### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Morning	worship
Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Keith Chilcutt
Scripture	Joel 1:1-3
	*Ronnie Hover
(S)	*Ricky Prince
(N)	Rodney Maynard
	Robert Elam
(N)	Mitchell Ferrell
(S)	Gordon Mayfield
	Tyler Rutledge
(S)	Ethan Gierucki
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kurt Maynard

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Danny Duncan
Reading	David Chilton
Scripture	Luke 10:25-28
Lord's Table	*Shannon Griffin
	*Stephen Felty
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Mike Mullins

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Ethan Duncan
First Prayer	Stanley Graves
Reading	Jack Keele
Invitation	W.C. Chilton
Dismiss	Aiden McVey

## Welcome Committee

	Bernie Gierucki Family David McColloch Family
Bus Driver:	Paul Hurst (668-7088)

	January 11, 2015
Ushers:Calv	in Rogers & Herb Rowland
Attend Nursery:	Stephanie Maynard
Un/Lock Building:	Jeff Templeton/Don Griffith
Prepare Communion	:Andrews
Assist Baptisms:	Doris Smith & Missy Biles
Pantry Item:	Soups
Elder Closing Remar	<b>ks:</b> Don Sullivan
<b>Record For The Wee</b>	k
A.M. Worship	
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$21,233

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#### At Home:

Willus & Edith Roberts Paul Davis Doris Wilcher

#### In The Hospital:

Winfrey Hennessee - River Park #210 David Sharp (father of Kathy Elam) - Raintree Glenda Faye Ferrell - ankle surgery on Tuesday at St. Thomas following a fall Melinda Martin - scheduled for surgery on Thursday, January 8 at Vanderbilt Preston Huckeby (cousin of Herb Rowland) -Erlanger

## **Sympathies**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Trena Hayes, sister to our Rita Prince. She passed away this past Monday and her services will be at the Harpeth Hills Memory Gardens and Funeral Home in Nashville this Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Marie Vinson, grandmother of Derek Vinson. She passed away early Monday morning and her services will be at the Crest Lawn Funeral Home in Cookeville on Wednesday morning at 11:00.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Joy Trail. Sister Trail was a former member at Bybee Branch. Her funeral arrangements are incomplete.

### **Sermons for Sunday**

AM .....Joel - Lamenting Disaster PM .....DIY - Learning To Read The Bible

# **Something To Think About**

"Men do not reject the Bible because they find faults in it, but because it finds fault in them" — John Blanchard

"The veracity of God guarantees the trustworthiness of Scripture." —J. I. Packer

### Shut-ins

**Raintree Manor** 

(415 Pace St., Mc Minnville, TN 37110) Clara Roller #506 David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father)

### NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister) #201 Winfrey Hennessee #213

#### **Creekside At Three Rivers**

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128) Vivian Ferrell

#### **Bailey Manor**

(1707 McMinnville Highway, Manchester, TN 37355) Nan Cantrell

#### Webb House - McMinnville

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110) Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife)

#### **Riverview Terrace**

(114 Highland Dr., McMinnville, TN 37110) Pete Waddell

#### Home:

Leonard Crouch Mary Davis Betty Dixon (Darron's mother) Greg Grizzell Ronnie Hamilton (Linda's husband) Essie Hillis Willene Kell Kathy Neale (Chris's mother) Barbara Northcutt Evelyn Northcutt June Slatton Cora Stembridge Winona Ward (sister to Juanita Oliver) Buell Warren

# **Youth News**

A big thanks to all (parents and students) that has invested time in the **BIBLE BOWL** program. The program consists of approximately 28 weeks of Bible study, which is why I consider this one of (if not THE) most important activities provided the youth. The program is designed to instill biblical knowledge, but also a desire to study and dig deep in the Word. So, if utilized to the fullest, students are learning the text and how to study the Bible.

Our schedule for the next four weeks for Sunday morning Bible class is:

I/II I John I I/18 I John 2 I/25 I John 3 2/I Review I John I-3

#### We will also have a Saturday **BIBLE BOWL STUDY** on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

Parents, if possible, please incorporate these chapters into your weekly family devotional times. Also, mark on your calendar the Saturday study date. Finally, place a priority on your kid(s) being a part of the entire program. Let's work together for the spiritual betterment of your kids. Thank you and may the Lord bless each of you...sbh

**TABS** (TeenAge Bible Study) is back! We will visit Hillsboro this Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave at 5:15. The topic is "Do You Have a Personal Pronoun Problem?" Lets fill the bus and then some. If you have been thinking about inviting a friend(s) to an event, this might be something to consider.

**THANK YOU!** I can't say that enough for the blanket, which is possibly one of the most precious gifts the youth has ever given me. I am still amazed that you all kept the project a secret since February! I will cherish it forever.

#### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:**

Fri./Sun. 16/18 Evangelism University Sun. 25 Pew Packers Sun. 25 Home Devotional Wed. 28 Birthday Wednesday

# That's Not What It Says

Have you ever tried to convince anyone that Jesus is the only way to Heaven? If you have, did you use John 14:6 as your proof? In this passage Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

But I challenge you to re-read that passage. Where does it say Jesus is the only way to Heaven? Heaven isn't even mentioned in the passage. The passage says Jesus is the only way to the Father.

But one might say, "Yeah, but the Father is in Heaven, right? So this is just semantics. What difference does it make how you say it?"

Well, as I understand it, it makes a significant difference. Consider:

- If you are a grandparent, and your grandchildren were coming for a visit; would it matter to you if your grandchildren were excited about coming because they love to play in your yard or because they were excited to see you?
- If due to work, you've been separated from your spouse for over a month, would it matter to you if your spouse was excited to get home because he loves his house or because he loves you?

Of course it would matter. One may ask, what's the difference if Jesus is the only way to "heaven" or the "father?" The answer is relationship. One is a place, the other is a person. One is a gift, the other is the giver. Should we not be more interested in going to see our Heavenly Father than seeing the neat things that belong to our Heavenly Father?

When being with our Heavenly Father is our goal, and Heaven is a perk, we'll have our priorities right. Give it some thought.

~Steve Higginbotham~ via preachinghelp.org

### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Morning	worsnip
Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Reading	Farris Young
Scripture	Joel 2:28-32
Lord's Table (N)	*Larry Flatt
(S)	*Charles Gillies
	Caleb Graves
(N)	Tyler Judkins
(N)	Josh King
(S)	Bruce Pryor
	Jordan Thomas
(S)	Justin Randolph
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bob Cantrell

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Ryan McColloch
Reading	Joe Collins
Scripture	2Timothy 2:15
Lord's Table	*John David Keele
	*David Keele
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Paul Hurst

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Justin Griffin
First Prayer	Darron Dixon
Reading	David Roberts
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jack Keele

## Welcome Committee

	Farris & Brenda Young Paul Hurst Family
Bus Driver:	Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

January 18, 2015
ie Hoover & Joe Maynard
Mary Flatt
.Jeff Templeton/Don Griffith
Andrews
Doris Smith & Missy Biles
Cereal

Elder Closing Remarks: ......Leonard Clemons

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

A.M. Worship	
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	175
Wednesday Bible Study	126
Contribution	\$7,091

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#### In The Hospital:

Brenda Davis - River Park Allen Templeton (Jeff's father) - St. Thomas West Faith Sadlon - Vanderbilt Children's Hospital (should come home soon) Preston Huckeby (cousin of Herb Rowland) -doing better and should be moved soon

## Sermons for Sunday

AM .....Joel - Last Days PM .....DIY - Learning To Study The Bible

# Happiness Cake

I cup Good Thoughts
I cup Kind Deeds
I cup Consideration for Others
2 cups Sacrifice
3 cups Forgiveness
2 cups Well-Beaten Faults

Mix thoroughly; add tears of joy, sorrow, and sympathy. Flavor with love and kindly service. Fold in 4 cups of prayer and faith.

After pouring all this into your daily life, bake well with the heat of human kindness. Serve with a smile any time and it will satisfy the hunger of starved souls.

## **Youth News**

If the Lord wills, 23 of us will make the trek this Friday to Savannah, TN for **EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY** and **EU2**. 2015 will be our 12th year to attend this great event. I still remember the first time we went with 5 of us crammed in my car. I knew then that EU would remain a staple of our youth group. EU is one of the most impressive events offered to young Christians. Each participant is given the opportunity to learn how to spiritually help people in their sphere of influence. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel and that we will each return ready to do all we can for His name.

A great event is coming up for young men in grades 5 to 12. The 4th Annual **YOUNG MEN'S SEMINAR** will be hosted by the East Main congregation in Murfreesboro on Saturday, February 7th. Kyle Butt will be the featured speaker. A flyer is on the Youth Bulletin Board with more details, but if interested in going let me know. We have to be registered by February 2nd.

**<u>PARENTS</u>**: Please assist your kids in studying I John 2 this week and be prepared for a great class this Sunday morning.

#### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: Sun. 25 Pew Packers

Sun. 25 Home Devotional Wed. 28 Birthday Wednesday Sat. 31 Bible Bowl Study

# **Something To Think About**

"It's human to err, but it's stupid to continue!"

"He who talks without thinking runs more risks than he who thinks without talking."

"Rest assured that God knows that the best of men are but men at their best"

"Flattery: the art of telling another person exactly what he thinks of himself."

# A Hostile Witness

There is an overlooked work that should be avoided, but may be more commonly practiced than is thought. Yet, as the Holy Spirit through Paul included it in a larger category of works, it must be something with which even many Christians struggle. It is mentioned in the list of fleshly works found in Galatians 5:19-21 and is simply called "enmities" (20).

The word is found nine times in the New Testament, from the Greek " $\xi\chi\theta\rho\alpha$ ", and its general meaning is, "Enmity, hostility, hatred, both as an inner disposition and objective opposition (Rom. 8:7); plural, of hostile feelings and acts animosities, hostilities, discord, feuds (Gal. 5:20)" (Friberg & Miller, 183).

Hostile feelings, unchecked and not repaired, lead ultimately to ungodly behavior toward others that can even cause division. Another adds, "["enmities" is] a general term referring to hostility or unneighborly acts of any kind or form" (Arichea & Nida, 138). How do "enmities" arise and is this something which you and I may fall prey to?

- Enmities arise by holding a grudge. In fact, it can be very difficult to know when you cross the line from the one to the other. When you harbor feelings of resentment toward someone from an offense, real or imagined, it will eventually grow into hostile feelings and possibly hostile acts. The old law warns against bearing a grudge and even makes it antonymous (i.e., opposite) with love (Lev. 19:18). The Lord tells us what to do when we have a problem with a brother or sister (Mat. 18:15ff). If we do not follow this, to whom are we listening?
- **Enmities arise through prejudice.** Prejudice occurs on much more than the basis of the color of one's skin. Prejudice is nothing more than a preformed opinion, one formed without all the facts but instead through "insufficient knowledge, irrational feelings, or inaccurate stereotypes" (Encarta Dictionary). How often, based on how we think, feel, or believe another to be, do we work ourselves up against another and allow enmity to rule our hearts?
- **Enmities arise when the mind is set on the flesh** (Rom. 8:7). Paul is contrasting the Old Law with the gospel of Christ in this context, but he reveals a compelling principle. When we fail to live spiritual lives, but instead make our decisions driven by our passions and fleshly inclinations, we open ourselves up to works like enmity. Incidentally, this same bent will lead one further and further down the road of those ensuing works in Galatians 5. Notice that this hostility is pointed toward God and His law (cf. Jas. 4:4), but it will impact our demeanor and attitude in all relationships. This hostility plays out "in the flesh" (Rom. 8:8), the very activities and attitudes upon which Paul focuses in Galatians 5:19-21.

Are you and I immune from "enmities"? We can strengthen ourselves against such especially through the "antidote" of love in the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22). Love actively seeks and strives for others' good. If we sincerely give our hearts to loving others, our brethren or the lost, we will have a harder time harboring hostility and hatred for them. Maybe if we will take the time to know others better and try to get insight into their circumstances, struggles, and challenges, it will temper our feelings toward them. It will certain demonstrate that we are led by the Spirit and not by the flesh!

~ Neal Pollard ~

### Sunday Morning Worship

Junday Morning	worship
Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Tim Fisher
Reading	Larry Cook
Scripture	Jude 22-23
Lord's Table (N)	*Jamie Brock
(S)	*Norman Sain
	Phillip Brock
	Eddie Palmer
(N)	Tim Gann
	Bruce Pryor
	Ezra Dixon
(S)	Junah Bouldin
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Don Sullivan

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	Micah Lawrence
Scripture	Acts 20:32
Lord's Table	*Clent Kesey
	*Noel Pepper
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ray Weddington

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Steve Hillis
First Prayer	Rickey Hurst
Reading	Doug Hendrixson
Invitation	David Keele
Dismiss	Ronnie Prince

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Bruce & Susan Pryor
P.M	Calvin & Nancy Rogers
Bus Driver:	Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

	January 25, 2015
Ushers:Kı	Irt Maynard & Tommy Crouch
	, Amanda Gann
-	Jeff Templeton/Don Griffith
Prepare Communi	on:Andrews
Assist Baptisms:	Doris Smith & Missy Biles
Pantry Item:	Canned Peaches
Elder Closing Rem	arks:Stanley Graves
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#### At Home:

Glenda Faye Ferrell Farris & Brenda Young Kelly Smartt (step-father of Tina Mullins) - begins chemo this week, requests prayers.

#### In The Hospital:

Preston Huckeby (cousin of Herb Rowland) -Select Speciality Hospital in Nashville Leonard Crouch - River Park #309 Mary Davis - Rain Tree #509 (temporary)

# Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Robert Rowland, brother-in-law to our Ruby Huntley. His funeral was Sunday morning.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Lola Hash of Van Alstyne, TX. She was the sister of our Ruby Huntley. Her funeral will be this week.

### **Sermons for Sunday**

AM	Rescue The Perishing
PMDIY	- Learning To Apply The Bible

# **Mission Trip**

Please remember brother Don Sullivan as he travels to Nicaragua this week on a medical mission trip.



HOW MUCH LONGER DO I HAVE TO SIT PERFECTLY STILL?

### Youth News

So thankful for the lessons received and memories made this past weekend at **EVANGELISM UNI-VERSITY** and **EU2**. Hopefully all of us who attended are better prepared and eager to share the good news about Jesus. Excited to tell people how to take hold of The Vine (John 15.)

The **PEW PACKERS** begins a brand new year of lessons this Sunday. Our theme for this year is "<u>In</u> the Beginning..." Our time together will be spent looking at the first book of the Bible, Genesis. The lesson title to begin our series will be "*In Six Days*." ALL kids in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and down are invited to help us make this a great year.

The next **HOME DEVOTIONAL** will take place here at the building this Sunday. The reason is that right before our devo a **PARENT'S MEETING** is planned to discuss events and activities for January to April. Parent's, please make every effort to attend this meeting.

January 28<sup>th</sup> is our next **BIRTHDAY WEDNES-DAY**. Please stick around and help us celebrate those with January birthdays.

A great event is coming up for young men in grades 5 to 12. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **YOUNG MEN'S SEMI-NAR** will be hosted by the East Main congregation in Murfreesboro on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Kyle Butt will be the featured speaker. A flyer is on the Youth Bulletin Board with more details, but if interested in going let me know. We have to be registered by February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Believe it or not, but the time has come to begin preparations for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual **SPRING YOUTH RETREAT**. Hy-Lake Christian Camp will be the setting again, which has so many memories for the BBYG. Our theme is "Heaven is Real." Full details are on the bulletin board.

<u>PARENTS</u>: Please assist your kids in studying I John 3 this week and be prepared for a great class this Sunday morning.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: Sat. 31 Bible Bowl Study Sun. 2/1 Bible Bowl

# Great Example Of Humble Service

This past Friday services were conducted at High's for brother Charles (Chuck) Jackson Conner. His life was eloquently memorialized by brethren Doris Hughes and Brandon Parsley. He and his wife had been members at the Centertown church of Christ for many years. What many people did not know was that brother Chuck and his deceased wife Mary Ella (Nicki) Conner did good works quietly for many years.

About 20 years ago brother Chuck and his wife came by the church building in earlier November wanting to know if we could help them with a project they wanted to do. They said they wanted to prepare a "Thanksgiving Meal" for some needy family. He said that they wanted to do so anonymously so that the Lord got the credit, not them. So for many years they prepared a large, delicious meal with all the trimmings in disposable plates and delivered it to the church building on Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Then one of the deacons would assist in locating a needy family and taking this meal to that family. Each year, he would say, "let's just keep this quiet," often asking me not to even tell the deacons who had prepared the meal. Now that brother and sister Conner are gone I think it is time to tell of just one of their good deeds.

When I heard of brother Chuck's passing I could not help but think of what Jesus said. ""Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly." Matthew 6:1–4.

~ Tony Lawrence ~

# I Am Not "Charlie"

Many people have posted on social media "I Am Charlie" in support of the French satirical magazine. The offices of Charlie Hebdo in Paris was attacked by two radical Muslim gunmen who killed 12 people and wounded 11 others. The result of this is that many have sided with the magazine and "free speech" by proclaiming "I Am Charlie." I, for one, am not "Charlie."

While any rational person should deplore violence and killing of these savages the faithful child of God would not want to align with the magazine Charlie Hebdo either. The radical Muslims said they were carrying out their attack due to Mohammed being satirized on the cover of the magazine. What many who carelessly are saying "I am Charlie" do not realize is that that same magazine has mocked Christianity as well. One brother who is familiar with the magazine reported that one issue portrayed the three members of the Godhead committing sodomy. Such blasphemy will certainly be addressed by God. ""You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." Exodus 20:7. I will not stand with the enemies of God. "For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain." Psalms 139:20. I say again, I am not "Charlie" and neither should anyone else!



~ Tony Lawrence ~

LET'S HAVE LOCUST AN' WILD HONEY FOR LUNCH.

### February I, 2015

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Michael Andrews
Reading	
Scripture	Nehemiah 8:9-12
Lord's Table (N)	*Ray Weddington
(S)	*Kelly Thaxton
(N)	
(N)	
(N)	Mitchell Ferrell
(S)	
(S)	Ethan Gierucki
(S)	Rickey Hurst
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Larry Cook

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Kurt Maynard
Reading	Shannon Griffin
Scripture	Exodus 20:1-3
Lord's Table	*Ronnie Prince
	*Noel Pepper
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Randy Griffith

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing	Herb Rowland
First Prayer	
Reading	Bernie Gierucki
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	David Chilton

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Gordon & Linda Fults
P.M	Jimmy & Iva Cunningham
Bus Driver:	Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

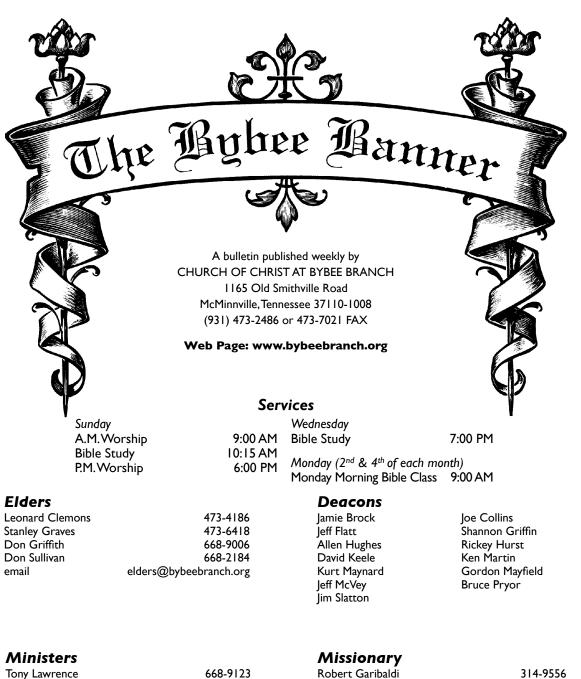
Ushers:Darron Dixo	on & Derrick Pennington
Attend Nursery:	Lori Chilcutt
Un/Lock Building: Gord	on Mayfield & Bernie Gierucki
Prepare Communion: .	David & Iona King
Assist Baptisms: Ela	aine Hoover & Gail Crouch
Pantry Item:	Hamburger Helper

Elder Closing Remarks: ......Don Griffith

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

A.M. Worship	
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$6,890

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### At Home:

Ezra Dixon (following surgery) Eddie Palmer Frankie Hobbs David McColloch Rickey & Maggie Hurst Jean Ware - flu Norman & Barbara Sain Paul & Brenda Davis Rodney Reynolds Glenda Faye Ferrell Kelly Smartt (step-father of Tina Mullins)

#### In The Hospital:

Preston Huckeby (cousin of Herb Rowland) -Select Speciality Hospital in Nashville Phillip Roller - St. Thomas Midtown (following surgery for brain aneurysm) Leonard Crouch - River Park #309 Winona Ward - River Park #202 Wesley Sain - River Park #207 Mary Davis - Rain Tree #509 (temporary)

Please help us keep our sick list updated. If you know of those who are sick and are not on the list, please call the office or the announcer. We do not wish to overlook anyone but with this many sick it is hard to know without your help.

## Sermons for Sunday

AM.....Restoring The Spirit Of The Church PM .....Ten Commandments Today #I

# Father-Daughter Dinner

The Father-Daughter Dinner will be Friday, February I3 at 6 pm at the fellowship room. Cost will be \$7 per person. Please sign the sheet on the board in the foyer and give your money to either Lynette, Sharla, or Tina by Sunday, February 8.

# Something To Think About...

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

## **Youth News**

If you were not able to be at the **PARENT'S MEETING** this past Sunday, please see me for a schedule and if you would like to get more involved.

**BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** is this Wednesday following evening services. Please stick around and help us celebrate our youth with January birthdays.

The next **BIBLE BOWL** is this Sunday hosted by Main Street (Manchester.) We will leave from the church building at 1:15. The material is 1 John chapters 1 - 3. Our **STUDY** will be at the Templetons this Saturday from 5 to 8 pm.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual **SPRING YOUTH RETREAT** at Hy-Lake Christian Camp will take place the weekend of March 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have a very important meeting this Sunday, following evening worship. If you plan on attending, please try to be at this meeting.

A great event is coming up for young men in grades 5 to 12. The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **YOUNG MEN'S SEMINAR** will be hosted by the East Main congregation in Murfreesboro on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Kyle Butt will be the featured speaker. A flyer is on the Youth Bulletin Board with more details, but if interested in going let me know. We have to be registered by February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES: Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Pew Packers

# I Never Intended to Quit!

A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years told me he had never thought of "quitting" the church. I reminded him that he had already (1) withdrawn his presence from its services, (2) refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation, and (3) had withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one dime to help carry on the Lord's work.

I asked: "What else would one have to do in order to 'quit' the church? In case you ever decided that

you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps would it be necessary for you to take? Just what else would be necessary to 'quit' the church?"

As his true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thoughts. He replied, "Why, brother Nichols, I've already quit, haven't I? Well, I surely didn't mean to! And I don't know when I did it...but I've quit the Lord and His church! I'll tell you right now: I'm coming back!" He did, too. At the next service he was restored, and three years later he was still faithful.

Dear reader, how about you? Have you quit the Lord and His church without resolving to do so? Perhaps no one deliberately decides to quit, while many carelessly drift into backsliding. If you have (1) quit attending the services, (2) quit boosting the program of activities planned by the elders, and (3) quit giving as God has prospered you to enable the congregation to meet its budget--you need to be restored.

~ Gus Nichols ~

# 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.
- 9. 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 ~

# **Try Running Again**

Perhaps some reader has tried to be a Christian, but failed. If so, why not try again? Great success does not always come from a single effort. Worthwhile things are always worth trying and striving for, even if we must try again and again. In the year 1917 a tornado destroyed our home, blew it away and ruined our crops out on the farm before it tore up Carbon Hill, Alabama, and left the dead homeless in its wake. But we did not give up and quit. The next spring we found ourselves planting again, and soon we were growing crops.

Life is like that. Wars are not usually won by a single battle. But battle after battle must be fought before the victory is won. In a way some of the battles are lost, but victory belongs to those who win the last battle.

One young man started in to fight the cigarette habit but soon felt that the weed had conquered him. However, he decided that no man is licked who will keep on trying, again and again. So he summoned all his forces and marshaled them against his dangerous habit. A day at a time he vowed to his friends and to God that he would not smoke that day, regardless of what happened. Soon he had conquered a habit that is master of millions in our land.

Very few spend a long life in the service of Christ without ever getting discouraged, and for the moment, giving up in despair. But those who overcome the world are they who (if need be) try again and again – who refuse to surrender to the evil one. If they fail, they go down fighting – soon to rise again. It is easy to give up and quit when the going gets rough, as it most certainly will – sooner or later. Long roads usually have some detours and rough places over which one must travel in order to reach the desired destiny.

The Christian life is like running a race (Heb. 12:1-2; I Cor. 9:25-27). If one fails he should get up and try again. The New Birth is a sort of "Land of Beginning Again" (John 3:5). So is a restoration of an erring child of God (Gal. 6:1; James 5:19-20).

### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday morning worship		
Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt	
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons	
First Prayer	Bobby Ashford	
Reading	Caleb Graves	
Scripture	2Samuel 18:29	
Lord's Table (N)		
(S)	*Don Sullivan	
(N)		
(N)		
(N)	Charles Gillies	
(S)	Bruce Pryor	
(S)	Junah Bouldin	
(S)	Joe Maynard	
Sermon	,	
Dismiss	Tommy Crouch	

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Mike Mullins
Reading	Jared Mullican
Scripture	Exodus 20:4-5
Lord's Table	*Willie Newby
	*Jeff McVey
Sermon	
Dismiss	Ronnie Hoover

### Wednesday Bible Study

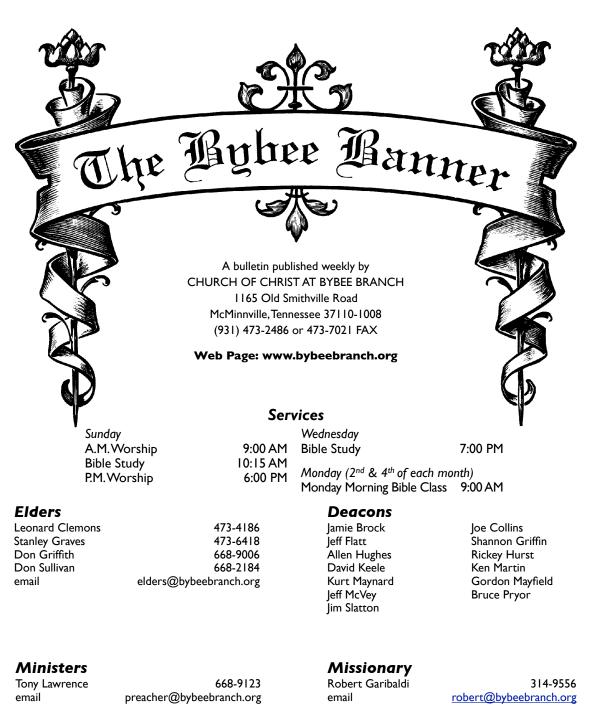
Announcements	W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing	Larry Cook
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	John David Keele
Invitation	Paul Hurst
Dismiss	Roger Cook

## Welcome Committee

	Dwight & Carol Barrett Linda Hamilton & Pat Gauger
Bus Driver:	Paul Hurst (668-7088)

	February 8, 2015	
Ushers:Calvi	n Rogers & Herb Rowland	
Attend Nursery:	Rebecca Mullican	
Un/Lock Building: Go	ordon Mayfield & Bernie Gierucki	
Prepare Communion:David & Iona King		
Assist Baptisms:	Elaine Hoover & Gail Crouch	
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A.M. Worship		
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Wednesday Bible Study		
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## **Sympathy**

We extend sympathy to Charles Gillies on the passing of his grandmother in Michigan this past Saturday.

# Sermons for Sunday

AM.....Your Safe Place PM .....Ten Commandments Today #2

# **Father-Daughter Dinner**

The Father-Daughter Dinner will be Friday, February I3 at 6 pm at the fellowship room. Cost will be \$7 per person. Please sign the sheet on the board in the foyer and give your money to either Lynette, Sharla, or Tina by Sunday, February 8.

# **Bible Bowl**

We extend congratulations to the youth from Jericho and Earleyville on coming in first place at the Bible Bowl. Our youth came in third place missing only 2 questions on the test. Next month the final Bible Bowl for the season will be March 8, at New Union and cover IJohn 4-5, 2John and 3John.

### **Youth News**

Those going to the **YOUNG MEN'S SEMI-NAR** in Murfreesboro should be at the church building by 7:30 am this Saturday (2/7.)

The **PEW PACKERS** are back in action this Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. We had a tremendous number of kids last month, but there is always room for more. Our class will be titled, *"The Man Had No Helper."* Please make plans to join us Sunday.

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Wed. 25<sup>th</sup> Birthday Wednesday

## Welcome

We are glad to welcome Dwight & Carol Barrett as new members to the congregation. They have been attending a good while but met with the elders and placed their membership at Bybee Branch. Their contact information is:

256 Gribble Road McMinnville, TN 37110 (931) 934-2218

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	bruary 20 Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 John David Keele	3	4	5 Jesse Jones	6 HAROLD & TERESA MCGINNESS	Elsie Newby Parker Smith Ricky Prince Stanley Graves
8 Ashley Newby Buell Warren Tim Fisher Zella Cook	9 Cory Prince Lilly Cantrell	10	11 HERB & THELMA ROWLAND	12	13 Randy Griffith	Joe Maynard Linda Fults STAN & SANDRA HILLIS
	Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM				Father- Daughter Dinner	
15	16 Dickie Kesey Emma Neale	17 Daisy Maxwell DARRON & KIRSTIE DIXON	18 Nona Martin Pete Waddell RONNIE & ELAINE HOOVER	19 Chuck Boles	20	Avie Clemons Jimmy Cunningha
22 Isabella Pennington	23 Jayla Hudson JIM & JUNE SLATTON Leah Jones	24	25	26 Laura Prince Madison Roller	27	Becky Moody
	Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM					

# February 15, 2015

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday morning	
Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	Jacob Griffin
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table (N)	*Ricky Prince
(S)	*Herb Rowland
	Russ Chilcutt
	Chris Neale
(N)	Rodney Maynard
(S)	David McColloch
	Harold McGinness
(S)	Derrick Pennington
Sermon	Steve Hillis
Dismiss	Tim Fisher

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Tommy Turner
Reading	Justin Randolph
Scripture	Luke 22:31-34
Lord's Table	*Ken Martin
	*Ryan McColloch
Sermon	Ray Weddington
Dismiss	Leonard Clemons

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing	Michael Andrews
First Prayer	
Reading	Micah Lawrence
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Cory Prince

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Chris Snow Family
P.M	David Chilton & Marsha Pitts
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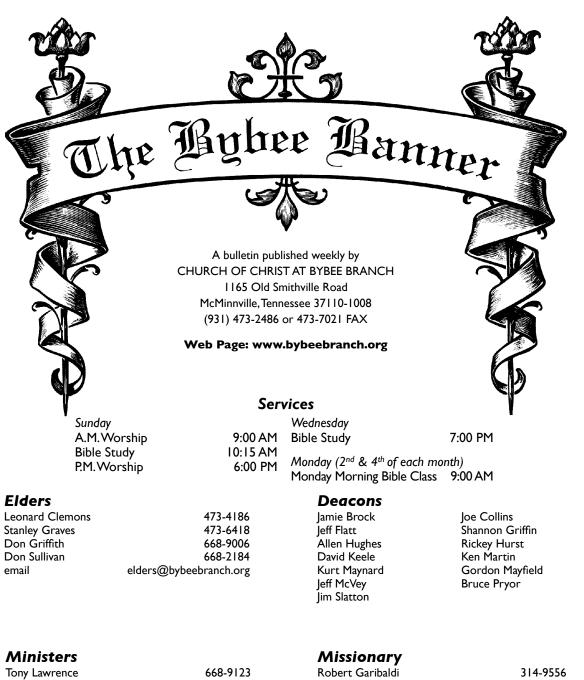
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Prepare Communi	ion:David & Iona King
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Pantry Item:	Canned Potatoes

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Leonard Clemons

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

A.M. Worship	
Bible Study	226
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	224
Contribution	\$7,668

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# Sympathy

We extend sympathy to Newton Gribble (uncle of Gail Smoot and Patsy Bolding). His services will be Tuesday afternoon at Highs. Brother Gribble preached at several congregations in Warren County. He was a loyal and faithful Gospel preacher.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Faith Martin, sister-in-law to our Juanita Oliver. She passed aways last week in Wichita, KS.

## Welcome

We are glad to welcome Chris and Lori Snow (along with daughters Aryn and Adry) as new members to the congregation. They have been attending a good while but met with the elders and placed their membership at Bybee Branch. Their contact information is:

109 Brandywine Street McMinnville TN , 37110

### Shut-ins

**Raintree Manor** 

(415 Pace St., Mc Minnville,TN 37110) Clara Roller #506 David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father) Mary Davis #509 Winona Ward

### NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister) #201 Winfrey Hennessee #213

#### **Creekside At Three Rivers**

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128) Vivian Ferrell

### **Bailey Manor**

(1707 McMinnville Highway, Manchester, TN 37355) Nan Cantrell

#### Webb House - McMinnville

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110) Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife)

#### **Riverview Terrace**

(114 Highland Dr., McMinnville, TN 37110) Pete Waddell

#### Home:

Betty Dixon (Darron's mother) Dennis Gann Greg Grizzell Ronnie Hamilton (Linda's husband) Willene Kell Kathy Neale (Chris's mother) Barbara Northcutt Evelyn Northcutt June Slatton Cora Stembridge Buell Warren

### Sermons for Sunday

AM .....Steve Hillis PM ................Stfting The Wheat" Ray Weddington

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# **Meeting & Singing**

The **Gruetli-Laager church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on February 15-18, with services at 7 pm. Don Blackwell, executive director of GBN will be the preacher.

The **Bonner church of Christ** will host an area wide Gospel Singing on February 27, at 7 pm.

# **Christianity vs Islam**

Critics of a perverted Christianity, who liken it to the practices of Islam are comparing apples to oranges. Muslims commit acts of violence, because their sacred book encourages violence. They do it with the approval of Allah. The Koran contains at least 109 verses that call Muslims to war with nonbelievers. Some are quite graphic, with commands to chop off heads and fingers and kill infidels wherever they may be hiding. Muslims who do not join the fight are called 'hypocrites' and warned that Allah will send them to Hell if they do not join the slaughter. Muslims are violently cruel to other Muslims with whom they disagree over the slightest matter. They do what they do, because their supposedly inspired writings from their supposed prophet encourage them to do it. They are following the root of their faith.

On the other hand, the Bible teaches Christians to put away their swords (Mt. 26:51ff.), to love enemies (Mt. 5:43-48), to pray for persecutors, and to leave vengeance to God (Rom. 12:19-21). This is the root teaching of Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Some Christians lived in the days of slavery, but the will of Christ and His kindness led to the end of slavery in many countries. While some passages speak to slaves, others speak to masters not to be cruel, knowing they will face the judgment of God (cf. Eph. 6:9). Islam commonly promotes slavery and permits masters to abuse their slaves sexually. Much of human trafficking in the world today has its basis in the supposed permission given by Allah.

The crusades, the inquisition, and witch trials did not come from the heart of Jesus or any teaching of Scripture. The Catholic/Protestant conflicts are works of the flesh, condemned in Scripture (Gal. 5:19-21). It came from a perverted form of Christianity, in opposition to everything the Scriptures stand for. Those who call all Christianity into question because of these perversions, show more prejudice than logic, more bias than understanding. Much of the Crusades began more as a defense of those who traveled to the holy lands than as an abuse of Islam. Those who cruelly abused do not follow the ways of the Lord.

Historically, the enemies of Christ have relentlessly persecuted and abused Christians. Today, Christians face untold misery from the hands of Muslims in several countries. Shooting infidel infants, burning people alive, and beheading anyone who disagrees are not in any way a Christian traits from Scripture; but they are characteristic of the root teaching of the Koran and its supposed prophet.

Why are they different? Because only one follows the Son of God.

~ Phil Sanders (via Facebook) ~

## February 22, 2015

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday morning v	vorsnip
Announcements	
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Danny Duncan
Reading	
Scripture	IChronicles 10:13
Lord's Table (N)	
(S)	*Rodney Reynolds
(N)	
(N)	
(N)	Keith Chilcutt
(S)	Farris Young
(S)	
(S)	Eugene Wilcher
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Larry Flatt

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Kane Maynard
Reading	Josh Templeton
Scripture	Exodus 20:7
Lord's Table	*Clent Kesey
	*David Keele
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Dale Bennett

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing	Ethan Duncan
First Prayer	Paul Hurst
Reading	Aiden McVey
Invitation	Steve Hillis
Dismiss	Stanley Graves

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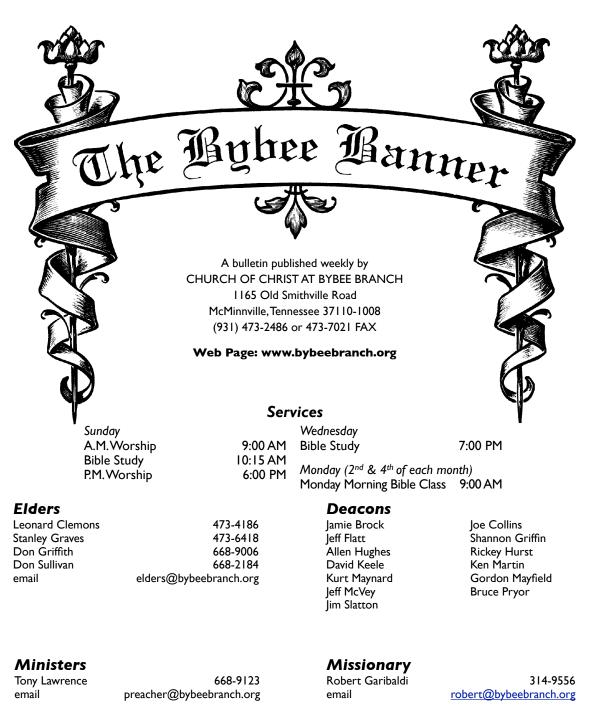
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P.M	Sarah Kell & Amy Prince
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Bus Driver:	Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

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Assist Baptisms: Elaine Hoover & 0	Gail Crouch
Pantry Item:l	ima Beans.
Elder Closing Remarks:Stan	ley Graves

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

A.M. Worship	322
Bible Study	251
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
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## Sermons for Sunday

AM	Sins of King Saul
PM	Ten Commandments Today #3

# Thank You!

I want to express my deepest thanks for the prayers, cards, food and words of encouragement I received this past week following my surgery. I especially want to thank the elders for their kind encouragement and understanding for my need to have some time off to recuperate. Also, I want to thank Ray Weddington, Steve Hillis and Tim Fisher for covering my duties preaching and teaching last week.

While I will be limited for a few weeks in what I can do physically, I plan on being in the office each day (maybe just not as many hours as usual). Brother Ray Weddington said it best on Sunday evening, "the difference between major and minor surgery is if it happens to you its minor surgery, if it happens to me it major." You are loved and appreciated!

~ Tony Lawrence ~

# **Youth News**

Well, the "better-safe-than-sorry" approach to our "Lock-In" was still the right call, BUT... Anyway, for the shortened version I couldn't have asked for a better time and turnout. Thanks to the youth for sticking with us. Also a big shout-out to Jeff & Dachelle for opening their home and providing food and a perfect atmosphere. (BTV, we have a lot of great parents!) The devo was great (especially the singing) with plenty of activities to go around.

**TABS** takes place at Red Hill this Sunday. We will leave at 5:15. Our topic is "What Am I Doing Here?" Let's fill the bus!

The next **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** is February 25<sup>th</sup>.

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After Sunday's lesson I have reconsidered the identification of Lucifer with Satan. While the Bible does portray Satan as one who is puffed up with pride (ITim. 3:6) and one who challenged God and Christ (Job I; Matt. 4), I have come to understand that Isaiah 14 is a reference to the King of Babylon and not Satan. I regret any confusion that this might have caused.

~ Steve ~

# 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; 1 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 ~

# Are We "Apologists?"

Merriam-Webster Online, defines the word, apology as being derived from the Greek word, *apologia* which means, "a speaking in defense."

This Greek word does not imply admission of guilt or regret, but a desire to make clear the grounds for some course, belief, or position, i.e. "his speech was an apologia for his foreign policy."

The apostle Paul used the above Greek word in Philippians 1:7,17 – KJV (as well as in 1 Corinthians 9:3; 2 Corinthians 7:11; 2 Timothy 4:16) when he made clear his "defence" of the gospel.

Thus the inspired apostle Paul was indeed an "apologist" in "defence" of the gospel of Christ, therefore, apologists are necessary and the study of "apologetics" ("a branch of theology devoted to the defense of the divine origin and authority of Christianity") is necessary as well.

Using Paul as our example (1 Corinthians 11:1; Philippians 3:17), we as Christians, should always be prepared to make a defense (answer - KJV), (or apologia), to anyone who asks us for a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15 – ESV).

~ Mike Riley ~

# Who Sowed the Seed?

Who sowed the seed? None could recall. But somewhere in the bygone years A toiler in the ground let fall A seed that in the soil took hold, And through long months of heat and cold, Increased and spread, till now appears An annual harvest of rich gold.

Who planted the tree? Nobody knew. But someone, sometime, set it out, And it through rain and sunshine grew, Although no eye was near to see, 'Til from the little tender sprout There came a sheltering giant tree And many a pilgrim breathed a prayer Of thanks for him who put it there.

Who sowed the Good Seed? Perhaps not now, But in eternity we'll know. The Master then will tell us how Some gentle soul, devoid of fame, Proclaimed a truth in His Great Name, Showed someone else the way to go. And then another, seeing the light, Turned from the way of doubt and wrong, And followed the pathway of the right And thus the good work moved along. But only in Heaven will it be known By whom the original seed was sown.

### Sunday Morning Worshib

Sunday morning	a or simp
Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	David Keele
Reading	Ray Weddington
Scripture	Acts 13:22
Lord's Table (N)	*Bobby Ashford
(S)	*W.C. Chilton
	Cory Prince
(N)	Clent Kesey
(N)	Jared Mullican
	Ricky Prince
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# Sermons for Sunday

AM	Digressions Of King David
PM	Ten Commandments Today #3

# **Gospel Meeting**

The **East End church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on March 8-12, with services at 7 pm, with Charles Blair preaching.

# A Song & A Prayer

If I had just one song to sing While seeking God's face It would be the eternal melody Of God's great Amazing Grace.

If I had just one prayer to offer Before the One who is always right I would praise the Son of glory For His great eternal life.

~ Benny Bristow ~

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## Gospel Singing

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YOU CAN COME UP NOW. THE GROUP VISITING FROM THE CHURCH HAS GONE.

Sunday	Monday	<b>N</b> Tuesday	March 201 Wednesday	5 Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Eddie Palmer Kirstie Dixon Terri Eller	2	3 Melissa Brock	4 Tara Felty	5 Darron Dixon Mitchell Ferrell Tommy Crouch	6 Ben Biles Flossie Warren Penny Keele	7 David McColloch
8 DEREK & MIRANDA VINSON Rance McBride Bible Bowl at New Union 2 PM	9 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	10 Kaitiyn Reynolds	11 Tim Gann	12 Rickey Hurst	13 Adry Snow Aryn Snow STEVE & ANGIE CALDWELL	14
15 Farris Young	16	17 Jeff Elam Lynder Holmes	18 Kaitiyn Thaxton KEN & NONA MARTIN	19 Tyler Rutledge	20	21
22 Becky Maynard Calvin Rogers JOE & BECKY MAY- NARD Wanda Carter	23 Ashlynn Graves Cameron Chilcutt Doris Smith Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	24 BRIAN & BECKY MOODY Wilma Chism	25 Aimee Bielling Aralen McVey Melinda Martin	26 Annaston McBride Clara Scott Ella Faith Kesey Lola Barrett	27	28 JOE & JAMIE ROLLER JOHN & JUDY NUSS BAUM
29 Derek Vinson	30	31 Bo Gentry Ayers Delanie Sullivan Easton Randolph	1 JIMMY & IVA CUN- NINGHAM	2 Gordon Fults	3	Alice Cantrell Larry Cook
Young Men Conduct PM Services						

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Morning	worship
Announcements	
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Micah Lawrence
Reading	David Roberts
Scripture	IKings 11:1-3
	*Leonard Clemons
(S)	*Tim Fisher
(N)	Chris Snow
	David McColloch
(N)	Harold McGinness
	Jason Vandagriff
	Aiden McVey
(S)	Farris Young
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kurt Maynard

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Steve Hillis
Reading	Marty Boles
Scripture	Exodus 20:7
Lord's Table	*Bernie Gierucki
	*Doug Hendrixson
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Paul Hurst

#### Wednesday Bible Study Announcements

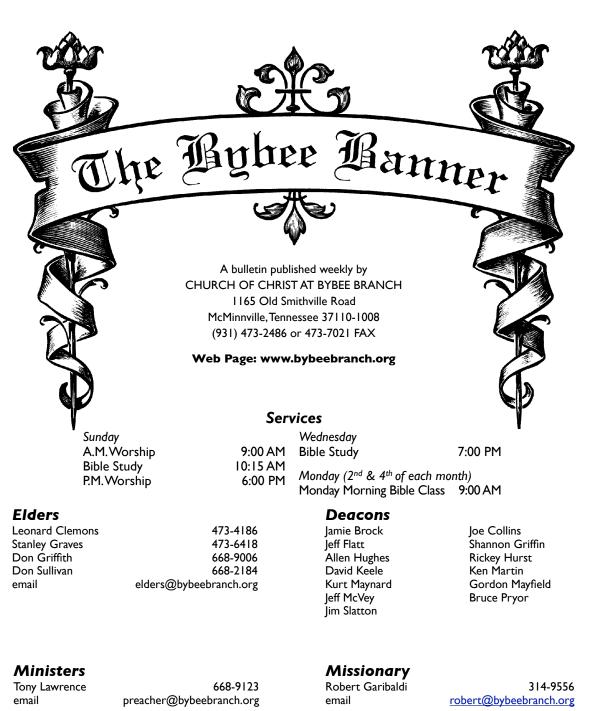
Announcements	Caleb Hughes
Lead Singing	David Keele
First Prayer	Josh Templeton
Reading	Caleb Graves
Invitation	Larry Flatt
Dismiss	Tommy Crouch

## Welcome Committee

A.M	Gordon & Nancy Mayfield
P.M	Rickey Hurst Family
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Bus Driver:	Paul Hurst (668-7088)

March 8, 2	015
Ushers:Calvin Rogers & Herb Row	vland
Attend Nursery:Sharon E	Boles
Un/Lock Building:Rodney Maynard/Don St	ullivan
Prepare Communion:Denice	Rhea
Assist Baptisms: Maggie Hurst & Marsha C	ollins
Pantry Item:	Sugar
Elder Closing Remarks:Don Su	llivan
Record For The Week	
A.M. Worship	309
Bible Study	253
P.M. Worship	216
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#### In The Hospital:

Terry Rutledge (son of Elmer & Lilly Rutledge) -St. Thomas West with blood clot Betty Dixon (Darron's mother) - Centennial Leoma Hoover (mother of Ronnie Hoover) - NHC

### Sermons for Sunday

AM ......Failure Of King Solomon PM .....Ten Commandments Today #3

# **Gospel Meeting**

The **East End church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on March 8-12, with services at 7 pm, with Charles Blair preaching.

# **Address update**

Brother Greg Grizzell sent a note of thanks to the church for the cards and prayers. He also noted that he now has a new address:

Greg Grizzell 266 Ty Brooke Lane Rock Island,TN 38581-5317 (931) 409-6677

# Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Eddie Pack, uncle of our Dale Bennett. Brother Pack was an elder at the Arlington church of Christ. His funeral was this past Saturday.

# Shut-ins

### **Raintree Manor**

(415 Pace St., Mc Minnville, TN 37110) Clara Roller #506 David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father) #314 Essie Hillis #414 Mary Davis #509

### NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville,TN 37111) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister) #201 Winfrey Hennessee #213 Leoma Hoover (Ronnie's mother)

#### **Creekside At Three Rivers**

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128) Vivian Ferrell

### **Bailey Manor**

(1707 McMinnville Highway, Manchester, TN 37355) Nan Cantrell

### Webb House - McMinnville

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110) Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife) Bob Cunningham (Susan Pryor's father)

#### **Riverview Terrace**

(114 Highland Dr., McMinnville, TN 37110) Pete Waddell

### Home:

Leonard Crouch Betty Dixon (Darron's mother) Dennis Gann Greg Grizzell Ronnie Hamilton (Linda's husband) Willene Kell Kathy Neale (Chris's mother) Barbara Northcutt Evelyn Northcutt June Slatton Cora Stembridge Winona Ward (sister to Juanita Oliver) Buell Warren

# Youth News

**BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** is this Wednesday night! Please stick around after services to help celebrate those youth who have February birthdays.

The final **BIBLE BOWL** for this season will take place Sunday at New Union. The bus will leave at 1:15 pm. Our study will take place at Steve & Sharla Hillis' home this Saturday. Be prepared to discuss I John 3 & 4, II & III John.

**TABS** is this Sunday evening at Central. The topic is "My Role in My Family." Lonnie Jones is the guest speaker.

### The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual SPRING YOUTH RETREAT

at Hy-Lake Christian Camp will take place the weekend of March 27<sup>th</sup>. Our theme is "HEAVEN is Real." Registration is now open, so get signed-up! Money and forms can be turned in before the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

The destination is set for the 20<sup>th</sup> **PROM AL-TERNATIVE TRIP**. We will visit the great city of Atlanta on April 23-26, 2015. Again, check the YBB for signing up and pertinent information.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Sun. 3/15 Pew Packers

# The Bible

Read then, but first thyself prepare To read with zeal and mark with care: And when thou readest what here is writ, Let thy best practice second it: So twice each precept read should be; First in the Book and next in thee.

~ author unknown ~



# Daylight Saving Time

Be sure to set your clocks FORWARD one hour this Saturday so you will be to services on time Sunday.

# **Love Covers Sins**

"And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."" I Pet. 4:8

Have you ever found it difficult to forgive someone who has genuinely asked for your forgiveness? Perhaps the reason it is so difficult is that you really do not love that person. We can see true love in the heart of our Lord as He begged for forgiveness for those nailing Him to the cross (Lk. 23:34). And yet no greater love could be shown than dying for them (Jn. 15:13). Jesus sought for the opportunity to extend forgiveness. Such also was the will of the Father (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8).

Peter was evidently quoting Solomon, "Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins." Pr. 10:12. This passage is an excellent illustration of Hebrew poetry where the two lines are set in contrast. Hate and love are opposite dispositions. "Stirs up" is literally "uncovers" and is set in opposition to "covers." And such attitude would result in strife versus forgiveness. When hatred is unmasked it shows itself in the creation of strife. It does seek or even want things to be peaceful. As David captured the idea so well. "I am for peace; But when I speak, they are for war." Ps. 120:7.

Exactly how does this "fervent love" actually work? First, it does not keep a record of wrongs. The "thinks no evil" of I Cor. 13:5 may also be translated "does not keep a record of wrongs" HCSB. Second, it thinks the best of one another. "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."I Cor. 13:7. Third, it seeks to turn the one going astray back to the Truth. "19 Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20 let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins." Jas. 5:19–20.

Perhaps we have too long looked at forgiving someone else as a drudging obligation rather than teaching genuine fervent love for one another. Rather than being something I have to do, it should be something that I want to do.

~ Tony Lawrence ~

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday morning	voi sinp
Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Don Griffith
	Justin Griffin
Scripture	Matthew 25:31-33
	*Shannon Griffin
(S)	*Jacob Griffin
	Russ Chilcutt
(N)	Keith Chilcutt
(N)	Dwight Barrett
(S)	Darron Dixon
(S)	Ezra Dixon
(S)	Junah Bouldin
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Norman Sain

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Tommy Turner
Reading	Ethan Duncan
Scripture	Exodus 20:8-11
Lord's Table	*Steve Hillis
	*Ronnie Hoover
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Larry Flatt

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Caleb Hughes
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Jack Keele
Reading	Justin Griffin
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Dale Bennett

## Welcome Committee

	Olivia Newby & Annie Niles Steve Hillis Family
Bus Driver:	Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

	March 15, 2015
Ushers:Ronn	ie Hoover & Joe Maynard
Attend Nursery:	Gail Crouch
Un/Lock Building:	Rodney Maynard/Don Sullivan
Prepare Communion:	Denice Rhea
Assist Baptisms: Ma	ggie Hurst & Marsha Collins
Pantry Item:	Noodles
Elder Closing Remark	s:Leonard Clemons
Record For The Week	

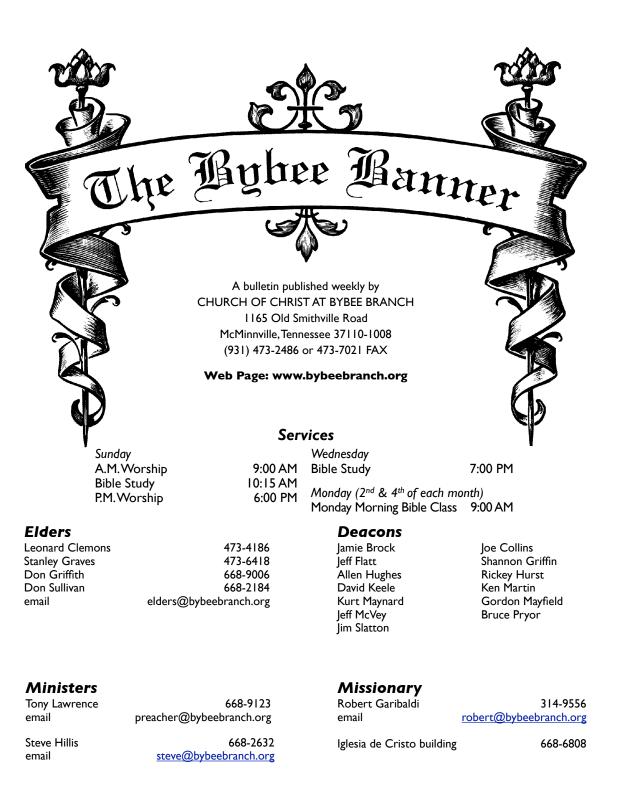
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P.M. Worship	214
Wednesday Bible Study	147
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#### In The Hospital:

Leoma Hoover (mother of Ronnie Hoover) - NHC

# Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Don Leatherwood (formerly attended Bybee Branch). His funeral was Saturday at Highs.

We also express our sympathy to the family of Geneva Tenpenny, sister of our Leonard Crouch. Her funeral was Saturday at McMinnville Funeral Home

We express our sympathy to the family of Betty Dixon, mother of our Darron Dixon. Her services were Sunday at Gardens of Memory.

# Sermons for Sunday

AM	Separating Sheep & Goats
PMTe	n Commandments Today #4

# **Family Vacation Bible School**

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# **Gospel Meetings**

The **East End church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on March 8-12, with services at 7 pm, with Charles Blair preaching.

The **Bethany church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on March 15-18, with services at 7 pm, with Jim Dearman preaching.

# **Youth News**

Another **BIBLE BOWL** season has come to an end. I would like to personally thank all the kids who studied and participated this year. Hopefully, we have all grown via the powerful message of the inspired word. Thanks also to those who opened their homes to us for Saturday Bible studies.

The **PEW PACKERS** will meet this Sunday. We will meet in the fellowship room at 5:00 pm. Our class is titled *"But You Can Control It."* Please make plans to join us!

Less than three weeks remain until we converge on Hy-Lake Christian Camp! The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual **SPRING YOUTH RETREAT** is just around the corner and the finishing touches are in progress. As of this writing, the sign-up sheet is filling up fast. Money and Forms must be turned in by this Sunday (3/15.) Arguably this is one of the most cherished events of the BBYG, so if you have never experienced SYR, 2015 would be a great time to start.

So hard to believe that another BBYG gem is approaching in a couple of months. The 20<sup>th</sup> **PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP** is April 23-26. We are heading south to Atlanta, GA. Some of the activities will include exploring Stone Mountain, experiencing the World of Coca-Cola, zip-lining through and old mill town called Banning Mills, and screaming our lungs off at Six Flags. We will also be worshipping on Sunday with the Lithia Springs church, where McMinnville's adopted son Larry Acuff preaches. The gist of this trip is to get away and enjoy 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS of great fun and times together. I have had so many kids through the years come up to be after the prom and state, "I wish I had gone with y'all!" The trip is for 9th to 12th graders, plus any chaperones that "dare" go with us. The sign-up sheet is up and ready for YOU to sign it. We will have a meeting this Sunday night to go over details.

#### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Sun. 3/22 Home Devo Sun. 3/22 Young Men Led Service Wed. 3/25 Birthday Wednesday

# **Restorations**

This past Sunday evening brother Dennis Eller and brother Rickey Hurst came forward requesting prayers. Please remember these two brethren in your private prayers as well.

# You Shall Call His Name Jesus

- To an ARTIST, His is One altogether.
- To an ARCHITECT, He is the Chief Cornerstone.
- To an ASTRONOMER, He is the Sun of Righteousness.
- To a BAKER, He is the Living Bread.
- To a BANKER, He is Hidden Treasure.
- To a BIOLOGIST, He is Life.
- To a CARPENTER, He is the Sure Foundation.
- To a DOCTOR, He is the Great Physician.
- To an EDUCATOR, He is the Great Physician.
- To a FARMER, He is the Sower and Lord of the harvest.
- To a FLORIST, He is the Lily of the Valley and the Rose of Sharon.
- To a GEOLOGIST, He is the Rock of Ages.
- To a JEWELER, He is the Pearl of Great Price.
- To a PHILOSOPHER, He is the Wisdom of God.
- To a CHRISTIAN, He is the Son of the Living God, the Savior and Lord!
  - ~ author unknown ~ reprinted by request

If your faith will not take you to worship, what makes you think it will take you to heaven?

# Seven Wonders of the World

To See: Oh what a wonderful gift! To Hear: This is wonderful too! To Touch: The soft hand of a child, will melt one's heart that's for true! To Taste: Brings sweet sensations! To Feel: That's indescribable joy! To Laugh: Something only humans do; To Love: That dear girl or dear boy! God gave us humans these senses, so let's use them as we should do! Let's not misuse these good senses; Use to the glory of Him who is true! (Philippians 4:8-9; Colossians 4:6)

~ Kenneth E. Thomas ~

# **Self Examination**

Here are some suggestions for a spiritual examination (1 Cor. 11:28 and James 1:23):

- I. Am I so CRITICAL that I see only a person's failures and not his/her good points?
- 2. Am I so CHILDISH that people must handle me gently lest I be offended?
- 3. Am I MATURE ENOUGH to handle hurts and disappointments without feeling mistreated and making everyone else miserable?
- 4. Do I HURT people while boasting, "I believe in saying what I think."
- 5. Can I be completely TRUSTED with confidential information?
- 6. Am I guilty of making SARCASTIC REMARKS about the success of others?
- 7. Am I big enough to admit when I am wrong, or do I seek to excuse myself by BLAMING OTH-ERS?
- 8. Do I excuse my sins while self-righteously CONDEMNING OTHERS?
- 9. Are others LIFTED, UPLIFTED AND ENCOUR-AGED through their association with me?
- Do I follow after peace or do my words and actions PROMOTE LIFE?

~ via BulletinGold ~

### March 22, 2015

...Kurt Maynard & Tommy Crouch

Un/Lock Building: .......Rodney Maynard/Don Sullivan Prepare Communion: ......Denice Rhea

Assist Baptisms: ...... Maggie Hurst & Marsha Collins

Pantry Item: ......Tomato Sauce

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday morning	n oi sin p
Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Mike Mullins
	Chris Neale
Scripture	ICorinthians 15:58
	*Jeff Flatt
(S)	*Randy Griffith
(N)	David Roberts
	Jeff McVey
(N)	Steve Smith
(S)	Jamie Brock
(S)	Ken Martin
(S)	Joe Maynard
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton

### Sunday Evening Worship

(N)	Elder Closing Remarks: Record For The Week A.M. Worship Bible Study P.M. Worship Wednesday Bible Study Contribution	
Sunday Evening Worship Young Men To Conduct Services Wednesday Bible Study AnnouncementsCaleb Hughes Lead SingingLarry Cook First PrayerCory Prince ReadingJohn David Keele		<b>CHURCH OF CHRIST AT BYBEE BRANCH</b> 1165 Old Smithville Road McMinnville, Tennessee 37110-1008 [RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED]
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Ushers: .....



### At Home:

Carol Barrett Phillip Roller

#### In The Hospital:

Larry Goodman - Centennial Medical Center ICU Leoma Hoover (mother of Ronnie Hoover) - NHC Tamara Hughes (Allen Hughes cousin) - St. Thomas-Rutherford for surgery on Tuesday

# **Address Updates**

Phyllis Bailey 48 Hill Top Drive McMinnville, TN 37110 (No PO Box anymore)

Pete Waddell has been moved from Riverview Terrace to Raintree Manor; 415 Pace St., McMinnville,TN 37110.

# **Sermons for Sunday**

AM ......Motivated For The Master PM .....YOUNG MEN CONDUCT SERVICES

# **Family Vacation Bible School**

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# **Gospel Meeting**

The **Bethany church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on March 15-18, with services at 7 pm, with Jim Dearman preaching.

# Restorations

This past Sunday morning sister Doris Smith came forward requesting prayers. Please remember her in your prayers.

# **Youth News**

The following **SERVICE PROJECT** was just offered to the youth (and any adults) that would like to help. This Thursday (March 19<sup>th</sup>) we are invited to help "fill eggs" for an upcoming Kid's of the Community project. If you can and are willing to help, please meet at the church building at 6 this Thursday to caravan to the destination. Thanks!

The Templeton's will host our monthly **HOME DEVO** this Sunday evening following worship. Boys bring a 2-liter and girls a dessert. Bring your Bible and a friend!

Our young men will be conducting services this Sunday night. If you are a Christian young man and I fail to contact you, please let me know how you would like to serve. Also, to the "younger" young men, if you want to read scripture, lead a song or prayer, just be prepared!

The **SPRING YOUTH RETREAT** is March 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>! Please get your money turned in as soon as you can, and you <u>must</u> have a Rules/ Observations Form turned in before you can attend the retreat. VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: If you plan on eating dinner with us Friday and/or Saturday night, please sign the list BY THIS SUNDAY, <u>MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup></u>. This is extremely important so proper food preparation can be made. A donation container will be set-up at Hy-Lake for you to pay toward your meal.

We had a great turn out for our first PAT meeting. The trip is going to be fantastic, so get signed-up! Complete details are on the YBB.

**BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** is March 25<sup>th</sup>. We will be celebrating those with February and March birthdays, due to the bad weather days.

I want to give an update on what Micah and I will be teaching for the next few months, since Bible Bowl is over. Micah, who teaches grades 7 - 9, will be discussing the life of Jesus. The 10 - 12 grade class, which is mine, will be learning about "Bible Basics" meaning a look at the trustworthiness and reliability of the Bible. If you ever have questions, please see either one of us.

Also, for the younger kids (or even the older for that matter) I found something recently that may be of interest to keep our youth involved in the actual worship. A worksheet that has places for the kids to write down the song numbers we sing, who needs to be prayed for, the title of Tony's lesson, and a box to be marked when certain words are used is among the main items. These will be on the foyer table for your convenience. Possibly a better alternative to the "modern technology" that seems to have taken over our kids minds? Steve

# How Beautiful Heaven Must Be

How wonderful it is to be able to study about Heaven from God's Word. To read and meditate upon all of the verses in the Bible dealing with Heaven ought to instill in each one of us a greater longing for that wonderful and beautiful place.

To have the opportunity to sing about Heaven and the beauty of it as we often do in the song "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be" ought to thrill our soul. Yes, we know as we see the words describing Heaven in the Bible and in our songbooks, we understand that it is going to be greater and more beautiful than any words we can come up with

To live in that beautiful place called Heaven should be the desire of every person. Heaven is a wonderful, glorious and beautiful place. Heaven is a beautiful place because ...

- It is **HOME** for the child of God. We are pilgrims, strangers in this life (Hebrews 11:13). Our stay on earth is only temporal (Hebrews 9:27). It is in that future home happiness will be found and hope fulfilled (I Corinthians 15:19). This earth is not our home, and we are just passing through to a better and more beautiful home, Heaven.
- It is **ETERNAL**. According to Matthew 25:46, it is the righteous who will obtain life eternal. As children of God we will have eternal rest in

heaven (Revelation 14:13). The blessings and benefits of heaven will never cease. The beauty of heaven will continue because it is eternal.

- Of it's **ASSOCIATIONS**. In heaven we will be able to enjoy eternal fellowship with the Godhead (John 14:1-6; I Corinthians 15:23-25). We will also enjoy fellowship with the godly of all ages (Matthew 25:31- 46; Hebrews 11). How wonderful and beautiful that fellowship will be because of the associations there.
- It is a place of **VICTORY**. In this life, we can have victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15:57). In heaven we will enjoy final eternal victory. We will have victory forever over death, the Devil, darkness, despair, discouragement, distress, disappointments, danger and even disobedience (Revelation 21:1-8). How wonderful it will be knowing that one day we will have victory over these things.
- It is the **END**. In this life there is indifference (Revelation 3:15-16), immorality (Galatians 5:19-21), and immaturity (Hebrews 5:12-14). In heaven all these will end. Irreverence, ignorance, ill-will and ingratitude will not be in heaven. How wonderful and beautiful heaven is going to be without these things.
- Of its **NATURE**. It is a promised place for the people of God. Peter states in I Peter I:4 it is the Christian's inheritance. This inheritance Peter says is "incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." This inheritance does not decay, is not defiled, is not dull and is definite.

Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people (John 14:1-3). To prepare, one must have faith (Hebrews 11:6), repent of sins (Luke 13:3), confess Christ (Matthew 10:32-33), be baptized (Mark 16:16) and then live a faithful and dedicated life (Revelation 2:10). Begin now to prepare for this wonderful, glorious and beautiful place called heaven

~ Jerry Joseph ~ via St. Peters Proclaimer, St. Peters, MO

#### Sunday Morning Worshib

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Larry Cook
First Prayer	Willie Newby
Reading	Jared Mullican
Scripture	Ezekiel 16:1-6
Lord's Table (N)	*Michael Andrews
(S)	*David Chilton
(N)	Ethan Duncan
(N)	Kurt Maynard
(N)	Kane Maynard
(S)	Eugene Wilcher
(S)	Norman Sain
(S)	Rodney Maynard
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	David Keele

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	
Lead Singing	Larry Cook
First Prayer	Willie Newby
Reading	Robert Elam
Scripture	Exodus 20:12
Lord's Table	*Allen Hughes
	*Caleb Hughes
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Martin

### Wednesday Bible Study

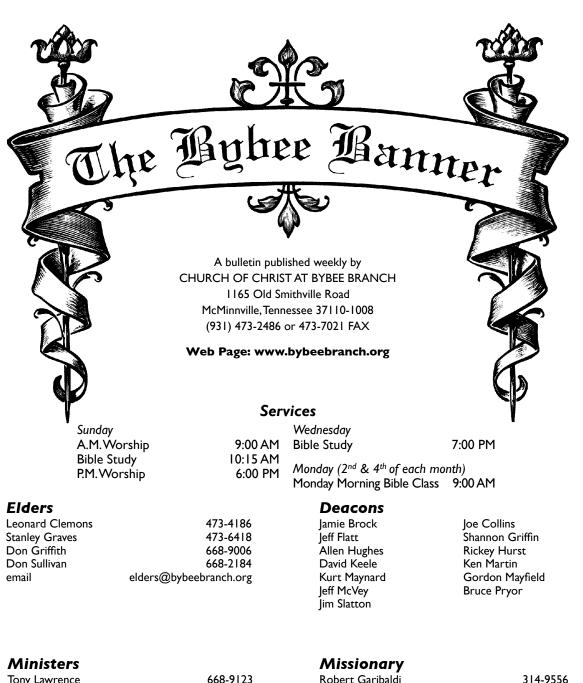
Announcements	Gordon Mayfield
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	Ricky Prince
Reading	Josh King
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Rickey Hurst

## Welcome Committee

A.M	Leonard & Avie Clemons
P.M	Danny Duncan Family
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Bus Driver:	Paul Hurst (668-7088)

	March 29, 2015
	Jeff Templeton & Jason Vandagriff <b>ry:</b> Janie Griffin
Un/Lock Buil	ding:Rodney Maynard/Don Sullivan
=	munion:Denice Rhea
-	<b>ns:</b> Maggie Hurst & Marsha Collins
Pantry Item:	Sliced Pineapple
Elder Closing	Remarks:Don Griffith
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#### In The Hospital:

Leoma Hoover (mother of Ronnie Hoover) - NHC Leonard Crouch - NHC # 125 Willene Kell - NHC # 214B

# Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Larry Goodman (former member at Bybee Branch). His funeral was this past Saturday at McMinnville Funeral Home.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Myrtle Hammock, grandmother of our Jason Vandagriff. Her services were Tuesday in Sparta.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Donna Kay Gillies, mother of our Charles Gillies and grandmother to Sam Gillies. She passed away unexpectedly this past Friday and her services will be Wednesday in Vassar, MI.

# **Sermons for Sunday**

AM.....Struggling To Survive Spiritually PM .....Ten Commandments Today #5

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The Unity church of Christ will host their annual Family Vacation Bible School on March 28, break-fast will be at 8:30 am, registration at 9:00 am and classes from 9:30-11:00. Theme will be: Do You Know Noah. Harold Cook will be be the Adult Speaker.

Any person who criticizes you for the way you do a good work places himself under a solemn obligation to do that same work in a better way. Youth News

In just a few days the BBYG, friends, and guests will be on the grounds of Hy-Lake Christian Camp for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual SPRING YOUTH RETREAT. I still marvel that SYR is 15 and growing stronger each year. A LOT of talented people are working diligently to make sure that each youth has a great experience. The goal for our weekend together is to make sure everyone understands how real, beautiful, and prepared heaven is. Parents, I want to encourage you to talk to your kids before they leave for the retreat. There is the real possibility that a lesson may prick their heart. If my numbers are correct, there have been 9 baptisms and 26 restorations in 15 years. Is you child ready to obey the gospel? Have they been asking you questions about their soul, heaven and hell, salvation? If so, this weekend might be the time. Bybee Branch I kindly ask that you pray for us at Hy-Lake. Please pray for our safety and well-being. Pray that chaperones will not jump out windows and run for their lives! Pray for our speakers & teachers. Pray that hearts will be touched with a longing to be in God's presence someday and to make the necessary preparations for that to happen. Pray that everything we learn will not be left at camp. Love to you all and thank you for the great support you give me and our youth...Steve

BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY is this Wednesday!

### The 20<sup>th</sup> **PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP** is

April 23 - 26. We are headed to Atlanta this year. Please see the YBB for details and to sign-up.

# **God's Promise**

Now that I've become A Christian Some think, "There'll be no tears The pathway will be brightened

Without any darkness or fears!"

This is not what God has promised Even to those, His faithful few But has promised, "Come what may, I will stay close to be with you."

~ Benny B. Bristow ~

# Letter from the Mission Field in Guyana

Katoka Village Central Rupununi Region 9, Guyana

11th March 2015

#### Bybee Branch Church of Christ 1165 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville,TN 37110

Dear Brethren,

It's my pleasure here in Guyana to let you know the progress of the Lord's church. Church of Christ has ben established here in 2013, with 23 members. To this date we have on roll 52 members with 6 visiting friends to our services. Services are kept on Sunday morning and evening, Wednesday and Friday evenings.

Members have grown to be spiritually strong. We are asking that petition be made for us us here so that the church can grow both physically and spiritually. As a preacher here I need your prayers for boldness to preach the Word and to courageously defend the truth of God's Word.

I now want to thank you for the financial support that is made available to us for the past months until now. We appreciate your services, care and concern for us. May we all exchange prayers for one another so that we all can be truly the children of God.

May God bless and keep you safe until we meeting in our heavenly home.

Your brother in Christ, Archer Moses

# Chaste or Chased?

Warm, sunny, days have already arrived, and with the warm weather comes the challenge of modesty. I'm not going to lecture or give you my "opinion." I don't want to set your standards for you, and tell you what you can and cannot wear. All I want to do is ask you to read God's word and then answer a question.

First, God's word...

- Thou shalt not commit adultery (Exodus 20:14).
- Thou shalt not covet your neighbor's wife (Exodus 20:17).
- Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has committed adultery in his heart (Matthew 5:28).
- Abstain from fleshly lusts that war against the soul (1 Peter 2:11).
- Flee youthful lusts (2 Timothy 2:22).

- Possess your vessel in sanctification and honor, not in passionate lusts (1 Thessalonians 4:4-5).
- Dress in modest apparel; dress that professes one's godliness (1 Timothy 2:9-10).
- Let us resolve not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way (Romans 14:13).

Now then, the question...

• Does the way you dress cause the opposite sex to think you are "chaste," or does it cause them to think you want to be "chased?"

Honest self-evaluation, virtue, and an unrelenting desire to be pleasing to God is all that is needed, and modesty will take care of itself.

Give it some thought.

~ Steve Higginbotham ~

### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Morning	worsnip
Announcements	(815-3033) Caleb Graves
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Steve Hillis
Reading	Shannon Griffin
Scripture	Luke 24:1-7
Lord's Table (N)	*David Keele
(S)	*Ken Martin
	Mitchell Ferrell
	Junah Bouldin
(N)	Ezra Dixon
(S)	Ethan Gierucki
	Farris Young
(S)	Steve Smith
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Dale Bennett

### Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Welcome Committee

Announcements	(815-3033) Caleb Graves
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Larry Flatt
Reading	Robert Elam
Scripture	Genesis 9:5-6
Lord's Table	*Michael Andrews
	*Bobby Ashford
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Tommy Crouch

Announcements ......Gordon Mayfield

Lead Singing.....Larry Cook

First Prayer ......Doug Hendrixson

Reading.....Aiden McVey

Invitation .......amie Brock

Dismiss.....Caleb Hughes

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Ushers:Darron Dixon & D Attend Nursery: Un/Lock Building:Allen Prepare Communion: Assist Baptisms: Avie Clemons	Gle Hughes/ Allen H	enda Ferrell /Kurt Maynard lughes Family
Pantry Item:	•••••	Oatmeal
Elder Closing Remarks:	E	Don Sullivan
Record For The Week A.M. Worship Bible Study P.M. Worship Wednesday Bible Study Contribution		201 216 217
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April 5, 2015



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P.M. .....Marsha Pitts & Amy Prince

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**BYBEE BRANCH** 

### At Home:

Carol Barrett Brenda Davis Phillip Roller

#### In The Hospital:

Jim Slatton - St.Thomas West ICU following a stroke Leoma Hoover (mother of Ronnie Hoover) - NHC Leonard Crouch - NHC # 125 Willene Kell - NHC # 214B

### Sermons for Sunday

AM	He Is Risen!
PM	Ten Commandments Today #6

# Work Day for Gospel Meeting

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## Welcome

The elders announced Sunday that Stanley & Jean Clendenon had placed their membership. Please add them to your church directory:

Stanley & Jean Clendenon 269 S Riverside Dr. McMinnville, TN 37110-2712 (931) 473-7062 Anniversary: June 5 Birthdays: Stanley- August 8 Jean - July 12

# **Requesting Prayer**

At the Spring Youth Retreat on Sunday morning sisters Adry and Aryn Snow requested the prayers of the church.

# Youth News

Heaven is Real. Heaven will be Rich in so many different ways. Heaven is Prepared for the Prepared. To the Keynote speakers, Breakout Session teachers, Chapel speakers, Food coordinators, Kitchen helpers, Donators of money and time, "Box" consultants, chaperones, Stewart Creek and Hebron youth & chaperones, Stewart Creek and Hebron youth & chaperones, guests of the BBYG, and most importantly the BBYG, I simply say THANK YOU for making the I5<sup>th</sup> Annual **SPRING YOUTH RETREAT** a lasting memory. To God be all the glory...Steve

The next big event for the BBYG (and friends) is the 20<sup>th</sup> PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP. The trip is April 23-26 and is for high school students. We need you and your friends to go! Sign-up for 4 Nights/3 Days of Atlanta fun! Full details are on the Youth Bulletin Board.

**FIRST SUNDAY EATS** will be this Sunday. We will meet for a brief devotional, then head out to eat and fellowship together.

Parents, don't forget the "Worship Notes for Kids" on the foyer table!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Pew Packers Sun. 12<sup>th</sup> Home Devotional Sun. 19<sup>th</sup> TABS Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Wednesday

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# **Gospel Meeting Post Cards**

Don't forget to pick up the post cards and mail them soon to advertise our Gospel Meeting. Our Gospel Meeting begins only two weeks from Sunday!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	April 2015 Wednesday	<b>5</b> Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	9 30		1 JIMMY & IVA CUN- NINGHAM	Gordon Fults	3	Alice Cantrell Larry Cook
David Roberts Peyton Norris Sherry Graves	5 Martha Cathey Sharla Hillis Sharon Boles	Christine Cantrell	8	9 Addison Eller	10 Amy Prince	11
1	2 13 Dwight Barrett Tyler Judkins	B 14 Marty York	15 Eugene Wilcher Holly Prince	16	17 Bill Brown Brian Moody Luke Eller	18 Ellie Kate Ayers Peyton Griffith
Hannah Maynard Lynette Kesey Paul Hurst	9 20 BOBBY & MARY ASH FORD STEVE & SHARLA HILLIS Tony Lawrence	I- Denice Rhea	22 Cody Prince Junetta Gilbert	23 BILLY & ASHLEY PINEGAR	24 Taylor Gann	25 THOMAS & ALICE CANTRELL
2 Angie Caldwell	6 27	g with B.J. C	29	30 Mike Mullins	1 EUGENE & DORIS	2 CHRIS & HILARY
2 Angie Caldwell Betsy McBride Kristin Maynard		28	29			CHRIS & HILARY NEALE

### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Morning	worsnip
Announcements	(815-3033) Caleb Graves
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Randy Griffith
Reading	Marty Boles
Scripture	Ephesians 3:8-11
	*Willie Newby
(S)	*Ricky Prince
	Harold McGinness
(N)	Joe Maynard
(N)	Rodney Maynard
(S)	Justin Griffin
(S)	Jeff Templeton
(S)	Eugene Wilcher
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jacob Griffin

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(815-3033) Caleb Graves
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Kurt Maynard
Reading	Justin Randolph
Scripture	Matthew 5:27-28
Lord's Table	*David Chilton
	*W.C. Chilton
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	John David Keele

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Gordon Mayfield
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	
Reading	David Roberts
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Roger Cook

## Welcome Committee

	Pat Gauger & Linda Hamilton
Bus Driver:	Paul Hurst (668-7088)

April 12, 2015
Ushers:Calvin Rogers & Herb Rowland
Attend Nursery:Sherry Graves
Un/Lock Building:Allen Hughes/Kurt Maynard
Prepare Communion:Allen Hughes Family
Assist Baptisms: Avie Clemons & Stefanie McColloch
Pantry Item:Green Beans
Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons
Record For The Week
A.M. Worship
Bible Study278
P.M. Worship216
Wednesday Bible Study206

Contribution..

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### Sermons for Sunday

AM .....The Church Determined By God PM .....Ten Commandments Today #7

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Monday. H-N Tuesday: O-Z Wednesday: A-G

Deacons in each group will co-ordinate the menus.

# Shut-ins

**Raintree Manor** 

(415 Pace St., Mc Minnville,TN 37110) Clara Roller #506 David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father) #314 Essie Hillis #406 Pete Waddell #305

#### NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville,TN 37111) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister) #201 Winfrey Hennessee #213 Leoma Hoover (Ronnie's mother) Leonard Crouch - NHC # 125

#### **Creekside At Three Rivers**

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128) Vivian Ferrell

#### **Bailey Manor**

(1707 McMinnville Highway, Manchester, TN 37355) Nan Cantrell

#### Webb House - McMinnville

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110) Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife) Bob Cunningham (Susan Pryor's father)

#### Home:

Mary Davis (at Pat's home) Dennis Gann Greg Grizzell Ronnie Hamilton (Linda's husband) Willene Kell Kathy Neale (Chris's mother) Barbara Northcutt Evelyn Northcutt June Slatton Cora Stembridge Winona Ward (sister to Juanita Oliver) Buell Warren

Please help us keep this list updated. If you know of someone who ought to be on this list, please call the office.

# Youth News

The **PEW PACKERS** will meet this Sunday evening at 5 pm in the fellowship room. Our lesson and activity will be on the topic "He Found Grace."

Shannon and Janie Griffin will host our next **HOME DEVOTIONAL** this Sunday following evening worship. We appreciate our Bybee families that open their homes for us our youth to assemble, worship, and fellowship. Bring your Bible and a friend!

#### The cut-off for the 20th PROM ALTERNA-

**TIVE TRIP** is this Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. The trip is for high school students, their friends, Alumni and chaperones. We have a fun-filled <u>4 DAYS & 3</u> <u>NIGHTS</u> prepared for all who are going with us to Atlanta. Parents, please encourage your high school kids to be a part of this trip. Money is available to offset or fully cover expenses. So, again, thank you in advance for making PAT an important part of our youth program.

Parents don't forget the "Worship Notes for Kids" on the foyer table!

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>: Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> Birthday Wednesday

# All Is Gain

"The blessing from the Lord makes a person rich, and he adds no sorrow to it" Proverbs 10.22.

No trouble, no sorrow, no sadness nor pain Belong to the riches of Christ—all is gain; The blessings of God carry no ill effect, For they come from heaven, undiluted, direct.

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# Some are willing to do anything to become Christians, except give up their sins.

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# **Gospel Singing**

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# **New Arrival**

Congratulations to Erik & Savannah Stewart on the birth of Jackson Parker Stewart, born on April 1, 9 lbs, 3 ozs 22" long, Proud Great-Grandparents are Elmer & Lilly Rutledge.

#### ....

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday morning v	
Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Paul Hurst
Reading	
Scripture	Psalms 144:3-4
Lord's Table (N)	
(S)	*Norman Sain
(N)	
(N)	Shannon Griffin
(N)	Clent Kesey
(S)	David McColloch
(S)	Jared Mullican
(S)	Chris Neale
Sermon	
Dismiss	Mike Mullins

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Rickey Hurst
Reading	Caleb Graves
Scripture	Matthew 12:46-50
Lord's Table	*Joe Collins
	*Danny Duncan
Sermon	B.J. Clarke
Dismiss	Ronnie Prince

### Wednesday Bible Study

### **Gospel Meeting**

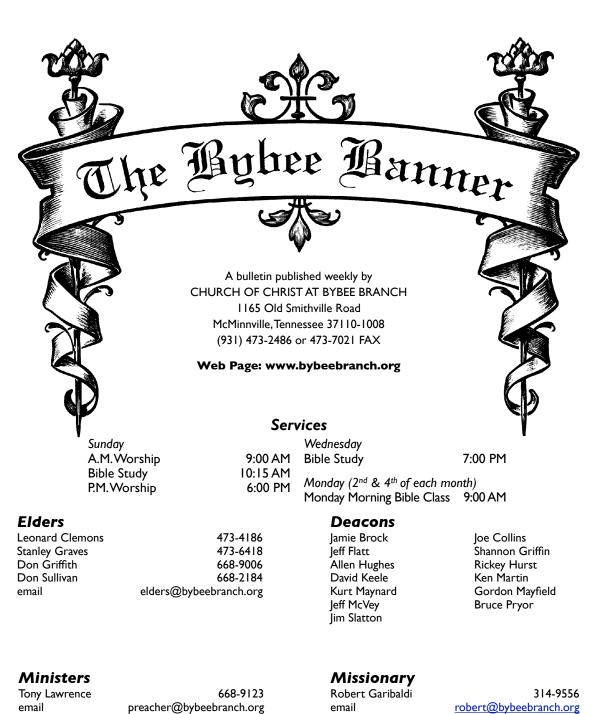
Welcome Co	mmittee
A.M P.M	Brandon Fuston Family Herb & Thelma Rowland
Bus Driver:	Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

	April 19, 2015
Ushers:Ronnie Hoo Attend Nursery:	
Un/Lock Building:	
Prepare Communion:	- ,
Assist Baptisms: Avie Cler	nons & Stefanie McColloch
Pantry Item:	sliced potatoes
Elder Closing Remarks:	Stanley Graves
Record For The Week A.M.Worship	220
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$7,306
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### At Home:

Willene Kell Brenda Davis Phillip Roller Jane Wilcher following stay in hospital

#### In The Hospital:

none known

# **Sermon Topics**

## Welcome

The elders announced this past Sunday the Fuston family is now a part of the congregation at Bybee Branch. Please add them to your church directory.

Brandon & Kara Fuston Harper, Hollyn, and Hayes 6314 Great Falls Rd Rock Island, TN 38581 (931) 686-3344

Anniversary: 7/15 Birthdays: Brandon: 2/19 Kara: 5/15 Harper: 6/15 Hollyn: 4/26 Hayes: 8/3

# **VBS Planning Meeting**

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### **Youth News**

The plans are set and all systems go for the 20<sup>th</sup> **PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP** to Atlanta. IF any late comers decide you would like to go, just see me.

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Assignments for	<b>Gospel Meeting</b>
Leading Singing:	

Monday	Ethan Duncan
	Michael Andrews
Wednesday	Steve Hillis

#### Ushers

Monday.....Shannon Griffin & Kurt Maynard Tuesday .....Dwight Barrett & Gordon Mayfield Wednesday .....Rodney Maynard & Ricky Prince

### Greeters

Monday	Ricky Prince Family
Tuesday	David & Iona King
Wednesday	Shannon Griffin Family

#### **Theme for Gospel Meeting:**

How To Live An Abundant Life—Here and Hereafter

"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10

### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday morning .	voi sinp
Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Kane Maynard
Reading	Ethan Duncan
Scripture	Matthew 13:1-3
	*Chris Snow
(S)	*Don Sullivan
	Ethan Gierucki
	Dwight Barrett
(N)	Eddie Palmer
(S)	Justin Randolph
	Tyler Judkins
(S)	Derrick Pennington
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Ronnie Hoover
Reading	Josh King
Scripture	Hebrews 13:4
Lord's Table	*Tim Fisher
	*Jeff Flatt
Sermon	
Dismiss	Tommy Turner

### Wednesday Bible Study

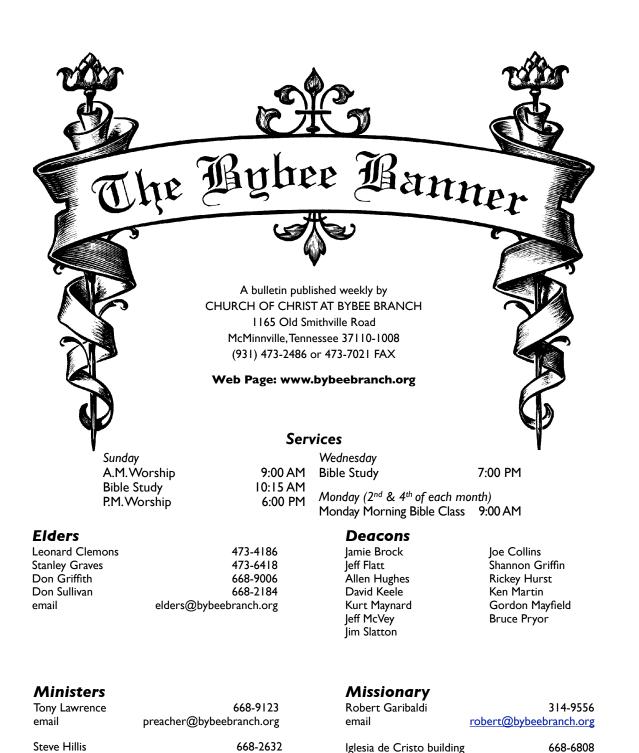
Gordon Mayfield
Justin Griffin
Ryan McColloch
Farris Young
Tony Lawrence
Josh Templeton

## Welcome Committee

	Jeff Templeton Family Don & Susie Griffith
Bus Driver:	Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Apr	il 26, 2015
Ushers:Kurt Maynard & T	•
Attend Nursery:	
Un/Lock Building:Allen Hug	hes/Kurt Maynard
Prepare Communion:Alle	n Hughes Family
Assist Baptisms: Avie Clemons & Sta	efanie McColloch
Pantry Item:	Carrots
Elder Closing Remarks:	Don Griffith
Record For The Week	
A.M.Worship	
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$8,063

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- At Home:
  - Willene Kell Brenda Davis Phillip Roller

#### In The Hospital:

Roy Hughes (Allen's cousin) - St. Thomas West #478 Wayne Collins (Joe's brother) - hospital in Nashville with pneumonia and possible heart problems

## **Baptism**

We rejoice with the baptism of Dillion Mooneyhan on Sunday evening. Please add him to your church directory.

#### Dillon Mooneyhan 1264 Old Smithville Road McMinnville,TN 37110

# **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .......The Church Described (by Christ) Sunday PM:.....Ten Commandments Today #7

# **Address Correction**

Please note the address listed in the bulletin last week was incorrect, it should be:

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# **Youth News**

If the Lord wills, the bus will be pulling out of the parking lot this Thursday as we embark on the 20<sup>th</sup> **PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP**. We will be heading to Atlanta. We ask for you prayers as we travel to and from.

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UPCOMING EVENTS: Wed. 29<sup>th</sup> Birthday Wednesday

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Friends & Family Days Pleasant Knoll church of Christ, April 26, with services at 9 and 10 am.

**New Hope church of Christ**, May 3, with services at 9 and 10 am.

# Gospel Singing

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"People don't miss church because they live far from the building. People miss church because they live too far from God."

# Uzzah and God's Way

Uzzah was struck dead after he touched the ark of the covenant—though his apparent motive was to protect the ark (2 Samuel 6:6-7). David admitted that they had deserved the Lord's displeasure because they were not seeking God "after the due order" (1 Chronicles 15:13; cf. Numbers 4:15; 7:9; 10:21). In other words, God had given previous information concerning proper or authorized transportation of the ark, but these instructions were not followed. Their handling of the ark



was not done "in the name of the Lord," in that they did it their way instead of according to the divine prescription. I wonder if we ask Uzzah and David today if what God wants in His way matters.

~ Sam Boyd ~

# **Gospel Meeting Review**

The 2015 Meeting will be one for the record books. So many people worked so hard to prepare for the meeting. Many were involved in doing various projects both inside and outside the building to make its appearance more attractive to our visitors. Your work shows! The post cards were used effectively by so many that only a few cards remained by Sunday.

Then there was the tremendous spread of food on Sunday. After everyone had eaten to the full there was still a vast amount of food left. The nightly meals have been well coordinated and the food excellent.

At this writing brother B.J. Clarke has delivered four passionate and powerful lessons with two more to come. One could not imagine better preaching. The attendance shows how much people love good Gospel preaching and that the day of Gospel Meetings are not over! Monday evening saw 324 precious souls gather to hear God's Word. It was great to see brother Ethan Duncan do such a great job leading the singing. Thanks to everyone for making this a GREAT Gospel Meeting!

# **Recordings of the Gospel Meeting**

For those who wish to have CD's of the Gospel Meeting please sign the sheet on the table in the lobby. Please be sure to specify which lesson you want. If you want all the lessons, just put down ALL MEETING and they will be prepared after the meeting is over.

Remember all the sermons are also available as audio mp3 files on the church website at: http://bybeebranch.org/sermons/sermons.html.

# **Only A Glimpse**

Could I but reach my hands into the sky And touch the stars like diamonds aglow Or wrap the blanket of the night about me As if to feel and know—

All the great wisdom hidden there Since Creation's morn Then I would catch only a glimpse Of the power and brightness of God

### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Morning	worsnip
Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
	Leonard Clemons
Reading	Farris Young
Scripture	Ephesians 5:32
Lord's Table (N)	*Rodney Reynolds
(S)	*Jeff Templeton
	Jacob Griffin
	Joe Maynard
(N)	Ezra Dixon
	Junah Bouldin
	Mike Mullins
(S)	Keith Chilcutt
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ronnie Prince

### Sunday Evening Worship

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Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	Paul Hurst
Reading	Chris Neale
Scripture	Hebrews 13:4
Lord's Table	*Danny Duncan
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	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Willie Newby

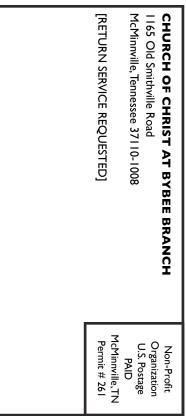
### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Rickey Hurst
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Cory Prince
Reading	Tommy Crouch
Invitation	Larry Flatt
Dismiss	Doug Hendrixson

# Welcome Committee

	Jane, Brandi and Nicole Wilcher Helen Morgan & Doris Smith
Bus Driver:	Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

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Ushers:Darron Dix	on & Derrick Pennington
	Hannah Maynard
	W.C. Chilton
Prepare Communion:	Caleb Hughes Family
Assist Baptisms:	Susan Pryor & Almetia Jones
Pantry Item:	Crushed Pineapple
Elder Closing Remarks	🗴Don Sullivan
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Bible Study	271
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Wednesday Bible Study	
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# **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....The Church Described (by Paul) Sunday PM:.....Ten Commandments Today #7

## **Elders-Deacons Meeting**

The quarterly Elders-Deacons Meeting will be this coming Sunday afternoon at 5 pm.

# **VBS Planning Meeting**

Our Annual VBS will be July 20-22 of this year with the theme: Great Events at Jerusalem. As in the past, it will take a great team of teachers and other workers to make our VBS successful. This Sunday evening, May 3, there will be a planning meeting. If you are able to help in any way, please be at that meeting.

## **General Business Meeting**

The quarterly men's General Business Meeting will be next Sunday, May 10, following evening services.

# **New Arrival**

Congratulations to Derrick & Miranda Vinson on the birth of baby boy Colton Lane, born Thursday April 24 at 1:22 PM 7 lbs 4 oz, 20 inches long.

# **Gospel Meeting Attendance**

We had a great Gospel Meeting this year with outstanding attendance. Sunday AM-343, Bible Class-293; PM-291; Monday-324; Tuesday-246; Wednesday-265

# **Youth News**

Regardless of what a certain elder said at the end of Sunday night's services, I would have no problem going another round with the youth in Atlanta...just as soon as I catch up on my sleep, my hands stop tingling, my back quits aching and my knees stop trembling. So take that, Don G.! Ok, on a serious note, what an awesome time we all had on the 20<sup>th</sup> **PROM ALTERNATIVE** TRIP. I will not rehash all the things we did, but we stayed busy and had a blast on roller coasters, zip lining, and hiking to name a few. Also, we enjoyed a great Bible class and spiritually uplifting worship service with the Lithia Springs congregation on Sunday. (This is where Larry Acuff preaches.) Paul Hurst is the man! I love and appreciate him so much. He fits in perfectly with our youth group. Thank you Paul for keeping us safe on the road and getting us to all the destinations in a timely manner. Also to the BBYG and Alumni, thank you for continuing to make PAT a vital part of our youth group. Last, but definitely not least, I commend and extend my love to Jessi Templeton. She was our lone senior to go this year. What a trooper she is and what an inspiration she is to me. Thank you lessi for constructing a great trip. The Lord gave us safe passage to, around, and from Atlanta for 4 days. To Him be all the glory...sbh

**BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** is this Wednesday following services. I hope you will make plans to stick around and help us celebrate the birthdays of April BBYG & Pew Packers.

Our next **FIRST SUNDAY EATS** is this Sunday following evening worship. We will meet in Room 11 for a short devotional before heading out to eat together.

Parents please don't forget the "WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table!

UPCOMING EVENTS: Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Pew Packers

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	May 2015 Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Angie Caldwell Betsy McBride Hollyn Fuston Kristin Maynard	27 Dustin Rhea Martha Pepper Tina Mullins	28	29	30 Mike Mullins	1 EUGENE & DORIS WILCHER JEFF & REGINA TEM- PLETON	2 CHRIS & HILARY NEALE
3 Elders-Deacons Meeting 5 PM VBS Meeting after PM service	4	5 Jean Ware Nan Cantrell	6	7	8 Rachel Campbell Sarah Campbell	9 JOSH & SARA BETH KING
10 Regina Templeton Ryan McColloch General Business Meeting after PM service	11 Jeff Rhea Joe Roller Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	12 HOWARD & BAR- BARA WITTY Kevin Flatt LEONARD & JUNE CROUCH Thomas E. Cantrell	13	14	15 Kara Fuston MICAH & AMY LAWRENCE	16 Evelyn Northcutt Wallace Stevens
17 DAVID & PENNY KEELE Maggie Hurst	18 Jamie Roller Mary Davis	19 PAUL & KARA HURST	20 Justin Randolph	21 BOBBY & CAROLYN LANCE	22 Matthew Martin	23 Chris Neale
24	25 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	26 MIKE & TINA MULLINS	27	28	29	30 Harold McGinness Lori Chilcutt Sarah Beth King
31 Vickie Griffith	1 GORDON & NANCY MAYFIELD Haley McColloch MARC & MELINDA MARTIN	2 Jaylen Pinegar KURT & STEPHANIE MAYNARD	3 Glenda Hughes	4 DICKIE & LENNIE RUTH KESEY OSBURN & RUBY HUNTLEY	5 DON & SUSIE GRIF- FITH Herb Rowland June Crouch Shirley Adcock STANLEY & JEAN CLENDENON	6

### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Larry Cook
First Prayer	Ricky Prince
Reading	Russ Chilcutt
Scripture	Luke 4:42-44
Lord's Table (N)	*Norman Sain
(S)	*Don Sullivan
	Kane Maynard
	Justin Randolph
(N)	David McColloch
(S)	Aiden McVey
(S)	David Keele
(S)	Robert Elam
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Chris Snow

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Larry Cook
First Prayer	Ronnie Hoover
Reading	David Roberts
Scripture	Ephesians 4:28
Lord's Table	<sup>*</sup> Clent Kesey
	*Michael Andrews
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kurt Maynard

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Rickey Hurst
Lead Singing	Herb Rowland
First Prayer	Josh Templeton
Reading	John David Keele
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Roger Cook

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P.M	David & Iona King
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Un/Lock Building:	W.C. Chilton
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Assist Baptisms: Susa	n Pryor & Almetia Jones
Pantry Item:	Sliced Peaches
Elder Closing Remarks:	Leonard Clemons
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# **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....The Church Declared Sunday PM:.....Ten Commandments Today #8

# **Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Nell Witty Summar sister of our Howard Witty. Her funeral was Saturday in Woodbury

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Selma Jean Brooks sister-in-law of our Franklin Brooks and Farris & Brenda Young. Her funeral was Sunday at Highs.

# **Area Gospel Meetings**

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**Trousdale church of Christ**, May 3-6, services at 7 pm with Johnny Fox preaching.

*Midway church of Christ*, May 3-6, services at 7 pm with Bill Boyd preaching.

West Riverside church of Christ, May 15-17, with services at 7 pm. Alan Watkins will be preaching.

**Oak Grove church of Christ**, May 17-21, with services at 7 pm. Larry Acuff will be preaching.

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# Shut-ins

**Raintree Manor** 

(415 Pace St., Mc Minnville, TN 37110) Clara Roller #120 David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father) #314 Essie Hillis #406 Pete Waddell #305 Winona Ward (sister to Juanita Oliver) #511

### NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville,TN 37111) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister) #201 Winfrey Hennessee #210 Leoma Hoover (Ronnie's mother) #119 Jim Slatton #109 Melba Hillis (Steve's grandmother)

### Creekside At Three Rivers

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128) Vivian Ferrell

### **Bailey Manor**

(1707 McMinnville Highway, Manchester, TN 37355) Nan Cantrell

#### Webb House - McMinnville

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110) Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife) Bob Cunningham (Susan Pryor's father)

#### Home:

Leonard Crouch Mary Davis (at Pat's home) Dennis Gann Greg Grizzell Ronnie Hamilton (Linda's husband) Willene Kell Kathy Neale (Chris's mother) Barbara Northcutt Evelyn Northcutt June Slatton Cora Stembridge Buell Warren

# **Youth News**

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UPCOMING EVENTS: Sun. 17<sup>th</sup> Pew Packers

# **General Business Meeting**

The quarterly men's General Business Meeting will be this Sunday, May 10, following evening services.

# Marriage is Honorable

"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge" (Hebrews 13:4, KJV). Consider also the rendering of the ASV of the same passage: "Let marriage be had in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled: for fornicators and adulterers God will judge" (Hebrews 13:4). Fornication includes premarital, extra-marital, homosexual (Jude 7) and any other immoral sexual activity. Of course, extramarital would be considered adultery. And when any of these are committed, people bring God's judgment upon themselves, dishonor marriage, defile the bed, and will be condemned in the end if said people do not come to repentance.

God designed marriage (see Genesis 2:15-25). God has given mankind instructions on how to honor marriage and have the best marriages (see Ephesians 5:22-33: | Peter 3:7: Matthew 19:4-6: et. al.). And mankind has dishonored it. Contrary to what many in America may be thinking, America did not begin dishonoring marriage with legislation that legalizes homosexual marriages. America and the world around her began dishonoring marriage when she began promoting divorce for any reason and remarriage for any reason. God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16), and while I would not encourage any spouse to remain in the same house as an physically abusive spouse, God grants only one reason that a person may divorce and remarry: "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery" (Matthew 19:9). And so, America has been dishonoring marriage more than the current day. America dishonors marriage in her promotion of divorce and remarriage for any reason. America dishonors marriage in her promotion of feminism. America dishonors marriage in her legalization and promotion of abortion (let's call it what it is—murder).

America dishonors marriage in her legalization and promotion of pornography. America dishonors marriage in all of the television, movies, fashion styles, and advertisements that promote promiscuity, immodesty, and cohabitation. And yes, America dishonors marriage in her promotion of the homosexual lifestyle and behavior. God designed marriage. Let's stick to His blueprints and honor His design. To God be the glory!

> ~ Clifton Angel ~ via BulletinGold

# Something To Think About

"The man who doesn't have time to go to church is like an automobile that doesn't have time to stop for gasoline."

"You feed your body; why starve your soul?"

"A desire to have the Scriptures on our side is one thing, and a desire to be on the side of the Scriptures is another."

"He who does what he should will not have time to do what he should not."

"Some people know how to live everyone's life but their own."

"Some of God's greatest preachers never stood in a pulpit!"

"A successful marriage isn't just finding the right person. It's being the right person."

"Children seldom misquote you. They repeat what you shouldn't have said word for word."

#### May 17, 2015

Ushers: .....Ronnie Hoover & Rodney Maynard Attend Nursery:.....Mary Flatt

Sunday Morning Worship			
Announcements			
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst		
First Prayer			
Reading	Tim Gann		
Scripture	Luke 4:42-44		
Lord's Table (N)	*Allen Hughes		
(S)	*Caleb Hughes		
(N)	Dwight Barrett		
(N)	Caleb Graves		
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(S)	Dale Bennett		
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(S)	Mitchell Ferrell		
Sermon	Tony Lawrence		
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton		

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Welcome Committee

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Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	Gordon Mayfield
Scripture	Ephesians 4:28
Lord's Table	*Shannon Griffin
	*Darron Dixon
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Larry Cook

Announcements ......Rickey Hurst

Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews

First Prayer ......Ryan McColloch

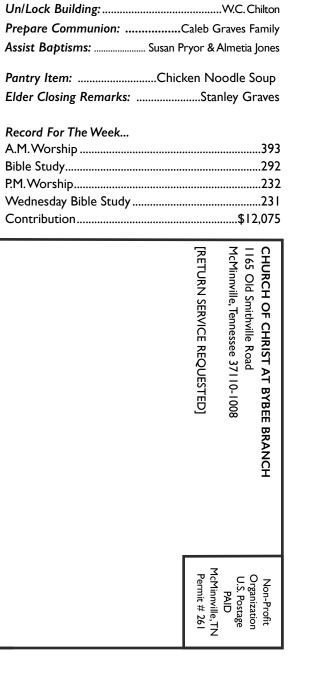
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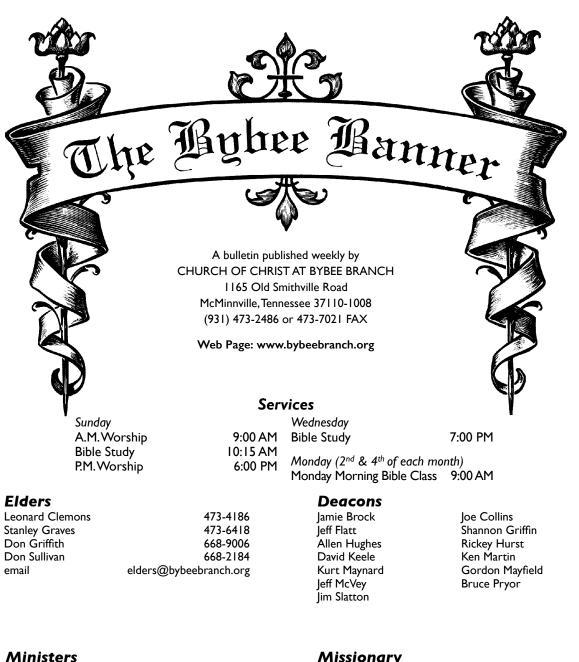
Invitation......Joe Collins Dismiss

A.M. .....Randall & Deborah Gann

P.M. .....Don Sullivan Family

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#### In The Hospital:

Irene Fuston (Brandon''s mother)-St. Thomas West Winona Ward-River Park

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Nan Cantrell. She passed away last Saturday and her funeral will be on Thursday. Sister Cantrell was a long time member at Bybee Branch but has been confined to a nursing facility for the past few years.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Benny Bristow, father of Corretta Lawrence. He passed away with an aneurysm late last Friday evening and his funeral is Tuesday in Longview, TX. He was a faithful Gospel preacher for 60 years. Many of his poems have appeared in the Bybee Banner over the years.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Ronald Maynard, brother of our Joe Maynard and Gail Crouch. His funeral will be Wednesday at Highs. Brother Maynard was a deacon at the Arlington church of Christ.

### Area Gospel Meetings.

West Riverside church of Christ, May 15-17, with services at 7 pm. Alan Watkins will be preaching.

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### THE BIBLE MAN

He stands behind the sacred desk, A book held in his hand; And as he speaks his brethren know He is a Bible Man.

Upon the Scriptures, right truth, He ever takes his stand To make the gospel clear and plan He is a Bible Man.

He loves the grand old Book divine, He loves to preach the plan; He loves the lost its message saves He is a Bible Man.

Let skeptics doubt heathen rage, And build their hopes on sand, He loves, lives, teaches God's Book He is a Bible Man.

When worlds shall end stars shall fall, And at the throne we stand; How sweet to hear the King's command, Come home you Bible Man.

~ Carl H. Bates ~ This poem is fitting as a memory of my father-in-law, Benny Bristow. TL

#### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....The Church Declared Sunday PM:.....Ten Commandments Today #8

### Something To Think About

One who sings his own praises is often a soloist.

If you want to criticize someone, go look in your mirror.

Criticism is the disapproval of people who have faults different from yours.

### Contentment

There was a father who was known by his family to be a chronic growler. He complained about everything. He was sitting one day with his family in the presence of a guest in the living room when the subject of food came up.

One of the children, a little girl, was telling the guest what food each member of the family liked best. Finally, it came to the father's turn to be described. "And what do I like, Nancy?" he asked.

"You," said the little girl slowly, "well, what you like most is anything we haven't got."

There are some people like that, who simply are never content. If they're served one food, they want something else. If it's hot outside, they want it to be cold. If it's cold, they want it to be hot. And they'd rather be ANYWHERE else other than where they're living right now!

To the young man Timothy, Paul wrote, "Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, we shall be content." (I Timothy 6:6-8). Since most of us seem to need far more than that to be content, we are challenged by Paul's words!

But, to Paul, they weren't just words to be spoken and discussed. They were words to be lived out. Despite the fact that Paul was writing from prison, he was able to say, "I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content." (Philippians 4:11). In the next verse, he said that he had learned to be content with a lot (which would be easy for most of us), but he was also content with little. The reason he could be content because he had Jesus Christ, and that was all he needed to bring contentment.

Do you have food? Do you have clothing? More importantly, do you have Jesus?

Have a contented day!

~ Alan Smith ~

### Corruption

It is a mantra of Hollywood and others in the entertainment community to declare that their particular form of occupation (or entertainment) in no way can be linked to bad behavior Violent video games, secular and vulgar music, movies that portray godly values as a drag on a person or community, and suchlike cannot scientifically be shown to affect society adversely, they assert.

Someone forgot to tell the Lord about scientific studies. "Do not be deceived: Bad company ruins good morals" (I Cor. 15:33, ESV). The context of the remark in Corinthians pertains to those who deny the possibility of the resurrection: Paul deals with this denial as it relates to the Lord, just as he dealt with it when he spoke to those in Athens (Acts 17). He makes the application that with such influence being present, one is merely deceived when it is thought the influence can be stopped.

~ Ron Thomas ~

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
	Dale Bennett
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table (N)	*Ronnie Hoover
(S)	*Herb Rowland
	Steve Smith
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(N)	Kevin Flatt
(S)	Justin Griffin
	Eugene Wilcher
(S)	Jared Mullican
Sermon	Steve Hillis
Dismiss	Brandon Fuston

#### Sunday Evening Worship

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Stanley Graves
Micah Lawrence
Aiden McVey
Acts 2:38-47
*Bernie Gierucki
*David Chilton
Stanley Clendenon
Dale Bennett

#### Wednesday Bible Study

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Pantry Item:Tuna	
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June Slatton - St. Thomas Rutherford - pneumonia J.T. Mitchell - St. Thomas Rutherford - heart attack

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Isabel Bouldin (who formerly attended Bybee Branch). She passed away Sunday evening and her services will be Thursday at 10 am at High's Chapel.

### Five Of The Greatest Challenges Facing The Church

While I do not consider myself an expert in anything, I do have a few years of preaching experience under my belt. Over the past 30 years of working with the church, preaching across the country, talking with elders, preachers, and members, I've identified a few challenges the church needs to work at overcoming. What do you think about my list? Do you agree?

# Preaching For "The Choir" But Not To "The Choir."

The Church doesn't need professional pulpiteers hired to entertain and please the masses. What the church needs are men of conviction who will preach the truth in love, in season and out of season. We need men who are not content to simply preach "for" the church, but to preach "to" the church, challenging her ethics, calling for repentance, upholding God's doctrine, and leading the church out of mediocrity.

# Youth Ministry That Caters To The Strong & Beautiful.

It's easy to fall into the trap of catering to the advantaged. The first century church stumbled here too. James had to remind the church that their desire to cater to the rich didn't make sense since it was the rich who were oppressing the church. They were blinded by status. The rich, the beautiful, the strong and athletic...these people are "easy to love." But often, they are the very ones who feel self-sufficient because of their advantages in life. We need youth ministry that doesn't ignore the poor, unpopular, and discarded, and equally reaches out to them as well as the strong and beautiful. Shepherds Who Shepherd The Flock, But Not The "Fence Jumpers."

It's easy to oversee those who are compliant, but shepherds must also be willing to go, search for, find, and safely return the sheep who have left the flock and jumped the fence. Elders can easily "busy themselves" with the compliant, but if no time is left to go after the "fence jumpers," then an elderships' time-management needs to be reconsidered.

#### Deacons Who Work at Not Working.

Through the years, I have heard from elders who were frustrated because they couldn't get the deacons to work. Consequently, elders find themselves doing work the deacons should be doing, and the work that elders should be doing goes undone. Becoming a deacon is not a "title;" it's not an "election to an office." It is an agreement to become a special servant of the church. When a deacon stops serving in that special capacity, he stops being a deacon, for it's a work, not a title. **Members Who Maintain the Premises, But Won't Maintain Their Promises.** 

The church is stymied when the membership thinks their job is to maintain the premises. When the bulk of the congregation's work revolves around the building, grounds, fellowship meals, activities, and weekly worship, the church will suffer. The church needs to remember to maintain the promise they made to make Jesus Lord of their lives. That promise demands a level of commitment that has to be taken outside of the premises and into the world.

While these aren't the only challenges the church faces, they do identify five that we can begin working on today. I long for the day when the greatest challenge the church faces comes from the Devil and not ourselves.

~ Steve Higginbotham ~

# Congratulations Graduates



Sabrina Caldwell Warren County Senior High Tyler Judkins Boyd Christian School Jessica Templeton Home School

### **Youth News**

The next **PEW PACKERS** class will meet this Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the fellowship room. Our topic is "Say What?"

Micah and Amy Lawrence will host a Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. The event is for BBYG and Alumni.

Our monthly **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** will be May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Parents please don't forget the "**WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS**" on the foyer table!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Concord Road Singing (College Age)

### Friends & Family Days

**Iconium church of Christ**, May 31, Jeremiah Tatum will be preaching.

Arlington church of Christ, May 31, Jon Simmons will be preaching.

### Area Gospel Meetings.

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### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM	Steve Hillis preaching
•	Why The Church Grew So Fast

### May 31, 2015

Prepare Communion: .....Caleb Graves Family

Assist Baptisms: ...... Susan Pryor & Almetia Jones

Pantry Item: ......Salmon

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Larry Flatt
Reading	Willie Newby
Scripture	Hebrews 8:3-6
Lord's Table (N)	*Steve Hillis
(S)	*Jamie Brock
	Phillip Brock
	Clent Kesey
(N)	Tommy Turner
(S)	Harold McGinness
	Tim Gann
(S)	Ken Martin
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jeff McVey

#### Sunday Evening Wors

(S)*Jamie Brock (N)Phillip Brock	Elder Closing Remarks:	
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#### In The Hospital:

June Slatton - moved to NHC

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......The Church Designed Sunday PM: .....Young Men Conduct Services

### **Youth News**

Micah and Amy Lawrence will host a Scavenger Hunt on this Saturday, May  $30^{th}$ . The event is for BBYG and Alumni.

Our monthly **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** will be this Wednesday.

Parents please don't forget the "WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> Concord Road Singing (College Age)

#### Friends & Family Days

**Iconium church of Christ**, May 31, Jeremiah Tatum will be preaching.

Arlington church of Christ, May 31, Jon Simmons will be preaching.

#### **Something to Think About**

"Aspire to inspire before you expire."

"Sin pays! What it pays is death."

"Following the path of least resistance makes both rivers and men crooked."

Satan Doesn't Give Up, Neither Should We!

Luke records, "Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time." Luke 4:13. The Devil only waited until he could find another opportunity to try to tempt Jesus again. He tries to exploit us during times of weakness, comes at us when we are not prepared, and is always ready to pounce like a predator (cf. 1Peter 5:8).

One of the great messages of the book of Revelation is that of the war between God and Satan, and that God wins! However, that doesn't mean that the Devil will not seek every opportunity to do his dastardly deeds. In Revelation 12, there is a picture of Satan under the figure of a great red dragon having war in heaven. He was defeated by Michael and the angels, being cast out of heaven (Rev. 12:7-8), The Devil didn't quit, he continued his battle on earth. John reported, "Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child." Revelation 12:13. In this passage the woman who gave birth to the child represents the faithful of God or the Church.

The Devil is simply relentless in his pursuit of the fall of man. Jesus puts it bluntly, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." John 10:10.

How does this affect us today? At this writing the McMinnville Board of Mayor and Aldermen are meeting once again to seek to further weaken the laws regarding the sale of beer. It was only a few months ago when this issue was raised and narrowly defeated. At that time a number of you were present and made your voices heard. But the Devil doesn't give up. If he cannot win over you today, he will keep on and try again tomorrow. He wears down our resolve. He makes us feel as if our loss is inevitable.

We must not, we cannot allow the Devil to win! "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." I Corinthians 15:58. "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong." I Corinthians 16:13.

~Tony Lawrence~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Vickie Griffith	1 GORDON & NANCY MAYFIELD Haley McColloch MARC & MELINDA MARTIN	2 Jaylen Pinegar KURT & STEPHANIE MAYNARD	3 Glenda Hughes Wanda Nunley	4 DICKIE & LENNIE RUTH KESEY OSBURN & RUBY HUNTLEY	5 DON & SUSIE GRIF- FITH Herb Rowland June Crouch Shirley Adcock STANLEY & JEAN CLENDENON	
7 RONNIE & LINDA HAMILTON Summer Series Don Blackwell	8 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	9 Conner Nunley	10 Barbara Bouldin Daniel Eller	11 Bobby Lance DANNY & CYNTHIA DUNCAN	12 Ethan Chase Roller Roberta Parmley Roger Cook	David Keele Kayla Maynard
14 Annie Niles JARED & REBECCA MULLICAN Summer Series David Lipe	15 Harper Fuston	16 RAY & CHARLOTTE WEDDINGTON WINFREY & DOROTHY HEN- NESSEE	17	18 Nathanael Turner RICKY & RITA PRINCE	19 Josh King	2 STANLEY & SHER GRAVES
21 NOEL & MARTHA PEPPER W.C. Chilton WILLIE & DONNA NEWBY Summer Series Dwight Fuqua	22 Alyssa Lawrence Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	23 Aidan McVey JEFF & DENICE RHEA JEFF & KATHY ELAM Pat Gauger VERNON & SHIRLEY KEITH	24 Cynthia Duncan Ezra Dixon June Slatton	25 DAVID & JOANN ROBERTS Jessica Templeton Ruby Huntley	26 Noel Pepper	Jane Flatt Michael Andrews
28 Lincoln Sain Summer Series	29 John Nussbaum	30	1 Charles Gillies Lachlan McVey PAUL & BRENDA DAVIS	2 DAVID & STEFANIE MCCOLLOCH DON & JUDY SULLI- VAN WALLACE & GLYNDA STEVENS	3 BERNIE & AUDREY GIERUCKI Rita Prince	Willie Holmes

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday morning	
Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	David McColloch
Scripture	ICorinthians 15:20-26
Lord's Table (N)	*Don Sullivan
(S)	*Herb Rowland
	Robert Elam
(N)	Justin Randolph
(N)	Tim Gann
(S)	Kane Maynard
	Jason Vandagriff
(S)	Eddie Palmer
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bobby Ashford

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Shannon Griffin
Scripture	IJohn 2:15-17
Lord's Table	*Doug Hendrixson
	*Tommy Crouch
Sermon	Don Blackwell
Dismiss	Ryan McColloch

#### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Ethan Duncan
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Stanley Graves
Reading	Micah Lawrence
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Josh Templeton

### Welcome Committee

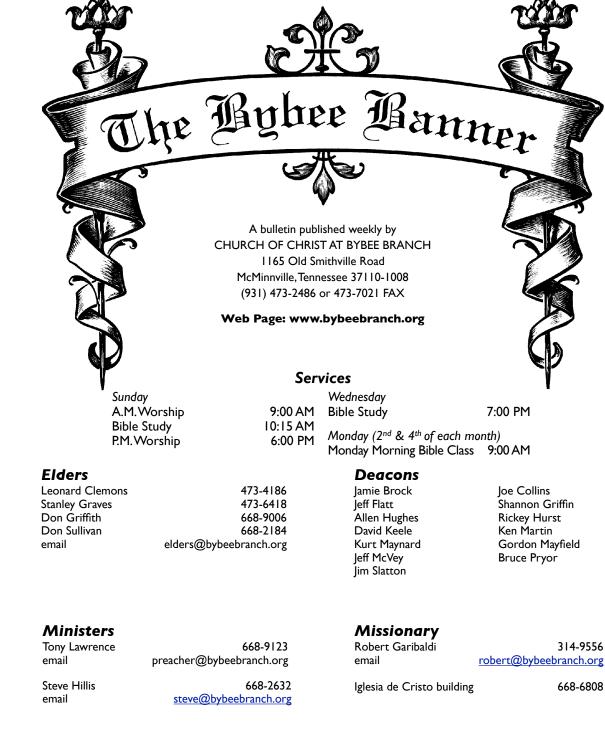
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Mitchell & Glenda Faye Ferrell
Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

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#### At Home:

Irene Fuston (Brandon's mother) J.T. Mitchell Gary Campbell (Maggie Hurst's brother) James Ware (brother-in-law to Jean Ware)

#### In The Hospital:

none known

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Tony Ray Campbell (grandfather of Rachel & Sarah Campbell). His funeral was this past Wednesday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Barbara Ann Wilson (sister of Charlotte Weddington). Her funeral was this past Sunday.

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......Summer Series: Don Blackwell

### **Vacation Bible Schools**

**Campaign church of Christ**, May 31-June 4, at 7 pm, classes for all ages.

Morrison church of Christ, June 6, at 9 am, classes for all ages.

### **Gospel Meetings**

**Highland church of Christ**, June 7-9, at 7 pm (7:30 pm Sunday), David Costello preaching.

**Rockliff church of Christ**, June 14-17, at 7 pm (7:30 pm Sunday), Michael Shepherd preaching.

**Grange Hall church of Christ**, June 14-18, at 7 pm (7:30 pm Sunday), Tony Lawrence preaching.

### Shut-ins

#### **Raintree Manor**

(415 Pace St., McMinnville,TN 37110) Clara Roller #120 David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father) #314 Essie Hillis #406 Pete Waddell #305 Winona Ward (sister to Juanita Oliver) #511

#### NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville,TN 37111) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister) #201 Winfrey Hennessee #210 Leoma Hoover (Ronnie's mother) #119 Jim Slatton #109 June Slatton #111 Melba Hillis (Steve's grandmother) #

#### **Creekside At Three Rivers**

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128) Vivian Ferrell

#### Webb House - McMinnville

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110) Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife) Bob Cunningham (Susan Pryor's father)

#### Home:

Leonard Crouch Mary Davis (at Pat's home) Dennis Gann Greg Grizzell Ronnie Hamilton (Linda's husband) Willene Kell Kathy Neale (Chris's mother) Barbara Northcutt Evelyn Northcutt Cora Stembridge Buell Warren

### Adult Class Rotation

This Sunday begins a new quarter and also a new adult class rotation. In the auditorium Jamie Brock will be teaching Galatians and Tony Lawrence will be teaching 2 Timothy in the fellowship room.

### Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church Anymore

According to a study by the Hartford Institute of Religion Research and a new book entitled, "Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church Anymore," less than 20% of Americans attend worship services every week. They say there are four main reasons why people don't want to "go to church." Here they are...

According to the book, the four reasons people don't want to go to church are:

- I. They don't want to be lectured.
- 2. They see the church as judgmental
- 3. They see the church as hypocritical.
- 4. They see the church as irrelevant.

Certainly, not everyone in this study is a Christian in the New Testament sense, but doesn't this show you the real reason so many have stopped attending? The real reason is that over the last 2,000 years, the concept of "church" has become so diluted and twisted that people don't even know what it is anymore. The church is supposed to be the family or body of all Christians.

For a Christian to say, "The church is judgmental, hypocritical, and irrelevant," is for that Christian to call himself judgmental, hypocritical, and irrelevant because he is the church. When Christians don't understand they are the church and see the church as an institution which they can either choose to support or not, they lose the entire concept of Christianity. Jesus did not come to redeem individuals, but a people. One simply cannot be a Christian outside of the body of Christ (Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12). To be a Christian is to be in the church.

When someone is in need and Christians say things like, "You should call the church and they will help you," it reveals that these Christians probably see the church as an institution which exists separate from themselves. As a Christian, when you say, "The church should help this person," what you should be meaning is, "I (or we) should help this person." The church is not "they," the church is "us."

Secondly, the problem is that people see "church" as a weekly event to attend. Church is not something Christians attend when they get a chance. Church is who Christians are...every day of the week. Someone might say, "Wes, it's just semantics. You know what I mean when I say I'm going to church." Sure, I know what you mean and I also know that a few generations of saying, "Going to church," has contributed the current decline in attendance.

If you asked me, "What is family?" and I said, "Oh, that's something I attend when I come home from work," you would look at me like I lost my mind. My family is not an event I attend. My family is something I'm a part of – even when I'm somewhere else. If I started saying, "I'm going to 'family' now," when I went home, it might very well change the way I see and interact with my family.

When people see the church as either an institution to support or an event to attend, it's no wonder they see it as being irrelevant. If we want to see Christians stop checking out, we must start teaching people that **we are the church!** 

I love you and God loves you,

~Wes McAdams via <u>http://www.radicallychristian.com</u> ~

### 2015 Summer Series — Theme: Challenges Facing The Church

June 7	The Church at War With The World	Don Blackwell
June 14	Postmodernism	David Lipe
June 21	Materialism	Dwight Fuqua
June 28	Challenges Facing Young Christians	Lonnie Jones
July 5	Perversion Of Marriage	Kevin Williams
July 12	Lusts of the Flesh-Pornography	Paul Sain
	Skepticism	Kyle Butt
	Man-made Religions	Bobby Liddell

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements(668-394	44) Gordon Mayfield
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	Michael Andrews
Reading	Jared Mullican
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table (N)	*Ricky Prince
(S)	*Norman Sain
(N)	
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(N)	Justin Griffin
(S)	David Roberts
(S)	
(S)	Clent Kesey
Sermon	Steve Hillis
Dismiss	Dale Bennett

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-3944) Gordon Mayfield
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	Leonard Clemons
Reading	Mike Mullins
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table	*Caleb Hughes
	*Stephen Felty
	David Lipe
Dismiss	David Chilton

#### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Ethan Duncan
Lead Singing	David Keele
First Prayer	
Reading	Brandon Fuston
Invitation	Tim Fisher
Dismiss	Jack Keele

#### Welcome Committee

Franklin & Linda Brooks
Danny Duncan Family
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Paul Hurst (668-7088)

June 14, 2015
Ushers:Calvin Rogers & Herb Rowland
Attend Nursery:Gail Crouch
Un/Lock Building:Jordan Thomas/Clent Kesey
<b>Prepare Communion:</b> Juanita Oliver/Linda Fults
Assist Baptisms: Judy Sullivan & Kathy Elam
Pantry Item:Carrots
Elder Closing Remarks:Stanley Graves
Record For The Week
A.M. Worship
Bible Study245
P.M. Worship236
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#### In The Hospital:

Eugene Kiefer (brother-in-law to Jean Ware) in an Abilene,TX hospital Eva Simons will enter St. Thomas West on Thursday for heart tests. Georgia Ann Tisdale (niece of Myra Bell) having bypass surgery in Tyler,TX on Tuesday

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM	Steve Hillis
Sunday PM:	Summer Series: David Lipe

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Nancy Davidson, granddaughter of our Cora Stembridge. Her memorial service will be at 6 pm on Tuesday at Central Funeral Home in Manchester.

We also express our deepest sympathy to the family of Annie Simpson, sister of our Mary Davis. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2 pm at the Earle Rainwater Funeral Home in Summerville GA

### **Medical Mission**

Please keep sister Delanie Sullivan in your prayers as she is on a medical mission to Peru.

### Welcome

The elders announced Sunday they had met with and welcomed Linda Brooks into the fellowship of the congregation. She is a new bride of Franklin Brooks.

### Baptism

We rejoice to announce that Ethan Stanley was baptized on Wednesday evening before services.

### **VBS Planning Meeting**

On Sunday evening, June 21 following the evening services there will be another planning meeting to prepare for VBS. We are still in need of one more teacher for a learning center and a teacher for the nursery class.

### Vacation Bible Schools

**Hebron church of Christ**, June 7-10 at 7 pm, classes for all ages, Theme: A Backyard Adventure: Exploring God's Word.

**Smartt church of Christ**, June 13 at 9- am, classes for all ages, Theme: The Church that Jesus Built.

**Central church of Christ**, June 14-17 at 6 pm, classes for all ages, Theme: Saved Through Water.

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Harmony church of Christ, June 28-July I..

### **Ladies Bible Class**

The Ladies' Wednesday night Bible Class will begin a new series of lessons on 'Seeking Spiritual Beauty', June 17th. All ladies welcome.

All sermons can be listened to online at http://bybeebranch.org/sermons/sermons.html

### Youth News

The next **PEW PACKERS** class takes place this Sunday (7/14) in the fellowship. We will begin at 5:00 pm. Our topic is "Giving All." Please make plans to join us.

Staying with the **PEW PACKERS** place on your calendar Saturday, June 20th, as we will take a trip to Fall Creek Falls to cookout, talk about God's creation, and enjoy some fun activities. Full details are on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

**SHORT MOUNTAIN BIBLE CAMP** is the week of July 12th! Go to www.shortmountaincamp.org to register. If you prefer a paper application, see me. TO AVOID A LATE FEE, YOU MUST SIGN-UP BY JUNE 28TH.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wed. 24th Birthday Wednesday Thur. 25th NHC Devotional

Sun. 28th The River Devotional

Mon. 29th Junior/Senior Banquet

### **Summer Series**

Remember our Summer Series will be every Sunday evening during the months of June and July on the theme of **Challenges Facing The Church.** This Sunday evening brother David Llpe will address a timely topic of Postmodernism. He will show how people's thinking can affect their view of the Bible and ultimately their obedience to it.

Brother Lipe is a retired Bible professor at Freed-Hardeman University and former director of the annual Bible Lectureship, former director of Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies and a faithful gospel preacher. He presently teaches classes at Southeast and assists in fund-raising for the school while also speaking in numerous Gospel Meetings and Lectureships.

### Shakespeare Couldn't Read?

William Shakespeare is regarded as the greatest writer in the English language. Although four hundred years have passed since his death, every school student today will study his life and works. However, there's a startling fact about Shakespeare that few people know. When Shakespeare's daughter Judith married, she signed her marriage license with a mark or the equivalence of an "X." In other words, she was illiterate, being unable to read or write!

Here's my question, "How is is possible for the greatest writer in the English language to allow his own daughter to be illiterate? You would think that to a man like Shakespeare, reading and writing would have meant everything. Surely, he would have taken the time to teach his daughter to read and write, but the stark reality is that he didn't. Let this soak in, "The greatest writer in the English language had children who could not read or write."

As unimaginable as this fact is, how much more unimaginable is it that Christian parents would not not pass on their knowledge of God to their children? In the days of the judges, a generation of God's children were allowed to grow up without knowing the Lord of the works he had done for them (Judges 2:10). I'm afraid many parents are allowing the same thing to happen today. What are we to think of parents who don't teach the Bible to their children at home. Not only do they not teach their own children, it's not enough of a priority to allow others to teach them in Bible class. It's puzzling!

A better question than asking how William Shakespeare could allow his children to remain illiterate is how can we allow our children to grow up biblically illiterate! Give it some thought.

> ~ Steve Higginbotham ~ via preachinghelp.org

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(668-3537) Jamie Brock
Lead Singing	Larry Cook
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	Ethan Duncan
Scripture	Malachi 1:6
	*Jeff McVey
(S)	*Ryan McColloch
	Kurt Maynard
(N)	Keith Chilcutt
(N)	Russ Chilcutt
	Shannon Griffin
	Ezra Dixon
(S)	Junah Bouldin
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Martin

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Lead Singing	Larry Cook
	W.C. Chilton
	Robert Elam
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table	*Noel Pepper
	*Allen Hughes
	Dwight Fuqua
	Ronnie Prince

#### Wednesday Bible Study

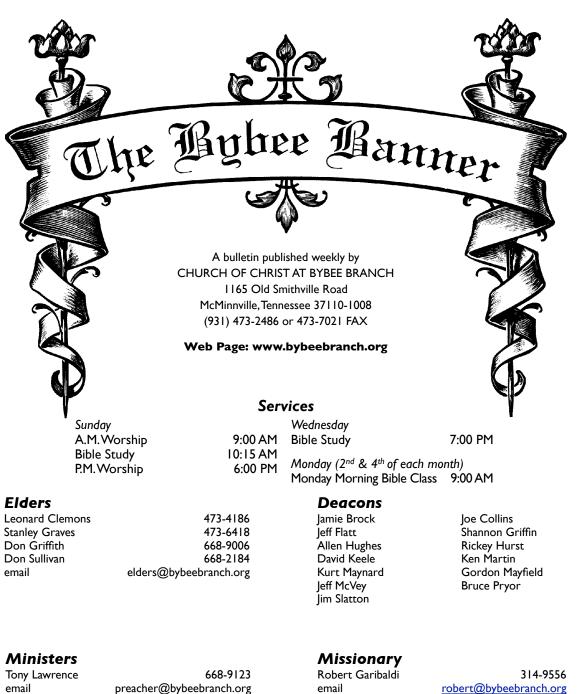
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Lead Singing	John David Keele
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Reading	Aiden McVey
Invitation	Brandon Fuston
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton

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Bus Driver:	Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

June 21, 2015
Ushers:Ronnie Hoover & Rodney Maynard Attend Nursery:Jordan Thomas/Clent Kesey Prepare Communion:Juanita Oliver/Linda Fults Assist Baptisms:Judy Sullivan & Kathy Elam
Pantry Item:Vegetable Oil
Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith
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#### In The Hospital:

Corretta Lawrence - will be having knee replacement surgery next Monday - St. Thomas Rutherford

### Some Bible Questions To Consider

Exodus 32:36 - "Who is on the LORD'S side?"

Psalm 113:5 – "Who is like unto the LORD our God, who dwelleth on high...?"

Isaiah 6:8 – "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

Mark 8:37 - "... what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Luke 18:8 – "...when the Son of man cometh, shall He find faith on the earth?"

Romans 6:1 - "Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?"

Romans 6:3 – "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?"

Romans 8:31 – "If God be for us, who can be against us?"

Galatians 4:16 – "Am I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?"

Hebrews 2:3 – "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation...?"

I Peter 4:17 – "...what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?"

Revelation 6:17 – "For the great day of His wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

~ from the St. Peter's Proclaimer ~

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### **Summer Series**

Remember our Summer Series continues every Sunday evening during the months of June and July on the theme of **Challenges Facing The Church.** This Sunday evening will be brother Dwight Fuqua speaking on Materialism.

Brother Fuqua is the preacher for the Findley church of Christ in Sparta, TN where he has served the past 12 years. He has been preaching full-time for 43 years with congregations in Tennessee, Kentucky, and North Carolina and is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University.

Next Sunday evening brother Lonnie Jones from the Meridianville church of Christ will be speaking on Challenges Facing Youth. Brother Jones is a Licensed Professional Counselor and also a faithful Gospel preacher. He has ministered to the youth in several congregations as well as being a featured speaker on numerous youth rallies and lectureships. He has a unique gift to address the young and apply the Bible to their challenges.

### Sermon Topics

Sunday AM .....A Father That Deserves Honor Sunday PM: .....Summer Series: Dwight Fuqua

Sunday AM ...Jonathan Jones, Missionary to New Zealand Sunday PM: .....Summer Series: Lonnie Jones

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Essie Hillis. Her funeral was this past Thursday. She was a long time member at Bybee Branch and was also the mother of Stan Hillis and grandmother of Amanda Gann, Megan Patton and Amiee Bielling

### **Double Bulletin**

Please take notice that the program for the next week is also printed and there will be no bulletin printed next week.

### Annual Ice Cream Supper

Following services on Wednesday, July I. Bring a freezer of your favorite homemade ice cream.

### Sunday Morning Worship 6/28/15

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Stanley Clendenon
Reading	Jamie Brock
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table (N)	*Steve Hillis
(S)	*Jacob Griffin
(N)	Eugene Wilcher
(N)	Tyler Judkins
(N)	Mitchell Ferrell
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Sermon	Jonathan Jones
Dismiss	Vernon Keith

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Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Randy Griffith
Reading	Ricky Prince
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table	*Clent Kesey
	*Brandon Fuston
Sermon	Lonnie Jones
Dismiss	Chris Snow

#### Wednesday Bible Study 7/1/15

Announcements	Steve Hillis
Lead Singing	Cory Prince
First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	
Invitation	Caleb Hughes
Dismiss	Mike Mullins

#### Welcome Committee

A.M	W.C. & Nelma Chilton
P.M	Joe & Marsha Collins
	Ronnie Prince (934-4088)
Ushers:	Kurt Maynard & Tommy Crouch
Attend Nursery	:Mary Flatt
Pantry Item:	Black-eyed Peas
Elder Closing R	emarks:Don Sullivan

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Morning	voi sinp
Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Bobby Ashford
Reading	Robert Elam
Scripture	2Chronicles 7:14
Lord's Table (N)	*Steve Hillis
(S)	*Larry Cook
(N)	Farris Young
	Eugene Wilcher
(N)	Josh Templeton
(S)	Kelly Thaxton
	Tommy Turner
(S)	Jason Vandagriff
	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Mike Mullins

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Danny Duncan
Reading	Bob Cantrell
Scripture	Matthew 19:3-6
Lord's Table	*Ronnie Prince
	*Rodney Reynolds
Sermon	Kevin Williams
Dismiss	Kane Maynard

#### Wednesday Bible Study

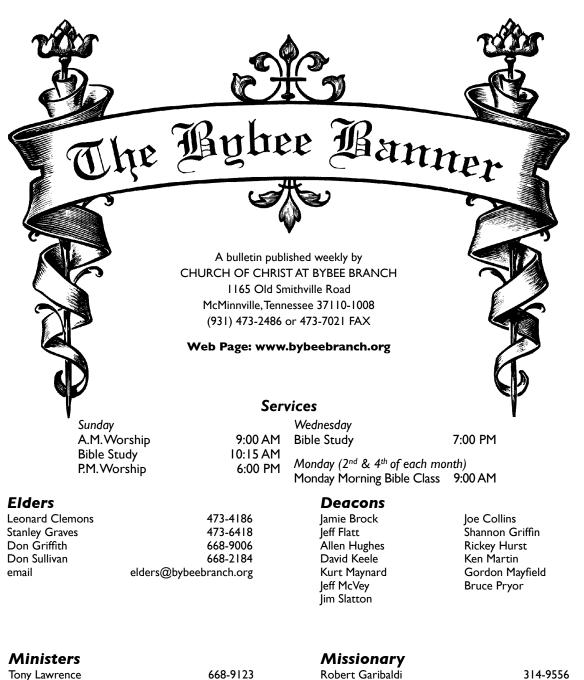
Announcements	Steve Hillis
Lead Singing	Jared Mullican
First Prayer	Michael Andrews
Reading	John David Keele
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ryan McColloch

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Gordon & Linda Fults
P.M	Stanley & Sherry Graves
Bus Driver:	Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

	July 5, 2015
Ushers:Darror	Dixon & Derrick Pennington
Attend Nursery:	Amanda Gann
Un/Lock Building	Gordon Mayfield/Caleb Graves
Prepare Communi	i <b>on:</b> Mayfield's & Hillis'
Assist Baptisms:	. Cynthia Duncan & Amy Lawrence
Pantry Item:	Macaroni & Cheese
Elder Closing Rem	arks:Leonard Clemons
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#### At Home:

Corretta Lawrence Stanley Clendenon Paul Davis James Ware (brother-in-law to Jean Ware) to start radiation on Monday

#### In The Hospital:

none known

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......Will God Bless America? Sunday PM: .....Summer Series: Kevin Williams

### VBS Learning Center Leader

Everything is in order for our VBS except we still need one more learning center leader. Please step up to the plate and volunteer...We need you!

### **Gospel Meetings**

Harmony church of Christ, June 28-July 1, at 7 pm with different speakers each evening.

Hiawasee church of Christ, July 5-10. services at 7 pm Monday-Friday with Lee Turner preaching.

### **Vacation Bible Schools**

**Earleyville church of Christ**, July 5-9, 7 pm with different speakers each evening for the adult class. Theme: A Backyard Adventure, Exploring God's Word.

Main St./Manchester church of Christ, July 5-8, 6-8 pm each evening. Theme: Mission Possible.

### Annual Ice Cream Supper

Following services on Wednesday, July I. Bring a freezer of your favorite homemade ice cream.

### **Youth News**

The PEW PACKERS will meet this Sunday, July  $5^{\rm th}$  for our next devotional time. We will meet in the fellow-ship room at 5:00 pm.

**SHORT MOUNTAIN BIBLE CAMP** is the week of July 12<sup>th</sup>! Go to www.shortmountaincamp.org to register.

Parents please don't forget the "WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table!

### Restorations

Sunday evening sisters Monica Rowland and Olivia Newby came forward requesting prayers

### Stop Signs

Two very true statements: (1) Stop signs don't stop cars. (2) God's laws don't stop sin.

Laws are not designed to stop lawlessness. They only specify what is forbidden. It's the driver who either obeys or disobeys stop signs. And it's the individual who obeys or disobeys God's commandments.

The driver must deal with the consequences of disobeying stop signs. And the individual must deal with the eternal consequences of disobeying God's "stop signs."

Ignoring a stop sign may not always result in a serious consequence, but disobeying God's commandments will certainly incur consequences. Sometimes in this life, but definitely in the judgment.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." 2 Corinthians 5:10

"He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day." John 12:48

LESSON: Obey stop signs to avoid serious problems. Obey God's commandments to avoid eternal consequences.

~ Ron Adams ~ via BulletinGold

### Summer Series

Remember the Summer Series continues through July on the theme of **Challenges Facing The Church.** This Sunday evening will be brother Kevin Williams. Brother Williams has been the preacher for the Walnut Grove church of Christ in Benton, KY for the

past 20 years. His a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University and Regions University having received the B.A., M.Min, and M.Div degrees. Brother Williams has also made numerous mission trips (10 to Thailand). His topic will be *Perversions In Marriage*.

### **Sermons Podcast**

All the sermons preached in the pulpit at Bybee Branch are archived on the web. Feel free to recommend it to your friends. They can be accessed at: <u>http://bybeebranch.org/sermons/sermons.html</u> or

https://itunes.apple.com/podcast/church-christ-at-b ybee-branch/id252964838?mt=2

### They Came Tempting Him

When the Pharisees came to Jesus asking him, "It is lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" they came "tempting him" (Matthew 19:3). It is not a new thing for preachers to be tempted to modify God's teachings on marriage, fornication, divorce, remarriage, and adultery. Prior to the Pharisees coming to tempt Jesus with their question John the Baptist had said of Herod concerning his wife, "It is not lawful for thee to have her" (Matthew 14:4). John was not just saying that it was not lawful for Herod to take her, he was teaching that it was not lawful for Herod to keep her. This upset Herod's unlawful wife so much she had John put to death. Many preachers have compromised much more for fear of losing much less.

In the face of this potential death threat, Jesus gave a clear scriptural answer to the Pharisees question and concluded: "What therefore God hath joined

together, let not man put asunder" (Matthew 19:6). "Not" means "no;" it is not lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause. The one justifiable cause our Lord gave for a man to put away his wife is fornication; "except it be for fornication" (Matthew 19:9). The last Old Testament prophet told us that God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16), but evidently he hates fornication more than divorce because for fornication he will allow that which he hates. Furthermore our Lord said that to marry again, outside of the exception, is to commit adultery, and as in the case with Herod and his unlawful wife, it is not just sin to enter into an adulterous marriage, it is a sin to remain in an adulterous marriage. God's law of marriage is one man and one woman joined together by one God to be one flesh for one life with one exception. All attempts to wrest this passage into teaching something else fail.

The disciples of Jesus realized the force of his teaching: "If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry" (Matthew 19:10). Jesus did not contradict their conclusion but said, "All men cannot receive this saying... He that is able to receive it let him receive it" (Matthew 19:11-12). If you are not ready to stay married, stay single.

Individual situations are difficult to rectify. The temptation to compromise this teaching is great; families are at stake; children are at stake; emotions are at stake; finances are at stake; and sometimes lives are at stake, but compromising this teaching makes all these situations worse and puts eternity at stake. Failure to teach what our Lord taught about marriage, fornication, divorce, remarriage, and adultery puts the young and unmarried at risk, because without this teaching they may unknowingly enter into an unlawful marriage or divorce without lawful cause. If there was ever an area where prevention is the best cure this is it. The caring, loving, compassionate thing to do is teach it just as Christ said, help those out of sin to stay out of sin, and help those in sin to leave their sin. God knows best; trust God; yield not to temptation; preach it.

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday morning	
Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Russ Chilcutt
Reading	Tim Fisher
Scripture	Exodus 20:16
	*Larry Flatt
(S)	*Randall Gann
(N)	Chris Neale
(N)	Derrick Pennington
(N)	Ricky Prince
	Justin Randolph
	David Roberts
(S)	Steve Smith
	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Willie Newby

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	Keith Chilcutt
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table	*Chris Snow
	*Jeff Templeton
Sermon	Paul Sain
Dismiss	Don Sullivan

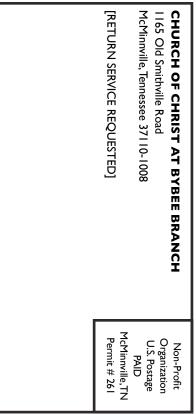
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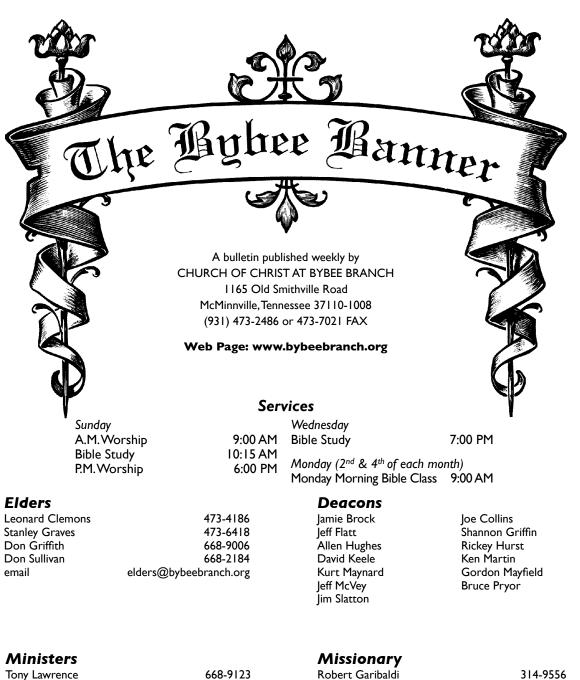
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Herb Rowland
Dale Bennett
Caleb Hughes
Leonard Clemons
Herb Rowland

### Welcome Committee

	Brandon Fuston Family Steve Hillis Family
Bus Driver:	Paul Hurst (668-7088)

	July 12, 2015
Ushers:	Calvin Rogers & Herb Rowland
Attend Nurse	ry:Janie Griffin
Un/Lock Buil	ding:Gordon Mayfield/Caleb Graves
Prepare Com	munion:Mayfield's & Hillis'
Assist Baptisn	ns: Cynthia Duncan & Amy Lawrence
Pantry Item:	Saltine Crackers
Elder Closing	Remarks:Stanley Graves
Record For T	he Week
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Wednesday Bibl	e Study237
Contribution	\$6,657





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At Home: Clara Scott Edith Roberts Corretta Lawrence Paul Davie

Paul Davis James Ware (brother-in-law to Jean Ware) to start radiation on Monday

#### In The Hospital:

Ted Flatt (Larry's brother) - grave condition in Charlotte, NC Carol Barrett - surgery on Tuesday Erin Jones (wife of Jonathan Jones, missionary to New Zealand) surgery for gall bladder. Cards may be sent to: 1111 Crowne Point Dr; Newbern, TN 38059

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....Ten Commandments Today #9 Sunday PM:....Summer Series: Paul Sain

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Summer Series

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the evangelist for the East Hill church of Christ in Pulaski, TN. He also publishes numerous books for the brotherhood. He will be dealing with a very timely topic. Lusts of the Flesh-Pornography.

#### Restoration

Sunday Morning sister Regina Templeton came forward requesting the prayers of the church.

#### Address Updates

Cody, Laura & Emerson Prince 1242 Charlie Turner Rd McMinnville, TN 37110-5250

Mary Davis - Raintree Manor #512

### It's Not What We Eat

It is not what we eat but what we digest that makes us strong;

It is not what we gain but what we save that make us rich;

It is not what we read but what we remember that makes us learned;

And it is not what we profess but what we practice that makes us Christians

~ Author unknown ~

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	July 2015 Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Lincoln Sain	29 John Nussbaum	30	1 Charles Gillies Lachlan McVey PAUL & BRENDA DAVIS	2 DAVID & STEFANIE MCCOLLOCH DON & JUDY SULLI- VAN WALLACE & GLYNDA STEVENS	3 Rita Prince	2 Willie Holmes
5 ALLEN & GLENDA HUGHES Kathy Thaxton LYNDER & WILLIE HOLMES	6 Judy Nussbaum Kurt Maynard	7 Brea Moody Joan Hillis SHANNON & JANIE GRIFFIN	8 Almetia Jones Amy Lawrence Colton Newby Louise Miller	9 Debbie Glenn Junah Bouldin	10 Glenda Faye Ferrell JIMMY & ALMETIA JONES MICHAEL & SHAN- NON ANDREWS	1 <sup>-</sup> Greg Grizzell Lillie Rutledge
12 Jean Clendenon Juanita Oliver	13 BRUCE & SUSAN PRYOR Judy Sullivan	14	15 BRANDON & KARA FUSTON Lauren Hurst Teresa McGinness	16 Caleb King RODNEY & JEN- NIFER MAYNARD Sandra Hillis	17 Cora Stembridge Jeff Flatt KELLY & KATHY THAXTON	1 & Carolyn Lance
19	20 Carolyn Cantrell	21 Hilary Neale	22 Rachael Graves	23 Tommy Turner Donnie Hill	24 Aria Evans Cindy Fisher Ronnie and Aimee Bielling	23 DONALD & MARTH/ CATHEY ELMER & LILLIE RUTLEDGE
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 7 PM						
26	27 Ashley Pinegar Debbie Gann	28 Don Griffith JEFF & MARY FLATT	29	30 Dachelle McVey TIM & AMANDA GANN	31 Betty McPherson CLENT & LYNETTE KESEY Jack Keele	Luke Andrews TIM & CINDY FISHE

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	Jeff Flatt
Scripture	Exodus 20:17
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(S)	*Russ Chilcutt
(N)	David McColloch
	Ryan McColloch
(N)	Jared Mullican
(S)	Mike Mullins
(S)	Harold McGinness
(S)	Kurt Maynard
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Norman Sain

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Shannon Griffin
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table	*David Chilton
	*Michael Andrews
Sermon	Kyle Butt
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton

Wednesday Bible Study

### VBS

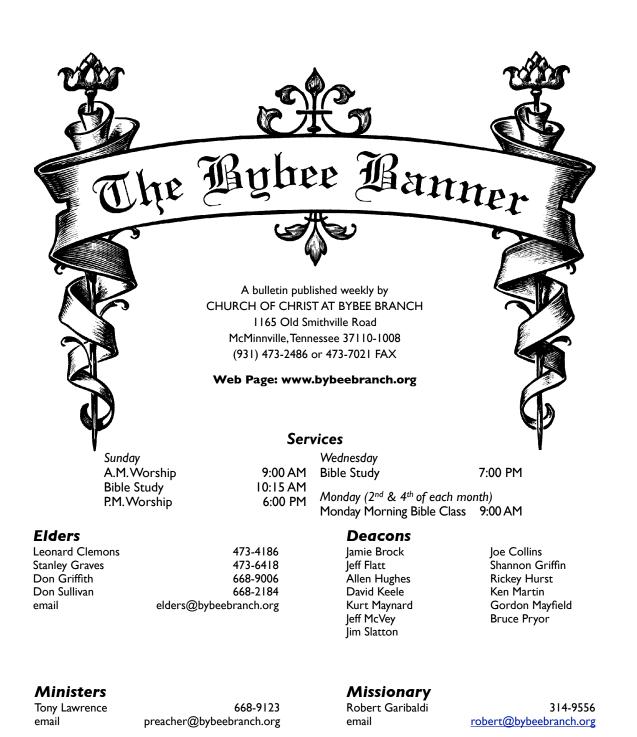
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,	Randall & Deborah Gann Don & Susie Griffith	
Bus Driver:	Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)	

July 19, 2015
Ushers:Ronnie Hoover & Rodney Maynard
Attend Nursery:Sharla Hillis
Un/Lock Building:Gordon Mayfield/Caleb Graves
Prepare Communion:Mayfield's & Hillis'
Assist Baptisms: Cynthia Duncan & Amy Lawrence
Pantry Item:Grape Jelly
Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith
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#### At Home:

Gordon Fults Edith Roberts Paul Davis James Ware (brother-in-law to Jean Ware) Carol Barrett Faye Bouldin (Helen Morgan's sister) Lewis Morgan (Helen Morgan's son) - broken leg Monica Rowland - torn ligaments Erin Jones (wife of Jonathan Jones, missionary to New Zealand) following gall bladder surgery. Cards may be sent to: 1111 Crowne Point Dr; Newbern,TN 38059 Eliza Sanders (Willie Holmes sister) - gravely ill

#### In The Hospital:

David Sain (preacher at West Fayetteville) -Williamson Medical Center CCU Llewellyn Griffin (Shannon's grandmother) - to be released this week.

### **Sympathy**

We express our sympathy to the family of Ted Flatt, brother of our Larry Flatt. He passed away Monday afternoon. His service will be conducted by Highs though arrangements are incomplete.

We also express our sympathy to the family of Bernice Nunez, sister of our Linda Fults. Her funeral was in Crossville on Monday.

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**Summitville church of Christ**, July 12-16, at 7 pm with Glenn Colley preaching.

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Jericho church of Christ, July 26-28, Sun at 7:30 and 7:00 on Monday-Tuesday. Jason Gann, Jon Simmons, Gene Brock and Samuel Bain preaching.

### Shut-ins

Raintree Manor (415 Pace St., McMinnville,TN 37110) Mary Davis #512 Clara Roller #120 David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father) #314 Pete Waddell #305 Winona Ward (sister to Juanita Oliver) #511

#### NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville,TN 37111) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister) #201 Winfrey Hennessee #210 June Slatton #411 Melba Hillis (Steve's grandmother) #

#### Webb House - McMinnville

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110) Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife) Bob Cunningham (Susan Pryor's father)

#### **Creekside At Three Rivers**

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128) Vivian Ferrell

#### Home:

Leonard Crouch Dennis Gann Greg Grizzell Ronnie Hamilton (Linda's husband) Willene Kell Kathy Neale (Chris's mother) Barbara Northcutt Evelyn Northcutt Jim Slatton Cora Stembridge Buell Warren

### **Vacation Bible Schools**

**Mt. Leo church of Christ**, July 13-16, 6-8 pm each evening. Theme: Mission Possible.

**West Sparta church of Christ**, July 13-16, 6:30-8:00 pm each evening. Theme: God's Word: Digging for Answers.

### Summer Series

Remember the Summer Series continues through July on the theme of **Challenges Facing The Church.** This Sunday evening will be brother Kyle Butt. Brother Kyle has been with us before and has always had a very informative and interesting lesson. This lesson will address a timely topic: *Skepticism*.

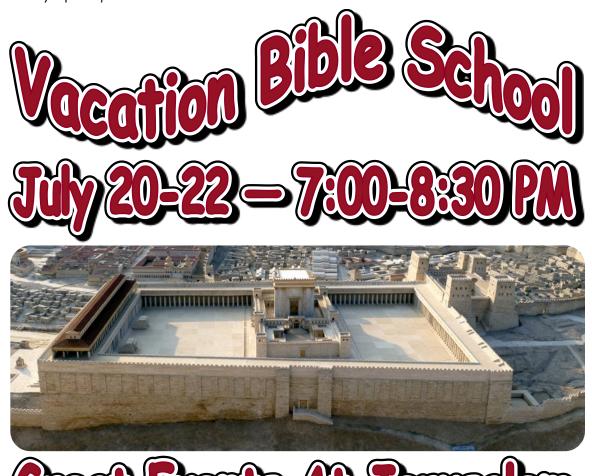
### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....Ten Commandments Today #10 Sunday PM: .....Summer Series: Kyle Butt

### **Something To Think About**

"One who runs from responsibility will never get very far."

"Hard work is always a more dependable horse to ride than either "luck" or "smarts."



#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	Stanley Clendenon
Reading	Larry Flatt
Scripture	Isaiah 46:9-10
	*Gordon Mayfield
(S)	*Jeff McVey
	Aiden McVey
(N)	Micah Lawrence
(N)	Ken Martin
(S)	Joe Maynard
	Rodney Maynard
(S)	Kane Maynard
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Tommy Turner

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	Paul Hurst
Reading	Tommy Crouch
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table	*Dale Bennett
	*Willie Newby
Sermon	Bobby Liddell
Dismiss	Ronnie Prince

#### Wednesday Bible Study

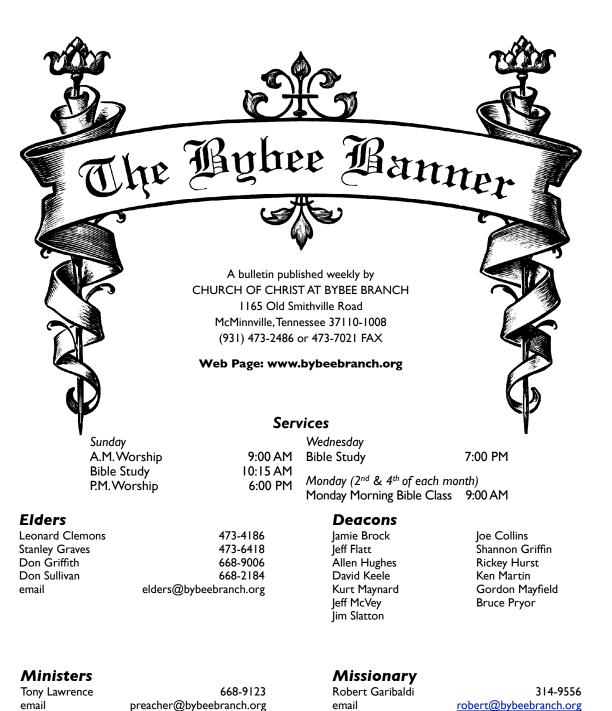
Announcements	Steve Hillis
Lead Singing	Justin Griffin
First Prayer	Brandon Fuston
Reading	Cory Prince
Invitation	Randy Griffith
Dismiss	Rickey Hurst

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Pat Gauger & Linda Hamilton
P.M	Randy & Vickie Griffith
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Bus Driver:	Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

	July 26, 2015
Ushers:Kurt Ma	
Attend Nursery:	
Un/Lock Building:G	
Prepare Communion:	Mayfield's & Hillis'
Assist Baptisms: Cynth	ia Duncan & Amy Lawrence
Pantry Item:	Graham Crackers
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### At Home:

Gordon Fults Edith Roberts Paul Davis Jean Ware Faye Bouldin (Helen Morgan's sister) Lewis Morgan (Helen Morgan's son) - broken leg

#### In The Hospital:

Brenda Woodlee (Nelma Chilton and Nona Martin's sister-in-law) - River Park Rehab Jackson Stewart (great grandson of Elmer & Lillie Rutledge) surgery at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital Irene Fuston (Brandon's mother) possibly have open heart surgery on Thursday or Friday.

### **Gospel Meetings**

**Smartt church of Christ**, July 19-23 at 7 pm with Larry Acuff preaching.

**Ivy Bluff church of Christ**, July 19-23 at 7 pm with Barry Kennedy preaching.

**Jericho church of Christ**, July 26-28, Sun at 7:30 and 7:00 on Monday-Tuesday. Jason Gann, Jon Simmons, Gene Brock and Samuel Bain preaching.

**Unity church of Christ**, August 2-5 at 7 pm with Larry Acuff preaching.

### **Elders-Deacons Meeting**

This Sunday evening, July 26, the Elders and Deacons will meet at 5 pm.

### **General Business Meeting**

This Sunday evening, July 26, will be the regularly scheduled quarterly men's General Business Meeting following the evening services. All men of the congregation are encouraged to be present.

### **Youth News**

The next **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** is July 29<sup>th</sup>. Please help us to celebrate ALL the youth of Bybee Branch with July birthdays.

On Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, the BBYG & PEW PACK-ERS will be traveling to <u>Jumpstreet</u> in Murfreesboro. A sign-up sheet (with full details) is on the Youth Bulletin Board. Please sign up for a fun filled day.

Parents please don't forget the "WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table!

#### **Upcoming Activities:**

Sat. 8/8 Junior/Senior Banquet Sun. 8/9 Pew Packers Class

#### **General News**

Please make plans to join us this Thursday as Bybee Branch is in charge of the devotional at NHC. We will have a period of singing, Bible reading, and prayer.

#### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .Powerful Proof of Predictive Prophecy Sunday PM: .....Summer Series: Bobby Liddell

#### **Summer Series**



#### He is presently a

teacher and Administrative Dean at the Memphis School of Preaching (having formerly served as its director). He is also the interim preacher at the Munford church of Christ. His topic is *"Man-made Religions."* 

### No God? Know God

If there is no God There is no life after this life, Death is the end for us. The world will still exist, but we Will have returned to dust. But if there is a God Who made us to endure with Him Then death is not the end. We leave the body and go on As spirits in His heav'n, If there is no God, there is no heaven. Know God and you will know Him in His heav'n.

If there is no God There is no love that can endure Beyond the body's death. Affection and relationships Will end with our last breath. But if there is a God Whose nature and intent is love, Faith and hope surpassing, Then love will last as long as God. Love is everlasting. If there is no God, there is no true love Know God and you will know His perfect love. If there is no God There is no hope of justice or Restraining power on earth. The poor and weak will be denied If none admits their worth. But if there is a God Who made us and imposed His will The unjust are afraid To mistreat the Creator in Whose image we are made. If there is no God, there can be no hope. Know God. In heaven He fulfills your hope.

If there is no God There is no peace, I've heard it said, If men design the rod By which they govern other men And do not yield to God. But if there is a God Whose ways are always right and fair, Whose love is shared by all, He works for good with all of those Who follow at His call. If there is no God, there can be no peace. Know God. In heaven you will find your peace.

By Gerald Cowan



### Parable of the Pencil

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside, just before putting him into the box.

"There are 5 things you need to know," he told the pencil, "Before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be."

- 1. "You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in Someone's hand."
- 2. "You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil."
- 3. "You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make."
- 4. "The most important part of you will always be what's inside."
- 5. "On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write."

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

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### August 2, 2015

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	Rickey Hurst
Reading	David McColloch
Scripture	Isaiah 46:9-10
	*Ricky Prince
(S)	*Rodney Reynolds
(N)	Michael Andrews
	Dwight Barrett
(N)	Marty Boles
(S)	Jason Vandagriff
	Eugene Wilcher
(S)	Norman Sain
	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bobby Ashford

#### Sunday Evening Worship

(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Caleb Graves
Leonard Clemons
Aiden McVey
Ezekiel 26:1-2
*Jamie Brock
*Russ Chilcutt
Tony Lawrence
Brandon Fuston

#### Wednesday Bible Study

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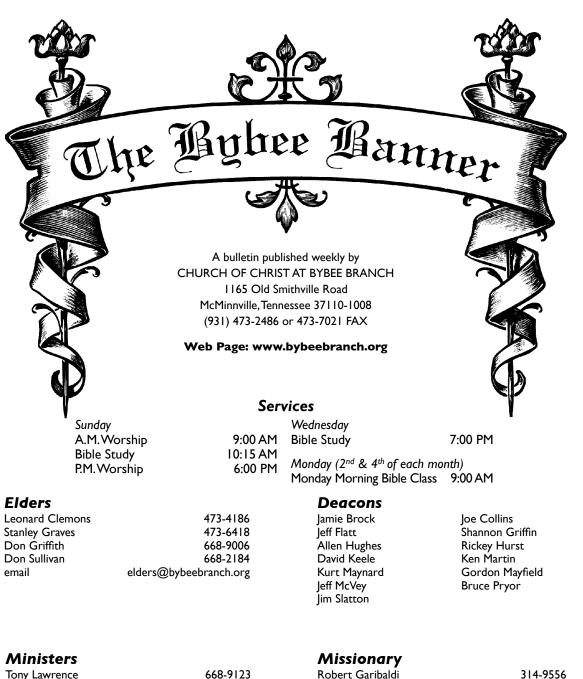
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Pantry Item:	Rice-a-Roni	
Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons		

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

A.M. Worship	352
Bible Study	262
P.M. Worship	236
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$6,783

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#### At Home:

Brenda Young Jamie Brock Penny Keele Monica Rowland Gordon Fults Edith Roberts Paul Davis Faye Bouldin (Helen Morgan's sister)

#### In The Hospital:

Irene Fuston (Brandon's mother) St. Thomas ICU

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .Powerful Proof of Predictive Prophecy Sunday PM:.....Predictive Prophecy #2

### **Gospel Meetings**

**Unity church of Christ**, August 2-5 at 7 pm with Larry Acuff preaching.

**Bonner church of Christ**, August 2-5 at 7 pm with Johnny Fox preaching.

**New Hope church of Christ**, August 2-5 at 7 pm with Jack Honeycutt preaching.

#### **Gospel Singing**

Earleyville church of Christ, August | at 6 pm

### **VBS Review**

**VBS** was great again this year with increasing attendance each night:

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
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Thanks to everyone who made VBS so special this year, from the teachers to the one who prepared and served the food. Thanks to all!

### Youth News

**BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** is this Wednesday night. Please help us to celebrate ALL the youth of Bybee Branch with July birthdays.

This Saturday, August 1st, the BBYG & PEW PACKERS will be traveling to Jumpstreet in Murfreesboro. A flyer (with full details) is on the Youth Bulletin Board.

Parents please don't forget the "**WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS**" on the foyer table!

#### **Upcoming Activities:**

Sat. 8/8 Junior/Senior Banquet Sun. 8/9 Pew Packers Class

### Letter from Amerindian Guyana

#### Mission

Katoka Village Central Rupununi; Region 9 Guyana South America

2nd July 2015

Bybee Branch Church of Christ 1165 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, Tennessee, 37110

#### Dear Brethren,

We are sending greetings to you for this season. Myself and family are doing well here in Katoka. I have received the monthly support from you. This has help us stay here in Katoka working for the Lord. To date there are 58 members now. We ask that you continue to pray for us so that our effort here will be fruitful as we try our utmost best to bring glory and honor to God.

May God bless you and keep you until we meet in the promised home, Heaven,

Your Brother in Christ Archer Moses

Sunday	Monday	A Tuesday	ugust 201 Wednesday	15 Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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26	27 Ashley Pinegar Debbie Gann	28 Don Griffith JEFF & MARY FLATT	29	30 Dachelle McVey TIM & AMANDA GANN	31 Betty McPherson CLENT & LYNETTE KESEY Jack Keele	1 Luke Andrews TIM & CINDY FISHER
2 Amberly Thaxton Barbara Witty Rebecca Mullican Skylar Maynard	3 Hayes Fuston	4 Kara Hurst Paul Davis	5	6 Braxton Moody	7 TOMMY & PAMELA TURNER	8 Stanley Clendenon
9 Kathy Elam Keith Chilcutt	10 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	11	12 Allen Hughes JEFF & DACHELLE MCVEY	13 Grant Chilcutt	14 Wilma Rogers	15 Marty Boles
16 Elmer Rutledge Jamie Griffith Joshua Templeton	17 Brooke Bouldin Willus Roberts	18 Steve Hillis Winfrey Hennessee	19 JoAnn Roberts	20	21 Mary Ashford	22 Taylor Mullican
23 DANIEL & TERRI ELLER Shannon Andrews Thelma Rowland	24 Pamela Turner Phyllis Bailey RUSS & LORI CHIL- CUTT Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM		26 JAMIE & MELISSA BROCK Micah Lawrence Ronnie Bielling	27 Linda Cantrell Monica Rowland Tristan Gilbert	28 Miranda Vinson	29 Clent Kesey Doris Wilcher Mahaley Keele
30 CHRIS & BETSY MCBRIDE Young Men Conduct PM services	31 Ethan Pinegar HEATH & JAMIE GRIFFITH Megan Pack	1 Nancy Mayfield Nancy Rogers Rodney Reynolds	2	3 CHRIS & LORI SNOW Connor Andrews	4 DWIGHT & CAROL BARRETT	5

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#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday morning .	
Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	David Keele
Reading	Marty Boles
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table (N)	*Ronnie Prince
(S)	*Bruce Pryor
	Tommy Turner
	Kelly Thaxton
(N)	Jeff Templeton
(S)	Junah Bouldin
	Farris Young
(S)	Steve Smith
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Dale Bennett

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Stanley Clendenon
Reading	Bob Cantrell
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table	*David Chilton
••••••	*Shannon Griffin
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jacob Griffin

#### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	David Keele
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Josh Templeton
Reading	Justin Randolph
Invitation	Leonard Clemons
Dismiss	Darron Dixon

### Welcome Committee

	Clent Kesey Family Ken & Nona Martin
Bus Driver:	Paul Hurst (668-7088)

	August 9, 2015
Ushers:Calvin	Rogers & Herb Rowland
Attend Nursery:	Stephanie Maynard
Un/Lock Building:	Rickey Hurst/Jeff Flatt
Prepare Communion:	Sarah Beth King
Assist Baptisms: Steph	nanie Maynard & Linda Hamilton
Pantry Item:	Instant Oatmeal
Elder Closing Remarks	:Stanley Graves
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A.M. Worship	
Bible Study	240
P.M. Worship	235
Wednesday Bible Study	230
Contribution	\$7,570

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#### In The Hospital:

Billy Reed (preacher at Armstrong) - St.Thomas West ICU

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....Obadiah: Friction In God's Family Sunday PM: .....Get Behind Me Satan

### **Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Dorothy Hollis, sister of our Don Cathey. She passed away Monday evening in Bowling Green, KY. Arrangements are incomplete.

### **Gospel Meetings**

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### Shut-ins

#### **Raintree Manor**

(415 Pace St., McMinnville,TN 37110) Mary Davis #512 Clara Roller #120 David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father) #121 Pete Waddell #101 Winona Ward (sister to Juanita Oliver) #102 Gary Ward (Winona Ward's son) #206

#### NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville,TN 37111) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister) #201 Winfrey Hennessee #210 June Slatton #411 Melba Hillis (Steve's grandmother) #

#### Webb House - McMinnville

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110) Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife) Bob Cunningham (Susan Pryor's father)

#### **Creekside At Three Rivers**

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128) Vivian Ferrell

#### Home:

Leonard Crouch Dennis Gann Greg Grizzell Ronnie Hamilton (Linda's husband) Willene Kell Kathy Neale (Chris's mother) Barbara Northcutt Evelyn Northcutt Jim Slatton Cora Stembridge Buell Warren

### Address Update

Ronnie, Denise & Cory Prince 326 Rolling Hills 3rd St McMinnville, TN 37110-5906

Ronnie (931) 808-2598 Denise (931) 808-9992 Cory (931) 703-2597 Elders-Deacons-Preachers Seminar East Main Church of Christ/Murfreesboro, August 8, 8:30-1 pm. Tom Holland, Alan Highers and Glenn Colley speaking.

### Middle Tennessee School of Preaching and Biblical Studies

Classes begin August 27 and meet at the **Bethany** church of Christ. Class schedule:

Ecclesiastes (Jim Boyd)......6:00 PM Preaching The Psalms V (Bill Boyd) .....7:00 PM The Minor Prophets II (Tom Harrison)......8:00 PM

### **Questions & Answers Sermons**

Several have requested sermons based on questions and answers submitted by the congregation. These will begin the first Sunday evening in September and will continue the first Sunday evening for a while. Please write your questions and give them to me so I can begin preparation.

# The Importance of Midweek Bible Study

The question was asked me recently, "Are we to believe that Wednesday evening attendance is necessary?" I believe brother Garland M. Robinson makes a good response to this question by asking, "If you are a Christian, where else would you want to be?" This is a most revealing question. It reveals the shallow and hollow depth of devotion one has to the Christ who died for him. This question speaks volumes concerning those who desire to be somewhere else during the Wednesday night services.

It is a simple fact that a person will make time for and be engaged in whatever activity pleases him. The bottom line basically is that people only do what they want to do. If you want to be a faithful Christian, live a godly life, and go to heaven when you die, then you will make every effort to achieve that end. One's attitude and heart is not right who must be begged, prodded and coaxed to attend services of the Lord's church at any time! Shame on those who do not put forth the effort to be with those of "like mind" in the faith every opportunity afforded.

- II Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." To meet at any time with the saints to study the most precious Book that tells of everlasting life and what to do to obtain it is the desire of everyone who truly wants to go to heaven. One day we will stand before Jesus to be judged. We study the scriptures to be approved of Him so that we might be found living in accordance with His will when He comes to call all things to an end (Acts 17:30,31).
- Il Peter 3:18 tells us, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." This command is to grow in the knowledge of God. How then could anyone refuse to grasp the opportunity to do what we have been commanded?

Wednesday night is an excellent time to meet and study. This time is to supplement our personal home study. But if the truth is known, few study at home and therefore have no interest in midweek study either.

Seriously, what else on earth is more important than God, truth, and righteousness? Read Matthew 6:33 and know that when we put anything ahead of God, the Bible, and church and think we are fine, we are in for a rude awakening on judgment day.

> ~ Ray Crawford ~ Via BulletinGold

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Kane Maynard
Reading	Jared Mullican
Scripture	Micah 3:9-11
Lord's Table (N)	*Herb Rowland
(S)	*Norman Sain
	Justin Randolph
(N)	Ronnie Prince
(N)	Cory Prince
	Derrick Pennington
	Willie Newby
(S)	Chris Neale
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Phillip Brock

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	Keith Chilcutt
Scripture	
Lord's Table	*W.C. Chilton
	*Larry Cook
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Doug Hendrixson

#### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	David Keele
Lead Singing	John David Keele
First Prayer	Shannon Griffin
Reading	Chris Snow
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Danny Duncan

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Rickey & Maggie Hurst
P.M	Gordon & Nancy Mayfield
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Bus Driver:	Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

August 16, 2015
Ushers:Ronnie Hoover & Rodney Maynard Attend Nursery:Haley McColloch
Un/Lock Building:Rickey Hurst/Jeff Flatt
Prepare Communion:Sarah Beth King
Assist Baptisms: Stephanie Maynard & Linda Hamilton
Pantry Item:Snack Crackers
Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith
Record For The Week
A.M. Worship
Bible Study269
P.M. Worship227
Wednesday Bible Study210
Contribution\$8,165

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Leonard Crouch - River Park Billy Reed (preacher at Armstrong)-St. Thomas West

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Lena Todd, sister of our Eva Simons. Her services were Saturday.

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM	Micah - Retribution
-	Confronting The Cults

### Youth News

Our annual **BACK TO SCHOOL BASH** is this Saturday at the Chilcutt's. A sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board for volunteers to bring food. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and drinks will be provided. Please make plans to join us from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

A **PARENTS MEETING** will be this Sunday following evening services for BBYG parents. We will discuss plans for August to December.

Parents please don't forget the "WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table!

#### Upcoming Activities:

Sun. 8/16 TABS Sat. 8/23 Home Devotional Wed. 8/26 Birthday Wednesday Thurs. 8/27 NHC Devotional Sun. 8/30 Young Men Led Worship

# Policy On Officiating Wedding Ceremonies.

Marriage is fundamentally an act of God. "And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' and said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh? So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." (Matt. 19:4-6).

Those who officiate are not only subject to the laws of the land but more importantly to follow the directions from the Almighty. Sadly it is apparent that man's laws are not in complete harmony with God's. As such I will not fulfill every request to officiate a ceremony. I reserve the right to refuse to officiate should I have any doubts. The following are the conditions for me to officiate.

- 1. Both parties must be willing to meet to discuss their upcoming marriage.
- 2. Both parties must be faithful Christians in good standing at a local congregation of the Lord's church.
- 3. I will not officiate if either party has a living spouse.
- 4. I will not officiate unless both parties are committed to the biblical view of marriage.
- 5. I will not officiate if at the ceremony or reception there will be participation in sinful behavior including but not limit to dancing, consuming alcoholic beverages or the use of religious hymns with instrumental music.

~ Tony Lawrence ~

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### Bybee Branch Church Of Christ Policy On Marriage And Human Sexuality Summary

#### Introduction

This is a policy statement of the beliefs of the Bybee Branch Church of Christ regarding religious beliefs concerning marriage and human sexuality and our policies based upon the necessary application of our faith to life and practice.

#### What We Believe About Marriage and Human Sexuality

We believe, based on the teaching of the Scriptures in both the Old and New Testaments, that marriage is an institution ordained by God from the foundation of the world, and intended as a lifelong union of one man and one woman. The idea is supported by the account of creation in Genesis chapters I and 2. The Bible is our sole authority in determining this policy. We also believe this policy is supported by the following scriptures: Genesis 1:26-28, Genesis 2:18; 15-25; Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:22-32; I Corinthians 6:9-11; I Corinthians 3:16; 6:12-20; Romans 1:18-32. As a result, in order to maintain our consistent following of the Scriptures, and to affirm our belief that the Bible is our sole authority in all actions, we cannot sanction, approve, or promote in any way adultery, fornication, pornography, polygamy, bestiality, or homosexual unions. The church is called to teach and practice these teachings and is not at liberty to depart from them for a different authority. Though we strive to live peaceably with all people and to obey legitimate government authority, in instances involving matters as foundational as marriage we must ultimately obey God rather than man if the two come into conflict. (Acts 4:18-22).

#### Our Faith Based Policy on Marriage and Human Sexuality

As a result of these above described religious beliefs, it is our policy that the facilities of this church may not be used for any ceremony that in any way approves of, solemnizes, supports or allows a samesex union or a polygamist or any union which, in the judgment of the Elders, in some way constitutes child abuse. It is also the policy of the church that no minister, preacher or member of the church staff shall officiate at any ceremony designed to solemnize, promote, create or approve of such a union. Nor may any member of the church enter into such a union without being subject to church discipline.

A civil government's sanction of a union will be recognized as a legitimate marriage by the church only to the extent that it is consistent with the definition of marriage found in this Policy Statement and the Holy Bible.

It is further understood that no musical instruments (live or recorded) are to be played in any church worship service or Biblical or youth teaching activity or classroom instruction or in ceremony in the Bybee Branch facilities. Any requests for use of the church facilities for any reason other than the business of the Bybee Branch Church of Christ worship or teaching activities must be approved by the Elders consistent with the above stated policies.

#### ~The Elders ~

(Note this is a summary of a fuller policy statement prepared by the Elders. Should anyone desire to see the full statement, please see one of the Elders)

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
	Micah Lawrence
Reading	Mike Mullins
Scripture	Micah 4:1-2
	*Chris Snow
(S)	*Don Sullivan
	Brandon Fuston
(N)	Jared Mullican
(N)	Jeff McVey
(S)	Mitchell Ferrell
	Justin Griffin
(S)	David McColloch
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bob Cantrell

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Jeff Flatt
Reading	Robert Elam
Scripture	ICorinthians 3:1-3
Lord's Table	*Caleb Hughes
	*Paul Hurst
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Allen Hughes

#### Wednesday Bible Study

David Keele
Jared Mullican
Steve Hillis
David Roberts
Willie Newby
Ethan Duncan

### Welcome Committee

	Sarah Kell & Helen Morgan David McColloch Family
Bus Driver:	Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

August 23, 2015
Ushers:Kurt Maynard & Tommy Crouch
Attend Nursery:Stefanie McColloch
Un/Lock Building:Rickey Hurst/Jeff Flatt
Prepare Communion:Sarah Beth King
Assist Baptisms: Stephanie Maynard & Linda Hamilton
Pantry Item:Cooking oil
Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan
Record For The Week
A.M. Worship353
Bible Study255
P.M. Worship228
Wednesday Bible Study236
Contribution\$6,893

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### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......Micah - Restoration Sunday PM: .....What Makes A Church Worldly?

### **Diana Singing**

The bus will leave at 5 pm on Saturday, Sept. 12 for the Diana Singing. If you plan on going, please see Micah Lawrence.

### **Monday Morning Bible Class**

Next Monday, August 24, at 9 am will be the Monday Morning Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to come. Class will begin at I John 2:9

### **Something To Think About**

"Change of self is needed more often than a change of scene."

"It is confusing to give good advice while setting a bad example."

"When life and circumstances drive you to your knees you are in a perfect position to pray."

"Be thankful for what you have before you get what you deserve."

### **Youth News**

The next **HOME DEVOTIONAL** is this Sunday hosted by the Templeton's. We will meet immediately after evening worship. Boys are to bring a drink and girls a dessert.

All youth (BBYG to Pew Packer) are reminded of **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** on Wednesday, August 26th. Those with August birthdays will be honored, so everyone stick around after services.

Who knew that when a seemingly simple "gettogether" in 1998 formed it would morph into an every year evangelistic opportunity for our youth. Our 18th Annual **LABOR DAY YOUTH MADNESS: Countdown to Midnight!"** will be Sunday, September 6th. Full details are on the Youth Bulletin Board. So, get signed-up and Invite, Invite, INVITE!

Another sign-up on the YBB is our yearly trip to R.U.S.H. at Freed Hardeman. The event is the weekend of September 18th. Again, all the details are on the flyer.

Parents please don't forget the **"WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS"** on the foyer table!

#### **Upcoming Activities:**

Thurs. 8/27 NHC Devotional Sat. 8/29 Camp Rewind Sun. 8/30 Young Men Led Worship

### **Gospel Meetings**

**Central church of Christ**, August 16-19 at 7 pm Robert Jefferies, Chris Perry, Bill Boyd & Ben Bailey preaching.

**Doyle church of Christ**, August 16-20 at 7 pm Garland Robinson preaching.

### **Creation-Evolution Seminar**

**Iconium church of Chris**t, August 21-23, 7 pm Friday, 6 pm Saturday and 9:15 Sunday. Brother Brad Harrub will be the speaker.

### The Attack On Ben Bailey

This past Sunday brother Ben Bailey, speaker for The Gospel of Christ TV program <u>www.thegospelofchrist.com</u> delivered a lesson where he discussed a newspaper article where four couples had been interviewed as to why they chose a specific church. One of those couples was looking for a church with "relaxed or liberal views." Our good brother went on to explain that those who had a liberal mindset had accepted or approved of such things as women preacher and even homosexual relationships. Then brother Bailey went on to examine these in light of Scripture. He correctly pointed to seeking God's mindset on matters. How does one know what God wants? Obviously His Word is where one should go. He observed that in that in 1Timothy 2:11-12 women are forbidden to be preachers. He then went on to point out that the Scriptures condemn homosexual behavior in Romans 1:26-28 and that under the Old Testament in Leviticus 18:22; 20:13 such was an abomination for which the penalty was death. *Everything that brother Bailey said was 100% correct.* 

On Monday someone came across the message delivered on Sunday and social media began to blow up with posts. How dare anyone condemn homosexual behavior! Did not the Supreme Court of the United States just settle the matter once and for all? A number of websites began to show excerpts of the message with some rather ugly comments. On CNN's sister station HLN, the Dr. Drew show even highlighted it during a segment on Monday evening. Thus has begun an attack on a faithful brother in Christ by the godless men and women of this world. Sadly, brother Bailey's words have been twisted to suggest he was promoting stoning of homosexuals today. Such should come as no surprise. These folks have no problem with dishonesty. They are simply following their leader, Satan (John 8:44).

I think some observations are in order.

- Jesus said this would happen. "The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I testify of it that its works are evil." John 7:7. "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, "A servant is not greater than his master." If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also." John 15:18–20.
- A man is not only known by his friends but by those who attack him. "Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets." Luke 6:26. "Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution." 2 Timothy 3:12.
- Out of persecution can come something good. "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive." Genesis 50:20. There is no way that The Gospel of Christ could have bought the amount of exposure that this matter has brought. While there are other churches who have totally aband o n e d G o d's t e a c h i n g o n s e x u a l i t y (s e e www.charismanews.com/us/51020-first-baptist-church-to-ordain-gay-transgender-ministers) there will be spiritually minded folks seeking the Truth and they will now know where to go to find it. The persecution of the church following the death of Stephen did not stamp out the church, it only spread the seed! (Acts 8:4).

Those of us who love God and His Word will stand with brother Bailey.

~Tony Lawrence~

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Kurt Maynard
Reading	Willie Newby
Scripture	Micah 6:6-8
	*Kelly Thaxton
(S)	*Michael Andrews
	Clent Kesey
(N)	Gordon Mayfield
(N)	Ken Martin
(S)	Ezra Dixon
(S)	Rodney Maynard
(S)	Ricky Prince
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	David Chilton

#### Sunday Evening Worship

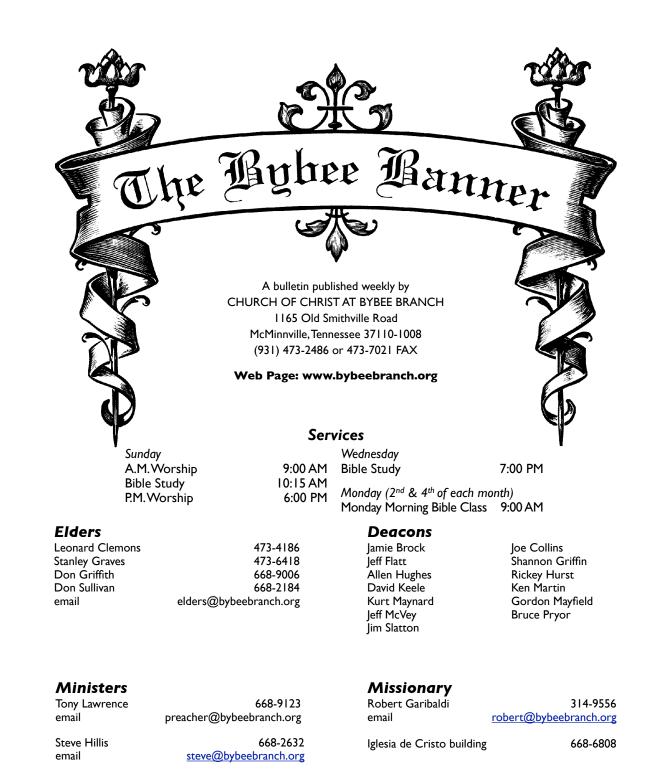
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Attend Nursery: .....Teresa McGinness Un/Lock Building: .....Rickey Hurst/Jeff Flatt **Prepare Communion:** ......Sarah Beth King

Assist Baptisms: ...... Stephanie Maynard & Linda Hamilton

Pantry Item: .....Salt & Pepper



#### At Home:

Carol Barrett Juanita Oliver Faye Bouldin (Helen Morgan's sister) Tommy Bailey (brother-in-law of Harold McGinness) prayers requested Jessica Templeton - outpatient surgery Tuesday

#### In The Hospital:

Leonard Crouch - NHC #106 Evelyn Northcutt - NHC #102 Elmer Rutledge - NHC #130

### A Good Word

Mark Twain once said, "I can live for two months on one good compliment." We all know what he meant by that. It lifts your spirits to have someone say something genuinely nice to you or about you.

Solomon noted this human truth: "Heaviness in the heart of man maketh it stoop; but a good word maketh it glad" (Prov. 12:25). Haven' t you experienced days when the morning began just right? Someone in your family mentioned something special about you he/she appreciated. Your boss gave you a compliment as you walked through the door. And then, there was a note in the mail or a phone call from someone you love, and words of cheer entered your heart and carried you through the day.

Since we know how good it feels to receive such expressions from people, shouldn't we spread the same joy to others? We ought to take advantage of the many opportunities that are available to us (Ephesians 5:15: Col. 4:5,6; Gal. 6:10).

A good word. You don't have to be rich to give compliments away. You don't have to be well known to effect others. Even complete strangers reap the benefit of receiving a good word from you.

We hear so many bad words in our world. Let's start a campaign to balance what people hear. It all begins with a good word!

~ Bulletin Digest ~

### **Youth News**

All youth (BBYG to Pew Packer) are reminded of **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** on Wednesday, August 26th. Those with August birthdays will be honored, so everyone stick around after services.

Who knew that when a seemingly simple "gettogether" in 1998 formed it would morph into an every year evangelistic opportunity for our youth. Our 18th Annual **LABOR DAY YOUTH MADNESS: Countdown to Midnight!"** will be Sunday, September 6th. Full details are on the Youth Bulletin Board. So, get signed-up and Invite, Invite, INVITE!

Another sign-up on the YBB is our yearly trip to R.U.S.H. at Freed Hardeman. The event is the weekend of September 18th. Again, all the details are on the flyer.

Parents please don't forget the **"WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS"** on the foyer table!

#### **Upcoming Activities:**

Thurs. 8/27 NHC Devotional Sat. 8/29 Camp Rewind Sun. 8/30 Young Men Led Worship

### Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of brother Billy Reed. Brother Reed was the preacher at the Armstrong church of Christ and served the Bethlehem congregation for many years. His funeral is Tuesday at Central church of Christ.

#### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......YOUNG MEN CONDUCT SERVICES

#### **Diana Singing**

The bus will leave at 5 pm on Saturday, Sept. 12 for the Diana Singing. If you plan on going, please see Micah Lawrence.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 CHRIS & BETSY MCBRIDE	31 Ethan Pinegar HEATH & JAMIE GRIFFITH Megan Pack	1 Nancy Mayfield Nancy Rogers Rodney Reynolds	2	3 CHRIS & LORI SNOW Connor Andrews	4 DWIGHT & CAROL BARRETT	5
6 Gail Crouch Promotion Sunday	7 Denise Prince Marsha Collins Nichole Wilcher	8 Heather Tanner RONNIE & DENISE PRINCE	9 Bobby Ashford Erin Duncan	10	11	12 Jaxon Rhea Diana Singing bus leaves at 5 pm.
13	14 Janice Foster Lennie Ruth Kesey Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am at the Fair	15 Singing at the Fair - Antioch Church - 6 pm	16 CALEB & RACHAEL GRAVES Kylan Rhea Marc Martin Rylan Rhea	17 Doug Hendrixson Jordan Thomas	18 Amanda Gann Caleb Hughes Chloe Pennington	1
20 Audrey Andrews GORDON & LINDA FULTS JERRY & EVA SI- MONS	21 Caleb Graves JAMES & DONNA GOOLSBY	22	23 Barbara Northcutt CALVIN & NANCY ROGERS Clara Roller Ken Martin	24 Leonard Crouch NHC Devotional 6:30 pm International Gospel Hour presentation 6:30 pm	25	26 Brooke Kesey
27 Stephanie Jones	28 Harry Felty Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am	29 Glynda Stevens	30 Justin Griffin	1	2	

### September 6, 2015

#### Sunday Morning Worshib

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Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	Jeff McVey
Reading	Dale Bennett
Scripture	John 9:4
	*Ronnie Hoover
(S)	*Jamie Brock
	Shannon Griffin
	David Roberts
(N)	Steve Smith
(S)	Chris Snow
	Eugene Wilcher
(S)	Farris Young
	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Don Griffith

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Reading	Bob Cantrell
	Luke 20:39-40
	*Tim Fisher
	*Randall Gann
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Noel Pepper

#### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Ethan Duncan
First Prayer	Danny Duncan
Reading	Jared Mullican
Invitation	Stanley Clendenon
Dismiss	Norman Sain

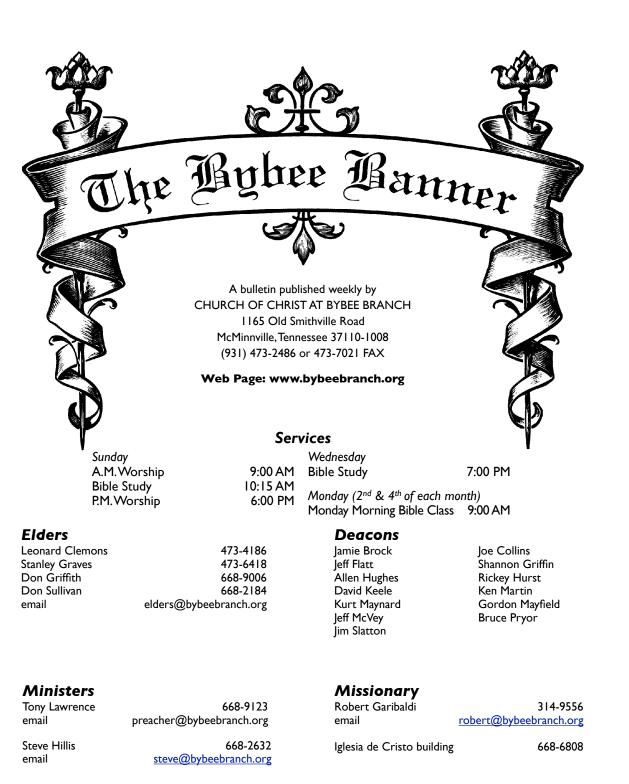
#### Welcome Committee

A.M	Mike Mullins Family
P.M	Ashley & Olivia Newby & Annie Niles
Bus Drive	e <b>r:</b> Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

Ushers:Darron Dixon & De	rrick Pennington
Attend Nursery:	Barbara Sain
Un/Lock Building:Dale Be	nnett/Willie Newby
Prepare Communion:W.C	. & Nelma Chilton
Assist Baptisms:Je	an Ware/Phyllis Bailey
Pantry Item:	canned corn
Elder Closing Remarks:	Stanley Graves
Record For The Week	

A.M.Worship	
Bible Study	242
P.M. Worship	220
Wednesday Bible Study	212
Contribution	\$7,642

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#### At Home:

Carol Barrett Faye Bouldin (Helen Morgan's sister) Tommy Bailey (brother-in-law of Harold McGinness) prayers requested Flossie Warren - started treatments last week

#### In The Hospital:

J.T. Mitchell - River Park ICU

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....The Day of Labor Sunday PM. ....Questions & Answers

### For the Ladies

Ladies Day at *Leoni church of Christ* on September 12, 9 am. Theme: God's Amazing Woman with Lori Boyd

Ladies Day at *East Main church of Christ* in Murfreesboro on September 19, 8:15 am. Theme Remove The Rocks and the Brook Stops Singing, with Donna Faughn

The Ladies of the *Earleyville church of Christ* invite the ladies to attend their Ladies Bible Class on Wednesday mornings at 10 am followed by a potluck lunch and after lunch "Dorcas" work.

### **Gospel Meeting**

Bluff Springs *church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting on September 27-30, services at 7:30 pm on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Larry Acuff preaching.

### **Promotion Sunday**

Each year the first Sunday in September is promotion Sunday with the youth moving up to their age group at school with the announcing of the teachers of that grade. Why not make Bible School a priority this year?

### Shut-ins

Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., McMinnville,TN 37110) Mary Davis #512 Clara Roller #120 David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father) #121 Pete Waddell #101 Winona Ward (sister to Juanita Oliver) #102 Gary Ward (Winona Ward's son) #206

#### NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville,TN 37111) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister) #201 Winfrey Hennessee #210 June Slatton #411 Melba Hillis (Steve's grandmother) # Leonard Crouch #106 Evelyn Northcutt #102 Elmer Rutledge #130

#### Webb House - McMinnville

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110) Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife) Bob Cunningham (Susan Pryor's father)

#### **Creekside At Three Rivers**

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128) Vivian Ferrell

#### Home:

Dennis Gann Greg Grizzell Ronnie Hamilton (Linda's husband) Willene Kell Kathy Neale (Chris's mother) Barbara Northcutt Evelyn Northcutt Jim Slatton Cora Stembridge Buell Warren

### Diana Singing

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### Youth News

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#### Upcoming Activities: Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Home Devotional

Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Wednesday Thur. 24<sup>th</sup> NHC Devotional

### To Our Young Men

What an awesome sight to see our young men conduct our services Sunday night. You were so well prepared and the messages were right on point. You were dressed to make our Lord proud. And then as an added bonus – our "younger" kids did a fantastic job also. Thank you for being part of Bybee Branch.

The Elders

### What Are You Expecting?

Each day I receive a clean joke from the Good Clean Funnies List. Sometimes they are corny, sometimes funny, but always clean. I pay special attention to the ones relating to preachers and churches. The one I received this morning made me laugh but also think:

#### **Traveling Preacher**

A traveling preacher finds himself in a tremendous rainstorm. Within a few hours the hotel he is staying in becomes flooded. As the water rises, the preacher climbs to the roof and starts praying. "Lord, save me so I can continue on my mission of preaching your gospel."

Just then, a coast guard rescue party floats by in a rowboat. "Let's go mister. Into the boat."

"I'll stay here," says the preacher, "The Lord will save me."

An hour later a second boat reaches the scene and the water is close to the roof of the hotel. "Sir, you better get in, the water is still rising."

"No thanks. The Lord will be my salvation."

Toward evening, the hotel is almost completely under water and the preacher is clinging to the satellite dish on the roof.

A helicopter is spotted and on a loudspeaker is heard "Sir, grab on to the line and we will pull you up. This is your last chance.

"I'm all right," says the preacher, "I know the Lord will provide sanctuary." as he looks heavenward.

As the boat departs, the satellite dish is hit by lightning and the preacher is killed.

When he arrived at the Pearly Gates he was furious. "What happened, " he shouts. "I thought the Lord would provide!"

Moments later a thunderous voice is heard. "Gimmie a break pal. I sent you 2 boats and a chopper!"

The joke highlights a reality among us. Too often we are expecting God to answer our prayers in a direct fashion. God doesn't work that way in this age. Paul prayed and God sent him Ananias (Acts 9). Cornelius prayed and God sent him Peter (Acts 10). What are you expecting to happen when you pray? People are often the vessels of God to accomplish His work. You too may be the very one that God uses to help another!

~ Tony Lawrence ~

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Larry Cook
First Prayer	Mike Mullins
	David McColloch
Scripture	IPeter 1:18-19
	*Bobby Ashford
(S)	*Russ Chilcutt
	Darron Dixon
	Ezra Dixon
(N)	Danny Duncan
(S)	Mitchell Ferrell
	Tim Gann
	Jason Vandagriff
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Steve Hillis

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Larry Cook
First Prayer	Don Sullivan
Reading	Keith Chilcutt
Scripture	Isaiah 7:10-14
Lord's Table	*Stanley Graves
	*Bruce Pryor
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kurt Maynard

#### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Steve Hillis
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	Tommy Crouch
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jeff Templeton

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Noel & Martha Pepper
P.M	Bruce & Susan Pryor
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Bus Driver:	Paul Hurst (668-7088)

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Ushers:Calvin R Attend Nursery:	-
Un/Lock Building:	
Prepare Communion:	W.C. & Nelma Chilton
Assist Baptisms:	Jean Ware/Phyllis Bailey
Pantry Item:	Black-eyed Peas
Elder Closing Remarks:	Don Griffith
Record For The Week	
A.M. Worship	
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$7,498

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Jessica Templeton Carol Barrett Faye Bouldin (Helen Morgan's sister) Flossie Warren Ben Ed Paul (member at Trousdale but visits with us often) Tommy Bailey (brother-in-law of Harold McGinness) prayers requested

#### In The Hospital:

J.T. Mitchell - VA Hospital-Nashville James Ware (brother-in-law to Jean Ware) surgery at Centennial

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......There Is Power In The Blood Sunday PM. .....Predictive Prophecy: Fulfillments

### **Diana Singing**

The bus will leave at 5 pm on Saturday, Sept. 12 for the Diana Singing. If you plan on going, please see Micah Lawrence.

### Bybee Branch Singing at the Fair

The annual Bybee Branch Singing at the Fair will be on Tuesday evening, September 15, at 6:00 pm. This event was previously for the youth but has been expanded to include the whole congregation. Be early to get a good seat!

### **Gospel Meetings**

Morrison church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 20-24, services at 1:00 pm for singing followed by afternoon worship at 1:30 pm. on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Robert Taylor preaching.

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### **For Preachers Only**

Have you ever failed to adequately prepare for a sermon so you just had to "throw a sermon together" at the last minute? And to your surprise, you received rave reviews by the congregation? We've sometimes explained this phenomenon (and salved our guilty consciences) by suggesting it might be God's way of saying the message is more important than the messenger. Maybe, but it just might be the Devil's way of convincing you that preaching doesn't demand your very best.

> ~ Steve Higginbotham ~ ~ via Facebook ~

Though brother Higginbotham wrote this for "preachers only" the message would also apply to Bible Class teachers. God deserves our very best!

### Something To Think About

"A head full of knowledge is worthless without a heart full of love." -- Thomas B.Warren

"When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years." -- Mark Twain

"Rumors are very resilient. Even without a leg to stand on, they still get around so fast!"

### Thanks for Thirty!

This past Sunday morning it did not dawn on me until the class hour that it was the anniversary of my 30th year at Bybee Branch. It was April 14, 1985 when the elders asked me to come and "try-out" and on Sunday evening, June 12, brother Kenneth Woods called to ask if I was interested in coming to work with the congregation. Our family moved into the "preacher's house" on August 27, and my first Sunday preaching was September 1. The record for that Sunday was 335 for worship, 269 for Bible classes, 249 for PM worship and 208 for Wednesday Bible study. The contribution was \$2127.

The first few weeks at Bybee Branch were real tough for me, but it wasn't because of the people. Everyone was extremely friendly and helpful. My biggest challenge was a mimeograph machine that was rather finicky. One had to "cut" stencils by typing them on a typewriter. Every time a mistake was made one had to use correction fluid. I went through several bottles of correction fluid. But compared to the address-agraph the mimeograph machine was a delight. The address-a-graph was very similar to the mimeograph machine in that one had to type addresses on cards containing the mimeograph paper. The cards were then sorted by routes and city sections. The address-a-graph was a manual crank machine and whenever I stacked the cards in the machine it would invariably grab 3-4 cards a time and send them flying. Not only did I have to guess the order in which the cards were to be placed but had to guess which bulletins had not been labeled. Needless to say it was a mess. The bulletin looked awful and people might or might not have gotten their bulletin. One Wednesday evening brother Noel Foster said in a very serious tone: "Brother Tony, if we can't get the bulletin problem fixed we may have to get a new preacher..." Thankfully the elders saw I was being overwhelmed and bought a copy machine. Preparing the bulletin went from a whole day job to a couple hours. I also moved with a very small lawnmower and the size of the church yard overwhelmed me. The first time mowing and trimming took over 8 hours.

There have been a lot of happy times over the years. My family and I have been blessed to be at Bybee Branch. I have loved to see the birth of so many little children and see them grow up to become such talented Christians. I am still moved when I see one of these little ones "born again." We have enjoyed Family Retreats to Short Mountain, Prom-alt trips to Atlanta & Gatlinburg, mission trips to Carrollton, KY & Selkirk, Ontario as well as many Fall Festivals, July 4 Ice Cream Fellowships and etc. There have been some outstanding visiting preachers at our Gospel Meetings, VBS's, Lectureships and Summer Series. You have been so generous with our family each year at the holiday party. We have been blessed beyond measure.

I need to express special thanks to the elders for their patience, encouragement and faithful leadership. Since the day that I arrived at Bybee Branch I have received nothing but encouragement from the elders. Not once have I ever been asked to not preach on a controversial topic. Our elders have consistently stood strong on doctrine while being compassionate and caring for the members. There have also been some great co-workers. For a short time brother Richard Bost was the associate minister, Paul Kidwell, Jr. was also with us for a short time. Working with the youth have been Steve Hillis and Tyler Boyd. Steve and I have worked especially close together. I have envied his talent with the youth. In 1999, the Hispanic work was begun and it was a privilege to work with Roberto Garibaldi for several years and now with Robert.

What does the future hold? None of us know. All I know is that I am so thankful to have been at Bybee Branch for the past thirty years. And to quote the radio personality Dave Ramsey, I have been treated much "better than I deserved." I thank each of you personally for being a part of a great congregation!

~ Tony Lawrence ~

### September 20, 2015

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Monning	worship
Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Willie Newby
Reading	Phillip Brock
Scripture	Nahum 1:3
Lord's Table (N)	*W.C. Chilton
(S)	*Stanley Clendenon
(N)	Dwight Barrett
	Junah Bouldin
(N)	Jacob Griffin
(S)	David Keele
	Rickey Hurst
(S)	Justin Randolph
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Martin

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Tommy Turner
Reading	David Chilton
Scripture	Mark 15:22
Lord's Table	*Ronnie Hoover
	*Caleb Hughes
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ronnie Prince

#### ce Wednesday Bible Study Lead Singing ......Joe Collins First Prayer.....Tim Gann Reading.....Robert Elam Invitation.....Randall Gann ..Kelly Thaxton Dismiss .....

#### Welcome Committee

	David Chilton & Marsha Pitts Calvin & Nancy Rogers
Bus Driver:	Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

Ushers:Ronnie Ho	over & Rodney Maynard
Attend Nursery:	Jessica Templeton
Un/Lock Building:	Dale Bennett/Willie Newby
Prepare Communion:	W.C. & Nelma Chilton
Assist Baptisms:	Jean Ware/Phyllis Bailey
Pantry Item:	Candied Yams
Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan	
Record For The Week A.M.Worship	

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Bible Study	266
P.M. Worship	249
Wednesday Bible Study	214
Contribution	\$7,578



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#### In The Hospital:

James Ware - Centennial

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......The Book Jonah Wanted to Write Sunday PM. .....Translations of the Bible

### **Gospel Meetings**

Morrison church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 20-24, services at 1:00 pm for singing followed by afternoon worship at 1:30 pm. on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Robert Taylor preaching.

Arlington church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 27-29, services at 9, 10, & 11 am on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Tuesday with Ken Butterworth preaching.

Bluff Springs church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 27-30, services at 7:30 pm on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Larry Acuff preaching.

Findlay church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 27- October I, services at 6:00 pm on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Barry Kennedy preaching. Sunday will also be their Friends & Family Day.

Pocahontas church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on October 11-14 services at 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Johnny Fox preaching.

#### **Youth News**

The sign-up sheet is up for this year's **FALL RE-TREAT** to Gatlinburg. The date is October 9 - 11 and we are headed back to the same great cabin. The cost is \$60. Our theme each year is based off a song the seniors choose and this year the song chosen is "We Shall Assemble."

Parents please don't forget the "WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table!

Upcoming Activities: Wed. 23rd Birthday Wednesday Thur. 24th NHC Devotional

### Autumn Street Fair

The annual Autumn Street Fair in downtown McMinnville will be October 3. Each year the church staffs two booths to promote the church in our community. There are two sign up sheets, one on the regular bulletin board and one on the youth board. Why not sign up to work an hour at the booth? Questions? see Allen Hughes.

### Area-wide Singing

There will be an area-wide singing at the Old Philadelphia Meeting house on Friday, October 2, from 7-9 pm Hosted by the Hiawassee and Rockliff congregations

#### We Need Some Adult Daniels, Too

Our young people know about Daniel. In fact, they may get a little tired of Daniel. They keep hearing those of us who are older telling them that they need to be more like Daniel. None of us can probably count the number of times we've heard a presentation with this title (or at least the message) --- "Dare to Be a Daniel."

To be sure, young Daniel, as well as his three friends, are worthy of commendation. The world, our society, families, and the church would benefit greatly if every young person would be as true to their commitments as were Daniel, Shadrach, Me-

shach, and Abednego. I totally agree with a statement written by Michael Whitworth, in his book, The Derision of Heaven: A Guide to Daniel. On page twenty- three, he writes, "The word 'resolved' (Hebrew sim) is among the most important in the entire book. It marks Daniel as a man of great integrity and conviction, one absolutely committed to doing God's will and bringing God glory." At this point in his book, brother Whitworth is writing about a young person who had made the determination that "...he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank" (Dan. 1:8). Sadly, this is where we leave this account --and where we beat our kids over the head with the need to follow the example of Daniel when they are young. However, the record we have of Daniel's life does not end here.

We also are told of some of the experiences he had as a mature man. In fact, we learn about a man who rose to a position of great power and influence. It was this Daniel, a mature and influential man, a man who by this time would be considered an elderly man, who was cast into a den of lions (cf. ch. 6).

Why was this done? Why did this mature, influential man lose his freedom (at least temporarily) and run the very real risk of losing his life? The answer is not all that difficult to ascertain. A man, again a mature and influential man, was conducting himself according to some unwavering convictions. He, of course, had those convictions due to his complete devotion to God. As a result, Daniel openly and courageously did what he knew was dangerous for him to do. His decision to open his windows and pray to God was not designed as a publicity stunt or as what has been popularized in recent years as an act of civil disobedience. It was, rather, the actions of a man whose devotion to God would not be legislated or intimidated into obscurity. It seems to me that there might be more adolescent Daniels if there were more adult Daniels. There might be some real positive changes if our young people saw some (or all) of the following from some of us who are older and who are supposed to be setting the example:

- Fathers who do not have the "business is business" attitude, and who refuse to violate biblical principles (and hopefully their own "convictions") in order to get a promotion, make a buck, and/or do any number of other things merely because it is expected and/or practiced by everybody else.
- Mothers who take their God-mandated role to "...guide the house..." (I Tim. 5:14) more seriously than career, fashion, or self-fulfillment.
- Elders who are more concerned about what the Bible says than they are with what is expedient, popular, easy, or commonly accepted.
- Preachers who take seriously both factors in the responsibility inherent in the words "...speaking the truth in love..." (Eph. 4:15).

Our young people (and people of all ages and classes) do not need to be pounded into submission by a man who is "standing for the truth." At the same time, they do not need to be coddled and spoon-fed by somebody who is more concerned about a pay-check and popularity than he is about standing before God in judgment.

I guess I could go on, but I think you get the idea. Some of us who are insistent that our kids need to follow the example of Daniel might do well to look into the mirror. Our nation is looking more and more like the one in which Daniel and his friends lived. The people and the principles of God are under increasing pressure. Open attacks are now becoming more accepted in a nation that still puts "One Nation Under God" on some of its currency. Only God knows when, or if, it will become illegal for people to openly worship the same God whom Daniel openly worshiped. A call goes out for Daniels of every age. Will you answer that call? Will !?

~ Jim Faughn ~ (an elder and preacher for the Central Church of Christ in Paducah KY) via BulletinGold

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Morning	worship
Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Ricky Prince
Reading	Josh Templeton
Scripture	Romans 12:3-5
	*Joe Collins
(S)	*Brandon Fuston
(N)	Marty Boles
	Derrick Pennington
	John David Keele
	Clent Kesey
	Kane Maynard
	Micah Lawrence
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Gordon Mayfield

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Michael Andrews
Reading	Aiden McVey
Scripture	Zephaniah 3:5-7
Lord's Table	*Allen Hughes
	*Paul Hurst
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Herb Rowland

### Wednesday Bible Study

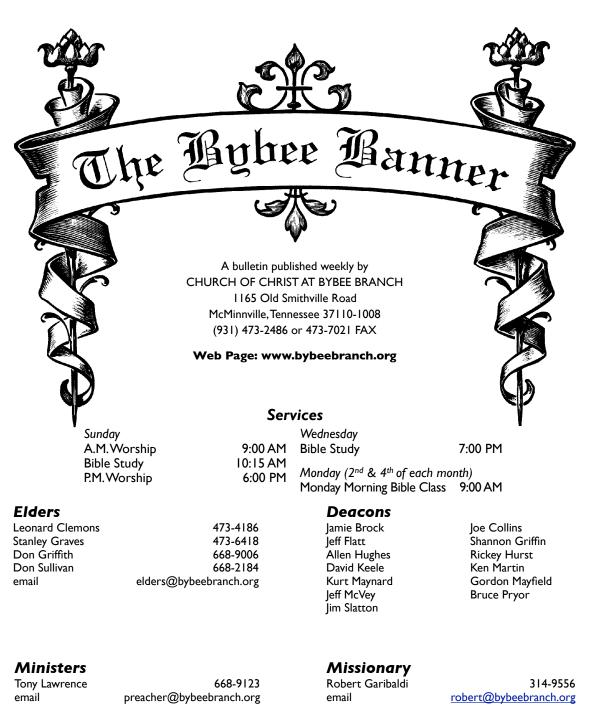
Announcements	Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Herb Rowland
First Prayer	Ethan Duncan
Reading	Larry Cook
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Cory Prince

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Ricky Prince Family
	Herb & Thelma Rowland
Bus Driver:	Ronnie Prince (808-2598)

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aynard & Tommy Crouch Regina Templeton	
Dale Bennett/Willie Newby	
W.C. & Nelma Chilton	
Jean Ware/Phyllis Bailey	
Macaroni & Cheese	
Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons	
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September 27, 2015



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### At Home:

J.T. Mitchell Carol Barrett Bill Brown Paul Davis Faye Bouldin (Helen Morgan's sister) Flossie Warren Tommy Bailey (brother-in-law of Harold McGinness) prayers requested James Ware (brother-in-law of Jean Ware)

#### In The Hospital:

Fred Carter (husband of Reta Carter, niece of Calvin Rogers) - in serious condition in Carmel, Indiana following a fall from a ladder.

### **Sympathies**

We express our sympathy to the family of Virginia Woodall, aunt of our David McColloch, her funeral will be this Thursday morning in Winchester, TN.

We also express our sympathy to the family of George Berto Odineal, father of our Barbara Bouldin. His funeral will be Wednesday afternoon at Highs.

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There will be a very brief meeting Sunday evening down front for those working in the booth.

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The sign-up sheet is up for this year's **FALL RE-TREAT** to Gatlinburg. The date is October 9-11 and we are headed back to the same great cabin. The cost is \$60. Our theme each year is based off a song the seniors choose and this year the song chosen is "We Shall Assemble."

**BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** is this Wed. following evening devotional. All youth are invited to stay for refreshments and help celebrate those with September birthdays.

Please make plans to be at **NHC** this Thursday for our monthly devotional. We will begin at 6:30 and sing and pray for about 30 minutes.

Parents please don't forget the "WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table!

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......Thinking Too Highly Of Ourselves Sunday PM. .....Zephaniah - The Great Day!

### Gospel Meetings

Morrison church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 20-24, services at 1:00 pm for singing followed by afternoon worship at 1:30 pm. on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Robert Taylor preaching.

Arlington church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 27-29, services at 9, 10, & 11 am on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Tuesday with Ken Butterworth preaching.

Bluff Springs church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 27-30, services at 7:30 pm on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Larry Acuff preaching.

Findlay church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 27- October I, services at 6:00 pm on Sunday and 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Barry Kennedy preaching. Sunday will also be their Friends & Family Day.

Pocahontas church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on October 11-14 services at 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Johnny Fox preaching.

# Attributing Work To The Holy Spirit

Inquiring minds want to know. How does God work through providence? How does He answer our prayers to strengthen, help, lead, and endow us with wisdom? We are without doubt that God is active, interested, and involved in our lives today. Deism denies this, saying that a Creator set things in motion and then permanently stepped out of the picture on planet earth. Theism affirms His present involvement and interest in the affairs of men today. The dogmatic at either extreme purport to speak for God, absolutely affirming or denying what He does or does not do. There is an area in which we cannot say how God operates or whether it is the Father, Son, or Spirit who is at work simply because it has not been revealed and we are not in a position to observe what is transpiring in the heavenly realm. Moses once said, "The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law" (Deut. 29:29). Moses told Israel that some things aren't revealed to us, but he also said some things are revealed. We are obligated to observe what is revealed. We are on dangerous ground when we affirm what Scripture does not reveal.

Scripture does not reveal that the Spirit is involved in our decision-making in a direct way apart from the Word. It does not indicate that He is stirring inside our hearts, influencing us to think, speak, or act in a given way for a given purpose or moment. He does not give us our words in the miraculous way He did for the apostles, who had no need to prepare or study for a given moment (cf. Matt. 10:19-20). When we boldly assert such things, we stand without the foundation of revealed truth beneath us and, at best, stand upon dangerous conjecture.

The Spirit's work in written revelation informs my heart and mind, and it (Scripture) awakens me to appreciate and depend upon the power of God through that word and its promises. The Bible says we are strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man (Eph. 3:16). We do not know the full implication of that promise, though we are thrilled by it. What a leap it is to go from acknowledging the Spirit strengthens us to claiming He gives us thoughts, ideas, or direct guidance in addition to His Word. If we say, "The Spirit led me to take this job" or "The Spirit told me to speak to that person" or "The Spirit told me I'm saved," we speak from ignorance (i.e., lack of knowledge or information). Kathy once studied with a woman and showed her the multitude of passages proving the essentiality of baptism, but she replied, "But the Spirit told me I'm saved." We know that it was her own will and desire in her heart that she attributed to God. That is the danger of such reckless assertions. We easily confuse what we desire and prefer with "the will of God" or even "the Spirit's work." God repeatedly warns that our hearts can deceive us, that we can credit God for what, in reality, is our will (Prov. 14:12; 16:25; Jer. 10:23).

We do need to study the personality, the work, and the Deity of the Holy Spirit more. It is obvious, hearing and reading after even some brothers and sisters in Christ, that we have neglected studying about Him. Let us handle each other without suspicion, in a spirit of love and kindness and without attacking people and personalities. Let us also always be careful not to "exceed what is written" (1 Cor. 4:6), never adding to or taking away from what is revealed (Rev. 22:18-19). Yet, let us be grateful that our great God is interested and involved in our lives, being content to affirm only what Scripture reveals.

~ Neal Pollard ~ via Preacherpollard's Blog (Neal is the preacher for the Bear Valley church of Christ in Denver, CO)

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Bobby Ashford
Reading	John David Keele
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table (N)	
(S)	*Randall Gann
(N)	
(N)	
(N)	Dale Bennett
(S)	Marty Boles
(S)	
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Sermon	Michael Clarke
Dismiss	Chris Snow

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Leonard Clemons
Reading	Kane Maynard
Scripture	IPeter 3:15
Lord's Table	*Steve Hillis
	*Ronnie Hoover
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Don Sullivan

#### Wednesday Bible Study

### Welcome Committee

	Farris & Brenda Young Leonard & Avie Clemons
Bus Driver:	Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

	October 4, 2015
Ushers:Darron Diz	xon & Derrick Pennington
Attend Nursery:	Brandi Wilcher
Un/Lock Building:	Paul Hurst/Ken Martin
Prepare Communion:	Barbara Witty & Brenda Young
Assist Baptisms:	Amy Prince & Regina Templeton
Pantry Item:	Oatmeal Cookies
Elder Closing Remark	s:Stanley Graves
Record For The Week	<b></b>
A.M. Worship	
Bible Study	253
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$7,098



#### At Home:

W.C. Chilton Chris McBride (Betsy's husband) J.T. Mitchell Bill Brown Paul Davis Faye Bouldin (Helen Morgan's sister) Flossie Warren Tommy Bailey (brother-in-law of Harold McGinness) prayers requested Fred Carter (husband of Reta Carter, niece of Calvin Rogers)

#### In The Hospital:

Hazel Griffith (former member) - Woodbury Evelyn Northcutt - NHC Murfreesboro for rehab

### Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family Pete Waddell. His funeral was this past Friday.

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM	Guest Speaker: Michael Clarke
Sunday PM	Questions & Answers

### **Gospel Meetings**

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Main St/Manchester church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on October 11-14 services at 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Tony Lawrence preaching.

### **Youth News**

It's **BIBLE BOWL** time! The first meeting of the season is this Sunday at Bybee Branch beginning at 2:00 pm. We as teachers have done the best we can in class, but the real learning takes place at home. Hopefully the kids are taking time each night to study the assigned text. The first test is over Galatians I-3.

The McColloch's will host our **BIBLE BOWL STUDY** this Saturday, beginning at 5:00 pm. If anyone needs a ride, meet at the church building by 4:30 pm.

#### WHERE CAN YOU HELP?

- Refreshments. A sign-up sheet is on the youth bulletin board. We will be serving refreshments, such as brownies, cookies, and/or a favorite bag of candy.
- Room Set-Up. One of the biggest jobs is getting the rooms ready to go. If you can stay immediately following morning worship to help set-up rooms, it would be greatly appreciated.
- 3. Logistics. We will need people situated in the foyer to help usher teams to their respective rooms.

The sign-up sheet is up for this year's **FALL RE-TREAT** to Gatlinburg. The date is October 9 - 11 and we are headed back to the same great cabin. The cost is \$60. Our theme each year is based off a song the seniors choose and this year the song chosen is "We Shall Assemble." The cut-off for the trip is this Sunday and we will have a meeting following evening worship. Sign-up and bring a friend!

Parents please don't forget the "WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Home Devotional Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Pew Packers Thur. 22<sup>nd</sup> NHC Devotional Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> Birthday Wednesday

### Area-wide Singing

There will be an area-wide singing at the Old Philadelphia Meeting house on Friday, October 2, from 7-9 pm Hosted by the Hiawassee and Rockliff congregations

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	0	ctober 20 Wednesday	15 Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Stephanie Jones	28 Harry Felty	Glynda Stevens	29	30 Justin Griffin	1	2	3 Autumn Street Fair
							Bible Bowl Study at McCollochs
4 Barbara Sain	5		6	7 FARRIS & BRENDA YOUNG	8 Donna Newby Larry Flatt	9	10
Bible Bowl 2 pm						Fall Youth Retre	at to Gatlinburg
11 W.C. & NELMA CHILTON	12 Bruce Pryor Willene Kell Monday	Nelma Chilton	13	14 Eva Simons Heath Griffith Jeff McVey LARRY & JANE FLATT	15 DAVID & BARBARA BOULDIN Raylee Vinson	16 Eli Neale	17 Jennifer Maynard Joe T. Cantrell
	Morning Bible Class 9 am						Fall Festival
18	19 Derrick Pennington Myra Bell Tucker Gann	Christian Barrett Jim Slatton	20	21	22 Jimmy Jones Mildred Bumbalough Sarah Kell	23	24 Bailey Martin Steve Smith
Pew Packers Home Devo					NHC Devotional 6:30 pm		
25 Kelly Thaxton Randall Gann Aiden Nathaniel Kesey	26 Barbara Lorance Mary Flatt		27	28 MITCHELL & GLENDA FERRELL	29 Cassie McGinness Ayers	30 BOBBY & CAROLYN CANTRELL	31
	Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am			Birthday Wednesday			

# October 11, 2015

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Jamie Brock
Reading	Micah Lawrence
Scripture	Matthew 16:18
	*Stanley Graves
(S)	*Randy Griffith
	Keith Chilcutt
(N)	David Chilton
(N)	Larry Cook
	Tommy Crouch
(S)	Darron Dixon
(S)	Ezra Dixon
Sermon	Stanley Clendenon
Dismiss	Ronnie Prince

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Stanley Clendenon
Reading	Kurt Maynard
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table	*Allen Hughes
	*Caleb Hughes
Sermon	Randall Gann
Dismiss	Norman Sain

#### Wednesday Bible Study

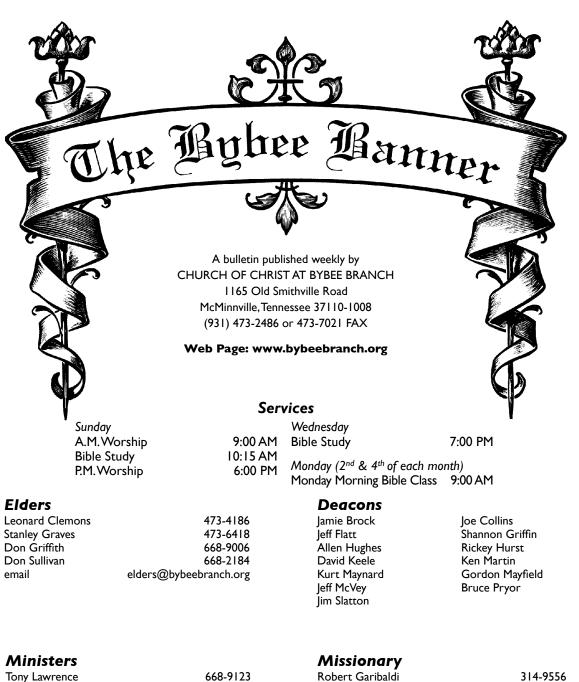
Announcements	Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Larry Flatt
Reading	Jared Mullican
Invitation	Steve Hillis
Dismiss	Josh Templeton

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Michael Andrews Family
P.M.	Stanley & Jean Clendenon
Bus Driver:	Paul Hurst (668-7088)

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Ushers:Calvin Rogers & Herb Rowland Attend Nursery:Calvin Rogers & Herb Rowland Un/Lock Building:Paul Hurst/Ken Martin Prepare Communion: Barbara Witty & Brenda Young Assist Baptisms:	Atter Un/L Prep
Pantry Item:Pizza Sauce	Pant
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#### In The Hospital:

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### Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family Kelly Smartt, step-father of our Tina Mullins. His funeral was Sunday afternoon.

## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......Guest Speaker: Stanley Clendenon Sunday PM. .....Guest Speaker: Randall Gann

## **Gospel Meetings**

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"By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." **John 15:8** 

### Shut-ins

**Raintree Manor** 

(415 Pace St., McMinnville,TN 37110) Mary Davis #512 Clara Roller #120 David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father) #121 Winona Ward (sister to Juanita Oliver) #102 Gary Ward (Winona Ward's son) #206

#### NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville,TN 37111) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister) #201 Winfrey Hennessee #210 June Slatton #411 Melba Hillis (Steve's grandmother) # Leonard Crouch #116

#### Webb House - McMinnville

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110) Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife) Bob Cunningham (Susan Pryor's father)

#### Creekside At Three Rivers

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128) Vivian Ferrell

#### Home:

Dennis Gann Greg Grizzell Ronnie Hamilton (Linda's husband) Willene Kell Kathy Neale (Chris's mother) Barbara Northcutt Evelyn Northcutt Jim Slatton Cora Stembridge Buell & Flossie Warren

"Do all things without complaining and disputing, that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain." **Philippians 2:14–16** 

# Youth News

The first **BIBLE BOWL** of the season is complete and seemed to be a great success. Kudos to our youth group for coming in 4<sup>th</sup> place missing only 4 questions, but getting all 3 bonus scriptures. Great job! Many men and women worked to make our hosting this event the success it was. I would not dare to mention names for fear of leaving anyone out. However, to everyone who taught, monitored, helped with logistics, brought desserts, set-up and served in the fellowship room, and anything else associated with Bible Bowl – THANK YOU! The next chapters to begin studying are Galatians 4-6.

If it is the Lord's will, several of us will be heading to Gatlinburg this weekend for our **FALL RETREAT**. Please keep us in your prayers. Our theme is based from the song "We Shall Assemble." Great devotionals, classes, food, and fun are store! If you have not paid yet, please do so by Wednesday night if possible.

Parents please don't forget the "WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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### **Youth Event**

Youth Living In Today's World, tbh (which stands for "to be honest") will be hosted at Boyd Christian School on Saturday, October 17, with registration to begin at 8:00. Topics include homosexuality, dating, drinking, suicide and more. Some of the speakers are: Drew Milligan, John Summers, Ralph Richardson, Thomas Bowling, Johnny Reed, Justin Reed, and Brian Reed along with several women speakers for the young ladies. A full program can be found at: https://www.facebook.com/events/814552781926669/ and there is a flyer on the bulletin board. This event is under the oversight of the Ivy Bluff church of Christ.

### **Autumn Street Fair**

Thank you to all those who helped plan, prepare, set up, breakdown, and work at our booth at the Autumn Street Fair this past Saturday. Despite the rainy weather and the decision made to close the Autumn Street Fair at 1:30, we had over 35 volunteers of all ages from our congregation and the Hispanic congregation help us distribute our Daily Bible reading calendars, pocket calendars with the Plan of Salvation, and materials on Creation Versus Evolution to those attending the fair this year. Our goal through this outreach project is to bring the word of God to those in our community, encourage them to attend a faithful congregation of the Lord's Church, and to be a source of edification to members of God's family.

If through our efforts we have been able to bring the knowledge of the gospel and/or edify even one soul, we believe the work we did this past Saturday will bring glory and pleasure to God.

If you were unable to attend the Autumn Street Fair and would like one of the Daily Bible Reading Calendars or the Pocket Calendars, they are located on the table in the foyer.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" I Corinthians 15:58.

~ Allen Hughes ~

# Fall Festival

The annual Fall Festival will be October 24 instead of October 17 as listed in the church calendar. It will be held at Dale Bennett's Hickory Creek Farm. More details will be coming next week.

"Then those who feared the Lord spoke to one another, And the Lord listened and heard them; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the Lord And who meditate on His name." Malachi 3:16

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Morning	voi sinp
Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	Ken Martin
Scripture	Acts 9:36-43
	*David Keele
(S)	*Don Griffith
	Harry Felty
(N)	Stephen Felty
(N)	Mitchell Ferrell
(S)	Clent Kesey
	Ryan McColloch
(S)	Harold McGinness
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bruce Pryor

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Ethan Duncan
Reading	David McColloch
Scripture	Zephaniah 3:5-7
Lord's Table	*Paul Hurst
	*Rickey Hurst
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ricky Prince

#### Wednesday Bible Study

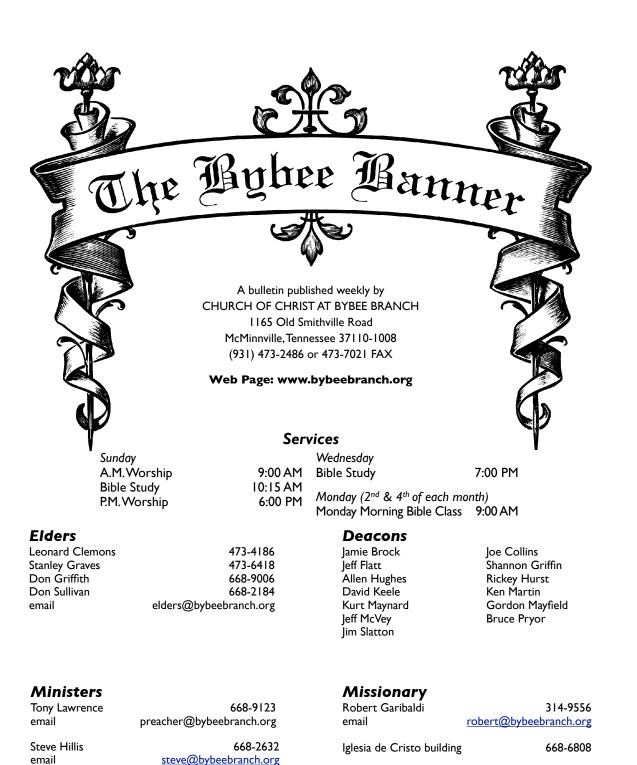
Announcements	Willie Newby
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Brandon Fuston
Reading	Mike Mullins
Invitation	Justin Griffin
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Myra Bell & Linda Fults
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Attend Nursery:	Já	ane Wilcher
Un/Lock Building:	Paul Hur	rst/Ken Martin
Prepare Communion: Barbara	Witty &	Brenda Young
Assist Baptisms: Amy Prir	nce & Re	gina Templeton
Pantry Item:		Pickles
Elder Closing Remarks:	E	Don Sullivan
<b>Record For The Week</b>		
A.M. Worship		270
Bible Study		202
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Wednesday Bible Study		211
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### At Home:

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#### In The Hospital:

Hazel Griffith (former member) - NHC #310 Evelyn Northcutt - NHC Murfreesboro for rehab Dennis Eller - VA Hospital in Murfreesboro David Jordan (brother of Nancy Rogers) Centennial - following lung surgery with complication of blood clot, and mild heart attack.

## Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family Tommy Bailey (brother-in-law of Harold McGinness) services will be at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home in Franklin on Friday at 2 pm.

# **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....A Timothy Or Tabitha Sunday PM. .....Zephaniah: The Great Day

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## **Youth News**

I love our **FALL RETREAT**! The cabin, the meals, the fun, the spiritual growth, and the fellowship are just part of what makes the weekend a blast. A great big thanks to all who went and helped. I trust we are all better prepared for that Day when we shall truly "assemble on the mountain." To God be the glory...

The **PEW PACKERS** are back at it this Sunday beginning at 5:00 pm. Our topic will be "The Coat of Many Colors."

The McVeys will host our next HOME DEVOTIONAL this Sunday following evening worship. I want to encourage all the middle/high school kids (and others) to join us. The boys are asked to bring a drink and girls a dessert. (Remember, no school the next day!)

Parents please don't forget the "WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thur. 22<sup>nd</sup> NHC Devotional Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> Birthday Wednesday Sun. 11/1 Bible Bowl

# Oh Be Careful Little Tongue...

David knew the great power of the tongue and thus said, "I said, "I will guard my ways, Lest I sin with my tongue; I will restrain my mouth with a muzzle, While the wicked are before me."" Psalms 39:1 Later he prayed, "Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips." Psalms 141:3

Solomon stressed, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit." Proverbs 18:21. And he said, "The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, But the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness." Proverbs 15:2 and "Whoever guards his mouth and tongue Keeps his soul from troubles."Proverbs 21:23

James sums it up, "If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless." James 1:26

~ Tony Lawrence ~

# **Just Your Interpretation?**

I always smile (at least on the inside) when some-one asks me, "What does the church of Christ believe about such-and-such?" Usually my reply is something like this: "I don't know what the church believes about it, but let's see what the Bible says."

I understand what folks are asking – they're used to the idea of a church having a creed or confession of faith that spells out its "official position" on various issues. But the question arises: If you need a creed to "interpret" the Bible, what makes you think you can understand the creed? Will you need another document to "interpret" the creed? And another to interpret the interpretation of the creed? Where does this end?

The whole idea of "interpreting" the Bible is troublesome. If, by "interpret," we mean to determine the teaching of a passage, then of course we must do so. Jesus severely criticized those who failed to use Scripture and sound reasoning to arrive at truthful conclusions (see Matthew 22:29-32).

But many understand "interpret" to mean putting your own slant on a text to suit your personal agenda. A common assertion, "That's just your interpretation," betrays such thinking. It assumes that there are as many interpretations as there are people, and that any particular interpretation is as valid as any other. Therefore, we cannot know for certain what the truth is, nor can we say that any particular interpretation is right or wrong.

Is there such a thing as the "right" interpretation? Paul affirmed that people who read what he wrote can understand (Ephesians 3:4). That isn't to say there aren't "some things hard to understand" (2 Peter 3:16). However, by using the Scriptures with sound reasoning, we can reach reliable conclusions. Peter did not say that those difficult things admit of a dozen interpretations; in fact, he warned that "those who are untaught and unstable twist (those hard passages) to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures" (2 Peter 3:16).

Indeed, wrong interpretations are destructive to our spiritual well being! Let us stand boldly with the word of God, "handling aright the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

~ Joe Slater ~ via BulletinGold

# Youth Event

Youth Living In Today's World, tbh (which stands for "to be honest") will be hosted at Boyd Christian School on Saturday, October 17, the program is as follows: 8:00 - Registration and snacks

9:00 - 9:45: Keynote-Drew Milligan-Homosexuality: Choice or Consequence - Teens deal with it too! 10:00 - 10:50 Breakout Sessions

(Male - Purity in Dating / Fast Cars/Fast Money/Fast Women - Keeping Things in Perspective - John Summers / Ralph Richardson—Female - Purity in Dating / What Are You Wearing? Sheila Dickson Gann / Dawn E.Witty) 11:00 - 11:45: Keynote-Jack Honeycutt-It's Just One Drink...It Won't Hurt...Will It?

12:00 - Lunch

1:00 - 1:45: Keynote-Thomas L. Bowling-Is It the ONLY answer: Suicide 2:00 - 2:50 Breakout Sessions (Male - I Want to Be a Preacher/Elder/Deacon/Song Leader - Johnny Reed / Justin Reed—Female - Women Can't Do Anything in the Church - Can We? / Body Image: Inside and Out - Karen Grissom Reed / Rebekah Eidson) 3:00 - 3:45: Keynote-Brian Reed-"I'm Just a Kid! What Can I Do in the Church?"

Song leader is Brandon Eaves

See the flyer on the bulletin board. This event is under the oversight of the lvy Bluff church of Christ.

Preregistration: www.hearthegospel.net/tbh2015-fall

#### October 25, 2015

Ushers: ......Kurt Maynard & Tommy Crouch Attend Nursery: .....Nicole Wilcher Un/Lock Building: .....Paul Hurst/Ken Martin Prepare Communion: .Barbara Witty & Brenda Young

Assist Baptisms: ..... Amy Prince & Regina Templeton

Pantry Item: .....Dish Detergent

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Leonard Clemons

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Larry Cook
Russ Chilcutt
Gordon Mayfield
Isaiah 58:2
*Jacob Griffin
*Shannon Griffin
Caleb Graves
Justin Griffin
Rodney Maynard
Joe Maynard
Eugene Wilcher
Farris Young
Tony Lawrence
Rodney Reynolds

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Welcome Committee

(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Larry Cook
Danny Duncan
Aiden McVey
Zechariah 1:3-6
*Doug Hendrixson
*Jack Keele
Tony Lawrence
Herb Rowland

Announcements......Willie Newby

Lead Singing.....David Keele

First Prayer.....Tim Gann

Reading .....Cory Prince

Invitation.....Tony Lawrence Dismiss......Tommy Turner

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J.T. Mitchell Faye Bouldin (Helen Morgan's sister) Flossie Warren Maggie Hurst Herb Rowland

#### In The Hospital:

Regina Templeton - CHI Memorial-Chattanooga, surgery on Wednesday. Hazel Griffith (former member) - NHC #310 Evelyn Northcutt - NHC Murfreesboro for rehab Dennis Eller - VA Hospital in Murfreesboro David Jordan (brother of Nancy Rogers) Centennial but should go home early this week.

# Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family Leonard Crouch. His funeral was Sunday afternoon. Brother Leonard was a long time member at Bybee Branch.

## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM	An "Everyday" Religion
Sunday PM	Zechariah

## **Gospel Meetings**

Campaign church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on October 25-28 services at 7:00 pm Monday-Wednesday with Paul Wilmoth preaching.

## Welcome Back

The elders announced Sunday that brother Zollie Settles had moved back to McMinnville and desired to place his membership.

# Fall Festival

The Fall Festival will be this coming Saturday, October 24 at Dale Bennett's Hickory Creek Farm. Eating will begin at 5 pm. Be sure to remember to bring chili and desserts.

### Youth News

Please don't forget the NHC DEVOTIONAL this Thursday from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm!

**BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** is October 28th. Hope you can stick around to help us celebrate those youth with October birthdays.

Parents please don't forget the "WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table!

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun. 11/1 Bible Bowl Sun. 11/8 Pew Packers Sun. 11/15 TABS

### Ladies' Retreat

There will be a Ladies' Retreat held by the Stewart's Creek congregation and our ladies are invited. Lori Boyd will be speaking and it will be at Hy-Lake Camp, November 13-15th. The cost will be \$60. This will include 5 meals. Anyone interested in going please see Mary Flatt.

### **Elders-Deacons Meeting**

The quarterly Elders-Deacons Meeting will be Sunday evening October 25, at 5 PM.

### **General Business Meeting**

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

# He is My Everything!

TEXT: Paul's Epistle to the Philippians

- I. Christ is my PURPOSE (1:21-24).
  - 2. Christ is my PATTERN (2:5-8).
  - 3. Christ is my PRIZE (3:13-14).
  - 4. Christ is my POWER (4:12-13).

~Sermon outline by Mark Posey, via Pulpit Preview~

# God is Colorblind

Quite often, when someone learns that I am colorblind, they begin to quiz my ability to see colors. "What color is this?" "And how about this one—what color is this?" Colorblindness is not the same for every person that experiences it. For example, I know a man that is so red-green colorblind that if he were to approach a traffic light that had been turned on its side, he would not know which side was red and which side was green. While I do have some red-green colorblindness, it is not that extreme. Here is my point—I still see color. I can observe its beauty and praise God for His handiwork. But when it comes to making a distinction between two colors, there are some with which I have trouble, so I choose not to make those distinctions if I can get away with it (e.g., determining someone's eye color).

When it comes to our relationships with our fellow man, we need to develop colorblindness. A friend recently said, "Human beings are strange. We look at all the different colored flowers and say, 'how beautiful,' but our attitude changes when we look at all the different colored people God made."

We need to be able to observe the beauty of the different colors without making distinctions. I see this trait in God. "For there is no respect of persons with God" (Romans 2:11). No gender, no color, no nationality, no cultural background, nor social status can prevent a person from obeying the Gospel and becoming a child of God. Paul, by inspiration of God, put it like this: "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26–28).

Part of me wants to marvel that the world around us is still caught up in racism (distinctions of skin colors), but I understand that division is of the devil, and as long as the world follows him, it will be present. What is astonishing is when those that are in Christ make such distinctions—such ought not to be so!

God is colorblind. He delights in the beauty of colors, not the division of them. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

To God be the glory.

~ Clifton Angel ~

# Speaking The Truth In Love

"but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-Christ-"Ephesians 4:15

This short verse is packed with potent principles. First is "speaking the truth." Men can't hear without the message being preached (cf. Rom 10:13-17; ICor. 1:21). It must be the Truth that men hear that will make them free (John 8:32). Secondly, there is an additional qualification to this message, it must be presented "in love." Motivation is vitally important as Paul stressed that men may possess a number of abilities and exercise them for the benefit of one's fellow man, but without love it profits nothing (ICor. 13:1-3). Third, is the "growing up" or maturing process that this loving message produces. It produces growth in both the teacher and the hearer. Finally, all is done for the Head of the Church, Jesus the Christ (Eph. 1:22; 5:23; Col. 1:18; 2:19).

#### November 1, 2015

Ushers: .....Darron Dixon & Derrick Pennington Attend Nursery: .....Cassie Ayers Un/Lock Building: .....Randy Griffith/David Keele Prepare Communion: .....Doris Smith/Missy Biles

Assist Baptisms: ..... Mary Flatt & Barbara Witty

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Ronnie Hoover
Reading	Justin Randolph
Scripture	Luke 14:16-24
Lord's Table (N)	*Bobby Ashford
(S)	*Dale Bennett
	Marty Boles
(N)	Junah Bouldin
(N)	Bob Cantrell
(S)	Keith Chilcutt
	Stanley Clendenon
. ,	Ezra Dixon
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Stanley Graves
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#### Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Welcome Committee

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	David Roberts
Scripture	IPeter 3:15
Lord's Table	*Tommy Crouch
	*Tim Fisher
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Michael Andrews

Announcements ......Rodney Reynolds

Lead Singing ......John David Keele

First Prayer ......Don Sullivan

Reading.....Robert Elam

Invitation ......David Keele

Dismiss.....Caleb Hughes

A.M.....Danny Duncan Family

P.M. .....Randall & Deborah Gann

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

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Pantry Item:		Applesauce
Elder Closing Remarks:	Sta	nley Graves
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#### In The Hospital:

Jeff Elam - Harton Regional Medical Center-Tullahoma Bruce Pryor - St. Thomas-Rutherford for knee replacement Dennis Eller - VA Murfreesboro Aubrey Healing (Shirley Martin's 4 month old grandson) Centennial Medical Center

### Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family Arlin Grissom, grandfather of our Tyler Rutledge. His funeral was Monday.

We also express sympathy to the family of J.T. Mitchell. He passed away Monday and arrangements are incomplete. Services will be at Gardens of Memory Funeral Home.

We also express sympathy to the family of David Sharp, father of Kathy Elam. He passed away Monday evening. Arrangements are incomplete.

## **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......What Is Your Excuse? Sunday PM. .....Questions & Answers

### Welcome

The elders announced Sunday that brother Kenny Dillard has placed his membership with us. Please add him to your church directory:

Kenny Dillard 8773 Manchester Hwy Morrison, TN 37357-5909 Birthday: May 31

### Youth News

**BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** will take place this Wednesday following devotional. Hope you can stick around to help us celebrate those youth with October birthdays.

The next **BIBLE BOWL** of the season is this Sunday to be hosted by Mt. Leo. We will not have a Saturday night study but will instead stay after class, eat lunch together, then review Galatians 4-6.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sun. 11/8 Pew Packers Sun. 11/15 TABS Wed. 11/18 Birthday Wednesday Wed. 11/25 W.N.Y.S.

### Ladies' Retreat

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"He is the Rock, His work is perfect; For all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He." Deuteronomy 32:4 NKJV

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	vember 2 Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Marsha Pitts	1	2	3	4	5 Frankie Hobbs	6	
							FALL FESTIVAL 5 PM
	8	9 Philip Brock Monday	10 Ashley Vandagriff	11 Jacob Graves	12 Franklin Brooks Helen Morgan Rodney Maynard	13 Iva Cunningham Stephen Felty	1 Bruce Nunley Russ Chilcutt
TABS		Morning Bible Class 9 AM					
	15	16 Blake Delong	17	18 David King Leah Vandagriff LEONARD & AVIE CLEMONS	19	20 Ronnie Hoover	2 Lori Snow Talan Mullican
	22	23 McKenzie Hudson Olivia Newby	24 CHUCK & PAT BOLES Elaine Hoover	25	26 Anna Jean Bond	27 Joe Collins Willie Newby	2 Corretta Lawrence
WILLUS & EDITH ROBERTS	29	30 Stefanie McColloch	1 Susan Pryor	2 David Bouldin	3	4	

### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Micah Lawrence
Reading	Jason Vandagriff
Scripture	
Lord's Table (N)	*Jamie Brock
(S)	*David Chilton
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(N)	Stephen Felty
(N)	Mitchell Ferrell
(S)	Brandon Fuston
(S)	Randall Gann
(S)	Caleb Graves
Sermon	
Dismiss	Rickey Hurst

### Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Welcome Committee

(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Leonard Clemons
Kurt Maynard
Norman Sain
Zechariah 6:12-13
*Danny Duncan
*Ethan Duncan
Tony Lawrence
W.C. Chilton

Announcements ......Rodney Reynolds

Lead Singing......Justin Griffin

First Prayer ......Josh Templeton

Reading .....Larry Cook

Invitation......Tony Lawrence

Dismiss ......Don Griffith

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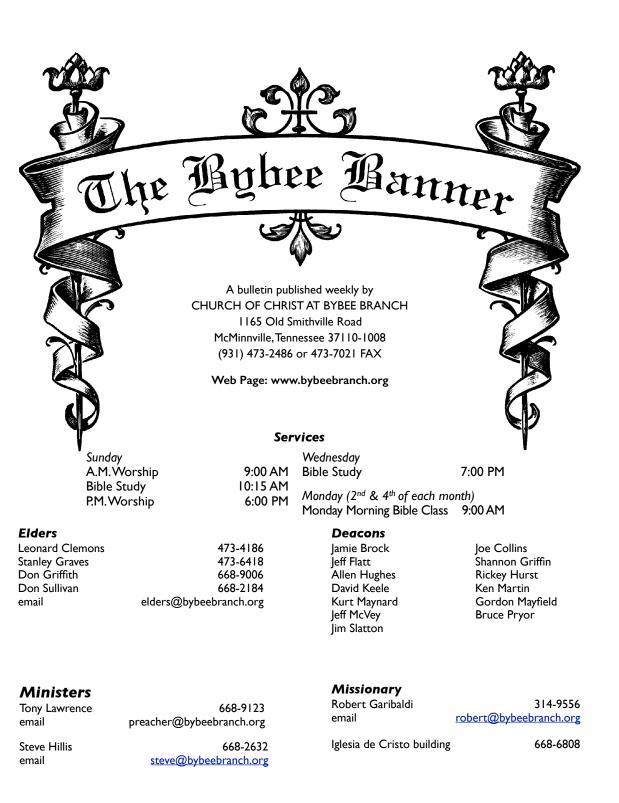
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### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....Panorama of Perspectives Sunday PM. .....Zechariah: Behold The Branch

# **Gospel Meeting**

Leoni church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on November 13-15 services at 7:00 pm with Ronnie Whittemore on the topic of Premillennialism.

### **Youth News**

Congratulations to our youth that participated in the BIBLE BOWL Sunday. Our next study will be over Ephesians I-3.

The PEW PACKERS will meet this Sunday beginning at 5 pm in the Fellowship Room. We have had a great year of lessons with great attendance.

Bybee Branch will host TABS on Sunday night, November 15th.

# Monday Morning Bible Class

The Monday Morning Bible Class meets every second and fourth Monday. Everyone is invited, young and old. Monday class will begin with IJohn 4:1.

### Shut-ins

#### **Raintree Manor**

(415 Pace St., McMinnville,TN 37110) Mary Davis #512 Clara Roller #120 Winona Ward (sister to Juanita Oliver) #102 Gary Ward (Winona Ward's son) #206

#### NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville,TN 37111) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister) #201 Winfrey Hennessee #210 June Slatton #411 Melba Hillis (Steve's grandmother) #

#### Webb House - McMinnville

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110) Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife) Bob Cunningham (Susan Pryor's father)

#### Creekside At Three Rivers

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128) Vivian Ferrell

#### Home:

Dennis Gann Greg Grizzell Ronnie Hamilton (Linda's husband) Willene Kell Kathy Neale (Chris's mother) Barbara Northcutt Evelyn Northcutt Jim Slatton Cora Stembridge Buell & Flossie Warren

# **Fall Festival**

The annual Fall Festival has been rescheduled to this Saturday, November 7 at Dale Bennett's Hickory Creek Farm. Meal will be served at **4 pm**. Be sure to bring a pot of chili or your favorite dessert. Please note the earlier time due to the recent time change.

# The Keys to Overcoming the World

In Revelation, there is a lot of figurative language and many difficult symbols. Because of that we often avoid reading the book. But in it are some great Bible helps. One of them is found in chapter 12, where we learn how Christians are to overcome the world.

To preface what is going on, in verses 7-10 we read about war breaking out in heaven, and Michael and his angels fighting with the dragon and his followers. We see that the dragon did not prevail and he was cast out of heaven. Because of this, Satan (the dragon) roamed the earth persecuting and tempting God's people. Then, in verse 11, we read what the Christians possessed to overcome Satan and his worldly ways: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." In this passage are the three keys to overcoming the world. Let's examine them in a little more detail.

- The Blood of the Lamb. We need to always remember what Jesus did to make salvation possible. It is only because of His sacrifice upon the cross that we have the opportunity of salvation in the first place. Too many times we do not trust enough of our lives to Jesus. The first key to overcoming the world is giving Jesus all of our lives and trusting in Him and the power of His blood, come what may. This begins with our baptism into Him and continues through a life of faithfulness.
- The Word of Their Testimony. Not only did the early Christians trust Jesus, but they knew and lived His word. The word of our testimony is the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ. We must love it, learn it, live it, and laud it. By doing so, we gain the knowledge and encouragement necessary to overcome the world and its sinful ways. We can only gain this through serious Bible study
- They Did Not Love Their Lives to the Death. The final key we must examine is that of separating oneself from the world. Christians may live in the world, but they are not to be of the world. Nothing on this earth is to be so precious to us that we are not willing to give it up for the cause of Christ (our lives included), and we show it in our attitudes and actions.

Are you having trouble overcoming the world or the temptations of the world? Maybe it's because you have not put enough trust in Jesus. Maybe it's because you do not read and live His word enough. Maybe it's because you do not separate yourself enough from the lost world and worldly ways. That's how the first century Christians did it – and if we are to overcome, that is how we will do it also.

#### ~ Edd Sterchi ~ via BulletinGold

# The Garden of Gethsemane

The events that occurred in the Garden of Gethsemane brings sadness to the hearts of every child of God. It was here where Jesus prayed His passionate prayer, "let this cup pass" and where Luke records, 'His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground" (Luke 22:44). It is located at the foot of the Mount of Olives, but what you may not know is that the word "Gethsemane" means "olive press." This is where the olives under pressure had the liquid pressed out of them. Our Lord was under great physical, mental and spiritual pressure. ~ Tony Lawrence~



#### November 15, 2015

Ushers: .....Ronnie Hoover & Rodney Maynard Attend Nursery: .....Sharon Boles Un/Lock Building: .....Randy Griffith/David Keele Prepare Communion: .....Doris Smith/Missy Biles

Assist Baptisms: ..... Mary Flatt & Barbara Witty

Pantry Item: .....Canned diced potatoes

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Kane Maynard
Reading	Chris Snow
	Luke 19:9-10
	*Gordon Mayfield
(S)	*Paul Hurst
	Jacob Griffin
	Justin Griffin
(N)	Steve Hillis
	Caleb Hughes
(S)	Jack Keele
(S)	John David Keele
Sermon	
Dismiss	Ken Martin

#### Sunday Evening Worship

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#### In The Hospital:

Carol Barrett - St. Thomas Rutherford Dennis Eller - Good Samaritan Rehab, 500 Hickory Hollow Terrace, Antioch, TN 37013 Eugene Wilcher - tests Monday at Vanderbilt Melinda Martin - surgery Thursday Jerry Cathey (Don's brother) - pacemaker on Monday at Vanderbilt

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM	Zacchaeus
Sunday PM.	Young Men Conduct Services

# **Gospel Meeting**

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# Fall Festival — Thanks!

A special "Thank You" to all those who helped make the Fall Festival a success: Brandon Fuston, Caleb Graves, Marty Boles, Jeff Flatt, Olivia Newby, Willie Newby and the great leader: Dale Bennett.

## **Youth News**

**TABS** will be at Bybee Branch this Sunday night. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who can help with sandwiches, chips, and/or desserts. Our young men will be conducting services, which means our "younger" young men will have a chance to lead after worship.

The next BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY is November 18th.

## **Eulogy For Common Sense**

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend,  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Mr}}$  Common Sense

Mr. Sense had been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such value lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, and that life isn't always fair. Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge.)

His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well-intentioned and overbearing regulations were set in place: Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened his condition.

Mr. Sense declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student, but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the churches became businesses, and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, she spilled a bit in her lap, and was awarded a huge settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust, his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. Two stepbrothers, My Rights and Ima Whiner survive him. Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

~anonymous~ from <u>bulletingold.com</u>

# Address Update

Zollie Settles 2612 S Chancery #B8 McMinnville TN 37110 Phone: 615 603-0661

# Strength

This past week I saw a video of Derrick Henry, running back for the Alabama football team doing squats with 500 pounds of weights. Impressive, to say the least. Then I learned that Leonard Fournette, of the Louisiana State football team was doing squats with 600 pounds of weights. No wonder these two men can run over defenders and drag would be tacklers another 5-10 yards. Of course, these men did not get this strength overnight but the result of hours spent in strength conditioning. The Bible frequently uses athletic metaphors that remind us that the Christian life must be achieved by the same sort of discipline and conditioning (cf. I Corinthians 9:24-26; Hebrews 12:1).

This thought in mind also should remind us of the difference between physical and spiritual strength. A perfect example of this can be seen in the life of Samson. Its difficult to imagine a man with such strength that he could tear apart a lion with his bare hands (Judges 14:6) or killing 1000 men with a jawbone of a donkey (Judges 15:15). Of course, everyone knows that he possessed a great spiritual weakness. He commanded his parent to get him a Philistine woman of Timnah and when they tried to reason with him he responded, "Get her for me, for she pleases me well." (Judges 14:3). Later he again fell prey to the wiles of the wicked woman, Delilah. She was able to coax from him the source of his strength. This provides another valuable lesson for the Christian. Even strong people have areas of vulnerability. The writer of the book of Hebrews expressed it as: "...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us..." (Hebrews 12:1). One would be wise to recognize his vulnerabilities and make provision to be on guard in those areas.

God warns against one placing too much confidence in one's physical abilities. "Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord." (Jeremiah 9:23–24). Too often man has learned the hard way that he is not as strong as he believes himself to be. "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall." (I Corinthians 10:12). "If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small." (Proverbs 24:10). David spoke of such a one when he wrote, ""Here is the man who did not make God his strength, But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness."" (Psalms 52:7).

True strength is derived from God. "God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble." (Psalms 46:1). "Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, …" (Psalms 84:5). "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13). What is even more ironic is that God provides the strength to the weak. The Apostle Paul suffered from a "thorn in the flesh" and sought deliverance from it. God's response was: "And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong." (2 Corinthians 12:9–10).

Imagine again, if you will, the impressive strength and power of these young men. Then consider the frail older gentleman whose body is bent and crippled. Paul said, "Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day." (2 Corinthians 4:16). This one has strength in the "inner man." "that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man," (Ephesians 3:16). As Delilah asked, "Please tell me where your great strength lies..." (Judges 16:6).

~Tony Lawrence ~

#### November 22, 2015

Ushers: .....Kurt Maynard & Tommy Crouch Attend Nursery: .....Myra Bell Un/Lock Building: .....Randy Griffith/David Keele Prepare Communion: .....Doris Smith/Missy Biles

Assist Baptisms: ..... Mary Flatt & Barbara Witty

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	
Reading	Herb Rowland
Scripture	
Lord's Table (N)	
(S)	*Leonard Clemons
(N)	
(N)	Joe Maynard
(N)	Rodney Maynard
(S)	Kurt Maynard
(S)	
(S)	
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Zollie Settles

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Welcome Committee

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Willie Newby
Reading	Farris Young
Scripture	Matthew 28:18-20
Lord's Table	*Randall Gann
	*Tim Gann
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bobby Ashford

Announcements .......Rodney Reynolds

Lead Singing .....Cory Prince

First Prayer .....Larry Flatt

Reading......Dale Bennett

Invitation......Tony Lawrence Dismiss ......Roger Cook

A.M....Larry & Jane Flatt

P.M. .....Steve Hillis Family

Bus Driver:.....Ronnie Prince (808-2598)

Pantry Item:Cheo	ldar C	heese Soup
Elder Closing Remarks:	Leona	rd Clemons
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### At Home:

Carol Barrett Daisy Maxwell Jeff Elam Flossie Warren Evelyn Northcutt Marva Hughes (Allen's mother) Melinda Martin Dorothy Hennessee (following outpatient surgery)

#### In The Hospital:

Dennis Eller - Good Samaritan Rehab, 500 Hickory Hollow Terrace, Antioch, TN 37013

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM	Faith, Hope & Love
Sunday PM.	Becoming a Real Disciple

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Randy Bouldin, father of our Junah Bouldin. His funeral was this past Friday in Spencer.

# Ladies' Holiday Dinner

Monday, December 7, at 6 pm at the Chef & His Crew Restaurant. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those planning to go. Please see Stefanie McColloch or Judy Sullivan for cost and more information.

## Singing

There will be a Gospel Singing at the Pleasant Knoll church of Christ on November 20, from 7-9 pm.

### **New Arrival**

Congratulations to Dwight & Carol Barrett on the arrival of a new granddaughter, Reagan Caroline Crook. (Ryan & Courtney Crook parents). She was born last Wednesday evening, November 11, and weighed 7 lbs and 1 oz.

### **Youth News**

**BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** is this Wednesday. We will be celebrating youth with November birthdays. ALL youth are encouraged to stick around after services and help us celebrate.

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UPCOMING EVENTS: 12/5 Bible Bowl Study 12/6 Bible Bowl 12/6 Pew Packers

### The Perfect Church

I think that I shall never see A church that's all it ought to be; A church whose members never stray Beyond the strait and narrow way; A church that has no empty pews, Whose preacher never has the blues, A church whose deacons always deak, And none is proud, and all are meek; Where gossips never peddle lies, Or make complaints or criticize; Where all are always sweet and kind, And all to other's faults are blind. Such perfect churches there may be, But none of them are known to me. But still, we'll work, and pray and plan, To make our own the best we can.

~ Author Unknown ~

## **Forgiveness -- Without Repentance?**

Children of God should love all men, even their enemies, and when they repent, forgive them. Occasionally, I am asked if it is our duty to forgive those who sin against us when they neither ask for nor desire forgiveness. It is not only not our duty to do so, were we so disposed, but it is an utter impossibility.

The question recurs because many people persist in disregarding what the Scriptures teach is involved in genuine repentance and by substituting their concept of what they feel forgiveness should include. Those who do this imply, whether they intend to or not, that forgiveness is simply the cancellation of all bitter, revengeful, and uncharitable feelings toward those who sin against us, and the substitution of a disposition of kindness, love, and warm regard for the offending one or ones -- a disposition, they urge, which should always be characteristic of faithful Christians.

But many devoted and dedicated disciples of the Lord never experience bitter, revengeful, and uncharitable feelings toward those who sin against them, however cruel and heartless such actions may have been. This attitude of a kind disposition is not forgiveness, anyway. God never entertains "bitter, revengeful, and uncharitable" feelings toward even the most vile of sinners, but He forgives only those who repent.

Our Lord, in the shadows of Gethsemane, prayed for those who hated him so much they sought and obtained His execution, but He did not forgive them until they repented. Amid the agonies of the cross, He said to His Father. "Forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Lk. 23:34) a petition not unconditional in nature, since by His own words first uttered in the Great Commission (Mk. 16:15-16) and later applied by Peter it was intent that pardon be bestowed only on the basis of repentance and obedience to the commandments He gave (Acts 2:36-38).

The words "remission" and "forgiveness" often translate to the same Greek word *aphesis*, the meaning of which is "release," the "sending of sins away" and the consequent restoration of the peaceful, cordial, and friendly relationship formerly existing. Unless the offender wants this "peaceful, cordial, friendly" relationship, it is impossible for the offended to affect it, however much he may desire and seek it.

It is at this point people often say, "Yes, but we must be ready to forgive always," as indeed we ought, but it should be recognized that such readiness is not forgiveness. Our Lord made crystal clear our obligation in all such cases when He said, "Take heed to yourselves; If thy brother trespass, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he sin against thee seven times...turn again to thee saying, I repent, thou shalt forgive him" (Lk. 17:3,4). Thus, the divine edict is, if one sins against us, we are to rebuke him; and when he repents, we are to forgive him.

It is the duty of all children of God to love all men, even their enemies, actively to seek their good, and pray for their well-being; and, when they repent, to forgive them. It should ever be borne in mind that reconciliation is an integral and essential element of the relationship resulting from penitence on the part of the offender and forgiveness on the offended, and that is occasioned by an adjustment and settlement of all differences that led to the alienation. We must be sure that no action or attitude of ours deters the proper response of others to us because our fellowship here on Earth and our salvation in Heaven hereafter are matters intimately involved.

~ Guy N.Woods  $\sim$ 

#### November 29, 2015

Ushers: .....Jeff Templeton & Jason Vandagriff Attend Nursery: .....Amiee Bielling Un/Lock Building: .....Randy Griffith/David Keele Prepare Communion: .....Doris Smith/Missy Biles

Assist Baptisms: ..... Mary Flatt & Barbara Witty

#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sunday Morning	Worship
Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	Ray Weddington
Reading	Michael Andrews
Scripture	IThessalonians 1:5-10
Lord's Table (N)	*Stanley Clendenon
	*Larry Cook
(N)	Ryan McColloch
(N)	Harold McGinness
(N)	Jared Mullican
(S)	Derrick Pennington
	Steve Smith
	Eugene Wilcher
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Welcome Committee

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Caleb Graves
First Prayer	Aiden McVey
Reading	Jeff Templeton
Scripture	Revelation 16:15-16
Lord's Table	*Jeff Flatt
	*Randy Griffith
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Darron Dixon

Announcements ......Kelly Thaxton

Lead Singing .....Ethan Duncan

First Prayer .....Phillip Brock

Reading.....Bob Cantrell

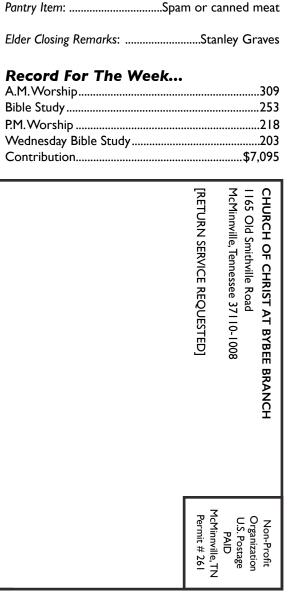
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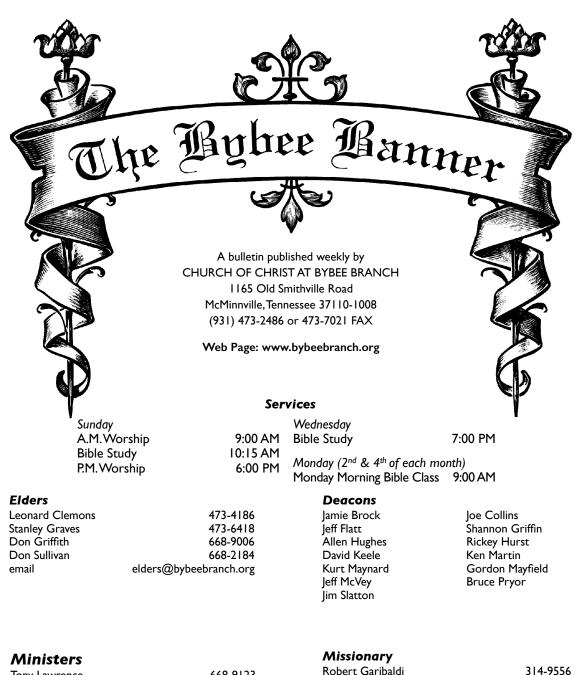
Dismiss ......Ronnie Prince

A.M....Brandon Fuston Family

P.M. .....Paul Hurst Family

Bus Driver: .....Paul Hurst (668-7088)





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#### In The Hospital:

Zollie Settles - tests Wednesday at Vanderbilt

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM	A Bible Honoring Church
Sunday PM	Armageddon

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### **Baptism**

We rejoice that lesse Nunley was baptized into Christ this past Saturday afternoon.

## **Count Your Blessings**

Count your blessings instead of your crosses; Count your gains instead of your losses. Count your joys instead of your woes; Count your friends instead of your foes. Count your smiles instead of your tears; Count your courage instead of your fears. Count your full years instead of your lean; Count your kind deeds instead of your mean. Count your health instead of your wealth; Count on God instead of yourself.

~ Author Unknown ~

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### Isn't It Strange?

You work hard for a living ... you slave and sweat... you bring home the paycheck. It goes for groceries, utilities, clothing, car payments, house payments, etc. I Now, in just a few years the furniture will be worn out, the clothes will be worn out, and you'll need to trade cars or get a new house. Just a few more years and you will be gone ... and what you ate or drove or lived in will make no difference at all. Only one thing will remain - what you did for God! In light of this fact, isn't it strange to see men and women so very carefully planning their lives ... how they are going to get physical necessities and luxuries ... and leaving God out of their plans???

~ David Roper ~

"Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." ~ Mark Twain ~

December 2015						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 WILLUS & EDITH ROBERTS	30 Stefanie McColloch	1 Susan Pryor	2 David Bouldin	3	4 Zollie Settles	5
6 DENNIS & JANICE FOSTER Vernon Keith Bible Bowl at	7 Wesley Sain Ladies Holiday	8 Howard Witty Irene Lawrence	9 LARRY & ZELLA COOK	10 Kane Maynard	11 Brandi Wilcher	12 Anna Grace King Dennis Eller Iona King RAY & DORIS SMITH
East End 13 Stan Hillis	Dinner 14 Jane Wilcher Jenna Kate Mullins Monday Morning Bible Class	15 Jamie Brock	16	17	18	19
20 Christine Gribble Holiday Fellowship following PM service	21 Don Sullivan	22	23 Norman Sain	24	25	26 JOE & MARSHA COLLINS
27 Dale Bennett NORMAN & BAR- BARA SAIN	28 Gordon Mayfield	29 Edith Roberts Emma Hillis Samuel Gillies		31 Linda Hamilton Megan Patton	1 Ethan Stanley Jason Vandagriff TOMMY & GAIL CROUCH	2

#### December 6, 2015

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Larry Cook
First Prayer	Leonard Clemons
	John David Keele
Scripture	IThessalonians 2:18-20
Lord's Table (N)	*Steve Hillis
(S)	*Larry Flatt
(N)	Farris Young
(N)	David Roberts
(N)	Jason Vandagriff
(S)	Jeff Templeton
(S)	Don Sullivan
	Chris Snow
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jeff McVey

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Welcome Committee

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Larry Cook
First Prayer	Ethan Duncan
Reading	Kurt Maynard
Scripture	Luke 3:10-14
Lord's Table	*Jamie Brock
	*Russ Chilcutt
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bob Cantrell

Announcements ......Kelly Thaxton

Lead Singing.....Steve Hillis

First Prayer.....Brandon Fuston

Reading ......David Chilton

Invitation......Tony Lawrence Dismiss .....Phillip Brock

A.M. .....Rickey & Maggie Hurst

P.M.....David McColloch Family

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

December 0, 2015
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Pantry Item:Macaroni & Cheese
Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith
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# Sick & Shut-in

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#### In The Hospital:

none known

#### Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., McMinnville,TN 37110) Mary Davis #512 Clara Roller #120 Winona Ward (sister to Juanita Oliver) #102 Gary Ward (Winona Ward's son) #206

#### NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister) #201 Winfrey Hennessee #210 June Slatton #411 Melba Hillis (Steve's grandmother) #

#### Webb House - McMinnville

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110) Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife) Bob Cunningham (Susan Pryor's father)

#### **Creekside At Three Rivers**

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128) Vivian Ferrell

#### Home:

Dennis Gann Greg Grizzell Ronnie Hamilton (Linda's husband) Willene Kell Kathy Neale (Chris's mother) Barbara Northcutt Evelyn Northcutt Jim Slatton Cora Stembridge Buell & Flossie Warren

### Youth News

We will have our monthly **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** early this month as we will celebrate this Wednesday night, December 2nd. Please stay around after devotional to help acknowledge our youth with December birthdays.

The next **BIBLE BOWL** is this Sunday at East End beginning at 2:00 pm. Our regular study session will be hosted by Shannon and Janie Griffin this Saturday from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Also, we will stay after class on Sunday, go out to eat lunch, and then come back for another study session. Parents, please encourage your kids to be a part of the team.

The final **PEW PACKERS** of the year will be this Sunday beginning at 5:00 pm in the fellowship room. We will sing some songs, pray some prayers, recap what we have learned this year, then celebrate with snacks and drinks. Thanks to all who have invested in this great program. Hopefully we will continue to grow.

The annual **BBYG Holiday Party** will be on Monday, December 14th. Everything will be provided, so just show up! If you plan on playing (you know, that certain game...) then bring a \$10 gift.  $\cong$ 

If you would like to donate money to help buy gifts for Bybee Branch members in Nursing or Boarding homes, please give your donation to one of the elders.

### **New Arrival**

Congratulations to Hunter and Jennifer Sain on the birth of a baby boy, Murphy Edward Sain, born last Tuesday, November 24, 9 lbs. and 22 inches. Proud grandparents are Norman and Barbara Sain and great grandfather, Wesley Sain.

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....Overcoming Satan's Hindrances Sunday PM. ....Bible Questions & Answers

# **Faithful Teachers**

In Hebrews 5:12, the writer reminds us that Children of God "...ought to be teachers..." Paul writes in 2 Timothy 2:2 "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." God desires for those who are teachers to be faithful. That is the only kind of teacher that God is pleased with. What is involved in being a "faithful" teacher?

Faithful teachers are ...

- 1. SOUND in the Faith. They not only hear God's Word but also heed to it (1 Timothy 4:16). They have built their life upon God's Word (Matthew 7:24- 27) and continue to look to it for guidance and direction in this life (2 Timothy 3:15-17). They want to make sure that whatever they believe, teach and practice is authorized by God's Word (Colossians 3:17).
- 2. STUDIOUS of God's Word. There is a strong desire to "feast" upon the Word (Matthew 5:6; I Peter 2:2). They truly are diligent students as they read, study & meditate (I Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 2:15; Psalm 1:1-2) upon the Word to grow in knowledge (2 Peter 3:18)
- 3. SPIRITUALLY minded. Yes, they understand that their "heart, mind, and desires" must focus first and foremost upon Spiritual things (Matthew 6:33; Colossians 3:1-3). The Lord and His Will must be the "center of Life" (Philippians 1:21). To continue to be "spiritually minded" means spending much time in prayer to our Heavenly Father, showing our dependence and trust in Him (Colossians 4:2; Proverbs 3:5-6).
- 4. SETTING good examples. Faithful teachers realize that others are watching, observing and being influenced (Matthew 5:13-16) by what they say and do. If we profess to be faithful to the Lord, then we must practice it accordingly or what we say goes in one ear and out the other.
- 5. STRIVING for Heaven. They are not just striving for Heaven but they are striving for Heaven according to Lord's Way. Jesus said "...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." In Matthew 7:21, He reminds us that one must do the will of the Father to enter Heaven (Romans 1:16; John 8:24; Luke 13:3; Matthew 10:32-33; Mark 16:16; Revelation 2:10).

How thankful we are for the "faithful" teachers in the Lord's Church today and especially for the teachers in our congregation. God bless each one.

~ Jerry Joseph ~ The Proclaimer - St. Peters Church of Christ - St. Peters, MO.

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## New Quarter — Adult Rotation

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#### December 13, 2015

..Pop Tarts

Ushers: .....Calvin Rogers & Herb Rowland Attend Nursery: .....Jean Clendenon Un/Lock Building:.....Don Cathey/Ricky Prince Prepare Communion: .....Justin Randolph

Assist Baptisms: ..... Cindy Fisher/Sherry Graves

Pantry Item: .....

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	W.C. Chilton
Reading	Tim Gann
Scripture	IThessalonians 3:8-10
Lord's Table (N)	*David Keele
(S)	*Ken Martin
	Steve Smith
(N)	Eugene Wilcher
(N)	Justin Randolph
(S)	Cory Prince
	Derrick Pennington
	Chris Neale
.,	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Stanley Clendenon
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#### Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Welcome Committee

Lead SingingPaul Hurst First PrayerTim Fisher ReadingMichael Andrews
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ScripturePsalms 14:1
Lord's Table*Tim Gann
*Ronnie Hoover
SermonTony Lawrence
DismissLarry Cook

Announcements ......Kelly Thaxton

First Prayer.....Randall Gann

Reading ......Tommy Turner

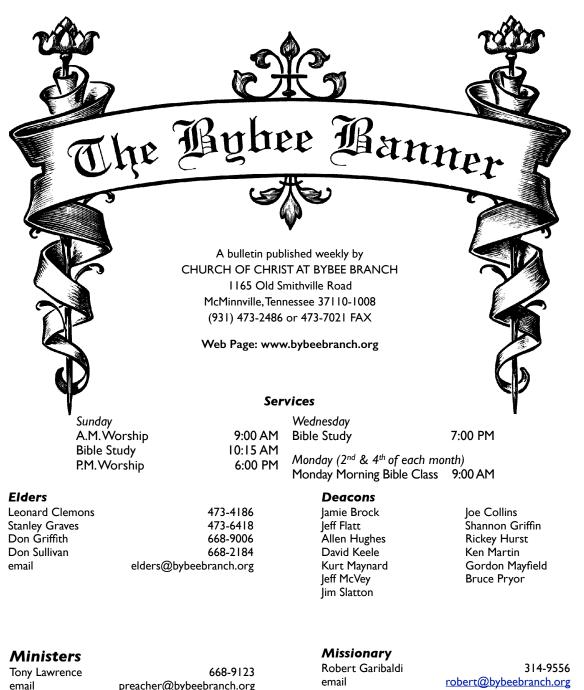
Invitation ......Jamie Brock Dismiss......Tommy Crouch

A.M.....David & Iona King

P.M. .....Sarah Kell & Helen Morgan

Bus Driver: .....Paul Hurst (668-7088)

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# Sick & Shut-in

#### At Home:

Carol Barrett Daisy Maxwell Flossie Warren Marva Hughes (Allen's mother) Dorothy Hennessee Paul Davis Brittany Ochoa (friend of Zollie Settles) - suffering from cancer

#### In The Hospital:

Bruce Pryor - St. Thomas Rutherford, knee replacement Tuesday

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Freddie Duncan, father of Chelsea Gann. His funeral was this past Thursday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Janice Broyles, sister of Wanda Nunley. Her funeral was this past Friday.

# **Communion Preparation for 2016**

We need volunteers to prepare communion for 2016. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lobby. Please help us fill this list soon.

# **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM	Perfecting Faith
Sunday PMPlease	Don't Take Me For A Fool

## Monday Morning Bible Class

This coming Monday, December 14, will be the final Monday Morning Bible Class for 2015. The class will meet at Billy's Restaurant at 8 am for breakfast followed by Bible Class back at the building. Everyone is invited to both the breakfast and class. Class will begin at 1 John 4:4.

### **Youth News**

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Congratulations to our young people placing 4th in the Bible Bowl.

## As The Year Ends

As the year 2015 rapidly draws to a close, we should remind ourselves once again of this gift of God we call "time." How quickly the year has passed! Time has been described as "a section cut from the great circle of eternity," and "the uncertain boundaries of life on earth." Ben Franklin said, "Dost thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of." Someone else once said, "I have no yesterdays. Time took them all away. Tomorrow may not be, but I have today." Time has great value. Although you may not be paid an hourly wage, you cannot limit the value of time.

If you would burn a \$100 bill, you would be destroying more than the paper and ink of which it consists. You would, in essence, be taking bread from your table, medicine from the sick, and books from the scholar. Likewise, the value of time is not in itself, but in what time offers us—the blessings, privileges, and opportunities of life.

Time is NOW. Not yesterday—all of the yesterdays have passed on, and its opportunities are no more. Tomorrow has not yet come—and it may never be. You are left with only today. This must have been in the apostle Paul's mind when he admonished, "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16, NKJV). Time well-spent is time spent in the will of God.

~ Ronald Bartanen – via BulletinGold~

# And It Came To Pass...

An older man once sat in on a class in a Bible College. That day the professor asked his students to share a verse that means a great deal to them. The students were eager to oblige. They offered many great verses, rich with theological implications. When the class finished, the professor asked the visiting man if he would like to share his favorite verse. He agreed and said, "My favorite verses in the Bible are the ones that begin with the phrase, 'and it came to pass."" A few snickers could be heard among the prideful students so the elderly man added an additional comment.

He said, "Young men, allow me to explain why I answered as I did. You see, when I was 32, our firstborn son was killed by a drunk driver. My wife and I were devastated. We didn't know how we would go on, but we did. At the age of 45, our daughter came home on a break from college, sat her mother and me down, and proceeded to tell us why she no longer believed in God. She told us that God was merely an invention of man intended to be a crutch for the psychologically weak, and that she wanted no part of it. We found this to be more painful than the death of our son. At the age of 55, I lost my job. Due to my age at the time, I couldn't find a job. Everyone wanted to hire someone younger than me. Consequently we lost our home, and for six months we were forced to live in our car. Then at the age of 63, we discovered that my wife had cancer. For three years we fought that cancer as hard as we could, but my wife eventually died three years later. So you see young men, the events that have taken place in my life have caused to appreciate and love the verses that begin with the words, "and it came to pass," for they are a reminder to me that the horrible circumstances in which we sometimes find ourselves don't "come to stay," they "come to pass."

After the man finished, you could have heard a pin drop. The class was no longer snickering because they learned a valuable lesson. You'll have many things "came to pass," in you life, but thank God they won't "come to stay!" **Misplaced Priorities** 

Where will our priorities be in the future? Will they be where God wants them to be or will they be "misplaced"? Where are our priorities now? Do we have "misplaced" priorities? Our priorities are misplaced ...

- When we "find" the time to read the newspaper, magazines, etc., but will not take the time to read and study the Bible (2 Timothy 2:15; I Timothy 4:13; John 5:39; Psalm 1:1-2)
- When we "faithfully" attend ball games, club meetings, etc., but are not faithful in attending church services (Hebrews 10:24-25;Acts 2:42).
- When we are willing to "fight" for our political party but will not "fight" the good fight of faith (I Timothy 6:12; Jude 3).
- When we "feed" our minds upon the worldly things but will neglect that which we need the most, that is, that which is spiritual (Matthew 6:33; Colossians 3:1-3).
- When we almost "faint" hearing about some animal being mistreated but will follow without hesitation those who are killing unborn children (Romans 12:9-10; 13:1-10).
- When we with "fervor" sit for hours watching a ballgame or a movie but when we sit in the pew for worship we are "gone" (Psalm 122:1).
- When we "feel" that our children must be in school and do their homework but will permit them to neglect worship and Bible study (Ephesians 6:1-4).

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).

~ Jerry Joseph ~

~ Steve Higginbotham ~

#### **December 20, 2015**

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Assist Baptisms: ..... Cindy Fisher/Sherry Graves

Pantry Item: .....Green Beans

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Bobby Ashford
Reading	Jacob Griffin
Scripture	IThessalonians 4:1-2
Lord's Table (N)	*Ricky Prince
(S)	*Willie Newby
	Mike Mullins
(N)	Aiden McVey
(N)	Harold McGinness
(S)	Ryan McColloch
(S)	Kane Maynard
(S)	Joe Maynard
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Darron Dixon

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Dismiss .....

Welcome Committee

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Jeff Flatt
Reading	David Roberts
Scripture	Philippians 4:4-7
Lord's Table	*Rickey Hurst
	*Gordon Mayfield
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Danny Duncan

Announcements ......Kelly Thaxton

Lead Singing .....Herb Rowland

First Prayer ......Randy Griffith

Reading ......Farris Young

Invitation .....Steve Hillis

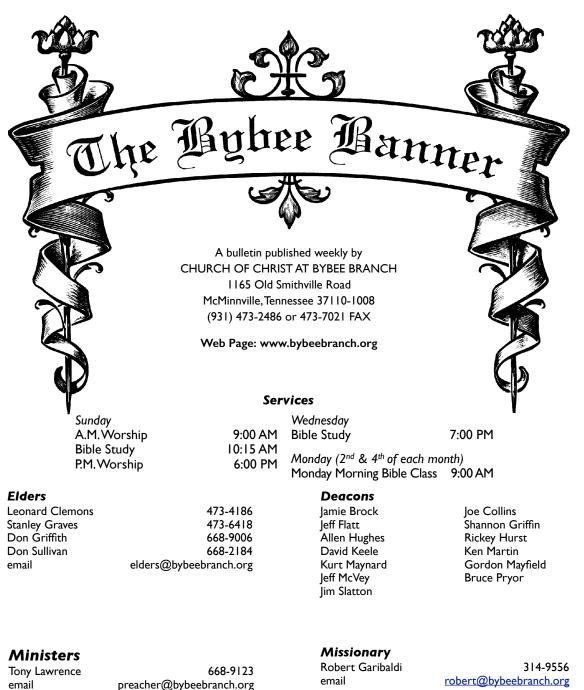
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Jeff Elam - Harton Medical Center

# **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM .....Vessels of Honor Sunday PM. ....Learning To Rejoice In The Lord

### **Communion Preparation for 2016**

Volunteers are to prepare communion for 2016. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

## **New Arrival**

Congratulations to Tyler & Heather Boyd on the birth of a baby boy, Elijah Nathan, born on December 5, and weighed 8 lbs. Steve Boyd is the proud grandpa...

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### **Spiritual Amputee**

"For the body is not one member, but many" (I Cor. 12:14). Every congregation is made of many members of the Lord's church. Every member is important to the body. Just as our bodies would have more difficulty functioning without a part of the body even so a congregation without a part of its members has a more difficult time accomplishing its work. The writer of Corinthians continues in the chapter by writing, "If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body" (I Cor. 12:15)?

Consider the value of the big toe. The military will reject you if your big toe is missing. Note the following quote, "A nine-toed gait is less efficient, slower and shorter...." Every part of the body is important. Not only is every member valuable to the overall function of the church, each member is of value to the other members of the body. If I do not fulfill my function as a part of the body then it places an additional burden on the other parts of the body.

Don't be a spiritual amputee. Every person has a part in the work of the Lord and is valuable. When the church sets out to accomplish its work will we all do our part? Remember the words of the Apostle Paul, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular (1 Cor. 12:27). The end result of each member doing his/her work is a church that is being built up and growing. (Eph. 4:11-16).

~ Larry Acuff ~

### **Holiday Fellowship**

This coming Sunday evening, December 20, following the evening services we will enjoy our annual Holiday Fellowship.

If your last name begins with the letters below please bring the following items:

A-F: Ham biscuits, pigs in a blanket, sandwiches

G-M: Desserts and 2-liter drinks

N-Z: Chips & Dip and 2-liter drinks

### Are Bible Classes Significant?

In the minds of some people, Bible classes are not significant. They may even consider them just "a waste of time." What should our attitude be toward them?

Why do we have Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday? Do we have classes just because others have them? Do we have classes just so we can say that we are at least doing something? Until we come to learn the significance of them, we will not appreciate them as we should. If we appreciate them, then and only then will attitudes and attendance change for the better.

Bible classes are significant because they help *promote* the work of the church. The Bible classes are one avenue through which the Word of God can be taught. We certainly want to take advantage of every opportunity to teach and study from the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:1-3).

Bible classes are significant because they help *provide* a way for the elders "to feed" the flock. The apostle Paul, in speaking to the Ephesian elders, said, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood " (Acts 20:28). Peter declared to the elders, "Feed the flock of God which is among you" (1 Pet. 5:2). Through our Bible classes, we are helping the elders carry out their work.

Bible classes are significant because they help *produce* tomorrow's elders, deacons, preachers, and teachers. We want to encourage our young people to grow up being servants of God. In our Bible classes, we are training potential soldiers in the Lord's Army. The Bible classes are helping to train the young in the way they should go (Pro. 22:6)..

Bible classes are significant because they help *prevent* unfaithfulness in the church. We all need encouragement in living the Christian life. Through our Bible classes, we can encourage and edify one another (Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25) to be strong in the Lord.

Bible classes are significant because they help *prepare* one for eternity. Who is it that has doubts about the importance of studying the Bible? We must come to understand and know God's will (John 8:32; I Tim. 2:4). The time we spend in studying the Bible in our classes is helping us to be prepared for eternity to come.

For sure, Bible classes are significant!

~ Jerry Joseph ~

# Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of June Slatton, long time member at Bybee Branch. Her funeral was this past Monday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Jane Krauth, sister of Barbara Sain. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

# Bible Software for iPads/iPhones

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#### December 27, 2015

Ushers: .....Kurt Maynard & Tommy Crouch Attend Nursery:.....Cynthia Duncan Un/Lock Building:.....Don Cathey/Ricky Prince Prepare Communion: .....Justin Randolph

#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
	Joe Collins
Reading	Paul Hurst
	3John 11
	*Allen Hughes
(S)	*Ronnie Prince
	Micah Lawrence
(N)	Clent Kesey
(N)	Shannon Griffin
	Justin Griffin
(S)	Mitchell Ferrell
	Jack Keele
()	Ray Weddington
Dismiss	Zollie Settles

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Welcome Committee

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Larry Flatt
Reading	Jesse Nunley
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Herb Rowland
	*Norman Sain
Sermon	David Fanning
Dismiss	Doug Hendrixson

Announcements ......Kelly Thaxton

Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews

First Prayer .....Caleb Hughes

Reading ......Josh Templeton

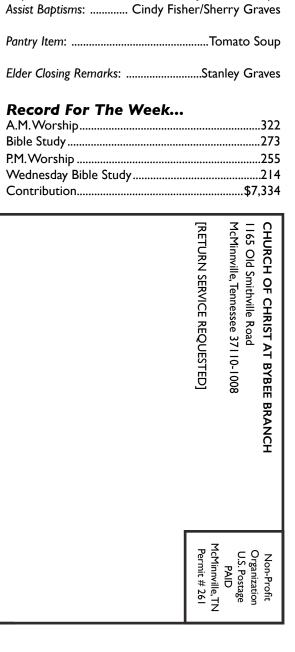
Invitation ......Don Sullivan

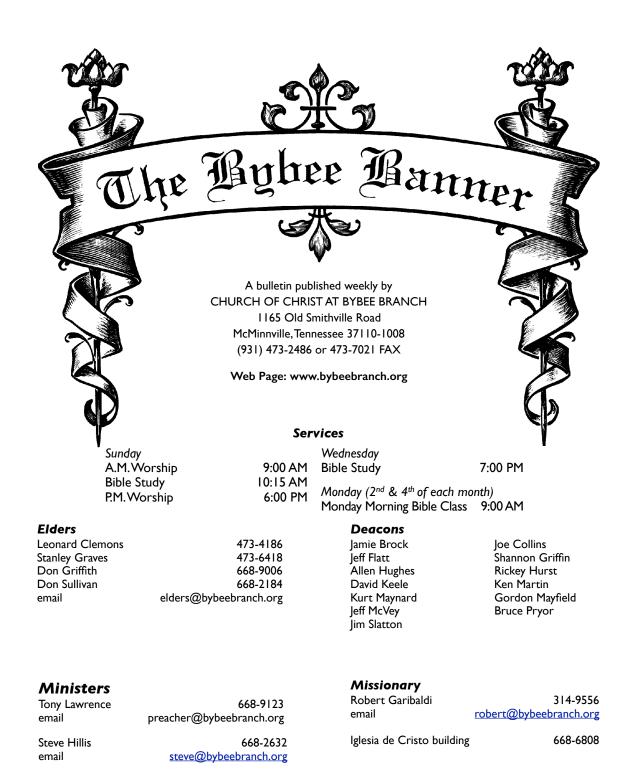
Dismiss.....Allen Hughes

A.M.....Gordon & Nancy Mayfield

P.M. .....Mike Mullins Family

Bus Driver:.....Ronnie Prince (808-2598)





# Sick & Shut-in

#### At Home:

Larry Snow Daisy Maxwell Flossie Warren Marva Hughes (Allen's mother) Betty Newby (Willie's mother) Bruce Pryor Gordon & Linda Fults

#### In The Hospital:

Dorothy Solomon (Zollie's sister) - River Park but to be transferred to Vanderbilt Jeff Elam - Harton Medical Center

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# **Youth News**

A big thank you to the youth group for the new Bible. I'm very humbled you thought of me.

Two sheets are still on the youth bulletin board for EU2 and CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE. EU2 is for "college aged" young men and women who desire strategies for evangelizing friends and family. CYC is geared for students in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12 grades, however if you would like to go as a family I think you would see the benefits of this great weekend. Check the sheets out and note the cut-offs.

Parents please don't forget the "WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sat. 1/2 Bible Bowl Study Sun. 1/2 Bible Bowl Sun. 1/10 Pew Packers

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......The Story Of Three Men Sunday PM. .....Guest Speaker: David Fanning

## **Sympathies**

The congregation at Bybee Branch has experienced a number of losses over the past week. In addition to those listed in last week's bulletin, please keep in your prayers the following:

Sympathy to the family of Gladys Prater, sister of our Flossie Warren. Her funeral was on Monday.

Sympathy to the family of Gusell Nevitt Hillis, sister-in-law of our Joan Hillis. Her funeral was this past Saturday.

Sympathy to the family of Carol Barrett. Her funeral was on Monday.

Sympathy to the family of Harold Glenn. He was the uncle of Carol Barrett. His funeral was Tuesday

Sympathy to the family of James Witty, brother of our Howard Witty. His funeral was on Tuesday in Nashville.

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# **The Place of Self-Control**

1 Cor. 9:25 - "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. In our world the philosophy of so many is to do whatever they desire without considering the consequences or the cost to self or others. If they can do something they will, if they have the power to do it, they do it without even thinking about controlling one self. Self-control is so much needed in our world today.

The place of self-control is needed when it comes to our...

- Thinking Does it matter what we think or think upon? Of course it does. The following verses remind us of the importance of proper thinking and practicing self-control when it comes to our thoughts: Prov. 4:23; 14:12; 23:7; Mk 7:21-23; Phil. 4:8
- Temper Do you have a problem with controlling your temper? Do you "fly off the handle" and say things and do things that should not be spoken or done because you did not practice self-control when it came to your temper? Look at the following verses and see the importance of practicing self-control when it comes to your temper: Prov. 16:32; 18:19; Eph. 4:26, 31-32
- Things Have the things of the world hindered you and your spiritual walk with the Lord? Have they kept you from living for and loving the Lord? If so, then someone needs to practice self-control in connection with "things". Matt. 6:19-21; I Tim. 6:10-11; Luke 12:15
- Tongue Do you speak without thinking? Do you just say whatever is on your mind? Does it matter to the Lord the words that we speak? Of course it does. Study the following verses: Matt. 12:36-37; Eph. 4:29; I Pet. 3:10; James 3:2-12; Prov. 21:23; 29:11
- Trust What are you trusting in? Can we just trust in anything and everything that comes along? Does it matter spiritually? Our trust must always be in the Lord & His Word. Psa. 20:7; 49:6; 118:8-9; Jer. 7:8; 1 Tim. 6:17; Psa. 62:8; Prov. 3:5-6

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## Thank You from the Lawrences

It is hard to find the words to describe your generosity with us this year. You gave us \$900 in a beautiful card. We are deeply humbled by how well you continue to treat us year after year. Thanks from the bottom of our hearts!

Prayers for Children

~ lerry loseph ~

"Now I awake and see the light; Lord, Thou hast kept me through the night. To Thee I lift my voice and pray That Thou wilt keep me through the day. If I should die before 'tis done, O God, accept me through Thy Son! Amen."

"Jesus, gentle Shepherd, Bless Thy lamb to-day; Keep me in Thy footsteps, Never let me stray. Guard me through the daytime. Every hour, I pray; Keep my feet from straying From the narrow way.Amen."

~ Little Folded Hands ~