Bob Bonner
Invitation Ronnie Rogers
Dismiss Tyler Boyd

Welcome Committee

A.M. Brett & Bran Merritt P.M. Noel & Martha Pepper

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Attend Nursery: Meredith Jones

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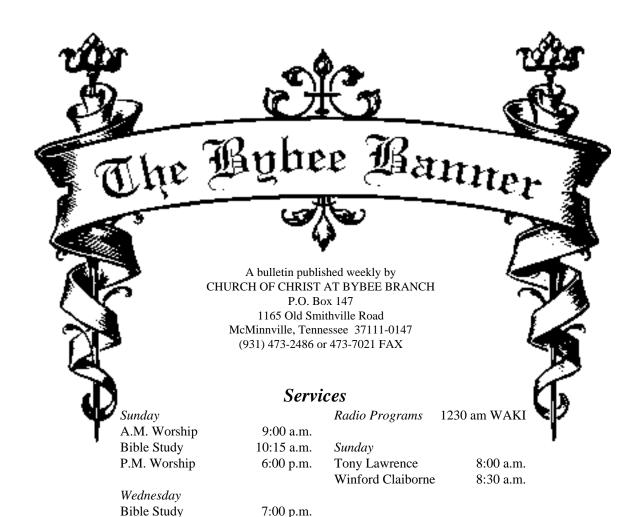
Pantry Item: Rice

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Preacher
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Tony Lawrence 473-8079 email alawrence@blomand.net

At Home:

Avie Clemons following surgery Clyde Christian has returned home

In The Hospital:

Loy Watson-MTMC following surgery Magdalene Taylor-returned to NHC

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Thelma Womack, sister of our Christine Gribble. She passed away this past weekend.

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. Jesus Is Lord And Christ P.M. A Postcard To Gaius

BIBLE BOWL

This month's Bible Bowl was remarkable in that everyone did exceptionally well. No group missed more than 5 on the test! Our young people continue to represent the congregation well coming in second place. Here is the results of this month's Bible Bowl.

1st Place - Mt. Leo (missing 1)

2nd Place - Bybee Branch, Hebron, New Hope, Rockliff, Rome, Smyrna, and Southside (missing 2)

3rd Place - Central, Dibrell, Leoni, New Union, Unity, and Woodbury (missing 3)

4th Place - Earleyville, East End, Ivy Bluff, and Main Street (missing 4)

Congratulations to all and especially to the young at Mt. Leo for coming in first place. Next month the Bible Bowl will be at the East End congregation on December 10, over Matthew 9-13.

PREDATORS GAME

The date for the Predators game has been changed to Saturday, January 27, 2001. If you have already signed up and this date represents a conflict, please let Tim Fisher, Don Sullivan, or Steve Hillis know as soon as possible. Also, due to the great response the ticket prices have dropped. Please turn in your money by December 1 so the tickets can be paid for.

Are Your Kids Ready For 'Church'?

In the late '60s and early '70s, the "bus ministry" became the latest fad in the church. It lasted for a few years, then went the way of most fads. Some good things came from that effort, but there were also some results that were not so good. One of these came as a result of the behavior of children who had not been taught reverence for God and worship. Often the solution was to establish a special assembly for all the children so they would not disturb the adults and their worship. Some called it *Children's Church*, and others called it *Children's Bible Hour*, but what it really did was to separate children from their parents.

In last week's *Austin American-Statesman*, the media discussed the dilemma of parents who wanted to worship, but who had children who could not sit still for an hour or so. What to do? Nursery attendants were hired by some. Volunteers took turns caring for others' children. But many children and parents just did not like being separated from each other. What, then, should we do?

According to the article, parents began to look for ways to entertain their children during worship. They brought games. They brought food. They brought coloring books. But many were uneasy about the real possibility of a child disrupting the thoughts of others. Still, what to do?

Comments were quoted, including: "You don't want the complexity of trying to be reverent and disciplining your children at the same time." The "let-somebody-else-keep-

them-quiet" attitude was found in some, but many parents are now determined to bring their children to the assembly and keep them with them. Some denominational leaders were quoted as saying "the adult service is not geared to children." Maybe the key is for us to "gear" the children to the assembly by way of instruction.

Some adults object to children in the assembly because they are a disturbance, preventing adults from "getting anything out of the service." But some parents are not buying that, and neither do I. *Some* responsibility rests on us who are older not to be so easily "disturbed." Our children and grandchildren *need* to be present with us in our worship assemblies. Do some adults spend more time playing with their children, or even the infant in the pew in front of them, than in listening to the sermon or in singing or prayer? Unfortunately there are some like that. Are children sometimes a distraction? Of course they are, but that is also true at the store, a football game or a restaurant.

Mothers often apologize for the "racket" their children make, asking me if I am distracted by it. No, most of the time I do not even notice it. But even if I did, our children still need to *learn* to sit and be reverent in the presence of God. Who else is going to teach them? Is it easy to do? Perhaps not, but what else is easy in rearing children these days? They need to sit near Mother and Father and hear us sing, see us bow our heads in prayer and read our Bibles. They need to see that *we* have respect for God and His time of worship. They need to watch *us* as we listen attentively to the Bible as it is read and preached. They need to see *us* follow the preacher with our own Bibles. Those images will remain in their memory a long time.

Parents, would you consider the following suggestions?

1. Talk to your children (even little ones) about worship, and what it is, and why you go to the church building. They need to hear from you that you *want* to go and that worship is important to you.

2. Take care not to leave the wrong impression that you

- go only because you "have to." That kind of impression will linger a long time.
- **3**. Impress upon them the purpose of the assembly, to praise, honor and worship God, thanking Him for His abundant blessings.
- **4.** Make sure they are prepared for Bible class. Talk about the material discussed in their class the previous week. This is valuable time.
- **5**. Make it a point to let them get acquainted with other children their age. When they are old enough, invite their friends over socially.
- **6**. Give them their own Bible and insist that they treat it with respect.
- **7**. Make sure their bathroom trips and drinks of water are attended to before worship begins.
- **8**. When little ones get fussy and are distracting others, take them to the "training room" for instruction. Then bring them back so they will have no motivation to misbehave.
- **9.** If you have an infant, find a place near the back of the auditorium so you can take care of the previous suggestion without undue distraction.
- **10**. Encourage older children to take notes, or list the times the words *Bible*, *God*, etc. are used. This provides something by which their attention can be maintained.

Will these suggestions take time? Yes, they will. Will they sometimes be met with resistance? Probably. Will they all work? Instantly? No, probably not. But eventually they will work if *you* and they work at it. Besides, aren't our children worth it? Isn't their spiritual welfare important enough to take the needed time? If you fail to do so now, it is possible they will lose interest, refuse to go to worship, later make excuses for their negligence as adults, and finally abandon the faith.

That is too high a price to pay for your neglect now. "Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven," Matthew 19:14. Children are our most precious heritage.

Take the time to train your children!

~Carl B. Garner~

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Sunday Morning Worship

(473-8760) Dale Bennett Announcements **Lead Singing** Stanley Graves First Prayer Tim Fisher Reading Harold McGinness Scripture Acts 3:17-21 Lord's Table (N) *Steve Hillis *Don Sullivan **(S)** (N) **Brett Merritt** John Nussbaum (N) (N) Abram Pryor Eugene Wilcher **(S)** (S) Asa Kell Barry Hendrixson (S) Tony Lawrence Sermon Dismiss Buell Warren

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett Lead Singing **Stanley Graves** First Prayer Danny Duncan Jason Vandagriff Reading Scripture Jude 3.4 *Chip Cantrell Lord's Table *Allen Hughes Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Leonard Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements
Lead Singing
First Prayer
Reading
Invitation
Dismiss

(473-4528) Kelly Thaxton
John Biddle
Ken Lee
Bob Mayfield
Tony Lawrence
Lemmie Bratten

Welcome Committee

A.M. Bob & Ada Mayfield P.M. Chuck Medley

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Ushers: Marc Martin & Joe Roller

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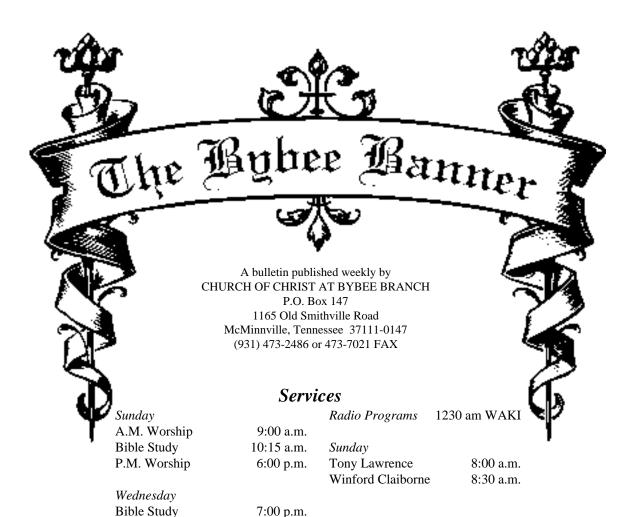
Pantry Item: Instant Potatoes

Record For The Week...

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P.M. Worship	86
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SICK

At Home:

Avie Clemons-following surgery Loy Watson-following surgery

In The Hospital:

June Slatton-St. Thomas (hip replacement surgery) Judy Nussbaum-Baptist (thyroid surgery) Sherry Pelham-Baptist (tests and possible surgery)

SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family of Edwin Eugene McBride, brother to our Nan Cantrell, he passed away in Meadville, PA.

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. Is Ignorance An Excuse?
P.M. A Postcard From Jude

HISPANIC BAPTISMS

We rejoice that the Lord's church among our Hispanic brethren continues to grow. This past Wednesday evening five more precious souls were baptized into Christ. Roberto Orellana, Noe Lopez, Maria Lopez, Daniel Chabolla and Nery Chabolla all were baptized following services on Wednesday evening.

YOUTH ACTIVITY

There will be a devotional and activity for the young people following the Wednesday evening services at the church building. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Hillis.

SINGING

The West Riverside church of Christ will host a singing on December 1, from 7 pm until midnight.

A Famous Father's Fatal Flaws

If historians were to list all the tragic mistakes of the rich and the famous it would make a *very* thick book. The mistakes themselves would not likely be much different from those made by lesser known fathers, but they are usually displayed for all the world to see. Names like Lincoln, Kennedy, Adams, Roosevelt, Churchill, Eli, Samuel and David would all be there, right along with the Smiths, the Jones, the Johnsons and other "ordinary" fathers. It will always be true that parents will make mistakes, some more serious than others, because humans *do* make mistakes. Those mistakes, as borne out in their children, are often more far-reaching than they seem at first.

David, king of Israel, a man with a "heart" loved by God Himself, made many such mistakes. And the consequences of those mistakes were the source of the deepest grief for David, as well as his kingdom. The pressures of being king; the weight of his responsibility toward God's people; the constant attention given to God's anointed; all of these were added distractions from a father's thoughts. But they served as no real comfort when the force of his failure was thrust upon him. On the death of Absalom, remembering all of the neglected opportunities of being a father, the words that came from David's heart were bitter, sorrowful and regretful. "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!," 2 Samuel 18:33. Regret is a bitter pill to swallow. Note the obvious mistakes of David:

1. He began by making marriages with many women. Polygamy was never approved by God, but it was a common practice, even among God's people. Just a glance at the divisive nature of a family in which there are multiple wives/mothers is a strong rebuke to the practice. From the beginning, God decreed, "let

every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband," 1 Corinthians 7:2. Rivalry between children is natural, but rivalry between mothers was fatal to David.

2. He was distracted by his work as ruler of Israel. Every father will have distractions, for life has many facets. But no task is more arduous than that of a parent, and sufficient time must be set aside for that work. Too many fathers turn over the duties of rearing children to their mother. Even if she has the time to do so, she can never be father *and* mother; it takes both. While David was "being king," his own children were assaulting, murdering one another. Need I say more?

3. He did not provide appropriate discipline. In 2 Samuel 13, Amnon (David's son by Ahinoam) assaulted Tamar (David's daughter by Maacah). From the text it appears that David did nothing in the way of discipline. In addition to the fact that discipline was demanded for such evil behavior, its absence was cause for Absalom's vengeance, and that resulted in his exile and eventually his death in 2 Samuel 18.

Painful as it may be, fathers have an obligation to "Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying," Proverbs 19:18. Failure to do so results in even deeper heartache.

4. He failed to provide a good example as a husband and a father. The oft-told narrative of David's adulterous affair with Bathsheba is the life Absalom grew up with and remembered. The news of their sin was widespread. The entire nation, as well as the enemies of Jehovah, were aware of David's sinful actions. They *were* not and *could* not be swept under the rug. How could a young man like Absalom grow to manhood with the scandal of his father hovering over his head without it affecting his life? The lives of modern personalities show similar effects on *their* children. [Consider the sons of many Hollywood actors whose dallying with other men's wives is so well known.] Fathers must provide a good

example for their sons and daughters concerning personal and social relationships.

5. He could not admit that he was wrong. This inability to say "I'm sorry" seems to be a common trait among males. Even after Absalom returned from his exile, it was not in David's character to speak to him as a father to his son. For all practical purposes, Absalom could have stayed in Geshur. David got even with him, all right, but it was a costly vengeance. It cost Absalom his life, and it cost David his family and his influence in Israel.

Fathers have a powerful impact upon their sons and their daughters. Of course, children *can* stray away from the training of even the most dedicated parents. But this can be limited by fathers who are willing to set a good example; who provide the discipline each child needs; who maintain a home in which God's will is honored; who take the time needed to be a godly father; and by fathers who are willing to admit their own weaknesses. David's tragic mistakes as a father speak volumes to parents today.

~Carl B. Garner~



The 2000 Father-Son Campout. Many of the fathers at Bybee Branch are trying to provide some of the leadership that the above article noted was missing from the life of David.

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Sunday Morning Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements **Lead Singing Leonard Clemons** First Prayer Chip Cantrell Reading Larry Flatt Scripture Acts 4:7-12 Lord's Table (N) *Steve Boyd *John Biddle **(S)** Ralph Crouch (N) Eric Fisher (N) Kraig Campbell (N) Lynn Gann **(S)** Shannon Griffin (S) (S) Dickie Kesey Tony Lawrence Sermon Dismiss **Bob Cantrell**

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Leonard Clemons
First Prayer
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table
Sermon

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Leonard Clemons
Bruce Pryor
Bruce Pryor
Brandon McGinness
Luke 19:2-4
*Danny Duncan
*Winfrey Hennessee

Sermon Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Jim Slatton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing Paul Hurst
First Prayer Rickey Hurst
Reading Frank Reynolds
Invitation Ronnie Rogers
Dismiss Hoyt Crouch

Welcome Committee

A.M. Harry Felty Family P.M. John & Judy Nussbaum

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Ushers: Jeff Bond & Leonard Crouch

Attend Nursery: Sherry Graves

Lock Building: W.C. Chilton

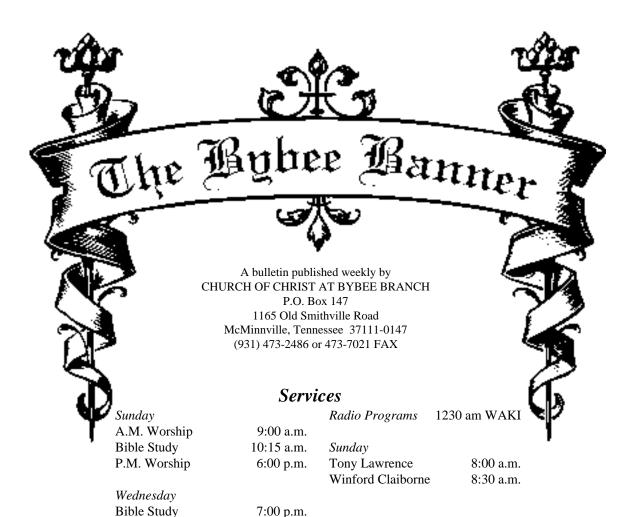
Pantry Item: Green Beans

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		Jim Slatton	•

Preacher
Tony Lawrence
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At Home:

Chuck Boles
June Slatton-following surgery
Judy Nussbaum-following surgery
Loy Watson-following surgery

In The Hospital:

Sherry Pelham-St. Thomas (following surgery) J.B. Gribble-St. Thomas for pacemaker Yuriko Biles-Riverpark

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Roy J. Hearn. He passed away in Cookeville and his funeral will be Wednesday in Memphis. He was the first director of Memphis School of Preaching.

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. By What Name?
P.M. A Wonderful Savior #1

RESTORATION

We rejoiced Sunday morning when brother Bob Cantrell came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation.

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The scheduled elders-deacons meeting will be this coming Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm.



12 EXCELLENT RULES TO PROMOTE HARMONY AMONG CHURCH MEMBERS TODAY

- 1. To remember that we are all subject to failings of one kind or another.
- 2. To bear with—and not magnify—each other's infirmities (Gal. 6:1-2).
- 3. To pray one for another in our social meetings, and particularly in private (Jas. 5:16).
- 4. To avoid going from house to house, for the purpose of bearing news and interfering with other people's business.
- 5. Always turn a deaf ear to any slanderous report and to lay no charge against any person until well founded.
- 6. If a member be in fault, tell him of it in private, before it is mentioned to others.
- 7. To watch against shyness of each other and put the best construction on any action that has the appearance of opposition or resentment.
- 8. To observe the just rules of Solomon—that is, to leave off contention before it is meddled with (Proverbs 17:14).
- 9. If a member has offended, to consider how Godlike it is to forgive, and how unlike a Christian it is to seek revenge.
- 10. Remember that it is always a giant artifice of the devil to promote distance and animosities among members of the church; and we should therefore watch against everything that furthers this end.
- 11. To consider how much more good we can do in the world at large, and in the church in particular, when we are all united in love, than we could do when acting alone, and indulging in a contrary spirit.
- 12. Lastly, to consider the express injunction of the Scriptures, and the beautiful example of Christ, as to these things (Eph. 4:32; 1 Pet. 2:21; John 13:5, 15).

~Selected~

December 2000

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					TRENT & DANA ROLLER Susan Pryor Singing at West Riverside 7:00 1	Janie York Hoyt Crouch
Elaine Goodman TABS at Central	Ladies Bible Class Party	Claudia Huntley Johnny Smith	DENNIS & JANICE FOSTER	Sherry Pelham	LOY & PAULINE WATSON Irene Lawrence	Bible Bowl study session at Marc & Melinda Martin's
6:00	6:00	5	6	7	8	5-8 pm
Joshua Foster Kane Maynard	Brandi Wilcher J.B. Gribble	RAY & DORIS SMITH Shane Nunley Iona King		Jane Wilcher	Jeff Bond	John Biddle Thelma Glenn
Bible Bowl at East End 2:00	School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00	Sharon Driver				
EDGAR & VIOLET WEBB	Lisa Thaxton	Shirely Nunley	BOB & MELBA BONNER Christine Gribble	Don Sullivan	Allison Boyd	16
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Sunday Morning Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements Stanley Graves **Lead Singing** First Prayer Jeff Flatt Reading Tyler Boyd Acts 5:25-29 Scripture Lord's Table (N) *Lemmie Bratten *Bill Biles **(S)** (N) Harry Felty Lee Gann (N) George Trail (N) Paul Hurst **(S)** (S) Joe T. Cantrell (S) Shane Fisher Tony Lawrence Sermon **Dismiss** Bill Womack

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (686-2117) Kurt Maynard Lead Singing **Stanley Graves** Rodney Reynolds First Prayer Caleb Graves Reading Scripture John 12:20-22 Lord's Table *Ken Martin *Eddie Palmer Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Kelly Thaxton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing Young Men
First Prayer Calvin Rogers
Reading Joey Reynolds
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Billy Gilbert

Welcome Committee

A.M. Shannon Griffin Family P.M. John & Pearl Biddle

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

Ushers: Danny Duncan & Allen Hughes

Attend Nursery: Lori Judkins

Lock Building: W.C. Chilton

Pantry Item: Vienna Sausage

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	302
Bible Study	252
P.M. Worship	182
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution\$3,	

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Tony Lawrence
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At Home:

Mildred Gambrell-following surgery June Slatton-following surgery Loy Watson-following surgery

In The Hospital:

Sherry Pelham-St. Thomas (following surgery) Yuriko Biles-returned to Raintree Manor

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. Obeying God Rather Than Men P.M. A Wonderful Savior #2 (Servant)

HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP

Our annual Holiday Fellowship is scheduled following the evening services on Sunday, December 17. As usual the members are asked to bring various items. If your last name begins with the letters below, please bring the appropriate items:

A-F	2 Dozen Sandwiches
G-M	Desserts
N-Z	Large Bag of Chips & Dip

BIBLE BOWL

The Bible Bowl for December will be this coming Sunday at the East End congregation at 2:00 pm. The test will cover Matthew 9-13. In preparation for this test, there will be a study session at the home of Mark & Melinda Martin this Saturday evening from 5:00-8:00 pm.

VISITATION PROGRAM

The visitation program will be reorganized on January 1, 2001. There is a need for more to participate in the program. If you would be willing to help, please see W.C. Chilton by December 17. Billy Gilbert will be in charge of the program beginning in January.

Shut-ins

NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Katherine Bennett Lena Mai Gribble Houston Stiles Carol Sue Taylor Magdalene Taylor John Whiteaker

Eastside Boarding Home:

Bertha Stewart

Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles Edith Cantrell Flossie Smartt

McMinnville Boarding Home

Nettie Clemons (Leonard Clemons' mother)

Graceful Boarding Home

Pearl Mitchell

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Edith Collins

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85 Main St. N

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Home

Carolyn Cantrell

Clyde Christian (at daughter's home)

Jane Golden

Rozelle Goodman

Willene Kell

Bessie Parker

June Slatton

Robbie Vandagriff

Violet Webb

Please help us keep our list updated. If you know of others that need to be on the list that are not or changes that need to be made, please let us know.

"The Bible Doesn't Say Not To"

Many times when discussion of religious doctrine comes up in conversation, I have heard people say "The Bible doesn't say not to." Usually this argument is used by those who desire to go beyond what the Bible authorizes. However, the careful student of God's word must have respect for God's authority and is never presumptuous concerning anything which is done in worship, or everyday life. The Scripture teaches that whether in word or deed we must "do all in the name of the Lord" (Col 3:17), i.e. by His authority. Thus, what one should or should not do in matters of worship or life is not what one "prefers" but what one is authorized to do by the Scripture.

- **I.** Worship In Spirit And Truth. It should be understood by every Christian that we must abide by the teachings of Christ who said we "must worship in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). To worship in "spirit" is to worship God with our whole hearts, or to have a proper mindset, and attitude. To worship God in "truth" is to worship God as the word of God directs or authorizes. Jesus taught: "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Therefore any worship offered to Jehovah that is not done with the proper attitude, and is not consistent with God's word is unacceptable.
- II. The Old Testament Is Not Our Authority. Some have appealed to the fact that God allowed certain practices in matters of religion in the Old Testament, while we contend that they are not acceptable to God today. This would include the playing of mechanical instruments in worship to God, the burning of incense, observation of religious holidays, and dancing. While God did allow such religious actions under the Law of Moses, we must ask, "where is the authority for such practices under the New Covenant?" We also demand to know why one would practice these things that were permitted under the Old Covenant and not practice others, such as the offering of animal sacrifices, the brutal stoning of the immoral, or polygamy? The question is again a matter of authority. The Bible teaches that the Old Covenant was our "tutor to bring us unto Christ" (Gal 3:25) and that Christ's death on the cross fulfilled and brought an end to the Old Covenant (Col 2:14).
- III. God's Silence Is Non Permissive. Proper Bible interpretation demands that God's silence becomes non-permissive. The law of exclusion states that: "any precisely stated statement excludes all other possibilities." We use this type of logic every day. For example: In cooking, when a recipe calls for 4 eggs, we logically infer that we are not to use 5 eggs. In the giving of a telephone number we understand that the numbers given exclude all others. In ordering a pair of shoes, if it is stated that a size 10 is needed, must we also tell the shoe salesman that we do not want a size 11? Now, what about matters of religion? The Bible commands us to "sing" (Eph 5:19), and by it's silence concerning the use of the mechanical instrument of music, we use the same "common sense" logic to understand that all other types of music to be used in the worship service is unauthorized and therefore sin. Certainly no logically thinking person would believe that we are allowed to do anything not mentioned in the Scripture. The law of exclusion prohibits such thinking.

Let us then value, and respect the authority of God's word by joyfully obeying the teachings of the New Testament and the silence of the Scripture.

~W. Mike Hurley~

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Sunday Morning Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements **Lead Singing Leonard Clemons** Ronnie Rogers First Prayer Reading Joe Roller Scripture Acts 6:3,4 Lord's Table (N) *Dennis Gann *Chuck Boles **(S)** Hoyt Crouch (N) Steve Wilcher (N) (N) Marc Martin Marty Boles **(S)** (S) Bran Merritt (S) Tom McColloch Tony Lawrence Sermon Dismiss Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (686-2117) Kurt Maynard Lead Singing **Leonard Clemons** First Prayer Winfrey Hennessee Reading Asa Kell Scripture Hebrews 5:8.9 Lord's Table *Larry Flatt *Ken Lee Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss Buell Warren**

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing Tim Fisher
First Prayer Chuck Medley
Reading Steve Boyd
Invitation Don Sullivan
Dismiss Bob Bonner

Welcome Committee

A.M. Eugene & Doris Wilcher P.M. Steve Hillis Family

Bus Driver: Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

Ushers: Shannon Griffin & Don Johnson

Attend Nursery: Glenda Hughes

Lock Building: W.C. Chilton

Pantry Item: Beef Stew

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	5
Bible Study 255	5
A.M. Worship 316 Bible Study 255 P.M. Worship 232	2
Wednesday Bible Study233	3
Contribution \$7,403	3

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		Jim Slatton	

Preacher
Tony Lawrence

Tony Lawrence 473-8079 email alawrence@blomand.net

At Home:

Mildred Gambrell-following surgery June Slatton-following surgery Sherry Pelham-at her mother's home Nan Cantrell Regina Templeton

In The Hospital:

none known

SUNDAY'S SERMONS

A.M. Good Men To Do A Good Job P.M. A Wonderful Savior #3 (Obedient Son)

HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP

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BIBLE BOWL

Congratulations to the congregations of Mt. Leo, Rome and Southside for taking first place in the Bible Bowl this month. Our young people came in second place missing only two along with the congregations of Hebron, Ivy Bluff, and New Hope. Coming in third place was Bluff Springs and Woodbury. Taking fourth place was Dibrell, East End, Leoni, and New Union. All the students did an excellent job of studying the Bible and exhibiting that knowledge on the test.

Next month the Bible Bowl will be on January 14 at the Main Street congregation in Manchester.

Sympathy

We want to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Bruce Harvey (brother to our Anna Hendrixson). He passed away unexpectedly on Monday evening. There were not arrangements at the time of this writing.

YOUTH PROJECT

As in past years, the youth group will be buying gifts for the nursing home this holiday season. If anyone would like to donate money to this, please give your money to Don Griffith, W.C. Chilton, or Steve Hillis. Money will be collected until a week from this Wednesday (Dec. 20).

YOUNG GIRLS FELLOWSHIP

There will be a young girls holiday fellowship on Thursday, December 21 from 6-9 pm. in the basement of the church building. This is for girls in kindergarten through sixth grade. More details will be given later.

Prepare Communion

There is a list on the bulletin board for those who are willing to prepare the communion for the year of 2001. Please sign this list if you are willing to help do this.

WWW.BYBEEBRANCH.ORG

The church now has its own web site! At the present there is only a basic web page but in coming weeks look forward to there being pages for the Thai work, the Hispanic work, youth activities as well and various facets of our local work. Why not check www.bybeebranch.org and encourage others to take a look at it.? If you have suggestions we will try to incorporate these over time.

On Wednesday, December 27th there will be no classes. All will meet in the auditorium for a special program.

LIPSCOMB'S NEW PROGRAM FOR BIBLE TEACHING TO KIDS.

"Bible class to teach those who want to teach kids" were the headlines in the "Local News" section of the Nashville Tennessean Sunday, November 26, 2000. Eddie Plemmons, Children's minister at the Woodmont Hills church, is quoted as saying: "In a world of broken homes and short attention spans, old-fashioned Sunday school doesn't cut it anymore for little kids. They need something more from church, close contact with a caring adults, fun stuff to do like shearing the wool off sheep so the biblical word "shepherd" comes alive, and volunteers who know what they're doing, whether storytelling or singing." The article goes on to say: "That's the new gospel according to Lipscomb University, which is responding to a recent church trend by offering new course work for students who want to help children learn about faith.

It is commendable when folks want to teach children. The apostle Paul wrote to Titus and gave instructions for the "aged women" to teach the "younger women" to "...love their children" (Titus 2:3-4). This love would include "...bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4). But, the real issue is what are they to be taught? Fun stuff like "shearing the wool off sheep" doesn't seem to me the proper way to make the word "shepherd" come alive. Also, it seems to me that "shearing the wool off sheep" would be anything but "fun"! It sounds more like "hard work"! I have never sheared sheep, but when I was a boy, a friend and I attempted to shear his dog! It started out being "fun", but it turned into a chore! Had it been a "sheep", I don't think I would have thought much about a "shepherd" during that time.

The article states that Lipscomb University is offering a new course work for students who want to help children learn about faith, But, the real issue is where does "faith" come from? "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). True followers of Christ "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7). This system of faith, the gospel (Gal. 1:23; 1 Cor. 15:1), is complete (2 Pet. 1:3), authoritative (Matt. 28:18), and powerful (Rom. 1:16). A "new gospel" (whatever that is interpreted to be) is not the "saving gospel" (Gal. 1:6-9), and therefore must be abandoned. A "new gospel" cannot be "the gospel of Christ", but "another" that cannot save. Therefore, to teach children "faith" means to teach them the "gospel". Are we ashamed of the gospel (Rom. 1:16)? I suppose this gospel is regarded by some as "old"! If not, why refer to a "new gospel"? Such is corrupt. Not because it is "fun", but because it is not from God. "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:2).

The article further says, "Some are looking to the Woodmont Hills church for ideas". Lipscomb would do well to "...look unto Jesus" (Heb. 12:2). Jesus taught men to "go into all the world and preach the gospel" (Mk. 16:15). Such may be "outdated" to some, but it still pleases God (1 Cor. 1:21). It still produces "faith" in honest hearts, even young hearts.

~Wayne Lankford (The East Main Messenger, December 10, 2000)~

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Sunday Morning Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard Announcements Stanley Graves **Lead Singing** Bob Mayfield First Prayer Reading Ricky Hurst Scripture **TBA** Lord's Table (N) *Allen Hughes *Noel Pepper **(S)** Kevin Judkins (N) Joe Maynard (N) Chris Jones (N) Don Johnson **(S)** (S) David McColloch Calvin Rogers (S) John Biddle Sermon Dismiss Ronnie Prince

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (686-2117) Kurt Maynard Lead Singing **Stanley Graves** First Prayer Don Sullivan Reading Jeff Templeton Scripture **TBA** Lord's Table *Jim Slatton *Kelly Thaxton Sermon Rodney Reynolds (elders present budget) Dismiss **David Chilton**

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing Steve Hillis
First Prayer Mike Driver
Reading Rodney Reynolds
Invitation Larry Flatt
Dismiss Bruce Pryor

Welcome Committee

A.M. Ronnie Rogers Family P.M. Doug & Wanda Hendrixson

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers: Marc Martin & Joe Roller

Attend Nursery: Mattie Medley

Lock Building: W.C. Chilton

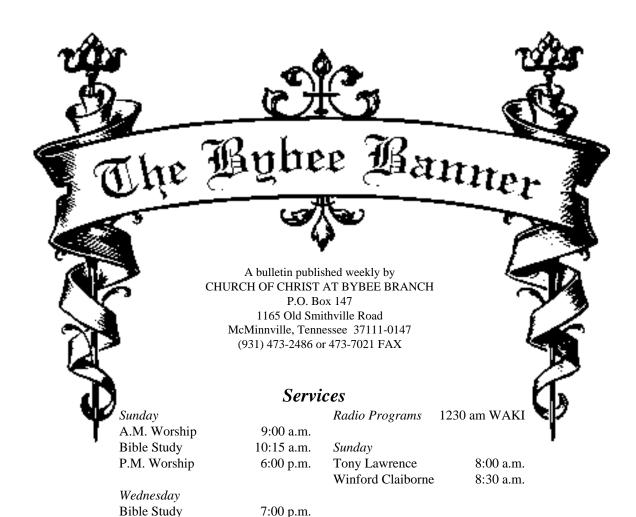
Pantry Item: Corned Beef Hash

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship 19	0
A.M. Worship 19 Bible Study 14 P.M. Worship 21	7
P.M. Worship	7
Wednesday Bible Study 18	0
Contribution \$3,41	3

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SICK At Home: Mildred Gambrell June Slatton Nan Cantrell Sherry Pelham Loy Watson Adelia Smith Dot Foster Jacob Hendrixson In The Hospital: Clyde Christian SUNDAY'S SERMONS This week A.M. Guest Speaker: John Biddle P.M. Elders Present Budget: Rodney Reynolds

SYMPATHY

Next week

We want to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Yuriko Biles, wife of our Bill Biles. Sister Yuriko was a long time member of the church at Bybee Branch.

P.M. A New Year And New Challenges

We also want to extend sympathy to the family of Bell Delon, sister-in-law to our Clercie Delon, and mother-in-law to Ruby Huntley, grandmother to Jennifer Groves, and aunt to Freda Womack. She was buried last Saturday.

Many Many Thanks

All of us want to express our thanks for the generous gift of \$540 to our family. Your generosity and friendship is greatly appreciated! Please remember us in your prayers as we travel over the holidays. *Tony, Corretta, Mark & Micah*

There is a good letter from brother Roberto on the bulletin board regarding the Hispanic congregation, please take time to stop and read it.

Sunday Morning Worship (December 31, 2000)

(Forsitip (December 31, 2000)
(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Leonard Clemons
Ricky Prince
Brett Merritt
Acts 7:51-53
*Billy Gilbert
*Frank Reynolds
John Nussbaum
Barry Hendrixson
Abram Pryor
Harley Northcutt
Harold McGinness
Rodney Maynard
Tony Lawrence
Eddie Palmer

A.M. History Is A Great Teacher Sunday Evening Worship (December 31, 2000)

Announcements	(473-4887) Joey Reynolds
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Tyler Boyd
Reading	Bran Merritt
Scripture	Lamentations 3:21-24
Lord's Table	*Tim Fisher
	*Eric Fisher
Sermon	Tony Lawrence

Wednesday Bible Study (January 3, 2001)

Announcements	Steve Hillis
Lead Singing	John Biddle
First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	Willie Newby
Invitation	Joe Collins
Dismiss	Jeff Flatt

Welcome Committee

Dismiss

A.M.	Leonard & June Crouch
P.M.	Dot Foster & Lucille Newby

Bus Driver:	Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)
Ushers:	Noel Pepper & George Trail
Attend Nursery:	Judy Sullivan
Lock Building:	W.C. Chilton

January 2001

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

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Note: This is

a two week bulletin, please save for next week's program.

Lynn Gann