

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover
Reading.....Farris Young
Scripture.....John 5:5-6
Lord's Table (N)*Jeff Templeton
(S)*Kelly Thaxton
(N)Eugene Wilcher
(N)Steve Smith
(N)Ronnie Prince
(S)Derrick Pennington
(S).....Brian Moody
(S).....Harold McGinness
Sermon*Benevolence at Bethesda* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Norman Sain

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First Prayer.....John David Keele
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff
Scripture.....TBD
Lord's Table*Willard Dunlap
.....*Danny Duncan
Sermon.....Shane Fisher
DismissJosh Templeton

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....John David Keele
Lead Singing.....Jared Mullican
First PrayerMike Mullins
ReadingJustin Randolph
Invitation.....Randall Gann
DismissRoger Cook

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Larry & Jane Flatt
P.M.Michael Andrews Family

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Ushers:Tommy Crouch, Darron Dixon, Herb Rowland
Attend Nursery:.....Gail Crouch
Un/Lock Building:Jeff Templeton/Don Griffith
Prepare Communion:Michael Andrews Family
Assist Baptisms: Jean Clendenon & Kara Fuston

Pantry Item:Peaches

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....301
Bible Study206
P.M. Worship193
Wednesday Bible Study.....200
Contribution.....\$6,480

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Sick & Shut-in

At Home:
Juanita Oliver
Jim Slatton
Barbara Pryor (Bruce’s mother)
Angie Jones (Mary Ashford’s sister)
June Crouch (home with pneumonia)
Doyle Pryor

In The Hospital:

Greg Rutledge (son of Elmer & Lillie Rutledge and father of Tyler) - St.Thomas West following heart attack
Morris Newby (Willie’s father) - St.Thomas Rutherford
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford’s sister) - River Park #252
Dennis Eller - Prestige Assisted Living: 110 River Rd W,Loudon,TN 37774
Aimee Bielling - St.Thomas Midtown for surgery

Sermon Topics

Sunday AMBenevolence at Bethesda
Sunday PM.Guest Speaker: Shane Fisher

Bible Classes on January 1

Sunday, January 1, all classes meet in the auditorium. Shane Fisher will present the lesson.

Middle Tennessee School of Preaching

The Winter Semester of the Middle Tennessee School of Preaching and Biblical Studies meets at Bethany church of Christ. Classes began on Thursday, January 5th, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Class sessions meet every Thursday evening for 13 weeks; they are open to all; classes are free and can be taken for credit.

6-7 PM - Bible Geography - Tony Lawrence
7-8 PM - Life & Parables of Christ - Ben Bailey
8-9 PM - Hebrew History II - Alan Adams

Youth News

SPIRITUAL WEIGHT TRAINING & INNER BEAUTY SALON which was scheduled for Wednesday (1/4) is cancelled. We will instead review Ecclesiastes chapters 3 & 4 for **BIBLE BOWL**.

“**WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS**” on the foyer table.

UPCOMING:

Sun. 1/8 Bible Bowl @ Main Street
Sun. 1/8 Pew Packers
Fri/Sun 1/13-1/15 EU & EU2
Sun. 1/8 TaBS @ Hillsboro
Wed. 1/25 H.E.Y.
Wed. 1/25 Birthday Wednesday
Thur. 1/26 NHC Devotional
Sun. 1/29 Home Devotional @ Keeles

Prepare Communion for 2017

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board to prepare the communion for 2017. If you would be willing to volunteer to do so for a month, please sign the list. Thanks in advance for everyone’s willingness to help in this needed task.

Wedding Invitation

Because you have shared in our lives
with your love and friendship, we
Heather Tanner
and
Lynn Gann
Along with our parents, invite you
to join us as we
celebrate the beginning
of our new life together
December 31, 2016
At One O’clock in the afternoon
Westwood Church of Christ
Reception to follow

January 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Ethan Stanley Jason Vandagriff TOMMY & GAIL CROUCH	2	3 Levi Jones	4 Danny Duncan Leonard Clemons	5 BUELL & FLOSSIE WARREN Donald Cathey Jacob Griffin	6	7
8	9 Emma Cathey	10	11	12 Willard Dunlap	13 Ethan Duncan Stephanie Maynard	14 DAVID & IONA KING
15	16 GARY & BARBARA LORANCE	17 Bailey Griffith	18 Janie Griffin	19	20 Chris Snow	21 Donna Goolsby Marsha Dunlap TONY & CORRETTA LAWRENCE
22	23 Brenda Young Susie Griffith	24 Bobby Cantrell Jeff Templeton	25 Missy Biles RANDY & VICKIE GRIFFITH	26 Charlotte Weddington Ray Weddington	27 Jared Mullican MARTY & SHARON BOLES Mitchell Ashford	28 David Chilton RICKEY & MAGGIE HURST
29 Billy Pinegar Shannon Griffin	30 Robert Elam	31 Ronnie Prince	1	2 John David Keele	3	4

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First Prayer.....Allen Hughes
Reading.....David Roberts
ScriptureJohn 5:28-29
Lord's Table (N)*Ray Weddington
(S)*Michael Andrews
(N).....Ryan McColloch
(N).....David McColloch
(N).....Rodney Maynard
(S).....Joe Maynard
(S).....Stephen Felty
(S).....Clent Kesey
Sermon*Resurrection Is Coming* - Tony Lawrence
DismissHerb Rowland

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First PrayerMicah Lawrence
Reading.....Noel Pepper
ScriptureActs 15:1-2
Lord's Table*Tommy Crouch
.....*Tim Fisher
Sermon*Questions & Answers* - Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....John David Keele
Lead Singing.....Kenny Dillard
First Prayer.....Willie Newby
Reading.....Eddie Palmer
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Tim Gann

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Leonard & Avie Clemons
P.M.....Randall & Deborah Gann

Bus Driver:Paul Hurst (668-7088)

Ushers:Jeff Templeton, Kurt Maynard, Josh King
Attend Nursery:.....Cynthia Duncan
Un/Lock Building:Jeff Templeton/Don Griffith
Prepare Communion:Michael Andrews Family
Assist Baptisms: Jean Clendenon & Kara Fuston

Pantry Item:Chicken Noodle Soup

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....309
Bible Study189
P.M. Worship232
Wednesday Bible Study.....169
Contribution\$18,133

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Aimee Bielling
Juanita Oliver
Angie Jones (Mary Ashford’s sister)
June Crouch
Doyle & Barbara Pryor (Bruce’s parents)

In The Hospital:
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford’s sister) - to NHC this week.
Bill Brown - River Park #220
Brenda Davis - River Park #221

Sermon Topics

Sunday AM.....Resurrection Is Coming
Sunday PM.Questions & Answers

Motivation

People have different reasons for acting as they do. Some want to please men, so their decisions and actions are geared toward accomplishing this. Others want fame or fortune, so they devote their time and energy toward this end. Still others strive please themselves, so their days are spent doing the things that make them happy. But what should motivate the Christian? The writer of Proverbs provides an answer. He wrote: “In mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity; and by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil” (Proverbs 16:6).

Christians should not be motivated to live in a particular fashion because they desire to please others, because they want to gain fame or fortune, or because they want to please themselves. Instead, Christians should be motivated to live as they should because they want to please God. As the proverb correctly says, “by the fear of the Lord one departs from evil.”

It is also interesting to note that this proverb states that “in mercy and truth atonement is provided for iniquity.” The word “atonement” refers to the process whereby man’s sins are covered by a sacrifice offered to God. Thus, man, who was estranged from God by his sins, is made at one with God. But where is this atonement found? It is found in mercy and truth. God has been merciful to man, and He expects man to be merciful to others (Matthew 5:7). And the truth of God will free all men who obey it (John 8:32). So what should man’s motivation be? Man should be motivated by the hope of forgiveness that exists in mercy and truth, and man should live his life with the intention of pleasing God.

~ Chad Ramsey ~

Shut-ins

Raintree Manor
(415 Pace St., McMinnville, TN 37110)
Ruth Foster #510
Gordon Fults #101
Shirley Keith #308
Clara Roller #104
Morris Newby (Willie’s father)
Gary Ward (Winona Ward’s son) #118

NHC
(P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)
Winfrey Hennessee #412
Melba Hillis (Steve’s grandmother) #404B
Willene Kell #311

Webb House
(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110)
Wesley Sain #402

Prestige Assisted Living
(110 River Rd W, Loudon, TN 37774)
Dennis Eller

Home:
Wilma Chisam
Dennis Gann
Greg Grizzell
Ronnie Hamilton (Linda’s husband)
Joan Hillis
Daisy Maxwell
Kathy Neale (Chris’s mother)
Willus & Edith Roberts
Doris Settles (Zollie’s sister-in-law),
Jim Slatton
Buell Warren

Prepare Communion for 2017

There are only two months left on the list to prepare communion for 2017.

Monday Morning Bible Class

This coming Monday will begin the Monday Morning Bible Class for 2017. It is a class for all ages and both men and women and we would love to have more to study with us. Class starts at Hebrews 9:16.

Youth News

The next **BIBLE BOWL** takes place this Sunday and will be hosted by Main Street (Manchester.) The test will cover Ecclesiastes 1 – 4. We will have a study session this Sunday from noon to 1:30 pm.

The first **PEW PACKERS** of 2017 is this Sunday beginning at 5:00 pm and we’ll meet in the fellowship room. Our lessons this year will center on the book of Joshua. Our first lesson will is “Do Not Be Afraid.”

“**WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS**” on the foyer table.

UPCOMING:

Fri/Sun	1/13-1/15	EU & EU2
Sun.	1/22	TaBS @ Hillsboro
Wed.	1/25	H.E.Y.
Wed.	1/25	Birthday Wednesday
Thur.	1/26	NHC Devotional
Sun.	1/29	Home Devotional @ Keeles

Bible Verses - If Applied - That Will Help Us To Be Spiritually Happy In The New Year!

- “**H**ate the evil, and love the good...” – Amos 5:15
- “**A**bstain from all appearance of evil” – 1 Thess. 5:22
- “**P**ray without ceasing” – 1 Thess. 5:17
- “**P**onder the path of thy feet ...” – Proverbs 4:26
- “**Y**ield yourselves unto God...” – Romans 6:13

- “**N**ot forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another...” – Hebrews 10:24-25
- “**E**xamine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith...” – 2 Corinthians 13:5
- “**W**atch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong” – 1 Corinthians 16:13

- “**Y**ield your members servants to righteousness...” – Rom. 6:19
- “**E**xalt ye the Lord our God...” – Psalm 99:5
- “**A**dd to your faith virtue...” – 2 Peter 1:5-11
- “**R**emember the Words of the Lord...” – Acts 20:35

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Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Jeff McVey
First Prayer.....Paul Hurst
Reading.....Cory Prince
Scripture.....John 6:10-14
Lord's Table (N).....*Bobby Ashford
(S).....*Dale Bennett
(N).....Shannon Griffin
(N).....Caleb Graves
(N).....Darron Dixon
(S).....Jacob Griffin
(S).....Robert Elam
(S).....Dwight Barrett
Sermon.....*Bread of Life* - Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Zollie Settles

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Jeff McVey
First Prayer.....Kane Maynard
Reading.....Jared Mullican
Scripture.....Genesis 37:2-4
Lord's Table.....*Jeff Flatt
.....*Brandon Fuston
Sermon.....*Life & Times of Joseph* - Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Bob Cantrell

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....John David Keele
Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews
First Prayer.....Ricky Prince
Reading.....Aiden McVey
Invitation.....Larry Flatt
Dismiss.....Don Griffith

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Stanley & Jean Clendenon
P.M.....Stanley & Sherry Graves

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Prepare Communion:Michael Andrews Family
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Pantry Item:Tuna Fish

Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....325
Bible Study.....252
P.M. Worship.....230
Wednesday Bible Study.....196
Contribution.....\$8,410

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Juanita Oliver
Angie Jones (Mary Ashford's sister)
June Crouch
Doyle & Barbara Pryor (Bruce's parents)
Brenda Davis (Paul's wife)
Tommy Bonner (friend of Zollie Settles) - cancer

In The Hospital:
Winfrey Hennessee (shingles, in isolation) - NHC
Bill Brown - River Park #220
Morris Young (brother of our Farris Young) - surgery this week at St. Thomas West

Please help us keep the sick list up-to-date. If you know of someone sick or in the hospital, please inform the announcer or call the church office.

Sermon Topics

Sunday AMBread of Life
Sunday PM.Life & Times of Joseph

Role Models

“He who walks with wise men will be wise. But the companion of fools will be destroyed” (Proverbs 13:20, NKJV).

It has been said by some professional athletes that they desire not to be role models. When I hear this I marvel at the naiveté because each person is influential to some varying degree, and it can't be anything but this way. Thus we can't control whether or not we are influential, but we can control what others see and hear in us. The wise one gains wisdom from the wise, and the righteous one gains righteous wisdom from One who is the standard of righteousness (John 14:6). The fool, on the other hand, is also influential, but his influence not only destroys himself—it leads to the destruction of others who follow in his footsteps

~ Ron Thomas ~

Youth News

Congratulations to those who participated in **BIBLE BOWL**. Our team did not miss a question! Outstanding!!! The next test will cover Ecclesiastes chapter's 5-8. I want to issue a challenge to our youth group and parents. I love seeing the satisfaction in our youth as they accomplish their goal of coming in first place. However, here is my challenge. I would love to see us have 20+ for the next competition at Mt. Leo in February. It has been a while since we have had that many participate. Parents, will you help me encourage your kids to be a part? Thanks in advance!

Lord willing, 14 of us (8 high school youth, 5 college age, and myself) will head-out this Friday for Savannah, TN and **EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY** and **EU2**. This is not only one of our favorite events but I personally consider it one of our more important ones. Each person will be given opportunities to strengthen his or her faith, but especially gain confidence in evangelizing to their peers. I am so appreciative that our elders allow us this weekend and I humbly solicit your prayers for safe travels and a renewed commitment to be the ambassadors for Christ our Father calls us to be.

The next **TaBS** (TeenAge Bible Study) is Sunday, January 22nd. Hillsboro will be the host congregation and the assigned topic is Unity taken from the song “We Will Stand.” We will leave at 4:15 pm. Let's fill the bus!

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UPCOMING:
Wed. 1/25 H.E.Y.
Wed. 1/25 Birthday Wednesday
Thur. 1/26 NHC Devotional
Sun. 1/29 Home Devotional @ Keeles

Pride is the most peculiar disease known to humans. It makes nearly everybody sick except the one who has it.

“Him We Preach”

The religious world is characterized by confusion. Groups claiming allegiance to Jesus teach conflicting doctrines and engage in divergent practices. Tradition often trumps biblical authority. Nevertheless, Scripture steadfastly calls followers of Christ to be united. Paul's admonition to the Corinthians continues to ring clearly: “Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1 Corinthians 1:10 NKJV). Importantly, this unity is not empty; it is based upon truth. We unite by teaching and following God's plan. But where do we begin? Paul set the course in his letter to the Colossians by writing: “Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus” (Colossians 1:28). Notice two important thoughts from this text.

We must preach Jesus. Rather than basing our religious beliefs and practices upon man and his traditions, we must focus upon Jesus. We preach Jesus because He is the one who died for our sins; He is the one who enables us to have forgiveness. We must never become so focused upon today's messenger (or agenda) that we forget Jesus, for He warned: “He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day” (John 12:48). With our eyes, we must “see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone” (Hebrews 2:9). With our ears, we must listen to God's beloved Son, and “Hear Him!” (Matthew 17:5). If we do this properly, we will proclaim Him with our lips and follow Him with our lives (cf. Matthew 15:8).

Preaching Jesus requires us to both warn and teach. Although warning others is not always pleasant, it is necessary. Individuals must be told that they will stand before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10). At the same time, instruction must be given regarding how to obey and follow the Lord. As Paul told Timothy, the preacher must: “Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching” (2 Timothy 4:2). Ultimately, we must point men to the only hope of the world—Jesus Christ. Him we preach!

~ Chad Ramsey ~

(Chad will be preaching at our Gospel Meeting this year, April 9-12 of this year. For those of you who may not know, Chad grew up at Bybee Branch when his father Glenn was the preacher here.)

Try Harder

I'm convinced that many of us may not resist the temptation to sin as we should. It's not that we want to sin, for we don't. It's just that when temptation crosses our path, we don't fight it as though we were in a life or death struggle. We may resist, but the resistance is only token.

Not long ago, a friend of mine gave a lecture in which he raised the question, “What if every time we sinned, an ugly scar appeared upon our face? How much harder would we resist sin? Good question. None of us would like to have our faces scarred. Scars to our faces would be embarrassing,

affecting our relationships and our behavior. I'm sure we would tenaciously fight the temptation of sin if succumbing meant a big scar on our faces. You see where I'm going, right? Why should we fight harder to preserve our temporal flesh than we would to preserve our eternal soul? The fact that we can't see the scars sin leaves upon us doesn't mean they're not there. Friends, resist the temptation to sin, using not just a token resistance before you succumb, but a persistence that reflects a life and death struggle.

~ Steve Higginbotham ~

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Reading.....Chris Neale
Scripture.....TBA
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(S).....Keith Chilcutt
Sermon.....Allen Gauger
Dismiss.....Chris Snow

Sunday Evening Worship

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First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard
Reading.....Gordon Mayfield
Scripture.....TBA
Lord's Table.....*Randall Gann
.....*Stanley Graves
Sermon.....Allen Gauger
Dismiss.....Leonard Clemons

Wednesday Bible Study

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First Prayer.....Bruce Pryor
Reading.....Ken Martin
Invitation.....Jamie Brock
Dismiss.....Randy Griffith

Welcome Committee

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Pantry Item:Chicken Salad

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Paul & Brenda Davis
Tommy Bonner (friend of Zollie Settles) - cancer
Chris & Lori Snow (flu and strep throat)
Flossie Warren (test this Friday)

In The Hospital:

Winfrey Hennessee (shingles, in isolation) - NHC
Bill Brown - River Park #258
Morris Young (brother of our Farris Young) -
surgery next week at St. Thomas West
June Roberts (sister to Gail Crouch & Joe
Maynard) - Alive Hospice, #131, 1718
Patterson St, Nashville, TN 37203
Ronnie Hamilton will be having back surgery on
Feb. 1 and 6 at Centennial Medical Center

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Calvin Rogers, a long-time member at Bybee Branch. His funeral will be today (Tuesday) at Highs.

Sympathy also to the family of Lonnie Simons, brother-in-law of Eva Simons. His funeral is also today at Highs.

Sermon Topics

Sunday AM.....Guest Speaker:Alan Gauger
Sunday PM.Guest Speaker:Alan Gauger

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Terann Hillis Birdwell on Sunday, January 22, from 1-3 pm at the home of Jeff & Mary Flatt

Monday Morning Bible Class

The Monday Morning Bible Class would normally be scheduled for this coming Monday, January 23, but due to Tony being out of town it will be rescheduled for **Monday, January 30**. Please get the word to those attending from sister congregations.

Youth News

I am really going to miss attending **EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY**. The keynotes, lessons, singing, atmosphere, and serious attention to evangelistic matters make this one of the premier youth events in the kingdom. On the same note, **EU2** has become the same for college aged young adults. We were taught this year to be “All In” for what God has called us (Christians) to be on this earth, which are ambassadors for Jesus. Prayerful, we will be just that.

TaBS is this Sunday at the Hillsboro congregation. We will leave at 4:15. The topic is Unity from the song “We Will Stand.” Let’s fill the bus!

The 17th Annual **SPRING YOUTH RETREAT** is March 17-19 at Hy-Lake Christian Camp. Details are on the youth bulletin board. It will be a spectacular production.

The **PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP** (23rd edition) will be April 27-30 to Charlotte, NC. Details are on the youth bulletin board. It will be a most excellent adventure.

“**WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS**” on the foyer table.

UPCOMING:
Wed. 1/25 H.E.Y.
Wed. 1/25 Birthday Wednesday
Thur. 1/26 NHC Devotional
Sun. 1/29 Home Devotional @ Keeles

New Arrival

Congratulations to Dustin & Megan Pack on the birth of twin boys, Archer Lyle (6 lbs, 9 ozs, 20 inches) and Arlie Lynn (6 lbs, 8, ozs, 20 1/2 inches). They were born this past Tuesday.

When weighing the faults of others, be careful not to put your thumb on the scale!

Sunday Morning Worship (1/29/17)

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead SingingLarry Cook
First PrayerDavid Keele
ReadingJeff McVey
ScriptureJohn 7:40-43
Lord's Table (N)*David Chilton
(S)*W.C. Chilton
(N).....Junah Bouldin
(N).....Marty Boles
(N).....Dwight Barrett
(S)Jason Vandagriff
(S)Farris Young
(S).....Josh Templeton
Sermon..... Who Is This Jesus? Tony Lawrence
Dismiss..... Don Sullivan

Sunday Evening Worship (1/29/17)

Young Men To Conduct Services

Wednesday Bible Study (2/1/17)

Announcements.....Shannon Griffin
Lead SingingTim Fisher
First PrayerRodney Reynolds
ReadingJoe Collins
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Steve Hillis

Welcome Committee

A.M.Danny & Cynthia Duncan
P.M.Youth Group

Bus Driver:Paul Hurst (668-7088)
Ushers:Clent Kesey, Rodney Maynard, Stan Hillis
Attend Nursery:Kara Fuston
Pantry Item:Canned Peas
Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith

The Really Important People In Our Lives

There are important people in the lives of each one of us. Some are more important than others. Those who have loving families would count the families as being most important. In addition there are others whose lives have affected us to one extent or another. There may have been friends who encouraged us in time of doubt, a teacher who helped us learn a skill or a supervisor who inspired us to “reach for the stars.” As we look about us we see many important people, but recognize that their effect on our lives is only slight. Someone stated, “Nobody remembers who finishes second.” But how often do we remember the winners?

We probably couldn’t name the three richest men in America or the three top selling musical artists. The reason the naming of these people are so difficult is because they do not affect us in our daily lives. We may hear about them but the applause ends the achievements are forgotten.

Contrast those people with the people who have taught us God’s word, the teacher who helped us learn to read and those who encouraged us when we were down. The people who are really important in our lives are not those who have the banner headlines, but those who care enough about us to involve themselves in our lives.

The lesson is clear...strive to be important in the lives of others by helping them to know God’s word. The apostle Paul reminds us, “...by love serve one another.” (Gal. 5:13).

~ from the Lithia Springs church of Christ bulletin ~

Elders-Deacons Meetings

The quarterly Elders-Deacons Meeting will be Sunday evening, January 29, at 5 pm.

Men’s General Business Meeting

The quarterly Men’s General Business Meeting will be Sunday evening, January 29, following services.

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead SingingPaul Hurst
First PrayerKane Maynard
Reading.....Dale Bennett
ScriptureTBA
Lord's Table (N).....*Larry Flatt
(S)*Brandon Fuston
(N)David Roberts
(N)Eugene Wilcher
(N)Jason Vandagriff
(S)Justin Griffin
(S)Garett Woodside
(S)Farris Young
Sermon.....Aaron Ownbey
DismissCory Prince

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead SingingPaul Hurst
First PrayerRicky Prince
Reading.....Joe Collins
ScripturePsalms 66:18-21
Lord's Table*Ronnie Hoover
.....*Ken Martin
SermonTony Lawrence
DismissEddie Palmer

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Shannon Griffin
Lead SingingTim Fisher
First PrayerJosh Templeton
Reading.....Robert Elam
InvitationLarry Flatt
DismissNoel Pepper

Welcome Committee

A.M.Matthew Woodside Family
P.M.Rickey & Maggie Hurst

Bus Driver:Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

Ushers:Tommy Crouch, Darron Dixon, Herb Rowland
Attend Nursery:.....Deborah Gann
Un/Lock Building:Jimmy Cunningham/Dwight Barrett
Prepare Communion:Rickey & Maggie Hurst
Assist Baptisms: Elaine Hoover & Gail Crouch

Pantry Item:Canned Peas

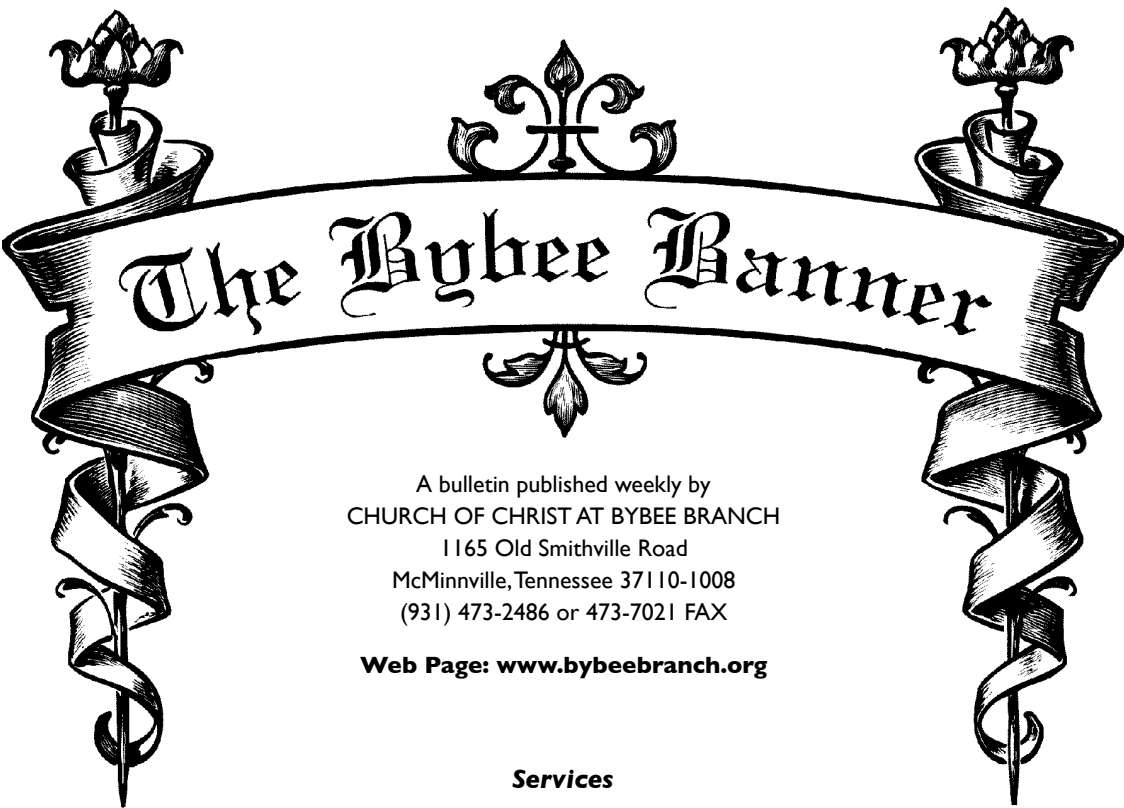
Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan

Record For The Week...

	1/22	1/29
A.M. Worship	346	285
Bible Study.....	261	250
P.M. Worship.....	207	200
Wednesday Bible Study	206	197
Contribution	\$7,364	\$6,814

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Sick & Shut-in

At Home:

Paul & Brenda Davis
Tommy Bonner (friend of Zollie Settles) - cancer
Doyle Pryor
Nell Kiefer (Jean Ware’s sister) - fell and
dislocated shoulder
Morris Newby (Willie’s dad)

In The Hospital:

Juanita Oliver - River Park #211
Winfrey Hennessee (shingles, in isolation) - NHC
Bill Brown - River Park #258
Morris Young (brother of our Farris Young) - St.
Thomas West #548
June Roberts (sister to Gail Crouch & Joe
Maynard) - Alive Hospice, #131, 1718
Patterson St, Nashville, TN 37203
Ronnie Hamilton will be having back surgery
Wednesday at Centennial Medical Center
Rachel Pepper (Frankie Hobbs granddaughter) -
surgery for a brain tumor on Feb. 16.

Sermon Topics

Sunday AMGuest Speaker:Aaron Ownbey
Sunday PM.Questions & Answers

Welcome

We welcome to Bybee Branch the Woodside fami-
ly, Matthew, Chancy, Garrett, and Justice. 120 Ben
Lomand Dr., McMinnville, TN 37110, We also wel-
come Morgan Young.

Different Attitudes Toward Faith

Some Welcome It (Acts 8:31-32; 10:33)
Some Receive It (John 12:48)
Some Obey It (1 Pet. 1:22;Acts 17:10-12)
Some Do Not Love It (2 Thess. 2:10-12)
Some Resist It (2 Tim. 3:8)
Some Turn Away From It (2 Tim. 4:3-4)
Some Speak Evil of It (2 Pet. 2:1-3)

~copied ~

Youth News

The next **BIBLE BOWL** is this Sunday and will
be hosted by Mt. Leo. We will have a study session
after class on Sunday beginning at noon and then
head to the competition. If you can’t make the
study session, just be at Mt. Leo by 1:45. The chap-
ters to know are Ecclesiastes 5 – 8.

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ticipation application.

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UPCOMING:

Sun. 2/12 Pew Packers
Sun. 2/19 TaBS
Wed. 2/22 H.E.Y.
Wed. 2/22 Birthday Wednesday
Thur. 2/23 NHC Devo

Speaking This Sunday

The elders have invited the Aaron Ownbey family
to be with us this Sunday morning to interview for
the position of working with the youth. Aaron will
preach at the Sunday AM service. Below is a short
note from Aaron:

*I was born in Rome Georgia in 1985. Graduated from
Hiram High School in 2003 and we are 5 months
away from graduating from the Memphis School of
Preaching. Lindsay graduated from South Cobb High
School and then went on to the University of West
Georgia and graduated as an art major. Lindsay and I
met through mutual friends and began dating in April
of 2006. Then in April of 2010 we were married and
then God blessed us with Jacob in December 2013.
We are excited to announce that we are expecting a
baby girl in June. God has blessed us in so many ways
and we are thankful and excited to worship with you.*

February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Billy Pinegar Shannon Griffin	30 Robert Elam	31 Ronnie Prince	1 John David Keele	2	3	4
5 Jesse Jones Bible Bowl at Mt. Leo 2 PM	6 HAROLD & TERE- SA MCGIN- NESS	7 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 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	14 Joe Maynard Linda Fults STAN & SANDRA HILLIS	15 Ronnie Hamilton	16 Dickie Kesey Emma Neale	17 Daisy Maxwell DARRON & KIRSTIE DIXON	18 Nona Martin RONNIE & ELAINE HOOVER
19 Brandon Fuston Mark Lawrence	20	21 Avie Clemons Jimmy Cunningham	22 Isabella Pennington	23 Jayla Hudson Leah Jones NHC Devo 6:30 PM	24	25
26 Madison Roller	27 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	28 Becky Moody	1 Eddie Palmer Kirstie Dixon	2	3 Melissa Brock	4

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Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First PrayerJeff McVey
Reading.....Marty Boles
ScriptureJohn 8:10-11
Lord's Table (N).....*Randall Gann
(S)*Stanley Graves
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(N)Matthew Woodside
(N).....Derick Pennington
(S).....Brian Moody
(S).....Jared Mullican
(S).....Ezra Dixon
Sermon *Stone Throwers* Tony Lawrence
DismissRonnie Prince

Sunday Evening Worship

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Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First Prayer.....Bruce Pryor
ReadingLarry Cook
ScriptureMatthew 26:36-39
Lord's Table*John David Keele
.....*David Keele
Sermon *In the Garden* Tony Lawrence
DismissHerb Rowland

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First Prayer.....Tommy Turner
ReadingJustin Randolph
InvitationDon Sullivan
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Pantry Item:Canned Chicken

Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons

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Bible Study266
P.M. Worship203
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Juanita Oliver

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Buell Warren - River Park #204
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Ronnie Hamilton - Centennial Medical Center
Rachel Pepper (Frankie Hobbs granddaughter) -
surgery for a brain tumor on Feb. 16.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of
Daylan Scout Sullivan, grandson of our Clara Scott.
His funeral was this past Sunday.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to the fam-
ily of Avice Colwell, sister of our Lynder Holmes.
Her arrangements are incomplete.

Sermon Topics

Sunday AM.....Stone Throwers
Sunday PM.In The Garden

Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower in honor of Rachel
Lewyckyj on Sunday afternoon February 19, from
1-3 pm at the home of David & Penny Keele.

Seen on Church Signs:

“Church is like fudge... sweet, with a few nuts!”

“Our Church is Prayer Conditioned!”

“Lost? Try GPS – God’s Plan of Salvation!”

Shut-ins

Raintree Manor
(415 Pace St., McMinnville, TN 37110)
Gordon Fults #101
Shirley Keith #308
Clara Roller #104
Gary Ward #118

NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)
Bill Ashford (Bobby’s brother) #113
Winfrey Hennessee #412
Melba Hillis (Steve’s grandmother) #404B
Willene Kell #311
Morris Newby (Willie’s father) #251
Morris Young (brother of our Farris Young)

Webb House

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110)
Wesley Sain #402

Home:

Wilma Chisam (at her sons’s home)
Dennis Gann
Greg Grizzell
Joan Hillis
Daisy Maxwell
Kathy Neale (Chris’s mother)
Willus & Edith Roberts
Doris Settles (Zollie’s sister-in-law),

Youth News

Congratulations to our students for another suc-
cessful **BIBLE BOWL** competition. We finished
in second place missing only one question. The
final test will cover Ecclesiastes 9-12.

The **PEW PACKERS** will meet this Sunday, be-
ginning at 5:00, in the fellowship room.

We will have a **SPRING YOUTH RETREAT**
meeting this Sunday immediately following evening
worship to go over a few details and to answer
any questions any of you may have.

What Are You Looking For?

Brother Smith went to worship one Sunday morning.
He heard the song leader miss a note, and he
winched. He saw a teenager talking when everybody
was supposed to be bowed in prayer. He felt like the
brother who was passing the offering plate was
watching to see how much he was putting in the
plate and it made him mad. He caught the preacher
making a slip of the tongue five times in his sermon
by actually counting. As he slipped out the side door
during the closing hymn, he muttered to himself,
“Never again! What a bunch of clods and
hypocrites!”

Brother Jones went to worship on the same Sunday
morning. The congregation sang “When All of God’s
Singers Get Home”, and he was thrilled to the
majesty of it. He was glad to hear that the church
was taking up a special offering for the mission work
in Nigeria. He especially appreciated the sermon that
Sunday...it answered a question that had bothered
him for a long time. He thought as walked out the
front doors shaking hands with everyone, “How can
a man come here and not feel the presence of God?”

Both men went to the same congregation on the
same Sunday morning. Each found what he was look-
ing for. What will you be looking for this Sunday?

~copied~

From the Beginning: Male and Female

Responding to the Pharisees’ question concerning
marriage, Jesus declared: “Have you not read that
He who made them at the beginning made them
male and female” (Matthew 19:4). Besides power-
fully confirming the inspiration and authenticity of
the creation account of Genesis 1-2, Jesus’ state-
ment sets forth a foundational principle: God did
not allow the individuals He created to identify
with the gender of their choice. Instead, “God cre-
ated man in His own image; in the image of God He
created him; male and female He created
them” (Genesis 1:27). One’s gender is not a mat-
ter of preference. Neither is one’s gender deter-
mined by culture.

Despite the testimony of both Genesis 1:27 and
Matthew 19:4 that gender was set by God at cre-

ation, some in our postmodern world have decided
otherwise. Businesses feel compelled to introduce
gender-inclusive restroom policies. Politicians go
out of their way to distance themselves from any-
thing that could be construed as resembling a dis-
criminatory practice against the gender confused.
All the while, individuals who simply believe and
advocate what Scripture teaches about gender are
dismissed as small-minded or branded as bigots.

Christians who have witnessed this unfathomable
shift in society wonder how individuals could ever
have become so confused. Nevertheless, these
same people continue to feed on the propaganda
distributed by our secular media and view shows
where individuals struggling with gender issues are
painted in a favorable, sympathetic light. Even if this
does not break down the convictions of the spiri-
tually mature (and it does more damage that most
people are aware of), it certainly softens the views
the younger generation.

Additionally, some of the same individuals who
would never consider the possibility of living in a
genderless society, which is the ultimate destination
of the current agenda, have ventured down this
road in matters pertaining to church leadership.
Congregations that allow women to serve in the
public worship of the church and that advocate an
egalitarian approach to church government dismiss
the very principle they must rely on to establish
gender exclusivity. One cannot consistently argue
that gender is bound because it traces its origin to
the creation and at the same time argue that lead-
ership within the church is a cultural issue, for the
apostle Paul bound the latter to creation as well.
Explaining his injunction regarding the role of
women in the assembly, he wrote: “For Adam was
formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not de-
ceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into
transgression” (1 Timothy 2:13-14).

Certain matters are tied to the creation of man. As
such, they remain unchangable. Our task is not to
alter but to honor what God has done.

~ Chad Ramsey ~
Chad will be conducting our Gospel Meeting
April 9-12, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First PrayerMike Mullins
Reading.....Bob Cantrell
ScriptureJohn 8:10-11
Lord's Table (N)*Don Griffith
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Doyle Pryor
Juanita Oliver
June Crouch
Bill Brown
Bill Ashford (Bobby’s brother) at home with cancer

In The Hospital:

Winfrey Hennessee is back in his room at NHC
after being in River Park for pneumonia
Buell Warren - moved to NHC
June Roberts (sister to Gail Crouch & Joe
Maynard) - Alive Hospice, #131, 1718
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Ronnie Hamilton - moved to River Park Rehab
Rachel Pepper (Frankie Hobbs granddaughter) -
surgery for a brain tumor on Feb. 16.
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford’s sister) - Raintree
#225, complications from surgery may
require another surgery

There are several others likely who are not listed
but are under the weather at home. Please
remember to pray for all the sick and the family
providing them care.

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We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of
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Youth News

The next **TaBS** is this Sunday hosted by Grundy
Street (Tullahoma.) We will need to leave our
building by 4:00 pm. The topic will be “Forgive-
ness” based off the song Amazing Love. Really hop-
ing for a bus load!

I cannot wait for **SPRING YOUTH RE-
TREAT @** Camp Hy-Lake!! The spots are really
going fast, so please get registered and don’t be
left out. Remember: Everyone that plans to spend
the weekend MUST complete a Registration Form
(youth group, Alumni, or any other adults). Also, we
have a very strict cut-off date of Sunday, March 5th.
However, you do NOT have to wait till the 5th.
Register now!!!!

Don’t forget that our **PROM ALTERNATIVE
TRIP** is April 27-30 and we are headed to Char-
lotte, NC. Among the many things we will be doing
is hiking at Chimney Rock Park, white water raft-
ing at the United States White Water Rafting Cen-
ter (where the Olympians train!), and some of the
best roller coasters you will ever ride at Para-
mount Carowinds. The trip is for high school
youth and friends. This will be a most excellent 4
days and 3 nights of adventure. See me for regis-
tration.

UPCOMING:

Wed. 2/22 H.E.Y.
Wed. 2/22 Birthday Wednesday
Thur. 2/23 NHC Devotional

Something To Think About

“Worry is the dark room in which negatives are
developed.”

“Anger is a condition in which the tongue works
faster than the mind.”

“If anyone speaks badly of you, live so that none
will believe it.”

“A person is never so empty as when he is full of
self.”

“To belittle is to be little.”

Sound Doctrine

As many of you can attest, being sick is no fun. It always seems more debilitating when it is you who has the illness and the symptoms seem magnified. One begins the process of trying to ascertain where he got the illness and what might have been done to prevent it. Sometimes one begins to try to figure out how to get relief from the symptoms but its only when one attacks the disease that the symptoms will begin to disappear.

Spiritual sickness is much like physical sickness, much of it is preventable. Like physical sickness the symp-
toms often draw more attention than the source of the illness. Thus, what will follow are some ideas that
are taken from approaches to physical illness that can be applied to spiritual illnesses. It is not insignifi-
cant that the term “sound doctrine” literally means “healthy teaching.” (cf. 1 Tim 1:10; 2 Tim 4:3; Titus 1:9;
2:1)

Inoculation – One of the most effective means of preventing diseases has been the discovery of im-
munizations. Vaccines usually the method involves introduction of a very small amount of the illness in a
controlled environment to allow the body to develop a resistance. In the Bible often false teachings are
discussed in a controlled event in order to prevent future acceptance. “104 Through Your precepts I get
understanding; Therefore I hate every false way. 11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin
against You.” Psalms 119:104, 11 NKJV. Preachers will often preach against false teaching (or any sin) so
that when presented with the temptation they may be able to resist it.

Isolation – It seems only logical that once one identifies the source of a communicable illness to iso-
late it/them so it/they do not contaminate the others. This explains why the local school officials called
of school for a couple days to prevent further spread of an illness. False teachers and false teaching must
be contained lest they infect others with their false teaching. When speaking about the role of elders,
Paul said, “10 For there are many insubordinate, both idle talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circum-
cision, 11 whose mouths must be stopped, who subvert whole households, teaching things which they ought not,
for the sake of dishonest gain.” Titus 1:10–11 NKJV. John went on to say, “9 Whosoever goeth onward and
abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Fa-
ther and the Son. 10 If any one cometh unto you, and bringeth not this teaching, receive him not into your house,
and give him no greeting: 11 for he that giveth him greeting partaketh in his evil works.” 2 John 1:9-11 ASV.

Eradication – The only permanent solution is to eradicate the source of the illness. The two previous
approaches focused on *prevention* but how must one respond after the disease has taken hold? Many
think the proper approach is to just treat the symptoms. The truth is that one often has to take medi-
cine (e.g. an antibiotic) to kill the infection. “9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he
may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict. 13 This testimony is true. There-
fore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,” Titus 1:9, 13 NKJV. There can be no compro-
mise with sin. “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.” Eph-
esians 5:11 NKJV.

I want to be healthy and presume so does everyone else. This illness will pass (I only wish sooner rather
than later). I am so thankful for the existence of medicines that help me overcome the illness. I am
thankful for the Sound Doctrine and what it can do in preventing spiritual sickness and for the healing
my soul.

Tony Lawrence

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Lead SingingJeff McVey
First Prayer.....Willie Newby
Reading.....Leonard Clemons
ScriptureJohn 8:32
Lord's Table (N)*Steve Hillis
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Dismiss.....Norman Sain

Sunday Evening Worship

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First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard
Reading.....Ethan Duncan
Scripture.....Matthew 27:1-2
Lord's Table*Gordon Mayfield
.....*Shannon Griffin
Sermon..... *In Pilate's Hall* Tony Lawrence
DismissRay Weddington

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Lead SingingJohn David Keele
First PrayerBobby Ashford
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InvitationDavid Keele
Dismiss.....Stanley Clendenon

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Farris Young (following surgery)
Rachel Pepper (Frankie Hobbs granddaughter) - following surgery
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford’s sister) - at son’s home

In The Hospital:
Randall Fuston (Brandon’s father) - St. Thomas West with the flu
Ronnie Hamilton - moved to River Park Rehab #256
Morris Newby (Willie’s father) - Raintree
Jacob Connor (friend of Matthew Woodside) - St. Thomas West following stroke

Sympathy
We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of June Roberts, sister of our Gail Crouch and Joe Maynard. Her funeral was this past Thursday.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Buell Warren, long time member at Bybee Branch. His funeral was this past Saturday.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Tommy Bonner, good friend of our Zollie Settles. His services are scheduled for this Saturday.

Sermon Topics
Sunday AM.....The Truth Will Set You Free
Sunday PM.In Pilate’s Hall



Youth News
H.E.Y. and BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY are this Wednesday night (2/22.)

The next NHC DEVOTIONAL is this Thursday (2/23.) We will begin at 6:30 and finish around 7:00. Please come join us.

The keynote addresses will incorporate Biblical principles from the lives of Superman, Batman, and Captain America. The Bible classes will teach on Superhero characteristics such as courage, a strong moral code, a high tolerance for pain, a sense of responsibility, a willingness to fight, and extraordinary (supernatural) powers by looking at the lives of Biblical people that exemplified these traits. (Taught by Alumni!) The chapel talks will center on Spiderman and Daredevil. (Given by BBYG seniors!) The singing will be inspirational (especially the Light’s Out Singing!) as we sing all the favorites. Yes, certain kids will be escorted to a “box.” Games of various challenges and skills will be played. The food will be soooooooooo delicious and filling! Oh, and let’s not forget the Talent Show. These activities and events are but some of the amazing things that will be taking place from March 17 to 19 at Camp Hy-Lake for SPRING YOUTH RETREAT. The lodge will house 30 boys and 30 girls and truly is starting to fill-up. Please don’t wait to register. Remember: Everyone that plans to spend the weekend MUST complete a Registration Form (youth group & friends, Alumni, or any other chaperones/adults.) March 5th is the cut-off, but you do NOT have to wait till then. Register now!!!!

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The Christian’s Self-Image
Addressing His disciples, Jesus declared: “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me” (Matthew 16:24 NKJV). Although our Lord’s words are not hard to understand, genuine application is rarely found in a culture where individuals seek to draw rather than divert attention. This failure is easily explained, for many live with a sense of entitlement. Instead of appreciating the need to be selfless and subsequently devoted to following Jesus, individuals openly emphasize (and perhaps embellish) their accomplishments, abilities and status in an effort to gain a following. Sadly, this is just the opposite of what Jesus desires. He did not embrace the self-important; but He did proclaim: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:3).

Developing the humility required to be counted among the “poor in spirit,” or the resolve to deny one’s selfish desires and interests in favor of following Jesus, is a requirement for Christians. Even so, this is easier said than done in a culture increasingly given to self-promotion. In part, this is because priorities are misaligned. Being the recipient of service is valued over serving; obtaining what one wants is glamorized, especially if those things somehow make the person appear superior to others. Attention, or more appropriately, the acceptance and validation mass attention brings, is the goal, regardless of the price.

Self-promotion is a ubiquitous tool in the quest for acceptance on social media platforms. Individuals tend to post only things that draw rave reviews and secure many “likes.” If virtual approval does not come as quickly (or as broadly) as anticipated, the individual wonders why. This potentially leads to the creation of a new, hopefully more popular, persona. But rather than bringing satisfaction, such only cements the process of self-absorption.

Authenticity is replaced by fantasy, or at the very least, an edited and dressed-up version of reality. Lies are promoted in order to gain likes. This

quest for approval never ends. Like the wise man, who looked for meaning in life in a variety of physical pursuits (cf. Ecclesiastes 2:11), the one who constantly requires affirmation from others will ultimately experience only emptiness and frustration. All the while, jealousy and loneliness lurk near by.

Only when one adheres to the instructions of Jesus in Matthew 16:24 will true satisfaction result. We must join Augustine (354-430 A.D.), who in his *Confessions* famously acknowledged to God: “Our hearts are restless, until they can find rest in you.” A biblical self-image is only developed by following the advice of the wise man: “Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

~ Chad Ramsey ~

Chad will be conducting our Gospel Meeting this year on April 9-12

“Getting Through the Valleys of Life”
We find ourselves sometimes close to God and at other times distant, sometimes disciplined and at other times lax, sometimes taking our faith seriously and other times unaware that there is a battle, and sometimes fighting temptation and at other times giving in. In those low times we may even forget our own souls and that there is a lost and dying world out there that needs the gospel of love and grace.

We must be careful not to be lulled into spiritual sleep, to allow our souls to drift from the message we have heard (Hebrews 2:1). The gospel is a message of good news that refreshes the heart and life. Let us not grow weary in doing good, for we know that we shall reap in due season, if we faint not (Galatians 6:9).

~ copied from The Fountain of Life ~
Lithia Springs Church of Christ

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead SingingCaleb Graves
First PrayerJamie Brock
Reading.....Kane Maynard
ScriptureJohn 9:31-33
Lord's Table (N).....*Dale Bennett
(S)*Willie Newby
(N)Jason Vandagriff
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DismissStanley Graves

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Reading.....Noel Pepper
ScriptureMark 9:10
Lord's Table*Ray Weddington
.....*Matthew Woodside
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DismissPaul Hurst

Wednesday Bible Study

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Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
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Randall Fuston (Brandon’s father)
Ronnie Hamilton

In The Hospital:

Wesley Sain - River Park ICU
Morris Newby (Willie’s father) - St.Thomas Rutherford
James Tucker (Donna Newby’s father) NHC/ Nashville
Mark Bailey (Phyllis Bailey’s brother) - Dennison TX
Bill Brown - Raintree #509

New Arrival

Congratulations to Terran & Tyler Birdwell on the birth of a baby boy, Clark William Birdwell, 7lbs 6 Oz 20 1/2 long. Proud grandparents are Steve & Sharla Hillis, and great-grandparents are W.C. & Nelma Chilton

Sermon Topics

Sunday AM.....Blind, Badgered Believer
Sunday PM.Questions & Answers

Let Me See

Let me look straight ahead,
Where Jesus walks and leads;
Let eyes not veer aside, instead,
From blessed and perfect deeds.

Lord, let me see how I may serve
In mercy's exercise;
With heaven's sight may I observe
With wise and loving eyes.

~ J. Randal Matheny ~

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Study God’s Word

Please study your Bible, and this is why...

40% of our brotherhood attends only one service each week.

50% do not know why we do not use instrumental music in worship.

35% of the above 50% would not mind the use of instrumental music in worship.

10% believe that one church is as good as another.

90% do not subscribe to a religious publication.

75% cannot find the plan of salvation in the Bible.

Most of this comes from a lack of knowledge, but much of it can be attributed to the indifference of members in general to study God’s word. The sad thing about the whole matter is that the people who need to study the Bible the most are the ones who study it the least at home and will not attend the Bible classes with the saints.

~selected~

March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Madison Roller	27	28 Becky Moody	1 Eddie Palmer Kirstie Dixon	2	3 Melissa Brock	4
5 Darron Dixon Mitchell Ferrell Tommy Crouch Bible Bowl 2 PM	6 Ben Biles Flossie Warren Penny Keele	7 David McColloch	8 DEREK & MIRAN- DA VINSON Rance McBride	9	10	11 Tim Gann
12 Rickey Hurst	13 Adry Snow Aryn Snow STEVE & ANGIE CALDWELL Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am	14	15 Farris Young	16	17 Jeff Elam Lynder Holmes	18 Kaitlyn Thaxton KEN & NONA MAR- TIN Spring Youth Retreat
19 Tyler Rutledge	20	21	22 Becky Maynard JOE & BECKY MAYNARD Wanda Carter	23 Ashlynn Graves Cameron Chilcutt Chancy Woodside Doris Smith NHC Devotional 6:30 PM	24 BRIAN & BECKY MOODY Wilma Chism	25 Aimee Bielling Aralen McVey Melinda Martin
26 Annaston McBride Clara Scott Ella Faith Kesey Lola Barrett	27 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am	28 JOE & JAMIE ROLLER JOHN & JUDY NUSSBAUM	29 Derek Vinson	30	31 Bo Gentry Ayers Delanie Sullivan Easton Randolph	1 JIMMY & IVA CUN- NINGHAM

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ScriptureJohn 10:10
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First PrayerJeff Flatt
ReadingNorman Sain
InvitationLeonard Clemons
DismissKen Martin

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- Juanita Oliver
- June Crouch
- Farris Young (following surgery)
- Rachel Pepper (Frankie Hobbs granddaughter) - following surgery
- Ronnie Hamilton
- Morris Newby (Willie's father)

In The Hospital:

- Paul Davis - Parthenon Pavilion

Shut-ins

Raintree Manor

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- Gordon Fults #101
- Shirley Keith #308
- Clara Roller #104
- Gary Ward #118
- Bill Brown #509

NHC

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

- Winfrey Hennessee #412
- Melba Hillis (Steve's grandmother) #404B
- Willene Kell #311
- Morris Young (brother of our Farris Young)
- Wesley Sain

Home:

- Bill Ashford (Bobby's brother)
- Wilma Chisam (at her sons's home)
- Dennis Gann
- Greg Grizzell
- Joan Hillis
- Daisy Maxwell
- Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)
- Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister, at son's home)
- Willus & Edith Roberts
- Doris Settles (Zollie's sister-in-law),

Youth News

I'm so thankful for those who participated in the **BIBLE BOWL** this year. For the final competition we finished in 1st place. In the overall competition we landed in 3rd place. Not bad!

The **PEW PACKERS** next class will be this Sunday, March 12th, in the Fellowship Room. We will start at 5:00 pm.

Our monthly **HOME DEVOTIONAL** will be hosted by the Templetons this Sunday night immediately following worship.

SPRING YOUTH RETREAT @ Hy-Lake is a BBYG tradition that is very cherished and much needed. As of the writing of this, there are only 11 days till SYR. Also, if you plan on eating with us on Friday and/or Saturday night, please sign the sheet on the youth bulletin board so enough food can be prepared. A \$5.00 donation is requested to dine with us. We will meet together on Wednesday, March 15th, for "SYR: Fire Up!" This will allow for one last time to go over rules and expectations, sing songs, and talk about the lessons we'll hear.

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Thur.	3/23	NHC Devotional
Wed.	3/29	Birthday Wednesday

Daylight Saving Time

Be sure to set your clocks ahead Saturday evening so you will not be late for services on Sunday morning. Daylight Saving Time begins this Sunday, March 12.



Bybee Branch Gospel Meeting

Our Gospel Meeting is only 4 weeks away from this Sunday. It will be great to have Chad back at Bybee Branch after having grown up here as a child. Chad's parents, Glenn and Judy Ramsey worked at Bybee Branch from 1976-1985. Chad has been a great servant in the Lord's Kingdom. He preached at the West Sparta church of Christ before moving to the Gloster Street church of Christ in Tupelo, MS where he has served since 2003. Chad is in great demand for lectures and Gospel Meetings.

He and his wife Beverly have three children: Johnson, Anna Mae, and Jake Franklin. Chad is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University (B.A., History), Tennessee Bible College (B.A., Bible; M.A., Christian Doctrine and Apologetics), and the University of Mississippi (M.A., Philosophy). Chad obtained a Master of Divinity degree from FHU in 2013. He is the author of two books, *Reasons to Believe: A Survey of Christian Evidences*; and *In God's Image: A Study of the Nature of Man*. He also writes Bible class curriculum for Gospel Advocate Company.

Don't forget that there are postcards to advertise the Gospel Meeting on the table in the lobby. You can either hand deliver these or they can be mailed at the postcard rate.

Gospel Meetings

East End church of Christ, March 12-15, services at 7 pm with Don Blackwell preaching.

Bethany church of Christ, March 19-22, services at 7 pm with Alan Adams preaching.

West Sparta church of Christ, April 2-6, services at 7 pm with James Rogers preaching.

Family Bible School

The Unity church of Christ will host a Family Bible School on Saturday, March 18, 9-11 am. Theme: The Story of Nehemiah. Harold Cook will be the adult class teacher.

Sermon Topics

Sunday AMThe Good Shepherd
Sunday PM.Up From The Grave

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of James Lindy Tucker, father of our Donna Newby. Visitation is 4-8 pm Tuesday at Humphreys County Funeral Home in Waverly, TN.

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(N).....Kurt Maynard
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First PrayerEthan Duncan
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ScriptureMatthew 5:13
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.....*Doug Hendrixson
Sermon..... *Salty Christians* Tony Lawrence
DismissRonnie Hoover

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Prepare Communion:Micah & Amy Lawrence
Assist Baptisms: .. Avie Clemons & Stefanie McColloch

Pantry Item:Pancake Mix

Elder Closing Remarks:Stanley Graves

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....314
Bible Study233
P.M. Worship210
Wednesday Bible Study195
Contribution\$8,434

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At Home:
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Susan Pryor
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In The Hospital:
none known

Gospel Meetings
East End church of Christ, March 12-15, ser-
vices at 7 pm with Don Blackwell preaching.

Arlington church of Christ, March 19-22, ser-
vices at 7 pm (7:30 Sunday) with John Anderson
preaching.

Bethany church of Christ, March 19-22, ser-
vices at 7 pm with Alan Adams preaching.

West Sparta church of Christ, April 2-6, ser-
vices at 7 pm with James Rogers preaching.

Family Bible School
The Unity church of Christ will host a Family Bible
School on Saturday, March 18, 9-11 am. Theme: The
Story of Nehemiah. Harold Cook will be the adult
class teacher.

Sermon Topics
Sunday AM.....Tell Us Plainly
Sunday PM.Salty Christians

Work Day
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be a work day on Saturday, March 25, beginning at
8 am. If you cannot come that day there is a list of
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that task. Rain out date will be April 8.

Youth News
I’m so If the Lord grants us a few more days, our
youth will assemble at Hy-Lake Christian Camp this
Friday for the 17th **SPRING YOUTH RETREAT**
(16 of which have been at Hy-Lake.). SYR has become
arguably the most anticipated event the B.B.Y.G. par-
ticipates in. I never envisioned back in 2001 that our
dream would turn in to such a blessing. I request from
Bybee Branch that you petition God on our behalf for
a safe and prosperous retreat. We want to provide for
each student the opportunity for a spiritual birth,
renewal, and/or growth through lessons they will hear.
Parents, talk to your kids before we leave for Hy-Lake.
The real possibility exists that they may be thinking
about obeying the gospel and a certain lesson will
provide the incentive for your son or daughter to do
just that. If that is the case, talk about the Ethiopian
Treasurer (Acts 8) and how he did not wait, but was
baptized the moment he knew he needed to. Help us
by reminding your kids to not bring any thing that
could be considered an outside hindrance, but do
bring their Bible. We have several things planned, but
our central responsibility is to teach the word of God.
Please help us in this endeavor by keeping unneces-
sary distractions away from camp.

The next **TaBS** will be hosted by Central this Sunday,
March 19th, beginning at 5:00 pm. We will not take
the bus, so everyone is to meet at Central by 5:00.

Don’t forget that our **PROM ALTERNATIVE
TRIP** is April 27-30 and we are headed to Charlotte,
NC. Among the many things we will be doing is hik-
ing at Chimney Rock Park, white water rafting at the
United States White Water Rafting Center (where the
Olympians train!), and some of the best roller coast-
ers you will ever ride at Paramount Carowinds. The
trip is for high school youth and friends. This will be a
most excellent 4 days and 3 nights of adventure. See
me for registration.

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table.

UPCOMING:
Thur. 3/23 NHC Devotional
Wed. 3/29 Birthday Wednesday

Memorandum

TO:
Jesus, Son of Joseph
Woodcrafter Carpenter Shop
Nazareth

FROM:
Jordan Management Consultants
Jerusalem

Dear Sir:

Thank you for submitting the resumes of the twelve men you have picked for management positions in
your new organization. All of them have now taken our battery of tests; we have not only run the results
through our computer, but also arranged personal interviews for each of them with our psychologist and
vocational aptitude consultant.

It is the staff opinion that most of your nominees are lacking in background, education and vocational
aptitude for the type of enterprise you are undertaking. They do not have the team concept. We would
recommend that you continue your search for persons of experience in managerial ability and proven
capability.

Simon Peter is emotionally unstable and given to fits of temper. Andrew has absolutely no qualities of
leadership. The two brothers, James and John, the sons of Zebedee, place personal interest above compa-
ny loyalty. Thomas demonstrates a questioning attitude that would tend to undermine morale.

We feel that it is our duty to tell you that Matthew has been blacklisted by the Greater Jerusalem Better
Business Bureau. James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus definitely have radical leanings, and they both
registered a high score on the manic depressive scale.

One of the candidates, however, shows great potential. He is a man of ability and resourcefulness, meets
people well, has a keen business mind and has contacts in high places. He is highly motivated, ambitious
and responsible. We recommend Judas Iscariot as your controller and right-hand man. All of the other
profiles are self-explanatory.

We wish you every success in your new venture.

Sincerely yours,
Jordan Management Consultants.

Don’t forget to pick up the post-
cards for the Gospel Meeting and
mail them to your family and
friends!



Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First PrayerRickey Hurst
Reading.....Mike Mullins
Scripture.....John 11:40-44
Lord's Table (N)*Bruce Pryor
(S).....*Herb Rowland
(N).....Mitchell Ferrell
(N).....Ryan McColloch
(N).....Harold McGinness
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(S).....Derrick Pennington
(S).....Kenny Dillard
Sermon *Lazarus, Come Forth!* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Steve Hillis

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First PrayerWillard Dunlap
ReadingCory Prince
ScriptureJames 1:5
Lord's Table*Don Sullivan
.....*Jeff Templeton
Sermon *Prayer and Things* Tony Lawrence
DismissRoger Cook

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Aidan McVey
Lead Singing.....Joe Collins
First Prayer.....Randall Gann
Reading.....Kelly Thaxton
Invitation.....Dale Bennett
Dismiss.....John David Keele

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Attend Nursery:Iona King
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Prepare Communion:Micah & Amy Lawrence
Assist Baptisms: .. Avie Clemons & Stefanie McColloch

Pantry Item:Spaghetti

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith

Record For The Week...

* youth at Spring Youth Retreat

A.M. Worship.....259
Bible Study199
P.M. Worship185
Wednesday Bible Study.....178
Contribution.....\$6,811

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Herb Rowland
Martha Pepper
Doyle Pryor
Juanita Oliver
June Crouch
Farris Young
Morris Newby (Willie's father)

In The Hospital:

Ronnie Hamilton - Centennial Medical Center
#6137
Brenda Davis - St.Thomas Rutherford #231
Zollie Settles - heart tests on Tuesday

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West Riverside church of Christ, April 7-9,
services at 7 pm with Larry Acuff preaching.

Shady Grove church of Christ, April 7-9, ser-
vices at 7 pm with Bill Boyd preaching.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Lindsey & Tyler Bouldin on the
birth of a baby boy, Sawyer James, born Tuesday,
March 14, weighing 7 lbs, 15 ozs, and 20 inches
long. Dwight Barrett is the proud grandpa.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of
Tiffany Fults, granddaughter of our Clara Scott. She
passed away Sunday evening. Arrangements are
incomplete.

Youth News

What a weekend! **SPRING YOUTH RETREAT** is
and always will be dearest to my heart of all the events
of the BBYG. I'm confident that is the one thing from
BBYG memories that I will never forget. The 17th edition
is no exception. The keynotes, classes, singing, games,
food, putting new comers "in the box", light's out singing,
the talent show, early morning snacks, bible talk, and
mopping up the dining room "flood" at 3:00 am are just
a snippet of the "super" things that took place.

To try and list all those who were responsible for the
retreat would be an exhaustive list. I hope that just men-
tioning how excellent the lessons, classes, food, supplies,
and activities were, will be enough to let those who
planned and served know how much they are appreciat-
ed. I would like to especially thank the BBYG Alumni
who came visited or served (and the gifts.) What a dif-
ference you made. And then there were the kids. I
would love to mention every student that attended the
retreat, because they deserve it for their great attitudes.
However, I know I cannot do that, but I can say, thank
you for making my job so pleasurable. Also, to our el-
ders I would like to express my sincere gratitude for
their wisdom and foresight into allowing our kids time
to "retreat" from the world and renew their minds with
spiritual insight, rather than worldly pursuits.

I will miss this event so much but trust it will continue
with the passion it was started with...Steve

Now to turn our attention to the next big BBYG adven-
ture. The **PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP** is April 27-
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ture. See me for registration.

The next **NHC DEVOTIONAL** is this Thursday be-
ginning at 6:30.

"**WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS**" on the foyer
table.

UPCOMING:

Wed. 3/29 Birthday Wednesday
Sun. 4/2 First Sunday Eats
Sun. 4/9 Pew Packers
Sun. 4/9 Home Devotional

Do You Want To Go To Heaven?

Do you want to go to heaven?
Do you want to be at rest?
If you want to live in heaven,
Come to Jesus and be be blest.

Would you like to live in glory
Where God's love will ever shine?
If you'll love and serve Him ever,
Then a mansion will be thine.

If you want to go to heaven
Hasten then God's will to do;
For the Savior wants you with Him;
He has bled and died for you.

Hurry sinner, do not linger,
Hasten and His will obey.
Give your life and love to Jesus;
Come today without delay.

~ Clifford Reel ~

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Sermon Topics

Sunday AMLazarus, Come Forth!
Sunday PM.Prayer and Things

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Lead SingingJeff McVey
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Reading.....Marty Boles
ScriptureTBA
Lord's Table (N)*Tim Fisher
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Sermon..... Richard Wright
DismissHerb Rowland

Sunday Evening Worship

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First Prayer.....Paul Hurst
Reading.....Ethan Duncan
ScriptureMatthew 3:5-8
Lord's Table*Eddie Palmer
.....*Ronnie Prince
Sermon..... Questions & Answers Tony Lawrence
DismissKelly Thaxton

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsGordon Mayfield
Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews
First PrayerMike Mullins
Reading.....John David Keele
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
DismissBob Cantrell

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A.M.Mike Mullins Family
P.M.....Nancy Rogers & Doris Smith

Bus Driver:Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

Ushers:Tommy Crouch, Darron Dixon, Herb Rowland
Attend Nursery:.....Sarah King
Un/Lock Building:Allen Hughes/W.C. Chilton
Prepare Communion:Caleb & Rachael Graves
Assist Baptisms: Maggie Hurst & Marsha Collins

Pantry Item:Beef Stew

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....285
Bible Study227
P.M. Worship215
Wednesday Bible Study175
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Mitchell & Glenda Ferrell

Stefanie McColloch

Darron Dixon

Zollie Settles

Gary Grizzell - very sick at home

In The Hospital:

Brenda Davis - St.Thomas Rutherford

Wesley Sain - NHC Rehab

Ronnie Hamilton - NHC Rehab #115

Juanita Oliver - Webb House #402

Kym Jones (Stephanie Jones' mother) - St.Thomas Rutherford

Morris Newby (Willie's dad) - River Park

Sermon Topics

Sunday AMGuest Speaker: Richard Wright

Sunday PM.Questions & Answers

Gospel Meetings

West Sparta church of Christ, April 2-6, services at 7 pm with James Rogers preaching.

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New Arrival

Congratulations to Rachel and Jon Lewyckyji on the birth of a baby boy Rushton Michael Lewyckyji born on March 23rd, at 11:52am weighing 7 lbs and 3 oz and measuring 20.5" Jeff & Mary Flatt are the proud grandparents

Youth Fellowship

This Saturday, April 1, the elders have invited the youth and their parents to attend a fellowship with grilled hamburgers and hot dogs. Lunch will be served at noon. Brother Aaron Ownbey and his wife Lindsey have been invited back to meet with the youth. Several games and activities are planned.

Youth News

The monthly H.E.Y. session takes place this Wednesday, March 29th. Classes will meet in the fellowship room.

Also this Wednesday night is **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY**. Please stay after services to help celebrate our youth with March birthdays.

FIRST SUNDAY EATS is back! We will meet for a brief devotional in room 10/11 this Sunday following evening worship before heading out to eat.

Now to turn our attention to the next big BBYG adventure. The **PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP** is April 27-30 and we are headed back for a fourth time to Charlotte, NC. Among the many things we will be doing is hiking at Chimney Rock Park, white water rafting at the United States White Water Rafting Center (where the Olympians train!), and some of the best roller coasters you will ever ride at Paramount Carowinds. The trip is for high school students, friends and chaperones. This will be a most excellent 4 days and 3 nights of adventure. See me for registration.

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UPCOMING:

Sun. 4/9 Pew Packers

Sun. 4/9 Home Devotional



April 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Annaston McBride Clara Scott Ella Faith Kesey Lola Barrett	27	28 JOE & JAMIE ROLLER JOHN & JUDY NUSSBAUM	29 Derek Vinson	30 Bo Gentry Ayers Delanie Sullivan Easton Randolph	31	1 JIMMY & IVA CUN- NINGHAM Youth Fellowship 12 Noon
2 Gordon Fults	3	4 Alice Cantrell Garret Woodside Larry Cook	5 David Roberts Peyton Norris Sherry Graves	6 Martha Cathey Sharla Hillis Sharon Boles	7 Christine Cantrell	8
9	10 Amy Prince Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	11 RANDALL & DEB- BIE GANN	12	13 Dwight Barrett Tyler Judkins	14 Marty York	15 Eugene Wilcher Holly Prince
GOSPEL MEETING WITH CHAD RAMSEY						
16	17 Bill Brown Brian Moody	18 Ellie Kate Ayers Peyton Griffith	19 Hannah Maynard Lynette Kesey Paul Hurst	20 BOBBY & MARY ASHFORD STEVE & SHARLA HILLIS Tony Lawrence	21 Denice Rhea	22 Cody Prince Junetta Gilbert
23 BILLY & ASHLEY PINEGAR	24 Colton Lane Vinson Taylor Gann Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	25 THOMAS & ALICE CANTRELL	26 Angie Caldwell Betsy McBride Hollyn Fuston Kristin Maynard MATTHEW & CHANCY WOODSIDE	27 Martha Pepper Tina Mullins	28	29
30 Mike Mullins	1 EUGENE & DORIS WILCHER JEFF & REGINA TEMPLETON	2 CHRIS & HILARY NEALE	3	4 Jean Ware	5	6

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-2632) Steve Hillis
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First Prayer.....Allen Hughes
ReadingRuss Chilcutt
ScriptureTBA
Lord's Table (N).....*Larry Flatt
(S)*Brandon Fuston
(N).....Darron Dixon
(N).....Willard Dunlap
(N)Stephen Felty
(S)Ezra Dixon
(S).....Mitchell Ferrell
(S)Justin Griffin
Sermon..... Chad Ramsey
DismissNorman Sain

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-2632) Steve Hillis
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First PrayerDavid Keele
Reading.....Robert Elam
ScriptureTBA
Lord's Table*Michael Andrews
.....*W.C. Chilton
Sermon..... Chad Ramsey
DismissRay Weddington

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsGordon Mayfield
Lead Singing.....TBA
First Prayer.....Willie Newby
ReadingKen Martin
SermonChad Ramsey
DismissBob Cantrell

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Chris Snow Family
P.M.....Jeff Templeton Family

Bus Driver:Paul Hurst (668-7088)

Ushers:Jeff Templeton, Kurt Maynard, Stan Hillis
Attend Nursery:Nona Martin
Un/Lock Building:Allen Hughes/W.C. Chilton
Prepare Communion:Caleb & Rachael Graves
Assist Baptisms: Maggie Hurst & Marsha Collins

Pantry Item:Green Beans

Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons

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A.M. Worship.....335
Bible Study247
P.M. Worship205
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At Home:

Greg Grizzell - very sick at home
Marsha Dunlap

In The Hospital:

Jewell Thomison (Avie Clemons' sister) - surgery
Tuesday at River Park
Kym Jones (Stephanie Jones' mother) - St. Thomas-
West, surgery on Thursday

Shut-ins

Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., McMinnville, TN 37110)

Gordon Fults #101
Shirley Keith #308
Clara Roller #104
Gary Ward #118
Maxine Pittman #225
Juanita Oliver - temporarily for rehab

NHC

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

Winfrey Hennessee #412
Melba Hillis (Steve's grandmother) #404B
Willene Kell #311
Morris Young (brother of our Farris Young)
Wesley Sain #125
Ronnie Hamilton #115

Prestige Assisted Living

(110 River Rd W, Loudon, TN 37774)
Dennis Eller

Home:

Bill Ashford (Bobby's brother)
Wilma Chisam (at her sons's home)
Dennis Gann
Greg Grizzell
Joan Hillis
Daisy Maxwell
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)
Morris Newby (Willie's father)
Willus & Edith Roberts
Doris Settles (Zollie's sister-in-law)
Buell Warren

Youth News

The **PEW PACKERS** and **HOME DEVOTIONAL** will be moved to Sunday, April 23rd, since our Gospel Meeting begins this Sunday.

The 22nd edition of **PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP** is quickly approaching! We are headed to Charlotte, NC for 4 days and 3 nights of hiking at Chimney Rock Park, white water rafting at the United States White Water Rafting Center, and riding some of the best roller coasters at Carowinds, to name a few of the planned events. The trip is for high school students, friends, and chaperones. A Release Form must be signed and notarized, so see me for forms. The cut-off for registration is Wednesday, April 19th. PAT is a celebration of sorts, so please consider joining us. The trip is April 27-30.

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UPCOMING:

Sun. 4/16	TaBS
Sun. 4/23	Pew Packers
Sun. 4/23	Home Devotional
Wed. 4/26	H.E.Y.
Wed. 4/26	Birthday Wednesday
Thur. 4/27	NHC Devotional

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West Riverside church of Christ, April 7-9, services at 7 pm with Larry Acuff preaching.

Shady Grove church of Christ, April 7-9, services at 7 pm with Bill Boyd preaching.

Morrison church of Christ, April 9-13, services at 7 pm with James Rogers preaching.

Keltonburg church of Christ, April 9-12, services at 7 pm with Jim Dearman preaching.

Wood church of Christ, April 23-26, services at 7 pm with Chris Perry preaching.



Gospel Meeting Meals

Sunday Lunch after morning services will be covered dish. The evening meals Monday-Wednesday will be coordinated by the Deacons.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Monday - Last name starts with H-N
Deacons-Hughes, Hurst, Keele, Maynard

Tuesday - Last name starts with O-Z
Deacons-Martin, Mayfield, McVey, Pryor

Wednesday - Last name starts with A-G
Deacons-Brock, Collins, Flatt, Griffin

Door Greeters for Meeting

Monday - Shannon Griffin family

Tuesday - Randall and Deborah Gann

Wednesday - Stanley and Jean Clendenon

Chad Ramsey

The preacher for this year's Gospel Meeting will be brother Chad Ramsey. Chad grew up as a child at Bybee Branch. Since that time he proved himself to be a great servant in the Lord's Kingdom. He preached at the West Sparta church of Christ before moving to the Gloster Street church of Christ in Tupelo, MS where he has served since 2003. Chad is in great demand for lectures and Gospel Meetings.

He and his wife Beverly have three children: Johnson, Anna Mae, and Jake Franklin. Chad is a graduate of Freed-Hardeman University (B.A., History), Tennessee Bible College (B.A., Bible; M.A., Christian Doctrine and Apologetics), and the University of Mississippi (M.A., Philosophy). Chad obtained a Master of Divinity degree from FHU in 2013. He is the author of two books, *Reasons to Believe: A Survey of Christian Evidences*; and *In God's Image: A Study of the Nature of Man*. He also writes Bible class curriculum for Gospel Advocate Company.

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-2632) Steve Hillis
Lead SingingCaleb Graves
First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover
Reading.....Jamie Brock
Scripture.....John 12:42-43
Lord's Table (N).....*Randall Gann
(S)*Ryan McColloch
(N).....Clent Kesey
(N)Joe Maynard
(N).....Kane Maynard
(S).....Harold McGinness
(S).....Justin Randolph
(S).....Brian Moody
Sermon..... *A Chapter of Contrasts* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Chris Snow

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-2632) Steve Hillis
Lead SingingCaleb Graves
First PrayerMicah Lawrence
Reading.....Tim Gann
Scripture.....Psalms 126:6
Lord's Table*Leonard Clemons
.....*Doug Hendrixson
Sermon *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Tony Lawrence
DismissMatthew Woodside

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsGordon Mayfield
Lead Singing.....Justin Griffin
First Prayer.....Cory Prince
ReadingJared Mullican
SermonTony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Stanley Clendenon

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Helen Morgan & Jean Ware
P.M.Jimmy & Iva Cunningham

Bus Driver:Randall Gann (580-6252)

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Attend Nursery:Hannah Maynard
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Prepare Communion:Caleb & Rachael Graves
Assist Baptisms:Maggie Hurst & Marsha Collins

Pantry Item:Pinto Beans

Elder Closing Remarks:Stanley Graves

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....347
Bible Study268
P.M. Worship253
Wednesday Bible Study.....151
Contribution.....\$8,680

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Sick

At Home:
David Bouldin
Jewell Thomison (Avie Clemons’ sister) at the home of her sister Bernice
Kym Jones (Stephanie Jones’ mother)
Greg Grizzell - very sick at home

In The Hospital:
Paul Davis - River Park

Sunday’s Sermons

Sunday AM.....A Chapter of Contrasts
Sunday PMJoyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Gospel Meetings

Morrison church of Christ, April 9-13, services at 7 pm with James Rogers preaching.

Keltonburg church of Christ, April 9-12, services at 7 pm with Jim Dearman preaching.

Wood church of Christ, April 23-26, services at 7 pm with Chris Perry preaching

Main St/Manchester church of Christ, April 23-26, services at 7 pm with Chris Whitaker preaching.

Berea church of Christ, April 23-26, services at 7 pm with Garland Robinson preaching.

Old Philadelphia church of Christ, May 7-12, services at 7 pm with different speakers preaching.

Friends & Family Day

Pleasant Knoll church of Christ, April 23, services at 9 and 10 AM, lunch at 11 AM and then evening service following the lunch.

Gospel Singing

Morrision church of Christ, April 28, services at 7 PM.

Youth News

The 22nd edition of **PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP** takes place April 27-30. We are headed to Charlotte, NC for 4 days and 3 nights of hiking at Chimney Rock Park, white water rafting at the United States White Water Rafting Center, and riding some of the best roller coasters at Carowinds, to name a few of the planned events. The trip is for high school students, friends, and chaperones. A Release Form must be signed and notarized, so see me for forms. The cut-off for registration is Wednesday, April 19th. PAT is a celebration of sorts, so please consider joining us.

“**WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS**” on the foyer table.

UPCOMING:

Sun.	4/23	Pew Packers
Sun.	4/23	Young Men Led Worship (PM)
Sun.	4/23	Home Devotional
Wed.	4/26	H.E.Y.
Wed.	4/26	Birthday Wednesday
Thur.	4/27	NHC Devotional

Gospel Meeting In Review

At this writing the meeting is just a little of half over but brother Chad Ramsey has done an outstanding job of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ this year. His lessons have been clear and powerful.

The lesson delivered at the Monday Morning Bible Class was exceptional. Unfortunately that lesson was not recorded. However, one can hear the same lesson that he delivered at Gloster Street. Here is a link to it: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/leadership-in-action/id1080137312?i=1000382988804&mt=2>. It discusses leadership principles that one may learn from Ezra 8.

Think about the Future

“Mark the blameless man, and observe the upright; For the future of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together; The future of the wicked shall be cut off.” —Psalms 37:37–38

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; 1 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 ~

You Must Kill The Root

If you ever want to kill a tree or a bush that you don't want in your yard, you just can't cut it down, because it will come right back. You can keep cutting it down and it'll just keep growing back. So how do you really kill the bush so it won't ever come back? You have to kill the root of the bush or tree. Until you kill the root, it will just keep coming back year after year.

My friends, sin in our lives can do the same thing. Understand that until we kill the root of sin, the problem will keep coming back into our lives. “ looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled” (Heb. 12:15)

When you go to the nursery to buy a plant, they will tell you that some plants are perennials. These type plants will keep coming back year after year until you kill the roots. Ever wonder why some people keep having the same problems with sin in their lives year after year? They never kill the root of the problem or sin. It's called perennial sin and the roots are still alive in their life.

So in order to be a faithful child of God, look hard at your life and kill the roots of the sinful things that were in your life before you made the loving decision to become a Christian. Make sure they're dead and gone so they won't keep springing up year after year. ~via Lithia Springs church of Christ ~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-2632) Steve Hillis
Lead SingingLarry Cook
First PrayerRickey Hurst
Reading.....Tommy Crouch
Scripture.....John 13:14-15
Lord's Table (N)*Jacob Griffin
(S).....*Randy Griffith
(N).....Chris Neale
(N).....Rodney Maynard
(N).....David Roberts
(S).....Steve Smith
(S).....Josh Templeton
(S).....Garrett Woodside
Sermon *The Savior's Towel* Tony Lawrence
DismissDon Sullivan

Sunday Evening Worship

Young Men Conduct Services

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsGordon Mayfield
Lead SingingTim Fisher
First Prayer.....Bruce Pryor
Reading.....David McColloch
Sermon.....Stanley Clendenon
Dismiss.....Larry Cook

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Bible Study262
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Wednesday Bible Study.....227
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Sick

At Home:
David Bouldin
Kym Jones (Stephanie Jones’ mother)
Greg Grizzell - very sick at home

In The Hospital:
Phillip Reynolds (Iona King’s brother) - Cookeville
Regional Medical Center
Brenda Davis - River Park
Denise Prince - St.Thomas Rutherford, surgery on
Wednesday

Sunday’s Sermons

Sunday AM.....The Savior’s Towel
Sunday PM.....Young Men Conduct Services

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of
Leoma Hoover, mother of our Ronnie Hoover.
Her funeral was this past Saturday.

Gospel Meetings

Wood church of Christ, April 23-26, services at
7 pm with Chris Perry preaching

Main St/Manchester church of Christ, April
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Pleasant Knoll church of Christ, April 23,
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evening service following the lunch.

Gospel Singing

Morrision church of Christ, April 28, services
at 7 PM.

But Not on Sunday Night

I love the church that Jesus built,
And know that it is right.
I go there every Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

I love to sing the songs of God;
Such worship must be right.
And this I do on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

I love to hear the Gospel too,
It gives me pure delight.
I hear it every Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

And may God bless our preacher too,
And give him power and might,
And put a sinner in my place
At worship Sunday night.

It's true, the church can save the world,
If good light shines bright;
I help it every Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night.

Yes, all of us must one day die,
I hope I'll be doing right;
So may I die on Sunday morn,
But not on Sunday night!

~ Gus Nichols ~

Restoration

Sunday evening following services brother Paul
Davis met with some of the elders and requested
prayer for sin in his life. Please remember brother
Paul in your prayers.

“For His anger is but for a moment, His
favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a
night, But joy comes in the morning.”

Psalms 30:5

Youth News

Hard to believe that in less than 10 days I'll be orga-
nizing my last PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP. Each
trip has taken on a personality of its own and I am
sure our trip to Charlotte will be no different. Please
get Notarized Release of Harm forms turned in
Wednesday night. If possible, money is due also. I
hope we have a bus load!

The PEW PACKERS will meet this Sunday evening
at 5:00 pm. Our topic will be “Crossing the Jordan
River” as we look at the book of Joshua and the
great lessons to be learned from it.

The young men will lead worship this Sunday night.
Following worship our “younger” young men will
have an opportunity to lead.

Paul and Kara Hurst will host our next HOME DE-
VOTIONAL this Sunday following evening worship.
Girls are to bring a dessert and guys a drink. Make
sure this is a must do and bring a friend!

“WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS” on the foyer table.

UPCOMING:
Wed. 4/26 H.E.Y.
Wed. 4/26 Birthday Wednesday
Thur. 4/27 NHC Devotional

“That’s What My Preacher Said”

Have you ever had a religious discussion with some-
one and they tried to prove their point by saying,
“That’s what my preacher said.” Some think that the
preacher is somehow the “final authority” in religious
matters. He is not!

It is believed by some that if the preacher states it, it
has to be right and cannot be wrong. So, they go
through life blindly accepting and doing whatever the
preacher says without examining such in light of what
the Bible authorizes.

Does not the Bible teach that we are to put to the
test those who preach and teach to the extent that
their message must be compared with the Bible to
see whether it is scriptural? Look closely at 1 John
4:1, “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the
spirits, whether they are of God; because many false
prophets are gone out into the world.”

Notice what is stated concerning the Bereans in Acts
17:11, “Now these were more noble than those in
Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all
readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily,
whether these things were so.”

One must examine what is being taught no matter
who the proclaimer may be. It doesn’t matter the
popularity, power or personality of the preacher, put
him to the test. It doesn’t matter if he is a member of
our family or the number of years we have known
him, or if we have considered him a close friend, put
him to the test. Even if he may have baptized us or
we attended the same school, put him to the test.
The belief by some that the preacher is “hands-off”
concerning his belief, teaching and practice is not
true. This examination must be done because...

- 1. Pleasing God demands this personal obliga-
tion from each individual as we have seen in
previous verses.
- 2. Precious souls can be led astray and there-
fore find their soul in a lost condition (2
Peter 2:1-3).
- 3. Preachers have a duty to “Preach the
word...” (2 Timothy 4:2) to please God.

It is possible for a preacher to teach false doctrine
(Matt. 7:15). Notice that we are referring to false
doctrine, not just something that I personally dislike
or disagree with.

One cannot assume or prove that God has autho-
rized something by saying, “that’s what my preacher
said.” It is foolish to rest the destiny of one’s soul
upon a message that has not been checked out with
what God has revealed in His Word. Just because
something “seems” to be or “sounds” right, does not
mean that it is (Prov. 14:12).

One must look to God’s Word for the standard of
authority for what is believed, proclaimed and prac-
ticed (John 12:48; Colossians 3:17).

As we learn it and live by it, then we have the hope
of heaven (John 14:1- 3; Titus 2:11-12; Rom. 1:16-17;
Heb. 5:8-9; Matt. 7:21; Rom. 10:17; Heb. 11:6; Acts
17:30; Rom. 10:9-10; Mk. 16:16; Rev. 2:10).

~ Jerry Joseph ~

Sunday Morning Worship

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Lead SingingPaul Hurst
First PrayerWillard Dunlap
Reading.....Danny Duncan
Scripture.....John 14:1-3
Lord's Table (N).....*Willie Newby
(S)*Ricky Prince
(N)Jason Vandagriff
(N)Eddie Palmer
(N)Derrick Pennington
(S)Noel Pepper
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(S)Mike Mullins
Sermon *Prepared Place* Tony Lawrence
DismissJeff Templeton

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-2632) Steve Hillis
Lead SingingPaul Hurst
First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard
Reading.....Shannon Griffin
Scripture.....Philippians 4:4-6
Lord's Table*Gordon Mayfield
.....*Jeff McVey
Sermon *An Epistle of Joy* Tony Lawrence
DismissDale Bennett

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsRickey Hurst
Lead Singing.....David Keele
First PrayerRodney Reynolds
Reading.....Aidan McVey
Sermon Tony Lawrence
DismissRoger Cook

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Bible Study228
P.M. Worship205
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Sick

At Home:

Mary Ashford - flu
Denise Prince - following surgery to remove kidney

In The Hospital:

Brenda Davis - St. Thomas Rutherford
Keith Young - St. Thomas West
Juanita Oliver - River Park #315
David Bouldin - Vanderbilt ICU #8621
Bob Cantrell - Hospital in Murfreesboro

Sunday’s Sermons

Sunday AM.....A Prepared Place
Sunday PM.....An Epistle of Joy

Elders-Deacons Meeting

This Sunday evening at 5 pm will be the quarterly meeting of Elders and Deacons.

Men’s General Business Meeting

This Sunday evening following services will be the quarterly men’s General Business Meeting.

Gospel Singing

Morrison church of Christ, April 28, services at 7 PM.

Gospel Meetings

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Old Philadelphia church of Christ, May 7-12, services at 7 pm with different speakers preaching.

Trousdale church of Christ, May 14-17, services at 7 pm with Jon Simmons preaching.

Midway church of Christ, May 21-24, services at 7 pm with Roger Comstock preaching.

Youth News

H.E.Y. is back this Wednesday night (4/26)! We’ll meet in the fellowship room. As always this is a great time to invite that friend or friends you’ve been thinking about bringing to church.

Following H.E.Y. and our devotional, we’ll meet for our monthly **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY**. ALL youth (Pew Packer to BBYG) are asked to stay and help celebrate those with April birthdays.

The next **NHC DEVOTIONAL** is this Thursday (4/27.) I will not be able to attend as well as possibly the Kings, so we need you to show up and help. The devo will start at 6:30 and we’ll end around 7:00. Thanks in advance.

Please mark on your calendars, Sunday, May 7th for our next **PARENT’S MEETING**. We will meet to discuss plans for May through July. The meetings will take place following evenings worship.

Bitter sweet, yet really excited are the feelings I have as we embark on my (but hopefully not the BBYG’s) last **PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP**. The goal is to head out this Thursday at 8:00 am and be back sometime Sunday night. Some great activities are planned for Charlotte but the greatest memories are the times in-between, whether a stop for a drink and chips, or a conversation or laugh on the bus. I love PAT and am really going to miss these trips. I am thankful for those who are making the trek with me. Please, PLEASE keep us in your prayers, as we are traveling and away from our families.

“**WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS**” on the foyer table.

UPCOMING:

Sun 5/14 Pew Packers

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Philip Reynolds, brother of our Iona King. His funeral was this past Saturday at Highs.

May 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Mike Mullins Elders-Deacons Meeting 5 PM General Business Meeting	1 EUGENE & DORIS WILCHER JEFF & REGINA TEMPLETON	2 CHRIS & HILARY NEALE	3	4	5 Jean Ware	6
7	8 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	9	10 Regina Templeton Ryan McColloch	11 Jeff Rhea Joe Roller	12 HOWARD & BARBARA WITTY Kevin Flatt Thomas E. Cantrell	13
14	15 Kara Fuston MICAH & AMY LAWRENCE	16 Wallace Stevens	17 DAVID & PENNY KEELE Maggie Hurst	18 Jamie Roller	19 PAUL & KARA HURST	20 Justin Randolph
21 BOBBY & CAROLYN LANCE	22 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	23 Chris Neale	24	25 NHC Devo 6:30	26 FRANKLIN & LINDA BROOKS MIKE & TINA MULLINS	27
28	29	30 Harold McGinness Lori Chilcutt Sarah Beth King	31 Kenny Dillard Vickie Griffith	1 GORDON & NANCY MAYFIELD Haley McColloch MARC & MELINDA MARTIN	2 Jaylen Pinegar KURT & STEPHANIE MAYNARD	3 Glenda Hughes Wanda Nunley

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First PrayerDon Sullivan
Reading.....Bob Cantrell
Scripture.....John 14:16-18
Lord's Table (N).....*Tim Gann
(S)*Willard Dunlap
(N)Garrett Woodside
(N).....Dwight Barrett
(N).....Dale Bennett
(S)Marty Boles
(S)Junah Bouldin
(S).....David Chilton
Sermon *I Will Not Leave You Orphans* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Tim Fisher

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First PrayerMatt Woodside
Reading.....Jeff Flatt
Scripture.....Revelation 1:1-3
Lord's Table*John David Keele
.....*Gordon Mayfield
Sermon*Questions & Answers* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Kurt Maynard

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsRickey Hurst
Lead SingingJohn David Keele
First Prayer.....Russ Chilcutt
Reading.....Caleb Graves
Sermon.....Paul Hurst
Dismiss.....Norman Sain

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Pantry Item:Vegetable Soup

Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons

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Bible Study214
P.M. Worship174
Wednesday Bible Study.....188
Contribution.....\$7,827

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At Home:

Denise Prince - following surgery to remove kidney
Keith Young - St. Thomas West
David Bouldin

In The Hospital:

Francis Woodlee (Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin's sister) - Cookeville Medical Center

Shut-ins

Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., McMinnville, TN 37110)
Gordon Fults #101
Shirley Keith #308
Clara Roller #104
Gary Ward #118

NHC

(P.O. Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)
Winfrey Hennessee #412
Melba Hillis (Steve's grandmother) #404B
Willene Kell #311
Morris Young (brother of our Farris Young)
Wesley Sain
Bob Cantrell #108
Paul Davis #108

Webb House

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110)
Juanita Oliver

Prestige Assisted Living

(110 River Rd W, Loudon, TN 37774)
Dennis Eller

Home:

Bill Ashford (Bobby's brother)
Dennis Gann
Greg Grizzell
Joan Hillis
Daisy Maxwell
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)
Morris Newby (Willie's father)
Willus & Edith Roberts
Doris Settles (Zollie's sister-in-law)

Youth News

Please remember our **PARENT'S MEETING** this Sunday following evening worship. We will meet to discuss plans for May through July.

Following the meeting will be **FIRST SUNDAY EATS.**

Except for the fact that when we arrived at our hotel, I ended up cancelling those reservations and leaving to find other hotel and finding out I ordered our theme park tickets on-line for the wrong day, this was a great **PROM ALTERNATIVE TRIP!** (Might as well go out in style.) We did have a great time, in all seriousness. Plus, for the first time in 4 trips to Charlotte for PAT, this group let me stop at the King's Mountain battlefield. A super cool treat! Some of my all time favorite memories are from these trips. All glory to God for keeping us safe and bringing us back to our families.

"WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table.

UPCOMING:
Sun 5/14Pew Packers

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Taft Davis, brother of our Paul Davis. His family will have a private service.

Religious Debate

Public Discussion on the Eternal Security of the Believer or "Once Saved, Always Saved"

Participants: BJ Clarke – A member of the church of Christ and Michael Brawner – Union Camp Missionary Baptist Church

Where: Macon County Junior High, Lafayette, TN

When:

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Someone Needs You

If you're feeling sad and lonely,
There seems nothing you can do,
Just take courage and remember,
There is someone needing you.

You were created for a purpose,
For a part in God's great plan,
Bear ye one another's burdens,
So fulfill Christ's law to man.

Are you the father, son or daughter?
You've a work none else can do,
Are you husband, wife or mother?
There is someone needing you.

There are many sad and lonely,
And discouraged, not a few,
Who a little cheer are needing,
And there is someone needing you.

Someone needs your faith and courage;
Someone needs your love and prayer;
Someone needs your inspiration,
Thus to help their cross to bear.

Do not think your work is ended,
There is much you can do,
And as long as you're on earth,
There is someone needing you.

~ The Fountain of Life ~
Lithia Springs Church of Christ

Sunday's Sermons

Sunday AM.....I Will Not Leave You Orphans
Sunday PM...Questions I Answer from Revelation

Gospel Meetings

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A Traveler's Guide to Heaven

Accommodations: Arrangements for accommodations must be made in advance (John 14:2).

Passports: Persons seeking entry will not be permitted past the gates without having proper credentials and having their names registered with the ruling authority (Revelation 21:27).

Departure Time: The exact date of departure has not been announced. Travelers are advised to be prepared to leave on short notice (I Corinthians 15:52).

Tickets: Your ticket was purchased by a Friend named Jesus. It should be claimed by learning the gospel, believing in Christ, repenting of sins, confessing Jesus, and having sins washed away in baptism (Rom. 10:17; Acts 2:38; Matt. 10:32; Acts 22:16). Keep its promises firmly in hand (John 5:24; Heb. 5:8-9).

Luggage: No luggage whatsoever is needed or allowed (I Tim. 6:7).

Immigration: All passengers are classified as immigrants, since they are taking up permanent residence in a new country. There is no maximum quota, so all are invited to come (Heb. 11:16; Rev. 22:17).

Air Passage: Travelers going directly by air (I Thess. 4:17).

Vaccinations: Not needed, as there are no diseases there (Rev. 21:4).

Currency: Deposits may be forwarded to await passenger's arrival. Make deposits as large as possible (Matt. 6:20-21).

Clothing: A complete and appropriate new wardrobe is provided for each traveler (Isaiah 61:10).

Reservations: Booking is now open. Since departure time is unknown you should apply at once. If you wait, it may be too late (II Cor. 6:2).

~ Arthur Pigman ~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First Prayer.....Tommy Turner
Reading.....Keith Chilcutt
Scripture.....John 14:16-18
Lord's Table (N)*Tommy Crouch
(S).....*Don Griffith
(N).....Kenny Dillard
(N).....Darron Dixon
(N).....Ethan Duncan
(S).....Robert Elam
(S).....Stephen Felty
(S).....Ezra Dixon
Sermon *I Will Not Leave You Orphans* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Micah Lawrence

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First Prayer.....Michael Andrews
Reading.....Larry Flatt
Scripture.....Revelation 1:1-3
Lord's Table*Willie Newby
.....*Eddie Palmer
Sermon*Questions & Answers* Tony Lawrence
DismissMike Mullins

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsRickey Hurst
Lead SingingJared Mullican
First PrayerW.C. Chilton
Reading.....Justin Griffin
SermonTony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Bruce Pryor

Welcome Committee

A.M.W.C. & Nelma Chilton
P.M.Mitchell & Glenda Ferrell

Bus Driver:Paul Hurst (668-7088)

Ushers:Jeff Templeton, Kurt Maynard, Stan Hillis
Attend Nursery:.....Rebecca Mullican
Un/Lock Building:Jamie Brock/Kane Maynard
Prepare Communion:Sarah King
Assist Baptisms: Susan Pryor & Almetia Jones

Pantry Item:Peaches

Elder Closing Remarks:Stanley Graves

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....335
Bible Study237
P.M. Worship222
Wednesday Bible Study.....216
Contribution.....\$8,121

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Sick

At Home:

Denise Prince
Keith Young
David Bouldin
Kym Jones (Stephanie Jones' mother)
Brooke Bouldin (David & Barbara Bouldin's daughter) surgery in NC this past week
Ella Mae Holloway (Maggie Hurst's mother) following a fall

In The Hospital:

Frances Woodlee (Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin's sister) - NHC
Brenda Davis - River Park ICU

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Doyle Pryor, father of our Bruce Pryor. Services were Monday at Highs.

Sunday's Sermons

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Sunday PM.Questions & Answers from Revelation

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Oak Grove church of Christ, May 21-25, services at 7 pm with Alan Gauger preaching.

Ladies Days'

Hillsboro church of Christ, May 13, 9:30 am, speaker: Jennifer Parker

East End church of Christ, May 20, 9:00 am, speaker: Sheila Butt

Youth News

The **PEW PACKERS** will meet this Sunday (5/14) for our monthly class. Our lessons and activities this year comes from Joshua. The lesson this month is "Memorial Stones." Please make plans to join us!

"WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table.

UPCOMING:

Sun	5/21	Home Devotional
Wed.	5/24	H.E.Y.
Wed.	5/24	Birthday Wednesday
Thur.	5/25	Boyd Christian Graduation
Fri.	5/26	Warren County Graduation

New Youth Minister Hired

The elders announced this past Sunday that brother Aaron Ownbey along with his wife Lindsay, son Jacob and soon to be daughter Karlie (due in June) will begin work with the congregation sometime late June or early July. Aaron will be graduating from Memphis School of Preaching on June 18. Prior to attending MSOP, Aaron served as one of the deacons at the Lithia Springs church of Christ (where brother Larry Acuff preaches). He also worked with the youth for two years. He is extremely excited to begin his work with the congregation at Bybee Branch. The Ownbey family will be visiting with us on Wednesday evening, May 17.

Religious Debate

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GRADUATES 2017

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



Samuel Gillies
Warren County High



Justin Griffin
Warren County High



John David Keele
Warren County High



Aidan McVey
Boyd Christian



Peyton Norris
Warren County High



Savannah Parsons
Warren County High



Tyler Rutledge
Warren County High



COLLEGE GRADUATES



Mitchell Ashford
Tenn Tech University



Robert Eschenbacher
ETSU



Mahaley Keele
Lipscomb



Hannah Maynard
MTSU



Ryan McColloch
UT Martin



Ashley Newby
Tenn Tech University



Adry Snow
Tenn Tech University



Aryn Snow
Tenn Tech University

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead SingingJeff McVey
First PrayerRodney Reynolds
Reading.....Stanley Clendenon
Scripture.....John 15:1-8
Lord's Table (N).....*Allen Hughes
(S)*Paul Hurst
(N)Mitchell Ferrell
(N)Clent Kesey
(N)Kane Maynard
(S)Jared Mullican
(S)Chris Snow
(S)Jason Vandagriff
Sermon *Vine and the Branches* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead SingingJeff McVey
First PrayerBobby Ashford
Reading.....Brandon Fuston
Scripture1 Peter 1:6-9
Lord's Table*Cory Prince
.....*Ronnie Prince
Sermon*Expectation of Joy* Tony Lawrence
DismissRicky Prince

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsRickey Hurst
Lead Singing.....Kenny Dillard
First PrayerLeonard Clemons
Reading.....Randy Griffith
Sermon.....Paul Hurst
DismissJosh Templeton

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Michael Andrews Family
P.M.Danny & Cynthia Duncan

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Prepare Communion:Sarah King
Assist Baptisms: Susan Pryor & Almetia Jones

Pantry Item:Chicken Noodle Soup

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith

Record For The Week...

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Llewellyn Griffin (Shannon’s grandmother) At her son’s home
Bob Cantrell

In The Hospital:
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Brenda Davis - River Park
Nelma Chilton to have knee replacement surgery at St.Thomas-Midtown on May 25th

Sunday’s Sermons
Sunday AM.....I Am The Vine, You Are The Branches
Sunday PMExpectation of Joy

Gospel Meetings
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Ladies Day
East End church of Christ, May 20, 9:00 am, speaker: Sheila Butt

VBS Planning Meeting
Vacation Bible School this year will be on July 10-12 with the theme: Kings of Israel. We always need as many to teach as are willing. If you would be willing to help, please be at a planning meeting on Sunday evening, May 21, following services.

No one can take prayer out of schools unless we don't teach our children to pray!

Youth News
This Sunday will be the Home Devotional at the Woodside’s.

“WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS” on the foyer table.

UPCOMING:
Sun 5/21 Home Devotional
Wed. 5/24 H.E.Y.
Wed. 5/24 Birthday Wednesday
Thur. 5/25 Boyd Christian Graduation
Fri. 5/26 Warren County Graduation

Retirement Party
A celebration of retirement party is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, from 2-4 PM in honor of Judy Sullivan, It will be held at the Central church of Christ Annex building.

Monday Morning Bible Class
The Monday Morning Bible Class meets on the second and fourth Monday mornings at 9 am. Our next class will be this Monday and class will begin at Hebrews 12:3

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“For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes in the morning.”
Psalms 30:5

Bybee Branch Summer Series 2017
“Jesus, The Master Teacher”
Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM

Date	Topic	Speaker
June 4	Jesus as a Preacher/Teacher	David Sain
June 11	Jesus teaches how to be Great	Glenn Ramsey
June 18	Jesus warns of False Teachers	Dale Barger
June 25	Jesus teaches by Parables	Chris Perry
July 2	Jesus teaches about Salvation	Wayne Lankford
July 9	Jesus teaches by His Example	Ben Bailey
July 16	Jesus teaches about the Kingdom	Jeremiah Tatum
July 23	Jesus teaches about Worship	Dave Miller
July 30	Jesus teaches about Judgment	Kyle Butt

Whatever or Whatever it takes
A motivational speaker once said there are two kinds of people in this world: those who say “whatever” and those who say, “Whatever it takes.” “Whatever “is the response of the shrug. It’s a “who cares?” atti-tude, one of indifference and apathy. “Whatever it takes” is the response of the committed. It’s a “can do,” attitude that refuses to give up or give in.
Think about those two responses when it comes to Church missions. Jesus said to love thy neighbor as thy self...”whatever.” Jesus said to go into all world and preach the gospel ...”whatever.” Jesus said to seek His kingdom first...”whatever.”
But if we change the response to “Whatever it takes,” it changes the whole command that Jesus gave to us. “Whatever it takes” to love my neighbor, “Whatever it takes” to go and preach the word to all the world, and “whatever it takes” to seek His kingdom, I’ll do just that.
Are you and I a “Whatever it takes” Christian? If so, we will make sure that the work of the Lord will get done. Or, are we that “whatever” type person that will sit around and let the faithful Christians do the all the work?
I Corinthians 15:58 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. “Whatever it takes”
~ selected ~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Jeff McVey
First Prayer.....Randall Gann
Reading.....Larry Cook
Scripture.....John 17:20-21
Lord's Table (N).....*Rickey Hurst
(S).....*David Keele
(N).....Rodney Maynard
(N).....David McColloch
(N).....Aidan McVey
(S).....Brian Moody
(S).....David Roberts
(S).....Steve Smith
Sermon.....Prayer of Jesus Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Jeff McVey
First Prayer.....Jamie Brock
Reading.....Garett Woodside
Scripture.....Deuteronomy 13:1-3
Lord's Table.....*Bruce Pryor
.....*Rodney Reynolds
Sermon.....Troubling Temptations Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Herb Rowland

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Rickey Hurst
Lead Singing.....Ethan Duncan
First Prayer.....Danny Duncan
Reading.....Steve Hillis
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Kelly Thaxton

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Matthew Woodside Family
P.M.....Stanley & Jean Clendenon

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Attend Nursery:.....Denise Prince
Un/Lock Building:Jamie Brock/Kane Maynard
Prepare Communion:Sarah King
Assist Baptisms:Susan Pryor & Almetia Jones

Pantry Item:Tuna Fish

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan

Record For The Week...

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Bible Study.....245
P.M. Worship.....231
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Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan’s father) - St.Thomas
Rutherford
Nelma Chilton - St.Thomas-Midtown, knee
replacement on May 25th

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Wesley Sain. His funeral was this past Thursday.

Sunday’s Sermons

Sunday AM.....Prayer of Jesus
Sunday PMTroubling Temptations

Gospel Meetings & Etc.

Arlington church of Christ, May 28, Friends & Family Day services at 9, 10, & 11 AM with Jon Simmons preaching.

Harmony church of Christ, June 4-6, Friends & Family Day on June 4 with Bob McCoy, services at 10, 11 AM and 7:30 PM, M-W services at 7 pm with R.C. Christian, Chris Whitaker, and Gene Brock preaching.

Grange Hall church of Christ, June 11-15, services at 7 pm with Charles Williams preaching.

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Youth News

H.E.Y. takes place this Wednesday night (5/24) in the fellowship room.

Also, after our devotional service this Wednesday, the monthly **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** takes place in the fellowship room. I encourage all our youth to stay and help celebrate those with May birthdays.

We all have milestones in life and this week is just that for seven of our own that will be graduating from high school. Aidan McVey graduates from Boyd Christian High School this Thursday (5/25) at Central church of Christ. Sam Gilles, Justin Griffin, John David Keele, Peyton Norris, Savannah Parsons, and Tyler Rutledge will be crossing the stage at Nunley Stadium this Friday (5/26) with degrees from Warren County High School. Each ceremony begins at 7:00 pm. I am proud of each of these students as I’m sure we all are. Please let them know they are loved and being prayed for.

Don’t forget the **NHC DEVOTIONAL** this Thursday, May 25th. We need as many as can to help. We will begin at 6:30 and go till about 7:00.

“**WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS**” on the foyer table.

UPCOMING:

Sun. 6/4 Softball Devotional
Wed. 6/7 Wednesday Night Sing
Sun. 6/11 Pew Packers

New Quarter

The new quarter begins June 4. The literature for the classes is now in Rita’s office waiting to be picked up.

For the Adult classes: Jamie Brock will be teaching: *A Closer Walk With God* in the Fellowship Room and Tony Lawrence will be teaching *Ezra* in the Auditorium.

If you have not been attending Bible Classes why not begin now?

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		Harold McGinness Lori Chilcutt Sarah Beth King	Kenny Dillard Vickie Griffith	GORDON & NANCY MAYFIELD Haley McColloch MARC & MELINDA MARTIN	Jaylen Pinegar KURT & STEPHANIE MAYNARD	Glenda Hughes Wanda Nunley
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
DICKIE & LENNIE RUTH KESEY OSBURN & RUBY HUNTLEY <i>Summer Series David Sain</i>	DON & SUSIE GRIFFITH Herb Rowland June Crouch Shirley Adcock STANLEY & JEAN CLENDENON		RONNIE & LINDA HAMILTON		Conner Nunley	Barbara Bouldin
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Bobby Lance DANNY & CYNTHIA DUNCAN <i>Summer Series Glenn Ramsey</i>	Ethan Chase Roller Roberta Parmley Roger Cook	David Keele Kayla Maynard	Annie Niles JARED & REBECCA MULLICAN	Harper Fuston <i>NHC Devo 6:30 PM</i>	RAY & CHARLOTTE WEDDINGTON	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Nathanael Turner RICKY & RITA PRINCE <i>Summer Series Dale Barger</i>		STANLEY & SHERRY GRAVES	NOEL & MARTHA PEPPER W.C. Chilton WILLIE & DONNA NEWBY	Alyssa Lawrence Linda Brooks	Aidan McVey JEFF & DENICE RHEA JEFF & KATHY ELAM Pat Gauger	Cynthia Duncan Ezra Dixon
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
DAVID & JOANN ROBERTS Jessica Templeton Ruby Huntley <i>Summer Series Chris Perry</i>	Noel Pepper	Jane Flatt Michael Andrews	Lincoln Sain	John Nussbaum		Lachlan McVey PAUL & BRENDA DAVIS

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead SingingLarry Cook
First Prayer.....Stanley Clendenon
Reading.....Willie Newby
ScriptureJohn 17:20-21
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First Prayer.....Brandon Fuston
Reading.....Eddie Palmer
ScriptureTBA
Lord's Table*Doug Hendrixson
.....*Ryan McColloch
Sermon*Jesus, Preacher & Teacher* David Sain
Dismiss.....Russ Chilcutt

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Ken Martin
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First Prayer.....Tim Gann
Reading.....David Roberts
SermonRickey Hurst
DismissPaul Hurst

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Bible Study187
P.M. Worship174
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Brenda Davis - River Park
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Shut-ins

Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., McMinnville, TN 37110)
Gordon Fults #101
Shirley Keith #308
Clara Roller #104
Gary Ward #118

NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)
Winfrey Hennessee #412
Melba Hillis (Steve’s grandmother) #404B
Willene Kell #311
Morris Young (brother of our Farris Young)

Webb House

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110)
Juanita Oliver

Prestige Assisted Living

(110 River Rd W, Loudon, TN 37774)
Dennis Eller

Home:

Bill Ashford (Bobby’s brother)
Bill Brown
Wilma Chisam (at her sons’s home)
Dennis Gann
Greg Grizzell
Joan Hillis
Daisy Maxwell
Kathy Neale (Chris’s mother)
Morris Newby (Willie’s father)
Willus & Edith Roberts
Doris Settles (Zollie’s sister-in-law)

Youth News

The beginning of June means the return of **SOFTBALL DEVOTIONAL!** Please join us at Cat Walker field (beside the Jungle Gym) for softball fun and our devotional will be during a break in the action.

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UPCOMING:

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Gospel Meetings & Etc.

Harmony church of Christ, June 4-6, Friends & Family Day on June 4 with Bob McCoy, services at 10, 11 AM and 7:30 PM, M-W services at 7 pm with R.C. Christian, Chris Whitaker, and Gene Brock preaching.

Highland church of Christ, June 4-6, services at 7 pm with George King preaching.

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Sunday’s Sermons

Sunday AM.....Six Hours Of Suffering By The Savior
Sunday PM.....Jesus As A Preacher And Teacher

The misfortunes hardest to bear
are these which never came.

-James Russell Lowell

Community Churches and Generic Names

Some churches of Christ are changing their names from names like FIRST STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST to generic names, such as THE COMMUNITY CHURCH or THE FAMILY OF GOD. Proponents of such a change, with whom I have discussed the matter, say that the traditional name, CHURCH OF CHRIST, has “too much baggage” attached to it, and that “it has a negative effect when people see that name on a sign in front of the church building.” It is argued that a generic name will not “turn people off” and will be more effective in reaching people.

I find this to be so ironic because of something that took place recently in Florence. After worship one Sunday morning, I met a young couple who was visiting us for the first time. Sean and Candice had just moved here from Oregon, after he accepted a position with Big River Broadcasting Company. He was Catholic and she was a Mormon.

Rarely have I studied with anyone so hungry to know the Truth as they were, so I was not surprised when they were baptized for the remission of sins and became Christians three weeks later.

Now, here is the ironical part. Sean told me that, before they came to worship that first Sunday, they were walking in downtown Florence and saw our sign which reads, WOOD AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST. They did not know anything about us – had never even seen “a church of Christ building.” But, Sean said they decided to come to Wood Avenue because they wanted to be a part of a church that unashamedly identifies themselves as a church that belongs to Christ!

How ironic. That which initially attracted Sean and Candice is the very thing that some want to change!

~ David Sain ~

What About Them “Seven Ducks?”

(This is a true story)

One told of this brother in the church, a carpenter, who was an unlearned man, without any formal education. His employer took the job of building a denominational meeting house, and the denominational preacher, knowing of the man's lack of formal education, delighted in making himself seen around the building, and in particular picking at the man, knowing him to be one of those “church of Christ-ers.”

One day, the denominational preacher was speaking of his man-made doctrine of salvation by “faith only.” As he was making his point, the brother in Christ spoke up, “But how about them seven ducks?” Everyone thought he had missed the entire point under discussion, and the denominational preacher didn't know what he meant at all. So the brother in Christ explained how that Naaman, to obtain cleansing, was told to go “Duck” in the Jordan River seven times! Them seven ducks” meant that obedience to God's will was required and therefore faith “only” was a false doctrine.

This good brother never claimed to be a preacher or teacher, and never claimed that he “smart” man. But he had the courage to stop the mouth of a false teacher, showing him how SEVEN DUCKS entered the picture!

~ Bill Jackson ~
~ San Augustine church of Christ ~
~ Via Bulletin Digest ~

Summer Series

Our Summer Series begins this coming Sunday evening at 6 pm with brother David Sain preaching. Brother David has been with us several times in lectures and Gospel Meetings and always does an excellent job teaching God's Word. Up until last year David was the preacher for the West Fayetteville church of Christ in Fayetteville, but now does fill-in appointments and Gospel Meetings. His topic will be Jesus As A Preacher and Teacher. Our theme for the summer will be: Jesus, the Master Teacher.

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First PrayerWillard Dunlap
Reading.....Noel Pepper
Scripture.....Matthew 28:6-7
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(S)*Tommy Crouch
(N)Jason Vandagriff
(N)Josh Templeton
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Sermon *Triumph Over The Tomb* Tony Lawrence
DismissBobby Ashford

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Theme: God's Team.

Ivy Bluff church of Christ, June 4-7, 7:00 pm.
Theme: Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Christ.



GRANDPA REALLY DOESN'T LIKE THIS PREACHER —
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Monday Morning Bible Class

This coming Monday, June 12, will be the Monday Morning Bible Class. Everyone is invited.

Summer Series

Our Summer Series continues this Sunday evening at 6 pm with brother Glenn Ramsey speaking on Jesus Teaches Us How To Be Great.

Brother Glenn preached at Bybee Branch nine years from September 1976 to August 1985. During that time the congregation grew rapidly. Currently Glenn is preaching the Brush Creek Church of Christ and teaches at Tennessee Bible College.

"Witnessing" For Christ

More and more I hear of members of the church speaking about “witnessing” and less frequently do I hear about members of the church speaking about teaching the gospel of Christ.

While the term “witness” is a biblical one and while many people speak of “witnessing” within the denominational world, perhaps we should wonder if the way the Bible uses the term and the way the denominations use the term coincide. Are we as Christians allowing the denominational world to change our ways or are we as Christians seeking to change the ways of denominations? It appears that in this terminology we have allowed denominationalism to take control.

As I look at all the different ways in which the word witness is used in the scriptures, I don't find a single solitary instance in which it is used in the same way that most religious people use the word today. We see that the apostles were eyewitnesses of the resurrection and so was the apostle Paul (Acts 1:22; 4:33; 22:15). The Holy Spirit was a witness to the Jews that the Gentiles were to receive the gospel message (Acts 15:8). God gave witness to the apostles and prophets through miraculous signs and wonders that what they said and taught was true (Hebrews 2:4). John writes that the record that God gave of His Son, Jesus, is the witness that is in us, if we believe that record (1 John 5:9,10). However, we never read of an apostle, prophet, or inspired teacher within the New Testament telling Christians to go out and “witness” for Christ. “Preach the gospel”—Yes. “Witness”—No. Where does this concept come from?

When a member of a denomination stands up and “witnesses” they usually tell of all the “great things” God has done for them in their life. Perhaps they will speak about how God saved them from drugs. Perhaps they will speak about how God helped them get over a financial crisis. Perhaps they will speak about how God helped them become a good father or mother. The witnessing is always “how God personally helped me.” The focus of these “testimonies” is upon the individual's personal experience. From this, those who are listening to the speaker are supposed to conclude that God will work some kind of personal experience for them as well and that they are supposed to come to believe in God based upon this “testimony.” Notice, however, that the faith that is generated by these “testimonies” does not come from God's word, but from someone's personal, subjective

experience. Herein lies the danger; the Bible says “faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). Those who stand up and give personal “testimonies” and “witness” for God are doing the world no favor. They are not preaching the word of God—they are preaching their own subjective, emotional experiences. They are causing people to believe something other than the word of God, and that is NOT biblical faith.

Perhaps someone might say, “Well, the Holy Spirit is really the one who is witnessing.” No doubt, this is what many believe today who participate in this kind of thing. However, the Holy Spirit is not the author of confusion according to 1 Corinthians 14:33 and the Holy Spirit wrote Romans 10:17. Now is the Holy Spirit going to say that faith comes by hearing the word at one point in time and then turn around and say that faith comes by doing something OTHER than hearing the word at another point in time? For someone to say such would be indicting the Holy Spirit of a lie. Either faith comes by hearing the word of God or it does not. Either the Holy Spirit told the truth when He said that faith comes by hearing the word of God or these people who are “witnessing” today are lying. I will stick with Paul, “Let God be true, but every man a liar” (Romans 3:4).

Why would Christians get caught up in such foolishness? Do they no longer believe that faith comes by hearing the word of God? Do they believe that their simple personal stories are more important than the story of the cross? Do they believe that God's saving power lies within their own personal experience as opposed to the resurrection of the Son of God? Let us, as Christians, put away such speech from our vocabulary. Let's believe what the Bible has to say about how faith comes and resolve to preach God's word instead of exalting our own personal experience above the power of the gospel (Romans 1:16). Let us resolve not to know anything save Jesus Christ and Him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2). Let's resolve to speak as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11).

~ Kevin Cauley ~
via Braggs church of Christ

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First PrayerJeff Flatt
Reading.....Ricky Prince
Scripture.....John 21:15-17
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Sermon..... Do You Love Me? Tony Lawrence
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Leoni church of Christ, June 18-21, 7:00 pm. Theme:The Life of Paul.

Main Street church of Christ (Manchester) June 18-21, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.Theme: Star Wars.

Gospel Meeting

St. Mary church of Christ, June 23-25 services at 7 pm with Wayne Cantrell preaching.

Summer Series

Our Summer Series continues this Sunday evening at 6 pm with brother Dale Barger speaking on Jesus Warns Against False Teachers.

Brother Dale has been the preacher for the Wheeler Hill church of Christ in Pikeville, TN for the past five years. He is a graduate of the Tri-Cities School of Preaching in Elizabethton, TN. He also writes Family Bible Studies Series literature.

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Annual Ice Cream Supper & Honor of Steve Hillis

The annual Ice Cream Supper is set for Wednesday, June 28, following the evening services. Everyone is encouraged to bring a freezer of their favorite homemade ice cream or other deserts.

This year will be special as we will also honor Steve Hillis who will be retiring from the youth work at Bybee Branch. A “money cake” is being prepared for him. If you would like to contribute to it, please give your money to one of the elders.

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Wisdom’s Counsel

Solomon, the third King of Israel, was known for his wisdom.The Bible says,“Solomon’s wisdom exceeded the wisdom of all the men of the East and all the wisdom of Egypt” (1 Kings 4:30).When he died, his son Rehoboam became king (1 Kings 11:32). He, however, did not exhibit the wisdom of his father.

The story is recorded in 1 Kings 12.The people of Israel promised to serve Rehoboam if he would lighten their burden (verses 3-4). Rehoboam requested three days to consider what his answer would be – that was wise (verse 5). He consulted the older men who had counseled his father – that was wise (verses 6-7). But he rejected their wise counsel and consulted his brash young contemporaries – not wise (verses 8-9).The older counselors advised him to listen to the people (verse 7).The young counselors advised him to “put ‘em in their place” and “show’em who’s boss” (verses 10-11). When the people returned after three days, Rehoboam, rejecting the counsel of the older men and following the counsel of the young men, refused to listen to the people and asserted his authority (verses 13-15). His action resulted in the division of the kingdom – Judah followed him, Israel rejected him (verses 16ff). Never again would the kingdom be united.

Take a lesson! We need to seek and listen to wisdom’s counsel. Consider the words of Solomon:

“A wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel” (Proverbs 1:5).

“The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who seeks counsel is wise” (Proverbs 12:15).

“Without counsel, plans go awry, but in the multitude of counselors they are established” (Proverbs 15:22).

“Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may be wise in your latter days” (Proverbs 19:20).

“Plans are established by counsel; by wise counsel wage war” (Proverbs 18: 20).

Another lesson! We need to be careful how we answer people.The elders counseled Rehoboam to “speak good words” to the people (verse 7). But following the counsel of the young men, he “answered the people roughly” (verse 13). His father was right:“A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” (Proverbs 15:1). Paul counseled,“Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one” (Colossians 4:6).

How different Rehoboam’s life might have been had he listened to his own father! How different our lives will be if we listen to wise counsel. Seek wise counsel! Be selective in the counsel you follow! And, taste your words before you let them out of your mouth! “...in the multitude of counselors there is safety.”

~ Dwight Fuqua ~
Brother Fuqua is the preacher for the Findlay church of Christ in Sparta,TN

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At Home:
Sarah Kell
David Bouldin
Dachelle McVey - following surgery

In The Hospital:
Paul Davis - St Thomas Rutherford
Brenda Davis - moved to NHC #116
Elmer Rutledge - St. Thomas West, surgery
Thursday

VBS Planning Meeting

Our VBS is only two weeks away from this coming Monday on July 10-12. This coming Sunday evening following services we will have a final meeting in preparation for the VBS. All who are participating and those who would be willing to volunteer to assist are asked to be present to cover any last minute details.

We still need a teacher, the nursery class. If you would be willing to teach this class please see either Tony Lawrence or Don Griffith.

Summer Series

Our Summer Series continues this Sunday evening at 6 pm with brother Chris Perry speaking on *Jesus Taught By Parables*.

Brother Chris Perry has been the preacher at the Hebron church of Christ for the past 15 years and will begin working with the Morrison church of Christ next month. Chris has also taught at Boyd Christian School for several years.

Ice Cream Supper & Hillis Honor

The annual Ice Cream Supper is set for Wednesday, June 28, following the evening services. Everyone is encouraged to bring a freezer of their favorite homemade ice cream or other deserts. We will also honor Steve Hillis who will be retiring from the youth work at Bybee Branch. If you would like to contribute to a "money cake," please give your money to one of the elders.

Youth News

Please remember the **NHC DEVOTIONAL** this Thursday from 6:30 to 7:00.

Our monthly **HOME DEVOTIONAL** is this Sunday and will be hosted by Jamie and Melissa Brock. However, they have secured Boyd Christian School's gym for our devo! We will meet immediately following evening worship. As is always the case, boys bring a drink and girls a dessert. I hope to see a large group, so be present and bring a friend.

The next **H.E.Y.** will take place on Wednesday, June 28th. Everyone please meet in the fellowship room.

For those attending **SHORT MOUNTAIN BIBLE CAMP**, it's just around the corner! Early registration ends Sunday, July 2nd. Late fees will apply after that date. If you need a hard copy of the application, please see me or just go to www.shortmountaincamp.org to register.

"WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the foyer table.

Some changes need to be made to our youth calendar. Please note the following and change as needed:

- The **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** scheduled for June 28th, will now take place on July 5th. We will honor our youth with birthdays in both June and July.
- The **WEDNESDAY NIGHT SING** scheduled for July 5th, will now take place July 19th.

UPCOMING:

Sun.	7/2	Softball Devotional
Sun.	7/2	Pew Packers
Wed.	7/5	Birthday Wednesday
Mon./Wed.	7/10-13	Vacation Bible School
Sun/Fri.	7/16-21	Short Mountain Bible Camp
Wed.	7/26	H.E.Y.
Thur.	7/27	NHC Devotional
Sat.	7/29	Youth Blowout
Sun.	7/30	Young Men Led Worship
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Transitions

In the new few days a transition will take place at Bybee Branch. Brother Steve Hillis will retire from the youth work with the congregation and in his place, brother Aaron Ownbey will begin his work. Both are good, sound and faithful men. The church has enjoyed a bright past, now is the time to focus and an equally bright future.

When I left the good brethren at the Needmore congregation to move to Bybee Branch, one of the elders sons presided over our "going away" reception (by the way he is the preacher there now). He quoted an old girl scout song that says, "Make new friends, but keep the old. One is silver, the other is gold. A circle is round, it has no end. That's how long, I will be your friend." Rather than look at it from the perspective of "I like this one better than the other" why not say "I love both of them?" One of the greatest testaments to Steve's work is that everyone not only wants to keep it going but expand it.

About Steve Hillis let me say what a delight it has been to work along side of him for these many years. We have enjoyed an excellent friendship and fellowship. Steve possesses talents and abilities that I will never have. I hope we have complimented each other. He has a passion and enthusiasm that is so contagious. He truly loves the young people and their response to him shows. He has spent many hours teaching them God's Word, encouraging them in their lives, and shaping them into the great young people they have become. I am convinced that one reason Bybee Branch has enjoyed a consistent attendance over the years is the growth that has taken place through the youth program. Steve has taught these young people to be soul winners. All those trips to Evangelism University was to instill in them the passion for sowing the seed of the Kingdom. Many of our young families at church met one another at church and grew up in the youth program and they now are furnishing the next generation of youth. I am so thrilled that Steve will continue to be an active part of the congregation. Be sure to let Steve know just how much you appreciate him. Plus, it wouldn't hurt to include Sharla and Emma in that appreciation...

Aaron, Lindsay, Jacob and Karlie should be here in the next few days. Their furniture is already moved in and the family will hopefully be here later this week. Aaron just graduated Sunday evening where he was also awarded the "True Yokefollow" award by the faculty. The award is based on Philippians 4:3 where Paul spoke of a true fellow worker in the Kingdom. Aaron was described as one of the most kind and helpful students. He was a leader among his fellow students serving at the first year class president. He and Lindsay are excited about starting work with the church at Bybee Branch. Obviously it will take a while to learn everyone and it will take time for him to learn everyone's name, interests and needs. He will need the encouragement and cooperation of everyone to keep the youth work growing and thriving.

This has been and continues to be a great work! Solomon wisely observed how essential it was for one to seek God in youth. "Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, 'I have no pleasure in them':" Ecclesiastes 12:1. We are all in this work together with our elders are providing the guidance and leadership. When we work together to build the Lord's church, God will be honored. I love the way Paul put it to the Corinthians regarding his brother and fellow servant Titus. "If anyone inquires about Titus, he is my partner and fellow worker concerning you. Or if our brethren are inquired about, they are messengers of the churches, the glory of Christ." 2 Corinthians 8:23. Or as Luke records the call of Peter, Andrew, James and John, "... James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men.'" Luke 5:10. During this transition, let us all remember that we are working together for the Lord to build up His Kingdom, the church.

~ Tony Lawrence ~

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Bea Stafford, sister of our Zella Cook. Her funeral was Monday.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Lindsay and Aaron Ownbey on the birth of Karlie on Monday at 7:32 pm. She weighed 7lb 13oz, and was 20in long. Mother and baby are fine.

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead SingingCaleb Graves
First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover
Reading.....Josh Templeton
Scripture.....TBA
Lord's Table (N)*Bobby Ashford
(S)*David Keele
(N).....Clent Kesey
(N).....David McColloch
(N).....Jared Mullican
(S)Derrick Pennington
(S).....Justin Randolph
(S).....David Roberts
Sermon..... John Jones
Dismiss.....Danny Duncan

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead SingingCaleb Graves
First PrayerDavid Keele
Reading.....Farris Young
Scripture.....TBA
Lord's Table*Tim Gann
.....*Stanley Graves
SermonJesus Taught About Salvation Wayne Lankford
DismissRonnie Prince

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsJeff Flatt
Lead Singing.....Justin Griffin
First Prayer.....Ryan McColloch
Reading.....Keith Chilcutt
InvitationRandy Griffith
Dismiss.....Darron Dixon

Welcome Committee

A.M.....David & Iona King
P.M.Mike Mullins Family

Bus Driver:Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

Ushers:Tommy Crouch/Darron Dixon/Herb Rowland
Attend Nursery:Jessica Templeton
Un/Lock Building:Ronnie Prince/Steve Hillis
Prepare Communion:Phyllis Bailey
Assist Baptisms: Cynthia Duncan & Amy Lawrence

Pantry Item:Instant Potatoes

Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....291
Bible Study208
P.M. Worship240
Wednesday Bible Study.....197
Contribution.....\$6,235

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David Bouldin
Susan Pryor
Franklin Brooks
Peggy Snow - following surgery

In The Hospital:
Frankie Hobbs - River Park
Paul Davis - Parthenon Pavilion
Elmer Rutledge - St.Thomas West
Randall Gann - surgery, July 5 at St.Thomas Midtown

Summer Series

Our Summer Series continues this Sunday evening at 6 pm with brother Wayne Lankford, preacher at the East Main church of Christ in Murfreesboro, speaking on *Jesus Taught About Salvation*.

New Address

Aaron, Lindsay, Jacob and Karlie Ownbey
5802 Shellsford Road
McMinnville TN 37110-4814
668-9186

Youth News

The next **PEW PACKERS** class is this Sunday, July 2nd. (We're a week early due to VBS.) Our lessons and activities this year centers on Joshua. The lesson this Sunday is "Defeat at Ai."

For those attending **SHORT MOUNTAIN BIBLE CAMP**, it's just 3 weeks away! The theme this year is "Escape" based from Hebrews 2:1-3. *Early registration* ends this Sunday, July 2nd. Late fees will apply after that date. If you need a hard copy of the application, please see me or just go to www.shortmountaincamp.org to register. Camp begins on Sunday, July 16th and ends Friday, July 21st.

City Leaders are needed for VBS.

UPCOMING:

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Sun.	7/16	Softball Devotional
Wed.	7/19	Wednesday Night Sing
Wed.	7/26	H.E.Y.
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Sunday Morning Worship (July 9)

Announcements(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead SingingJeff McVey
First PrayerAllen Hughes
ReadingKelly Thaxton
Scripture.....Genesis 18:19
Lord's Table (N)*Leonard Clemons (S)*Joe Collins (N)Norman Sain (N)Steve Smith (N)Chris Snow (S).....Eugene Wilcher (S)Garett Woodside (S)Ezra Dixon
Sermon..... Abraham, Great Father Tony Lawrence
DismissStanley Clendenon

Sunday Evening Worship (July 9)

Announcements(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead SingingJeff McVey
First PrayerMicah Lawrence
ReadingMichael Andrews
ScriptureTBA
Lord's Table*Don Griffith*Doug Hendrixson
SermonJesus Taught By Example Ben Bailey
Dismiss.....Bruce Pryor

Wednesday Bible Study (July 12)
VBS

Welcome Committee

A.M.David McColloch Family
P.M.Ashley Newby & Annie Niles
Bus Driver:Paul Hurst (668-7088)
Ushers:Jeff Templeton/Kurt Maynard/Stn Hillis
Attend Nursery:Regina Templeton
Un/Lock Building:Ronnie Prince/Steve Hillis
Prepare Communion:Phyllis Bailey
Assist Baptisms: Cynthia Duncan & Amy Lawrence
Pantry Item:Peanut Butter
Elder Closing Remarks:Stanley Graves

Bible Classes July 5 & 9

In preparation for VBS, all Bible Classes will meet in the auditorium on Wednesday, July 5, and Sunday July 9.

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 DAVID & JOANN ROBERTS Jessica Templeton Ruby Huntley	26 Noel Pepper	27 Jane Flatt Michael Andrews	28 Lincoln Sain Ice Cream Supper/Hillis Honor	29 John Nussbaum	30	1 Lachlan McVey PAUL & BRENDA DAVIS
2 DAVID & STEFANIE MCCOLLOCH DON & JUDY SULLIVAN WALLACE & GLYNDA STEVENS	3 Rita Prince	4 Willie Holmes	5 ALLEN & GLENDA HUGHES 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 BRYAN & CASSIE AY-ERS Debbie Glenn Junah Bouldin	10 Glenda Faye Ferrell JIMMY & ALMETIA JONES MICHAEL & SHANNON ANDREWS Monday Morning Bible Class	11 Greg Grizzell Lillie Rutledge	12 Jean Clendenon Juanita Oliver	13 BRUCE & SUSAN PRY-OR Judy Sullivan	14	15 BRANDON & KARA FUSTON Lauren Hurst Teresa McGinness
16 Caleb King RODNEY & JENNIFER MAYNARD Sandra Hillis	17 Jeff Flatt KELLY & KATHY THAX-TON	18 Carolyn Lance	19	20 Carolyn Cantrell	21 Hilary Neale	22 Rachael Graves WILLARD & MARSHA DUNLAP
23 Tommy Turner Donnie Hill	24 Aria Evans Cindy Fisher Ronnie and Aimee Bielling Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	25 DONALD & MARTHA CATHEY ELMER & LILLIE RUTLEDGE	26	27 Ashley Pinegar Debbie Gann NHC Devo 6:30 PM	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 Barbara Witty Rebecca Mullican Skylar Maynard	3 Hayes Fuston	4 Kara Hurst Paul Davis	5

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead SingingLarry Cook
First Prayer.....Paul Hurst
ReadingTommy Turner
ScriptureGenesis 13:7-9
Lord's Table (N).....*Willard Dunlap
(S)*Tim Fisher
(N)Dwight Barrett
(N)Marty Boles
(N)Junah Bouldin
(S)Tommy Crouch
(S)Kenny Dillard
(S)Ethan Duncan
Sermon ..*Abraham, Generated Fraternity* Tony Lawrence
DismissRandy Griffith

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead SingingLarry Cook
First PrayerKane Maynard
Reading.....Dale Bennett
ScriptureTBA
Lord's Table*J.D. Keele
.....*Ken Martin
Sermon *Jesus Taught About The Kingdom* Jeremiah Tatum
DismissHerb Rowland

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsJeff Flatt
Lead SingingRickey Hurst
First PrayerJeff McVey
Reading.....W.C. Chilton
Invitation.....Joe Collins
Dismiss.....Russ Chilcutt

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Prepare Communion:Phyllis Bailey
Assist Baptisms: Cynthia Duncan & Amy Lawrence

Pantry Item:Crackers

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith

Record For The Week...

	July 2	July 9
A.M. Worship	312	288
Bible Study	257	210
P.M. Worship	217	222
Wednesday Bible Study	224	163
Contribution	\$7,781	\$8,806

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Shut-ins

Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., McMinnville, TN 37110)
Clayton Cook (Larry & Roger's brother) #200
Gordon Fufts #101
Shirley Keith #308
Clara Roller #104
Gary Ward #118

NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)
Winfrey Hennessee #412
Willene Kell #311
Brenda Davis #116

Prestige Assisted Living

(110 River Rd W, Loudon, TN 37774)
Dennis Eller

Home:

Bill Ashford (Bobby's brother)
Bill Brown
Wilma Chisam (at her sons's home)
Dennis Gann
Greg Grizzell
Joan Hillis
Daisy Maxwell
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)
Morris Newby (Willie's father)
Willus & Edith Roberts
Doris Settles (Zollie's sister-in-law)

Sermon Preview

AM.....Abraham, Generated Fraternity
PMJesus Taught About The Kingdom

Youth News

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Why be a part of VBS

Why should one be a part of VBS?

Because of the time spent in . . .

- **Studying of the Scripture** 2 Timothy 2:15; Psalm 1:1-3
- **Singing of Songs** Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19
- **Strengthening of Souls** Acts 20:32; Hebrews 10:24-25
- **Sowing of the Seed** (Word of God) Luke 8:11; Matthew 28:18-20
- **Sustaining Spiritual Soundness** 1 Cor. 16:13-14; 2 Peter 1:5-11
- **Serving our Savior** Matthew 6:24; 16:24
- **Seeking Things that are Spiritual** Matthew 6:33; Colossians 3:1-3
- **Shielding Ourselves against Satan** James 4:7-8; 1 Cor. 10:12-13
- **Supplying Opportunities for Service** 1 Cor. 15:58; Revelation 2:10

~ Jerry Joseph ~
The Proclaimer, St. Peters church of Christ

VBS Report

The attendance at the Monday Night VBS was 243. This was an excellent attendance considering that numerous VBS's (Earleyville, Rockliff, West Sparta) and Gospel Meetings (Ivy Bluff, Hebron, Summitville, Gassaway, New Brick) are this week in our area. Look for a full report next week. THANKS to everyone for your help!

I Don't Want You To Join My Church

We run into people on a more or less frequent basis that are looking for a church. Many times you will hear people who are undergoing this process say things like, "How do I know which church to join," and "How do I choose the right church?" It is well understood that these individuals are looking to be a part of a particular church but they just do not know which one they should be a part of. However, I submit to you that this type of terminology when looking for a church is foreign to the Bible. In fact, let me emphatically say that I don't want you to join my church.

I don't want you to join my church because it is not my church. It may be the church I attend or the group of people with whom I assembly, but technically speaking, it is not my church—it is the Lord's church. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18 "And I say unto you that thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." The church belongs to Jesus; it is His church; He is the Owner. The Bible also says that Jesus is the Head of the body (Eph. 1:22, 23), the Savior of the church (Eph. 5:23), the King of the kingdom (1 Tim. 6:15), the Husband of the bride (Eph. 5:21ff), the Foundation of the church (1 Cor. 3:11) and the Chief Cornerstone (1 Peter 2:5, 6). So I want you to be part of the church that belongs to Christ, not "my church."

I don't want you to join my church because you can't join the church. One will search the scriptures all day long and never find an instance of a person "joining a church." We read of the church having members in 1 Corinthians 12:12ff and Romans 12:4ff. However we never read of someone "joining" the church. Rather we read where God adds a person to the church. In Acts 2:47 we have, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved." The Lord adds those who are saved to the church. If you are saved you already have membership within the church. The question that stands before you is whether or not you will worship with God's church. If you are not a Christian, the question that stands before you is "Will you be added to God's church?" I don't want you to join my church; I want you to be added to the Lord's church.

I don't want you to join my church because you nor I have a right to determine the characteristics of the church. Many people visit different churches in their search for a church. They look at the church and weigh the differences and then determine which characteristics most please them. This is not, however, how we should view the church. We should look for the church whose characteristics most please God! God has given us His word so that we can know about His church and He has given us His church so that we can know about His word (Ephesians 3:10). It is God's church that we should be seeking. I don't want you to join my church; I want you to seek God's church (Matthew 10:33).

There are some things that I do want. I DO want you to be obedient to God. I DO want you to worship God. I DO want you to be a faithful Christian. I DO want you to be saved. I DO want you to be a member of the Lord's church for which He shed His blood (Acts 20:28). Take the necessary measures today to ensure that you are part of the church that belongs to Jesus—the church of Christ (Romans 16:16)!

~ Mike Dyer ~
Willow Ave church of Christ

Summer Series

Our Summer Series continues this Sunday evening at 6 pm with brother Jeremiah Tatum, preacher at the Willow Ave church of Christ in Cookeville. Brother Tatum spoke on our 2013 Summer Series and did a tremendous job. He will be speaking on *Jesus Taught About The Kingdom*.

Gospel Meeting & VBS's

The **Mt. Leo church of Christ** will have a VBS July 17-20, from 6-8 pm.

The **Arlington church of Christ** will have a VBS July 16-19, from 7 pm. Theme: God's Promises

The **Jericho church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting July 23-26, with Samuel Bain, Jon Simmons, Drew Milligan, Gene Brock and Jason Gann preaching.

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First PrayerRickey Hurst
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff
ScriptureTBA
Lord's Table (N)*Jeff Flatt
(S)*Brandon Fuston
(N)Robert Elam
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SermonDave Miller
DismissNoel Pepper

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Bible Study234
P.M. Worship228
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David Bouldin

Frankie Hobbs (no visitors please)

Kirstie Dixon following outpatient surgery

Zollie Settles

Doris Settles (Zollie's sister-in-law) under Hospice care, requested prayers

Paul Meacham, Jr. (currently conducting a Gospel Meeting at Smartt but recently diagnosed with brain tumor. Will begin testing and treatment following meeting)

In The Hospital:

Paul Davis - Parthenon Pavilion

Judy Nussbaum - outpatient surgery Wednesday at St. Thomas-Rutherford

Gospel Meetings

Smart church of Christ, July 16-20 services at 7 pm with Paul Meacham.

Jericho church of Christ, July 23-26 services at 7 pm with different speakers.

Bluff Springs church of Christ, July 23-26 services at 7 pm with Richard Bowman.

Doyle church of Christ, July 23-27 services at 7 pm with Randy Bybee.

Unity church of Christ, August 6-9 services at 7 pm with Johnny Fox.

Vacation Bible Schools

Mt. Leo church of Christ, July 17-20 services at 6-8 pm.

Central church of Christ, July 23-26 services at 6-8 pm.

VBS Report

Thanks to everyone for your help with VBS. Attendance: Monday-243, Tuesday-220, Wednesday-267

Youth News

We have several BBYG campers at Short Mountain Bible Camp this week. Please pray for each one's safety and especially for real spiritual growth.

The next **HOME DEVOTIONAL** will be at David and Penny Keele's home this Sunday following evening worship. As usual, boys bring a drink and girls a dessert. I encourage you as always to bring your Bible and a friend!

H.E.Y. will take place on Wednesday, July 26th, in the fellowship room. This really has become a favorite of the youth group and a great time to invite friends.

The BBYG Alumni will be going to Concord Road church on Saturday, July 29th, for a night of singing. More details to follow. We have been before and it is a great time of fellowship and of course beautiful, uplifting singing together.

Make sure you have on your calendar Sunday, July 30th, as this is the date for the Parent/BBYG/Pew Packers/Alumni Dinner to be at a local undetermined restaurant. This will take place after evening worship on the 30th. Obviously this has the potential to be a LOT of people, so restaurant is to be determined.

Last year a new event was started for youth (and others) in Warren and surrounding counties called **ERUPT**. The second edition will take place September 22-24, 2017 at Cumberland Caverns. One of the keynote speakers will be Lonnie Jones plus Jerry Elder will graciously be coming back to lead singing. For more information go to www.eruptyouthrally.com and make sure to go to our Facebook page and share away.

To our family at Bybee Branch: On behalf of my family, we are humbled and truly thankful for the outpouring of love (and money) given to us on June 28th. I really do not have the words to describe how much we appreciate your support (and your money.) So, I'll just simply say we love you for caring, we love you for sharing your lives with us, and we love you for allowing us to be a part of your and your kid's lives all these years. And yes we love your money too! God's blessings to you all!

"WORSHIP NOTES FOR KIDS" on the table.

Sunday Guest: Dave Miller

This coming Sunday speaking at all three services will be brother Dave Miller. The evening lesson will be a part of the Summer Series with the topic: Jesus Teaches About Worship.

Brother Miller is the executive director of Apologetics Press. He received his BA in Bible and Speech from Lubbock Christian University, MA in speech from Texas Tech, MDiv from Harding School of Theology, and PhD from Southern Illinois University. He has been with us previously speaking on Islam and then on the Silencing of God.

Can One Have Sins Forgiven Before Baptism?

That is a very good question! It is a question of eternal consequence! Really, the question is, "At what point is one saved?" I'd like to share three passages with you – passages that answer this question.

The first passage is Mark 16:16. Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." Who was speaking? Jesus! He has the words of eternal life (John 6:68). His word will judge us (John 12:48). Where does He place salvation? Does He place it at the point of faith? No! Does He place it before baptism? No! Jesus said, "He who believes and is baptized will be saved..." Belief and baptism are connected by the coordinating conjunction "and." Belief is essential for salvation "and" baptism is essential for salvation. Both believe "and" baptism precedes salvation.

The second passage is Acts 2:38. When the people on Pentecost asked what to do to be saved, Peter responded, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." What must we do to receive the remission of sins? Peter, and inspired apostle, said to "repent" and "be baptized." Again, "and" is a conjunction that connects "repent" and "be baptized." Both are essential for "the remission of sins." Since

both precede and are essential to salvation, the remission of sins cannot possibly take place before repentance and baptism!

The third passage is Romans 6. In verses 3 and 4 Paul explained how baptism is a "form" of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ – the fundamental facts of the gospel (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). Paul wrote, "Or do you not know that as many of you as were baptized in Christ Jesus was baptized in His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life." Now note what Paul said in verses 16-18: "Do you not know that whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness." Before we obey this "form of doctrine" (before we are baptized into Christ), we are the "slaves of sin." When we obey this "form of doctrine" (when we are baptized into Christ), we are "set free from sin" and become "slaves of righteousness."

Now put these passages together in answering the question, "Can one have sins forgiven before baptism?" To be saved we must believe and be baptized – Mark 16:16. To have the remission of our sins we must repent and be baptized – Acts 2:38. Before baptism (the form of doctrine we obey), we are servants of sins. It is when (not until) we are baptized (obey that form of doctrine) that we are set free from sin – Romans 6:3-4, 16-18.

Have you been baptized to be saved? Have you been baptized for the remission of sins? Have you obeyed this form of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ and been set free from sin? Can one be forgiven without doing what God requires?

~ Dwight Fuqua ~

Brother Fuqua is the preacher for the Findlay church of Christ in Sparta, TN

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First Prayer.....Willie Newby
Reading.....Matthew Woodside
Scripture.....Hebrews 11:8
Lord's Table (N).....*Allen Hughes
(S).....*Jamie Brock
(N).....Justin Griffin
(N).....Shannon Griffin
(N).....Randy Griffith
(S).....Steve Hillis
(S).....Ronnie Hoover
(S).....Darron Dixon
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Ricky Prince

Sunday Evening Worship

Young Men Conduct Services

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsDavid Keele
Lead Singing.....J.D. Keele
First PrayerRodney Reynolds
Reading.....Tommy Crouch
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Michael Andrews

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Pantry Item:Macaroni & Cheese

Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons

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Bible Study228
P.M. Worship217
Wednesday Bible Study.....161
Contribution.....\$6,608

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At Home:

- Sarah Kell
- David Bouldin
- Frankie Hobbs (no visitors please)
- Kirstie Dixon following outpatient surgery
- Zollie Settles
- Doris Settles (Zollie’s sister-in-law)
- Judy Nussbaum - following surgery
- Bob Cantrell - eye injury
- Robert Elam
- Bobby Rutledge (grandfather of Stephen Felty)

In The Hospital:

- Paul Davis - Parthenon Pavilion
- Wanda Carter - St.Thomas West, following surgery, no visitors at this time.
- Nell Kiefer (Jean Ware’s sister) - surgery in Abilene,TX

Gospel Meetings

Unity church of Christ, August 6-9 services at 7 pm with Johnny Fox.

New Hope church of Christ, August 6-9 services at 7 pm with Joe Wells.

Summer Series

This coming Sunday evening will be our final lesson in the Summer Series with brother Kyle Butt.. His topic will be Jesus Teaches About Judgment.

Meetings Sunday Evening

Elders-Deacons Meeting will be at 5 pm with the General Business Meeting following services in the Fellowship Room.

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The Parent/BBYG/Pew Packers/Alumni Dinner is this Sunday following evening services. We are still finalizing the restaurant we will dine at.

The young men will conduct all of our worship this Sunday night except the sermon. Following worship, the “younger” young men will have opportunity to come up and practice.

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Well, I knew this day was coming for about a year now. This Sunday will be my last official day as youth minister at Bybee Branch. What a blessing this has been to my life, both professionally and most importantly spiritually. My family has been so patient as the job requires many nights away from home, plus while at home many hours of study. Thank you Sharla and Emma (and Terann the first time around) for staying by my side. I’ve been fortunate to have the trust and support of each man that has served in the eldership for the duration of my time. I have so much enjoyed and appreciated how Tony mentored me in so many ways. I am truly indebted to him for helping me learn how to be a preacher. Corretta (in the early days) and then Rita has been a tremendous asset also. Rita especially has done a lot of things that have really gone unnoticed that has helped me and our youth to enjoy all the activities that we do. I know that prayers have been said for me and our youth ministry throughout the years, both publicly and privately. Thank you, congregation, for supporting my family and me. The youth group is and only will be as strong as the parents want it to be. There have been so many parents (here and gone) that have made youth group important. Thank you. And then there is the reason for all of this, the youth. I have memories that date back to 1994 with kids at Bybee Branch, so to rehash that are obviously not feasible. If you want a glimpse of those memories, check out the 36 BBYG Youth Memory scrapbooks that I just placed in the library! (Plus about 5 to 6 more to come when I get them together!) Thank you Bybee Branch Youth Group for the memories! I am a better man for my time spent as your youth minister. I now ask that you give the same due diligence and respect to Aaron and Lindsay. I’ve talk to Aaron and am convinced he is the man for the job! I can’t wait to see what great things he will do for the Lord and the BBYG and Pew Packers. So, as for me, I will be taking a hiatus from you. I’ve accepted a position to fill the pulpit at the church of Christ at Smart Station for at least a while. I’ll begin on Wednesday, August 2nd. Please pray for this endeavor that all glory will be given to God. I love you Bybee Branch...sbh

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Dachelle McVey TIM & AMANDA GANN	31 Betty McPherson CLEMENT & LYNETTE KESEY Jack Keele	1 Luke Andrews TIM & CINDY FISHER	2 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	11	12 Allen Hughes JEFF & DACHELLE MCVEY
13 Grant Chilcutt	14 Wilma Rogers Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	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 Shannon Andrews Thelma Rowland	24 Pamela Turner Phyllis Bailey RUSS & LORI CHILCUTT NHC Devo 6:30 PM	25	26 JAMIE & MELISSA BROCK Micah Lawrence Ronnie Bielling
27 Linda Cantrell Monica Rowland Tristan Gilbert	28 Miranda Vinson Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	29 Clent Kesity Doris Wilcher Mahaley Keele	30 CHRIS & BETSY MCBRIDE	31 Ethan Pinegar HEATH & JAMIE GRIFFITH Megan Pack	1 Nancy Mayfield Nancy Rogers Rodney Reynolds	2

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Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First PrayerRicky Prince
Reading.....Leonard Clemons
Scripture.....Acts 13:14-15
Lord's Table (N).....*Michael Andrews
(S).....*Dale Bennett
(N).....Dwight Barrett
(N).....Marty Boles
(N).....Junah Bouldin
(S).....David Chilton
(S).....Kenny Dillard
(S).....Danny Duncan
Sermon...*Good News Goes to Galatia* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Willard Dunlap

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First PrayerJosh Templeton
Reading.....Brandon Fuston
Scripture.....Mark 9:10
Lord's Table*Ryan McColloch
.....*Jeff McVey
Sermon.....*Questions & Answers* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsDavid Keele
Lead SingingJared Mullican
First PrayerBobby Ashford
Reading.....Tim Gann
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
DismissMike Mullins

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P.M.....Jean Ware & Pat Gauger

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Assist Baptisms: . Stephanie Maynard & Linda Hamilton

Pantry Item:Hamburger Helper

Elder Closing Remarks:Stanley Graves

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P.M. Worship278
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Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of brother David Bouldin, long time member at Bybee Branch. His funeral was this past Saturday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Reese Tate, uncle of our Harry Felty. Services are Wednesday in Lenoir City, TN.

Gospel Meetings

Bonner church of Christ, August 6-9 services at 7 pm with Stan Stevenson.

Unity church of Christ, August 6-9 services at 7 pm with Johnny Fox.

New Hope church of Christ, August 6-9 services at 7 pm with Joe Wells.

Elder, Deacon, Preacher Seminar

East Main church of Christ, August 5, 8 AM – 1 PM. Speakers; Glenn Colley, Alan Highers, and Tom Holland.

Ladies Day

Gassaway church of Christ, August 5, 9-11 AM
Theme: One Word. Speaker: Amanda Key.

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

Shut-ins

Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., McMinnville, TN 37110)
Clayton Cook (Larry & Roger's brother) #200
Gordon Fults #101
Shirley Keith #308
Clara Roller #104
Gary Ward #118

NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)
Winfrey Hennessee #412
Willene Kell #311
Wanda Carter #125

Prestige Assisted Living

(110 River Rd W, Loudon, TN 37774)
Dennis Eller

Home:

Bill Ashford (Bobby's brother)
Bill Brown
Wilma Chisam (at her sons's home)
Dennis Gann
Greg Grizzell
Joan Hillis
Daisy Maxwell
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)
Morris Newby (Willie's father)
Willus & Edith Roberts
Doris Settles (Zollie's sister-in-law)

Sermons online

Every sermon preached at Bybee Branch is recorded and then posted at the church website: <http://bybeebranch.org/sermons/sermons.html>. If you wish you can listen to them there, download them to your computer, mp3 player or other device. Why not let your friends know? The recent Summer Series was so good it needs to be shared!



Youth News

Do you remember the first time that you attended services here? Were you nervous? Were your palms sweaty? Did you know what to say when someone approached you? Were you panicking, thinking is my tie straight or is my makeup just right? As people begin to approach you, could you feel your heart start beating out of your chest with fear and anxiety? Start wondering, do they shake hands or are they a person that likes to hug. All of these things went through our heads the first time we came here. It was my first time speaking in front of such a large crowd. My first time "trying out" if you will. My first time meeting many of you. What a huge relief it was when it was over. But then there is always the should've/shouldn't have scenarios playing out in your head. I should have said this in my sermon. I should not have said that in the meeting, now they will think I am an uneducated fool. Our first few times here, we were nervous and did not know what to expect. But everyone made us feel welcome and made us feel at home very quickly. When we left with the ten pound goody basket full of fruit, candy, snack cakes, and whatever else Jacob ate before we realized it, definitely made us feel welcomed. Thank you so much for treating us like family since day one. I know many have went out of their way to help us and my limited vocabulary can not express our gratitude enough. The outpouring love that each of you have shown us, reminds us about the love of Christ. John 3:16 and Jude 21 and 1 John 4:21. Each one of you are exemplifying this by your actions and your words. Each one of you are encouraging us daily and we thank you for that. We are blessed to be here and are grateful for this opportunity. We look forward to getting to know you all better and working together to serve God.

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September 3 - Labor Day Youth Madness.
September 16 - TBH (To Be Honest) youth day is at the New Hope church of Christ in Readyville, Tennessee. It is from 8am to 4pm.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please sign up if you plan on attending.

September 17-21 - Youth Gospel meeting at Mt.Leo. Justin Griffin is our speaker this year and I am sure some of our young men will be leading singing and offering prayers during the Gospel meeting.

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The Rock Higher Than I

David said, "From the end of the earth I will cry to You, When my heart is overwhelmed; Lead me to the rock that is higher than I." (Ps. 61:2).

David was often in situations that overwhelmed him. He was hotly pursued by Saul seeking his life. He faced rebellion in his son Absalom and fled for his life. David also suffered greatly from the guilt of his sin with Bathsheba. One need only to read the Psalms to see the heart of this king who was a "man after God's own heart."

Yet, David knew there was One to whom he could go for solace in times of life's storms. He spoke of a "rock that is higher than I." But who or what is the Rock of which speaks? Frequently a person who has experienced a number of physical challenges in life will say of their husband, wife, son, daughter or some other close person, "they have been my rock." In describing such a person they are saying that they have always been there for them. They are one upon whom they have depended. For David (and us) this Rock is the Lord. Later in this chapter David will say, "In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God." (Ps. 62:7). And in another Psalm, "Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation." (Ps. 95:1). Paul identified the Rock that traveled with the Israelites as Christ (1 Cor. 10:4).

Jesus is the Rock higher than I. In times when you are overwhelmed, go to Him!

~ Tony Lawrence ~

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First Prayer.....Bruce Pryor
Reading.....Stanley Clendenon
ScriptureGalatians 1:6-9
Lord's Table (N)*Russ Chilcutt
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DismissDon Griffith

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ScriptureLuke 12:13-21
Lord's Table*Willie Newby
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Sermon.....Parable of the Rich Fool Tony Lawrence
DismissGordon Mayfield

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Middle TN School of Preaching

The Fall Quarter of the Middle Tennessee School of Preaching begins on August 24, and meets at the Bethany church of Christ.This quarter's classes:

6-7 p.m.—The Home As God Would Have It—Jim Boyd
7-8 p.m.—Preaching Series: Church At Ephesus—Bill Boyd
8-9 p.m.—The Book Of Job—Tom Harrison

**The class on the Home by brother Jim Boyd would be great for young couples!*

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I Can't Go To Church Today

"I cannot go to church today,"
Said little Peggy Ann Mckay.
"I have the measles and the mumps,
A gash, a rash and purple bumps.
My mouth is wet, my throat is dry,
I'm going blind in my right eye.
My tonsils are as big as rocks,
I've counted sixteen chicken pox
And there's one more—that's seventeen.
And don't you think my face looks green?
My leg is cut, my eyes are blue—
It might be instamatic flu.
I cough and sneeze and gasp and choke,
I'm sure that my left leg is broke.
My hip hurts when I move my chin,
My belly button's caving in,
My back is wrenched, my ankle's sprained,
My 'pendix pains each time it rains.
My nose is cold, my toes are numb,
I have a sliver in my thumb.
My neck is stiff, my voice is weak,
I hardly whisper when I speak.
My tongue is filling up my mouth,
I think my hair is falling out.
My elbow's bent, my spine ain't straight.
My temperature is one-0-eight.
My brain is shrunk, I cannot hear,
There is a hole inside my ear.
I have a hangnail, and my heart is—
What? What's that? What's that you say?
You say today is Saturday?
G'bye, I'm going to the mall today!"

The Bible says, "Let us not forsake the gathering of ourselves together, as is customary for some. Instead, let us exhort one another, and so much the more as you see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25, FHV).

~ Tom L. Childers ~

[*Poem adopted from Where the Sidewalk Ends by Shel Silverstein]
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What do we do when our feelings are hurt?

I would imagine that everyone that is reading this at one point in their life have had their feelings hurt. It can be as simple as someone saying you do not match and you look ridiculous. Even though when you walked out the door this morn-ing you thought you looked really good. My wife tells me I don't match all the time. I think I look as good as a show dog and I come strutting in the bedroom and say hey look at my tie, shirt and suit combo and doesn't it look great. Then I get a look, are you serious, is this a joke, go change that tie and don't ever put that combo on again. Maybe your feelings get hurt by something far more seri-ous. Maybe someone attacks your family or even you. What would our first response be? How would you handle this situation? I can tell you from past experiences, that I would become angry and begin to lash out and ridicule that person and even enjoy watching them suffer. That is not being the best example. "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you." (John 13:15 KJV) and "For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:" (1Pet. 2:21KJV) Christ gave us the example that we should be striving to match.

When a person does not treat us well, and offends us, is it our goal to make them feel small and belittle them? Does that make us feel better, seeing them cry and become embarrassed? No, we should try to treat the person that has offended us the same way that we want to be treated. I KNOW this is not easy nor is it normally our first reaction. But let's read what Jesus said: "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." (Matt 7:12 KJV) This is hard to obey, because when we are hurt our first tendency is to hurt the one that hurt us. The next time you find yourself in this situation let's try to do what Christ commanded us to do, and treat them the same way we want to be treated.

Here is one reason, of many, why we should do this. We do not know what they are go-

ing through. They could have a broken home (mom & dad constantly fighting and may be going through a divorce), or they could be getting physically and mentally abused at home. Maybe they are stressed with work or even the death of a loved one. We do not know what they are going through. I know they just hurt your feelings, but they may be going through something far more damaging than hurt feelings. You could be the Light in a dark world for them. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt 5:16 KJV) Can you imag-ine if your one action in a negative situation changed a person's life. By that I mean they became your friend and then started coming to services with you and then obeyed the Gospel because of your one action during a negative situation. How would that make you feel? We would be on cloud nine. We would be excited because we made a pos-itive impact on someone and they are now a New Testament Christian and it is because you choose to strive to be like Christ in that moment.

To conclude, just remember that it is just our feelings that got hurt. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer 17:9 KJV) We can not lash out when our feelings get hurt. Instead we should strive to have the mind of Christ because at the end of the day God should be our top priority. We can not allow our hurt feelings to hinder us and slow us down from our ultimate purpose which is heaven. Satan loves when we as Christians get caught up in tongue lashing matches. Satan loves it when we do anything that is contrary to God's word. I know that this is hard for us to control and that we will have to be constantly working in this area. But we know that if everyone makes fun of us everyday, that God in heaven still loves us. That should bring comfort to our minds and our hearts.

~Aaron Ownbey ~

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Lead SingingCaleb Graves
First PrayerRodney Reynolds
Reading.....Robert Elam
Scripture.....Galatians 1:13-17
Lord's Table (N)*Joe Collins
(S)*Tommy Crouch
(N)Jacob Griffin
(N)Justin Griffin
(N)Ronnie Hoover
(S)John David Keele
(S)Clent Kesey
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Sermon...*Good News Changes A Mean Man* Tony Lawrence
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Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(235-3248) Brandon Fuston
Lead SingingCaleb Graves
First PrayerMatthew Woodside
Reading.....Jeff Flatt
Scripture.....Matthew 13:1-3
Lord's Table*Cory Prince
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The Power of Family Influence

“But Ruth said: “Entreat me not to leave you, Or to turn back from following after you; For wherever you go, I will go; And wherever you lodge, I will lodge; Your people shall be my people, And your God, my God.” Ruth 1:16.

Ruth was the daughter-in-law of Naomi. Naomi’s family had temporarily migrated to Moab due to a famine. While spending ten years there Naomi and Elimelech’s two sons took wives of the Moabites. They were distant family being the descendants of Lot. We are not told how or why but the father and two sons died. This left a widowed mother-in-law and two widowed daughter-in-laws.

Things improved in Judah and Naomi planned on returning. She realized that her two daughter-in-laws were Moabites, she would be unable to have more sons, and that the best prospects for them to have a family would be to return to the houses of their own family. Both offered to return with Naomi and their love was obvious. Orpah reluctantly chose to return but Ruth did not.

Ruth begged Naomi not to urge her to leave. She wanted to return to Judah with Naomi. They had become real family with emotional bonds that were not easily broken. What is significant within this passage is the last phrase of verse 16, “And your God, my God.” Too often we do not appreciate the power of family influence for good. Peter stated, “...even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,” 1 Peter 3:1.

Live godly lives so your family will want to be faithful to the one true God!

~Tony Lawrence ~

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Middle TN School of Preaching

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6-7 p.m.—The Home As God Would Have It—Jim Boyd
7-8 p.m.—Preaching Series: Church At Ephesus—Bill Boyd
8-9 p.m.—The Book Of Job—Tom Harrison

**The class on the Home by brother Jim Boyd would be great for young couples!*

Address Update

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Something to Think About

There's a new and improved computer available. It combines a word processor and a food processor. It is really helpful for those times when you have to eat your words.

Model or Mission

The assembly of people that began on the Pentecost following Christ's resurrection serves as a model for us, even in the 21st Century. We follow the patterns that were set up by the early church in that we respect the way they understood the authority that governed them. We observe how the early church worshipped, and follow the pattern of a cappella singing and remembering our Lord's death and resurrection each first day of the week. We seek to follow the words given to Timothy and Titus in that we want the fullness of the gospel proclaimed in ways that befit sound doctrine. And of course there are other things that define us as imitators of what was practiced by the early church — the appointment of elders, the funding of the work by the first day collections, the work of deacons, etc. It is therefore good that we follow the model of that church. I believe this is what God wants.

Now consider an illustration. Suppose some years ago a couple of men put together a plan for a sales organization. These entrepreneurs had the idea of gathering together groups of people, having regular meetings, introducing them to the products they had for sale, and then sending them out into the marketplace — neighborhoods. After each meeting, they would go home and go about their normal routines, and then meet again the next week, on and on. Guess what. They had the *model* down, and profited from their times together, as they learned more and more about their company and their products, and enjoyed their friendships, but they rarely sold any of the products. Their *mission* was to get new customers and sell products. The company had *both* a method and a mission, but was only carrying out the method. Do you see a connection? Can we apply that to the church today? It is possible that we have the *model* pretty well down pat, but what are we doing about the *mission* of the church? Just like the company, we have a product to sell — *the good news of the gospel!*

I have known people who had a driving passion to sell some health product that would produce amazing results. If you have a goal of helping people improve their health, or if you work to produce an income to provide for yourself or your family, then a driving passion is the road to achievement.

Let's now make the application to God's "company," his church. In multiplied congregations that I have

visited through the years, I see multitudes that have the *model* down pat. They meet regularly to worship, to study together, to remember our Savior's death and resurrection, etc. They want sound teaching, and enjoy the company of other Christians. After assembling, they go home, and out into the world. They live godly lives, and treat others with kindness. Yes, they have the *model* down, but do we see the *mission* carried out? And just what is the mission of the church? **To spread the good news of the gospel of Christ!** Some may counter, "Yes, our church is active in this. We support several preachers in the U.S. and overseas. We have gospel meetings, and a VBS every summer." All very good, but why then do we see so many churches that are barely growing, if at all, or are even declining in membership, or just "holding their own?" Could it be that we are satisfied that we have the model well in place, but that we are not carrying out the mission? I'm not talking about the mission of the church, as a body, but the mission of individual Christians. Please understand, the carrying out of the Great Commission is primarily given to *individuals*. Note the Great Commission instructs the apostles to "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you..." Notice — the apostles were to go "*make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...*(then) *teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...*" (Mathew 28:19-20). What had he commanded the apostles? *To teach the disciples to go make disciples!* That then makes it the *mission* of every Christian to do what they can to spread the news. That contributed to the fantastic growth of the early church, and will do much for the growth of the kingdom today. It takes the *mission* as well as the *model*. One without the other is not very productive. How many people have you talked to about the gospel lately?

~ Jefferson David Tant ~

I did not write this article but it goes along with what we have been discussing in class the last few weeks. “But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.” (James 1:22 KJV) This sums it up perfectly. Keep striving to improve your Bible knowledge and trying to memorize the scriptures that we have used each week. — Aaron Ownbey

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(N)Rodney Maynard
(S).....Brian Moody
(S)David Roberts
(S)Steve Smith
Sermon*Good News Solves Problems* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Micah Lawrence

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey
Lead SingingLarry Cook
First Prayer.....Michael Andrews
Reading.....Randall Gann
Scripture.....Matthew 18:21-35
Lord's Table*Herb Rowland
.....*Norman Sain
Sermon ...*Parable of the Unforgiving Servant* Tony Lawrence
DismissAidan McVey

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsDavid Keele
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First Prayer.....Russ Chilcutt
Reading.....Shannon Griffin
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Failing To Finish

One of the reasons I did not want to run track in High School was I was afraid I would tire out and have to drop out of the race. You can imagine the kind of teasing a teenage boy would endure having to drop out of a race! Having the stamina to finish the race is necessary to win. The same is true in the spiritual race of life. The writer of Hebrews said, "...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us," (Hebrews 12:1).

When it comes to running there are all sort of obstacles that may impede one finishing a race. One distraction would be those who tempt us with something alluring. To the Galatians Paul said, "You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth?" (Galatians 5:7). Paul spoke of his friend Demas and said, "for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world..." (2 Timothy 4:10). Speaking about the seed being sown in thorny soil, Jesus said, "Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful." (Matthew 13:22).

Others it seems just get tired and quit. They lose heart. To them there must be a word of warning and encouragement. To Sardis Jesus said, "Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God." (Revelation 3:2). "Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it." (1 Corinthians 9:24).

~Tony Lawrence ~

How To Be A Friendly Church

We have visitors every week, and I am thankful for them because they are a primary source of new growth. To be regarded as a friendly church is a precious commodity; it takes work to maintain that important trait Here are some rules that will help us perpetuate a friendly environment.

The 30-second rule. Most guests will make a judgment about us during the first 30 seconds after they enter. Let's greet people at the doors with a handshake and a smile. "We're so glad you came!"

The front door rule. Many people need help to find their classes or a seat in the auditorium. If they find it difficult to locate a class or a seat, they may choose not to return.

The aisle rule. Unless you need to be on an aisle, leave room for visitors and guests to sit on the aisles. Our long pews make it necessary for many of us to sit in the middle.

The ten-foot rule. Greet any person with whom you are not familiar who comes within ten feet of you. Make eye contact and be friendly.

The five-minute rule. Take the first five minutes after services to seek out guests and greet them. Encourage them to return and thank them for coming.

Our attitude will determine whether or not they return. They come back when they feel welcomed and appreciated. Let's do our best to see that this happens.

Allan Eaken
Austin Ave. Newsletter, Brownwood, TX
via Bulletin Digest

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Bertie Weitzel, sister of our Elmer Rutledge. Her services were this past Thursday.

We will miss you this week.

On Friday morning, Lindsay and I headed to Sevierville Tennessee to attend Polishing the Pulpit (PTP for short). Polishing the Pulpit is a six day long event, with classes for everyone, taught by brothers and sisters from all over the world. Classes typically start around 8am and go up till 9pm each day. I have not taken the time to count but I would guess that there are about fifty different speakers throughout the week. You can attend any class, on a just about any topic, that you would like unless it is a class for women only.

There are several different tracks that they have setup for specific people to follow. For example, they have an Elders and Deacons track. Which includes topics that elders and deacons would benefit from. They also have a women's track. A youth minister's track and they also have a track for teenagers. I highly encourage you to check out the website and go one year. You can go for the week-end or for the entire week. In my opinion, it is the best thing we have in the brotherhood.

Micah and Paul will be covering my classes for me while I am gone. I know they will do a great job. So youth, make sure while I'm gone, you ask them all of the hard questions that you can think of. I appreciate these men and their willingness to teach the class for me.

Bible Bowl Information.

Two weeks ago, I along with about 25 men met to discuss the Bible bowl for this year. It was good to see so many men show up to discuss which book we would be studying and any changes that needed to be made. The men agreed to make one change that will affect you. While the men are grading the test, the hosting congregation's young men will lead everyone in a few songs. So start practicing your favorite songs and be prepared to lead them in October at the first Bible bowl of the year.

This year we will be studying from the book of Matthew. We will be able to study the birth of Christ, about Christ being tempted, as well as a few miracles that Jesus performed. Look at Matthew 11 to find one of the greatest invitations in the Bible, in my mind.

Matthew is one book, among many, that is full of great information that we can benefit from. I look forward to being able to study this book along side each of you. I also look forward to being able to do somewhat of a slow methodical study of Matthew.

Please go ahead and begin studying it yourself, please do not wait on me. Try to start reading at least the first two chapters of Matthew. That way you are familiar with the text when we begin our study. If you have any suggestions or tips please feel free to share them with me.

I am not striving to win. I am striving for the youth to know as much as they can about the book of Matthew. If they know the material and come in last I am just as proud as if they know the material and come in first. Growing in knowledge is far more superior than receiving a plaque or banner. I hope we can all work together to learn the book of Matthew.

~ Aaron Ownbey ~

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Congratulations

Congratulations to Erin Duncan for earning a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree in Marketing from Tennessee Tech University.

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First Prayer.....Leonard Clemons
Reading.....Randy Griffith
Scripture.....Galatians 3:6-9
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(S).....*David Chilton
(N).....Bobby Ashford
(N).....Dwight Barrett
(N).....Marty Boles
(S).....Junah Bouldin
(S).....Larry Cook
(S).....Tommy Crouch
Sermon.....*Justified By Faith* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Chris Snow

Sunday Evening Worship

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Lead Singing.....Paul Hurst
First Prayer.....Stanley Clendenon
Reading.....Micah Lawrence
Scripture.....Acts 25:19-20
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.....*Eddie Palmer
Sermon.....*Questions & Answers* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

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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?**

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- September 16 - Door Knocking for Youth Gospel Meeting
- September 17-21 - Youth Gospel Meeting at Mt. Leo. Justin Griffin is speaking.
- September 22-24 - Erupt Youth Rally \$35.00. Give Aaron money by Sept 6th.
- September 28 - NHC Devotional at 6:30 pm
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Information about Labor Day Youth Madness. We will begin right after services with pizza and snacks. Then we will begin to play games and have a good time. Remember to bring any games that you would like to play. I am working on making a escape room in the library for this event. I will try to conclude this event by 10pm. We will stay at the building for the entire event. There is no cost. So parents please be at the building at 10 to pick up your sugar filled child.

Thanks - Milestone

Each year, at least for me, there is an overwhelming sense of thankfulness as my family begins another year with the congregation. August 28 began year 33! Thanks to the Lord and to each of you for your kindness (and patience!).

Anxious?

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;” Philippians 4:6

What is worrying you today? Is it your job, your health, your marriage, or something else? Many of us face difficult challenges in this life. Sometimes these challenges are very frightening, even life-threatening. How should the child of God handle such? When given news that his death was impending, Hezekiah turned to God and prayed (Isa. 38:1-2). For Hezekiah this was not something new, however, he had a practice of taking his concerns before God (cf. Isa 37:15, 21). God graciously answered Hezekiah’s prayers (Isa 38:5).

Many times it is the more mundane things that cause us the greatest concern. Things like: “what will people think of my clothes?” or “will I have enough money to buy what I want?” Jesus addressed this in the great Sermon on the Mount when He said, “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? (Matthew 6:25). Jesus knew the nature of man and what kinds of things make us worry. His sermon explained such was worthless in that worry will accomplish nothing “Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?” (Matthew 6:27). Likewise, worry exhibits a lack of trust in God. “Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?” (Matthew 6:30). In addition, worry is a characteristic of worldly people, “after all these things the Gentiles seek.” (Matthew 6:32). Ultimately one has to realize that the material possessions are just that, material. They were only meant to be temporary. They wear out, can be lost or stolen (cf. Matthew 6:19). The eternal things are the ones that sustain and satisfy the soul.

Our God cares. “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33). Ask and you will receive (Matthew 7:7-11).

~Tony Lawrence~

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Linda Cantrell Monica Rowland Tristan Gilbert	28 Miranda Vinson	29 Clent Kesey Doris Wilcher Mahaley Keele	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	5	6 Gail Crouch	7 Denise Prince Marsha Collins Nichole Wilcher	8 Heather Gann RONNIE & DENISE PRINCE	9 Bobby Ashford Erin Duncan
10	11 Danai Gillies Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM at the Fair	12 Jaxon Rhea Singing at the Fair 6 PM	13	14 Janice Foster Lennie Ruth Kesey	15	16 CALEB & RACHAEL GRAVES Kylan Rhea Marc Martin Rylan Rhea
17 Doug Hendrixson Jordan Thomas	18 Amanda Gann Caleb Hughes Chloe Pennington	19	20 Audrey Andrews GORDON & LINDA FULTS JERRY & EVA SIMONS	21 Caleb Graves JAMES & DONNA GOOLSBY	22	23 Clara Roller Ken Martin
Youth Led Gospel Meeting at Mt. Leo					ERUPT Youth Rally	
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Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First PrayerWillard Dunlap
ReadingKen Martin
ScriptureGalatians 4:7
Lord's Table (N)*Jamie Brock
(S)*Allen Hughes
(N)Keith Chilcutt
(N)Kenny Dillard
(N).....Darron Dixon
(S)Ezra Dixon
(S)Robert Elam
(S).....Mitchell Ferrell
Sermon*From Slaves To Sons* Tony Lawrence
DismissHerb Rowland

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First PrayerTim Fisher
ReadingGordon Mayfield
ScriptureLuke 15:10
Lord's Table*Doug Hendrixson
.....*Rodney Reynolds
SermonParable of the Prodigal Son Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Jeff McVey

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsW.C. Chilton
Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews
First PrayerDon Griffith
ReadingRicky Prince
InvitationDavid Keele
Dismiss.....Russ Chilcutt

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Sick

At Home:

Rita Prince
Frankie Hobbs (no visitors please)
Nell Kiefer (Jean Ware’s sister)
Wanda Carter
Clara Scott

In The Hospital:

Winfrey Hennessee - River Park (pneumonia)
Carlene Alexander (Kara Fuston’s grandmother) -
Adam’s Place for rehab following a fall.

Shut-ins

Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., McMinnville,TN 37110)
Clayton Cook (Larry & Roger’s brother) #200
Gordon Fults #101
Shirley Keith #308
Clara Roller #104
Gary Ward #118

NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville,TN 37111)
Winfrey Hennessee #209
Paul Davis #412
Willene Kell #311

Prestige Assisted Living

(110 River Rd W, Loudon, TN 37774)
Dennis Eller

Home:

Bill Ashford (Bobby’s brother)
Wilma Chisam (at her sons’s home)
Dennis Gann
Greg Grizzell
Joan Hillis
Daisy Maxwell
Kathy Neale (Chris’s mother)
Morris Newby (Willie’s father)
Willus & Edith Roberts

Singing At The Fair

Each year the church hosts a singing at the Antioch church building at the Fair. The singing will be Tuesday evening, September 12, at 6 pm.

Can You Find It? ...

Christ exhorted, “Search the scriptures” (John 5:39). The Bereans were noble for, along with receiving the Word with all readiness, they “searched the scriptures daily” (Acts 17:11). Today, we should heed the Lord’s exhortation and emulate the example of the Bereans. Kind reader, as you “search the scriptures,” can you find the following?

The name you wear in religion? Remember, speaking of the name Christ, “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved” (Acts 4:12). In searching the Scriptures, can you find,

The church of which you are a member? If the Bible is our road map from earth to heaven, how can we expect to reach the desired destination being a member of some institution whose name does not even appear in its pages? Think it over! In searching the Scriptures, can you find,

The worship you render? Can you present divine authority and sanction for the burning of incense, washing of feet and instrumental music in worship to God today? Where is the Scripture? In searching the Scriptures, can you find,

The confession you made? What confession did you make before you were baptized? Did you confess, “I believe that God for Christ’s sake has pardoned my sins?” Can you find it in the Bible? In searching the Scriptures, can you find,

The baptism to which you submitted? Did you have water sprinkled or poured upon you when you were an infant—or maybe later? Can you find book, chapter and verse from the Scripture for such a practice in the Christian age? Where can we read that sprinkling is baptism or that infants are proper subjects for such? Also, if you were baptized because you were already saved, where do you read of such in the Bible? In conclusion, we ask, can you be satisfied rapidly and speedily marching toward eternity having patterned your life after matters which you cannot find in the Scriptures? This is a serious matter!

~ Wendell Winkler ~

“Is Pastor In?”

It happens frequently. The telephone rings at the office and a salesperson on the other end asks, “Is pastor in?” You can hear the affect and respect in people’s voices when they reference to “pastor.” Now, being a preacher, I appreciate being appreciated. BUT, the preacher is not “the pastor” and we should not call him “pastor.”

The apostle Paul wrote, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers” (Ephesians 4:11). Note that “evangelists” and “pastors” are different! Someone might say, “Yes, but the local preacher is the pastor.” Not correct! The word translated “pastors” (*poimen*) means “shepherds.” The same word is translated “Shepherd” in Hebrews 13:20 and 1 Peter 2:25. The Hebrews passage tells us that Jesus is the “great Shepherd of the sheep.” The 1 Peter passage tells us that Jesus is “the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.”

Contrary to the denominational view and practice, the elders of the local congregation – not the preacher – are the pastors! In Acts 20 Paul addressed “the elders of the church” (verse 17). He exhorted to them: “Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood” (verse 28). Here the word “shepherd” (*poimaino*) is used in reference to elders, not the preacher. In 1 Peter 5 Peter addressed “the elders” (verse 1). He exhorted them: “Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. Again, the word “shepherd” (*poimaino*) is used in reference to elders, not the preacher.

We ought to do Bible things in Bible ways and call Bible things by Bible names! The elders are the shepherds (pastors) and overseers (bishops) of the local congregation. Preachers are not “pastors” or “bishops” unless they meet the qualifications set forth in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9 and are appointed to serve as such. By the way, the New Testament teaches that there is always a plurality of elders in each congregation (Acts 14:23).

The conversation usually goes something like this: The salesperson asks, “Is pastor in?” I respond, “Sorry, none of our elders are available to speak to you at this time.” They don’t know what to think! They’ve never heard what the Bible teaches about the elders, not preachers being “pastors.” But you have... “Pastor is not in!”

~ Dwight Fuqua ~

Upcoming Youth Events:

- September 10 - Pew Packers @ 5 PM
- September 16 - Door Knocking for Youth Gospel Meeting
- September 17-21 - Youth Gospel Meeting at Mt. Leo. Justin Griffin is speaking.
- September 22-24 - Erupt Youth Rally \$35.00. Give Aaron money by Sept 6th.
- September 28 - NHC Devotional at 6:30 pm

Monday Morning Bible Class

The Monday Morning Bible Class will be this coming Monday, September 11, at 9 AM. However, this class will be held in the Antioch church building at the Fair. Everyone is welcome to attend. Class will begin at James 2:1

Ladies Day

The Leoni church of Christ will host a Ladies Day this Saturday, September 9, registration starts at 9:30. Speaker Debbie Kea, speaking on Button, Bows & Blessings...

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First PrayerLarry Flatt
Reading.....Kane Maynard
Scripture.....Galatians 4:28
Lord's Table (N)*David Keele
(S)*John David Keele
(N)Stephen Felty
(N)Caleb Graves
(N)Jeff Templeton
(S)Justin Griffin
(S)Clent Kesey
(S)Joe Maynard
Sermon *Two Women, Two Sons, Two Laws* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Bruce Pryor

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
First PrayerJeff Flatt
Reading.....David McColloch
Scripture.....Ecclesiastes 1:1-3
Lord's Table*Cory Prince
.....*Ronnie Prince
Sermon *...Ponderings Of The Preacher* Tony Lawrence
DismissRoger Cook

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsW.C. Chilton
Lead Singing.....Justin Griffin
First PrayerRickey Hurst
ReadingJustin Randolph
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Michael Andrews

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P.M.Brandon Fuston Family

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Pantry Item:Vegetable Soup

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan

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Bible Study251
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Frankie Hobbs - River Park
Barbara Pryor (Bruce’s mother) - St. Thomas
Rutherford

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Joe T. Cantrell. He was a long time active member at Bybee Branch. His funeral was this past Sunday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Tony Simons. He was the nephew of Eva Simons and cousin of Heather Gann. His funeral was this past Monday.

Welcome

The elders announced last week two new members at Bybee Branch. We welcome:

Renee Nearing
113 Cherokee Dr
McMinnville, TN 37110-1403

Layne Mullins
634 Harvest Farm Lake Rd
McMinnville, TN 37110-7409

Hurricane Harvey Relief

The elders announced Sunday that \$15,510 was sent to the Katy church of Christ in Houston to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief. Thanks to everyone for your generous gift!

Autumn Street Fair

The annual Autumn Street Fair will be Saturday, October 7. We need several workers to man the booth and hand out calendars. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

Upcoming Youth Events:

Thank you to everyone that stayed after services for the Labor Day madness youth extravaganza. We all enjoyed a great fellowship while eating pizza, cookies, candy and soda. This got everyone hyped up for the games and Escape Room. The escape room was basically a room that the kids were "locked in" with hints and clues that they had to solve in order to get out of the room. I made 11 clues/hints and the goal was to get out in under 30 minutes. Well, unfortunately no one escaped in the 30 minutes, but I did let them go eventually.

The highlight of the night was watching some of the youth and adults perform the given tasks. One task was to eat six saltine crackers and whistle in under a minute, no one was able to complete this one. Another task was to raise your right leg spinning your foot clockwise while at the same time drawing a number six in the air, with their right hand. This is hard but can be done. At the end of the night I think everyone had fun. I know I did! I spent most of the night in the escape room laughing at and with the kids.

I really appreciated Micah’s prayer before we all got started Sunday night. He mentioned that he was thankful for tonight because we can all have fun, fellowship and play games in a good and safe environment, without sinful things being involved. I have never thought of that. Thank you brother, and thanks to everyone for coming out to be involved in the Labor Day madness. A special thanks to those that brought board games for us to play and for the cookies that I never got to try, but they did look good. We had a great time and we hope you did too.

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What God Calls an Abomination

It is clear from the Scriptures that all sins are an offense against God and punishable by death (Gen. 39:9; Rom. 6:23). However, some sins are so detestable and repulsive that God specifically names them as an “abomination.” It is wise for us all to realize these sins as they are found all around us daily.

Sexual Perversion: The sexual relationship was created by God as honorable and pure, but only within the confines of marriage (Heb. 13:4). Therefore, God specifically mentions the sins of adultery (Lev. 18:20), homosexuality, (Lev. 18:22), bestiality (Lev. 18:23), and prostitution (Deu. 23:18). Our world needs to know that those who continue in such sins are practicing the condemning works of the flesh and will not inherit Heaven (Gal. 5:21).

Unauthorized Worship: God has a plan for all to worship Him according to His Truth alone (John 4:24) without adding any man-made traditions (Mat. 15:8,9). Idolatrous practices (Deu. 7:25) and hypocritical worship (Isa. 1:13) are considered especially repulsive to the God of Heaven.

Wrongful Attitudes: Something like “pride” may sound harmless, but it is a great offense against God. It is something God hates (Pro. 6:17) and will not go unpunished (Pro. 16:5). Pride (conceit/arrogance) is the sin which caused Satan to rebel and those who follow after will fall into the same condemnation (1 Tim. 3:6). God also demands honesty rather than cheating in business dealings and all areas of life (Deu. 25:13-16; cf. Rom. 12:17). Anything less causes calamity (Pro. 17:20) and spiritual death (Rev. 21:8).

Murder: God hates hands that shed innocent blood (Pro. 6:19). This includes murdering innocent children as some did in sacrifice to false gods (Lev. 18:21) and aborting babies today. Murder is an assault against our Creator who made us in His image (Gen. 9:6). No unrepentant and unforgiven murder will go to Heaven (Rev. 21:8). Remember, all sins must be washed away by the blood of Christ for anyone to have the hope of Heaven (Acts 22:16; Rev. 1:5). No one who continually “worketh abomination” will be in the Lamb’s book of life (Rev. 21:27).

~ Derrick Coble ~

The Better Things Contrasted in James

The book of James is regarded as a very practical book to help Christians in daily living. We may find a solution to some of the things that hinder us in daily living for Christ if we will look at four things that are **contrasted** for us in **James 4: 13 -17:**

1. **There is a contrast in what we know with what we ought to know.** We ought to know to do good (v.17) but we neglect that and pursue unprofitable things in our ignorance of what will happen tomorrow (v.14).

2. **There is a contrast in what we say with what we ought to say.** We actually say presumptuous things. “Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit’” (v.13). “Instead, you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that’” (v.15). The problem focuses on our tendency to speak with arrogant assumption rather than respectful submission to God.

3. **There is a contrast in what we do with what we ought to do.** We “boast in arrogance” and wind up doing evil (v.16) while neglecting to do the things we know to be good (v.17).

Paul’s struggle with this same problem comforts us, in knowing that we are not alone, but it also shows how serious the problem can be if he, an apostle, was not free of it: **“For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.”** (Romans 7:15)

4. **There is a contrast in what we appear to be with what we really are.** We try to appear invincible, as if we will live forever (v.13-14), but we are really vulnerable and unaware of the fact that life really is “a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away” (v.14).

May this study in **contrasts** help us to appear more genuine as we keep trying to know, say and do the better things!

~ Jack Wilhelm ~

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Lead Singing.....Jeff McVey
First Prayer.....Brandon Fuston
Reading.....Jared Mullican
Scripture.....Galatians 4:28
Lord's Table (N).....*Willie Newby
(S).....*Dale Bennett
(N).....Rodney Maynard
(N).....Ryan McColloch
(N).....Brian Moody
(S).....Derrick Pennington
(S).....Steve Smith
(S).....Jason Vandagriff
Sermon..*Freedom to the Fallen & Fleshly* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Kurt Maynard

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing.....Jeff McVey
First Prayer.....Tim Gann
Reading.....Mike Mullins
Scripture.....Ecclesiastes 1:4-7
Lord's Table.....*Norman Sain
.....*Kelly Thaxton
Sermon..*Will The Cycle Be Unbroken?* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Randy Griffith

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Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Rita Prince. Rita passed away Saturday evening and services will be Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm at the Central church of Christ building.

Rita served at the church secretary for the past 17 years and will be greatly missed by the congregation. She was also involved in other important aspects of the church. She taught children’s classes, coordinated one of the food groups for the bereaved, and often visited members who needed cheering up. Please keep Ricky, Amy and Holly in your prayers.

Opportunities for Edification

The **Mt. Leo church of Christ** hosts the School of Bible Emphasis that meets every 2nd and 4th Monday. Classes begin September 25.

The **Pocahontas church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on September 24-27, services at 7 pm with Johnny Fox preaching.

The **Morrison church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on September 29-October 1, services at 7 pm with Jerry Martin preaching.

The **Wood church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on October 1-4, services at 7 pm with Tony Lawrence preaching.

The **East End church of Christ** will host their annual Homecoming on October 1, services at 9, 10 am and 5 pm with Kevin Key preaching.

Redefining Terms

My idea of unity: Everyone agrees with me.
My idea of cooperation: Everyone working with me carrying out my plans
My idea of visitation: Everyone comes to see me.
My idea of the eldership: Elders that I can control.
My idea of sympathy: Everybody suffering with me.
My idea of a sinner: The man for whom I have a personal dislike.
My idea of a righteous man: The man I like.
My idea of a meek man: The man who yields to me.
My idea of contentious man: One who takes issue with me.
My idea of a wise man: The man who listens to me.
My idea of brotherly love: Everybody petting me.
My idea of great music: Everybody singing my praises.
“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” (Galatians 5:13).

~ from Lithia Springs church of Christ bulletin ~

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- September 27 - Birthday Wednesday
- September 28 - NHC Devotional at 6:30 pm

Autumn Street Fair

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How Hungry Are We?

I remember Larry Acuff often saying that people of his generation were known for quoting the Bible, because they always toted the Bible. It was once said during a court session, when the person was about to swear in. Where you put one hand on the Bible and raise the other and promise to tell the truth. Well during this process someone had taken the Bible out of the courtroom. The judge quickly asked, is there a member of the Church of Christ in here? A gentleman said yes, and the judge said come here and place your hand on him, because the member of the Church of Christ know the Bible and this will have to do for today.

The point I am trying to make is, are we still people of the Book? Can our generation be called the Bible quoting and Bible toting generation? I will leave that answer up to you. I fear that we have became lazy or complacent and or too busy. We are no longer having family Bible time at our homes. We are no longer reading our Bible’s at home. I fear my generation is not hungry enough. “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.” (Matt 5:6 KJV). Are we studying the Bible as if we are hungry?

Are we doing the same spiritually? Are we following the commandment to “Study to shew thyself approved unto God... (2 Tim 2:15 KJV)? We are quick to eat and drink physical food when we need it or want it. But we put off our own personal study. Why? I believe the world in which we live in is so fast paced and we have so many things pulling our attention away from the one who allowed all of these things to be created, God.

I know your probably thinking, well Aaron I am not a preacher like you or have time to study like you. Let me be honest with you. My biggest struggle is personal study. I am blessed to be able to study all day, to help the youth with Bible bowl, and HEY and other classes which is great. But what about me? What about my personal study? I need to become a more knowledgeable Christian also. That is where I slack off, in my mind I say things like, “ God knows I just studied Matthew for Bible bowl. So I am fulfilling 2 Tim 2:15. That is the wrong attitude.

Recently Lindsay and I ordered a book that breaks the entire Bible down in to daily readings. We have just started reading a section a night and it takes about 5-10 minutes. After the first night I felt like Jacob didn't pay attention at all. He was jumping on the couch hanging all over me while I was reading etc. But the next night before we begin our nightly study, Lindsay asked him some questions about what we studied last night. He shocked me, he knew almost every answer that she asked him. I doubted teaching God’s word to my own son because he didn't pay attention how I wanted him to. When Jacob knew the answers I was encouraged and it fueled my fire to continue reading each night.

I have several resources that can help you and your family have daily or weekly Bible time. What ever works best for you. It can be a book like Lindsay and I have, or Family Devotionals. The Family Devotionals I have are pretty neat. It gives you items that you probably have in your home and tells you how to make a spiritual application at home. It will give you the scripture to use and a song to sing to tie it all together. Let me know if you would like any of these or please let me know if you have suggestions on good material.

“And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (Gal 6:9–10 KJV). I am here to help you as I know I will need help from you one day. Our goal should be to help each other hear our lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful...” (Matt 25:21 KJV) Being a Christian is hard but has the greatest reward. Keep up the great work and try to work in family Bible time as often as you can. Don't be like the snickers commercial and be a diva when your hungry, likewise don't be a spiritually malnourished due to laziness or to busy. Strive to make God your top priority every day.

~ Aaron Ownbey ~



Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead SingingJeff McVey
First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard
Reading.....Chris Snow
ScriptureTBA
Lord's Table (N)*Matthew Woodside
(S)*Brandon Fuston
(N)Farris Young
(N)Garret Woodside
(N)Jason Vandagriff
(S)Tommy Turner
(S)Steve Smith
(S)David Roberts
Sermon.....Jake Schrimsher
DismissBobby Ashford

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead SingingJeff McVey
First PrayerMike Mullins
Reading.....Norman Sain
ScriptureMatthew 11:28-30
Lord's Table*Jamie Brock
.....*W.C. Chilton
Sermon.....Aaron Ownbey
Dismiss.....Tommy Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsRobert Elam
Lead SingingRickey Hurst
First Prayer.....Stanley Clendenon
Reading.....Michael Andrews
Invitation.....Aaron Ownbey
DismissTim Gann

Welcome Committee

A.M.Ronnie & Elaine Hoover
P.M.Sarah Kell & Helen Morgan

Bus Driver:Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

Ushers:Tommy Crouch, Darron Dixon, Herb Rowland
Attend Nursery:Nona Martin
Un/Lock Building:Paul Hurst/Robert Elam
Prepare Communion:Amy Prince
Assist Baptisms: Amy Prince & Regina Templeton

Pantry Item:Chicken Noodle Soup

Elder Closing Remarks:Stanley Graves

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....307
Bible Study240
P.M. Worship208
Wednesday Bible Study189
Contribution\$8,516

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Ronnie Hamilton
Frankie Hobbs
Ray Weddington

In The Hospital:

Joyce Griffith (Randy’s mother) - moved to Raintree #502
Paul Davis - moved to NHC #130 following a stay in the hospital.

Opportunities for Edification

The **Morrison church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on September 29-October 1, services at 7 pm with Jerry Martin preaching.

The **Wood church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on October 1-4, services at 7 pm with Tony Lawrence preaching.

The **Armstrong church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on October 1-4, services at 7 pm with John Nichols, Bradley Covert, Bill Boyd, Robert Garibaldi, and Jerry Nash preaching.

The **East End church of Christ** will host their annual Homecoming on October 1, services at 9, 10 am and 5 pm with Kevin Key preaching.

There will be a Gospel Singing at the **Old Philadelphia Meeting House** on Friday, October 6, beginning at 7 pm.

Address Update

Cassie Ayers
231 C. Rody Rd
McMinnville, TN 37110-9227

New Church Directory

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Baptism

We rejoice with Lachlan McVey and her baptism last Sunday evening.

Youth News

Fall Retreat is approaching quickly. If you have signed up and plan on going please see me. I need you to fill out a form as soon as possible. I have to get this form notarized before we leave. We have 2 spots available, so if you want to go please sign up. I am leaving the sign up sheet on the bulletin board until October 1st, after am services I will remove it so I can get the total cost to everyone so they can pay that night or Wednesday. I am going to try and keep the cost as low as possible. But remember that you will need your own spending money for Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch and what ever fun activities we do. I look forward to getting to know each of you better on this trip as we strive to grow closer to God together.

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October 18 - HEY
October 29 - Youth led pm service - Josh Templeton speaking
October 29 - Home Devotional - TBD (Would anyone like to volunteer?)

Bible Bowl Refreshments

We will be hosting the Bible Bowl on Sunday, October 1, if you would like to help by bring brownies, cookies, or bags of candy, you may sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please have items here by Sunday morning, October 1. If you have any questions please see Regina or Jessi Templeton.

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October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Barbara Sain	5	6	7 FARRIS & BRENDA YOUNG
					Fall Youth Retreat	
						Autumn Street Fair
8 Donna Newby Larry Flatt	9 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	10	11 W.C. & NELMA CHILTON	12 Bruce Pryor Willene Kell	13 Nelma Chilton	14 Eva Simons Heath Griffith Jeff McVey LARRY & JANE FLATT
15 Raylee Vinson	16 Eli Neale	17 Jennifer Maynard	18	19 Derrick Pennington Myra Bell Tucker Gann	20 Christian Barrett Jim Slatton	21
22 Jimmy Jones Mildred Bumbalough Sarah Kell	23 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	24 Bailey Martin Steve Smith	25 Kelly Thaxton Randall Gann Aiden Kesey	26 Barbara Lorance Mary Flatt NHC Devo 6:30 PM	27	28 MITCHELL & GLENDA FERRELL Fall Festival 5 PM
29 Cassie McGinness Ayers Justice Woodside	30 BOBBY & CAROLYN CANTRELL	31	1 Marsha Pitts	2	3	4

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Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead SingingLarry Cook
First Prayer.....Willie Newby
Reading.....Herb Rowland
Scripture.....Galatians 5:16-18
Lord's Table (N)*Ronnie Prince
(S)*Cory Prince
(N)Justin Randolph
(N)Noel Pepper
(N)Derrick Pennington
(S)Jared Mullican
(S)Mitchell Ferrell
(S)Harold McGinness
Sermon..... *Flesh Versus Spirit* Tony Lawrence
DismissDale Bennett

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead SingingLarry Cook
First Prayer.....Willie Newby
Reading.....Josh Templeton
Scripture.....Ecclesiastes 2:17
Lord's Table*Leonard Clemons
.....*Danny Duncan
Sermon*Riches, Reflection, Reality* Tony Lawrence
DismissDarron Dixon

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsRobert Elam
Lead Singing.....David Keele
First Prayer.....Russ Chilcutt
Reading.....Marty Boles
Invitation.....Paul Hurst
DismissStanley Graves

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A.M.Allen & Glenda Hughes
P.M.Mike Mullins Family

Bus Driver:Paul Hurst (668-7088)

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Attend Nursery:.....Stephanie Maynard
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Prepare Communion:Amy Prince
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Pantry Item:Tuna Fish

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith

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Bible Study228
P.M. Worship188
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Shut-ins

Raintree Manor
(415 Pace St., McMinnville, TN 37110)
Clayton Cook (Larry & Roger’s brother) #200
Gordon Fults #101
Shirley Keith #308
Clara Roller #104
Gary Ward #118

NHC
(P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)
Winfrey Hennessee #209
Paul Davis #130
Willene Kell #311

Prestige Assisted Living
(110 River Rd W, Loudon, TN 37774)
Dennis Eller

Home:
Bill Ashford (Bobby’s brother)
Wilma Chisam (at her sons’s home)
Dennis Gann
Greg Grizzell
Joan Hillis
Daisy Maxwell
Kathy Neale (Chris’s mother)
Morris Newby (Willie’s father)
Willus & Edith Roberts

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Brenda Davis, wife of our Paul Davis. She passed away this past Thursday. The date and location for the memorial service has not been set.

Youth News

Throughout the month of September, the middle and high school classes have been studying the first five chapters in the book of Matthew, in preparation for the October 1st Bible Bowl. We were able to study verse by verse and really learn the material. Each week, it was highly encouraging to review the material and hear the youth answer correctly. They all worked hard and it showed. This past Sunday we had about 320 people gather at Bybee Branch for the first Bible Bowl of the season. Around 200 youth took the test over Matthew. It was amazing to see that many youth gather to test their knowledge over Matthew. When the tests were graded, it was clear our kids here at Bybee had studied. They, along with five other congregations, placed 1st. The youth wrote three memory verses correctly, and didn’t miss a single question. WOW! They didn’t miss a question! Please take a moment when you see our Bible Bowl participants, to congratulate them on a job well done and encourage them to continue in their studies.

I also would like to take this opportunity to thank all those ladies (and possibly some men) for all the brownies, cookies, and candy that was provided to feed our guests! It all smelled delicious! A special thank you to Regina and Jessi Templeton for organizing it all. Regina and Jessi spent lots of time at the building setting up and preparing and it showed. By now they may be sick of the smell of brownies but they did an outstanding job and I greatly appreciate all the hard work.

If you missed this Bible Bowl, you should make plans now to head to Morrison Church of Christ on November 5th to cheer on our youth at the next Bible Bowl.

Thanks, Aaron

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Fighting Christians

Christians should be fighting. One usually thinks of fighting as a street brawl or a violent argument between two or more individuals. Many times individuals think of fighting as physical concerns. It may surprise you to learn that Christians are commanded to fight. Christians are not to fight with fist but the fight that we are involved is a spiritual one. Paul wrote “Fight the good fight of faith” (1 Tim. 6:12). The Greek word literally means “to agonize; to contest publicly.” Christians are soldiers in a public contest. Jesus said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Mat. 5:16).

There are many reasons for Christians to fight.

- Christians must fight temptation. Jesus showed us how to overcome temptations from Satan (Mat. 4:1-13; Luke 4:1-11). Temptations comes at us almost every day. Instead of yielding to temptations, we must look for a way of escape (1 Cor. 10:13). We can fight temptations by knowing what is involved (Jam. 14-16) and keep our body in subjection just as Paul did.
- Christians must fight the spirit of fear. Jesus gave the remedy for worry and fear (Mat. 6:25-35).

Most people worry about various things. There are two things that a person should not worry about and that is (1) things that you can help, and (2) things that you cannot help. Paul wrote that God has not given us the spirit of fear (2 Tim. 1:7).

- Christians must fight worldliness. To fight worldliness means that we must not conform to the mold of the world. Christians are transformed from this world’s philosophies to the way of holiness (Rom. 12:1-2). The apostle John reassures Christians that the world will one day pass away, but God’s Word will not pass away (1 John 2:17).
- Christians must fight discouragement. Satan uses discouragement against Christians when everything else fails to draw them away. It is easy to fall prey to Satan and his devices of discouragement (2 Cor. 2:11). Discouragement is the first step to defeat. The Lord has given us the power to overcome discouragement (1 John 4:4).

Satan is our enemy and is doing all that he can to destroy Christians. One must fight to survive this great enemy (1 Pet. 5:8).

~ Joel Wheeler ~



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Lead SingingPaul Hurst
First PrayerMatthew Woodside
ReadingJeff Templton
ScriptureGalatians 6:1-2
Lord's Table (N)*Jeff McVey
(S)*Eddie Palmer
(N)Ryan McColloch
(N)David McColloch
(N)Rodney Maynard
(S)Kurt Maynard
(S)Kane Maynard
(S)Joe Maynard
Sermon *Restoring Fallen Brethren* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Larry Cook

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead SingingPaul Hurst
First PrayerRodney Reynolds
ReadingKelly Thaxton
ScriptureEcclesiastes 3:22
Lord's Table*Ronnie Hoover
.....*Gordon Mayfield
Sermon*Time, Task, and Test* Tony Lawrence
DismissJeff Flatt

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsRobert Elam
Lead SingingJared Mullican
First PrayerKenny Dillard
ReadingDavid Chilton
Invitation.....Aaron Ownbey
DismissDon Griffith

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Pantry Item:Chicken Salad

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan

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P.M. Worship168
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Park ICU

Proposed New Elder

This past Sunday the elders placed the name of Allen Hughes before the congregation to serve as an elder. If you know any Scriptural reason why brother Allen should not serve, you are asked to submit it to one of the elders in writing, along with your signature no later than October 21. If there are no Scriptural objections then he will be installed on October 22.

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 yesterday. God blessed us with a beautiful day, we had 31 volunteers of all ages from our congregation help us distribute our Daily Bible reading calendars and small calendars 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 yesterday 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 Small Calendars, they are a few remaining located on the table in the foyer.

~ Allen Hughes ~

“for the people had a mind to work.” - Nehemiah 4:6

Youth News

What would your answer be?

Not to long ago, I was listening to a sermon where the preacher was telling about how one question changed his and his families lives. He started by saying that he had grown up in a medium sized town and his family was your average family. He was married with two children. He was living a normal life, just the way a movie would portray.

One day while the family was sitting on the couch watching tv the doorbell rang and the man went to the door. When he opened the door there was a young man and women about his age standing there with some flyers in there hands. They simply asked if his family attended services anywhere. When the man answered no, the man and women asked if they could talk to him and his wife for a few minutes? He agreed and invited them. The couple and family made small talk, trying to get comfortable with each other.

He went on to tell of how the visiting couple asked them a question during the visit that made him sit in silence for a minute or two. His wife tried to speak but no words would come out. The two kids looked at their parents in confusion. The man and women that knocked on the door had simply asked this family, if you were to die right now would you go to heaven? This shocked the family and made them sit in silence thinking. The husband began to smile to try and break the awkwardness and said I hope. While his wife answered she would like to think so.

You see the family knew what Heaven and Hell was, but they didn't know how to guarantee they went to heaven. They had never searched what they need to do to be able to go to heaven. The family thought they had a great life and then these two random people come in and ask one question that makes them begin to question things and think past next week, next month, and even past next year.

This family insisted that the man and women that had knocked on their door come back and tell

them how they could know for sure that when they died they would go to Heaven. So the man and women started studying the Bible with the family. Quickly the family learned that they were not following what the Bible teaches. They asked several questions over the next seven Monday night studies.

Then finally one Monday night the husband and wife came to the conclusion, at separate parts of the study, that they needed to obey the Gospel. He was baptized and so was his wife, then a few years later his children obeyed the gospel. The husband is now a faithful preacher, sharing his experience with others.

Too many times we fail to share the Gospel with our neighbors, friends, co-workers etc....missing countless opportunities. But let me ask you this question, what if the person that taught you the Gospel did not teach you the Gospel? Where would you be? We have to strive to always share the message of the Bible. The apostles did, without cars, technology, and all the other modern convinces that we have. We have to get to work and “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16 KJV) also “But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day.” (Proverbs 4:18 KJV)

So I will leave you with the same question. If you were to die now, would you be headed for Heaven or Hell?

Upcoming Events:

- October 15 - Pew Packers
- October 18 - HEY
- October 25 - Birthday and Anniversary Celebration
- October 29 - Youth led pm service - Josh Templeton speaking
- October 29 - Home Devotional - At Gordon & Nancy house but hosted by the McVey's

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Applications for Secretary

This elders also announced this past Sunday that they would accept resume's for those interested in serving as the secretary for the church.

The job will consist of working for four hours a day, two days a week for a total of 8 hours. The primary task would be preparing the Bybee Banner for mailing on Tuesday mornings. Other assignments would include things like preparing bulletin boards, ordering of literature, and etc. If you would be interested in this position, please submit a resume' to one of the elders by this coming Sunday.



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Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First PrayerDon Sullivan
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff
ScriptureGalatians 6:7-8
Lord's Table (N).....*Larry Flatt
(S)*Randall Gann
(N)Clent Kesey
(N)Rickey Hurst
(N)Paul Hurst
(S)Shannon Griffin
(S)Jacob Griffin
(S)Justin Griffin
Sermon*Sowing and Reaping* Tony Lawrence
DismissJoe Collins

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First PrayerTommy Turner
ReadingGarrett Woodside
Scripture.....Ecclesiastes 4:2-3
Lord's Table*Willie Newby
.....*Dale Bennett
Sermon *Forsaken and Alone* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Tim Fisher

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Lead SingingHerb Rowland
First PrayerEthan Duncan
ReadingKeith Chilcutt
InvitationRickey Hurst
Dismiss.....Micah Lawrence

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Bus Driver:.....Ronnie Prince (808-2598)

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Bill Brown (able to go home from Raintree)

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Clayton Cook (Larry & Roger’s brother) - River Park #221
Judy Sullivan (knee surgery this Wednesday) - St. Thomas Rutherford

Proposed New Elder

This past Sunday the elders placed the name of Allen Hughes before the congregation to serve as an elder. If you know any Scriptural reason why brother Allen should not serve, you are asked to submit it to one of the elders in writing, along with your signature no later than October 21. If there are no Scriptural objections then he will be installed this Sunday, October 22.

New Church Directory

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Gospel Meetings

Campaign church of Christ, October 15-18, services at 7 pm with Glenn Ramsey preaching.

Central church of Christ, October 22-25, services at 7 pm with Robert Jefferies preaching.

Fall Festival

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“Those who sow in tears Shall
reap in joy.” Psalms 126:5

Youth News

Outstanding Job

During pew packers yesterday, we played Bible jeopardy. The class was divided into two teams and then we played for the first thirty minutes of class. Some of the questions were about the plan of salvation and the acts of worship, while some were on creation and the books of the Bible. The class afterwards told me that they would rather play games like that then to hear me talk for thirty-five minutes. (Now I know where I stand lol). Although that’s not what stood out to me. After the class I was impressed once again with these kids.

The pew packers class has been given a small memorization booklet. Each book has nine pages of Bible knowledge for them to memorize. It varies from the books of the Bible, the twelve apostles, to the ten plagues. After class yesterday I asked them if anyone wanted to try and recite some of these pages from memory. I believe that nine or ten children got in a line to try and one by one they would quote different pages in this book. There was no complaining, no bickering. While they were in line they were helping each other, to get their certain page memorized. It is a true blessing to be working with the youth here.

When I first asked them about doing this booklet I asked them what would they like to receive after they had memorized the entire book. I was shocked when I heard the answer. I was thinking candy, pizza, ice cream, stuff that I, as a kid, would want. But then one young lady said she wants a new Bible. The rest of the class when they heard this all screamed YES!!! Please can we get a new Bible. I was in shock. The girls said they would like to have a colored Bible, like pink or purple, while the boys wanted a black or camouflage Bible. I was speechless for a few seconds and to be honest a little choked up. Several of the class have already memorized several pages.

This class is made up of kids ranging from three years old up to twelve years old.

I wish that everyone could have seen these kids yesterday in class and while waiting in line. They

were working together as a team to try and answer the questions from Bible jeopardy and helping each other while standing in line waiting to get to me for me to sign my name on the page that they memorized. Please encourage all the youth here as often as you can. They are doing a great job.

Special note of thanks for all those parents, grandparents, and others that are working with the kids at home to memorize these booklets. It takes all of us to raise these kids in Gods word.

Upcoming Events:

- October 25 - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration. Everyone is invited it is not just for the youth.
- October 29 - Youth led pm service - Josh Templeton speaking
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Elders Deacons Meeting

Sunday, October 29 at 5 pm.

Men’s General Business Meeting

Sunday, October 29 following the evening services.

Consider How God Must Feel

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” -James 1:17

We often see people in life who have a special need or are experiencing a special crisis and the church willingly comes to their rescue. Some remember, but oh how many forget. While in need, they will come to church services regularly, keep in touch, etc., but when the need passes, so many totally forget the church and the good deeds people have done for them, they just disappear. No one knows the reason or where they have gone. This is very disappointing.

Think how disappointed God must be. People flock to Him during serious illnesses in their family or when they have a special need that they can’t handle themselves. Sometimes the children get into trouble and even wind up in jail. But, when the crisis passes, the Lord is no longer remembered. How sad!

So... as individuals, let’s not let this type person discourage our efforts. Let us press on. Remember that the Lord is treated this way with regularity,

~ O.B. Porterfield ~



Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(934-2398) Randy Griffith
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First Prayer.....Bruce Pryor
Reading.....Farris Young
Scripture.....Galatians 6:14-16
Lord's Table (N).....*Allen Hughes
(S).....*David Keele
(N).....Caleb Graves
(N).....Tim Gann
(N).....Darron Dixon
(S).....Mitchell Ferrell
(S).....Stephen Ferrell
(S).....Ezra Dixon
Sermon.....*True Israel of God* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Jamie Brock

Sunday Evening Worship

Young Men Conduct services

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Rodney Reynolds
Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews
First Prayer.....Willard Dunlap
Reading.....W.C. Chilton
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

Welcome Committee

A.M.....David & Iona King
P.M.....Youth Group

Bus Driver:.....Paul Hurst (668-7088)

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Prepare Communion:Amy Prince
Assist Baptisms: Amy Prince & Regina Templeton

Pantry Item:Canned Chicken

Elder Closing Remarks:Stanley Graves

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....313
Bible Study249
P.M. Worship183
Wednesday Bible Study.....174
Contribution.....\$6,603

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Lachlan McVey - following surgery

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Jennifer Phipps (Frankie Hobbs granddaughter) - surgery at St.Thomas West
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If anyone would be willing to bring and set up the tents and tables (no chairs) on Saturday morning please let Dale know.

Youth News

This past weekend I was given the opportunity to attend "Crossing Border Youth Retreat." This was a spiritual weekend retreat where kids from Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Indiana all “cross the border” to the camp in Marion Kentucky. Jeff Phillips (as-sociate preacher and youth director in Covington, TN) is the director of the camp. I have known Jeff for several years. He allowed me to shadow him so I could learn from his twenty years of experience in running retreats. Hopefully implementing some of these spiritual things into our spring and fall re-treats going forward.

I appreciate the elders here for allowing me to go and for Paul for teaching my class on Sunday.

As always if you have any ideas or suggestions for the upcoming spring retreat or anything pertaining to the youth please feel free to let me know. I’m always open to tips, and suggestions.

My goal is to try and equip the youth with the Word of God in all of our activities

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Cassie McGinness Ayers Justice Woodside	30 BOBBY & CAR- OLYN CANTRELL	31	1 Marsha Pitts	2	3	4
5 Frankie Hobbs Bible Bowl 2 PM @ Morrison Photos for Church Directory	6	7	8	9 Philip Brock	10 Ashley Vandagriff	11 Jacob Graves
12 Franklin Brooks Helen Morgan Rodney Maynard Photos for Church Directory	13 Iva Cunningham Stephen Fely Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	14 Bruce Nunley Russ Chilcutt	15	16 Blake Delong	17	18 David King Leah Vandagriff LEONARD & AVIE CLEMONS
19 Photos for Church Directory	20 Ronnie Hoover	21 Lori Snow Talan Mullican	22	23 McKenzie Hudson Olivia Newby NHC Devo 6:30 PM	24 Elaine Hoover	25
26 Anna Jean Bond	27 Joe Collins Willie Newby Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	28 Corretta Lawrence	29 WILLUS & EDITH ROBERTS	30 Stefanie McColloch	1 Susan Pryor	2

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Announcements(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead SingingJeff McVey
First PrayerTim Fisher
ReadingFarris Young
ScriptureTBA
Lord's Table (N)*Ken Martin
(S)*Bobby Ashford
(N)Rodney Maynard
(N)Marty Boles
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SermonSpencer Broome
DismissDale Bennett

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A.M.Michael Andrews Family
P.M.Danny & Cynthia Duncan

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Pantry Item:SpaghettiOs/Ravioli

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith

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Bible Study236
P.M. Worship175
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Fall Festival

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Upcoming Youth Events:

- November 5 - Bible Bowl Test at Morrison.
- November 5 - Spencer Broome will be here to inform us about his work in Latin America and invite us to go on a mission trip with him this summer. Make plans to be here because his trips are designed to teach younger Christians how to teach Gods word to others.
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Youth News

Last week the young men of the congregation conducted the services and did an outstanding job. I felt like the young men were my own children (as weird as that sounds). I was excited to see them up there leading the congregation and at the same time nervous for them. All I was responsible for was changing the slides for the singing and I think I was more nervous doing that than I am when I speak. If you haven't already, would you please let these young men know how good of a job they are doing. These young men may develop into deacons, elders, of the Lord's Church one day. So we need to encourage them as much as we can.

After services the younger men came forward and lead the congregation in prayers and songs. These young men seemed like it was a piece of cake. They did not seem to be bothered by the large crowd. They jumped right up there and did a tremendous job.

Pew Packers class have been studying very hard to memorize there books. After services Luke Andrews was able to recite from memory the New Testament Books of the Bible and said that he thinks he will have the Old Testament Books of the Bible by next week. I have been encouraged by each of there efforts in memorizing Biblical Information. I told the Pew Packers class that when most of the class has memorized most of the booklet that we would go have fun and celebrate all of there hard work,

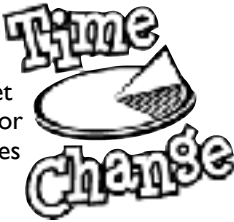
I said all of that to say this. Last Sunday was a great day, a busy day for sure but very uplifting and very encouraging to me. Please take time to encourage them and get to know them because they are trying there best and lets try to help them along with some encouragement.

For those participating in the Bible this month, please be back at the building around 12:30 so we can try and study and review for the test. We need to leave the building at 1:30 to head towards Morrison.

~ Aaron ~

Time Change

Daylight Savings Time ends this weekend. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour or you might be early for services this Sunday.



What Kind Of Church Attender Are You?

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” Heb. 10:24-25

There are some in the church who believe it is not important to attend worship services. For them, attending church services are good if there is not anything else to do or someplace else to visit or some other activity to engage in. With some, as long as they show up occasionally or especially on Sunday morning, that is all that really counts.

Let us realize that even when we attend as we should, we must do so with the right purpose, motive and attitude. You see, if our motive and attitude are not right, then it matters not how many worship services we may attend.

It is evident that our attitude toward God, His Word and Worship itself will determine the kind of “attender” we’ll be. What kind of attender are you? Are you a...

- *Special occasion attender?* Some believe that whenever there is a special occasion, a holiday, etc., that’s the time to be in attendance. To them, other regular times for worship services are not important.
- *Seasonal attender?* This attitude toward attendance is that it depends on the season of the year. If it is “camping season“, “deer-hunting season“, “baseball season“, “football season“, etc., then being in attendance for the services is not as important. These so-called “seasons” should never hinder us from being faithful to the Lord, including the attendance of the services.

- *Spasmodic attender?* Some come for a while, then miss for a while. With them, this becomes a way of life. You can never rely or depend upon them to take an active part in the work of the church.
- *Suit-your-self attender?* These attend only when it “suits them” and it does not interfere with doing something else they want to do. To them, attending the services is not a spiritual priority.
- *Sunday morning only attender?* These do not see the need for Sunday night or Wednesday night services; and, most of the time, Sunday morning Bible class either. They think like the old Bryl-cream commercial, “a little dab will do you.” They are the ones who are always asking, “How many services do I have to attend?” Their attitude of mind is “how little can I do and get by with?”
- *Sleeping attender?* These use the worship services as a time to catch up on their sleep that they didn’t get the night before. They did not use that time to prepare themselves to worship God acceptably on Sunday morning. To them, worship services are not valuable and vital to their spiritual well-being.
- *Sorehead attender?* These enter the church building “mad” and “upset” and are just waiting for someone to say or do something they can attack and then they are ready to give them “a piece of their mind.” They don’t want to participate in worship nor anything else that might help them spiritually. They are in the “kick-a-tive mood.” They feel compelled to try to stir-up trouble.

Do you see yourself among any of these groups? If so, change your attitude and action, “Repent!” Yes, it is sinful to willfully forsake the services of the church (Heb. 10:24-25); and, it is sinful to not have the proper motive and attitude (John 4:24).

When our actions and attitudes toward church attendance are not right, we demonstrate a lack of love for God, for the Word of God, for the church, for ourselves and others (John 14:15; Heb. 10:24-26; Col. 3:1-3; Rev. 22:14; 2 Peter 3:18).

Let us develop an attitude of mind as David, when he said, “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of the Lord.” (Psa. 122:1)

-- Jerry Joseph ~

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Lead SingingCaleb Graves
First PrayerJoe Collins
Reading.....Chris Snow
ScriptureEcclesiastes 5:1
Lord's Table (N)*Larry Cook
(S)*Tommy Crouch
(N).....Darron Dixon
(N)Ezra Dixon
(N)Ethan Duncan
(S)Robert Elam
(S).....Stephen Felty
(S).....Mitchell Ferrell
Sermon.....*Religion, Politics, & Greed* Tony Lawrence
DismissJamie Brock

Sunday Evening Worship

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Lead SingingCaleb Graves
First Prayer.....Brandon Fuston
Reading.....Garrett Woodside
ScriptureMark 9:10
Lord's Table*Doug Hendrixson
.....*Paul Hurst
Sermon*Questions & Answers* Tony Lawrence
DismissStanley Graves

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsRodney Reynolds
Lead SingingHerb Rowland
First PrayerRickey Hurst
ReadingJustin Randolph
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

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Pantry Item:Instant Potatoes

Elder Closing Remarks:Allen Hughes

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P.M. Worship210
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Flossie Warren - Surgery in Tullahoma on Nov. 7

Jene Crowd - St. Thomas West with Pneumonia

*Agnes Thomas - Having surgery to repair broken
femur. (This is Lindsay Ownbey's
grandmother).*

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Fall Festival

The Fall Festival at Dale Bennett's Hickory Creek Farm this past Saturday was a blast. I would say there was over a hundred people there. It was a great time of fellowship and fun. The food was good and the hay ride was an experience that I think no one will forget especially with the truck "break down" next to a cemetery, which got the kids on edge for a few minutes. Thank you to Dale, Willie and all the others that helped in any way. This was a great evening of fun with a lot of memories made in the process.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Roger Bell. The nephew of our Myra Bell. At this time the arrangements are incomplete.

Youth News

We had a great day last Sunday. Spencer Broome was here and informed us about the work that he is involved with in Latin America. How he takes the younger Christians and trains them on how to spread the Gospel.

I look forward to going this summer and I hope that many of you will join me and Spencer and go on a mission trip to Latin America. Your life will be changed if you go with the right mindset.

If you have any questions concerning this work please feel free to ask me.

After am services we were blessed to be able to go to Morrison and participate in the second Bible bowl of the year and we took 2nd place, only missing one question.

Our youth are doing a tremendous job studying the Bible. It shows week in and week out when we are in class discussing Matthew.

Please Mark Your Calendars

On November 19 following pm services I am asking everyone that would like to be involved with the youth to stay after services. I will be going over each month's activities for 2018 and will be asking for volunteers. This will take about 30-40 minutes. The reason I do this is so the parents can know what events I have planned and the dates of these events. Also I will try to put an estimated cost by each event. I am trying to give you as much information as I can for next years activities so you have as much notice as possible. This is for anyone that wants to help the youth here at Bybee Branch.

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- November 15- HEY
- November 15 - Birthday Wednesday
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- November 19 - Volunteer Meeting for Youth following Pm services.

YOUNG PEOPLE

It was just yesterday that I was a teenager - fit, strong, happy, and full of the exuberance of youth. I'm still happy, but much has changed in me. Some of the most enjoyably and exciting days of my life occurred when I was in my teens and early twenties. God has blessed me now, and I don't want to go back in time, but I do recognize the special time in our lives sometimes referred to as "youth". Paul said, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Timothy 4:12). The older I get the more I need to be careful about my attitude toward youth. It is possible for those who are older to develop such a negative attitude toward the young that they drive the young from them. When that is done, the older cannot help the younger. Sometimes it seems some older people have forgotten that they were young once. On the other hand, the younger must make sure that they respect the older, and that they behave in such a way as to earn the respect of the older. How can the young earn the respect of others? They can do so by following 1 Timothy 4:12. When young people implant this passage in their hearts they will become examples to others, both young and old.

Young people can be respected when they are examples in word also. Those who are young can teach others what the Bible says. They can encourage other people with good words. When they use their tongues wisely they can be a great source of strength, encouragements, and example to others.

Young people can earn the respect of the old by being good examples in conduct also. The young can choose to do good with their time, lives, and actions. Young people can decide to follow the Lord, participate in church work, and help others. Or, they can choose to spend their time behaving arrogantly, foolishly, and immorally. Those who want to be respected by others, and who want to please the Lord will set themselves forth as examples in good conduct.

Young people must also be examples in love. Sometimes our culture puts pressure upon the young to resist having a loving heart. Some believe that loving people are weak people. However, those who are the most loving, are often the most loved. We all need love. We all need others to help us. To decide to shut ourselves up in a world void of any true affection and love is to choose to hurt ourselves. We will hurt ourselves both now and in the future. Young people must behave in a loving manner.

Young people must also be examples with attitude. In some circles young people give the impression that they will be more accepted by others their age if they have a bad attitude. The individual that is very laid back, lazy, and has an "I don't care" spirit about him is considered as one who has everything under control. But we know this is not the case.

Paul also told Timothy to be an example in faith. Faith comes from the Word of God (Romans 10:17). Our youth need to be taught the Word of God. The Bible needs to be implanted deeply within their hearts. They must choose to read, study, and apply the truth. Furthermore, adults must spend much time in teaching them. Many have observed the terrible rate at which young people are leaving the church. Some have concluded they are leaving the church because the church didn't provide enough entertainment for them. The reality is that they are leaving the church because they have never known enough Bible to be truly convicted of the truth.

Young people must work very hard to focus on those things that are pure (Philippians 4:8).

Youth is a wonderful time of life and it can be a time of joy, hope, and eager anticipation for the future. Or, youth can be a miserable disaster with choices made that will adversely affect the future. May the young strive hard to implant and apply the principles of 1 Timothy 4:12. May the old encourage them in that endeavor, by example, teaching, and active involvement in the lives of the young. May God bless our youth. Kevin V. Rutherford - Warners Chapel Church of Christ.

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Lead SingingLarry Cook
First PrayerW.C. Chilton
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff
Scripture2Kings 22:8
Lord's Table (N)*Russ Chilcutt
(S)*David Chilton
(N).....Tim Gann
(N)Caleb Graves
(N)Aaron Ownbey
(S)Clent Kesey
(S)Joe Maynard
(S)Kane Maynard
Sermon.....*The Lost Book* Tony Lawrence
DismissLeonard Clemons

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead SingingLarry Cook
First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover
Reading.....Norman Sain
ScriptureEcclesiastes 6:12
Lord's Table*Michael Andrews
.....*Gordon Mayfield
Sermon*No Satisfaction* Tony Lawrence
DismissAllen Hughes

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsRodney Reynolds
Lead Singing.....Justin Griffin
First PrayerDavid Keele
Reading.....Noel Pepper
InvitationDon Sullivan
DismissKelly Thaxton

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Pantry Item:Peanut Butter

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan

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Sick

At Home:

Frankie Hobbs
Evie Campbell (Avie Clemons sister)
June Crouch
Flossie Warren

In The Hospital:

Brenda Young - St. Thomas Mid-town
Clara Scott - knee replacement surgery next
Monday in Manchester
Agnes Thomas - (Lindsay Ownbey's grandmother)
moved to rehab

New Church Directory

This Sunday, November 19, will be the final Sunday for taking photos for the church directory. If you have not had your photo taken please sign up (and show up) for the photos. If for some reason you cannot be here on Sunday evening, please make arrangements with Gordon Mayfield to have your photo at some other time.



"DON'T LOOK SO SMUG JUST BECAUSE
YOU WERE ABLE TO FIND THE BOOK OF
ZEPHANIAH FIRST."

Youth News

This Sunday is the volunteer meeting after pm services. I know it will be late but if at all possible please stay afterwards so we can discuss next years calendar. In the meeting I will need volunteers for: homes for the monthly devotionals, volunteers for our service projects, chaperones for our weekend trips and we will discuss the mission trip that we will be taking this summer. As well I will be asking you for ideas as we go through next years calendar. You do not have to be the parents of a child here to volunteer. This is for anyone that would like to help. If you like to cook and would like to teach some of our youth how, I got a job for you for one of our service projects. Everyone is welcome to stay after. If you have any questions or you can not make it but want to help please let me know as some already have done so. If you have any suggestions please let me know, especially if we have done something in the past that I am not aware of that was successful. Steve gave me a list of a lot of activities that the congregation has done in the past and I am trying to use some of those and incorporate some new ones. But I do not want to skip an event if it was beneficial to the youth group here. I hope to see you there on the 19th. Thanks again.

~ Aaron ~

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- November 26 - Home Devotional @ Maggie & Rickey Hurst's Home
- December 3 - Bible Bowl Test over Matthew 12-16
- December 10 - Pew Packers @ 5
- December 27-30 - Exposure Youth Camp - Info on bulletin board.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Tommy Stiles. He was the son-in-law of our Barbara Lorange, brother-in-law of Chris and Lori Snow and nephew of Helen Morgan. His services were this past Saturday.

A Preacher Can Lie

Have you ever had a religious discussion with someone and they tried to prove their point by saying, "that's what my preacher said." Some people will use their preacher as if he is the final authority in religious matters.

It is believed by some that if the preacher states it, it has to be right and cannot be wrong. Some think that their preacher or any other preacher would never lie nor deceive them. So, they go through life blindly accepting and doing whatever the preacher says.

Does not the Bible teach that we are to put to the test those who teach (1 John 4:1)? Let us be like the Bereans who "searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

Yes, some believe it is wrong to question the teachings of any preacher. But, we must examine what is being taught no matter who the proclaimer may be.

It doesn't matter the popularity, prestige, power or personality of the preacher, put him to the test. Examine what he proclaims & practices in light of what is taught in the Bible.

This examination must be done because (1) God commands it (1 John 4:1); (2) Hearers can be led astray (2 Peter 2:1-3) and (3) the preacher must "Preach the word" (2 Tim. 4:2) to please God.

It is certainly possible for a preacher to teach false doctrine (Matthew 7:15). If he does, then out of love, he must be corrected. Apollos, a preacher, had to be corrected for some of the things he was teaching (Acts 18:26). The belief by some that the preacher is "hands-off" concerning his belief, teaching and practice is not in the Bible.

When one preaches something contrary to the truth is he truthful? Is he not lying? Let's notice some ways that a preacher can lie in his teaching:

1. By teaching "**corrupt**" doctrine one is lying. God's Word is truth (John 17:17). To teach that which is opposed to the truth is teaching a lie.
2. When a person will not declare the "**complete**" truth he is not being truthful. Paul kept back nothing that was profitable (Acts 20:20) nor had he shunned to declare all the counsel of God (Acts 20:27).
3. A person who proclaims a "**compromising**" gospel is lying. God doesn't want something watered-down proclaimed, but the Truth (2 Timothy 4:2; Gal. 1:6-9).
4. When a person will only teach that which is "**comforting**" to hear and not what is needed, is he being truthful (2 Timothy 4:2-4)? We must be concerned about speaking right things and not smooth things (Isaiah 30:10).
5. It is a lie when one says that it is "**callous**" to oppose things being taught & practice without New Testament authority. In fact, such matters must be opposed & exposed no matter the individuals involved (Eph. 5:11; Rom. 16:17). It is the kind and loving thing to do. To fail to do so is "uncalled for" and is unkind and unloving.

Let us realize it is God's Word (John 12:48) that is our standard of authority and not the words of man.

~ Jerry Joseph ~

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First PrayerJeff Flatt
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.....*Rodney Reynolds
SermonAaron Ownbey
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First PrayerMicah Lawrence
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InvitationTony Lawrence
DismissJosh Templeton

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Pantry Item:Crackers

Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons

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Evie Campbell (Avie Clemons sister)
June Crouch
Flossie Warren
Brenda Young - St. Thomas Mid-town
Agnes Thomas - (Lindsay Ownbey's grandmother)

In The Hospital:

Clara Scott - knee replacement in Manchester

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Denton Ramsey, brother of Glenn Ramsey who formerly preached at Bybee Branch. Brother Denton also preached at the Bonner congregation several years ago. His services were in Baxter, TN on Monday.

Youth News

Thank you so much to everyone that stayed Sunday night and volunteered for 2018's upcoming youth events. I don't know if I told everyone this, but the things we went over were just the big events (requiring travel or a larger amount of money). My goal is to try to inform everyone of the future events that are more costly so you can have as much time as possible to plan. I will hang a master copy of all the events and volunteers who signed up. I will also add a file to our youth group's Facebook page to help keep everyone up to date. Copies of the calendar can be distributed by request. There are some events that the date is set but other events' date could fluctuate. I'll try to give as much notice, but certain circumstances could need flexibility.

I am also working on events for our younger ones here at Bybee. We have a huge group of 3rd-5th graders and I do not want to neglect them. So if you have any ideas for things that they can do as a group please let me know. The more we can get our youth together, the stronger the bond they can have now and when they get older. Please submit your suggestions to me or Lindsay (in writing please, so I don't forget) and we can see about adding to the calendar.

Thanks, Aaron

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God Bless America

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalms 33:12a).

While the above words were spoken of Israel specifically, we make a mistake if we assume they should have no application to any nation that would choose to honor God, recognizing Him as sovereign and respecting His laws. Our nation, from its founding, and contrary to the assertions we hear so much today, has been one that has recognized God and sought His blessings.

I believe God's protective hand has been on this country through its long history. A South America president was quoted as saying, "South America was settled by men who were seeking gold, but North America was settled by men who were seeking God."

Through our history we have been blessed uniquely. We take for granted the freedoms we have, and the blessings other people can only dream of. But who can doubt that the Christian ideals we once honored are rapidly being eroded away? Someone once observed that we have not only gone off the gold standard, thus weakening our economy, but, more importantly, we have gone off the God-standard, jeopardizing our nation. The religion of secular humanism has become our state-religion.

In our rush to "separate church and state", we have succeeded in separating state from God! Many countries, once considered to be largely "Christian", are now under the threat of Islam, and our country may not be far behind. Should we be surprised if the blessings we have cherished are lost? Are we not already in the process? For God to bless America, it is vital that America begin again to bless God.

~ Ronald Bartanen~

What Is A Pinion

What is a pinion? Not opinion (an opinion is "a view, judgment, or appraisal formed in the mind about a particular matter"). Pinion is different. It would be interesting to me, if the average person ran across the word "pinion", would they know what it means? Maybe all of you do. This preacher is very ignorant about a lot of things, so I keep dictionaries, Thesauruses and The Synonym Finder close by. If you know what a pinion is, that's good. You're probably smart.

You may be thinking, "What is he doing? Why all this about a pinion?" Well it has to do with Bible translations. I am a dyed in the wool King James Version user. However, I read other translations and have many of them in my library, as well as, being able to search the Internet. Sometimes people latch on to new translations because they are new. Some seemingly think the King James Version is archaic so therefore we need a new one. So, if you use the New King James or The American Standard, continue on my brother, as they both are very good translations. Here is what brought all this to my attention. I am reading the ESV (English Standard Version) in the Psalms. The passage reads, "He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler" (Ps. 91:4). Being unlearned as I am, I said to myself, "What is a pinion?" So, I went to my trusted KJV and read the passage, "He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler" (Ps. 91:4, KJV). I knew what feathers were but I didn't know what a pinion was. However, now I know what pinions are, as the definition of pinion is, "the terminal section of a bird's wing including the carpus, metacarpus, and phalanges; broadly: wing" both definitions from Webster's Dictionary. Ok, Acuff why all the fuss about a word? Here are some lessons.

- One, read your Bible. Use a trusted translation such as KJV, NKJV or ASV. Read other translations, if you choose, as you would a commentary. Read the Bible, daily.
- Two, study your Bible. There is a difference in reading and studying. Studying is when you stop and search out the meaning of a verse or a passage. Do you know what the word "manifold" means? It means something different in an automobile than it does in the right passages in which it is used in the Bible. Don't be in a big hurry to rush through a passage.
- Three, keep some good helps available. Basics such as a Bible Dictionary, Haley's Bible Hand Book, Gospel Advocate Commentaries or Coffman Commentaries, Young's or Strong's Concordance. If you do all your research on the computer, put certain places in your favorites such as Bible Gateway, Coffman Commentary, and e-Sword. I have a program called Accordance (some of it is free or you can purchase various tools from it).
- Four, don't let the daily grind of life keep you from studying. Everyone has much to do. It is very easy to say, "Oh well, I'll do it tomorrow." No you won't! Because something else will come up tomorrow. All of us must discipline ourselves to search the scriptures.

Jesus said, "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39).

~ Larry Acuff ~

The Fountain Of Life, Lithia Springs Church of Christ, 11/19/17

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First PrayerMike Mullins
Reading.....Marty Boles
Scripture.....Ecclesiastes 7:10
Lord's Table (N)*Rickey Hurst
(S)*David Keele
(N).....Dwight Barrett
(N).....Junah Bouldin
(N).....Jamie Brock
(S).....Tommy Crouch
(S).....Kenny Dillard
(S).....Ezra Dixon
Sermon*Sorrow, Sin & Schemes* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Dale Bennett

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard
Reading.....Kane Maynard
Scripture.....Mark 11:27-33
Lord's Table*Jeff Flatt
.....*Randall Gann
Sermon*Questions & Answers* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Allen Hughes

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Bruce Pryor
Lead SingingRickey Hurst
First Prayer.....Michael Andrews
Reading.....Eddie Palmer
InvitationDale Bennett
DismissStanley Graves

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Pantry Item:Pancake Mix

Elder Closing Remarks:Stanley Graves

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A.M. Worship.....311
Bible Study.....246
P.M. Worship.....202
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Brenda Young
Agnes Thomas - (Lindsay Ownbey's grandmother)

In The Hospital:
Clara Scott - surgery has been postponed until next week
Winfrey Hennessee - ICU River Park
Gordon Fults - ICU River Park

Sympathy
We extend our sympathy to the family of Donald David Palmer, brother of our Eddie Palmer. His funeral was this past Sunday in Maynardville, TN.

We also express our sympathy to the family of Gordon L. Andrews, grandfather of our Michael Andrews. His funeral was this past Saturday in Tupelo, MS.

Ladies Holiday Party
All the ladies of the congregation are invited to the annual Ladies Holiday Party on December 5, 6:00 pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board and money is due by this coming Sunday.

Church Holiday Fellowship
Sunday evening, December 17, following evening services. More details will follow.

Restoration
Last Wednesday evening sister Stephanie Jones came forward requesting prayers.

Prepare Communion for 2018
There is a list on the bulletin board for those willing to prepare the communion for 2018.

Youth News
I appreciate everyone's kind words to me this past Sunday. I was talking with brother Keele and he asked me a simple question about the announcements that were made during am services. I should have known the answer, but I told him when I have to preach that I am nervous and focused on reciting my sermon in my head over and over and that I stay nervous till I sit down. You never know what may happen. Just like when brother Hurst iPad froze during Sunday pm service. That would send me into panic mode. But brother Hurst was calm and fixed the issue. Me on the other hand I would have been in a panic and just rambled till I could get it working again. Encouragement is a great blessing and I appreciate everyone's kind words.

I also appreciate all the men that participated in our evening services. They all did an outstanding job. I enjoyed listening to these other men pray. It helps me realize areas that I need to improve in my prayer life. Each man lead a wonderful prayer. We all need to try to express the same encouragement to them as you did to me. It can be nerve-racking to stand in front of a group of people, especially when there is over 200!!!

Upcoming Youth Events:
• December 3 - Bible Bowl Test over Matthew 12-16

• December 10 - Pew Packers @ 5

• December ?? - Home Devo / activities at McVey home

Middle TN School of Preaching
The winter quarter for the Middle Tennessee School of Preaching will begin on January 11. Classes offered this quarter are:

6-7 pm - Isaiah - Jim Boyd
7-8 pm - Church at Ephesus - Bill Boyd
8-9 pm - Living Soberly, Righteously, and Godly - Charles Williams.

December 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 Anna Jean Bond	27 Joe Collins Willie Newby	28 Corretta Lawrence	29 WILLUS & EDITH ROBERTS	30 Stefanie McColloch	1 Susan Pryor	2
3 Bible Bowl 2 pm @ East End	4 Zollie Settles	5 Matthew Woodside Ladies Holiday Party	6 DENNIS & JANICE FOSTER	7 Wesley Sain	8 Howard Witty Irene Lawrence	9 LARRY & ZELLA COOK
10 Kane Maynard Pew Packers 5 pm	11 Brandi Wilcher Monday Morning Bible Class	12 Anna Grace King Dennis Eller Iona King RAY & DORIS SMITH	13 Stan Hillis	14 Jane Wilcher Jenna Kate Mullins	15 Jamie Brock	16
17 Holiday Fellowship	18	19	20 Christine Gribble	21 Don Sullivan	22	23 Norman Sain
24	25	26 JOE & MARSHA COLLINS	27 Dale Bennett NORMAN & BAR- BARA SAIN	28 Gordon Mayfield Jacob Ownbey	29 Edith Roberts Emma Hillis Samuel Gillies	30 Jamison Brock
31 BRUCE & WANDA NUNLEY Linda Hamilton Megan Patton	1 Ethan Stanley Jason Vandagriff TOMMY & GAIL CROUCH	2	3 Levi Jones	4 Danny Duncan Leonard Clemons	5 Donald Cathey Jacob Griffin	6

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First Prayer.....Willie Newby
Reading.....Robert Elam
Scripture.....Leviticus 10:1-3
Lord's Table (N).....*Brandon Fuston
(S).....*Tim Gann
(N).....Stephen Felty
(N).....Mitchell Ferrell
(N).....Caleb Graves
(S).....Justin Griffin
(S).....Clent Kesey
(S).....Ken Martin
Sermon.....*Tragedy of Two Sons* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Larry Cook

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First Prayer.....Willard Dunlap
Reading.....Jeff McVey
Scripture.....Ecclesiastes 8:8
Lord's Table.....*Danny Duncan
.....*Ethan Duncan
Sermon *Who Knows The Interpretation* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Norman Sain

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Bruce Pryor
Lead Singing.....David Keele
First Prayer.....Bobby Ashford
Reading.....Noel Pepper
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Paul Hurst

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Assist Baptisms:Cindy Fisher & Sherry Graves

Pantry Item:Spaghetti

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith

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A.M. Worship.....310
Bible Study.....242
P.M. Worship.....201
Wednesday Bible Study.....169
Contribution.....\$7,169

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Chelsea Gann

In The Hospital:

Clara Scott - surgery has been postponed until
January 15
Gordon Fults - ICU River Park
Joyce Griffith (Randy's mother) - River Park

Shut-ins

Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., McMinnville, TN 37110)
Clayton Cook (Larry & Roger's brother) #200
Gordon Fults #101
Shirley Keith #308
Clara Roller #104
Gary Ward #118

NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)
Winfrey Hennessee #209
Willene Kell #311

Prestige Assisted Living

(110 River Rd W, Loudon, TN 37774)
Dennis Eller

Home:

Bill Ashford (Bobby's brother)
Wilma Chisam (at her sons's home)
Dennis Gann
Greg Grizzell
Joan Hillis
Frankie Hobbs
Daisy Maxwell
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)
Morris Newby (Willie's father)
Willus & Edith Roberts

Prepare Communion for 2018

There is a list on the bulletin board for those will-
ing to prepare the communion for 2018.

2018 Announcers & Ushers

The list for those who announce and usher for
2018 has been place on the bulletin board. If you
have any questions, please see Shannon Griffin.

Church Holiday Fellowship

Sunday evening, December 17, following evening
services. If the first letter of your last name begins
with the following letters you are asked to bring:

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1 dozen
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Middle TN School of Preaching

The winter quarter for the Middle Tennessee
School of Preaching will begin on January 11. Class-
es offered this quarter are:

6-7 pm - Isaiah - Jim Boyd

7-8 pm - Church at Ephesus - Bill Boyd

8-9 pm - Living Soberly, Righteously, and Godly -
Charles Williams.

Monday Morning Bible Class

This coming Monday will be the last Monday Morn-
ing Bible Class for the year. For those who are in-
terested we will have a breakfast at 8 am at Billy's
Restaurant with class back at the building at ap-
proximately 9 am. Everyone is invited!

Wait Not

Wait not till tomorrow
Till a far and distant date;
Try not more time to borrow
For then it may be too late

That good deed you'd be doing,
That kind word that needs to be said
That new life to be pursuing,
Should be given the go-ahead.

~ Clifford Reel ~

Youth News

We had seven participate in the Bible Bowl on
Sunday at the East End congregation. We tied for
second place with 3 others congregations. Our
youth are doing a great job of studying the Bible
to know the answers to the questions. I believe
that two of the questions that they missed were
not because they did not know the answer, but
because of how it was worded. But I may be a
little biased though. We are now about to begin to
study Matthew chapters 17-20 in preparation for
our next Bible Bowl. The day of the Bible Bowl we
meet at the building around 12:30-12:45 to study
and I have been trying to give them a practice test.
Either true or false questions, matching or multi-
ple choice. If you would like to write down a few
questions that I could include I would appreciate
it. That way they are getting different questions
from a different prospective. I normally come up
with about 20-30 questions on each test. I try to
ask several questions from each chapter that we
are studying. If you would like to contribute, you
can email them to me, write them down, or text
them to me, what ever works best for you.

Mission Trip Information: Latin American
Missions (LAM) for short

If you plan on going on the mission trip with us to
Granada, Nicaragua July 20-28 2018 please read
this and start your process.

1. Begin praying that this will be a successful trip.
By that I mean the Gospel will be spread and
people my have their hearts pricked by the
Word of God and obey it.
2. See Aaron so you can get registered ASAP due
to limited spots. It only takes about five min-
utes per person.
3. Get a passport ASAP - You can do it online
[https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/pass-
ports/apply-renew-passport/how-to-apply.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/apply-renew-passport/how-to-apply.html)
- or go to the post office or the county clerks
office for the paperwork then you will have to
go somewhere and have your picture taken. It
will cost you \$110-125 for one passport. Once

you have submitted all of your information
correctly it will take 4-6 weeks to get it back.
That is why we need to get this done quickly.

4. LAM recommends getting a Hepatitis A and
Tetanus shots before going on any trip with
them.
5. Raise your money for the trip. We have to
have at least \$1000 per person by the end of
January to send to LAM for them to buy our
plane tickets and reserve our spot and hotel
rooms.
6. I am guessing that it will cost around \$2500.
That would include everything but your mon-
ey for souvenirs. Will know more in the up-
coming weeks. I know this is a lot of money,
but if you will look at it as a investment into
the people going. They will grow, they will have
a different outlook on life and will have a
deeper respect and understanding of Gods
word. They will also feel more confident in
teaching others the Gospel.
7. If your think you want to go but are not sure
let me know. I will be glad to answer any ques-
tions and explain what a normal day will be
like.

If you can not go on the trip physically, you can
still pray for the campaign and support it by giving
money for the group to go. If we have any money
left over we will use it towards buying Spanish
Bibles and or other things that the congregation
may need.

Upcoming Youth Events:

- December 10 - Pew Packers @ 5
- December 13 - Birthday Wednesday
- December 20 - HEY
- December 31 - Home Devotional- fun activities
till right after midnight.

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey
Lead SingingJeff McVey
First PrayerBruce Pryor
ReadingKeith Chilcutt
Scripture2Kings 4:38-40
Lord's Table (N)*Joe Collins
(S)*Larry Flatt
(N)Joe Maynard
(N)Harold McGinness
(N)Rodney Maynard
(S)Derrick Pennington
(S)Cory Prince
(S)Herb Rowland
Sermon*There Is Death In The Pot* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Russ Chilcutt

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey
Lead SingingJeff McVey
First PrayerRodney Reynolds
ReadingJared Mullican
ScriptureEcclesiastes 9:1
Lord's Table*Don Griffith
.....*Randy Griffith
Sermon.....*Now And Then* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Darron Dixon

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsBruce Pryor
Lead SingingJared Mullican
First PrayerJeff Flatt
ReadingJustin Randolph
InvitationLeonard Clemons
Dismiss.....Micah Lawrence

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Randall & Deborah Gann
P.M.Linda Hamilton & Sarah Kell

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P.M.Worship190
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"I THINK GOD MAY HAVE A PROBLEM...I'VE BEEN PRAYIN' THAT IT SNOWS SO HARD THEY HAVE TO CLOSE SCHOOL.. MY MOM IS PRAYIN' THAT IT DON'T."

Youth News

Upcoming Events

- December 13 - Birthday Wednesday
- December 20 - HEY
- December 31 - Home Devotional- fun activities till right after midnight.
- January 20 - (Saturday) Take food to the Fire Department

Pew Packers Class:

We had 18 young boys and girls show up to decorate and make crafts for the members in the nursing home. It was a great blessing to see so many show up to help out someone else. They also made it known that they would like to deliver them themselves this coming Sunday in-between services. Each basket was decorated and items placed in the basket by the pew packers class. All I did was provide them the items to put in the basket, thanks to your donations. We were blessed to have several women from the ladies class to volunteer to come and help the youth make a craft and make the baskets pretty and presentable. If that was left to me I would have thrown the items in the basket and got some duct tape and went around the whole basket with tape to prevent anything from falling out. Yes I would have used red or green tape to be decorative for the holiday season. But these baskets look great. We want to thank the congregation for donating money to this effort. We also want to thank all the ladies that came and helped us beautify the baskets. The young boys and girls had a blast working with the women from the ladies class. Thank you to everyone who helped.

Mission Trip Update:

We have been given our first donation towards the trip. These trips are usually not funded by one or two people giving large amounts of money. They are funded by a lot of people giving a little. Every penny puts our group (11 potential people as of now) from Bybee that much closer to being able to go. If you can give towards this effort it would be much appreciated. I know I have been

asking for monetary donations, it seems every week here lately, and I'm sorry for that, but this is a busy time. Thankfully we are blessed with a lot of giving members that have jumped on board.

If you're planning on going make sure to get your passport application in immediately and make sure I have you down as going on the trip and have registered you. I am going to register everyone on December 29th. So if you are still thinking about going you have a little bit more time to decide. If you decide to go after December 29 that is fine and I will register you as long as there is space on the trip. Some trips can only accommodate so many and they have to cut it off at a certain number of people.

December Home Devotional Info:

The McVey's have invited the youth to their house for the final home devotional of 2017. They said they would provide all food and drinks. We just need to be there. They are going to allow us to stay there and celebrate the new year together. We will try to have some games and activities to bring in the new year. With that in mind, please have your ride there by 12:15 so they can get some sleep after having all of us over all night. Make sure to tell the McVey's thank you for hosting and feeding all of us. If you have any games that you want to play make sure to bring them.

January 20 is the date of our first service project. We will take some food to the fire stations here in town, as a thank you for all they do. There is a total of 32 that work between the two fire stations. Please make plans to attend and help give back a small portion to those who protect us and help us everyday here in McMinnville. More details to follow.

Do We Just Paint Signs

A 19th century philosopher told a story about a man seeing a sign in a window in a small European town. The sign said, "Pants Pressed Here." He went in and started to remove his trousers. The clerk asked what he was doing. The man said, "I saw your sign and I want my pants pressed." The clerk responded, "Oh, we don't press pants here. We just paint signs."

It says "Church of Christ" out front of our building. Do we serve Him and seek others for Him, or do we just paint signs?

What Will Your Checkbook Say About You?

Some time ago I read about a man who has written many biographies. He noted that it was easy to find out what a man said and what he had done, but when it came to finding out what kind of man he really was, the biographer was up a stump. Then he discovered that the surest way to get to the truth was to look at the stubs of old checkbooks. What a man gave his money for— that tells the tale. Why not stop before you read any further and get out your checkbook for the past year? What does it say about you? It might say:

- This man cares more about entertainment— football, hunting, fishing, golf, tennis, and movies than he does the Lord.
- This man cares more about his personal appearance—clothes, grooming, haircuts, etc., than he does about the church.
- This man cares more about civic interests— clubs, community projects, and the Red Cross than he does about the lost.
- This man cares more about vacations and traveling (just look at those gas bills) than he does about the expansion of the kingdom of God
- This man cares more about temporal security — bonds, stocks, and other investments than he does about treasures in heaven.

Would you be ashamed if suddenly your checkbook began to blab the truth about you to all your friends and neighbors?

~ G. K. Wallace ~



Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey
Lead SingingCaleb Graves
First PrayerDon Sullivan
ReadingJacob Griffin
ScriptureEcclesiastes 10:12-14
Lord's Table (N)*Jamie Brock
(S)*Stanley Clendenon
(N)Steve Smith
(N)Josh Templeton
(N)Jason Vandagriff
(S)Garett Woodside
(S)Farris Young
(S)Bobby Ashford
Sermon*Foolishness of Folly* Tony Lawrence
DismissChris Snow

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey
Lead SingingCaleb Graves
First Prayer.....Tommy Turner
Reading.....Chris Neale
ScriptureMatthew 1:18
Lord's Table*Doug Hendrixson
.....*Ronnie Hoover
Sermon .*What the Bible Says About Christmas* Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Tommy Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsBruce Pryor
Lead SingingJoe Collins
First PrayerTim Fisher
ReadingDavid Roberts
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
DismissGordon Mayfield

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A.M.....Larry & Jane Flatt
P.M.David & Iona King

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Pantry Item:Cornbread Mix

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan

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A.M. Worship280
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P.M. Worship226
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Several have been battling respiratory issues over the past couple weeks. Be sure to keep all of them in your prayers even though their names have not been announced.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Gordon Fults. His funeral was this past Monday. He was a faithful member at Bybee Branch.

We also extend sympathy to the family of Morris Newby, father of our Willie Newby. His services are scheduled for Thursday at 1 pm at Highs.

Church Directory Photos

After all the photos were taken for the new Church Directory there were almost 50 who had not had their photos taken. Brother Gordon Mayfield has graciously offered to take these makeup photos on Sunday, December 31, following the morning services. Please, if you have not had your photo taken do so at this time. We would love 100% participation. Within days of having these photos taken a proof book will be available for verification.

One thing that will be available with this new Church Directory is an online feature that is password protected. There is an app for those who have smart phones (iPhones and Androids). In order to log in to the directory you must have an email address listed in the directory. If you do not have an email address in the past directory and you want to be able to access this in the new directory, please send your email address to preacher@by-beebranch.org.

Youth News

Baskets for our members:

This past Sunday the youth and young at heart met at 4:30 and we headed to Raintree to deliver the baskets to our members. We had over 25 people show up to help deliver the baskets. Judging from the deliveries I was a part of, the baskets made them smile and they were very thankful. We were able to talk to them for just a few minutes, since we arrived as they were eating dinner. I believe this was a great experience for both sides. I know I was very encouraged by this activity. Thank you to everyone that donated money to this activity as well as the women that showed up to help the youth make the baskets look pretty. Thank you to everyone that showed up to deliver the baskets and thanks to Paul for driving the bus for us. I did fail to bring back one person when we left NHC, but luckily Brandon Fuston had a phone and Micah graciously went and picked him up. Sorry Brandon, but it was kinda funny when we were on the bus pulling into the parking lot of the church building.

Holiday party:

Lindsay and I appreciate the thoughtful card and the money that was contributed on our behalf. It was definitely a surprise. We were not expecting anything like that. I was actually speechless for one of the first times in my life. Lindsay and I can not express our gratitude enough to this congregation. Y'all have treated us like family since day one and we appreciate that. Jacob was the one that we were initially worried about. Leaving all of his friends for the last two years. Well he talks about all of his class mates and friends all the time. He loves it here and that makes the transition so much easier for us. Thank you so much. We are truly blessed to be here at Bybee. Thank you so much.

Fire Departments Lunch:

On January 20th 2018 we will be delivering an appreciation lunch to the fire stations here in town. We will meet here at the building (time tba) then split into two groups to make the deliveries. Maggie Hurst, Amy Lawrence, Kara Hurst and

Lindsay Ownbey are in charge of making the food. If you would like to help feel free to ask me or one of these ladies. The fire department has offered to show us the station, equipment, and let us ask any questions we may have, as long as no emergency situations arise. We are asking the youth to bring a pack of hamburger buns per family.

YES WEEKEND: February 23-25 Friday-Sunday

Yes weekend is an upcoming youth weekend in south Georgia were people from all over will come and hear great lessons on topics that our youth are going through right now. There are normally around 900-1000 people in attendance. I would say 600-700 of that is youth from middle school to college-aged. Then of course us old people that bring them (haha). The singing alone is a good reason to go to this event. Some of the best that I have ever heard. This is the congregation that sponsors the YES II mission campaign that many of us will be going on this summer. This event is in Valdosta Ga, which will require us to secure additional transportation, hotel rooms and register. There is a sign up sheet on the youth board. I need all interested to sign up and will need to collect money by January 21, 2018. This will give us time to book our hotel room and send our money for registering to Forrest Park Church of Christ in Valdosta Ga.

Upcoming Events

- December 31 - Home Devotional- fun activities till right after midnight.
- January 7 - Bible Bowl @ Main Street Matthew 17-20
- January 14 - Pew Packers @5pm
- January 20 - (Saturday) Take food to the Fire Department
- January 28 - Home Devotional @ Templeton's Home
- January 31 - Birthday Wednesday
- February 23-25 - YES Weekend Valdosta, Ga

Ladies of the Church

*The ladies of the Lord's church are some of the best
And help us to know we are truly blessed.
Our ladies have many wonderful traits
While keeping on the path that is straight.
Our ladies are most kind
And try to help out when in a bind.
They do what they are asked
Whatever their task.*

*Our ladies are quite caring
And try to show that by their sharing.
Many a cards do they send
To encourage others who are on the mend.
Many foods and meals do they make
To help others through their heartache.
Many of our ladies volunteer to teach
Because of the souls they want to reach.*

*Our ladies are not seeking fortune and fame
Christian living is their aim.
Sometimes they go great lengths
Which show their mighty strengths.
Their deeds many times go unnoticed
But God takes great notice.
So for all that you do
We say a big thank you!*

~ Amy Prince ~

A Huge THANK YOU!

It is incredibly humbling that each year that the congregation has shown such love toward us with a generous gift of money. It is difficult to put in words how fortunate we feel to be working with the church at Bybee Branch. Each of you make this work a labor of love. Even though it seems so inadequate, please accept our huge THANK YOU!

~ Tony & Corretta Lawrence ~

All Classes Meet In Auditorium

Since many teachers will be gone due to the holidays the Wednesday Night Bible Classes on Dec. 20 and Dec 27 along with the Sunday morning Bible classes on Dec. 24 will all meet in the auditorium.

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ScriptureEcclesiastes 10:12-14
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(S)Jeff Flatt
(S)Brandon Fuston
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Sermon.....*Investment* Tony Lawrence
DismissNorman Sain

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Young Men Conduct Services

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Rutherford
Bill Brown - NHC #123

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NHC Devotional

The monthly scheduled devotional for NHC is this Thursday evening at 7 pm. Note carefully that the time has changed by 30 minutes.

All Classes Meet In Auditorium

Since many teachers will be gone due to the holidays the Wednesday Night Bible Classes on Dec. 20 and Dec 27 along with the Sunday morning Bible classes on Dec. 24 will all meet in the auditorium.

Church Directory Photos

The final makeup photos for the church directory will be taken on Sunday, December 31, following the morning services. Please, if you have not had your photo taken do so at this time.We would love 100% participation. Within days of having these photos taken a proof book will be available for verification.

Upcoming Youth Events:

- December 31 - Home Devotional - fun activities till right after midnight.
- January 7 - Bible Bowl @ Main Street Matt. 17-20
- January 14 - Pew Packers @5pm
- January 20 - (Saturday) Food to the Fire Dept.
- January 28 - Home Devotional @ Templeton's
- January 31 - Birthday Wednesday
- February 23-25 - YES Weekend Valdosta, Ga

Youth News

Fire Departments Lunch:

On January 20th 2018 we will be delivering an appreciation lunch to the fire stations here in town.We will meet here at the building (time tba) then split into two groups to make the deliveries. Maggie Hurst, Amy Lawrence, Kara Hurst and Lindsay Ownbey are in charge of making the food. If you would like to help feel free to ask me or one of these ladies.The fire department has offered to show us the station, equipment, and let us ask any questions we may have, as long as no emergency situations arise.We are asking the youth to bring a pack of hamburger buns per family.

YES WEEKEND: February 23-25 Friday-Sunday

Yes weekend is an upcoming youth weekend in south Georgia where people from all over will come to hear great lessons on topics that our youth are going through right now. There are normally around 900-1000 people in attendance. I would say 600-700 of that is youth from middle school to college-aged. Then of course us old people that bring them (haha). The singing alone is a good reason to go to this event. Some of the best that I have ever heard.This is the congregation that sponsors the YES II mission campaign that many of us will be going on this summer.This event is in Valdosta Ga, which will require us to secure additional transportation, hotel rooms and register. There is a sign up sheet on the youth board. I need all interested to sign up and will need to collect money by January 21,2018.This will give us time to book our hotel room and send our money for registering to Forrest Park Church of Christ in Valdosta Ga.

Mission Trip Update:

As of right now we have just over \$1100 to go towards our trip. We are thankful for those who have already gave money towards this trip. If you think you want to go please let me know. I plan on registering us this Friday.

December Home Devotional Info:

The McVey's have invited the youth to their house for the final home devotional of 2017.They said they would provide all food and drinks. We just need to be there. They are going to allow us to stay there and celebrate the new year together.We will try to have some games and activities to bring in the new year.With that in mind, please have your ride there by 12:15 so they can get some sleep after having all of us over all night. Make sure to tell the McVey's thank you for hosting and feeding all of us. If you have any games that you want to play make sure to bring them.

January 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 BRUCE & WANDA NUNLEY Linda Hamilton Megan Patton	1 Ethan Stanley Jason Vandagriff TOMMY & GAIL CROUCH	2	3 Levi Jones	4 Danny Duncan Leonard Clemons	5 Donald Cathey Jacob Griffin	6
7 Bible Bowl @ Main St. 2 pm	8 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am	9 Emma Cathey	10	11	12 Willard Dunlap	13 Ethan Duncan Stephanie Maynard
14 DAVID & IONA KING	15	16 GARY & BARBARA LORANCE	17 Bailey Griffith	18 Janie Griffin	19	20 Chris Snow
21 Aaron Ownbey Donna Goolsby Marsha Dunlap TONY & CORRET- TA LAWRENCE	22 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 am	23 Brenda Young Susie Griffith	24 Bobby Cantrell Jeff Templeton	25 Missy Biles RANDY & VICKIE GRIFFITH NHC Devo 7 pm	26 Charlotte Wedding- ton Ray Weddington	27 Jared Mullican MARTY & SHARON BOLES Mitchell Ashford
28 David Chilton RICKEY & MAG- GIE HURST	29 Billy Pinegar Shannon Griffin	30 Robert Elam	31 Ronnie Prince	1	2 John David Keele	3