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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(440 2100) Kan Martin
	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Chuck Boles
Reading	Willie Newby
Scripture	1 Thessalonians 2:13
	*Bo Rivers
(S)	*Rodney Reynolds
(N)	Harry Felty
(N)	Kevin Flatt
(N)	Lynn Gann
(S)	Gordon Fults
	J.B. Gribble
(S)	Justin Griffin
	Tony Lawrence
	Darron Dixon

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Michael Andrews
Reading	Marty Boles
Scripture	2 Thessalonians 2:3-5
Lord's Table	*Kelly Thaxton
	*Bob Cantrell
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Mike Driver

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	. (668-8473) W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	Jacob Griffin
Invitation	Dale Bennett
Dismiss	Kane Maynard

### Welcome Committee

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Lock Building: W.C. Chilton			
Prepare Communion:			
David & Iona King			
Assist with Baptisms:			
Judy Sullivan & Carol Boyd			
Pantry Item:Peaches			
Record For The Week			
A.M. Worship317			
Bible Study220			
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Joy Trail

Betty Dixon (Darron's mother)

Nan Cantrell

Megan Madewell-following ear surgery

Doris Wilcher Lucille Newby

Tracy Green (Roberta Parmley's daughter)

### In The Hospital:

Asa Kell - River Park Rehab

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ...... Moments With The Macedonians #7 Sunday PM..... Danger Signs Of Apostasy

## Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Glenn Cole (brother of Gaye Hillis). His funeral was Monday.

Also to the family of Patsy Cole (cousin of our Susan Home: Pryor). Her funeral was Sunday in Winchester..

### The New Leaf

He came to my desk with a quivering lip;

The lesson was done:

"Dear Teacher, I want a new leaf," he said,

"I've spoiled this one."

I took the old leaf, torn and blotted,

And gave him a new one, all unspotted,

And in to his sad eyes smiled:

"Do better now, my child!"

I came to the throne with a trembling heart;

The year's work was done:

"Dear Father, I want a new year," I said,

"I have spoiled this one."

He took the old year, torn and blotted,

And gave me a new one, all unspotted, And into my sad heart smiled:

"Do better now, my child."

~ Author unknown~

### **Shut-ins**

NHC (P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)

Florene Nokes (#106) Carol Sue Taylor (#212) Dora Mae Wilcher (#313) Pearl Biddle (#103)

#### Raintree Manor

Clercie Delon

### Life Care Center of Sparta

(508 Mose Dr; Sparta, TN 38583) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister)

### Windsor Place Nursing & Rehab Center

(81 Windsor Blvd; Columbus, MS 39702) Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)

### **Broadmore Assisted Living at** Murfreesboro

(3211 Memorial Blvd; Murfreesboro, TN 37129) Vivian Ferrell (Room 127)

Charles & Vada Campbell

Greg Grizzell

Nonie Grizzell

Georgia Jones

Willene Kell Bobbie Mitchell

Betty Upton

Georgia Brooks

Mildred Lowry

Debbie Fittro (Rickey Hurst's sister)

Grady Hurst (Rickey's father)

Clyde Paris (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's

brother-in-law)

Freda Womack

Bobby Prater (Flossie Warren's brother-in-law)

Please help us keep this list up-to-date. If you see corrections that need to be made, please call the office.

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Friday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

· Youth Rally at Cumberland Caverns (Brad Harrub Speaking – Bus Leaves at 10am. The event should be over around 6pm. Lunch will be provided.)

### Saturday Jan 3rd

 Bible Bowl Study Session at Caleb Hughes' grandparents. (5-8pm; 407 Old Morrison Rd.) (Girls bring desserts; boys bring drinks).

### Sunday Jan 4th

- Bible Bowl at Woodbury (Bus leaves at 1:15pm)
- Youth Singing Practice (at church building) following Bible Bowl)
- Parent Meeting (Following evening worship)

#### Sunday Jan 11th

Pew Packers Class (5pm)

### Friday Jan 16th - Sunday Jan 18th

 Evangelism University (Its not too late to sign up!)

## From Tyler's Desk

### A Word of Thanks!

I have been blessed over the last 7 months to serve as the associate minister here at Bybee Branch. Its been a busy seven months, but I've loved every bit of it! As I look back on this time, I very quickly realize that there have been SO MANY people who have helped make these last few months so great.

Thank you elders! Thanks to Rodney, Bob, Doug, and Don for giving me to opportunity to serve here. And thanks to all the "new elders" who have been just as encouraging and supportive. It's a pleasure working with you.

Thank you young people! Some of you I remember from before I went to college. Some of you are new acquaintances. I've gotten to know and appreciate all of you more. I've gained some really strong friendships

with some of you. Your attendance and involvement in your activities really encourages me a lot. I owe you special thanks for my Christmas gift. It means so much that a bunch of broke high school and middle school students would empty their pockets to feed their youth minister. Ya'll are amazing!

Thank you parents! You are so supportive of me. I've never had any trouble finding help. Whenever I ask for help, I always get more than enough offers from you. You've also done a great job raising you kids, which makes my work so much more enjoyable. Thank you!

Thank you congregation! You've given me so many encouraging words along the way. You're very generous and supportive. I was overwhelmed once again by your help when we raised money for the youth group to purchase gifts for the Nursing Homes. You gave a total of \$1,226! I wish you could have seen some of the excited reactions we got when we presented the gifts! Thank you!

I'm very blessed to be here at Bybee Branch. I am so excited about beginning a new year with you!



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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	Allen Hughes
Scripture	1 Thessalonians 2:14-16
	*Bobby Ashford
(S)	*Steve Boyd
(N)	Barry Hendrixson
(N)	Kelly Hillis
(N)	Dustin Hillis
(S)	Marc Martin
(S)	Eugene Wilcher
	Chris Neale
	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Billy Gilbert
Reading	Josh King
Scripture	.2 Thessalonians 3:10-12
Lord's Table	*Ricky Prince
	*Winfrey Hennessee
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Danny Duncan

## Wednesday Bible Study

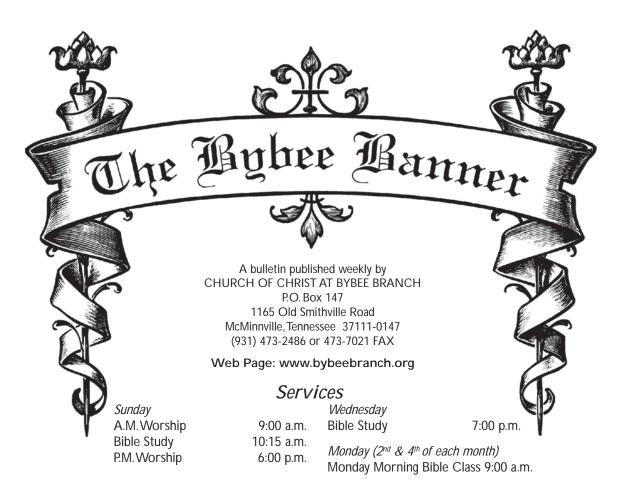
Announcements	(668-8473) W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	Tim Fisher
Reading	Micah Lawrence
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Rodney Myers

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P.M	Bruce & Susan Pryor

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Attend Nursery:	Jane Flatt		
Lock Building:	W.C. Chilton		
Prepare Communi	ion:		
	David & Iona King		
Assist with Baptisms:			
	Judy Sullivan & Carol Boyd		
Pantry Item:	Applesauce		
Record For The Week			
	364		
	270		
	254		
Wednesday Bible Study.	195		
Contribution	45 U0Y		



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### In The Hospital:

Asa Kell - River Park Rehab

## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ...... Moments With The Macedonians #8 (Suffering Churches)
Sunday PM..... Are You A Busybody Or A Busy Body?

## **Simple Thoughts From Scripture**

Solomon said, "The truthful lip shall be established forever, But a lying tongue is but for a moment." Proverbs 12:19. So many people are short-sighted. They consider only the "moment." It is for that reason why people often lie about the simplest things. Rather than face the stern response of a parent or a spouse one lies about where they have been or what they have been doing. However, truth has a way of surfacing and those who lie often find themselves even further embarrassed about their behavior. In addition to this they also have created doubts about their honesty in the minds of others.

Would it not be great if everyone just told the truth? It would be better on themselves. They would never have to have a great memory to recall the lie they told and to whom they told it. People would learn to trust them and everything they said. Their simple affirmation would be the end of all question. When tempted to distort the truth, remember that "honesty is the best policy..."

## Bybee Branch 75th Anniversary

In view of the fact that the Bybee Branch congregation will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2009, the following is presented for your information. The details in these articles have been derived from various sources. The information regarding the early history was compiled by brother Glenn B. Ramsey with the assistance of Earlene Ray (deceased) many years ago and recorded in older church directories.

### Early History

Christians began meeting in the old Bybee Branch schoolhouse in the early months of 1934, with about 27 people present for the first service. Brother Bill Willis from Manchester, Tennessee, held the first gospel meeting. Later a tent was set up in the field of brother Tom Walker and a brother Bailey from Texas preached a series of sermons.

### The Land and Buildings

October 8, 1938, the church purchased .5723 acres of land from Mrs. S.E. Boyd for a cost of \$114.46. A decision was then made to build a church building on that property. Financed by the contributions of members of the church and other individuals and built with help donated from many others, the building was soon erected. Brother Everett Fields held the first series of gospel meetings in the new building. On July 24, 1945, the church purchased four lots of the Bybee Branch Heights Subdivision from J. R and Elizabeth Boyd at a cost of \$392.00. On August 30, 1946, the church purchased the 1/2 acre plot that was originally occupied by the Bybee Branch school, from Charles L. Weaver at a cost of \$100.00. On May 18, 1948 a quit claim was given to the Elders of the Bybee Branch Church from the Warren County Board of Education on the same property. The church building was remodeled, increasing seating capacity and classroom space in 1954. May 14, 1966 was the day that eleven more lots in the Bybee Branch Subdivision were purchased from Earl M. and Margaret Smith at a cost of \$10,000.00. On May 27, 1966 ground was broken for a new church building. The first worship service was conducted in the building on November 13, 1966. 329 were present. This building presently stands having been expanded and remodeled in 1981, 1988, and 1997. A new residence for the preacher was built and occupied October 1977. This home was sold and moved off the property in 2005 to make way for further expansion. In April 2007, the property of sister Nonie Grizzell was purchase for future growth.

More to come next week regarding those who have preached the Gospel at Bybee Branch.

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

Sunday Jan 11th

- Pew Packer's Class (5pm)
- · Spiritual Weight Lifting & Inner Beauty Salon

Friday Jan 16th – Sunday Jan 18th

Evangelism University

Sunday Jan 18th

TABS @ Hillsboro (Bus leaves at 4:00pm)

## From Tyler's Desk

Miracles in Mark: An Emotional Savior

In Mark 7:31-37 we read about Jesus healing a deaf man with a speech impediment. As I studied Mark's account, something stood out to me.

Mark 7:34-35 reads, "And He (Jesus) looking up to heaven, *he sighed* and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened', and his ears were opened..." (emphasis added).

It was interesting to me that the Holy Spirit, through Mark, included the words "he sighed." Why did Jesus sigh? Perhaps he felt sad that horrible things such as deafness had entered into this fallen world. Or perhaps he was sad because he was aware that there were many other deaf people in the world who would never have an opportunity to hear on this earth. Or perhaps it was a sigh of joy because this man was

finally about to hear and speak for the first time in his life. The text does not say why Jesus sighed, so we just don't know. But what the text does say is "he sighed." We don't know what emotion Jesus was feeling at this time, but Jesus' sigh does indicate that he was very emotional about healing this deaf man. Jesus was more than a stoic man, who just walked around putting his fingers in deaf people's ears; He was a man who felt emotions for those who were hurting.

If we are not careful, we may forget that our salvation is more than just following the steps of belief, baptism, and obedience to God's word. Our salvation required the death of a man. "For God *so loved* the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16 – emphasis added). Our salvation included a great deal of emotion on God's part. Therefore our Christian lives should include a great deal of emotion as well.

As Christians, we should hurt when we sin. We should be joyful when we sing. We should feel sorrow for the lost. We should genuinely hate anything which is contrary to God's law. We should love God with all our hearts. May we never loose our desire to grow into the church God saved us to be.

## **Visitation Program**

Thanks to all who participate in our visitation program. Your efforts are very much appreciated. If you are not currently involved in our visitation program and would like to be, or would like to make a change, please see Kurt Maynard.

### **Sentence Sermons**

A man who throws dirt loses ground.

A giving church is a living church.

Following the path of least resistance is what makes rivers and men crooked.

Anger opens the mouth and shuts the mind

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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Dale Bennett
Reading	Jared Mullican
Scripture	
	*Jamie Brock
(S)	*Joe Collins
	Ethan Duncan
(N)	Jacob Griffin
	John Nussbaum
(S)	Cory Prince
(S)	Dustin Rhea
(S)	Joe Roller
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	David Chilton

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Bob Bonner
Reading	David McColloch
Scripture	Colossians 3:18-19
Lord's Table	*Larry Flatt
	*David King
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Rickey Hurst

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	. (668-8473) W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing	Tyler Boyd
First Prayer	Stanley Graves
Reading	Derek Vinson
Invitation	Steve Boyd
Dismiss	John David Keele

## Welcome Committee

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P.M	Angie Caldwell & Linda Cantrell

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Prepare Communion:
David & Iona King
Assist with Baptisms:
Judy Sullivan & Carol Boyd
Pantry Item: Kook-Aid Mix
Elder Closing Remarks:Steve Boyd
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### In The Hospital:

Elsie Felty (Harry Felty's mother)-River Park #306 Joe Adams (father of Cindy Rogers)-St. Thomas

## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ...... Moments With The Macedonians #9
(Churches Living For Eternity)
Sunday PM......Making Marriages Meaningful

## **Sympathy**

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Pearl Biddle, She passed from this life last Wednesday and her funeral was this past Saturday. Please continue to remember brother John and his family in your prayers.

## **Baptism**

Our hearts were made to rejoice this past Sunday afternoon with the baptism of Jamie Quinn. Jamie is also the fiance of Joe Roller.

## Marriage Seminar

The East Main church of Christ in Murfreesboro will be hosting a Marriage and Family Seminar with Jerry & Denise Martin on January 16-18, 2009 with classes for both men and women. If you are interested, please see the advertisement on the bulletin board.

## Bybee Branch 75th Anniversary

This article continues a brief outline of the history of the church at Bybee Branch. Over the past 75 years there have been 10 men who have preached full-time for the church. Below is a list of those who have served as evangelists for the church and the dates of their service.

W.H. Owens January 1946-June 1950 William (Bill) Lewis June 1950-September 1952 Joe D. Gray September 1952-December 1955 Bennie Morton December 1955-October 1957 Buford C. Holt October 1957-December 1963 **Houston Stiles** January 1964-June 1971 B.J. Jones June 1971-March 1973 April 1973-August 1976 Richard Dale September 1976-August 1985 Glenn B. Ramsey Tony Lawrence August 1985-Present

In addition to those above the church has also been served by two additional men whose talents included working with the youth and other areas.

Steve Hillis March 2002-May 2008
Tyler Boyd June 2008-Present

Over the years a number of great men have held Gospel Meetings at Bybee Branch. Among those men are:

J.E. Rasberry, Jim Cope, Willie Lemons, D. Ellis Walker, John P. Lewis, Avis Wiggins, Howard Carter, Gus Nichols, Charles Lemmons, Rex Tumer, Paul Hunton, Charles Myers, John Jenkins, Billy Newby, Mack Wayne Craig, John T. Smithson, Flavil Nichols, Joe Sanders, Paul Hunton, Billy Newby, John Jenkins, Houston Stiles, B.J. Jones, William Wilder, E. C. Meadows, Ben Flatt, Charles Myers, Charles Williamson, Roy Deaver, Thomas B. Warren, Thomas Eaves, Andrew Connally, Larry Acuff, Glann Lee, Joe Gray, Daniel Ridinger, Billy Newby, Joe K. Alley, Earl Edwards, David Hester, David Sain, Bobby Liddell, and Jeff Archey.

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

Friday Jan 16th - Sunday Jan 18th

Evangelism University

### Sunday Jan 18th

- TABS @ Hillsboro (Bus leaves at 4:00pm) Sunday Jan 25<sup>th</sup>
- Pew Packer's Bowling (Sign up on bulletin board)
- Youth Devo @ the Keele's (Guys bring drinks, Girls bring desserts)

### From Tyler's Desk

Miracles in Mark: Are Your Hearts Hardened?

In Mark 6:30-44, we read an account of Jesus feeding a multitude of five thousand, while using only five loaves and two fish. Through this miracle, Jesus once again showed an example of His compassion for the needy. He also showed the abundance of His great power. However, his closest friends, the twelve disciples, failed to learn their lesson.

Just several weeks later, Jesus and his disciples found themselves in a very similar situation (Mark 8:1-10). This time, they were surrounded with a multitude of four thousand men. They had seven loaves and a few fish. There were fewer people, and more food available, but the disciples once again lacked in faith. They asked Jesus "How can one feed these people with bread here in this desolate place?" But once again, Jesus showed his compassion and his power. He fed the four thousand, and even had seven large baskets of leftovers.

Surely the disciples would understand! But they STILL didn't get it. A short time later, the disciples traveled with Jesus in a boat across the sea of Galilee. However, somebody forgot to pack the lunch! They only had one loaf of bread. The disciples began discussing with each other the fact that they didn't have enough food. Mark 8:17-18 reads, "And Jesus aware of this, said to

them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember?"

We may ask ourselves "how did the disciples not understand?!". But before we come down too hard on the twelve, we must look at our own lives. We have scripture's inspired records of God's greatness. We have the records of the numerous times our faithful God worked to meet the needs of His people. We have witnessed that Christianity has passed the test of time. We have personally experience His help in times past. And yet how often do we fail to put our trust in Him?

I know most of your reading this article DO believe in God. You DO believe in His word. But do we always trust Him? In times of our greatest temptations, do we trust his commandments? Do we trust that righteousness is necessary to be with God? Do we prove that we trust God through the decisions we make?

We have all the evidence we need. Next time Satan tempts you not to trust in God's commandments, do not be like Jesus' twelve were. Do not let your heart be hardened.

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

There will be a men's prayer breakfast on the 5th Saturday, January 31, at 7:30 am. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those who plan to come. Please sign the sheet so that adequate plans for food can be made.

### **Sentence Sermons**

Always do what is right. You will amuse some and amaze the rest.

If you are going nowhere, just follow the crowd.

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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
	Stanley Graves
	Kurt Maynard
	Jacob Thurne
	1 Thessalonians 5:14-22
•	*Harold Cook
	*Tommy Crouch
	Jeff Rhea
	Jeff Templeton
	Jason Vandagriff
	Garrett Walker
(S)	Kane Maynard
	Steve Wilcher
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
	W.C. Chilton

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Tyler Boyd
Reading	Harold McGinness
Scripture	Genesis 10:8-12
Lord's Table	*Tim Fisher
	*Mike Driver
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Shannon Griffin

## Wednesday Bible Study

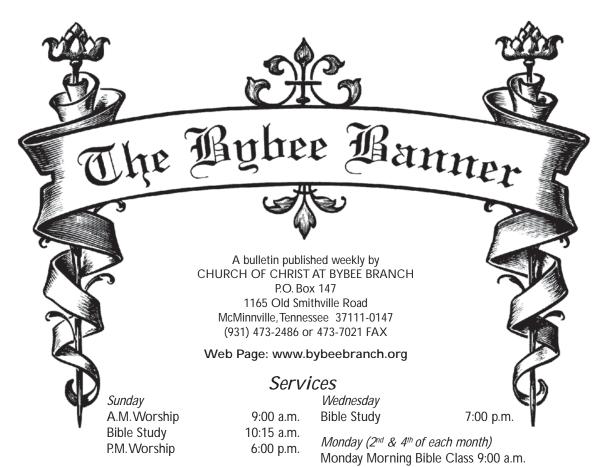
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Reading	Ethan Duncan
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Dismiss	Paul Hurst

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P.M	Derek & Miranda Vinson

Bus Driver:..... Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

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Ushers:	Ben Biles & Seth Bouldin
Attend Nursery:	Kathy Elam
Lock Building:	W.C. Chilton
Prepare Communio	n:
	David & Iona King
Assist with Baptism	ns:
J	udy Sullivan & Carol Boyd
Pantry Item:	Biscuit Mix
Elder Closing Rema	arks:Leonard Clemons
Record For The	Week
A.M. Worship	
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	223
Wednesday Bible Study	255
Contribution	\$5,277



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Asa Kell
Doris Wilcher

### In The Hospital:

Elsie Felty (Harry Felty's mother)-moved to NHC in Sparta #122 for Rehab Joe Adams (father of Cindy Rogers)-St. Thomas Jack Hudson (father of Elaine Hoover)-River Park

## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....Moments With The Macedonians #10
(Spiritually Nurturing Churches)
Sunday PM......Iraq In The Bible

## **Sympathy**

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Sheila Lynn Dunn. She was the cousin of our Susan Pryor. She passed away this past Wednesday.

### Restorations

Sunday morning three brethren came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation. Tyler Mitchell, Paul Hurst, and Jeff Templeton all requested the prayers of the church. We thank God for these three men and their sincere desire to please God.

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#### Past Elders:

A.A. Allison, Thurman Bennett, Bill Biles, George Cantrell, Thomas E. Cantrell, George Coffman, Lee Flatt, Noel Foster, Peyton Greene, Floyd Harris, Winfrey Hennessee, Buford C. Holt, Carl Newby, Flavil Patton, Cordell Reynolds, L.E. Spain, J.J. Walker, Tom Walker, John Wood, and Kenneth Woods.

#### Current Elders:

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## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Sunday Jan 25th

- Pew Packer's Bowling (2:00pm)
- Youth Devo @ the Keele's (Guys bring drinks, Girls bring desserts)

### Wednesday Jan 28th

Birthday Wednesday

### Saturday Jan 31st

- Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30am)
- Bible Bowl Study Session @ the Griffin's (5-8pm)

### Sunday Feb 1st

- Bible Bowl @ West Sparta (Luke 17-20; bus leaves at 1pm)
- Super Bowl Party @ TBA (following evening worship)

## From Tyler's Desk

Miracles in Mark: Jesus is the Light

The gospel accounts of Jesus' life are full of many marvelous miracles. One miracle which Jesus often performed was giving sight to the blind.

In Mark 10:52, Jesus gave sight to Bartimaeus by commanding him to "Go your way; your faith has made you well."

In Matthew 9:28-29, Jesus healed two blind men by touching their eyes and telling them "according to your faith be it done to you."

We also read of Jesus healing many people, including the blind, as they were put at His feet. (Matthew 15:30-31)

In John 9:6-7, Jesus healed a blind man by spitting in some dirt to make mud, and spreading the mud on the man's eyes. When the man rinsed the mud off his eyes, he could see again.

One of the most unique accounts of Jesus healing the

blind is found in Mark 8:23-25. In this situation, Jesus spit on the man's eyes, and then laid his hands on him. However, when this happened, the man only partly regained his sight. Jesus repeated the same action a second time, which resulted in the man completely recovering his sight.

Why did Jesus heal in so many different ways? Why on one occasion did Jesus heal in stages? The text never says.

But one thing is evident. The variety of healing methods proves that Jesus' healing powers were not found in the method in which he healed. The power to heal must have come from some other source.

In speaking of the Messiah, Isaiah 42:6-7 reads, "I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness... I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind..."

Jesus often healed the blind, thus proving that he was the Messiah. He is a light to the nations. Without the light Jesus provides, we would all be blind. We must let Jesus' light remove the darkness in our lives, thus healing our blindness.

### **Elders-Deacons Meeting**

The scheduled monthly Elders-Deacons Meeting will be this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:45 pm

## **General Business Meeting**

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

### **Sentence Sermons**

Men don't reject the Bible because it contradicts itself, but because it contradicts them.

If a sermon pricks your conscience, it has some good points.

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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Steve Boyd
	Caleb Graves
Scripture	2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14
	*Ronnie Prince
(S)	*Doug Hendrixson
(N)	Christian Barrett
(N)	Joe T. Cantrell
	Robert Elam
(S)	Lee Gann
(S)	Caleb Hughes
(S)	Kevin Judkins
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
	Ronnie Hoover

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Dennis Gann
Reading	Caleb Hughes
Scripture	Genesis 10:8-12
Lord's Table	*Rodney Myers
	*Eddie Palmer
	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Steve Wilcher

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	.(668-7158) Eddie Palmer
Lead Singing	Micah Lawrence
First Prayer	Don Sullivan
Reading	Joe Roller
Invitation	Rickey Hurst
Dismiss	Joe Collins

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Steve Mitchell Family
P.M	Kelly Thaxton Family

Bus Driver:.....Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

Ushers: Jamie Brock & Paul Hurst
Attend Nursery:Judy Cook
Lock Building:Caleb Graves
Prepare Communion:
Templetons
Assist with Baptisms:
Cynthia Duncan & Amy Lawrence
Pantry Item:Pop-tarts
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Billy Gilbert Ken Lee Wilma Chisam Joleta Reynolds (Rodney's sister-in-law) Joy Trail Asa Kell Lois Loftis - following surgery

### In The Hospital:

Elsie Felty (Harry Felty's mother)-moved to NHC in Sparta #122 for Rehab Joe Adams (father of Cindy Rogers)-St. Thomas Jack Hudson (father of Elaine Hoover)-River Park Phyllis Reynolds (Iona King's sister)-surgery on Wednesday at Park Ridge Hospital in Chattanooga Perry Woodlee (Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin's brother) - River Park ICU

## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....Moments With The Macedonians #11
(Disciplining Churches)
Sunday PM......lraq In The Bible

### Restorations

Sunday morning two of the young sisters responded to the invitation. Keep in your prayers Jessica Templeton and Laura Monroe.

### Welcome

This past Sunday the elders announced the Steve Mitchell family desired to place membership and work with this congregation. We welcome, Steve, Christina, Tyler, and Trisha. They live at 555 Concord Rd. McMinnville, TN 37110-4309.

## Congratulations

One of our own has been recognized for her outstanding service. Congratulations to Jane Flatt on being awarded the Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Citizen award for 2008.

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Saturday Jan 31st

- Men's Prayer Breakfast (7:30am)
- Bible Bowl Study Session-the Griffin's (5-8pm)

#### Sunday Feb 1st

- · Bible Bowl @ West Sparta
- High School Super Bowl Party @ The Flatts
- Middle School Super Bowl Party @ The Boyds

#### Sunday Feb 8th

Pew Packer's Class (5pm)

#### Friday Feb 13th

Parent's Night Out (Bowling Tentative)

## From Tyler's Desk

Miracles in Mark: The Miracle of Judgment

When you think of the miracles of Jesus, what do you typically think of? Water to wine? Healing the lame? Giving sight to blind? When we think of the miracles of Jesus, we usually think of His mercy. He had mercy on lepers. He had mercy on the sick. He had mercy on the deaf.

Although it is true that a vast majority of Jesus' miracles highlight His mercy, the miracle of Jesus recorded in Mark chapter eleven emphasizes another aspect of His authority. It shows his judgment. Jesus showed that he had the power to inflict punishment.

It was the Monday of Jesus' last week on earth. He and his disciples were traveling into Jerusalem from the suburb of Bethany. They were hungry. Mark 11:13 mentions that Jesus saw a fig tree off in the distance, and could see that it had leaves. Since fig trees usually showed fruit blooms before growing leaves, Jesus was hopeful that he had found lunch.

However, as Jesus arrived at the tree, it was apparent that this tree didn't have any fruit at all; it had nothing but leaves. Jesus then cursed the fig tree by stating "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!"

By the next morning, the tree was withered away (Mark 11:20). Through His miracles, Jesus showed time and time again that He had the power of God. He had the power to heal, the power to save, but we must not forget that he also had the power to condemn to death.

## February 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bible Bowl at West Sparta bus leaves 1 pm	John David Keele 2	Fuston Womack 3	4	5	BO & RACHEL RIVERS HAROLD & TERESA MCGINNESS	Parker Smith Ricky Prince Stanley Graves
Tim Fisher Buell Warren Ashley Newby	Cory Prince HUSTON & LISA THAXTON  Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am	10	11	JOHN & BECKY CRAWFORD	13	14 Linda Fults Joe Maynard
Pew Packers Class 5 pm	Mt. Leo School of Bible Emphasis 7 pm				Parents Night Out	
Harley Northcutt 15	Abram Pryor Florene Nokes Dickle Kesey	Jonathan Anderson Daisy Maxwell	RONNIE & ELAINE HOOVER Pete Waddell Nona Martin	Mark Lawrence Chuck Boles	20	Avie Clemons 21
TABS at Main Street						
22 Isabella Pennington KELLY & GAYE HILLIS	JIM & JUNE SLATTON	24	25	Gilbert Kell	27	28
	Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am Mt. Leo School of Bible Emphasis 7 pm					Bible Bowl study session at Newby's 5-8 pm

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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Jamie Brock
_	Tyler Mitchell
	Acts 8:36-39
	*Bruce Pryor
(S)	*Tim Fisher
(N)	Dickie Kesey
(N)	Micah Lawrence
(N)	Rodney Maynard
(S)	Ryan McColloch
(S)	David Roberts
	Derek Vinson
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	•

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Jeff Flatt
Reading	David King
Scripture	Revelation 2:1:-4
Lord's Table	*Calvin Rogers
	*Kelly Thaxton
	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Jacob Thurne

## Wednesday Bible Study

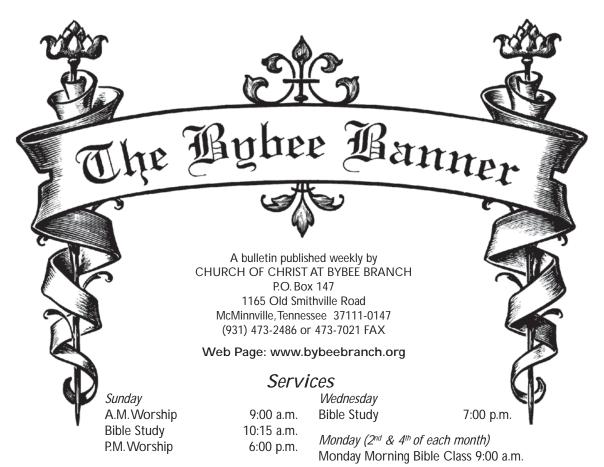
Announcements	(668-7158) Eddie Palmer
Lead Singing	Michael Andrews
First Prayer	Calvin Rogers
Reading	Dale Bennett
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	David Keele

## Welcome Committee

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P.M	Jeff Templeton Family

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Lock Building:Caleb Graves
Prepare Communion:
Templetons
Assist with Baptisms:
Cynthia Duncan & Amy Lawrence
Pantry Item:Cereal
Elder Closing Remarks: Stanley Graves
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Stanley Graves	473-6418	Kurt Maynard	Willie Newby
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Jack Hudson (father of Elaine Hoover)

Wilma Chisam Joy Trail

Asa Kell

Lois Loftis - following surgery Phyllis Reynolds (Iona King's sister)

### In The Hospital:

Joe Adams (father of Cindy Rogers)-St. Thomas Perry Woodlee (Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin's brother) - River Park #203 Butch Mullican (Joe T. & Mary Lois Cantrell's sonin-law) - St. Thomas following heart bypass surgery

## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......Get Into The Water Sunday PM.....Christ To The Churches

## **Sympathy**

We express our sympathy to the family of Gordon Gilliam, brother of Charlene Palmer.

### **Ladies Class**

Those ladies involved in the Mystery Messenger Program will have their names revealed in the class this Wednesday night.

## **Steps Of Paul Bible Lands Tour**

Tony will be leading another tour to the Bible Lands on May 19-31. Any who might be interested in making this trip are invited to a meeting at the building on Sunday afternoon at 2 pm. The trip will visit Athens and Corinth in Greece, the isles of Patmos (where John wrote Revelation) and Rhodes, and then the Seven Churches of Asia. See Tony for details.

### **Shut-ins**

NHC (P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)

Florene Nokes (#106) Carol Sue Taylor (#212) Dora Mae Wilcher (#313)

#### Raintree Manor

Clercie Delon

### Life Care Center of Sparta

(508 Mose Dr; Sparta, TN 38583) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister)

### **NHC** of Sparta

(34 Gracey Street • Sparta, Tennessee 38583) Elsie Felty (Harry's mother)

### Windsor Place Nursing & Rehab Center

(81 Windsor Blvd; Columbus, MS 39702) Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)

## Broadmore Assisted Living at Murfreesboro

(3211 Memorial Blvd; Murfreesboro, TN 37129) Vivian Ferrell (Room 127)

#### Home:

Charles & Vada Campbell

Greg Grizzell

Nonie Grizzell

Georgia Jones

Willene Kell

Bobbie Mitchell

Betty Upton

Georgia Brooks

Mildred Lowry

Debbie Fittro (Rickey Hurst's sister)

Grady Hurst (Rickey's father)

Clyde Paris (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's

brother-in-law) Freda Womack

Bobby Prater (Flossie Warren's brother-in-law) Joleta Reynolds (Rodney's sister-in-law)

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

Sunday Feb 8th

Pew Packer's Class (5pm)

Friday Feb 13th

· Parent's Night Out (Bowling Tentative)

### **Love Letters**

Not long ago, my wife and I were cleaning out one of our closets. On the top shelf, in the back of the closet was an unmarked box. So I pulled it down and was surprised to see that inside of it were all the "love letters" that I wrote to her while we were dating.

Well, I had forgotten what I had written, so I pulled out a few to read. Oh my! Talk about corny and embarrassing! Some day my children will get a kick out of reading Daddy's love letters to Mama.

But as I took a break to read some of these letters to my wife, I found that she remembered them. They weren't strange words to her. While I had no memory of these letters, and was busy analyzing handwriting samples to make sure I indeed wrote them, My wife needed no such analysis. She knew the letters were from me, and she remembered the very words I had written.

The fact that she remembered my letters so well indicates that those letters were cherished by her.

Now here's my point...How well do you cherish God's love for you? You do know that He has written several "love letters" to you, don't you? Have you forgotten their content? Have you even taken the time to open and read what He had to say to you? I might go so far as to suggest that the way we cherish or fail to cherish His words are an indicator of the depth of our love for Him. Give it some thought.

Steve Higginbotham — South Green Street church of Christ, Glasgow, Kentucky

### A New Attitude

ONE. Give people more than they expect—cheerfully (Philemon 1:21).

TWO. Don't believe all you hear, spend all you have, or sleep all you want.

THREE. Smile when answering the phone. Callers can hear it in your voice.

FOUR. Remember that great love and great achievements involve great risk.

FIVE. When you say, "I'm sorry," look the person in the eye.

SIX. Be engaged at least six months before you get married.

SEVEN. Believe in love at first sight.

EIGHT. Spend some time alone (Matthew 14:23).

NINE. When you say, "I love you," mean it (1 Peter 1:22).

TEN. Never laugh at a dream. People without dreams don't have much.

ELEVEN. Don't let a little dispute injure a great friendship (Proverbs 27:10).

TWELVE. Talk slowly but think quickly (James 1:19).

THIRTEEN. Don't judge people by their relatives (Matthew 7:1).

FOURTEEN. Marry a man/woman you love to talk to (1 Peter 3:7).

FIFTEEN. Do an anonymous kindness each day (Ephesians 4:32).

SIXTEEN. When you lose, don't lose the lesson (James 1:1-3).

SEVENTEEN. When you make a mistake, take immediate steps to correct it.

EIGHTEEN. In disagreements, fight fairly. No name calling, threats, or bringing up ancient history.

NINETEEN. Remember the three Rs: Respect for self; Respect for others; and Responsibility for all your actions.

TWENTY. When someone asks you a question you don't want to answer, smile and ask, "Why do you want to know?"

TWENTY-ONE. Love deeply and passionately. You might get hurt but it's the only way to live life completely.

~Author Unknown~

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## Sunday Morning Worship

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	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Harold Cook
	Dustin Hillis
	Isaiah 35:8-10
	*Paul Hurst
(S)	*Allen Hughes
	Marty Boles
(N)	Lynn Gann
(N)	Josh King
(S)	Marc Martin
	John Nussbaum
(S)	Kevin Flatt
	Tony Lawrence
	Willie Newby

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Charles Gillies
Reading	Clent Kesey
Scripture	Revelation 2:8-11
Lord's Table	*Dale Bennett
	*David Bouldin
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Derek Vinson

## Wednesday Bible Study

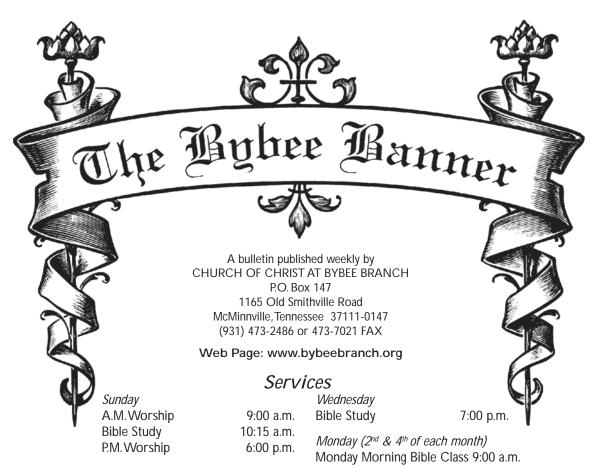
Announcements	(668-7158) Eddie Palmer
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Bo Rivers
Reading	Darron Dixon
Invitation	Tyler Boyd
Dismiss	Phillip Brock

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Gordon & Linda Fults
P.M	Billy & Junetta Gilbert

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

Ushers:Mike Driver & Robert Elam
Attend Nursery:Terann Hillis
Lock Building:Caleb Graves
Prepare Communion:
Templetons
Assist with Baptisms:
Cynthia Duncan & Amy Lawrence
Pantry Item: Applesauce
Elder Closing Remarks: Don Griffith
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Joe Adams (father of Cindy Rogers)
Perry Woodlee (Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin's brother)
Butch Mullican (son-in-law of Joe T. & Mary Lois)

### In The Hospital:

Florene Nokes - back at NHC Jack Hudson (father of Elaine Hoover) - St. Thomas

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ...... A Highway Of Holiness Sunday PM..... Christ To The Churches: Smyrna

### Restoration

Sister Louise Miller came forward requesting prayers this past Wednesday evening. Please remember her in your prayers.

### "He that Sweareth to His Own Hurt"

"LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?... He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not." (Psalm 15:1, 4)

In the year 2000 I lost my job at EDS and began searching for employment. I picked up some part time work in the interim. While I was committed to a project, I got a call from the Compaq Corporation. I scheduled the interview and met with a manager.

The job they wanted me to do was a "dream job" in the computer industry. I would be technical support for the outside sales department. I would get a company car, have access to a large computer lab facility, be able to take clients out for lunches on a regular basis at the company's expense, and all the perks.

At the end of the interview, the manager looked at me and said, "I would like to hire you. When can you start?"

I replied, "I have a previous commitment with another company to do a temporary project and in two weeks after that project is done, I can start." He said that he appreciated my honesty and character; we parted company and he never called back.

We live in a society that by and large values compromise above principle, subjectivity over objectivity, and relatives over absolutes. It would be an understatement to say that it is easy to get away with not keeping one's promises in our society.

"Things happen."

The weather changes. We don't feel good. Other people don't follow through. There are any number of reasons that we could enumerate and by and large most would accept our excuse.

In contrast to our society, God's people, God's society, are called to a higher standard. It is a standard that transcends the bounds of society, time, and culture. It is a standard based upon the eternal character of God. It is a standard upon which God expects us to live (Romans 12:1-2).

Our God is a God who always keeps his promises (Hebrews 6:17-18, Titus 1:2). If we desire to dwell in His holy hill, His tabernacle, His church today, we must practice His standard of righteousness. When we are willing to suffer to keep our promises, God says that is when we are most like Him.

May we, as God's people, resolve to keep our word and dwell in unity with our God.

~Kevin Cauley~

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

Friday Feb 13th

· Parent's Night Out

### Sunday Feb 15th

- TABS @ Main Street Manchester (Bus leaves at 4:10pm)
- Girls Lock-In at the Templeton's (6<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Bring \$5 for pizza and snacks)

### Thursday Feb 19th - Sunday Feb 22nd

· Pigeon Forge Family Retreat

## From Tyler's Desk

Miracles in Mark: Lessons We Learned

Over the last several months, I have enjoyed studying the miracles of Jesus as described in the book of Mark. As I studied these miracles, I noticed several gleanings from the text which have taught me several valuable lessons. Below is a review of each of the miracles which I studied in the book of Mark, and some lessons from each miracle.

1:21-27 – Jesus healed a man in the synagogue, thus showing He had authority from God.

1:29-31 – Peter's mother-in-law responded to being healed by serving Jesus. We should do the same.

1:40-45 – Jesus touched an unclean leper, showing the compassion he has for even the most unclean people.

2:1-5 – A paralytic was healed because Jesus saw his faith. Our faith must be visible to others in the way we act.

3:1-5 – Jesus healed a man with a withered hand. Jesus became angry when men rejected this obvious sign of authority. This shows Jesus gets angry when we reject him!

4:35-41 – Jesus calmed a fierce storm. Jesus has the ability to calm even the worst of the storms we may face in our lives.

5:1-20 – Jesus healed a man who was possessed

with a demon. Those who saw him were afraid of his power. Jesus has great power, but we should welcome his healing rather than fearing the changes we must make to follow Him

5:24-34 – A woman touched Jesus and was healed. We must touch his sacrifice through baptism and faithfulness to be healed.

5:34-43 – Jesus brought a child back from the dead. It is never too late for Jesus to bring us back.

6:30-44 – We should use the resources we have to care for the needy, just as Jesus fed the five thousand.

6:45-52 – The apostles were afraid when they saw Jesus walking on the water. They had failed to learn their lesson about Jesus' great power. We must learn from our past!

7:24-30 – Jesus healed a Gentile woman. Even when this woman was discouraged, she still refused to turn from Christ.

7:31-37 – We see an example of Jesus' emotions behind his miracles. Jesus does not just save us mechanically; he feels emotion and compassion for our condition!

8:1-10 – Jesus healed four thousand people. The disciples were amazed, because their hearts had been hardened. Is your heart hardened to accepting Jesus' power?

10:46-52 – Do you feel like you can't find your way in life? Jesus showed us that he can give sight to the blind!

11:12-14 – Jesus destroyed a fig tree because it failed to bear fruit. Jesus has the power to judge the unfruitful.

Some of these lessons may mean more to you right now than others. But one miracle of Jesus stands far above all the rest. The miracle which should have the greatest impact on each of us is that of the resurrection. Next week we will look at Mark's account of this miracle, and the importance of that miracle to our lives.

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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Larry Flatt
Reading	Kevin Judkins
Scripture	Daniel 9:9-11
	*David Keele
(S)	*Ken Martin
(N)	Steve Mitchell
(N)	John David Keele
(N)	Jacob Thurne
(S)	David King
(S)	Jared Mullican
	Clent Kesey
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	•

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Winfrey Hennessee
Reading	Kane Maynard
Scripture	Revelation 2:12-17
Lord's Table	*Michael Andrews
	*David Chilton
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Jeff Templeton

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	.(668-7158) Eddie Palmer
Lead Singing	Ethan Duncan
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Reading	Joe T. Cantrell
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jeff Templeton

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Jeff Rhea Family
P.M	Ronnie & Elaine Hoover

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Attend Nursery:	Kara Hurst
Lock Building:	Caleb Graves
Prepare Communic	on:
	Templetons
Assist with Baptisa	ms:
Cynthi	a Duncan & Amy Lawrence
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John Biddle - River Park Mildred Glenn - River Park

Jack Hudson (father of Elaine Hoover) - moved to NHC # 108

Joe Adams (father of Cindy Rogers) - St. Thomas #738

Glann Lee (Ken's brother) - St. Thomas ICU following by-pass and valve surgery Annie Louise Campbell (mother of Charlene

Palmer - St. Thomas following a fall and blow to the head.

## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....Five Ways God is Disobeyed Sunday PM.....Christ To The Churches: Pergamum

## **Baptism**

We rejoice with brother Bruce Nunley who was baptized into Christ last Tuesday evening.

## **Baby Shower**

There will be a baby shower for Rachel Graves on Sunday afternoon, March 1, from 1-3 pm at the home of Caleb & Rachel Graves, 51 N. Steeplechase Dr. Its a girl!

## Simple Thoughts From Scripture

God told Moses, "'Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it." Deuteronomy 1:38. "'But command Joshua, and encourage him and strengthen him; for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you will see.'" Deuteronomy 3:28. Would Joshua have been the great leader that he was without the encouragement and support of Moses? Moses could have been bitter and resented Joshua because he would lead the children of Israel into the promised land. But he didn't. Moses was a bigger man than that. He taught him and prepared him for the great job for which God had selected him.

Consider also the great encourager of the New Testament, Barnabas. "And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus," Acts 4:36. He undoubtedly encouraged the Apostle Paul to be the great man that he was. Later on, he took the young man John Mark, and encouraged him after he let everyone down by leaving the work. Would John Mark have penned the Gospel that bears his name, and become a "useful" man in the Lord's work (2 Tim. 4:11) without the encouragement of Barnabas?

One must make a concerted effort to see that he is a source of encouragement to those who lead and serve in the Kingdom. Do I take the time to encourage the elders as they lead the congregation spiritually? They need to know that the congregation stands behind them. Do I encourage the teachers who mold and shape the children to be faithful Christian adults? Do I encourage the youth that face numerous challenges each day? Sometimes just a small kind word from a older Christian can make the difference for a young person through a trying week.

Encouragement is infectious. After one begins to encourage others that same encouragement returns back. We can all lift one another up as we serve God.

Tony Lawrence

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

Thursday Feb 19th – Sunday Feb 22nd

Pigeon Forge Family Retreat

Wednesday Feb 25th

Birthday Wednesday

Saturday Feb 28th

- Bible Bowl Study Session @ the Newby's **Sunday March 1**st
- Bible Bowl at Morrison (Bus leaves at 1:20pm)

## From Tyler's Desk

Miracles in Mark: A New Life

The most incredible, most important, and by far the most impactful miracle of all was the resurrection. But surrounding the story of Jesus' resurrection, Mark also follows the stories of several other individuals. As Mark tells the story of Jesus, he highlights the stories of Mary Magdalene, the disciples, Peter, and finally, all of creation, including you and me.

The story of Jesus' resurrection includes the story of Mary Magdalene. Mary witnessed the crucifixion of Jesus (15:40). She watched Him as he was buried (15:47). She arrived at the tomb very early on that Sunday morning to anoint His body (16:2). Mark 16:9 gives us some insight as to why Mary followed Jesus so closely. This verse described Mary Magdalene as a woman "from whom he had cast out seven demons." Mary was completely enslaved by the power of Satan. She had no hope, except in Jesus.

Throughout Mark, we saw an emphasis on the unbelief of his closest disciples. Even after witnessing miracle after miracle, they continually failed to believe in Him. We do not see maturity in the faith of his disciples until the resurrection. Mark 16:20 reads, "And they went out and preached everywhere."

Mark especially notes the story of Peter. In Mark

14:66-72, Peter denied Jesus three times. But even after Peter's weaknesses, the young man in the white robe instructed the women at the tomb to "Go tell his disciples and Peter" (16:7 – emphasis added). Peter, who denied Jesus three times, was considered one of the first who needed to hear about the resurrection.

Mary Magdalene was enslaved by Satan. The disciples could not believe. Peter repeatedly denied the truth. They were spiritually dead. They were hopeless. The same could be said for you and me.

But we have not been left alone in our death. Jesus died also. "He breathed his last" (15:39). "He was dead" (15:45). He was buried (15:47). But then, he rose back to life.

Jesus' resurrection freed Mary of her bondage. Jesus' resurrection gave faith to the unbelieving disciples. Jesus' resurrection granted forgiveness to Peter. And Jesus' resurrection gives salvation to you and me.

Before Jesus left the earth, he commanded his disciples, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (16:15-16).

It does not matter how enslaved to sin we have been. It does not matter how faithless we have lived. It does not matter how often our actions have denied Jesus. Jesus was dead, and he rose again. Therefore, through belief and baptism, we too can be saved.

## Family Vacation Bible School

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Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Calvin Rogers
	Dustin Hillis
	2 Peter 1:5-11
Lord's Table (N)	*W.C. Chilton
(S)	*Tim Fisher
(N)	David McColloch
(N)	J.B. Gribble
	Jacob Griffin
(S)	Barry Hendrixson
	Cory Prince
	Caleb Hughes
	Tony Lawrence
	Michael Andrews

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Noel Pepper
Reading	Christian Barrett
Scripture	Revelation 2:18-19
Lord's Table	*Tyler Boyd
	*Steven Felty
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Allen Hughes

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-3024) Bo Rivers
Lead Singing	Michael Andrews
First Prayer	Rickey Hurst
Reading	Bob Cantrell
Invitation	Harold Cook
Dismiss	Tommy Crouch

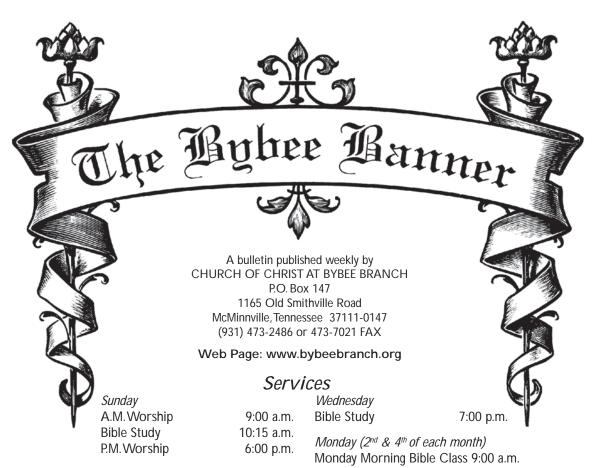
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## **Smypathy**

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## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......Measuring Our Spiritual Maturity Sunday PM......Christ To The Churches: Thyatira

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Wednesday Feb. 25th

Birthday Wednesday

Saturday Feb. 28th

• Bible Bowl Study Session at the Newby's (5-8pm)

### Sunday March 1st

- Bible Bowl at Morrison (Bus leaves at 1:20pm)
- Deadline to sign up for Spring Youth Retreat

#### Sunday March 8th

- Pew Packer's Class (5pm)
- Youth Devo at the Templeton's

### Three Crosses

Luke 23:39-43 tells the story of the two thieves who were crucified on either side of Jesus. Although most studies of the crucifixion focus only on the man on the center cross, there are valuable lessons to be learned from all three crosses.

The thief on one side of Jesus was focused on this world, dying in his sin. This thief "blasphemed Him, saying, 'If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us:" Notice this thief began his question with the word "If". This shows the thief's lack of belief in Jesus. This thief was not concerned with his soul's eternal destiny, but rather he wanted earthly satisfaction. This thief wanted Christ to save him from the cross, but he was not concerned about his sin. He then continued to mock Christ because he would not satisfy his earthly wants.

The thief on the other side of Jesus had a much different attitude. He was focused on eternal things, <u>dying to his sin</u>. He spoke not to mock, but to worship and plead for forgiveness. This thief admits his sin and recognizes Jesus as a Savior. He asks Jesus to "Remember me." This man understood the Christ's kingdom was spiritual, not earthly. Jesus responded to this thief, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

The Man on the middle cross was <u>dying for our sins</u>. Jesus was a just man, dying for the unjust. The thieves died for their sins, but Jesus died for our sins. "He gave Himself for us" (Titus 2:14).

Which of the two thieves do you most resemble? Are you focused on earthly things? If so, you are dying in your sin like the first thief. Or are you focused on eternal things? Be like the second thief, and die to your sins. We must always look to the middle cross, the one who died for our sins. "No man comes to the Father except through me" –John 14:6

### March 2009

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15	Mileah Crawford 16	DARRON & KIRSTIE 17 DIXON Lynder Holmes Jeff Elam	18 KEN & NONA MARTIN Lisa Burks Kaitlyn Thaxton	John Hanson 19	Carol Boyd 20	21
22 JOE T. & MARY LOIS CANTRELL JOE & BECKY MAYNARD Becky Maynard Calvin Rogers Becky Crawford	Doris Smith 23  Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am  Mt. Leo School of Bible Emphasis 7 pm	Wilma Chism 24	Melinda Martin 25	Johnny Anderson Lola Barrett Clara Scott	Larry Goodman 27	2E John & Judy Nussbaui
Derek Vinson 29	30	Delanie Sullivan 31	1	Gordon Fults 2	3	Alice Cantrell 4

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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Bobby Ashford
Reading	Danny Duncan
Scripture	Galatians 5:22-23
Lord's Table (N)	*Charles Gillies
(S)	*Jamie Brock
(N)	James Gillies
(N)	Justin Griffin
(N)	Matt Martin
(S)	Phillip Brock
(S)	Joe Maynard
(S)	Kelly Hillis
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
	Kurt Mavnard

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Paul Hurst
Reading	Shannon Griffin
Scripture	Revelation 3:1-6
Lord's Table	*Chuck Boles
	*David Bouldin
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Rodney Reynolds

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-3024) Bo Rivers
Lead Singing	Tyler Boyd
First Prayer	Eddie Palmer
Reading	David Chilton
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jeff Flatt

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## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ...... Means Of Maturity Sunday PM..... Christ To The Churches: Sardis

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Aretta Day, grandmother of our Kathy & Laura Monroe. Her funeral will be Wednesday in Knoxville.

## **Gospel Meeting**

The East End church of Christ will host a a Gospel Meeting with Don Blackwell on March 8-12. Evening services will be at 7 pm.

## Family Vacation Bible School

The **Unity church of Christ** will host a Family & Friends Day on Sunday March 8, and then that evening begin their Vacation Bible School from 6:30-7:30 pm. The theme is "Fishing With The Master."

### **Shut-ins**

NHC (P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)

Florene Nokes (#106) Carol Sue Taylor (#212) Dora Mae Wilcher (#313)

#### Raintree Manor

Clercie Delon

### Life Care Center of Sparta

(508 Mose Dr; Sparta, TN 38583) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister)

### NHC of Sparta

(34 Gracey Street • Sparta, Tennessee 38583) Elsie Felty (Harry's mother)

### Windsor Place Nursing & Rehab Center

(81 Windsor Blvd; Columbus, MS 39702) Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)

### Broadmore Assisted Living at Murfreesboro

(3211 Memorial Blvd; Murfreesboro, TN 37129) Vivian Ferrell (Room 127)

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## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

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- Bible Bowl at Morrison (Bus leaves at 1:20pm)
- Pew Packers Class (5pm)
- Youth Devo @ the Templeton's

Friday March 13th - Sunday March 15th

Spring Youth Retreat @ Camp Hylake

## From Tyler's Desk

The Providence of God

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." But what does God do today? Does He continue to work in our lives?

The Bible sheds quite a bit of light on these questions. In speaking of Jesus, Hebrews 1:2-3 reads, "but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he created the world... and he upholds the universe by the word of his power."

Jesus played an active role in the creation of the world. But not only did His words speak this world into existence, His powerful words continue to uphold the world today.

Colossians 1:17 again reveals this truth. "And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together."

Acts 17:28 truthfully states, "In him we live and move and have our being."

Does God continue to work today? You bet! Without God's Son, there would be nothing to keep this world going. Without Him, nothing would be able to hold together. He actively impacts each of our lives!

However, many today seem to misunderstand the nature of God's providence. If God does continue

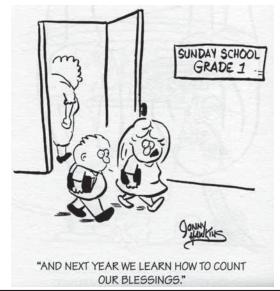
to work today, how does He work? In the midst of a world full of sin, sorrow, and pain, why can we not see God working? In light of God's providence, what is our responsibility? If everything is in God's hands, do we have any responsibly at all? How should God's providence impact our attitude towards daily service?

Over the next several weeks, I intend to write a series of bulletin articles discussing the providence of God. As we look at several questions connected with the providence of God, we will dive into God's powerful word for His answers on this subject. I invite you to be looking for these upcoming articles, and join with me in this impactful study.

## Time Change

Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday. Set your clocks AHEAD 1 hour or you will be LATE for church.





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Reading	Ethan Duncan
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	*Dennis Gann
	Joe T. Cantrell
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	Tony Lawrence
	Bob Bonner

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	. (473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Willie Newby
Reading	Jacob Griffin
Scripture	Revelation 3:7-13
	*Steve Boyd
	*Stanley Graves
	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Seth Bouldin

## Wednesday Bible Study

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Reading	Justin Griffin
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## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......Means Of Maturity #2 Sunday PM......Christ To The Churches: Philadelphia

### Welcome

The elders announced Sunday that Don & Martha Cathey have placed their membership with the congregation. Be sure to welcome them!

Don & Martha Cathey 161 Union Hill Rd. McMinnville, TN 37110-6587 (931) 668-3792

Remember our Gospel Meeting with Earl Edwards will be coming up soon, April 19-23. Make plans to be present at every service!

### **Ten Commandments For Teen-Agers**

- 1. Don't let your parents down, they brought you up (Ephesians 6:1-4).
- 2. Be humble enough to obey, you may give orders some day (Matthew 23:11-12).
- 3. Choose companions with care; you may become what they are (1 Corinthians 15:33).
- 4. Choose only a date who would make a good mate (Colossians 3:1).
- 5. Guard your thoughts; what you think, you are (Proverbs 23:7).
- 6. Be master of your habits, or they will master you (Romans 6:16).
- 7. Don't be a show-off when you drive; drive with safety so you arrive (Proverbs 16:18).
- 8. Don't let the crowd pressure you. Stand for something, or you'll fall for anything (Exodus 23:2).
- 9. Go to church services faithfully; make the week's first steps the church building steps (Hebrews 10:25).
- 10. To Christ always be true; He gave His all for you (Titus 2:11-14).

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### **Sentence Sermons**

You can keep folks from having a bad opinion of you, but you can keep them from being right about it.

We teach more by what we are than by what we say and do.

We don't change the message, the message changes us.

To be almost saved is to be totally lost.

## **Hylake Double-booked!**

**Bad news:** Camp Hylake was double booked for this weekend.

**Good news:** Spring Youth Retreat IX is still on, now for one week later. The new dates for SYR are March 20-22.

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

Sunday March 15th

Sunday Night Eats

### Friday March 20th - Sunday March 22nd

• Spring Youth Retreat @ Camp Hylake

## From Tyler's Desk:

#### He is Able

Is our God powerful enough to provide for us? How does God have enough time to provide for each of us? How can we know he provides for us as he provided for those during Bible times? How does God know what we need? Even if He is powerful enough, has enough time, has not changed, and know what we need, does He even care?

I realize that most of my readers have been going to church for many years. Most of you have already been able to quickly answer "Yes!" to each of the above questions. However, our familiarity with these concepts should not conceal the encouragement we should take from these truths. As you read the following verses, I challenge you to pause after each verse and really think about what a blessing it is to serve our great God!

**Jeremiah 32:17**, "Ah, Lord GOD! It is you who has made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you!"

**Deuteronomy 33:27**, "The <u>eternal</u> God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the <u>everlasting</u> arms."

Malachi 3:6, "For I the LORD do not change"

**Psalm 139:1-3**, "O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are aquainted with all my ways."

**Romans 5:8**, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

We serve a God who is able to provide for us. He has time to provide for us. He has not and will not change. He understands what we need. And the greatest news of all is that He has demonstrated for us that He does care, and He does provide.

### **NEW ADDRESS FOR CHURCH**

Please note that there is now a NEW ADDRESS for the church. The post office box has now been closed. Please address all mail to

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### **Bridal Shower**

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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
	Mike Driver
	Cory Prince
	Numbers 14:19-20
	*Don Griffith
	*Rodney Myers
	David Chilton
	Dustin Hillis
	Robert Elam
` '	Kevin Judkins
` '	Lee Gann
• •	Tyler Mitchell
	Tony Lawrence
	Philip Brock

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Jacob Thurne
Reading	Charles Gillies
Scripture	Revelation 3:14-22
Lord's Table	
	*Shannon Griffin
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Tyler Boyd

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-3024) Bo Rivers
Lead Singing	Danny Duncan
First Prayer	David Keele
Reading	Chuck Boles
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Darron Dixon

### **Welcome Committee**

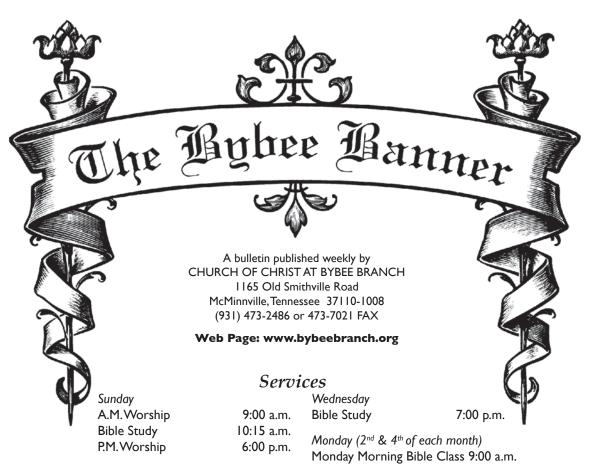
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P.M	Steve & Carol Boyd

Bus Driver:..... Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers:	Ben Biles & Seth Bouldin
Attend Nursery:	Judy Nussbaum
Lock Building:	Clent Kesey
Prepare Communic	on:
	Shannon Griffin Family
Assist with Baptis	ms:
Ma	ggie Hurst & Elaine Hoover
Pantry Item:	Crackers
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### In The Hospital:

Nellie Thomison - moved to NHC Lucille Newby - #325 Sumner Regional Medical Center (555 Hartsville Pike, Gallatin, TN 37066)

## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......Pardoned!
Sunday PM......Christ To The Churches: Laodicea

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## **Mission Trips**

Three of our members are on mission trips this week. Tim Fisher and Daniel Boyd are on a mission effort in Haiti. Lacy Pack is on a mission trip to the Atlantic Island of Saba. Please keep these in your prayers as they serve the Lord in difficult places!

## **Sympathy**

As a congregation we express our sympathy to three families:

Sympathy to the family of Richard Bonner, faithful Gospel preacher and uncle of Bob Bonner. His funeral was Monday at the Cowan church of Christ.

Sympathy to the family of Georgia Brooks. Sister Brooks was a long time member at Bybee Branch. She passed away on Saturday and had graveside services today (Tuesday).

Sympathy to the family of Kenneth Steven Kennedy, father of Rooster Kennedy (who has attended with us for some time). His funeral will be Wednesday afternoon.

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## **Gospel Meetings**

The **Bluff Springs church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting March 15-18, with services at 7 pm with David Meeks preaching.

The **Bethany church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting March 22-25, with services at 7 pm with Ben Flatt preaching.

The **Dibrell church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting March 27-29, with services at 7 pm with Stan Stevenson preaching.

Our own Gospel Meeting with Earl Edwards will be April 19-23

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Friday March 20th - Sunday March 22nd

Spring Youth Retreat @ Camp Hylake

### Wednesday March 25th

Birthday Wednesday

### Sunday March 29th

• 5th Sunday; Young Men lead worship

## From Tyler's Desk:

#### Where is God's Providence When I Need It?

In last week's bulletin article we observed our God is able to provide for us. He has time to provide for us. He has not and will not change. He understands what we need. And He has demonstrated that he cares for us!

Now for just a moment, we will consider a question which we have all asked, or will be forced to ask at some point in our lives. "Where is God's providence when I need it?"

An inspired penman was once faced with this same question. "My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" (Psalm 42:3).

This was a very low point during the psalmist's life. We don't know what the psalmist was facing, but at times, we can all relate to the psalmist in his pain.

He then begins to remember how happy he was in earlier days. Verse 4 says, "These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping a festival."

Has there ever been a time in your life when in tears, you asked the question, "Where is my God?" We can all remember times when God has blessed us. We can all remember being filled with overflowing joy and

love for life. But now we're faced with the question, "Where is my God?"

At time we find ourselves in messes; trials which seem impossible to overcome. We may find ourselves with no money left to pay the bills. We may be faced with a marriage which seems to be deteriorating before our very eyes. We may find ourselves dealing the death of someone close to us. We may find ourselves sick, depressed, discouraged, or alone.

Where is God now? Has He forgotten to provide for us in our time of need? Has He turned his back on us?

But listen to the words of the psalmist in verse 11. "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God."

What amazing confidence! We may not see God's providence at all times, but HE DOES PROVIDE!

God has promised that He will provide. Hebrews 13:5 reminds us of this promise: "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Romans 8:28 reads, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose."

This does not mean that God will provide all we want or think we need. But if we love the Lord enough to faithfully follow his commandments, no matter what the cost, our trials can be used as a means of providing blessings and spiritual growth.

We serve a God who provides for us, and for that we should continually give thanks.

## **Elders-Deacons Meeting**

The scheduled monthly Elders-Deacons Meeting will be this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:45 pm.

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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Allen Hughes
Reading	Dustin Rhea
	Mark 6:21-28
	*Ricky Prince
	*Jeff Templeton
• •	Rodney Myers
• •	Steve Mitchell
(N)	Micah Lawrence
	Marc Martin
` '	James Gillies
` '	Čaleb Graves
` '	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Pob Controll

## Sunday Evening Worship

**Young Men To Conduct Services** 

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jeff Templeton
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Don Sullivan
Reading	Jamie Brock
Invitation	Willie Newby
Dismiss	John David Keele

### **Welcome Committee**

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Shannon Griffin Fa	mily
Assist with Baptisms:	
Maggie Hurst & Elaine Hoo	over
Pantry Item:Kool-	-Aid
Elder Closing Remarks: Leonard Clem	ons
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### **Bridal Shower**

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### **New Arrival**

Congratulations to Caleb & Rachel Graves on the birth of a baby girl, Ashlynn Claire, she was born Monday afternoon. She was 20 inches long and weighed 8 lbs.

## **Fifth Sunday Contribution**

This Sunday is the fifth Sunday and the elders have announced that all the contribution will go to retire the debt on the Nonie Grizzell property. Please give generously.

## **Baptisms & Restorations**

We rejoice with the responses that took place this past weekend at the Spring Youth Retreat and at Bybee Branch. Baptized were Marissa Hillis (from the Mt. Leo congregation) and Tyler Judkins. Requesting prayers were Lauren Wilcher (from Earleyville congregation), Spencer Warren, Emily Newby, and Regina Templeton.

## **Gospel Meetings**

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Mr. & Mrs. Charles Quinn
and Mrs. Clara Roller
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their children
Jamie Kristin Quinn
and
Joe Brent Roller

Saturday, the twenty-eighth of March
two thousand nine
at one o'clock
Morrison Church of Christ
Morrison, Tennessee
Reception following ceremony

### MIAs of the Lord's Army

World War II, which many of us vividly remember, resulted in millions of deaths, multitudes of physical and emotional wounds, thousands of widows and orphans, shattered dreams and broken hearts that never healed. In the course of the years, many grieving fathers, mothers, wives and children had their hurt taken to "the silent city." But for others, the pain of MIA loved ones still lingers.

According to the Dec. 13/20, 2008, issue of World, more than 50 years after the global tragedy of WWII, some 72,500 Americans are still classified as missing in action ("Rest in Peace," 13).

The New Testament often uses the metaphor of warfare in explaining the Christian life (Eph. 6:10-18; 2 Tim. 2:3-4; 2 Cor. 10:3-5). The statistic of wartime MIAs makes one wonder how many in the Lord's army are currently missing in action.

In any city or community where the Lord's church has existed for any length of time, there are those who have wandered away spiritually. If the MIAs could be identified and restored or converted (Gal. 6:1; Jam. 5:19-20), membership in the Lord's army would probably nearly double. The Lord's concern and love for spiritual MIAs is seen in His exhortation to those still fighting the good fight of faith to identify, restore and convert people who continue to be important to the Savior.

Many people are now missing in action because the unfairness of life with its trouble, illnesses and heartaches got them so discouraged that they wandered astray. God's people often suffer trials, pain, disappointment and illness (Jam. 1:2; I Pet. 1:5-9). Paul knew the potential blessings of perseverance, character and hope that could come from a proper reaction to the trials of life; therefore he could say, "We glory in tribulations" (Rom. 5:3 NKJV). However, if people blame God for the pain and trials of life that come from Satan, they may indeed become MIAs in the Lord's army (I Pet. 5:8-9).

In Scripture, the Holy Spirit warned God's people of the danger Christian soldiers face. God's soldiers

are admonished to refuse the efforts of the world to win conformity to its distorted values (Rom. 12:1-2). John warned, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world" (I John 2:15 KJV).

This age is a time of intellectual confusion because of such philosophies as humanism, secularism, materialism, hedonism and relativism. How many young people are now MIA because some atheistic professor robbed them of their faith or some pleasure-seeking and pleasure-preaching peers led them into a sinful life? No wonder the Bible warns of the danger of human philosophy (Col. 2:8).

The world is not only intellectually confused but also characterized by moral corruption (2 Pet. 1:3-4). The salient characteristics are identified as works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21). The morality of this age is as corrupted as in the time of Isaiah when people were calling evil good and good evil (Isa. 5:20).

Killing children in the name of abortion is supposedly good. If not, why have some 50 million been so abused? Rejecting God's plan for marriage (Mat. 19:1-9) for an alternative lifestyle is supposedly good, but taking God's Word to show the sanctity of marriage of one man to one woman is evil or homophobic.

Can you imagine the suffering of parents and spouses whose beloved soldiers are unaccounted for? If so, perhaps it will give an insight into the "longsuffering of God" when some of His children are MIA. Can we not see why there is "joy in heaven over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:7 NKJV)?

Organizations are now actively seeking the mortal remains of MIAs from WWII. On one South Sea island, the bodies of 139 sailors and Marines have recently been recovered (*World*, p. 13). Now is the time for elders, preachers and all Christians to seek actively to find, reclaim, restore and convert the MIAs of the church (Gal. 6:1). May we be moved to action by the possibility of bringing joy to heaven because, as our Savior declared, "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10).

~ Tom Holland ~

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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Reading	Christian Barrett
Scripture	Mark 10:35-37
Lord's Table (N)	*Bruce Pryor
(S)	*Tim Fisher
	Kevin Flatt
	Steve Wilcher
	Derek Vinson
	David Roberts
	Jeff Rhea
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	Tony Lawrence
	Dennis Gann

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Kurt Maynard
Reading	Michael Andrews
Scripture	
Lord's Table	*Ronnie Prince
	*Kelly Thaxton
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Don Sullivan

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jeff Templeton
Lead Singing	Micah Lawrence
First Prayer	Stanley Graves
Reading	Ethan Duncan
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jacob Thurne

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Gail Crouch & Susan Pryor
Pantry Item: Muffin Mix
Elder Closing Remarks: Harold Cook
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The **Smith Grove church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting April 5-8, with services at 7 pm with Jimmy Carver preaching.

The **Morrison church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting April 5-9, with services at 7 pm with Johnny Fox preaching.

The **White Chapel church of Christ** will have a Singing April 5, at 4 pm.

Our own Gospel Meeting with Earl Edwards will be April 19-23 - REMEMBER THE WORKDAY for April 4 at 8 am, rain out date will be April 11.

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Saturday April 4th

- Workday at church building (8am)
- Singing at Whites Chapel church of Christ (We will meet to carpool at 3:15pm)

### Sunday April 5th

Youth Devotional

#### Saturday April I Ith

Service Project (TBA)

## **Setting an Example for Believers**

I Timothy 4:12 reads, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

Lately the young people here at Bybee Branch have done an excellent job of setting a Christian example for other believers. As many of you were able to witness on Sunday night, 17 different young men helped lead the worship service. However, that's not the only way our young people have been setting a good example.

On Friday night of the youth retreat, we had about a dozen young people stay up until about Iam, just talking about the Bible. This wasn't a required Bible study. Rather they were genuinely that interested in studying together.

It also seems that many of your young people have been doing a great job inviting their friends to worship. We are truly blessed with the strong youth group we have at Bybee Branch. They have actively been setting examples of faithfulness for us all.

May we all strive to continue to encourage our young people, and learn from their examples.

## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM	One Question, Two Answers
Sunday PM	Between To Mountains

## **April 2009**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Derek Vinson 29	30	Delanie Sullivan 31	1	Gordon Fults 2	3	Alice Cantrell
David Roberts Peyton Norris Sherry Graves	Martha Cathey Sharon Boles Sharla Hillis	7 Christine Cantrell	8	9	Amy Prince	Dora Wilcher DON & JANE CROUCH
12	JOHN & TARA HANSON Tyler Judkins	Marty York DERRICK & GENIA MUNCY	Donna Anderson Holly Prince Eugene Wilcher	16	Bill Brown 17	Wanda Hendrixson 18
Kathy Monroe J.B. & CHRISTINE GRIBBLE Paul Hurst Lynette Kesey Hannah Maynard	Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am Brunch after class at Viola Valley  BOBBY & MARY ASHFORD STEVE & SHARLA HILLIS Tony Lawrence	Denice Rhea 21	Junetta Gilbert Cody Prince	23 BILLY & ASHLEY PINEGAR	24	THOMAS & ALICE CANTRELL
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Angie Caldwell Kristin Maynard	Tina Mullins Martha Pepper Dustin Rhea	28	29	Mike Mullins Shelbie Campbell	JEFF & REGINA TEMPLETON EUGENE & DORIS WILCHER	CHRIS & HILARY NEALE Trisha Mitchell
	Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am					

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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Charles GIllies
Reading	Jason Vandagriff
Scripture	Matthew 23:1-5
	*Harold Cook
(S)	*Calvin Rogers
(N)	Eugene Wilcher
(N)	John Nussbaum
(N)	Chris Neale
	Joe Roller
(S)	Jared Mullican
(S)	Ryan McColloch
• •	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	David Chilton

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Rodney Myers
Reading	Bobby Ashford
Scripture	Song of Solomon 2:15
Lord's Table	*Tommy Crouch
	*Winfrey Hennessee
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Dale Bennett

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jeff Templeton
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	Caleb Graves
Invitation	Danny Duncan
Dismiss	Eddie Palmer

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Lucille Newby - at the home of her son, Carl

### In The Hospital:

Douglas

Mildred Lowery moved to NHC #405

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Junior Logan. Brother Logan attended Bybee Branch in the past. His funeral was last Sunday in Byrdstown, TN.

## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM	The Black Line
Sunday PM	More Little Foxes

## **Monday Morning Bible Class**

This coming Monday, April 13, Monday Morning Bible Class will meet at 9 am and following the study the class will go to the Viola Valley Country Store for a meal. Why not come and enjoy the class and the fellowship?

### **Restorations**

This past week brother J.B. Gribble requested prayers and on Sunday morning sister Kara Hurst also requested the prayers of the congregation. Please remember these two in your daily prayers.

## **Fifth Sunday Contribution**

The contribution listed in last week's bulletin was incomplete. Another \$3,300 should be added for a contribution of \$12,033. This special contribution will go to retire the debt on the Nonie Grizzell property. Thanks to everyone for their generosity!

### **Shut-ins**

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Florene Nokes (#106) Carol Sue Taylor (#212) Dora Mae Wilcher (#313)

Nellie Thomison (#109)

Perry Woodlee (#115)

Mildred Lowery (#405)

#### Raintree Manor

Clercie Delon

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(508 Mose Dr; Sparta, TN 38583) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister)

### **NHC** of Sparta

(34 Gracey Street • Sparta, Tennessee 38583)
Elsie Felty (Harry's mother)

### Windsor Place Nursing & Rehab Center

(81 Windsor Blvd; Columbus, MS 39702) Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)

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#### Home:

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Nonie Grizzell

Georgia Jones

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Clyde Paris (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's

brother-in-law)

Freda Womack

Bobby Prater (Flossie Warren's brother-in-law)

*Joleta Reynolds (Rodney's sister-in-law)* 

## From Tyler's Desk:

### Is Everything That Happens God's Will?

In recent bulletin articles we have observed that God continues to work in the world today. God has promised that He will provide and care for us. God is in charge, just as David declares in Psalm 103, "The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all."

But we must also realize that not EVERYTHING that happens is God's will.

In Deuteronomy 30:15-16 we read, "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it."

From these verses we learn that God's providential care and his blessings upon us are conditional upon our obedience to Him. God's providence does not destroy our free will.

Although many married couples end their relationships in painful divorces, we know that divorce is not God's will. Although promises are often broken, it is not God's will for us to go back on our word. Although many souls will one day be lost, we know that God, "desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth" (I Timothy 2:4).

God has promised His blessing and providential care for our lives. He has also given us His will for our lives in Scripture, so that "the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:17). Unless we choose to live our lives the way God has told us to live, we cannot enjoy the promise of God's providential care.

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Sunday April 12th

Pew Packers Class (5pm)

### Friday April 17th

Pew Packers to Chuck E. Cheese's

### Friday April 24th - Monday April 27th

Prom Alternative Trip to Cincinnati

## **VBS Planning Meeting**

Our VBS will be July 13-15 this year with the theme: Great Characters From The Old Testament. We will meet following services Sunday evening to plan for the VBS.

### **Gospel Meetings**

The **Leoni church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting April 5-9, with services at 7 pm with B.J. Clark preaching.

The **Smith Grove church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting April 5-8, with services at 7 pm with Jimmy Carver preaching.

The **Morrison church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting April 5-9, with services at 7 pm with Johnny Fox preaching.

Our own Gospel Meeting with Earl Edwards will be April 19-23.

## **Ladies' Days**

The **East End church of Christ** will host a "Ladies' Day" on Saturday, April 18, beginning at 9:30 am. Theme will be *Fruit Of The Spirit* with Rosemary Summers speaking.

The **Central church of Christ** will host a "Ladies' Day" on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 9:30 am. Theme will be *Encouragement* with Monica Sain Dempsey speaking.

The *Livingston church of Christ* will host a "Ladies' Day" on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 9:45 am. Theme will be "What Did You Say?" with Tina Dickerson speaking.

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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
	Ricky Prince
	Darron Dixon
Scripture	Colossians 1:27-29
	*Willie Newby
(S)	*David Bouldin
	Kane Maynard
(N)	Matt Martin
(N)	Josh King
	David King
	Dickie Kesey
• •	John David Keele
	Earl Edwards
Dismiss	Shannon Griffin

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Ronnie Hoover
Reading	Phillip Brock
Scripture	Mark 9:2-23
Lord's Table	*Tyler Boyd
	*Stephen Felty
Sermon	
Closing Prayer	Joe Collins

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jeff Templeton
Lead Singing	
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	Caleb Graves
Invitation	
Dismiss	Eddie Palmer

### **Welcome Committee**

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P.M	Micah & Amy Lawrence

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Annie Louise Campbell (mother of Charlene Palmer)
Lucille Newby - at the home of her son, Carl Douglas
I.B. Gribble - released from River Park

### In The Hospital:

Perry Woodlee - Manchester Medical Center

## **Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy to the family of Blanche Sharpe, mother of our Kathy Elam. She passed away last Saturday.

### **Restorations**

This past Wednesday evening sister Sarah Beth King came forward requesting prayers and then on Sunday evening brother Josh King also requested prayers. Please remember these two in your prayers.

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# **Gospel Meeting**

April 19-23, 2009 Services at 7 pm Monday-Thursday

Guest speaker: Earl Edwards



### **Sermon Theme: Jesus Christ**

Sunday AM	His "Dwelling In" Christians
Sunday Bible Cla	ssHis Baptism
Sunday PM	His Transfiguration
Monday	His Death
Tuesday	His Resurrection
Wednesday	His Plan For Man (Providence)
Thursday	His Command To Look Outward

## **Meeting Notes**

All classes in grades 5 and up are to meet in the auditorium during the Bible Class hour.

There will be a fellowship meal following the morning services. Please bring enough food for your family and a few more.

## **Gospel Meetings**

The **Berea church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting April 19-22, with services at 7 pm with Johnny Lance preaching.

The **Earleyville church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting April 26-29, with services at 7 pm with Alan Watkins preaching.

The **Findlay church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting April 26-30 with services at 7 pm with Gary Hampton preaching.

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Friday April 24th - Monday April 27th

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Guy's service project (Meet at the building at 10am)

## From Tyler's Desk:

#### It's a Miracle! ... or is it?

One of the most exciting football games I can recall occurred on January 8, 2000. It was the Wild Card round of the playoffs, featuring a game between the Tennessee Titans and the Buffalo Bills. The Titans won the game on an incredible kick off return for a touchdown with only 16 seconds left in the game. The game earned the nickname, "The Music City Miracle."

Although the game has earned a nickname which identifies the last play as a "miracle", I would be very surprised to find someone who actually believes that God is a Titans fan, and worked a miracle on that January day.

But with that said, many people do seem to misunderstand God's use of miracles today. If someone survives a serious car crash, it may be proclaimed "It's a miracle!" Or perhaps the same may be said about someone recovering from cancer, a paralytic learning to walk again, or a child who survives a serious illness. But are these really miracles?

As we have discussed in previous bulletin articles, it is clear that God works providentially today. That is, God has promised to provide for us, and works in the world to do so. But the way in which God works today is not the same thing as a "miracle" as seen in the Bible.

During Bible times, God would accomplish things which the forces of nature could not produce.

For example, God made the blind to see, people would speak in tongues (languages which they had not previously learned), and the dead would raise.

In I Corinthians 13, the inspired apostle Paul informed the Corinthians what would happen to their miraculous gifts. "As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away" (I Cor. 13:8). Paul goes on to explain that miracles only revealed God's will in part. In the scriptures, we now have God's fully revealed will (Jude 3), and therefore no longer have a need for miracles.

God continues to be very active in the world today, but the need for miracles has passed. God continues to answer our prayers. In fact, He has informed us that he is "able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think." But when we witness amazing things, we should be careful not to proclaim "It's a miracle!"

### **Ten Commandments for Husbands**

- I. Thou shalt remember that thy wife is thy partner and not thy property.
- 2. Thou shalt hold thy wife's love by the same means that thou won it.
- 3. Thou shalt enter thy house with cheerfulness.
- 4.Thou shalt not let anyone criticize thy wife and get away with it, neither thy father, nor thy mother, nor thy brothers, nor thy sisters, nor any other relative.
- 5. Thou shalt not take thy wife for granted.
- 6. Thou shalt not think thyself are "IT."
- 7. Thou shalt not praise thy neighbor's wife; praise thine own.
- 8. Thou shalt not keep any secrets from thy wife; secrets breed suspicion and wreck confidence.
- Thou shalt not fail to kiss thy wife good-bye every morning.
- 10. Thou shalt not forget through all the years of thy life that thy wife whom God hath given thee is the queen in your home and in honor takes precedence over thee.

~Hugo McCord~

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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
	David Keele
•	Robert Elam
_	Nehemiah 13:23-24
	*Mike Driver
	*Steve Boyd
	Kelly Hillis
	Dustin Hillis
	Barry Hendrixson
• •	Justin Griffin
• •	Clent Kesey
• •	Jason Vandagriff
` '	Tony Lawrence
	Don Griffith

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Bo Rivers
Reading	Dennis Gann
Scripture	Song of Solomon 2:15
Lord's Table	*Larry Flatt
	*Jamie Brock
Sermon	
Closing Prayer	Bob Cantrell

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jeff Templeton
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Leonard Clemons
Reading	Kelly Thaxton
Invitation	Paul Hurst
Dismiss	Bob Bonner

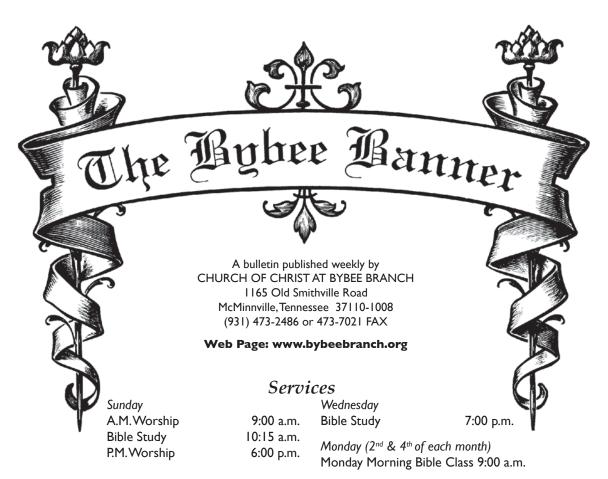
### **Welcome Committee**

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P.M	Marc Martin Family

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Ushers:	. Ben Biles & Ethan Duncan
Attend Nursery:	Elaine Hoover
Lock Building:	Stephen Felty
Prepare Commun	ion:
	David Keele Family
Assist with Baptis	sms:
•••••	. Gail Crouch & Susan Pryor
Pantry Item:	Fruit Cocktail
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Palmer)

Lucille Newby - at the home of her son, Carl Douglas

Perry Woodlee

#### In The Hospital:

Dorothy Good (mother of Sandra Thurne)-moved to NHC #104B for rehab

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Nellie Thomison. She was a faithful member of the congregation. Her funeral was this past Friday.

## **General Business Meeting**

The regularly scheduled quarterly Men's Business Meeting will be this coming Sunday evening following services. All male members of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

## Ladies' Days

The **Central church of Christ** will host a "Ladies' Day" on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 9:30 am. Theme will be *Encouragement* with Monica Sain Dempsey speaking.

The **Livingston church of Christ** will host a "Ladies' Day" on Saturday, April 25, beginning at 9:45 am. Theme will be "What Did You Say?" with Tina Dickerson speaking.

### **Senior Pictures**

All those graduating this year are asked to turn in a picture to Rita for the bulletin board.

## **Gospel Meetings**

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The **Trousdale church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting May 3-6 with services at 7 pm with Tom Watson preaching.

There will be a Gospel Meeting at the **Old Philadelphia Meeting House** on May 3-8 with services at 7 pm. There will be different speakers each night. Bybee Branch will conduct the services on Tuesday evening.

## **Review of our Gospel Meeting**

At this writing the Gospel Meeting is in progress. Brother Earl Edwards has done a superb job of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. For those unable to attend one or more of the services, these lessons will be available on the church's podcast, CD's and a DVD of all the Jessons.

Brother Edwards has recently authored two significant books. He wrote a book called "Protecting Our Blind Side: A Discussion of Contemporary Concerns in churches of Christ." This book is simply outstanding! He also is the author of the commentary on I and II Thessalonians in "The Truth For Today Commentary" series, edited by brother Eddie Cloer. If you would like to get either of these, please see me.

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Wednesday April 29th

• Birthday Wednesday

### Thursday April 30th

Girl's service project (Meet at the building at 6:30pm)

### Saturday May 2nd

Guy's service project (Meet at the building at 10am)

### Sunday May 3rd

Youth Devotional at Riverfront Park

## From Tyler's Desk:

#### The God Given Home

In the last several bulletin articles we have been discussing the providence of God. God is able to provide for us, and He has promised us He will provide. Although there may be times (especially difficult times in our lives) where we may not see God's care, we can still trust He will provide.

But we must also remember that God's providence in only promised when we choose to live our lives according to the way God instructs us.

One of the very first ways in which God showed his providence to man was in the creation of the family. In Genesis chapters 1-2 we read about the creation of the world. When God first created Adam, He observed that "It is not good that man should be alone" (Gen. 2:18). We then read that God provided Adam with a helper fit for Him, that being Eve.

From the very beginning God has provided mankind with the blessing of a family. In Proverbs 18:22 we read, "He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD." In the next chapter we read that "A prudent wife is from the LORD" (Prov. 19:14).

God has also reminded us that "children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward." (Psalm 127:3).

The home is a gift from God. And since the home originated with God, doesn't it make since

that God would know how this blessing can best be appreciated?

In the fifth chapter of Ephesians, God has instructed the husband to be the head of the wife. He has instructed wives to be submissive to their husbands. And He has instructed the husband to love his wife in the same way Christ loves the church. At the beginning of chapter 6, children are instructed to obey and honor their parents. Fathers are then instructed not to provoke their children to anger, but to bring them up in "discipline and instruction of the LORD."

When the family functions as God has planned, it can be a tremendous blessing. Thank God for the provision of the home.

## **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M	Language of Ashdod
P.M	More Little Foxes

# **Build Your Home on the Word of God**

The home built on the word of God, With time will stand the storms. And find through faith, the plan for life, The ways true love adorns.

Where children gather close to hear, The words they need to fill, The mind with thoughts that make them strong, To climb life's steepest hill.

God will not leave us all alone, But give us joy and peace. He is the rock to build upon, His love will never cease.

For strength that will endure through time, And calm life's restless sea, Love and home with the word of God, Makes home what home should be.

~Eva Nell Brown Naramore~

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## Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
	Tyler Boyd
	David McColloch
	Hebrews 11:32
•	*Kurt Maynard
	*Larry Flatt
	Steve Mitchell
	Cory Prince
	John Nussbaum
` '	Rodney Maynard
	Marc Martin
1_1	Micah Lawrence
` '	Tony Lawrence
	Philip Brock

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Charles Gillies
Reading	Ronnie Hoover
Scripture	2 Peter 1:10-11
Lord's Table	*Don Sullivan
	*Eddie Palmer
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Kelly Thaxton

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Rickey Hurst
Lead Singing	•
First Prayer	
Reading	Dustin Rhea
Invitation	
Dismiss	W.C. Chilton

### **Welcome Committee**

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P.M	Allen Hughes Family

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Lucille Newby - at the home of her son, Carl
Douglas
Perry Woodlee

### In The Hospital:

Dorothy Good (mother of Sandra Thurne)-moved to NHC #104B for rehab

Lavoy Duncan (Danny's father)-River Park #218 Charles Campbell-St. Thomas (heart procedure on 29<sup>th</sup>)

Pat Julian (Becky Maynard's sister-in-law)-Centennial with Leukemia.

## **Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy to the family of J.D. Green, uncle of our Jane Crouch. He passed away on Saturday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Caleb Smith, great nephew of Susan Pryor. His funeral was Monday at Highs.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Billie Haley, mother of Ann Hutchings, grandmother of Martha Hutchings. She passed away on Sunday evening.

## **Baby Shower**

There will be a baby shower in honor of Amy Lawrence on Sunday afternoon, May 3, from I-3 pm at the home of Micah and Amy Lawrence (41 Three Point Circle).

## **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M	""What more"
P.M	Hell Fire Insurance Audit

### **Gospel Meetings**

The **Earleyville church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting April 26-29, with services at 7 pm with Alan Watkins preaching.

The **Findlay church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting April 26-30 with services at 7 pm with Gary Hampton preaching.

The **East Main/Murfreesboro church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting April 26-29 with services at 7 pm with Roy Sharp preaching.

The **Trousdale church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting May 3-6 with services at 7 pm with Tom Watson preaching.

There will be a Gospel Meeting at the **Old Philadelphia Meeting House** on May 3-8 with services at 7 pm. There will be different speakers each night. Bybee Branch will conduct the services on Tuesday.

The **White Chapel church of Christ** will have a Family and Friends Day on May 3. Details on the board.

The **Smyrna church of Christ** will have a Family and Friends Day on May 17. Johnny Clayton will be preaching. Details on the board.

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Wednesday April 29th

· Birthday Wednesday

### Thursday April 30th

Girl's service project (Meet at the building at 6:30pm)

### Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Guy's service project (Meet at the building at 10am)

### Sunday May 3rd

 Youth Devotional at Riverfront Park (Guys bring chips and drink, girls bring buns and drink)

## May 2009

3	Monday  Zina Mullins Martha Pepper Dustin Rhea			Thursday  Mike Mullins 30  Martha Hutchings 7	Friday  JEFF & REGINA TEMPLETON EUGENE & DORIS WILCHER  Rodney Myers	Saturday  CHRIS & HILARY NEA Trisha Mitchell  JOSH & SARA BETH K
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17	Mary Davis Jamie Roller	PAUL & KARA HURST Harold Cook	20	BOBBY & CAROLYN LANCE Sandra Thurne	Matthew Martin	Chris Neale
24	25	MIKE & TINA MULLINS Seth Bouldin Terann Hillis	Rachel Flatt	28	29	Sarah Beth King Harold McGinness
	Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM					
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# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Bruce Pryor
Reading	Kevin Flatt
Scripture	Proverbs 31:28-31
	*Chuck Boles
(S)	*Tommy Crouch
(N)	Joe Maynard
(N)	John David Keele
(N)	Kevin Judkins
(S)	Caleb Hughes
(S)	Jacob Grffin
	Caleb Graves
• •	Tony Lawrence
_	loe Collins

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Harold Cook
Reading	Tyler Judkins
Scripture	Jeremiah 37:17
Lord's Table	*Jamie Brock
	*Phillip Brock
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	David Bouldin

# Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Rickey Hurst
Lead Singing	Tyler Boyd
First Prayer	Jeff Flatt
Reading	Joe Roller
Invitation	W.C. Chilton
Dismiss	Tim Fisher

## **Welcome Committee**

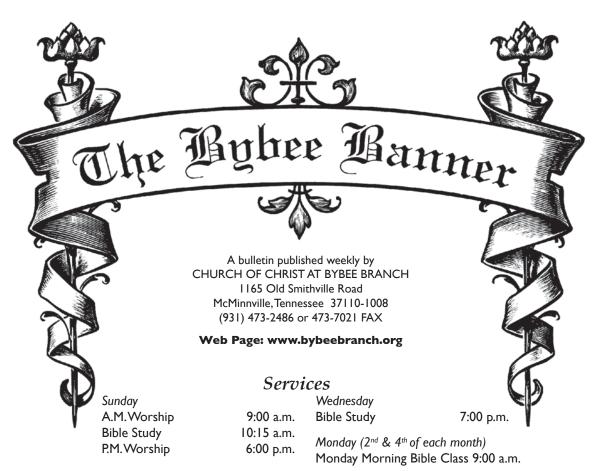
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#### At Home:

Ken Lee
Essie Hillis
Asa Kell
Lucille Newby - at the home of her son, Carl
Douglas
Lavoy Duncan
Charles Campbell
Perry Woodlee
Dyllon Young following a tonsillectomy
Mildred Lowery - returned to granddaughter's

#### In The Hospital:

Pat Julian (Becky Maynard's sister-in-law)-Centennial with Leukemia.

## **Sunday's Sermons**

home from NHC

A.M..... The Woman I Call Blessed P.M.....Is There Any Word From The Lord?

## **Gospel Meetings**

The **Trousdale church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting May 3-6 with services at 7 pm with Tom Watson preaching.

There will be a Gospel Meeting at the **Old Philadelphia Meeting House** on May 3-8 with services at 7 pm. There will be different speakers each night. Bybee Branch will conduct the services on Tuesday.

The **Smyrna church of Christ** will have a Family and Friends Day on May 17. Johnny Clayton will be preaching. Details on the board.

## **Request for Prayers**

This past Sunday morning brother Dale Bennett came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation for strength in his service to God.

## **Shut-ins**

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Freda Womack

Bobby Prater (Flossie Warren's brother-in-law)

Joleta Reynolds (Rodney's sister-in-law)

Annie Louise Campbell (mother of Charlene

Palmer)

Mildred Lowery

## From Tyler's Desk:

#### God Provides an Escape

When Jesus was teaching his disciples how to pray, He instructed them to pray, "lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matt. 7:13). If we will pray for deliverance, God has promised to provide us with that way of escape!

God promises this way of escape in I Corinthian 10:13. "No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation provides a way of escape, that you may be able to endure it."

Although we know we can rely on God's promise, there are times in life where this verse may not "seem" to be true. For example, I have a song on my computer by the band "DreamTheater" written about overcoming alcohol addiction. The song describes this addiction as a "glass prison" with no visible escape. Where is God's escape for the alcoholic?

The same could probably be said for any kind of addiction. Whether it be drugs, pornography, or simply bad language, a way of escape is not always visible. Even for those who would not call themselves "addicts" of anything, Christians may often feel as if no matter how hard they try, they can never be "good enough". Satan has such a strong grip on our world. How can we escape from sin and live holy lives?

Thankfully, when we cannot see a way of escape, we can know that God understands. Proverbs 3:5-6 reads, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." There are times when we will not be able to see an escape while leaning on our own understanding. But God has promised that if we trust and obey Him, even when we do not understand, that He will make our paths straight.

If we will trust God's guidance with each choice we make, we can trust that God, in His faithfulness, will provide us with an escape from sin.

# **Elders Visiting**

Peter in his letter to the I<sup>st</sup> century elders admonished them to "Shepherd the flock of God which is among you". We are striving to better know the many families here at Bybee's. We have set a goal of visiting as many of you as possible in your homes this year. We have teamed up "two by two" and will be making visits as we have time. We look forward to visiting you and would like your suggestions, comments, etc. for the work here at Bybee's.

~The Elders~

# Changing My Life Into The Likeness of Christ

"But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." (2 Corinthians 3:18)

Christ was and I must be:
Humble (Phil 2:3-11; James 4:6)
Forgiving (Luke 23:24; Mark 11:25)
Zealous (John 9:4; 2:17; Titus 2:14)
Prayerful (Mark 1:35; I Thess 5:17)
Compassionate (John 11:35; Romans 12:15)
Unretaliatory (Mt 26:59ff; Rom. 12:17-21)
Submissive (Luke 22:42; Matt 6:10)
Serving (Matt 20:28; Matt 20:26-27)
Passionate (Luke 19:41; Romans 9:1-3)
Giving (Matt 20:28; Luke 6:38)

With Paul may we affirm, "So now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:20,21). Then, we can sing, and really mean it, "I want to be more like Jesus."

~Wendell Winkler~

"For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit." (I Peter 3:10 NKJV) Volume 52, Number 20 May 17, 2009

# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
	Dale Bennett
Reading	Dustin Hillis
	Luke 22:15-20
•	*Jeff Templeton
	*Dennis Gann
	James Gillies
	Lynn Gann
	Gordon Fults
` '	Harry Felty
` '	Ethan Duncan
1_1	Ben Biles
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
	Bobby Ashford

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Michael Andrews
Reading	Derek Vinson
Scripture	Luke 24:28-32
	*Bo Rivers
	*Ricky Prince
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Allen Hughes

# Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Rickey Hurst
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Danny Duncan
Reading	Jeff Rhea
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Stanley Graves

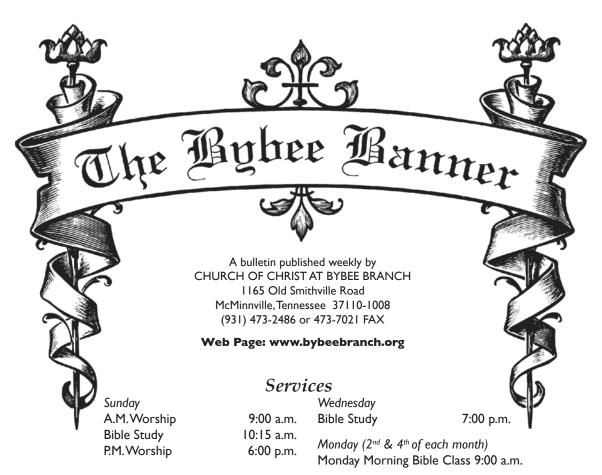
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P.M	Michael Andrews Family

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Attend Nursery:R	egina Templeton
Lock Building:	. Danny Duncan
Prepare Communion:	
K	elly & Gaye Hillis
Assist with Baptisms:	
Sharon Driver &	Becky Crawford
Pantry Item:	Peaches
Elder Closing Remarks:	Don Sullivan
<b>Record For The Week</b>	
A.M. Worship	333
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	202
Wednesday Bible Study	237
Contribution	\$6,927

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Ken Lee - St. Thomas (surgery on Wednesday afternoon to remove a growth in his lung) Georgia Brown - River Park Pat Julian (Becky Maynard's sister-in-law)-Centennial with Leukemia

## **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M...... In Memory P.M...... A "Burning" Message

## **Young & Old Men's Prayer Breakfast**

On Saturday morning, May 30, at 8:30 am there will be a pancake breakfast for all the men of the congregation (young and old).

## **Gospel Meetings**

The **Smyrna church of Christ** will have a Family and Friends Day on May 17. Johnny Clayton will be preaching. Details on the board.

The East Hill church of Christ in Pulaski will have their 19th Annual Truth In Love Lectureship on May 13-17 with a number of great gospel preachers speaking. Program is on the bulletin board.

The **Centertown church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on May 15-17 with services at 7:30 pm. Brian Gregory will be preaching.

The Oak Grove church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting on May 17-21 with services at 7:00 pm. Allen Gauger will be preaching.

## **Baptisms**

Our hearts were made to rejoice on Monday afternoon when Franklin Brooks and Hershel Wells came to the building to be baptized. We are thankful for the decision of these good men and pray for them as they begin their service to the Lord.

# **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Friday May 22<sup>nd</sup>

High School Graduation

### Sunday May 24th

• Youth Devo @ Riverfront

#### Wednesday May 27th

Birthday Wednesday

#### Thursday May 28th

· Boyd Graduation

# Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Flatt request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Jennifer Ann

Stephen Vincent Meredith son of Mr. and Mrs. David Merideth on Friday, the twenty-second of May Two thousand and nine at seven o'clock in the evening Central Church of Christ 101 E. Morford Street McMinnville, Tennessee

> Reception to follow 1400 Wilson Road

# Congratulations Graduates High School









Seth Bouldin

Ethan Duncan

Robert Elam

Martha Hutchings









Kaitlyn Reynolds

Megan Rhea

# Higher Education

**Tara Felty**, Certified Pharmacy Technician from Medvance Institute.

Eric Fisher, Master of Science in Counseling from Freed-Hardeman University

Shane Fisher, Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Bachelor of Business (Finance) from Freed-Hardeman University

Jennifer Flatt, Bachelor of Business (Marketing) from Freed-Hardeman University

"And further, my son, be admonished by these. Of making many books there is no end, and much study is wearisome to the flesh. 13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all." (Ecclesiastes 12:12-13 NKIV)

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# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Larry Flatt
Reading	Mike Driver
	Psalm 135:1-3
Lord's Table (N)	*Ronnie Prince
	*Rodney Reynolds
	Jason Vandagriff
	Lee Gann
	Ryan McColloch
(S)	Darron Dixon
	Dickie Kesey
	Joe T. Cantrell
	Tyler Boyd
	Steve Boyd

# Sunday Evening Worship

(668-2180) Ken Martin
Leonard Clemons
Rickey Hurst
Tyler Mitchell
Psalm 136:26
*David Chilton
*Rodney Myers
Tyler Boyd
Bob Bonner

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Rickey Hurst
Lead Singing	•
First Prayer	
Reading	David Roberts
Invitation	Joe Collins
Dismiss	Don Griffith

## **Welcome Committee**

A.M	Shannon Griffin Family
P.M	Chuck & Pat Boles

Bus Driver:...... Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

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Ushers:	Ben Biles & Ethan Duncan
Attend Nursery:	Denice Rhea
Lock Building:	Danny Duncan
Prepare Communic	on:
	Kelly & Gaye Hillis
Assist with Baptis	ms:
Sharor	n Driver & Becky Crawford
Pantry Item:	Potted Meat
<b>Elder Closing Rem</b>	arks: Steve Boyd
Record For The	Week
A.M. Worship	315
	247
P.M. Worship	244
Wednesday Bible Study	201
	\$4,961

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Georgia Brown

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Ken Lee - St.Thomas (following surgery-Room #780)

Perry Woodlee (brother to Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin)-Centennial Medical Center

# Please remember to call the announcer or the office with updates to the sick

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M	Praise the LORD!
P.M	For His Steadfast Love Endures Forever
Next Week	
A.M	Feeling Defeated?
P.M	The King of Victory

# **Gospel Meetings & VBS's**

The **Oak Grove church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on May 17-21 with services at 7:00 pm. Allen Gauger will be preaching.

The **East End church of Christ** will have a VBS on May 31-June 2 with services at 7:00 pm. The theme will be the Parables of Jesus. Classes age 2 through Adult.

The **West Sparta church of Christ** will have a VBS on June 1-5 with services at 9-11 am. The theme will be the Parables of Jesus.

The **Mt. Leo church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting and Friends & Family Day on June 14-17 with services at 7:00 pm. B.J. Clarke will be preaching.

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#### Sunday May 31st

5th Sunday, Young Men Lead Worship

#### Friday June 5th

• Movie Night at the Templeton's

# **Elders-Deacons Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the elders and deacons will be this Sunday afternoon at 4:45 pm.

## Young & Old Men's Prayer Breakfast

On Saturday morning, May 30, at 8:30 am there will be a pancake breakfast for all the men of the congregation (young and old).

## **Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy to the family of Pat Julian, sister-in-law to our Becky Maynard. Her funeral was Monday at McMinnville Funeral Home.

# **Group Away on Bible Lands Trip**

Please pray for our group away on a "Steps of Paul" Tour. Tuesday morning Tony & Corretta Lawrence, Doris, Marva, Allen, Glenda, & Caleb Hughes, Tim, Cindy, Eric & Shane Fisher, Doris Smith, Emily Harris, Jerry & June Roberts, Larry Cook, Willard Dunlap, B.J. Clarke, and Sean Hochdorf will be flying to Athens, Greece. The tour will include the cities of Athens, Corinth, the isle of Patmos, Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea, Colossae, Hieropolis, Nicea, Istanbul and Paris. The group will return on Sunday, May 31. Please keep us in mind while we travel.

## Sunday Morning Worship (5/31) Announcements ...... (668-2180) Ken Martin Lead Singing......Stanley Graves First Prayer ...... W.C. Chilton Reading......Willie Newby Scripture.....Psalm 44:23-26 Lord's Table (N) .....\*Bruce Pryor (S).....\*Kelly Thaxton (N).......Marty Boles (N)......Christian Barrett (N).....Barry Hendrixson (S)......Kelly Hillis (S)......Clent Kesey (S)......Josh King Sermon ......Tyler Boyd Dismiss ......Bob Cantrell

## Sunday Evening Worship (5/31)

AnnouncementsKevin Flatt
Lead SingingJohn David Keele, Robert Elam, James
Gillies, Dustin Rhea, Jacob Griffin
PrayersKane Maynard, Parker Smith, Ryan
McColloch, Jacob Thurne, Tyler Mitchell
Reading. Seth Bouldin, Tyler Judkins, Connor Dixon,
Phillip Brock
ScripturePsalm 45
Lord's Table*Bo Rivers
*Ricky Prince
Sermon Ethan Duncan, Christian Barrett, Cory
Prince

## Wednesday Bible Study (6/3)

Announcements	Rickey Hurst
Lead Singing	Micah Lawrence
First Prayer	Paul Hurst
Reading	Jeff Templeton
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Don Sullivan

## **Welcome Committee** (5/31)

A.M	Chris & Hilary Neale
P.M	Kurt Maynard Family

Bus Driver:	Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)
Ushers:	. Clent Kesey & Joe Maynard
Attend Nursery:	Jessica Templetor
Lock Building:	Danny Duncar
Prepare Commun	ion:
•••••	Kelly & Gaye Hillis
Assist with Bapti	isms:
Shar	on Driver & Becky Crawford
Pantry Item:	Cake Mix
<b>Elder Closing Re</b>	marks: Leonard Clemons

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to

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# Two Week Bulletin Keep for next week!

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# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Noel Pepper
	Ricky Prince
Scripture	John 11:40-45
Lord's Table (N)	*Steve Boyd
(S)	*Bobby Ashford
(N)	David McColloch
(N)	Harold McGinness
(N)	Ethan Duncan
(S)	Robert Elam
(S)	Kevin Flatt
(S)	Joe Roller
	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ronnie Prince

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(686-2	2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Tim Fisher
Reading	Steve Wilcher
Scripture	
Lord's Table	*Stanley Graves
	*Michael Andrews
Sermon	Bobby Liddell
Closing Prayer	Jacob Thurne

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Jeff Templeton
Reading	Lynn Gann
Invitation	Jamie Brock
Dismiss	Danny Duncan

# **Welcome Committee**

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

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Ushers:	Jamie Brock &	Paul Hurst
Attend Nursery:	Jı	udy Sullivan
Lock Building:		Paul Hurst
Prepare Communio	<b>n:</b> Ke	elly Thaxton
Assist with Baptism		
Jane	Wilcher & Mic	helle Myers
Pantry Item:		Sugar
<b>Elder Closing Rem</b>		
<b>Record For The</b>	Week	
	5/24	5/31
A.M. Worship	292	311
Bible Study	223	226
P.M. Worship	236	205
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Nonie Grizzell - NHC #108A for rehab Dorothy Good (mother of Sandra Thurne) - NHC #104B

## Gospel Meetings & VBS's

The Ivy Bluff church of Christ will have a VBS on May 31 - June 4 with services at 7-8 pm. The theme will be the Good Versus Evil.

The West Sparta church of Christ will have a VBS on lune 1-5 with services at 9-11 am. The theme will be the Parables of Jesus.

The Mt. View church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting on June 5-7 with services at 7:00 pm. Gene Brock, Henry McElroy, and Jason Gann will be preaching.

The Blues Hill church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting on June 7-10 with services at 7:00 pm. Kenneth Mears will be preaching.

The **Hebron church of Christ** will have a VBS on June 7-10 with services at 7:00 pm. The theme will be "Fishing With The Master."

The Mt. Leo church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting and Friends & Family Day on June 14-17 with services at 7:00 pm. B.J. Clarke will be preaching.

The **Grange Hall church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on June 21-25 with services at 7:00 pm. Dan Jones will be preaching.

The Mt. Leo church of Christ will have a VBS on July 6-9, from 6-8 pm with the theme, God Is Watching.

## **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M.....lesus Still Raises Dead People P.M......Summer Series: Bobby Liddell

## Welcome New Member

The congregation welcomes back Charlotte Cantrell (daughter of Bob & Carolyn Cantrell). Her address is 1941 Yager Rd. McMinnville, TN 37110.

## Shut-ins

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# **Upcoming Youth Events:**

## Friday June 5th

• Relay for Life (Football field from 6pm-6am) Sunday June 7th

• Youth Devotional @ the McColloch's (Guys bring 2 liter drink and desserts. Girls bring 2 liter drink and chips)

### Sunday June 14th

- Pew Packer's Class (5pm)
- Spiritual Weight Training/Inner Beauty Salon
- Sunday Night Eats

# From Tyler's Desk:

### Support for the Youth Program

I just realized today that I have now been working with Bybee Branch youth group for over a year now! The past year has certainly had its share of challenges for me, but I continue to be overwhelmed by the tremendous amount of love, encouragement and support this congregation has continued to show. As the summer is now upon us, I'd like to remind everyone of some ways in which you can continue to support the young people of this congregation.

I. Host a youth devotional. One of the cornerstones of our youth program is the youth devotionals. Our goal is to have an in-home youth devotional every two weeks. In order for this to happen, we need families who are willing to open up their homes to our youth on Sunday nights and provide food (which can be as easy as ordering pizza!). We are still in need for families to sign up for July 19th, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, and August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

2. Organize a "Friday Friends Fellowship", Our goal is to provide a fellowship opportunity for our young people on every Friday during the summer. Organizing one of our "Friday Friends Fellowships" can be as simple as saying "we're meeting at my house at 3 to drive to a park and go hiking". Other fellowship ideas may include movie nights, softball, volleyball, basketball, scavenger hunt, etc. We are in need for people to organize events for June 19th, June 26th, July 17<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, and July 31<sup>st</sup>.

- 3. Give Financial Support. We never want for any kids to be left out of any youth events because they cannot afford to participate. If you would like to donate to our youth fund, please see Tyler.
- 4. Provide Encouragement. Get to know our young people and their friends. Let them know you care about them. Write them cards!

Thank you for all you do to support our youth program!

#### A Special Thank You

On Sunday night, fourteen of our young men lead the worship service, and they all did an excellent job. The individuals who participated were Kevin Flatt, John David Keele, Parker Smith, Tyler Judkins, James Gillies, Ryan McColloch, Dustin Rhea, Jacob Thurne, Phillip Brock, Justin Griffin, and Ben Biles. In addition to these, I'd like to extend a very special thank you to Ethan Duncan, Christian Barrett, and Cory Prince for taking the time to prepare lessons. You all did an excellent job and I'm proud of all of you. You are quickly growing into strong Christian men.

## **Diana Singing**

On Friday night, June 12, we will be taking a bus to the Diana Singing. This is for all ages! Sign up on the bulletin board.

## **Chattanooga Lookouts**

On Thursday, June 18th we will be taking a bus to watch Minor League Baseball in Chattanooga. This is for all ages. See details and sign up on the bulletin board.

## **Bible Lands Trip Report**

Thanks to everyone who prayed for the safety of our group as we traveled to Greece and Turkey to walk in the Steps of Paul. It was a tiring but inspiring trip! A fuller report will be given later.

## **VBS Meeting - IMPORTANT**

There will be a very important VBS meeting this coming Sunday evening following services.

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	Steve Mitchell
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Sermon	Tony Lawrence
	Kevin ludkins

# Sunday Evening Worship

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Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Don Sullivan
Reading	Charles Gillies
Scripture	James 1:26-27
	*Jeff Flatt
	*Danny Duncan
Sermon	Joe Gray
Closing Prayer	Phillip Brock

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing	Danny Duncan
First Prayer	Bruce Pryor
Reading	Marty Boles
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Leonard Clemons

# **Welcome Committee**

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Essie Hillis

Asa Kell

Ken Lee

Ollis Loftis

Nan Cantrell

#### In The Hospital:

Nonie Grizzell - NHC #108A for rehab Dorothy Good (mother of Sandra Thurne) - River Park #200

# **Sympathy**

We extend our sympathy to the following families:

To the family of *Jim Roberts*, uncle of our Harold McGinness. His funeral was Sunday afternoon in Oak Ridge.

To the family of **Ray Archey**, father of Jeff Archey (who conducted Gospel Meetings at Bybee's) and the uncle of Don Sullivan. His funeral was this past Saturday.

To the family of **Patsy Reynolds**. Her funeral will be I pm on Wednesday at McMinnville Funeral Home. Many of us will miss sister Patsy. She was a great example of what a Christian woman ought to be.

# **Requested Prayers**

This past Sunday morning Derek and Miranda Vinson came forward and requested the prayers of the congregation. Please remember this Christian couple as they seek to walk with the Lord.

## **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M.....When The Walls Came Tumbling Down P.M.....Summer Series: Joe Gray

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## **Address Update**

Please make the following changes in your church directory:

Joe & Jamie Roller 1097 Willow Way McMinnville, TN 37110-7757 (931) 668-3255

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Friday June 12th

• Diana Singing (Bus Leaves at 5:30)

#### Sunday June 14th

- Pew Packer's Class (5pm)
- Spiritual Weight Training/Inner Beauty Salon
- Sunday Night Eats

#### Thursday June 18th

Chattanooga Lookouts (Bus leaves at 3:45pm)

#### Friday June 19th

 Friday Friend's Fellowship (Tyler is in need of someone to host!)

#### Sunday June 21st

Youth Devo @ the Brock's

# From Tyler's Desk:

#### Fasting in a Fast Food World

Webster defines "fasting" as "abstaining from food beyond the usual time; to go without food; or to eat very little or nothing."

In today's culture we are surrounded with restaurants such as McDonalds, Burger King, Sonic, Pizza Hut, and Taco Bell. Most Americans eat three meals each day. Most people will only skips meals when we don't have time to eat, or perhaps when we don't feel like eating because we are sick. Most of us are dependent on food, not just for survival, but for fun with friends and family, or just the simply enjoyment of having something tasty to eat! We don't eat to live: we live to eat! In fact, many are dependent of food for dealing with depression, grief or boredom.

When we read our Bibles, we often read about "fasting". We read about Moses fasting. King David fasted. Elijah the prophet fasted. Esther the queen fasted. Daniel the prophet fasted. Paul the apostle fasted. Even Jesus our Lord fasted. In fact, the New Testament teaches more about fasting than it does repentance or confession. Jesus taught more on fasting than He did on baptism or the Lord's supper! And yet the concept of fasting has become very foreign and almost obsolete in our culture, and even in the church.

Since nobody *wants* to give up their food, fasting can be an emotional topic to discuss. Its also a topic with which many of us are unfamiliar. Teaching on the topic of

fasting sometimes goes to extremes. Some have taught that fasting is to be bound upon all Christians. Others have viewed fasting as simply a Jewish tradition which is unnecessary and undesirable, and therefore ignore the topic all together.

In my next few bulletin articles I will be presenting a study on what the Bible has to say about fasting. I will address questions such as "What is the purpose of fasting? What does the Old Testament say about fasting? What does the New Testament say about fasting? Should Christians fast today? When should we fast? How should we fast?" I invite each of you to join me in this study. If at any point in the study you have any questions, I would welcome you to email them to me!

## **Kudzued!**

The state of Alabama passed a law against owning a Japanese import—not just any import, mind you, but one—kudzu seeds or seedlings. Imported from Japan in 1876 to control erosion, this vine has taken over the South. Growing as much as 100 feet a summer—that's a foot a day—this pest has spread beyond the gullies to cover whatever is in its path-trees, old houses, or power lines. Kudzu now covers over 7 million acres in Mississippi, Georgia, and Alabama, an area the size of Belgium. Farmers, lumbermen, and utility companies now fight an unending battle against this fast-growing intruder.

What worries me is the ease with which we allow our spiritual lives to be "Kudzued." Things which are not wrong in themselves—careers hobbies, week-ending, etc.—have smothered the life out of the personal devotion and congregational involvement of untold thousands. Jesus, himself, explained how it happens:

"The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life worries, riches, and pleasures, and they do not mature."—Luke 8:14.

#### **DON'T GET "KUDZUED!"**

~Marlin Connelly~

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Reading	Darron Dixon
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# Sunday Evening Worship

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First Prayer	Eddie Palmer
Reading	Caleb Graves
Scripture	James 2:1-13
Lord's Table	*Tyler Boyd
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Sermon	James Rogers
Closing Prayer	Jamie Brock

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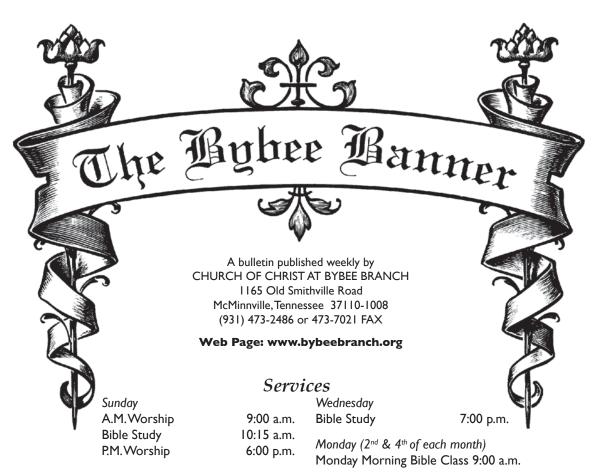
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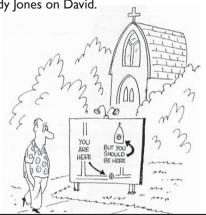
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# **Bybee Branch VBS**

REMEMBER, July 13-15, with the theme: Great Characters of the Old Testament. Adult speakers will be: Doris Hughes on Moses, Derrick Coble on Elijah, and Teddy Jones on David.



# **Upcoming Youth Events:**

## Thursday June 18th

Chattanooga Lookouts (Bus leaves at 3:45pm)
 Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>

 Movie Night at Steve & Carol Boyd's (8pm. Bring a lawn chair – concessions will be provided)

### Sunday June 21st

 Youth Devo @ the Jungle Gym (Bring \$3 for pizza. Softball to follow)

### Wednesday June 24th

Birthday Wednesday

#### Friday June 26th

 Volleyball and games @ Joyce Bridgman's (105 N. Steeplechase Drive. 3pm. Guys bring drinks, girls bring chips for nachos. Everyone bring lawn chairs)

# From Tyler's Desk:

## Some When's and Why's of Old Testament Fasting

As we seek to understand the place of "fasting" in the life of a Christian, we should first seek to understand why fasting was used in Bible. Throughout the Old Testament we read of numerous examples of people fasting. It would be a lengthy study to look at EVERY example of fasting found in the Old Testament. It is my intentions to survey just a few examples of Old Testament fasting, thus gaining a better understanding of when and why God's people fasted.

#### WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE FASTED:

Fasting seems to have been most frequently practiced in times of great danger. When Israel was at war with the Benjaminites in Judges chapter 20, they fasted (v. 26). When the Edomites threatened Jehoshaphat, he responded by proclaiming a fast (2 Chro. 20:3). In the book of Esther, when Haman obtained a decree from the king against the Jews, they also responded with a fast (5:16).

Not only was fasting practiced in times of national crisis, but it was also practiced on behalf of individuals who were facing danger. King David fasted when his infant child was facing death (2 Sam. 12:16-23). Also,

in Psalm 35:11-13, we read of the psalmist fasting on behalf of his enemies when they were in trouble.

Fasting was also used when people acknowledged their sinfulness, thus realizing their spiritual danger. We read of Moses fasting 40 days because of the sinfulness of Israel (Deut. 9:15-18). When Elijah pronounced to Ahab the consequences of his sinfulness, Ahab responded in fasting (I Kings 21:27). The entire city of Nineveh fasted in response to the preaching of Jonah (Jonah 3:7). In fact, the only fast commanded by God was a fast in response to sin. The nation of Israel was commanded to fast each year on the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:29 – "you shall afflict yourselves" was understood to mean fasting).

At times fasting was used to mourn the death of loved ones (I Sam. 31:13; 2 Sam. 1:12). In later times, the Jews also used fasting to remember calamities of the past, such as the burning of the temple. But most often fasting was used in times of national danger, individual danger, and spiritual danger.

#### WHY GOD'S PEOPLE FASTED:

But why did God's people choose to fast in the face of danger?

In Psalm 35:13, David writes, "<u>I afflicted my soul with fasting</u>." He later writes in Psalm 69:10, "When I wept and <u>humbled my soul with fasting</u>." David used fasting to purposely afflict and humble himself before the LORD.

In 2 Chronicles 20:3, we read that "Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast". As Jehoshaphat sought to set his face to seek the LORD, he did so through the humbling method of fasting.

In conclusion, God's people in the Old Testament fasted in times of danger or grief, when they wanted God to hear their prayers. They believed that humbling themselves through fasting would be pleasing to God. And most often, God was indeed pleased by the fasting of His people.

Next week it is my hope to study what the New Testament teaches about fasting.

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Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Mike Driver
Reading	Eddie Palmer
Scripture	Jonah 4:1-3
•	*Ronnie Hoover
(S)	*Harold Cook
	Cory Prince
	Bob Cantrell
• •	Jason Vandagriff
	Steve Wilcher
• •	Jacob Thurne
` '	Gordon Fults
· /	Tony Lawrence
	Kelly Thaxton

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Rodney Myers
Reading	Larry Flatt
Scripture	James 2:14-18
Lord's Table	*Jeff Templeton
	*Ricky Prince
Sermon	Freddie Clayton
Closing Prayer	Tim Fisher

# Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	Jacob Griffin
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Rickey Hurst

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A.M	Jonah's Concern For Souls
P.M	Summer Series: Freddie Clayton

# Sympathy

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Birthday Wednesday

## Friday June 26th

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## Friday July 3rd

• 4th of July Bash at the McColloch's

## Sunday July 5th

 Youth Devo at the home of Doug & Wanda Hendrixson following evening services.

# **Ice Cream Supper**

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Congratulations to Micah & Amy Lawrence on the birth of a baby girl, Alyssa Kathryn, born Monday afternoon at 3:02, weighing 7 lbs and 8 ozs, 20 inches. Mother and baby are doing well. Proud grandparents are Rickey & Margaret Hurst and Tony & Corretta Lawrence.

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Jacob Hendrixson Georgia Jones	John Nussbaum 29	30	Charles Gillies JASON & SONIA VANDAGRIFF STEVE & CHRISTINA MITCHELL	Christie Stiles DAVID & STEFANIE MCCOLLOCH WALLACE & GLYNDA STEVENS DON & JUDY SULLIVAN	Rita Prince	Willie Holmes
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Summer Series John Payne						
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Summer Series Tim Orbison	Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM					

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# Sunday Morning Worship

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Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
	Don Sullivan
Reading	Jared Mullican
	Ephesians 3:14-16
	*Ken Martin
	*Larry Flatt
	James Gillies
	Barry Hendrixson
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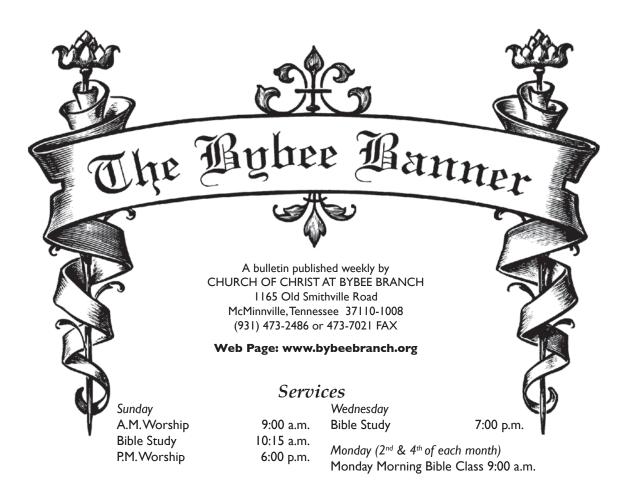
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Lucille Newby - at the home of her son, Carl Douglas Essie Hillis Asa Kell Nonie Grizzell Fuston Womack Bob Bonner (following surgery)

### In The Hospital:

Austin Hudson (Elaine Hoover's father)-River Park Barbara Rogers (daughter of Larry Cook of the Arlington congregation)-in Vanderbilt (#4439) for surgery from injury at a Church Camp.

# **Sympathy**

We express our sympathy to the family of sister Mildred Lowry. Sister Lowry was a long time member at Bybee Branch. Her services will be today (Tuesday) at the church building at 1 pm.

# **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M.....Working On Our "Inner Man" P.M.....Summer Series: James Watkins

## VBS's

The **Harmony church of Christ** will have a VBS on June 28-July 1, at 7 pm with the theme, Riders of the Great Roundup.

The **Mt. Leo church of Christ** will have a VBS on July 6-9, from 6-8 pm with the theme, God Is Watching.

It is only two weeks until our own VBS on July 13-15, with the theme: Great Characters of the Old Testament. Adult speakers will be: Doris Hughes on Moses, Derrick Coble on Elijah, and Teddy Jones on David. Flyers are available on the table. Please take one and help us advertise the VBS.

## **Shut-ins**

NHC (P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)

Florene Nokes (#106) Carol Sue Taylor (#212) Dora Mae Wilcher (#313) Dorothy Good (mother of Sandra Thurne) (#104)

#### Raintree Manor

Clercie Delon

#### **Life Care Center of Sparta**

(508 Mose Dr; Sparta, TN 38583) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister)

### Windsor Place Nursing & Rehab Center

(81 Windsor Blvd; Columbus, MS 39702) Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)

# **Broadmore Assisted Living at Murfreesboro**

(3211 Memorial Blvd; Murfreesboro, TN 37129) Vivian Ferrell (Room 127)

#### Home:

Greg Grizzell
Georgia Jones
Willene Kell
Bobbie Mitchell
Debbie Fittro (Rickey Hurst's sister)
Clyde Paris (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's brother-in-law)
Freda Womack
Bobby Prater (Flossie Warren's brother-in-law)
Joleta Reynolds (Rodney's sister-in-law)
Annie Louise Campbell (mother of Charlene Palmer)

# **Ice Cream Supper**

The annual Ice Cream Supper will be following evening services on July Ist. Please bring a freezer of **homemade ice cream** or your favorite dessert.

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

## Wednesday July 1st

· Ice Cream Supper

## Friday July 3rd

 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bash at McColloch's and Vandagriff's (Bus will leave church building at 5pm. Hayride from McColloch's to Vandagriff's. Bus will return at 8:45ish. Girls bring \$2 and drink. Guys bring chips and drink. Adults bring lawn chair)

## Sunday July 5th

 Youth Devo @ Doug and Wanda Hendrixson's

## Friday July 10th

• Friday Friend's Fellowship (details to come)

#### Sunday July 12th

Spiritual Weight Training and Inner Beauty Salon.
 Followed by Sunday Night Eats

## Monday July 13th - Wednesday July 15th

VBS

# From Tyler's Desk:

#### The New Testament and Fasting

During the Old Testament times, God's people frequently reacted to times of physical or spiritual danger with fasting. But the practice of fasting was not limited to the Old Testament.

In the biblical accounts of the life of Christ, we learn that fasting played a role in the life of Jesus. He practiced fasting, taught about fasting, and told of a time when his disciples would fast.

Matthew 4:1 tells of a time when Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness "to be tempted by the devil." In Luke's account we read that he was tempted for forty days. During those days "he ate nothing" (4:2). Apparently Jesus believed that fasting was an appropriate response to this time of temptation.

On the "Sermon on the Mount," Jesus discussed the importance of giving to the needy, praying, and fasting, which were all to be done in secret and not for the praise of others. When Jesus addressed fasting, He began by saying, "When you fast" (Matthew 6:16). In the way Jesus addressed his audience, He did so

based on the assumption that fasting would be a part of the life of his disciples, just as giving to the needy and prayer would also be a part of their lives.

In Matthew 9:14, Jesus was asked, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" Jesus responded with the following illustration: "Can the wedding guests mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast." Jesus thus taught that fasting should not be practiced without a reason for doing so. (The Pharisees would fast twice a week, whether the occasion called for it or not). Jesus also mentioned that a time would come when his disciples would fast.

Throughout the rest of the New Testament, we read of several examples of Christians practicing fasts. In Acts 13:3, we read of the church at Antioch fasting in preparation to send Saul and Barnabas to do mission work.

When the churches in Galatia were undergoing the serious task of appointing elders, they did so with prayer and fasting (Acts 14:23).

In 2 Corinthians 11:27, Paul, in describing his hardships he had faced as an apostle, mentioned that he was often in fasting.

Fasting was more than just an Old Testament practice, or a Jewish tradition. It played an important role in the life of Christ and in the first century church.

Lord willing, next week I will discuss what I have found the NewTestament teaches about the question, "should Christians fast today?"

# **Gospel Meetings**

The **Hiawassee church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on July 5-10 with services at 7:00 pm.Anthony Walker will be preaching.

The **Gassaway church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on July 12-15 with services at 7:00 pm. Lane Dix will be preaching.

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# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Bob Bonner
Reading	Chris Neale
	Psalms 139:7-12
•	*Charles Gillies
	*Noel Pepper
	David McColloch
	Kane Maynard
	Micah Lawrence
` '	Josh King
	Matt Martin
• •	Dickie Kesey
	Tony Lawrence
	Phillip Brock

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Bruce Pryor
Reading	Jeff Templeton
Scripture	James 4:1-4
Lord's Table	*Rickey Hurst
	*Chuck Boles
Sermon	Cliff Boyd
Closing Prayer	Doug Hendrixson

## Wednesday Bible Study

## **VBS Program**

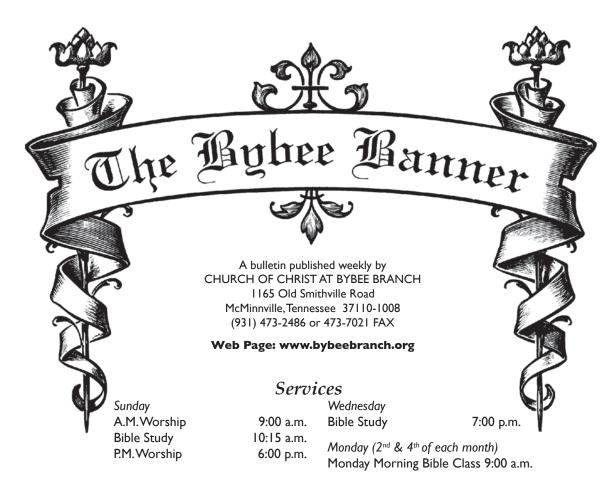
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P.M	Rodney Maynard Family

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Lock Building:Rickey Hurst		
Prepare Communion: Becky Crawford		
Assist with Baptisms:		
Stephanie Maynard & Sonia Vandagrif		
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Elder Closing Remarks:Bob Bonner		
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#### In The Hospital:

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# Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Austin "Jack" Hudson (Elaine Hoover's father). His funeral was this past Sunday afternoon.

# Sunday's Sermons

A.M.....There's An All Seeing Eye Watching You P.M....Summer Series: Cliff Boyd

# **Gospel Meetings**

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**Gassaway church of Christ** - July 12-15 with services at 7:00 pm. Lane Dix will be preaching.

**Hebron church of Christ** - July 12-16 with services at 7:00 pm. Ronnie Scherffius will be preaching.

**Smartt church of Christ** - July 19-23 with services at 7:00 pm. Roger Comstock will be preaching.

# **Sunday Classes This Sunday**

Due to preparations for VBS the elders have decided that all classes will meet in the auditorium this coming Sunday. During that time Tony will show the slides of the recent Bible Lands trip to Greece and Turkey assisted by some who traveled with him.

## **VBS** Cookies

We are needing homemade cookies, brownies, rice crispy squares, etc. for VBS. Please bring these to the building this Sunday, July 12.

## **Message From The Elders**

The other Sunday morning Tony spoke on the story of Jonah. After telling the story, he made the following statement, "To me the reason the book of Jonah is included in the Bible is to teach us that every soul is precious in God's sight. It is our responsibility to make sure everyone has the opportunity to hear the Word and be saved."

We are fortunate that a number of our members have taken the opportunity to take short term mission trips this year. They would include Lacy Pack, Daniel Boyd and Tim Fisher. Two of our elders, Leonard Clemons & Harold Cook, are planning a mission trip in September to India. This will be Leonard's first trip to India but he has made trips to Canada, England and New Zealand in the past. This will be Harold's fourth trip to India.

Although it has been seven years since his last trip to India, he has stayed in touch with some of the native preachers via telephone and e-mail. Most of the conversations have ended with "when are you coming back to India?" Toward the end of last year and beginning this year the telephone calls from one of the brothers, TJR Sudhakar Babu, became more regular with him begging Harold to come to India and guide them in the work they are doing at the Andhra Pradhesh School of Preaching, which has five locations in India. They are self sufficient in their work and are not seeking funds. Leonard & Harold plan to meet with the Directors of the preachers school and teach in the schools during the day. At night they will hold "gospel meetings" in various locations.

The estimated cost of this trip is \$6,000. If you would like to make a contribution toward this mission effort above and beyond your normal contribution, please make the check to Bybee Branch and indicate it is for the "India Mission Trip". We especially want you to keep this and all our mission efforts in your prayers.

The Elders

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

## Friday July 10th

 Friday Friend's Fellowship (see Ben Biles or Ethan Duncan for details)

### Sunday July 12th

Spiritual Weight Training and Inner Beauty Salon.
 Followed by Sunday Night Eats

#### Monday July 13th - Wednesday July 15th

VBS

#### Friday July 17th

 Camping @ Tyler's (If you can help chaperone, let Tyler know)

#### Sunday July 20th

- Pew Packers Class
- · Youth Devo @ the Duncan's

## From Tyler's Desk:

## **Should Christians Fast Today?**

In my last few bulletin articles, I have written about fasting as it was practiced in Bible times. In the Old Testament, God's people often fasted during times of national, physical, or spiritual danger. The practice of fasting continued into the New Testament. It played a part in the life of Christ and was a subject of his teaching. We also read of multiple examples of the first century Christians fasting. Now we have come to the question, "should Christians fast today?"

First of all it should be noted that nowhere in the New Testament are Christians commanded to fast, or commanded not to fast. Therefore, if this article were addressing the question, "must all Christians fast today?" the answer would have to be "No." The New Testament does not command it, and we should not either.

But as Christians, our attitudes towards this issue should go beyond "what must I do". We should be asking "what should I do." We must not settle for the bare minimum of what God requires of us. We should seek to please God in every way possible. Therefore we should not simply ask "must Christians fast?" but rather "Is fasting an appropriate practice for Christians today?", or "Should we fast?"

So should Christians fast today? YES!

Christians should fast because of the teachings of Jesus. Jesus assumed that His followers would fast. In

Matthew 6 Jesus taught his followers how they should fast. He introduced the point by saying "And when you fast..." He did not say "And if you fast." It was something he already expected his followers to do. Jesus said that his disciples would fast after He was gone (Matthew 9:14-15).

Christians should fast today because of the examples of the New Testament church. The church at Antioch fasted (Acts 13:1-3), the churches at Galatia fasted (Acts 14:21-23), and the apostle Paul fasted (2 Corinthians 11:27).

So while fasting is not a commandment for Christians today, we can at the very least know that fasting is not an inappropriate practice for Christians today. We also have multiple examples of fasting in the New Testament which should encourage us to do so.

But if we do choose to participate in fasting, we must be aware of how the Bible tells us we should fast. It is my hope to write one more article on the subject of fasting in which I will address when and how a Christian should fast.

## **Friday Friends Fellowship**

We will be meeting at 6 pm at Wendy's to eat. We will then walk over to the movie theater to watch the new Ice Age movie. Parents need to send money for food and movie. Everyone needs to be picked up after the movie.

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT BYBEE BRANCH

### **Adult Speakers:**

Monday — "Moses"
Doris Hughes (Centertown)

Tuesday — "Elijah" Derrick Coble (West Sparta)

Wednesday — "David" Teddy Jones (Bluff Springs)



July 13-15, 2009 • 7:00-8:30 PM

"Great Characters of Old Testament"

**Learning Centers for children** 

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# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Ronnie Hoover
Reading	Kelly Thaxton
	Proverbs 16:5
Lord's Table (N)	*David Bouldin
	*Dennis Gann
(N)	Joe Maynard
(N)	Tyler Judkins
11	Kevin Judkins
(S)	John David Keele
	Caleb Hughes
• •	Kelly Hillis
• •	Tony Lawrence
	Darron Dixon

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	.(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Tyler Boyd
Reading	Tyler Mitchell
Scripture	James 4:13-17
Lord's Table	*Steve Boyd
	*David Chilton
Sermon	John Payne
Closing Prayer	Ricky Prince

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Tim Fisher
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	
Reading	Dustin Rhea
Invitation	Mike Driver
Dismiss	Willie Newby

## **Welcome Committee**

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P.M	Stanley & Sherry Graves

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Christine Cantrell

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Shirley Nunley-St.Thomas John Biddle-River Park Dorothy Good (Sandra Thurne's mother)-River Park

## **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M......What Pride Will Do To You P.M.....Summer Series: John Payne

# **Gospel Meetings**

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**Hebron church of Christ** - July 12-16 with services at 7:00 pm. Ronnie Scherffius will be preaching.

**Smartt church of Christ** - July 19-23 with services at 7:00 pm. Roger Comstock will be preaching.

## Singing & VBS's

**Singing at Central church of Christ** - July 17, with services at 7 pm.

**VBS at Arlington church of Christ** - July 19-22, with services at 7 pm with the theme: "Crusin the Scriptures."

**VBS at Rockliff church of Christ** - July 19-22, with services at 7 pm with the theme: "Crusin the Scriptures."

## **Address Update**

Please make the following change to your church directory:

Elaine Goodman 226 Duck Hawk Rd McMinnville, TN 37110-7934

# **VBS** Update

VBS got off to great start Monday evening with 302 present. Thanks to all to put in so much effort to make this a great VBS!

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

## Monday July 13th - Wednesday July 15th

VBS

#### Friday July 17th

 Camping @ Tyler's (If you can help chaperone, let Tyler know)

#### Saturday July 18th

 Service project: Wash and clean the church bus (3pm)

## Sunday July 19th

- Pew Packers Class
- Youth Devo @ the Duncan's

## Wednesday July 22nd

Birthday Wednesday

## Friday July 24th

Friday Friend's Fellowship (Hosted by the Elam's)

Note for Sunday night Devo at the Duncan's Boys please bring a 2 liter drink and girls bring a dessert.

# **Some valuable thoughts:**

"Modesty is the first line of defense for sexual purity" (I Timothy 2:9-10).

"We all want to go to heaven, but nobody wants to do what it takes to get there" (Bill Watterson, Calvin and Hobbes).

## Carried by Four at the Eleventh Hour!

"And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven you" (Mark 2.1-5).

While we do not know all of the circumstances surrounding the above text, we do know several things. We know that Jesus not only healed this paralytic, but He also forgave his sins. We know that for him to be healed he had to come to Jesus. And, we know that in order for him to come to Jesus he had to have help. Furthermore, even though he had help, it was still difficult to get the man to Jesus. Instead of carrying him right up to Him the four men had to take him up on top of the house, remove part of the roof and let him down on his bed. Now, file that away for the moment.

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and said to them, You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you. So they went. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing idle, and said to them, Why have you been standing here idle all day? They said to him, Because no one hired us. He said to them, You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive. So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first. And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. But when the first came, they supposed that

they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, saying, These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day' But he answered one of them and said, Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good? So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen" (Matthew 20.1-16).

One of the lessons often gleaned from the above parable that Jesus taught concerns salvation. People are saved at various times in life. Some are saved "early in the morning." Others are saved at various times in their lives. And still others are saved at "about the eleventh hour." Whether one is saved early, in the middle, or late in life, each one is still saved. Even though they may be improperly resented, and even though they did not come to Christ until late in life, if they are truly converted to Him they will be saved ("the last will be first").

Now, let me tell you about a wonderful event last Wednesday afternoon sometime after 5:00 p.m. (by the way, that would be the lewish 11th hour, their day was 12 hours, from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.!). Ralph Little (Wanda's husband) expressed his desire to be baptized. Due to his long-time health problems he was wheelchaired into the building and taken down front to the baptistery. At that point, and throughout the process of baptism, he was not only "carried by four"; but also by five and even six! And, yes, it was difficult to get him in a chair up into the baptistery, but he made it and he was forgiven! One more interesting tidbit: Brother Ralph is 90 years old! Now you see why the above passages are so pertinent for this occasion. On a personal note, it was truly encouraging to witness two of my elders take his confession and baptize him into Christ at such an advanced time in his life. And, we are so happy for Wanda, Steve, and all of the family!

~Kevin Williams~

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# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Michael Andrews
Reading	Darron Dixon
	Philippians 3:17-4:1
Lord's Table (N)	*W.C. Chilton
(S)	*Don Sullivan
	Harold McGinness
	Caleb Graves
	Christian Barrett
	Tyler Judkins
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	Paul Hurst

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	.(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	Jason Vandagriff
Scripture	James 5:13-20
Lord's Table	*Stanley Graves
	*Ricky Prince
	Tim Orbison
Closing Prayer	Rodney Myers

# Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Tim Fisher
Lead Singing	Ethan Duncan
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Reading	Justin Griffin
Invitation	Leonard Clemons
Dismiss	Tyler Boyd

## **Welcome Committee**

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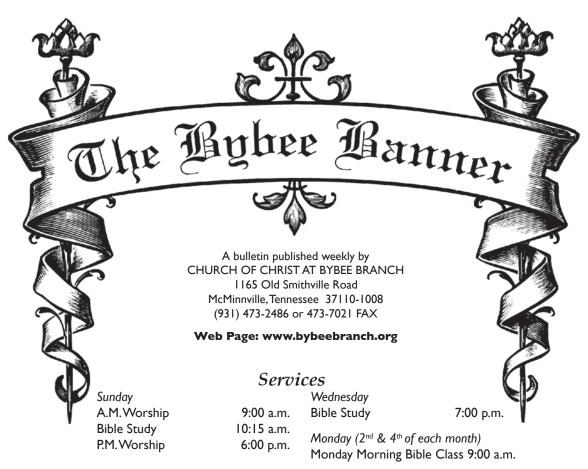
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#### In The Hospital:

Mary Lois Cantrell - Cookeville Regional Marty York - River Park Leonard Crouch - surgery Wednesday Gina Muncey - surgery on 28th Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan's father) - River Park with pneumonia

# **Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Dorothy Good (mother of our Sandra Thurne). Her funeral was Monday at the Rockliff church of Christ.

# **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M.....l'm Pressing On The Upward Way! P.M.....Summer Series: Tim Orbison

# Gospel Meetings & VBS's

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## **Sentence Sermons**

"Eternity is a long time to be wrong"

"There are no atheists in hell"

# **Upcoming Youth Events:**

## Friday July 24th

• Friday Friend's Fellowship (4:30-8:00pm at the Elam's. Bring board games)

#### Wednesday July 29th

Birthday Wednesday

## Friday July 31st

 Friday Friend's Fellowship (Scavenger hunt hosted by Paul and Kara Hurst)

### Sunday August 2nd

· Youth Devo at the Elam's

## From Tyler's Desk:

#### When Should Christians Fast?

In Matthew 9, Jesus was asked by the disciples of John why Jesus' disciples did not fast. Jesus answered with the following words: "Can the wedding guest mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast." In this answer Jesus made two points about fasting.

Firstly, Jesus noted that his disciples did not fast when there was not an occasion to fast. This was unlike the Pharisees who treated fasting as merely a ritual. The Pharisees were known to fast twice a week, whether the occasion called for it or not (Luke 18:12). Earlier Jesus had taught that fasting should not be practiced to be seen by other men (Matthew 5:16-18). Therefore Christians should not just try fasting because it sounds like a neat thing to try. Fasting should only be practiced when the occasion calls for it.

Secondly, Jesus referred to a time in the future when His disciples would fast. This leads us to the question, "When should Christians fast?"

As seen in a study of fasting in the Old Testament, God's people fasted in times of physical or spiritual danger. It is appropriate to fast when we or our loved ones are facing serious illness or some other danger. It would also be appropriate to follow the example of Jesus and choose to fast when we are facing severe temptations (or spiritual danger). Fasting would also

be an appropriate response when our nation is facing impending danger (Judges 20:26).

In the New Testament we are given the example of the church at Antioch fasting and praying when they prepared to send out Paul and Barnabas to do mission work (Acts 13:1-3). We also read of the churches in Galatia fasting while they were undergoing the serious task of appointing elders (Acts 14:21-23).

Fasting seems to most always been used in close connection with prayer. Therefore, it seems that any occasion which may call for persistent prayer would also provide an appropriate time to fast.

## I Almost Made a Difference Today

I almost cleaned out my attic today. It is such a mess. I've been putting it off until warmer weather. I almost started sorting out the stuff that needs to be thrown away from the stuff I need to keep. I almost moved it around to get some of it ready for a garage sale in the spring.

While I was almost cleaning out my attic, I thought about some of the people I have not talked to in a long time. I almost got out my address book to call them. But they may not be home or perhaps are busy. Maybe it would be better to write them a letter. So, I almost wrote them a letter instead.

While I was almost cleaning out my attic and almost writing letters, I thought, there are several folks at church that are sick. I wondered if they would like some cookies or a cake, or maybe just someone to stop by and say "hello." So, I almost went to the kitchen to fix them something and I almost went to visit them. It made me feel so good inside to think about their faces smiling as I walked in their door with a plate of goodies. In fact, I almost smiled just thinking about it.

While I was almost doing those things, I looked out my window and saw a neighbor who does not go to church and needs the gospel. He seems like a really nice guy. I almost called him to invite him to go with me to church this weekend.

While I was almost doing those things, I almost

sat down and read my Bible. I had to move it off the kitchen counter where it was sitting. As I carried it to the other room, I almost just sat right down that minute to spend time in the Word of God.

When I got to the church building the other day, I noticed the weeds that have grown up during the cold weather months. We need to clean up so that others get a good impression when they come to worship. I almost called a couple of friends to see if they would like to spend a couple of hours cleaning up a little. It almost looks better already. Well, not really.

There are a lot of good things that we almost do in life. It does not matter what we plan, intend, or almost do. What matters is what we actually do, not almost do.

King Agrippa was almost convinced to be a Christian (Acts 26:28). I wonder how many believers are almost faithful and will be almost saved?

The immortal words of Philip P. Bliss sing on: "Almost persuaded," harvest is past! "Almost persuaded," doom comes at last! "Almost cannot avail; "Almost" is but to fail! Sad, sad, that bitter wail—"Almost." but lost!

~Tim Orbison~

(brother Orbison will be our speaker Sunday night)

## **VBS** Review

2009 was another great year for VBS. We had excellent attendance each night with great enthusiasm. So many people deserve a hearty thanks for their dedication and service. Thanks to the elders for providing this avenue of teaching. Thanks to Tyler for leading the singing and running the program each night. Thanks to all the teachers in both the classes and learning centers. You did an awesome job! Thanks to the city leaders who led the children from center to center. Thanks to each of the ladies who worked so hard with the refreshments and Sonia Vandagriff for coordinating it.

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# Sunday Morning Worship

(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Stanley Graves
Ricky Prince
Chuck Boles
Galatians 1:6-9
*Ronnie Prince
*Ken Martin
Marty Boles
Joe T. Ćantrell
Don Cathey
Bob Cantrell
Darron Dixon
Steve Mitchell
Tony Lawrence
Jeff Templeton

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Harold Cook
Reading	Lee Gann
Scripture	Acts 15:1-6
Lord's Table	
	*Rodney Myers
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Mike Driver

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Micah Lawrence
First Prayer	Leonard Clemons
Reading	Caleb Hughes
Invitation	Rodney Reynolds
Dismiss	David Chilton

## **Welcome Committee**

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Fuston Womack Ken Lee Shirley Nunley Christine Cantrell Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan's father) Asa Kell (after fall) Leonard Crouch (after surgery)

#### In The Hospital:

Frankie Hobbs

Mary Lois Cantrell - Cookeville Regional Gina Muncey - surgery on 28th

# **Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Keith Maxwell (son of Mattie Maxwell). His funeral was Sunday afternoon.

## **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M	. 500 Years of Calvinist Error
P.M The	Debate Over Circumcision

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

## Wednesday July 29th

Birthday Wednesday

### Friday July 31st

 Friday Friend's Fellowship (Scavenger hunt hosted by Paul and Kara Hurst)

### Sunday August 2nd

Youth Devo at the Elam's

#### Friday August 7th

 "End of Summer" Cookout will be at Dale Bennett's. Please sign the sheet on the Youth Board

# **Gospel Meetings & Ladies' Day**

**Pleasant View church of Christ** - July 26-29 with services at 7:00 pm. Different speakers preaching.

**Curlee church of Christ** - August 9-12 with services at 7:00 pm. Jason Gann preaching.

### Ladies Day at Browntown church of Christ

- August 8, registration at 9 am. Mildred Prater speaking.

# **The Shepherd Psalm**

The Lord is my Shepherd—that's a Relationship!
I shall not want—that's a Supply!

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures—that's a Rest! He leadeth me beside the still waters—that's a Refreshment!

He restoreth my soul—that's Healing!

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness—that's Guidance!

For His name sake—that's Purpose!

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death—that's Testing!

I will fear no evil—that's Protection!

For Thou art with me—that's Faithfulness!

Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me—that's Discipline!

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies—that's Hope!

Thou anointest my head with oil—That's Consecration!

My cup runneth over—that's Abundance!

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life—that's Blessing!

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord—that's Security!

Forever—that's Eternity!

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# Sunday Morning Worship

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Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Charles Gillies
	Bob Bonner
	John 21:18-22
	*W.C. Chilton
	*Bruce Pryor
	Harry Felty
	Steve Wilcher
	Derek Vinson
	Jason Vandagriff
, ,	Dustin Rhea
(S)	Ethan Duncan
• •	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Noel Pepper

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Rickey Hurst
Reading	Joe Roller
Scripture	Acts 15:1-6
	*Tyler Boyd
	*Stephen Felty
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Dale Bennett

# Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Jeff Flatt
Reading	Chris Neale
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Phillip Brock

## **Welcome Committee**

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Ken Lee

Shirley Nunley

Asa Kell (after fall)

Gina Muncey (following surgery)

Debbie Fittro (Rickey Hurst's sister) -not doing well and requests our prayers

#### In The Hospital:

none known at this time

## Family Retreat at Short Mtn.

Our annual Family Retreat at Short Mtn. Bible Camp will be August 28-29. Please make plans now to attend. Look for more details next week.

## **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M.....What About John? P.M.....The Debate Over Circumcision (Part 2)

# **Gospel Meetings-Ladies' Day-VBS**

**Unity church of Christ** - August 2-6 with services at 7:00 pm. Winford Claiborne preaching.

VBS at **Berea church of Christ** - August 2-6 with services at 7:00 pm. Garland Robinson will teach adult class.

**Smyrna church of Christ** - August 2-5 with services at 7:00 pm. Johnny Lance preaching.

**Central church of Christ** - August 9-12 with services at 7:00 pm. Billy Smith preaching.

**Bonner church of Christ** - August 9-13 with services at 7:00 pm. Chris Whitaker preaching.

**Curlee church of Christ** - August 9-12 with services at 7:00 pm. Jason Gann preaching.

**Ladies Day at Browntown church of Christ** - August 8, registration at 9 am. Mildred Prater speaking.

## **Shut-ins**

NHC (P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)

Florene Nokes (#106) Carol Sue Taylor (#212) Dora Mae Wilcher (#313)

#### Raintree Manor

Clercie Delon

#### **Life Care Center of Sparta**

(508 Mose Dr; Sparta, TN 38583) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister)

#### Windsor Place Nursing & Rehab Center

(81 Windsor Blvd; Columbus, MS 39702)
Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)

# **Broadmore Assisted Living at Murfreesboro**

(3211 Memorial Blvd; Murfreesboro, TN 37129) Vivian Ferrell (Room 127)

#### Home:

Greg Grizzell

Georgia Jones

Willene Kell

Bobbie Mitchell

Debbie Fittro (Rickey Hurst's sister)

Clyde Paris (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's

brother-in-law)

Perry Woodlee (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's

brother)

Freda Womack

Bobby Prater (Flossie Warren's brother-in-law)

*loleta Reynolds (Rodney's sister-in-law)* 

Annie Louise Campbell (mother of Charlene

Palmer)

Nonie Grizzell

Elsie Felty (Harry's mother)

Asa Kell

Essie Hillis

Lucille Newby - at her son's, Carl Douglas

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Friday August 7th

 "End of Summer" Cookout will be at Dale Bennett's. Please sign the sheet on the Youth Board

#### Sunday August 9th

- Inner Beauty Salon/Spiritual Weight Training
- Sunday Night Eats

#### Saturday August 15th

Service Project TBA

## Sunday August 23rd

• Youth Devo @ the Templeton's

#### Wednesday August 26th

• Birthday Wednesday

## A Brief Introduction to the Bible

The Bible is the world's most amazing book. It has been at the top of the best-seller list for as long as anybody can remember. It was written over a period of 1600 years by about forty men. The two fundamental sources of human knowledge are: reason and experience. But they are limited. The Bible claims to provide this third source of knowledge-revelation. It describes two forms of revelation: "general" and "special." General revelation refers to the evidence of God seen in nature (cf. Psa. 19:1-6, Rom. 1:18,20). God's special revelation involves His more direct means of communicating (Heb. 1:1,2) in the pages of Scripture.

The Bible is the only book which can tell our past, present, and future.

- \* Our Past: We were created in the image of a loving God (Gen. I:27).
- \* Our Present: The purpose of life is to praise God (1 Pet. 2:9).
- \* Our Future:We can live in heaven with Him (John 14:1,2).

The Bible is the world's only divinely inspired book (  ${\sf I}$ 

Thess. 2:13; I Cor. 2:9-13). Therefore it is the most powerful book ever written (Heb. 4:12). Mysteriously, the Scriptures claim to be completely divine and completely human. There is a parallel here to the God-man, lesus Christ, who is fully God and fully man (John 1:14). God joined with humanity (Mary, Matt. 1:18-25) to produce the sinless living Word, and in a similar sense joined with humanity to produce the inspired written Word. "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Pet. 1:21). The styles, personalities, and vocabularies of the different biblical writers are quite distinct, but their work is nevertheless the Word of God (cf. Mark 7:13; Luke 3:2). One of the evidences of the divine origin of the Bible is its uniqueness.

The Bible is unique in its production. Century after century men added to this book, unaware for the most part of one another's writings and sometimes in the dark as to the meaning of some of their own words (1 Pet. 1:10-12). In spite of writing from different places, in different centuries, and even in different languages, they never contradicted one another. The Bible reads like a continuous, logical work of a genius. That Genius is God (2 Tim. 3:16,17).

The Bible is unique in its preservation. In spite of persecution, perversion, criticism, abuse, and time, the Bible has survived intact. It is an anvil that has worn out many skeptic hammers (cf. I Pet. I:23).

The Bible is unique in its proclamation. Over a quarter of the Bible was prophetic at the time it was written, and these prophecies stand alone in their graphic detail, accuracy, and scope (cf. Isa. 41:22,23; Mic. 3:8).

The Bible is unique in its product. No other book has so profoundly influenced the culture, thought, and history of the world. It has molded and dominated the art, music, morality, oratory, law, politics, philosophy, and literature of civilization.

~Allen Webster (via Bulletin Gold)~

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# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Jamie Brock
Reading	Kelly Hillis
Scripture	Luke 17:12-19
	*Joe Collins
(S)	*Tim Fisher
	Justin Griffin
(N)	Robert Elam
(N)	Harry Felty
• •	Gordon Fults
(S)	Lee Gann
	Barry Hendrixson
` '	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	, Eddie Palmer

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	Christian Barrett
Scripture	Mark 1:9-11
Lord's Table	*Mike Driver
	*Kelly Thaxton
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Danny Duncan

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Stanley Graves
Reading	Kevin Flatt
Invitation	David Keele
Dismiss	Kurt Maynard

## **Welcome Committee**

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P.M	Joe, Jamie & Clara Roller

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Gina Muncey (following surgery)
Debbie Fittro (Rickey Hurst's sister) -not doing well
and requests our prayers
Florence Julian (Becky Maynard's mother)

### In The Hospital:

Vera Settles - San Antonio Hospital following heart surgery Elaine Hoover-St.Thomas - bypass surgery Harley Northcutt-River Park Wayne Jordan (Nancy Roger's brother)-VA Hospital-Nashville following surgery

# **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M...... Where Are The Nine? P.M..... "Tell Me About God" The Trinity

## Restorations

We rejoice with the response of sisters Doris Wilcher and Rebecca Mullican this past Sunday morning. Please remember these two women in your prayers.

# Gospel Meetings & Ladies' Day

**Central church of Christ** - August 9-12 with services at 7:00 pm. Billy Smith preaching.

**Curlee church of Christ** - August 9-12 with services at 7:00 pm. Jason Gann preaching.

**Ladies Day at Browntown church of Christ** - August 8, registration at 9 am. Mildred Prater speaking.

"This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24

## Family Retreat at Short Mtn.

Our annual Family Retreat at Short Mtn. Bible Camp will be August 28-29. This is a great time for fellowship and devotion. Please make plans now to attend. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those attending.

# Handwriting on the Wall

A weary mother returned from the store,
Lugging groceries through the kitchen door.
Awaiting her arrival was her eight-year-old son,
Eager to relate what his younger brother had done.
"While I was out playing and Dad was on call,
T.J. took his crayons and wrote on the wall!
It's on the new paper you just hung in the den.
I told him you'd be mad at having to do it again."
She let out a moan and furrowed her brow.
"Where's your little brother right now?"
She emptied her arms with a purposeful stride,
She marched to his closet where he had gone to hide.

She called his full name as she entered his room.

He trembled with fear - he knew that meant doom!

For the next ten minutes, she ranted and raved

About the expensive wall paper and how she had saved.

Stressed over all the work it would take to repair, She condemned his actions and total lack of care. The more she scolded, the madder she got, Then stomped from his room, totally dis-traught. She headed for the den to confirm her fears. When she saw the wall, her eyes flooded with tears.

The message she read pierced her heart with a dart.

It said, "I love you, Mommy," surrounded by a heart. Well, the wallpaper remained, just as she found it, With an empty picture frame hung to surround it. A reminder to her, and indeed to all, Take time to read the handwriting on the wall!!

~ Author Unknown (from Bulletin Gold) ~

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Saturday August 15th

• Wash and clean out the church bus: Ipm

### Sunday August 23rd

· TABS at Main Street

#### Sunday September 6th

Labor Day Youth Madness (Sign up on youth board)

# From Tyler's Desk:

## He Gives Power and Strength To His People

"God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered." This declaration of confidence in God's victory is the opening thought of Psalm 68. From beginning to end, this psalm praises God as being the source of hope and salvation for God's people. By the end of the psalm, David rightfully concluded "the God of Israel – he is the one who gives power and strength to his people."

For this psalm to be correctly understood, it must first be recognized who God's people are. For many years, the Israelite people saw themselves as God's people. But through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, David defines God's people more specifically than those who are simply physical decedents of Israel.

Psalm 68 describes the recipients of God's salvation by using several different terms. God's people are described as "the righteous" (v. 3); God's flock (v. 10); "the great congregation" (v. 26); and "Israel" (v. 35). These terms are all used interchangeably to describe the same group of people.

How does this help us understand the Psalm? God's people are the great congregation, which follow God as "his flock", and they are righteous. This psalm described "Israel" not as a physical nation, but as all those who righteously follow God. This understanding explains verse 32's call for all the "kingdoms of the earth" to sing praises to God.

What does all that mean to us? It means everything! It means that God's power and strength was not just promised for one nation of people – it was promised to everyone who is part of God's flock,

His church. This psalm applies directly to every faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ.

Just as was prophesied in verse 1, God did arise, and His enemies were scattered. Because of the victory of the cross, we can now proclaim with confidence "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). Because of His victory, Paul was able to pray "that according to the riches of his glory he may grand you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inward being" (Ephesians 5:16). When we are discouraged, we can remember the words of Paul when he said "our inner self is being renewed day by day" (2 Corinthians 4:16).

Blessed be the God who sees us in our trials! (Psalm 68:5-6).

Blessed be the God who provides for our needs! (v. 10). Blessed be the God who daily bears us up! (v. 19) Blessed be the God who delivers us from death! (v. 20) Blessed be the God who works for us! (v. 28)

"Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel – he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!" – Psalm 68:35

# Update on the church's website

Many of you who have access to the Internet know that it has the power to be a great tool for good just as many have used it as a tool for evil. The Church has maintained a website at www.bybeebranch.org for several years now. It has saved the church literally thousands of dollars in postage in emailing the bulletin instead of using postal mail.

In 2007 we began "podcasting" our sermons. This allows the audio of our sermons to be downloaded so people can listen to them on their computer, or on an mp3 player like the famous iPod. Already this month there have been 546 people who have downloaded sermons, but for the year the number is 18,203! We get all this for less than \$120 per year. We are fulfilling the Lord's command to carry the Gospel into all the world (Mt. 28:19). Check out the site.

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# Sunday Morning Worship

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	Dennis Gann
Reading	Dustin Hillis
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Lord's Table (N)	*Calvin Rogers
	*Doug Hendrixson
	David Chilton
	Kevin Judkins
	John David Keele
	Caleb Hughes
` '	Marc Martin
	Jared Mullican
	Tony Lawrence
	David Bouldin

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Steve Boyd
Reading	Lynn Gann
Scripture	Psalms 73:1-2
Lord's Table	*Ronnie Hoover
	*Paul Hurst
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Ronnie Prince

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Don Sullivan
Lead Singing	Danny Duncan
First Prayer	Jeff Templeton
Reading	Rickey Hurst
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ricky Prince

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Vera Settles - San Antonio Hospital following heart surgery

Ken Lee-St.Thomas (Glyna is also suffering from a broken leg)

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## **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M.....Has Your Faith Been Tested Lately? P.M.....Why Does God Allow Me To Hurt?

# **Baptism**

We rejoice with the baptism of Rachel Aldridge this past Friday. Please keep her in your prayers.

## Family Retreat at Short Mtn.

Our annual Family Retreat at Short Mtn. Bible Camp will be August 28-29. This is a great time for fellowship and devotion. Please make plans now to attend. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those attending.

"It isn't the things that go in one ear and out the other that hurt as much as the things that go in one ear; get all mixed up and then slip out of the mouth."

~Bulletin Digest~

## Joseph

Joseph looked up the deep pit into which he had been cast. His cries for mercy echoed off the jagged walls, muffled by the laughter of his older brothers taunting him. He was deeply wounded by the depth of their hatred. Turning to Heaven he pled for deliverance. Joseph longed for home and for the love of his father. Surely it was God's will. But God wanted Joseph to go to Egypt.

Success awaited young Joseph in this new land, so strange to him. But it soon turned to chains. Joseph looked up the bleak walls of an Egyptian prison-house. The darkest of the night brought groaning and pain. Even with the dawn of day the darkness of the prison remained. Joseph prayed for freedom, he longed for home. Surely it was God's will that Joseph escape Egypt, break free of this horrible fate. But God put a wiser Joseph near the throne of Pharaoh.

Joseph looked down on the prostrated brothers who had brought such misery into his life years before. All the emotions of the hatred endured, the hardships of trails faced, the pain of separation thrust upon him could now surface as sweet revenge against these sons of Israel. But Joseph looked up for guidance and God's will brought forth forgiveness.

Perhaps Joseph would tell us that it is not always easy to determine God's will. It is often easier to overlook it for our own, or to reject it as unpalatable. But there is one certain way of identifying God's will, get to know God who has revealed Himself to us through His inspired Word, the Bible. The more we come to understand God, the more natural it will be to recognize His will. And that is the secret of the life of Joseph, he was always looking up!

~David Bragg~ (edited from Bulletin Gold)

# **Gospel Meeting**

The **Harmony church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on August 23-25, services at 7 pm with Michael Shepherd preaching.

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

## Sunday August 23rd

· TABS at Main Street

### Friday August 28th - Saturday August 30th

• Family Retreat at Short Mountain

#### Sunday September 6th

Labor Day Youth Madness (Sign up on youth board)

# From Tyler's Desk:

#### **Twelve Hours**

"What is he thinking?!" Jesus' disciples must have been wondering this very question when Jesus decided to go back to Judah. You see, Jesus' last trip into Judah was still fresh on everyone's minds. Last time Jesus was in Judah, "the Jews picked up stones again to stone him" (John 10:31). As a result of this rejection, Jesus retreated across the Jordan River where he continued to teach. But now he wanted to go back to Judah!?

While Jesus was across the Jordan, a man named Lazarus, who is described as one whom Jesus loved, had gotten ill and died. In his love for Lazarus and his two sisters, Mary and Martha, Jesus desired to go be with the family.

But to Jesus' closest followers, a trip back to Judah seemed nothing less than a suicide mission. Out of their concern for his safety, they asked, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and you are going there again?" (John 11:7).

So just what was Jesus thinking? And equally as important, how can we learn to think like Jesus?

"Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not on him" – John 11:9-10

Jesus recognized his time was limited. Jesus, who is "before all time and now and forever" (Jude 25), understood the brevity of his time on earth.

He went on in his answer by contrasting "walking in the light" with "walking in the dark". The simile

of light contrasted with darkness is used often in scripture. Light is used to represent that which is "good and right and true" (Eph. 5:9). Jesus understood that if he was going to be a light in this world, he must work.

Between work schedules, TV shows, picking kids up from school, and time spent relaxing with our family, our time is quickly consumed. We only have 12 hours in a day. How much of our day will we use serving Christ?

We only have so many days, and tomorrow we will have one less. Don't let God get pushed out of your schedule today. Put Him first in all you do, all day long. Wherever the day may take you, look for ways to let your light shine. We only have so many days, and tomorrow we will have one less. Serve God today.

## **How Much Time**

How much time does it take to read from Genesis to Revelation? If you would read the Bible at standard pulpit speed (slow enough to be heard and understood), reading time would be 71 hours. If you would break that down into minutes and divide it into 365 days you could read the entire Bible, cover to cover, in only 12 minutes a day.

Is this really too much time to spend reading about God? (Source: The Almanac of the Christian World, 1991-1991, p. 225)

~Ronald Bartanen~

Tony's comments: There are many people who say, I would like to read the Bible but "I have long commute times" or "my eyesight is failing" or any number of reasons. There are several options for having the Bible read to you. I. You could buy the Bible on CD's or tapes. I recently bought a set of the ESV in mp3 format for less than \$20.2. If you have an mp3 player then you can download the New Testament of several translations at http://www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/ambassador/free-audio-bible-download. I downloaded the NKJV New Testament non-drama and listen to it often. Its free too!

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# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
	David Keele
-	Micah Lawrence
	Galatians 6:9-10
	*Chuck Boles
	*Bo Rivers
	Jacob Thurne
(N)	Tyler Mitchell
	Eugene Wilcher
•	Jacob Griffin
	James Gillies
	Barry Hendrixson
` '	Tony Lawrence
	Pob Cantrall

# Sunday Evening Worship

# Young Men Conduct Services

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jeff Flatt		
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher		
First Prayer	Michael Andrews		
Reading	Dale Bennett		
Invitation	Don Sullivan		
Dismiss	Willie Newby		
Welcome Committee			

A.M.....John & Judy Nussbaum P.M.....Youth Group

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Shirley Nunley-St.Thomas following surgery Harley Northcutt-River Park

Earline McColloch (David's mother)-River Park ICU Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)-Baptist Hospital/

Columbus, MS

Patsy Buster (Tony's sister)-UAB for heart cath Wednesday

## **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M	Words For The Weary
P.M	Young Men Conduct Services

## Restorations

This past weekend Harley Northcutt was restored as Rodney Reynolds had prayer with him. On Sunday, Taylor Mullican came forward requesting prayers.

## Family Retreat at Short Mtn.

Our annual Family Retreat at Short Mtn. Bible Camp will be this weekend. Make your plans to be there!

# **Upcoming Youth Events:**

Friday August 28th - Saturday August 30th

Family Retreat at Short Mountain

## **Sunday August 30th**

 $\bullet \quad \hbox{Youth Devo $@$ the Templeton's}\\$ 

## Sunday September 6th

Labor Day Youth Madness

## "You Never Mentioned Him to Me"

"35 Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. 36 But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. 38 "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."" Matthew 9:35-38.

Next Monday, Leonard and I will be starting our 27 hour 8 minute journey to Hyderabad, India. We are excited about the work that is ahead of us, but we are humbled and in awe of the responsibility of teaching God's word to the many people we will come in contact with during our journey. Our hosts in India have scheduled full days and nights of teaching and preaching. For Leonard it will be especially exciting because he will be seeing new territory and be doing a different type of mission work than he has done in the past. I am looking forward to renewing friendships from the past.

Please remember the work in India in your prayers. We appreciate the many kind words and monetary support you have shown to us. We will do our best to represent Bybee's the way the Lord would have us to do.

Harold Cook

## A Tremendous Thank You!

On August 27, 1985 the Lawrence family rolled into McMinnville to begin work with the Bybee Branch congregation. We were met by some wonderful Christian folks who welcomed us with open arms. During the past 24 years you have made us a part of your family. Words cannot express the place you have in our hearts. As we begin our 25th year we express our deep gratitude for your continued kindness and support. **The Lawrence Family** 

# September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	-   -	Wednesday		Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dylan Myers Isabell Bouldin	31 HEATH & JAMIE GRIFFITH Ethan Pinegar Megan Rhea Carol Sue Taylor	Rodney Reynolds Nancy Rogers	1	KEN & GLYNA LEE Allison Chilton	2	Connor Andrews CHRIS & LORI SNOW	4	5
Gail Crouch 6	Marsha Collins Denise Prince Nichole Wilcher	RONNIE & DENISE PRINCE Heather Tanner George Trail		Bobby Ashford Erin Duncan Roeba Jones	9	10	Caroline Stiles 11	Kayla Napier 12 STEVE & CAROL BOYD Jaxon Rhea
Lori Pepper 13	Clercie Delon Janice Foster Lennie Ruth Kesey  Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am at	Nylan Rhea Rylan Rhea Porter Hendrixson		ALEB & RACHAEL GRAVES Marc Martin	6	Doug Hendrixson 17	Essie Hillis Chloe Pennington Caleb Hughes	19
GORDON & LINDA FULTS JERRY & EVA SIMONS Audrey Andrews	Fairgrounds 21 JAMES & DONNA GOOLSBY Caleb Graves	2		CALVIN & NANCY ROGERS ROSERS Bain Eric Fisher Ken Martin Barbara Northcutt Clara Roller	23	24 Leonard Crouch	Tara Hanson Mary Lois Cantrell	Brooke Kesey Yvonne Drake
27	Harry Felty 28	Glynda Stevens 2	29	Justin Griffin	30	Garrett Walker 1	JOEL & SHIRLEY ADCOC	3
	Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am							

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# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
	Joe Collins
	Bob Bonner
	David King
	I Corinthians 14:23-24
	*Ronnie Prince
(S)	*Kurt Mayanrd
(N)	John Nussbaum
(N)	Ryan McColloch
(N)	Kevin Flatt
(S)	Caleb Graves
	Dickie Kesey
• •	Kelly Hillis
` '	Tony Lawrence
	Michael Andrews

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Calvin Rogers
Reading	Jeff Rhea
Scripture	Acts 19:1-2
Lord's Table	*Jeff Flatt
	*Don Griffith
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Phillip Brock

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Paul Hurst
Reading	Kelly Thaxton
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ricky Prince

## **Welcome Committee**

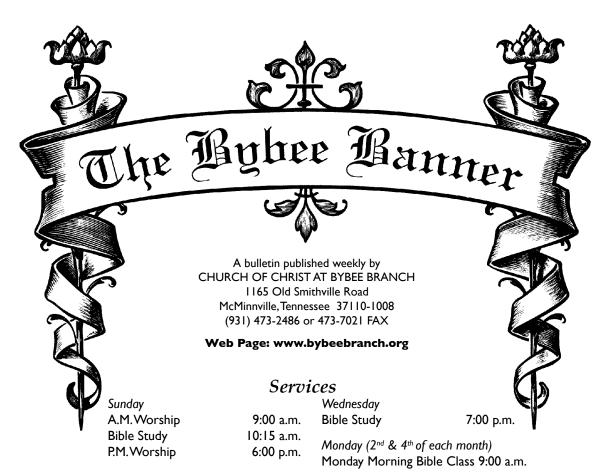
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Lock Building:	Kurt Maynard		
Prepare Communion:	Jamie Brock Family		
Assist with Baptisms:			
Avie Clen	nons & Marsha Collins		
Pantry Item:	Cream of Wheat		
<b>Elder Closing Remark</b>	<b>S:</b> Rodney Reynolds		
Record For The Week			
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Earline McColloch (David's mother)

### In The Hospital:

Vera Settles - San Antonio Hospital

# Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Ken Lee, a long time member at Bybee Branch. He passed away on Monday morning. His funeral will be Thursday at 1 pm at McMinnville Funeral Home.

# Sunday's Sermons

A.M...... What Visitors Have A Right To Expect P.M...... Questions About God: The Holy Spirit



## **Shut-ins**

NHC (P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)

Florene Nokes (#106) Carol Sue Taylor (#212)

Dora Mae Wilcher (#313)

#### Raintree Manor

Clercie Delon

#### Life Care Center of Sparta

(508 Mose Dr; Sparta, TN 38583) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister)

#### Windsor Place Nursing & Rehab Center

(81 Windsor Blvd; Columbus, MS 39702)
Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)

# **Broadmore Assisted Living at Murfreesboro**

(3211 Memorial Blvd; Murfreesboro, TN 37129) Vivian Ferrell (Room 127)

#### Home:

Greg Grizzell

Georgia Jones

Willene Kell

Bobbie Mitchell

Debbie Fittro (Rickey Hurst's sister)

Clyde Paris (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's

brother-in-law)

Perry Woodlee (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's

brother)

Freda Womack

Bobby Prater (Flossie Warren's brother-in-law)

Joleta Reynolds (Rodney's sister-in-law)

Annie Louise Campbell (mother of Charlene

Palmer)

Nonie Grizzell

Elsie Felty (Harry's mother)

Asa Kell

Essie Hillis

Lucille Newby - at her son's, Carl Douglas

# **Upcoming Youth Events:**

## Sunday September 6th

- Parent Meeting
- Labor Day Youth Madness (Sign up on youth board)

### Friday September I Ith

 Pioneer football @ Franklin County (We will take the bus – leaving at 5:30pm)

## Tuesday September 15th

Youth Singing at the Fair (6-7pm)

#### Wednesday September 16th

Birthday Wednesday

#### Sunday September 20th

· Youth Devo

# From Tyler's Desk:

#### Confidence

Earlier this week I heard a song lyric that got me thinking. The lyric was this: "Too young to make a good decision, so frozen in my tracks I stayed."

We're often faced with tough choices. Life throws us opportunities and situations, and we must make decisions. Sometimes our decisions can have huge impacts on our future. As the above song lyric points out, it can sometimes feel like we are "too young" or "too inexperienced" to make the right decision. How can we know what choices to make? How can we keep opportunities from passing us up because of our fear? How can we make good decisions with confidence?

In Isaiah 31, we are given three descriptions of God, each of which can give us confidence in our decisions.

In Isaiah 31:1-3, we are reminded that "He is wise." The politicians at that time *thought* they were wise. Having secured an alliance with the Egyptians, they thought they could trust in the power of their chariots and horsemen. But as verse I mentions, they "did not look to the Holy One of Israel or consult the LORD." As a result, their "helper would stumble" and they would fall.

If we are to be confident in our decisions, we

must first seek God's counsel. Is our decision in accordance with God's commands? Are we acting out of selflessness and love? As we consider how our decision should be impacted by God's revealed guidance, we should also stop and pray for wisdom. "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him" – James 1:5.

In Isaiah 31:4, God is compared to a lion roaring over his prey. In describing God, the text reads "and when a band of shepherds is called out against him, he is not terrified by their shouting or daunted at their noise." In this description, we are reminded that God is not afraid. Therefore if we live on God's side, we don't have to be afraid either. When we are faced with fear, we can remember, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" – Psalm 46:1.

Finally, in Isaiah 31:5 we read, "Like birds hovering, so the LORD of hosts will protect Jerusalem; he will protect and deliver it; he will spare and rescue it." Picture in your mind a mother bird flying circles around its nest, protecting it's young. This is what God has promised to do for His people! He keeps a close eye on us, and has promised to protect, deliver, spare and rescue his people.

God is wise, God is powerful like a lion, and God cares for us. When we consider God's way in making our decisions, we can have nothing to fear.

## **Sentence Sermons:**

The Bible survives the ignorance of its friends and the hatred of its enemies.

Always put yourself in others' shoes. If you feel that it hurts you, it probably hurts the person, too.

A giving church is a living church.

All mothers are working mothers.

Anger opens the mouth and shuts the mind.

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# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Tyler Boyd
Reading	Chuck Boles
_	Matthew 18:2-4
Lord's Table (N)	*Jeff Templeton
	*Noel Pepper
	Chris Neale
	Joe T. Cantrell
` ,	Don Cathey
	Clent Kesey
• /	Dustin Hillis
	Micah Lawrence
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	loe Collins

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Shannon Griffin
Reading	Derek Vinson
Scripture	Acts 19:1-2
	*Eddie Palmer
	*Dale Bennett
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Mike Driver

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Tyler Boyd
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	David Chilton
Invitation	Tim Fisher
Dismiss	Rodney Reynolds

## **Welcome Committee**

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Judy Nussbaum (following shoulder surgery)
Vera Settles

#### In The Hospital:

Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother) - Baptist Hospital in Columbus, MS

## **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M	Childlike Be	liever	·s
P.M	Questions About God: The Holy	/ Spir	it

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# Monday Morning Bible Class at the Fair

The Monday Morning Bible Class will meet next Monday at the church building in the Fairfiled Village at the Warren County Fair. Class will begin at 9 am and everyone is invited to come and enjoy the Bible class.

# The problem is not the church in the world... ...it is the world in the church!

## Have You Seen \_\_\_\_\_ Lately?

I guess that it happens in every congregation. See if this scenario looks familiar to you: A person or a family is not with the saints when they assemble one week at a particular congregation of God's people. It is assumed that they must be out of town or something, because it is unusual for them to not meet with the local congregation to worship. Another week or two goes by and they are still missing. After about a month or so (or more), somebody asks the preacher, "Have you lately?" The preacher informs the brother or sister that, yes indeed, he has seen them and/ or talked with them and that they are now worshiping somewhere else or are not worshiping anywhere at all. There is shock and disappointment on the part of the one who has asked about . As the word gets around, people wonder what in the world could have happened and what could have been done to prevent this situation.

May I offer one suggestion? Don't depend on the elders or the preacher to do all of the "checking up" on individuals. Why not make it your responsibility (as well as the responsibility of the elders and preacher) to let people know that you care enough about them to let them know that they are being missed when they are not with us.

Let me share with you one of my personal goals. It is just that; a goal. Unfortunately, I sometimes fail to meet the goal, but it is always before me and I honestly do try. It is one of my goals to make it impossible for any former member of the congregation to be able to say, "Well, I was gone for months and nobody ever checked on me. I guess they didn't care as much as they said they did."

How much of an impact would it have if every member of the local congregation would notice when somebody is not attending as they formerly did and made it a priority to live up to all of those "one another" passages in the New Testament? Why don't we try to find out what that impact would be?

Will you join me in setting a goal similar to mine? Will you make it a goal to never have to ask the question, "Have you seen \_\_\_\_\_\_ lately?"

~Jim Faughn~

# **Upcoming Youth Events:**

## Tuesday September 15th

• Youth Singing at the Fair (6-7pm)

## Wednesday September 16th

Birthday Wednesday

#### Sunday September 20th

Youth Devo

### Sunday September 27th

• TABS @ Hickerson Station

# From Tyler's Desk: Looking Past The Storm

The storm rolls in. It begins as just a dark cloud on the horizon, hardly even noticeable. But then, as the storm creeps closer, its unusually dark clouds, distant flashes of lightning and deep, constant rumbles send warning of the unharnessed, unstoppable power which is slowly, but surely approaching. The approaching storm captures the attention of everyone in its path, but no one can slow it down.

But then the storm passes. The once threatening wall of dark clouds and lightning change into a beautiful evening of steady rain and cooler temperatures. The sound of peaceful crickets replaces the sound of thunder as the moon begins to peak through the clouds. The storm is over.

Life has its storms. True, the sky may be dark and threatening before us. Sin may seem encompassing and unavoidable. As far as we look into the sky before us, we may see nothing but thick clouds ahead. It may seem like God does not see us in our troubles, or perhaps doesn't care. It may look as if the clouds will never break. It may feel that God has forsaken us. So be it.

But let us remember, He makes the storm be still (Psalm 107:29). It was out LORD who said, "Peace! Be Still!' And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm" (Mark 4:39).

In Philippians 3:13-14 we read, "But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to

what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

Although the storm was powerful, when it passes, let it pass. Confess past sins, obey God, and believe in forgiveness. Failure often gives us the tools we need to succeed. Let us learn from the storms of the past, and press on toward the peace we are promised by our faithful God.

# **Report from India**

On Sunday we had our regular Morning worship in the apartment where we are staying. Some of the other congregations joined us so we had an OVERFLOW crowd of about 200. A number of young people responded to the invitation and it was reported there were 17 baptisms that evening when the went back to their home congregations.

Monday morning we packed up and drove about 220 km to Kurnool. We were on a main highway but there is a lot of new construction going on. When you get off the main roads the travel is very slow and difficult due to the road conditions. We had a gospel meeting about 4:00 with good attendance. A number of denominational preachers were in attendance. Then that night Leonard went to two gospel meetings and Harold went to two. Leonard preached "till midnight" I think because it was after then when he got back to the hotel. We got the report this morning that from those five meetings there were 57 baptisms of which 27 were denominational preachers. Since there are no facilities to baptise at the meetings, arrangements have to be made to transport the people to a stream or pond for the baptism. The local preachers take care of that duty.

Today (Tue) we are scheduled to have preacher training until about 4:00 then we will start our journey to our next desination. It is about a 10 hour trip so we will spend the night on the road.

We are well and have adjusted to the time difference.

~Harold & Leonard~

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### September 20, 2009

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Larry Flatt
	Wilie Newby
	Proverbs 11:30
Lord's Table (N)	*Charles Gilles
	*David Bouldin
(N)	Robert Elam
(N)	Matt Martin
(N)	Joe Maynard
(S)	Kane Maynard
	David McCollloch
(S)	Marty Boles
• •	Tony Lawrence
	Tommy Crouch

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Dustin Rhea
Scripture	I Corinthians 15:1-4
Lord's Table	
	*Stanley Graves
Sermon	
Closing Prayer	Ronnie Hoover

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Michael Andrews
First Prayer	Don Sullivan
Reading	Josh King
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kurt Maynard

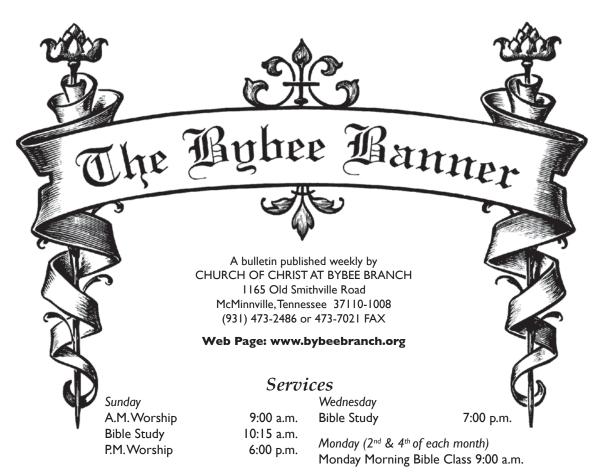
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P.M	

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Shirley Nunley
Earline McColloch (David's mother)
Judy Nussbaum (following shoulder surgery)
Vera Settles
Gordon Fults

#### In The Hospital:

Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother) - Baptist Hospital in Columbus, MS – she may return to the Windsor Place on Tuesday

### **Religion To Die By**

A father on his deathbed called his two sons. They gathered around him, and to one he said, "Goodnight, son;" and to the other he said, "Goodby, son." The second boy noticed the difference and asked his father, "Father, why did you say 'goodby' to me?" The dear old man who loved both of them said to the boy, "Son, John is a Christian; I will meet him in the morning of eternity, so it is just 'good-night' to him. But you son, are not a Christian. I will never meet you again, unless you change. It is 'good-by' my son, throughout all eternity."

### **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M.....Our Part In Growing A Congregation P.M.....Questions About Jesus:The Resurrection

"I don't know why some people change churches. What difference does it make which one you stay home from?"

### **Gospel Meetings & Etc.**

The **Leoni church of Christ** will host a Ladies Day, on September 19, beginning at 9 am with Katie Smith speaking on "Blessings: My Cup Runneth Over"

The **Arlington church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on September 20-23 with services at 7 pm. Don Blackwell will be preaching.

The **Morrison church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on September 20-24 with services at 7 pm. Paul Meacham, Jr. will be preaching.

The **Centertown church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on September 25-27 with services at 7 pm. Larry Acuff will be preaching.

The **Smyrna church of Christ** will host a Youth Day on September 26 with services from 9 am to 3 pm. Steve Hillis, Chris Perry & Jonathan Stubblefield will be speaking.

The **Summitville church of Christ** will host a Study Through Revelation on October 1-3 with services at 7 pm. Ken Butterworth will be teaching.

The **Dunlap church of Christ** will host a Ladies Day, on October 3, beginning at 8 am with Joyce Stearsman speaking on "Quilted components of the Spiritual Woman"

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The **Pleasant Cove church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on October 4-6 with services at 7 pm. Different speakers will be preaching.

Most middle-class Americans tend to worship their work, to work at their play, and to play at their worship.

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Tuesday September 15th

• Youth Singing at the Fair (6-7pm)

#### Wednesday September 16th

Birthday Wednesday

#### Sunday September 20th

• Youth Devo at the Keele's (Guys bring drinks, girls bring desserts, bring \$2 for pizza)

#### Sunday September 27th

• TABS @ Hickerson Station

### From Tyler's Desk:

#### How David Covered Up His Sin

David knew the shame of sin. He had stolen another man's wife, and was personally responsible for the death of his innocent child. He was also guilty of the murder of Uriah. As David looked back on his sins, he saw himself as a man worthy of death (2 Samuel 12:5). No matter how badly David may have wanted to change the past, he knew he it was too late. What was done was done.

Although his past could not be changed, David greatly desired to have his sin covered up so that he could once again live free of guilt. So David did what most people would do; he decided to keep quiet about his past, in hopes that his mistakes would not find him out.

In Psalm 32, David looks back on his effort to cover up his past. In verses 3-4, David wrote, "For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night you hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer."

David's attempt to cover up his past with silence was a complete failure. In fact, the more he held his sin in silence, the more he experienced the pain of his guilt. He was in pain all the day long, until his strength was completely dried up!

Finally, in his exhaustion and pain of keeping his secret, David gave up on the idea of keeping his past covered. In verse 5, David writes, "I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said,

'I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,' and you forgave the iniquity of my sin."

David finally had the peace he longed for. David's sin was only forgiven, and covered up, when David decided to have it uncovered. Having confessed his sins, and experienced the peace of forgiveness, David wrote in verse I, "Blessed is the man whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sin is covered."

Confession, or the uncovering of sins, is the only was to really have our sins covered. God cares for the broken hearted. Christ's blood is always there to wash away our sins. God's people should not be people who try to cover their own pasts in order to appear righteous once again. Rather, God's people should readily acknowledge their own shortcomings, and shout for joy because their sins are really covered.

### **Eternal Bliss**

When all the dreams are ended, And the last page has been turned, Dreams and realities are blended, For eternal life we have yearned.

When the last kind word has been spoken, And the last good-bye has been said, And the last praises of tokens, And the last chapter has been read.

When life's last breath has been taken, And life's crown has been won, And the living are forsaken, And life's race has been won.

When life's last picture has been painted, And when the last song has been sung, We'll see the joys that have awaited. Until the last race had been won.

We'll be called to home yonder,
Upon high and far above,
This is much that we must ponder
When we meet our Maker - our love.
~Stella G.Wester~

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### Sunday Morning Worship

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	Doug Hendrixson
	Cory Prince
	Proverbs 11:30
	*Harold Cook
(S)	*Danny Duncan
	Bob Cantrell
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(S)	Joe Roller
• •	Tony Lawrence
	Kelly Thaxton

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Rodney Myers
Reading	Tyler Judkins
Scripture	I Corinthians 15:1-4
Lord's Table	*Bruce Pryor
	*Rickey Hurst
Sermon	
Closing Prayer	Jeff Templeton

### Wednesday Bible Study

Jeff Flatt
Joe Collins
Bo Rivers
W.C. Chilton
David Keele
Rickey Hurst

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#### In The Hospital:

Essie Hillis-River Park

### **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M.....Our Part In Growing A Congregation P.M.....Questions About Jesus: The Resurrection

### **Baptism & Restoration**

It was a thrill to see Sam Gillies come forward Sunday evening to be baptized into Christ. We are so proud of this young man. On Monday afternoon brother Harold McGinness came by the office desiring prayer and asking for the prayers of the church.

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Sunday September 27th

• TABS @ Hickerson Station

#### Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>

 Bible Bowl Study Session @ the Templeton's (5-8pm)

#### Sunday October 4th

• Bible Bowl @ Mt. Leo (2pm – Romans I-4)

### From Tyler's Desk:

#### Facts That Can't Be Denied

Jewish leaders in the first century did not like Christianity. Acts 4:2 tells us they were "greatly annoyed" when they heard Peter and John teaching the crowds that Jesus had been raised from the dead. The authorities thought they would put a stop to

the followers of Jesus when they hung him on the cross.

But when Jesus died, the opposite happened. Rumors started spreading that Jesus had risen from the dead. This, if true, would take all the religious authority away from the Jewish council (the Sanhedrin), and confirm that all religious authority lies with Christ.

As the followers of Christ continued to grow in number, the Jewish authorities realized they had to fight back. They tried threatening, imprisoning, and even killing the followers of this movement. But in spite of their every effort, the number of those who believed Jesus was the Christ continued to increase.

In Acts 3, Peter came across a man who had been lame his entire life. Peter looked at the man and said, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" The text informs us that immediately this man regained his strength, leaped up, and began to walk. This presented a huge problem for the Jewish authorities.

Prior to this event, the council could have perhaps argued with Peter's preaching. They could have attempted to deny the resurrection. But now they were silenced.

The day after Peter healed the lame man, he and John were arrested for teaching that Jesus rose from the dead. They were asked the question, "By what power or by what name do you do this?" In response, Peter answered, "by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth... by him this man has been healed." How badly the council must have wanted to respond! But how could they?

"But seeing the man who was healed standing beside them, they had nothing to say in opposition." – Acts 4:14

The man was healed. He was standing right there. It was a fact, and it could not be argued. For centuries people have tried to falsify the claims of Christianity, but for centuries men have failed. They have failed, because they can't change the facts. The Christian faith is not a "leap of faith into the dark." Our faith is based on facts which can never be denied.

### **Gospel Meetings & Etc.**

The **Arlington church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on September 20-23 with services at 7 pm. Don Blackwell will be preaching.

The **Morrison church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on September 20-24 with services at 7 pm. Paul Meacham, Jr. will be preaching.

The **Mt. Leo church of Christ** will the have their first session of the School of Bible Emphasis on September 28, at 7 pm.

The **Centertown church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on September 25-27 with services at 7 pm. Larry Acuff will be preaching.

The **Smyrna church of Christ** will host a Youth Day on September 26 with services from 9 am to 3 pm. Steve Hillis, Chris Perry & Jonathan Stubblefield will be speaking.

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The **Smithville church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on October 4-6 with services at 7 pm. David Sain will be preaching.

### **Little Things**

The Bible draws great attention to the power and significance of small things. Zechariah asks, "For who has despised the day of small things?" Zechariah 4:10. And in the book of Proverbs, Agur states, "There are four things which are little on the earth, But they are exceedingly wise:" Proverbs 30:24. God's word says for us not to fail to appreciate even the smallest of things.

In life we tend to dismiss the small things as being unimportant but then they have a way of reminding us of their power. This past week I had a strong reminder of this truth. I thought about titling this article as the "Tiny Tick That Took Down Tony." I suffered in bed with fever, aches, pains and misery for several days. My doctor said it was likely the result of a tick borne disease. It is amazing that something as small as a tick can reek such havoc in one's life. Consider that the viruses that often make one sick are microscopic!

Then I am reminded of how this priniciple also plays out spiritually when James says, "Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell." James 3:5-6. The tongue seems so insignificant and small but oh what power it has. Solomon put it bluntly, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue," Proverbs 18:21. There are too many instances where our tongues have been used for evil.

The tongue has such great power to uplift and encourage. Someone who is about ready to give up can be revived by the small word of a brother or sister. "A man has joy by the answer of his mouth, And a word spoken in due season, how good it is!" Proverbs 15:23. And Isaiah thanked God, ""The Lord GOD has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary." Isaiah 50:4. Let's do our "small" part in making this life better! **TL** 

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### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Bobby Ashford
Reading	Ricky Prince
Scripture	I Peter 2:1-3
Lord's Table (N)	*Don Griffith
(S)	*Shannon Griffin
(N)	Cory Prince
(N)	Sam Gillies
(N)	Jeff Rhea
(S)	Jason Vandagriff
(S)	Eugene Wilcher
(S)	Jacob Thurne
	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Dale Bennett

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Willie Newby
Reading	Justin Griffin
Scripture	Acts 2:1-4
	*Allen Hughes
	*Paul Hurst
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Tim Fisher

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Justin Griffin
First Prayer	Jeff Templeton
Reading	Phillip Brock
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Stanley Graves

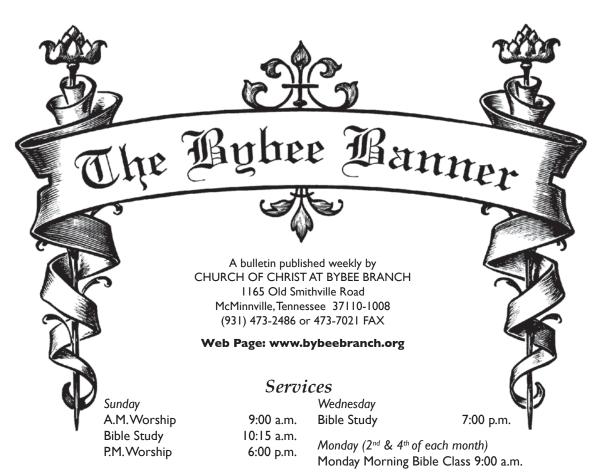
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Jimmy Pistole (brother of our Frankie Hobbs)Centennial Medical Center

### **Sympathy**

We express our sympathy to the family of Winford Blankenship, brother of our Janice Foster. His funeral is Tuesday in Pikeville.

### **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M..... Dangers & Disappointments For Christians P.M..... Questions About Holy Spirit: Tongues & Gifts

### **Upcoming Events**

The annual Father-Son Campout will be Friday, October 23, and the Fall Festival will be Saturday, October 24, at Dale Bennett's Hickory Creek Farm.

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Saturday October 3rd

 Bible Bowl Study Session @ the Templeton's (5-8pm)

#### **Sunday October 4th**

• Bible Bowl @ Mt. Leo (2pm – Romans 1-4)

#### **Tuesday October 6th**

• TNT (1st-5th Grade)

#### Saturday October 17th

• Parents Night Out (All ages welcome)

#### Sunday October 18th

Youth Devotional

### **Gospel Meetings & Etc.**

The **Summitville church of Christ** will host a Study Through Revelation on October 1-3 with services at 7 pm. Ken Butterworth will be teaching.

The **Dunlap church of Christ** will host a Ladies Day, on October 3, beginning at 8 am with Joyce Stearsman speaking on "Quilted components of the Spiritual Woman"

The **Earleyville church of Christ** will host a Gospel Singing on October 3, beginning at 7 pm.

The **East End church of Christ** will have their annual Homecoming and Gospel Meeting on October 4-7 with services at 7 pm. Kevin Key, their new preacher will be preaching.

The **Highland church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on October 4-6 with services at 7 pm. Charles Curtis will be preaching.

The **Dunlap church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on October 4-7 with services at 7 pm. Jackie Stearsman will be preaching.

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#### **Needed: Bus Drivers**

There is a need for additional bus drivers. If you are willing to obtain a CDL (if you do not already have one) and drive the bus please see Rodney Reynolds.

A Thougth to ponder ~There are no atheists in Hell~

#### October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	Harry Felty 28	29 Glynda Stevens	Justin Griffin 30	Garrett Walker	2 JOEL & SHIRLEY ADCOCK	3
4	Stephen Boyd	6	7	8 Larry Flatt Donna Newby	Daniel Boyd Carol Felty	10
Bible Bowl at Mt. Leo - 2 pm		TNT				
11 w.c. & nelma chilton	Willene Kell Bruce Pryor	Nelma Chilton	LARRY & JANE FLATT Heath Griffith Eva Simons	DAVID & BARBARA BOULDIN Raylee Vinson	16	Noah Muncy Joe T. Cantrell Jennifer Maynard Andy Slatton
	Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am					Parents Night Out
18	JOHN & SANDRA THURNE Derrick Pennington Myra Bell	Bo Rivers Christian Barrett Mildred Glenn Jim Slatton	21	22 Mildred Bumbalough Sarah Keli	23	24 Steve Smith Bailey Martin
Youth Devotional					Father-Son Campout Hickory Creek Farm	Fall Festival at Hickory Creek Farm
25 Kelly Thaxton	BRUCE & SHIRLEY NUNLEY Barbara Lorance Mary Flatt	27 HARLEY & BARBARA NORTHCUTT	28	PETE & GERRY WADDELL Cassie McGinness	BOBBY & CAROLYN 30 CANTRELL	31
TABS at Bybee Branch 6 pm	Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am					

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### Sunday Morning Worship

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Stanley Graves
Steve Boyd
Chris Neale
Hebrews 11:22
*Rodney Reynolds
*Larry Flatt
Jacob Griffin
Tyler Mitchell
Marc Martin
Rodney Maynard
John David Keele
Tyler Judkins
Tony Lawrence
Kevin Judkins

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First Prayer	Charles Gillies
Reading	Rodney Reynolds
	*Jamie Brock
	*Phillip Brock
	Tony Lawrence
	Ronnie Hoover

### Wednesday Bible Study

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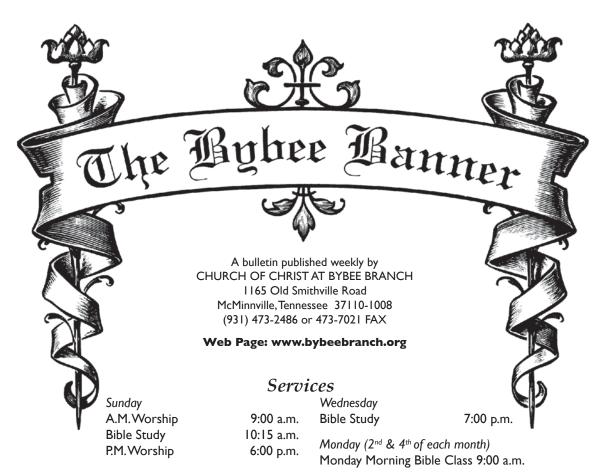
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Essie Hillis
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#### In The Hospital:

Wayne Jordan (Nancy Roger's brother) underwent lung cancer surgery on Monday at VA hospital in Nashville

Betty Upton-Heritage Medical Center, Shelbyville, TN

### **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M.....A Spiritual GPS P.M.....Question About Blasphemy of Holy Spirit

### Grudges

One day a visitor leaned on the fence around the farm while he watched an old farmer plowing with a mule. After a while the visitor said, "I don't like to tell people how to run their business, but you could save yourself a lot of work by saying 'Gee' and 'Haw" to the mule instead of just tugging on those lines."

The old farmer pulled a big handkerchief from his pocket and wiped his face. Then he said, "Reckon you're right, but the mule kicked me five years ago and I ain't spoke to him since."

The moral of the story seems obvious. A grudge is harder on the one holding it than the one it is held against.

The apostle Paul declared, "Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye" (Col.3:13). If God through His mercy will forgive your sins—surely we can forgive those who have offended us. Think about it.

~Tom Moore~

### **Shut-ins**

NHC (P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)

Florene Nokes (#106) Carol Sue Taylor (#212) Dora Mae Wilcher (#313)

#### **Raintree Manor**

Clercie Delon

#### Life Care Center of Sparta

(508 Mose Dr; Sparta, TN 38583) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister)

#### Windsor Place Nursing & Rehab Center

(81 Windsor Blvd; Columbus, MS 39702) Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)

## **Broadmore Assisted Living at Murfreesboro**

(3211 Memorial Blvd; Murfreesboro, TN 37129) Vivian Ferrell (Room 127)

#### Home:

Greg Grizzell

Georgia Jones

Willene Kell

Bobbie Mitchell

Debbie Fittro (Rickey Hurst's sister)

Clyde Paris (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's

brother-in-law)

Perry Woodlee (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's

brother)

Fuston & Freda Womack

Bobby Prater (Flossie Warren's brother-in-law)

*Joleta Reynolds (Rodney's sister-in-law)* 

Annie Louise Campbell (mother of Charlene

Palmer)

Nonie Grizzell

Elsie Felty (Harry's mother)

Asa Kell

Essie Hillis

Lucille Newby - at her son's, Carl Douglas

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Saturday October 17th

Parents Night Out (All ages welcome)

#### Sunday October 18th

- Youth Devotional
- Pew Packers

#### **Tuesday October 20th**

• TNT @ the Boyds

#### Wednesday October 21st

Birthday Wednesday

#### Sunday October 25th

• TABS @ Bybee Branch

#### Saturday October 31st

 Bible Bowl Study Session at the McColloch's (I-4 pm)

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### **Bible Bowl Memory Verses**

A new feature of the Bible Bowl this year is the added emphasis on memory verses. The young people have been challenged to memorize 10 verses each month and of that number 3 will be on the test. Why not expand that challenge to *all* of us? Here are the verses for October: Romans 5:5-8; 6:17-18; 7:7-9; 8:38-39. You will never regret the time you spent memorizing God's Word!

### **Baptism**

We rejoice last Wednesday evening to see Aaron Taylor baptized into Christ. Please pray for Aaron as he begins his new life in Christ.

### **Prospects**

If you know someone who is not attending church, why not invite them to come with you. If they cannot attend why not offer them a Bible Correspondence Course? Let us work for the Master!

### **Gospel Meetings & Etc.**

The **East End church of Christ** will have their annual Homecoming and Gospel Meeting on October 4-7 with services at 7 pm. Kevin Key, their new preacher will be preaching.

The **Highland church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on October 4-6 with services at 7 pm. Charles Curtis will be preaching.

The **Dunlap church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on October 4-7 with services at 7 pm. Jackie Stearsman will be preaching.

The **Pleasant Cove church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on October 4-6 with services at 7 pm. Different speakers will be preaching.

The **Smithville church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on October 4-6 with services at 7 pm. David Sain will be preaching.

The **West Riverside church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on October 11-14 with services at 7 pm. Vernon Joines will be preaching. Friends and Family day will be on October 11.

The **Harmony church of Christ** will host a Gospel Singing on October 9 with services at 7 pm.

### **Needed: Bus Drivers**

There is a need for additional bus drivers. If you are willing to obtain a CDL (if you do not already have one) and drive the bus please see Rodney Reynolds.

### **Sentence Sermons**

Continuing to treat a penitent sinner like a sinner is the surest way to drive him back to his sins.

Sin is sin. It is not changed by the passing of time, the number of participants, or the degree of social acceptance. Sin, unrepented and unforgiven ends in death of the soul.

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### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Joe Collins
Reading	Calvin Rogers
	I Corinthians 6:9-11
•	*Rodney Myers
	*Don Sullivan
	James Gillies
	Derek Vinson
	Justin Griffin
	David King
	Caleb Hughes
• •	Josh King
	Tony Lawrence
	David Bouldin

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Danny Duncan
Reading	Eddie Palmer
Scripture	Ephesians 4:4-6
Lord's Table	*Tyler Boyd
	*Stephen Felty
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Shannon Griffin

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Ethan Duncan
First Prayer	Mike Driver
Reading	Tommy Crouch
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bob Bonner

### **Welcome Committee**

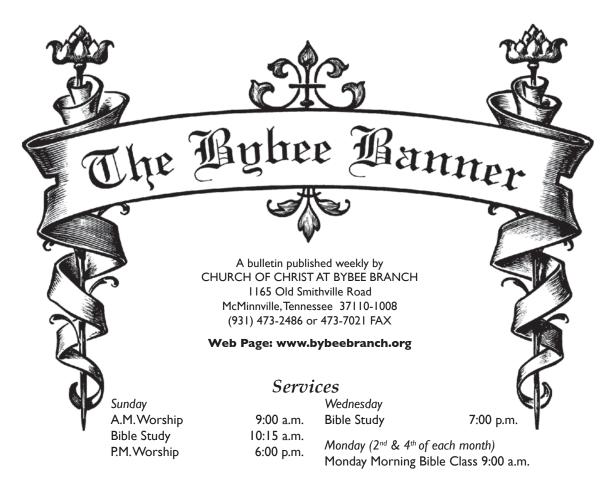
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#### In The Hospital:

Wayne Jordan (Nancy Roger's brother)-VA Hospital in Nashville ICU

Betty Upton-Heritage Medical Center, Shelbyville, TN #216

Nan Cantrell-River Park #200

Emily Groves (granddaughter of Ruby Huntley)-Baptist Hospital-successful back surgery on Monday

Georgia Brown-Centennial Medical Center-had two stints on Monday

Jane Flatt-St.Thomas-surgery on Thursday Jeremy Burks-Baptist Hospital-outpatient knee surgery on Friday

### **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M......Do You Need A Makeover? P.M.....Question About The Church: Just One?

### **Gospel Meetings & Etc.**

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### **Brother Ray**

I first met Ray Garraway on my first mission trip to South America. We had been cautioned to keep up with our luggage and not to let anyone we did not know handle the suitcases. When I was leaving the terminal going to our transportation, this short Amerindian ran up to me and insisted on helping me with my baggage. Of course, I insisted I did not need any help and politely told him to mind his own business. I later was introduced to Ray and on each of my many trips to Guyana since then, he has been my companion.

When Ray was converted by Wayne Pruitt he had to give up a lot to follow the truth. He was affiliated with the Baptist church and had a comfortable house furnished him as well as financial support. He gave all that up and soon was attending the School of Preaching in Georgetown. He graduated after two years and began preaching the gospel.

On one of my trips about 10 years ago, Bro Ray expressed the desire to leave the relatively comfortable life he had obtained and start a congregation among the Amerindians in the jungle. We made a primary trip to the interior and it was decided we would support his efforts. Over the years the congregation in Ykinipa has grown and Ray has become the person in the village that everyone turns to for advise and help.

Last Monday Ray had surgery to remove a large growth on his forehead. We had been trying for some time to find a doctor who would perform the operation as most of the doctors would not have anything to do with removing the tumor. He had to make a journey from his home to the capital of Georgetown for the surgery. The doctor was not able to remove all the tumor and said it was cancerous. The medical facilities are very limited and way below the standards of the United States so the prognosis is not good for Ray.

Would you add him to your prayer list and keep him and his wife Inez in your thoughts? He is 58 years old and faces a hard battle ahead. Every day we should be very thankful for the country we live in and the many blessings God has provided for us. I have put a picture of Ray on the bulletin board so you will know him a little better.

Harold Cook

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Sunday October 18th

- Pew Packers (kindergarten and down 5:40)
- Youth Devotional @ the Prince's

#### **Tuesday October 20th**

• TNT (1st – 5th Grade, at the Boyd's)

#### Wednesday October 21st

• Birthday Wednesday

#### Sunday October 25th

• TABS @ Bybee Branch

#### Saturday November 7th

Parent's Night Out (rescheduled from Oct. 17)

### From Tyler's Desk:

#### What Will The Priest Say?

For the ancient Israelites, leprosy was possibly the most feared disease. Leprosy was often fatal, but even when it did not kill, it would destroy the lives of its victims. Those sick with leprosy would be pronounced unclean, and would be forced to live in solitude for as long as they had their disease (which was often the rest of their lives).

Imagine the fear which must have fallen over an Israelite any time they got a rash. As discoloration appeared on their skin, they would surely worry and tremble in fear that their rash may be leprous.

When Israelites became infected with boils, swelling, or discoloration of their skin, they were required to show themselves before the priest. The priest would carefully determine whether or not their outbreak was leprous or not. They would look at things such as the color of the skin, the depth of the rash, the effect of the rash on the surrounding hair, and the rate at which it was spreading or disappearing.

Finally, after the inspection, the priest would give his judgment. As an Israelite was being inspected by the priest, he would fully understand the grave importance of the priest's verdict. The priest would call the person either "clean" or "unclean". One verdict would result in immediate relief. The other would result in complete loss of hope. What would the priest say?

Health problems continue to cause heartache and

hopelessness for many people today. But no diagnosis of cancer, or discovery of heart trouble can ever compare to the severity of another more prevalent disease – the disease of sin. As Leviticus 13-14 gives details about the horrors of leprosy, it foreshadows the horrors of our sin.

Sin, like leprosy, is fatal. It leaves us in solitude, forced to live without God. It leaves us unclean and unholy in God's eyes. It causes pain. It causes heartache. It ruins lives.

Just as any Israelite with skin problems had to appear before the priest for their judgment, we too must appear before our Priest. He will look carefully, and then give a judgment. One verdict will result in joy and relief. The other will result in a loss of all hope. When the Priest inspects you, will he find unforgiven sin? Will the Priest say "clean" or "unclean"?

### **Boomerangs Return**

"Be sure your sins will find you out" (Num.23:23). Sin is often tempting because it seems to be the easy way out—the short cut. But the consequences are like boomerangs, they will come back to kick us.

After moving into a new home, a woman in Detroit became weary of salesman after salesman ringing her doorbell. When still another came, she yelled through the door, "I can't talk to you! I'm on a long distance call."

But the man kept ringing.

Finally, she threw open the door and began bawling him out, "I told you I was on the phone long distance. Why do you keep bothering me?"

The man smiled and said softly, "Ma'am, I am from the telephone company. I've come to connect your phone."

Lying has eternal consequences. "All liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone, which is the second death" (Rev.21:8).

But like most sins, there are implications for today. One punishment of a liar is that he is not to be believed, even when he speaks the truth.

A worse punishment of a liar is that he cannot believe anyone else. Have you heard someone say, "I don't trust anybody?" It may be a boomerang which he has thrown coming back home. Volume 52, Number 42 October 25, 2009

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
	Harold Cook
	David Roberts
_	Titus 1:15-16
	*Bruce Pryor
(S)	*Michael Andrews
	Harry Felty
	Joe T. Cantrell
• •	Don Cathey
	Dustin Rhea
	John Nussbaum
` '	Robert Elam
` '	Tony Lawrence
	, David Keele

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Dustin Rhea
Lead SingingJames Gi	llies, Jacob Griffin, Justin
Griffin, and John David Kee	ele
First Prayer	Cory Prince
Reading	Phillip Brock
Scripture	Proverbs 6:16-19
Lord's Table	*Ben Biles
	*Parker Smith
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Kane Maynard

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	. (668-9581) Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Calvin Rogers
Reading	Darron Dixon
_	Rickey Burks
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### **Welcome Committee**

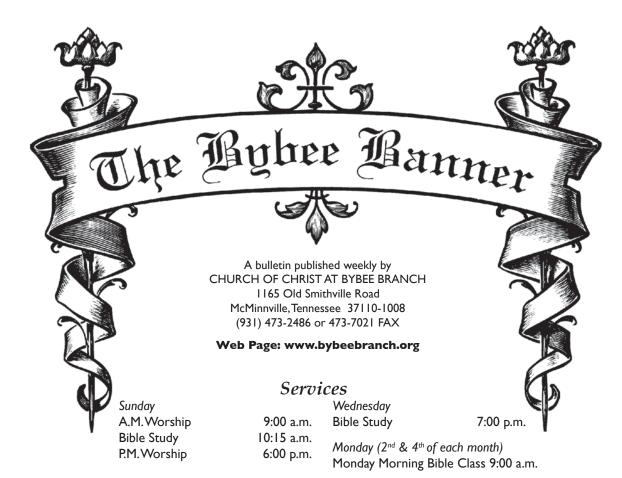
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P.M	Harold & Judy Cook

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Lock Building:	Shannon Griffin	
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#### In The Hospital:

Mike Killian (brother-in-law to Elaine Hoover)-brain surgery on Monday at Erlanger

### Sunday's Sermons

A.M.....Practical Atheism P.M....."

"Hands That Shed Innocent Blood"

#### **Fall Festival**

The annual Fall Festival will be this Saturday, October 24, at Dale Bennett's Hickory Creek Farm. Time for the meal will be around 5 pm. If you can bring chili or soup, please sign the list on the bulletin board. If you are unable to bring those, please bring a dessert. There are maps on the table in the foyer, and signs will be posted on both Viola and Vervilla roads.

### **Father-Son Camp Out**

The annual Father-Son Camp Out will be this Friday night at Dale Bennett's Hickory Creek Farm.

#### Restorations

Two precious souls responded Sunday to the Lord's invitation. On Sunday morning Ben Biles came forward and on Sunday evening Kayla Maynard came forward. Keep these two young people in your prayers.

### **Monday Morning Bible Class**

This coming Monday morning will be the scheduled Monday Morning Bible Class but the class will meet at the building at 9 am and travel by bus to Rock Island State Park for a Bible Class and afterward a "brown bag" picnic. Everyone is invited to come and after bring a sack lunch.

### **Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Betty Upton. She was the sister of our Asa Kell. She passed away Monday and her funeral service will be Wednesday afternoon at I pm at the McMinnville Funeral Home.

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Tuesday October 20th

• TNT (Ist – 5th Grade, 3-5pm at the Boyd's)

#### Wednesday October 21st

• Birthday Wednesday

#### Friday October 23rd

Father & Son Campout

#### Saturday October 24th

Fall Festival

#### Sunday October 25th

• TABS @ Bybee Branch

#### Saturday October 31st

 Bible Bowl Study Session @ the McColloch's (I-4pm)

#### Sunday November Ist

• Bible Bowl @ New Union (Romans 5-8)

### From Tyler's Desk:

#### Why Does It Rain?

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose." — Isaiah 55:10-11

This fall has turned out to be one of the wettest falls in recent years. It seems its raining almost every other day. But even in all this rain, we understand the blessings we receive from it. God sends us rain for a purpose. The rain waters the earth, which in turn causes plants to grow, giving an abundance of food. If rain didn't accomplish this purpose, rain would just be... wet.

In I Kings 19, Elijah had reached a discouraging point in his life. He felt like he was all alone in his suffering. He traveled a day's journey into the wilderness, and prayed to God to take away his life.

God answered Elijah's prayer, but not in the way Elijah had asked. Instead of taking away his life, God gave Elijah food and drink. Elijah ate and drank, but then laid down again to die.

Apparently, Elijah did not understand why he had received this blessing from God. Therefore God sent an angel a second time, and gave Elijah more food and drink. This time the angel commanded Elijah "Eat and drink, for the journey is to great for you." This second time, Elijah consumed his meal, and used the strength from that meal to travel to Horeb, which was known as the "mountain of God."

Just as God sends rain for a purpose, God gives us strength for a purpose. When God feeds and refreshes our souls, he does so to renew our strength, so we can proclaim his glory. Use the God given strength you have to carry out God's service.

#### **Lessons from an Ant Mound**

Have you ever watched an ant colony at work? The complex tasks that the colony is able to perform while working together surely holds lessons worthy for our consideration. Solomon wrote by inspiration, "Go to the ant, thou sluggard and consider her ways" (Prov. 6:6). Let us take his inspired directive and consider a few of the things ants can teach us.

#### An Ant Will Work for Its Colony/Family

Ants move tirelessly, carrying loads far larger than themselves in order to provide for the family. How do we measure up? We must follow the ant's example in providing for our families (ITim. 5:8). Also,

there is the responsibility for the Christian to carry his load in the spiritual family (Phil. 2:2-5; I Cor. 15:58).

## An Ant Is Not Too Prideful to Do the Grunt Work

Could you imagine watching a line of ants scurrying to a recently killed beetle, each one dutifully taking his portion and returning it to the colony, only to have one step out of line and turn his nose up at the beetle? "I don't transport beetle," we might imagine him saying, "that is below me." No, ants get it right when it comes to doing the grunt work, it is the humans that sometimes need a little help. Pride is the great enemy of a Christian who desires to do the work of the Lord (Prov. 16:18). The solution is to remember for whom we work: the Lord (Col. 3:23).

#### **An Ant Works Well With Others**

There are certain plains in Africa where there are no elephants, and why? Because ants live there! Siafu ants number up to two million ants per colony. The soldiers will literally form a covered bridge made from their own interlinked bodies in order to protect the workers. They work so well together that they devour everything in their path and can even kill and eat an elephant. Consider the "elephants" confronting the Lord's church today: liberalism; denominationalism; Islam; secular humanism; the homosexual agenda; etc. When the Lord's body works together, these "giants" move (Num. 13:31-33; 14:9). Shall we pick up stones (Num. 14:10) or pick up one another (Gal. 6:2)? Infighting and disputing will destroy the work (II Tim. 2:23; Titus 3:9). Can we challenge ourselves not to fall in line with stone throwers but to work together to move the "elephants"?

~Matthew Jones~

### **Sentence Sermons**

"Wild oats is a crop that needs no fertilizer to produce thirty-fold, sixty-fold, or a hundred-fold."

"Worry looks around, sorry looks back, Faith looks up"

"The best things in life aren't things."

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### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Noel Pepper
Reading	Dustin Hillis
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table (N)	*Dennis Gann
	*Doug Hendrixson
	Ryan McColloch
(N)	Lynn Gann
	Jared Mullican
	Steve Smith
	Parker Smith
• •	Ben Biles
• /	Tyler Boyd
	Paul Hurst

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Bruce Pryor
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Tommy Crouch
	*Jeff Flatt
Sermon	Tyler Boyd
Closing Prayer	Jacob Thurne

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-3537) Jamie Brock
Lead Singing	Danny Duncan
First Prayer	Kurt Maynard
Reading	Christian Barrett
Invitation	Tyler Boyd
Dismiss	Tim Fisher

### **Welcome Committee**

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	Jamie Brock Family

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Perry Woodlee (brother of Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin)-Manchester Medical Center

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Marilyn Maxwell, sister-in-law to our Georgia Jones. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this writing.

Sympathy also to the family of Zed Campbell, uncle to our Charlene Palmer, He passed away last Saturday.

#### Restorations

On Sunday evening Regina Templeton came forward requesting the prayers of the church. Please remember Regina in your daily prayers.

### **Gospel Meeting & Lectureship**

The Wheeler Hill church of Christ near Pikeville will have a Gospel Meeting November 1-5, with services at 7 pm. with Tony Lawrence preaching.

The Leoni church of Christ will host their 22nd Annual Bob Ford Memorial Lectureship on November 6-8 on the theme: Paul And His Teachings. See the flyer on the bulletin board for times and speakers.

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Saturday October 31st

• Bible Bowl Study Session @ the McColloch's (1-4pm)

#### Sunday November 1st

• Bible Bowl @ New Union (Romans 5-8)

#### You Tell On Yourself

You tell on yourself by the friends you seek, By the very manner in which you speak, By the way you employ your leisure time, By the use you make of the dollar and dime. You tell on yourself by the things you wear, By the spirit in which your burdens bear, By the kind of things that make you laugh, By the places you go to photograph. You tell on yourself by the way you walk, By the things of which you delight to talk, By the manner in which you bear defeat, By so simple a thing as how you eat. By the books you choose from the well-filled shelf, In these ways and more, you tell on yourself. So there is not even a particle of sense, In an effort to keep up a false pretense.

~Selected~

### **The Piercing Nails**

It was the darkest day in history When lesus died for the lost For there was pain with cries of rejection When lesus was nailed to the cross.

Each hour brought suffering and sorrow Among their mockery and yells Such pain cannot even be imagined As they drove in the piercing nails.

Yet there was also such power and glory Because our Lord had not failed For He brought love with great salvation When the enemy drove in the nails.

~Benny B. Bristow~

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Bible Bowl at New Union 2 pm						
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Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
	Bob Bonner
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Scripture	Galatians 6:15-16
•	*Steve Boyd
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	Kane Maynard
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• •	Kelly Hillis
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	Tony Lawrence
	David Chilton

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Reading	James Gillies
Scripture	John 1:42
	*Jamie Brock
	*Phillip Brock
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Noel Pepper

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-3537) Jamie Brock
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	Charles Gillies
Reading	Sam Gillies
Invitation	Kurt Maynard
Dismiss	Shannon Griffin

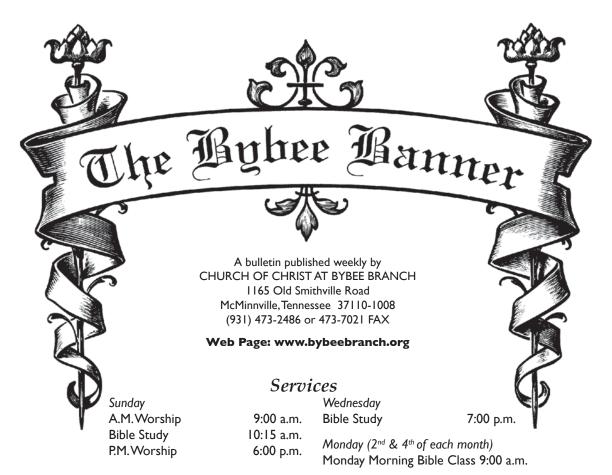
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Judy Nussbaum (following shoulder surgery)

Essie Hillis

Dora Mullican (after a fall)

Nan Cantrell

Emily Groves (granddaughter of Ruby Huntley)

Georgia Brown

Wayne Jordan (Nancy Roger's brother)

Marsha Collins

Mike Killian (brother-in-law to Elaine Hoover)

#### In The Hospital:

Vera Settles-hospital in Texas with blood clot in liver Perry Woodlee (brother of Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin)-moved to Raintree Manor Debbie Kell (daughter-in-law of Asa & Sarah Kell)surgery Thursday at Baptist Hospital

### **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M..... Living By The Rules P.M...... Why Are There So Many Translations?

#### Restorations

On Wednesday evening Conner Dixon and Erin Duncan came forward requesting prayers. Please continue to remember these two young people in your prayers.

### **New Arrival**

Congratulations to Lucille Newby on becoming a great grandmother. Carla & Ethan Huffard are the proud parents of a new baby boy. Eli Jude Huffard was born October 31, at 3:17 pm weighing 7lbs. 8oz., 22 1/2 inches long.

When it comes to church — You are not too bad to come in. You are not too good to stay out.

### **Shut-ins**

NHC (P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)

Florene Nokes (#106)

Carol Sue Taylor (#2 12)

Dora Mae Wilcher (#313)

#### Raintree Manor

Clercie Delon

Perry Woodlee (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's brother)

#### Life Care Center of Sparta

(508 Mose Dr; Sparta, TN 38583)
Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister)

#### Windsor Place Nursing & Rehab Center

(81 Windsor Blvd; Columbus, MS 39702)
Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)

## **Broadmore Assisted Living at Murfreesboro**

(3211 Memorial Blvd; Murfreesboro, TN 37129) Vivian Ferrell (Room 127)

#### Home:

Greg Grizzell

Georgia Iones

Willene Kell

Bobbie Mitchell

Debbie Fittro (Rickey Hurst's sister)

Clyde Paris (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's

brother-in-law)

Fuston & Freda Womack

Bobby Prater (Flossie Warren's brother-in-law)

Joleta Reynolds (Rodney's sister-in-law)

Annie Louise Campbell (mother of Charlene

Palmer)

Nonie Grizzell

Elsie Felty (Harry's mother)

Asa Kell

Essie Hillis

Lucille Newby - at her son's, Carl Douglas

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Tuesday November 3<sup>rd</sup>

TNT at the church building (Ist – 5th Grades)

#### Sunday November 8th

• Pew Packers (Kindergarten and down)

#### Sunday November 15th

Youth Devo @ the Griffin's

#### Tuesday November 17th

TNT (If you would like to host, please see Tyler)

### From Tyler's Desk:

#### Shield of Faith

"In all circumstances take up the shield of faith" – Ephesians 6:16

Paul, the writer of Ephesians teaches that faith, like a shield, provides protection. But for just a second, think about the protection Paul's faith provided him.

In 2 Corinthians II we learn that Paul suffered beatings at the hand of the Jews. Where was Paul's shield of faith?

Paul was once stoned. Why did Paul's faith not protect him?

Paul was shipwrecked, suffered toil and hardship, he was often without food, and suffered exposed in the cold. On top of all this, Paul was under a constant pressure to help the churches. Where was Paul's shield of faith? Why did his faith not provide him protection?

Or perhaps, Paul's faith did protect him. Notice that when Paul wrote about the shield of faith, he teaches that we should take it up in "all circumstances". A shield does not protect a soldier from having to go into battle. A shield protects a soldier when he is in the thick of the battle.

Our faith does not protect us from the hardships in life. It provides the hope and endurance we need to keep going in those hardships.

May we always take up our shield of faith, so that having faced all of life's hardships, we may still be able to say the following words with Paul:"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

### **Football Christianity**

**Quarterback Sneak:** Church members quietly leaving the auditorium before the end of the service.

**Draw Play:** What many children do with the bulletin or visitor cards during worship.

**Draft Choice:** Selection of the seats closest to the back.

**Half-Time:** The time between Bible class and the worship service.

**Bench Warmers:** Those who do not sing, pray, work, or apparently do anything but sit.

**Backfield In Motion:** Making two or three trips out during a 30-minute sermon.

**Fumble:** Dropping a book, singing the wrong verse, or standing while others are still seated.

**Staying in the Pocket:** What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work.

**Two-minute Warning:** When the preacher begins to give the invitation, giving everyone time to gather coats, children and belongings.

**Sudden Death:** What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher goes "overtime."

**Blitz:** The rush for the restaurants following the closing prayer.

**End Run:** Getting out of the building quick, without speaking to any guest or fellow member.

**Flex Defense:** The ability to not allow the sermon to change your life in any way.

**Half-Back Option:** The decision of 50% of the congregation not to return for the evening service.

~author unknown~

The above little bulletin clip has been around for a long time and has been edited and adapted into many different forms. However, there is a lot of truth in it. Remember worship is an important devotion to God, we should treat it as such.T.L.

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First Prayer	Rickey Hurst
Reading	Kevin Flatt
Scripture	Luke 24:32
Lord's Table (N)	*Bobby Ashford
	*David Bouldin
	Rodney Maynard
	Gordon Fults
	Joe Maynard
	Derek Vinson
, ,	Robert Elam
• •	Justin Griffin
	Tony Lawrence
	Ken Martin

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	.(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Paul Hurst
Reading	Jeff Rhea
Scripture	Proverbs 18:24
Lord's Table	*Rodney Myers
	*Kelly Thaxton
	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Jacob Griffin

### Wednesday Bible Study

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Reading	Mike Driver
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
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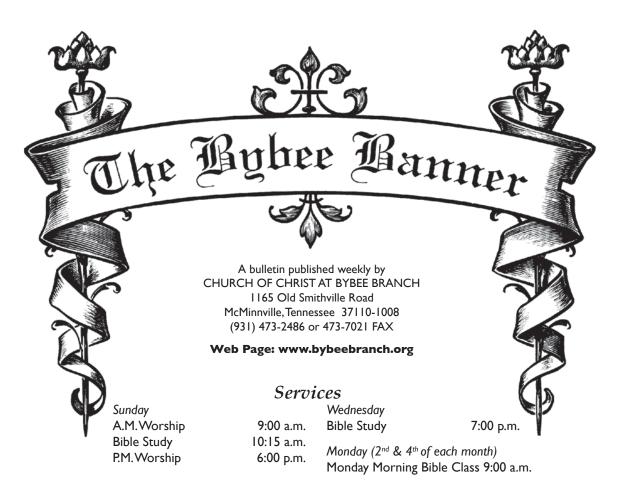
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Mike Killian (brother-in-law to Elaine Hoover)
Vera Settles
Gordon Fults (will have tests Friday)

#### In The Hospital:

David Keele (surgery Wednesday at River Park)
Debbie Kell (daughter-in-law of Asa & Sarah Kell)Baptist Hospital
Horace Burks (brother of Rickey Burks)-St.Thomas

### **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M.....A Spiritual Heartburn P.M.....Practical Principles Of A Friendly Church.

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to three families that have suffered the loss of their family members this past week:

Sympathy to the family of Debbie Fittro, sister of Rickey Hurst. Her funeral was this past Sunday in Knoxville, TN.

Sympathy to the family of Nan Hildreth, mother of Danny Hildreth. Her funeral was this past Sunday at Highs.

Sympathy to the family of Elsie Felty, mother of Harry Felty. She passed away Monday evening and her arrangements are incomplete at this time.

### **Change of Address**

Please make the following change in your church directory:

Georgia Jones P.O. Box 62

McMinnville, TN 37111-0062

### **Baptism**

On Thursday afternoon Perry Woodlee was baptized into Christ. We rejoice with him and his sisters in the flesh. Nelma Chilton and Nona Martin.

#### Welcome back

The elders announced Sunday that Rickey & Lisa Burks and family are now back working with the church here again. Their current address is: 7537 Francis Ferry Rd.

Rock Island, TN 38581-4123

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Sunday November 15th

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#### Tuesday November 17th

TNT (If you would like to host, please see Tyler)

#### Wednesday November 18th

Birthday Wednesday

#### Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup>

- TABS @ Grundy Street
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### From Tyler's Desk:

#### The Price of Peace

There are different types of peace: among nations, between races, between individuals, within churches, etc. But by far the greatest kind of peace is peace with God. But because of our sin, peace with God has a high price.

Romans 5:1 teaches that we have "peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." Paul continued to explain this statement through the rest of the chapter. A few verses later, we read "For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son" (Romans 5:10). Did you catch that? When we were in our sins, we were enemies with God. But through the death of His Son, we have been reconciled, and peace has been made.

Through this "peace offering," God has offered peace with man. But now the responsibility for peace now relies on man obeying God. In fact, earlier in

the letter to the Romans, Paul wrote, "There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil... but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good." There is no other way to have peace with God except to faithfully obey his commandments.

The price of peace is high, but it is worth it. "May the peace of God be with you all. Amen" – Romans 15:33

### What Is "Beautiful Singing?"

How many times have you worshiped in the assembly following which you heard, or might have said, "Boy was that beautiful singing!" Honestly, I have both heard it and said it myself. And, rightfully so. Some of the most beautiful singing in the world occurs in the church with absolutely no mechanical instruments involved! Furthermore, I am one who likes beautiful singing.

However, I got to thinking about it and wondered if God looks at our singing in that way. Does He put stress on the beauty of the voices that are singing or on something else? Will He accept singing that we would describe as something less than beautiful? Does the beauty of a Christian's voice have anything to do with whether or not he (or she) is pleasing God in such?

Obviously, it seems to me that God does not place the emphasis on the beauty of what is offered to Him, whether it is singing, praying, preaching, giving, etc. That can be seen simply by noting Jesus' condemnation of what the Pharisees did in Matthew 23.27, 28:"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. Even so you also outwardly appear righteous to men, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness." Conclusion: it takes more than the "beauty" of what we do to be acceptable to the Lord. As far as our singing in worship is concerned we can have the most beautiful voice in the world and be unacceptable to God if we are not living a faithful Christian life.

We can glean much about the emphasis that God places on our singing when we view several passages...

I Corinthians 14.15. "What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding." The context of this verse is miraculous singing given by the Holy Spirit and singing it in the assembly in a language that others can hear and benefit. It seems that from this passage we can learn at least two things.

- Our singing today must be authorized by the Holy Spirit. Whatever we do in our singing in worship must be patterned after what the Holy Spirit has revealed in the Word.
- - Our singing must be done so that others can understand it. Understanding of the messages in our songs is just as important as understanding the messages presented from the pulpit!

Ephesians 5.19. "Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." It seems to me that there are at least four things in this passage that will help us.

- Our singing involves "speaking." That is what God wants. Notice that nothing is said about a mechanical instrument.
- - Our singing involves "speaking to one another." That would involve everyone singing. How could I be speaking to another in song when I am not participating in it?
- -- Our singing involves "making melody in your heart." It is crucial, I think, to understand that there is an instrument involved in our singing to the Lord. It is the heart, that is where our melody is to spring forth.
- - Our singing is "to the Lord." All worship, including our singing, is directed to the Lord. While we do benefit from the songs that are sung, we also are offering them to the Lord in our worship.

Colossians 3.16. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." At least two more things can be said about singing in this verse.

- Our singing involves "teaching." All one has to do is to glance through our song books to see many great sermons preached in our songs. When we get away from the teaching aspect of our singing and substitute other forms of music (humming and other sounds made with the mouth, hands, etc.), then our singing is not approved by Christ.
- - Our singing involves "admonishing." To admonish is "to put in the mind; warn." It seems to me that our songs, in many respects, parallel our preaching. We are both to teach and warn in our preaching as well as to teach and warn in our singing!

Let us remember that "beautiful" singing to the Lord involves at least those things mentioned above. And, let us strive to have more "beautiful" singing in the church. Think about it!

~Kevin Williams~

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	Michael Andrews
•	Ethan Duncan
_	Leviticus 10:1-3
	*Eddie Palmer
	*Joe Collins
	Jacob Griffin
	Kevin Judkins
• •	Dickie Kesey
	Matt Martin
	James Gillies
• •	Christian Barrett
	Tony Lawrence
	Harold Cook

### Sunday Evening Worship

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First Prayer	Willie Newby
Reading	Dustin Rhea
Scripture	Hebrews 10:36-39
	*Ronnie Prince
	*Ricky Prince
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Rodney Reynolds

### Wednesday Bible Study

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Medical Center
Avie Clemons-Middle Tennessee Medical Center,

Avie Clemons-Middle Tennessee Medical Center, surgery Wednesday

David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father)-Summit Medical Center

### **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M......Two Sons Burned! P.M.....Questions: Can One Lose His Salvation?

### **Gospel Singing**

The Pleasant Knoll church of Christ will host an area wide singing on Friday, November 20, beginning at 7 pm.

### **Monday Morning Bible Class**

Every second and fourth Monday's of the month the Monday Morning Bible Class meets at 9 am. This is a simple Bible class with about 15-20 interested folks. Everyone is welcome to attend, young or old. There are people from several congregations that attend this class. Why not come and enjoy the hour of Bible study and great fellowship? The next class will be this Monday and the study will begin at Philippians 4:8. We would love to see you there!

# How Much Do You Own In That Direction?

George Washington Truett was a preacher in Dallas for 47 years. He once visited a wealthy West Texas rancher and had dinner in his huge ranch home. After dinner, the rancher took Dr. Truett up to a veranda on top of his house, and lit up a big cigar. The sun was setting, and if you've ever been to West Texas, you know you can see a long way out there. The man pointed to the south toward some oil rigs and said, "I own everything in that direction as far as you can see." He pointed east toward some cotton fields and said, And I own everything in that direction, too." He pointed north toward a huge herd of cattle and bragged, "And preacher, I own everything as far as you can see in that direction." He turned to the west, and said, "And I own everything you can see in that direction, except the sun, of course."

Dr.Truett turned to the man and pointed straight up in the sky and said, "And how much do you own in that direction?"

It's a sobering question for all of us. We are surrounded constantly by the "things" of this world, and it is so easy to think that these "things" are the things that matter most—a nice car, a nice home, nice clothes (and don't forget all the necessary electronic gadgets!). And so, if we're not careful, we may seek to accumulate more and more, without regard to our relationship with God. As the rich fool discovered in Luke 12, we will all one day be forced to recognize that the material things we have accumulated have no eternal value.

Jesus said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

How much do you own in that direction?

~author unknown - from Bulletin Gold~

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Wednesday November 18th

• Birthday Wednesday

#### Sunday November 22nd

- TABS @ Grundy Street
- Game Night, following TABS until Midnight @ the church building

### From Tyler's Desk:

#### A Good Man

How do you want to be remembered after your life is over? If you were forever to be remembered by just one word, what word would others us to describe your life?

In Acts 11:24, Barnabas was described as being a "good man". And a good man he was. In fact, "Barnabas" was not even his real name. He was a man named Joseph, but his good character earned him the nickname "Barnabas", which means "son of encouragement" (Acts 4:36).

Barnabas earned his good reputation because of his generosity. The first time we read of Barnabas is in Acts chapter 4. Verse 37 tells of a time when Barnabas "sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet." Barnabas understood that relatively speaking, possessions were of little value in comparison to the importance of the church.

Barnabas earned his good reputation by courageously doing the right thing, even when others would not. The next time we see Barnabas is shortly after Saul's conversion. In Acts 9:37, we read that when Saul attempted to join the disciples, "they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe he was a disciple. But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord." The beginning of Paul's great service to God began with the encouragement of the good man, Barnabas.

Barnabas earned his good reputation by encouraging young Christians. The church at Antioch was the first church made up of primarily Gentiles.

When the church in Jerusalem heard of the new congregation in Antioch, they sent Barnabas to them. In Acts 11:23 we read, "When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a good man."

Barnabas earned his good reputation by devoting his life to the service of God. Barnabas continued to serve with Paul through his first missionary journey, and continued with John Mark on a missionary journey to Cyprus. Barnabas earned his "good" reputation every day of his life.

Will you be remembered as a "good" person? What are you doing to earn that reputation? Do you give generously? Do you stand up for what's right? Do you encourage the Christians around you? Or has Satan convinced you to live otherwise? If so, he may cause you to forfeit your "good" reputation.

### **How To Observe Thanksgiving**

Count your blessings instead of your crosses; Count your gains instead of your losses.

Count your joys instead of your woes; Count your friend instead of your foes.

Count your smiles instead of your tears; Count your courage instead of your fears.

Count your kind deeds instead of your mean. Count your full years instead of your lean;

Count your health instead of your wealth. Count on God instead of yourself.

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"4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

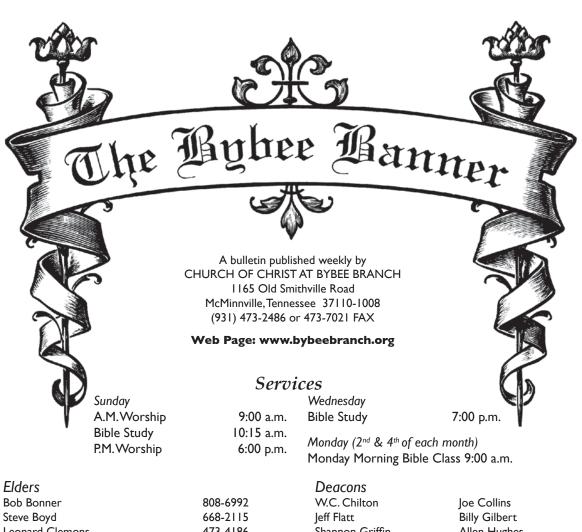
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Contribution \$5,178

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#### In The Hospital:

Debbie Kell (daughter-in-law of Asa & Sarah Kell)-Baptist Hospital

Lavoy Duncan (Danny's father)-moved to Raintree

### **Sympathy**

We want to express our sympathy to two families who lost loved ones.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Roeba Jones, mother of Glyna Lee. She passed away Monday evening at River Park ICU and the arrangements are incomplete at this writing. Her funeral will be at McMinnville Funeral Home.

We also express our deepest sympathy to the family of Bearl Tucker, step-grandfather to Allen Hughes. He passed away Tuesday morning. His arrangements are also incomplete. Brother Tucker was a member at East End.

### **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M	Facing The Facts
P.M	Young Men Conduct Services

### **Ladies Holiday Party**

The Ladies Annual Holiday Party will be at the Inn at Harvest Farms on December 7 at 6 pm. All ladies are invited to attend. Cost is \$13.50. See Sherry Graves.

#### **SIN: A Before and After Picture**

The following are some thought-provoking characteristics of sin, before and after it has been committed.

Before sin: I hear temptation whispering in my ears, gently beckoning me to give in (James 1:14).

After sin: Shame haunts me day and night. There is no rest from my guilt (James 1:15).

Before sin: I cannot put a price on the joy that sin would bring me (Luke 12:19).

After sin: No price would be too high to regain my innocence (Matthew 16:26).

Before sin: I cannot live without it! (Matthew 26:15). After sin: I cannot live with myself (Matthew 27:5).

Before sin: No one will know (Joshua 7:21).

After sin: I know...and God knows (Genesis 39:9).

Before sin: No one will get hurt (2 Samuel 12:1-19). After sin: Sin has devastated my life and the lives of others (Exodus 20:5).

Before sin: God loves me (Romans 8:39).

After sin: God loves me still, and awaits my return

(Romans 5:28).

Before sin: All have sinned! (Romans 3:23)

After sin: Hear (Romans 10:17), believe (John 8:24), repent (Acts 17:30), confess (Acts 8:37), be baptized (Mark 16:16), and live in accordance to God's will until death (2 Timothy 4:7-8). Or, simply seek God's forgiveness if you already are a Christian (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9).

Oh, the deceitfulness of sin (Hebrews 3:13)! May we all look deep below the surface to see it for what it really is. Don't let sin become your death trap. Rather, live for God and inherit eternal life (Galatians 2:20; Hebrews 6:11-12).

~Darrell Powell~

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>

- Bible Bowl Study Session @ the Maynard's
   Sunday December 6<sup>th</sup>
- Bible Bowl @ Morrison (Romans 9-12)

### From Tyler's Desk:

#### Rabboni!

Mary Magdalene was weeping. Her friend, and Lord Jesus had been crucified. And to make matters worse, his body was no longer in the tomb. She did not know Jesus was risen from the dead. She was weeping because she thought someone had taken Jesus away, and she did not know where they had taken his body.

While she was standing there at the tomb, perplexed, she heard a "gardener" ask her to question "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" In response, Mary asked the gardener if he knew where they had taken the body of Jesus.

Then she heard the gardener's response. He responded by simply stating her name: "Mary." Mary then realized she was mistaken. This was no gardener! As she realized the gardener was actually Jesus, she turned and said "Rabboni!"

In his commentary on the book of John, Guy N. Woods explains the title "Rabboni." He explains that it literally means "MY GREAT TEACHER." "It was a title of Jewish teachers," Woods writes. "There were three degrees: (1) Rab, teacher; (2) Rabbi, my teacher; (3) Rabboni, my great teacher."

If you are like me, you have probably had many teachers over the years. You probably remember some teachers better than others. While I would struggle to even remember the names and faces of some teachers, there are other's whom I remember with much more detail. And there are a few teachers who I remember as "great teachers." My "great teachers" are the ones I remember the best. I still remember the lessons they taught and the advice they gave. In fact, there are a few teachers I continue to go to for advice, even long after taking their classes.

As a Christian, one teacher should rank far above any others. Is Jesus your greatest teacher? Do you love the lessons he has taught? Do you study his teaching daily? Does his teachings influence you more than anything else in this life? Do you continue to go to him for advice?

One day, like Mary, we will turn and see Jesus face to face. When you see him on that day, will you be able to call him "Rabboni"?

### **Complaining**

A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, got together to visit their old university professor. The conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in work and life. Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups—porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain-looking, some expensive, and some exquisite—telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

After all the former students had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said: "If you noticed, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is but normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the drink. What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups and then began eyeing each other's cups."

Now consider this: Life is the coffee, and the jobs, houses, cars, things, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life, and the type of cup we have does not define nor change the quality of life we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee.

Enjoy your coffee. Being happy doesn't mean everything's perfect. It means you've decided to see beyond the imperfections.

~From Bulletin Gold Extra~

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### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Bruce Pryor
Reading	Cory Prince
Scripture	Galatians 5: I
Lord's Table (N)	*David Chilton
(S)	*Ken Martin
(N)	Marc Martin
(N)	Harold McGinness
(N)	Eugene Wilcher
(S)	Lee Gann
(S)	Kevin Flatt
(S)	Harry Felty
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Dennis Gann

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Ronnie Hoover
Reading	Steve Wilcher
Scripture	Acts 9:10-11
Lord's Table	*Tyler Boyd
	*Stephen Felty
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Tyler Judkins

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-7078) Danny Duncan
Lead Singing	Justin Griffin
First Prayer	Paul Hurst
Reading	Darron Dixon
Invitation	Tyler Boyd
Dismiss	Ronnie Prince

### **Welcome Committee**

A.M	Jeff Rhea Family
	Rita Prince & Rachel Aldridge

Bus Driver:.....Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

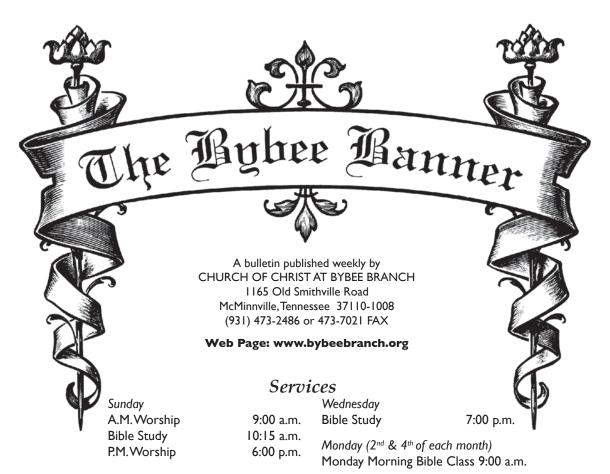
Ushers:	. Jamie Brock & Paul Hurst
Attend Nursery:	Sonia Vandagriff
Lock Building:	Jeff Templeton
Prepare Communi	on:Jeff Rhea Family
Assist with Baptis	ms: Mary Flatt & Denice Rhea
Pantry Item:	Cake Icing
<b>Elder Closing Ren</b>	narks: Leonard Clemons

#### Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	304
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$5,811

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Debbie Kell (daughter-in-law of Asa & Sarah Kell)

#### In The Hospital:

none known at this time

### Sympathy

Death has continued to touch several of our families, We express our deepest sympathy to the following families:

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Buford Woodlee and Perry Woodlee. These two brothers died the same week and were brothers to Nelma Chilton and Nona Martin. They were mistakenly left out of last week's bulletin.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Levoy Duncan, father of Danny Duncan. His funeral was this past Friday.

### **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M.....Freedom
P.M...Questions: Should I Pray The "Sinner's Prayer?"

### **Ladies Holiday Party**

The Ladies Annual Holiday Party will be at the Inn at Harvest Farms on December 7 at 6 pm. All ladies are invited to attend. Cost is \$13.50. See Sherry Graves.

### **Annual Holiday Party**

The annual Holiday Party for the whole congregation will be following the evening services on December 13. Look for what to bring in next week's bulletin.

### **New Quarter begins Sunday**

The winter Bible School quarter begins this Sunday. If you have not been attending class for a while, this would be a great time to start back. Teaching in the Sunday morning adult Bible classes will be David Keele teaching the Adult II class that meets in the fellowship room, Harold Cook teaching the Young Adult class meeting in room 1, and Tony Lawrence will be teaching the auditorium class.

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Saturday December 5th

• Bible Bowl Study Session @ the Maynard's

#### Sunday December 6th

• Bible Bowl @ Morrison (Romans 9-12)

#### Saturday December 12th

"A Jolly Ole' Time"

#### Sunday December 13th

Pew Packers

#### **Tuesday December 15th**

• TNT (Sing to shut-ins)

#### **Wednesday December 16th**

Birthday Wednesday

### **Prepare Communion for 2010**

Those who can are asked to sign the sheet on the bulletin board to prepare the communion for 2010.

### **Area Wide Singing**

The Woodbury church of Christ will host a Friday Night Singing on December 11, 2009 at 7 pm.

"Jesus said to him," 'You shall love the LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." Matthew 22:37 NKJV

### December 2009

December 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
WILLUS & EDITH ROBERTS	Stefanie McColloch	Susan Pryor	David Bouldin Hoyt Crouch	Elaine Goodman	4	Rickey Burks
						Bible Bowl Study Session at the Maynards
Darrell Mitchell DENNIS & JANICE FOSTER	7	Irene Lawrence	9	Kane Maynard 10	J.B. Gribble Brandi Wilcher Christina Mitchell	RAY & DORIS SMITH Summer Kennedy Anna Grace King Sharon Driver Iona King
Bible Bowl at Morrison 2 pm						
13	Jane Wilcher	Jamie Brock TOMMY & CHRISTIE STILES	John Biddle 16	17	Jack Muncy Lisa Thaxton	Shirley Nunley 19
Annual Holiday Fellowship following PM services	Monday Morning Bible Class (breakfast at Wilmo Jean's at 8 am)	7				
20 BOB & MELBA BONNER Christine Gribble	Don Sullivan 21	Allison Boyd 22	2 KELLEY & ESSIE HILLIS	24 BILL & FREDA WOMACK	25	JOE & MARSHA COLLINS
			No Classes Special Program			
27 STEVE & JANE WILCHER Dale Bennett	Conner Dixon	Samuel Gillies Emma Hillis Edith Roberts	Jamison Brock	31	Jason Vandagriff TOMMY & GAIL CROUCH	2
			No Classes Special Program			
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### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Noel Pepper
Reading	Chris Neale
Scripture	Ezekiel 37:1-3
	*Charles Gillies
(S)	*Jamie Brock
(N)	James Gillies
(N)	Sam Gillies
(N)	Ethan Duncan
	Jacob Thurne
(S)	Ryan McColloch
(S)	John David Keele
• •	Tony Lawrence
Diemies	Derek Vinson

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Jacob Griffin
Reading	Dale Bennett
Scripture	Luke 12:41-48
Lord's Table	*Stanley Graves
	*Rickey Burkes
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Phillip Brock

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements(668-7078) Danny Duncan		
Lead Singing	Michael Andrews	
First Prayer	Larry Flatt	
Reading	Jason Vandagriff	
Invitation	Tony Lawrence	
Dismiss	Steve Boyd	

### **Welcome Committee**

A.M	Joe T. & Mary Lois Cantrell
P.M	David & Jo Ann Roberts

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

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<b>Attend Nursery:</b>	Helen Morgan
Lock Building:	Jeff Templeton
Prepare Commun	ion:Jeff Rhea Family
Assist with Bapt	isms: Mary Flatt & Denice Rhea
Pantry Item:	Crackers
<b>Elder Closing Re</b>	marks:Harold Cook

#### Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	307
Bible Study	239
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	211
Contribution	\$6,266

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Debbie Kell (daughter-in-law of Asa & Sarah Kell)

#### In The Hospital:

Vickie Bell (daughter of Myra Bell)-hospital in Knoxville

### **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M....."Can These Bones Live?" P.M...Questions: When Should One Obey The Gospel?

### **Prepare Communion for 2010**

Those who can are asked to sign the sheet on the bulletin board to prepare the communion for 2010.

### **Annual Holiday Party**

The annual Holiday Party for the whole congregation will be following the evening services this Sunday, December 13. If you can make soup, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board, If not please bring the following if your last name begins with the letters:

A-F		. S	andw	/iches
G-M	desserts &	2	liter	drink
N-Z	chips &	2	liter	drink

### **Monday Morning Bible Class**

The Monday Morning Bible Class will meet at 8 am at Wilma Jean's Kitchen for a breakfast and the class will follow at the building at 9 am.

#### **Shut-ins**

NHC (P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)

Florene Nokes (#106) Carol Sue Taylor (#212) Dora Mae Wilcher (#313)

#### **Raintree Manor**

(415 Pace St, Mc Minnville, TN 37110)

Clercie Delon

#### Life Care Center of Sparta

(508 Mose Dr; Sparta, TN 38583) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister)

#### Windsor Place Nursing & Rehab Center

(81 Windsor Blvd; Columbus, MS 39702) Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)

## **Broadmore Assisted Living at Murfreesboro**

(3211 Memorial Blvd; Murfreesboro, TN 37129) Vivian Ferrell (Room 127)

#### Home:

Greg Grizzell

Georgia Jones

Willene Kell

Bobbie Mitchell

Clyde Paris (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's

brother-in-law)

Fuston & Freda Womack

Bobby Prater (Flossie Warren's brother-in-law)

*Ioleta Reynolds (Rodney's sister-in-law)* 

Annie Louise Campbell (mother of Charlene

Palmer)

Nonie Grizzell

Asa Kell

Essie Hillis

Lucille Newby - at her son's, Carl Douglas

## For Whom Have You Prayed Today?

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Sunday December 13th

• Pew Packers (Kindergarten & down @ 5:40pm)

#### Tuesday December 15th

• TNT (Singing to shut ins)

#### Wednesday December 16th

· Birthday Wednesday

#### Saturday December 19th

• Service Project: shopping for nursing home gifts

#### Sunday December 20th

Service Project: Gift wrapping for nursing home

#### Monday December 21st

• Service Project: Deliver Gifts for nursing home

### From Tyler's Desk:

#### When He Was In The Wilderness of Judah...

According to the subtitle, Psalm 63 was written by David "when he was in the wilderness of Judah." David was not just gone to the wilderness for the pleasure of "getting away for while". The king of Israel was chased into the wilderness by his son Absalom, who was seeking to usurp his father's throne. Being forced into the wilderness, and being unable to return to the city, it wouldn't have taken David and his men long to run out of food. David was hungry, thirsty, exhausted, and running for his life when he wrote this prayer.

But his prayer was not a prayer for food. It was not a prayer for water. It was not even a prayer begging God for safe deliverance. David prayed, "O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water." (vs. I)

Even when David was completely deprived of all the necessities and comforts in this life, he prayed as though he desired nothing more than to be with God.

As the Psalm progressed, David expressed his confidence that his prayer would be answered. "For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me up." (vss. 7-8)

The psalm progresses from "My soul thirsts for you" to "my soul clings to you." Above all else, we must seek God. Whoever seeks God's way, follows his path, trusts his salvation, obeys his word, and rejoices in his comfort, will find the comfort of God's salvation.

#### **Holiday Service Project**

Over the next couple of weeks the youth group will be collecting money to buy gifts for some individuals in the nursing homes who don't have families. The Bybee Branch congregation has always been very generous in supporting this effort. Any donation, big or small, would be much appreciated! Please see Tyler if you have any questions.

### **Be An Example**

A number of years ago in a conversation with Jule Miller (yes there really was a Jule Miller and his filmstrips have probably been used to teach the plan of salvation to more people than any other medium) he mentioned to me that as part of his ministry, he reconditioned old projectors and gave them to missionaries to use. I told him I would love to take one down to Guyana on my next trip and leave it with the natives there. Sometime later this sturdy projector arrived with a set of the filmstrips. I purchased a tape recorder and a generator and was all set to show the films when I arrived in Guyana. During the trip I showed the series over five nights at two remote locations. The first we had to go by boat at night for about 1 ½ hours to a school building where the people were gathered. The boat leaked and we usually had four or five inches of water in the boat by the time we arrived. The second location after traveling for some distance by boat we walked for a couple of miles into a village. I hung a bed sheet up and we would project the film on it. We stayed the five days & nights in the village. I don't remember the number of responses we had from those two weeks.

This past trip to Guyana began with a visit to the school of preaching located in Georgetown. As I was meeting the students, one young man said, "Brother Cook I remember you showing the film strips on salvation" Then he went on in some detail telling about what was in the film strips.

I tell you all this to make the following point. We never know when we do something how that will have a lasting impression on someone else. I had forgotten all about that trip, but to this young man it had completely reshaped his life so that now he is training to spread God's word to others. What are your family, friends, fellow workers, and others seeing in your everyday life? As Paul told Timothy "....but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." I Timothy 4:12

Harold Cook

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### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Bo Rivers
Reading	Chuch Boles
Scripture	James 4:13
Lord's Table (N)	*Don Sullivan
(S)	*Harold Cook
(N)	
(N)	Dustin Rhea
(N)	Justin Griffin
(S)	
(S)	Josh King
(S)	
Sermon	
<b>5</b>	loe Collins

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Bobby Ashford
Reading	David McColloch
Scripture	
Lord's Table	
	*Don Griffith
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Eddie Palmer

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements .....(668-7078) Danny Duncan

Special Program

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Pantry Item: .....Peanut Butter
Elder Closing Remarks: ....Stanley Graves

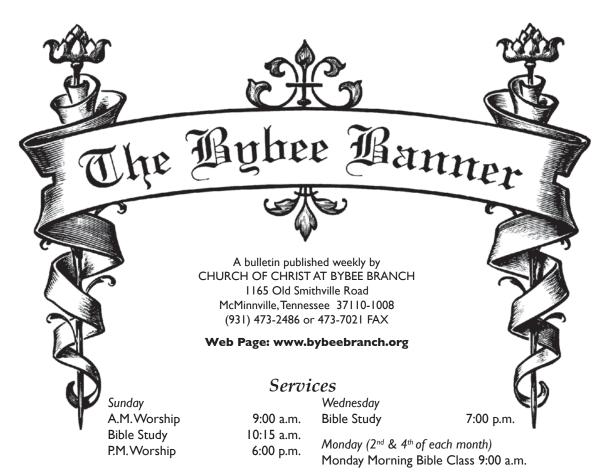
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A.M. Worship	323
Bible Study	224
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$5,525

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Lucas McGregor (nephew of Rickey Burks)-diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma

Buddy Cathey (brother of Don Cathey)-diagnosed with cancer and in serious condition

#### In The Hospital:

Vickie Bell (daughter-in-law of Myra Bell)- Park West Hospital in Knoxville

Betty Dixon (Darron's mother)-River Park ICU

### **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M.....Thy Will Be Done P.M.....Questions: Will There Be A 1000 Year Reign?

### **Prepare Communion for 2010**

Those who can are asked to sign the sheet on the bulletin board to prepare the communion for 2010.

#### **Fruit Baskets**

The fruit baskets for the widows/widowers for the deacons to deliver will be at the building after 2 pm on Friday for pickup.

# **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christian Caving at Cumberland Caverns**

The second annual Christian Caving at Cumberland Caverns will be on January 2, from 11 am to 5 pm. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for additional details.

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Tuesday December 15th

TNT (Singing to shut ins)

#### Wednesday December 16th

Birthday Wednesday

#### Saturday December 19th

- Service Project: shopping for nursing home gifts
   Sunday December 20th
- Service Project: Gift wrapping for nursing home
   Monday December 2 Ist
- Service Project: Deliver Gifts for nursing home

#### And God Said No

I asked God to take away my pride. And God said "No". He said it was not for Him to take away, but for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole. And God said "No".

He said her spirit was whole, her body was only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience. And God said "No". He said patience is a by-product of tribulations. It isn't granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness. And God said "No". He said He gives me blessings, happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain. And God said "No". He said suffering draws me apart from worldly cares and brings me closer to Him.

I asked God to make my spirit grow. And God said "No". He said I must grow on my own. But He will prune me to make me fruitful.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life. And God said "No"

He said He will give me life, that I may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me love others, as much as he loves me. And God said "Ah, finally you have the idea!"

~ Claudia Minden Weisz~

### **Two Very Different Holidays**

I heard about a teacher who asked the children in her class about the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. She thought it might be effective to inch toward its meaning by having them playfully correct some wrong ideas.

"Now let me think," she began. "Thanksgiving. That's the day when we think about all the stuff we have. And how we want more things than anybody else has. And how we don't care about anybody but ourselves. And ..."

"No!" the preschool kids were starting to chorus! "No-o-o!"

Then one little guy in the middle of the pack looked up and chirped, "That's not Thanksgiving, Miss Michelle. That's Christmas!"

As we begin the transition in this country from Thanksgiving to Christmas, there does indeed seem to be a world of difference in the way these two holidays are viewed. Thanksgiving is one of the few holidays left which has not been ruined by commercialism. It is still a relatively "pure" time of giving thanks to God for our bountiful blessings. Christmas, on the other hand...

What should be a time when we are able to take great joy in giving to others (for "it is more blessed to give than to receive", Acts 20:35) and a time to remember the great gift that God has given us through Jesus Christ, has (for many) turned instead to a stressful, hectic time when we are focused on ourselves and our wants.

Allow me to make a suggestion based on an ancient Jewish practice. The Jews had a day set aside, like our day of Thanksgiving, to remember how God had blessed them as a nation and taken care of them in their darkest hour. Purim was a day of "gladness and feasting...and for sending presents to one another." (Esther 9:19).

However, there was one major difference in their practice and ours (though there shouldn't be). Their thanksgiving resulted in gift giving, but not just to friends and family. They had a practice of "sending presents to one another and gifts to the poor." (Esther 9:22).

This holiday season (indeed in our daily life) let's sieze every opportunity to give thanks to God for how He has blessed us. We need to remember that with blessings come responsibilities -- and we have a responsibility to use our blessings to God's glory. In the weeks ahead, may you truly know the joy of using your blessings not merely to make your family happy, but to share with others around you who are in need.

~Alan Smith~ (from Bulletin Gold Extra)

When it comes to doing for others, some folks stop at nothing.

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### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Rickey Burks
Reading	Christian Barrett
	Nahum 1:15
-	*Mike Driver
	*Don Griffith
	Joe Roller
	Kevin Judkins
• ,	Joe Maynard
` '	Robert Elam
` '	Dustin Hillis
` '	Dickie Kesey
` '	Tyler Boyd
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Shannon Griffin
Reading	Caleb Hughes
Scripture	Genesis 1:27-28
	*Jeff Templeton
•••••	*Ricky Prince
Sermon	Harold Cook
Closing Prayer	Rodney Myers

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements .....(668-7078) Danny Duncan

Special Program

### **Welcome Committee**

A.MDon &	Judy Sullivan
P.MDavid	l Keele Family

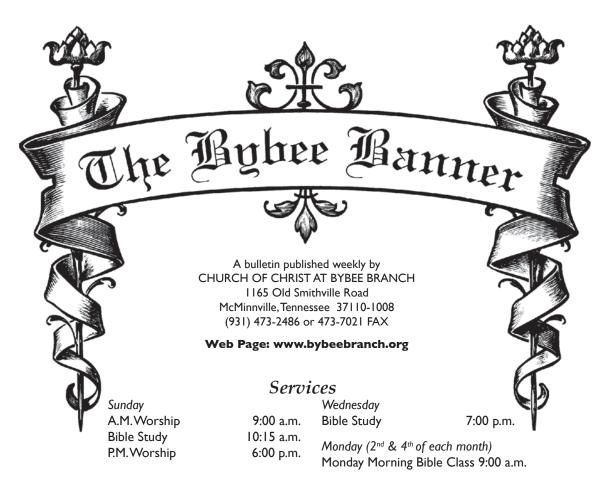
Bus Driver:...... Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers: Ben	Biles & Ethan Duncar
Attend Nursery:	Martha Peppe
Lock Building:	Jeff Templetor
Prepare Communion:	Jeff Rhea Family
Assist with Baptisms	Mary Flatt & Denice Rhe
Pantry Item:	Jelly
<b>Elder Closing Remar</b>	ks: Don Griffith

#### Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	301
Bible Study	226
P.M. Worship	209
Wednesday Bible Study	234
Contribution	\$6,184

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At Home:

Judy Nussbaum

Mike Killian (brother-in-law to Elaine Hoover)

David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father)

Wayne Jordan (Nancy Roger's brother)

Debbie Kell (daughter-in-law of Asa & Sarah Kell)

Lucas McGregor (nephew of Rickey Burks)

Buddy Cathey (brother of Don Cathey)

Betty Dixon (Darron's mother)

Dora Mullican

Vickie Bell (daughter-in-law of Myra Bell)- will have surgery after the first of the year.

#### In The Hospital:

Louise Campbell (Charlene Palmer's mother)-River Park #307

Kathy Neale (Chris Neale's mother)-St. Thomas for heart surgery on Wednesday

Haskell Hayes (Christine Cantrell's brother)-NHC #105 in serious condition

### **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M	Keeping Your New Year's Vow
P.M	Elders Present Budget / God's Family

### **Directory update:**

Please make the following update to your church directories:

Jeff & Regina Templeton phone ....... (931) 474-5002

### **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

 Creation Caving at Cumberland Caverns 11 am-5 pm. Deadline for sign-up is December 27.

### January 15th-17th

• Evangelism University "Restore." Cost: \$45. Deadline for sign-up is January 6.

#### February 26th-28th

 Challenge Youth Conference "Taking It To The Streets" at Gatlinburg, TN. Discoung sign-up is \$20 by Dec. 27, then to Feb. 6 cost is \$30

#### Sunday Morning Worship (January 3, 2010)

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Announcements	(815-3033) Caleb Graves
	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Larry Flatt
Reading	Paul Hurst
Scripture	Ephesians 3:14-19
Lord's Table (N)	*Ronnie Prince
(S)	*Tommy Crouch
(N)	Bob Cantrell
(N)	Joe T. Cantrell
(N)	Don Cathey
(S)	Lee Gann
(S)	John Nussbaum
(S)	Steve Wilcher
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Danny Duncan

#### Sunday Evening Worship (January 3, 2010)

(815-3033) Caleb Graves
Stanley Graves
Ricky Prince
Marty Boles
Hebrews 7:4-7
*David Chilton
*Rodney Myers
Tony Lawrence
Dennis Gann

#### Wednesday Bible Study (January 6, 2010)

Announcements	(635-2811) Harold Cook
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Calvin Rogers
Reading	Kelly Thaxton
	Steve Boyd
	Tyler ludkins

#### Welcome Committee

Welcome Commi	liee		
A.M	Clent Kesey Family		
P.M	Michael Andrews Family		
Bus Driver:	Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)		
Ushers:	Rodney Maynard & Eddie Palmer		
Attend Nursery:	Kathy Elam		
Lock Building:	W.C. Chilton		
Prepare Commun	ion: David & Iona King		
Assist with Baptisms:Rita Prince & Doris Smith			
Pantry Item:	Oatmeal		
<b>Elder Closing Rei</b>	marks: Doug Hendrixson		

## January 2010

			Ja	nuary 20	10		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday		Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 STEVE & JANE WILCHER Dale Bennett	Conner Dixon	Samuel Gillies Emma Hillis Edith Roberts	29	Jamison Brock	31	Jason Vandagriff TOMMY & GAIL CROUCH	2 Creation Caving at Cumberland Caverns
							Bible Bowl Study TBA
3	Danny Duncan Leonard Clemons	Jacob Griffin BUELL & FLOSSIE WARREN	5	Donald Cathey Pat Boles	7	Dora Mullican	GARY & BARBARA LORANCE
Bible Bowl at Woodbury							
10	11	1	12	Stephanie Maynard Ethan Duncan Dorothy Hennessee	Alicia Driver DAVID & IONA KING	15	16
	Monday Morning Bible Class					Evangelism	
ASA & SARAH KELL 17	Lynn Gann Janie Griffin	1	19	Anna Hendrixson Chris Snow	Donna Goolsby TONY & CORRETTA LAWRENCE	22	Susie Griffith 23
Jeff Templeton Erika Myers Bobby Cantrell	Missy Biles  Monday  Morning Bible  Class	2	26	Mitchell Ashford Jared Mullican Leah Pack MARTY & SHARON BOLES	David Chilton RICKEY & MAGGIE HURST	Billy Pinegar Ben Rivers Shannon Griffin	Robert Elam 30
Ronnie Prince	1	John David Keele	2	Fuston Womack 3	4	5	BO & RACHEL RIVERS HAROLD & TERESA MCGINNESS