

**Sunday Morning Worship**

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Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer .....Larry Flatt  
Reading.....Dale Bennett  
Scripture.....I Corinthians 8:9-13  
Lord's Table (N) .....\*Randy Griffith  
(S) .....\*Norman Sain  
(N) .....Jared Mullican  
(N) .....Garett Woodside  
(N) .....Ray Weddington  
(S) .....Jason Vandagriff  
(S) .....Bobby Ashford  
(S) .....Harold McGinness  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Brandon Fuston

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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First Prayer .....Stanley Clendenon  
Reading .....Larry Cook  
Scripture .....Mark 7:9-13  
Lord's Table .....\*Mike Mullins  
.....\*Allen Hughes  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Willie Newby

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Robert Garibaldi  
Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews  
First Prayer .....Micah Lawrence  
Reading.....Ronnie Hoover  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Russ Chilcutt

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. ....Leonard & Avie Clemons  
P.M. ....Paul Hurst Family

*If you cannot serve, please contact  
Shannon Griffin (808-4470)*

Ushers: .....Dwight Barrett, Ricky Prince, Stan Hillis  
Un/Lock Building: .....Jeff Templeton/Don Griffith  
Prepare Communion: .....Andrews  
Assist Baptisms: .....Jean Clendenon & Kara Fuston

Pantry Item: .....Pancake Syrup

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Leonard Clemons

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....255  
Bible Study.....209  
P.M. Worship.....220  
Wednesday Bible Study .....118  
Contribution .....\$7,177

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Zollie Settles  
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Alan Niles (Annie's father)  
Jerry Simons (Eva's husband)  
Thomas Owens (Glenda Hughes father)

In The Hospital:

None known

Shut-ins:

Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Clayton Cook (Larry's brother) #200

NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)  
Willene Kell #311  
Wilma Chisam #309  
Joan Hillis

Claiborne-Hughes Health Center

(200 Strahl St, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Dennis Eller

Home:

Marsha Dunlap  
Dennis Gann  
Greg Grizzell  
Daisy Maxwell  
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Barbara Pryor (Bruce's mother)  
Willus & Edith Roberts

“For You are my hope, O Lord GOD;  
You are my trust from my youth.”  
Psalm 71:5

Youth News and Updates

• **Bybee Youth** - there are several activities and updates regarding our youth that you can read about in the Bybee Youth monthly publication. You may pick up a copy of the Bybee Youth on the back table.

• **Bible Bowl Crash Course Study!** The van will leave after Bible class this morning and head to Dairy Queen (dutch treat). We will return to the building for a study session. If you can not join us for lunch, please be to the building by 12:30pm.

• **Bible Bowl** - will be this Sunday, January 5th at 2pm here at Bybee. The Earleyville congregation will be hosting this event and using our building.

• **H.E.Y.** - will be on Sunday January 12th. The Smartt Station congregation will be hosting this event. The van will leave the building at 4:30pm and return between 6:30pm and 7:00pm.

• **CYC tickets have been purchased.** There is a list of names, on the youth board, of those who are going. If your name is NOT on the list and you want to go, please see Jason.

• **Spring Youth Retreat** - is well under way in its preparation stages. We will need many volunteers that weekend to assist with the activities that are being planned. There is a sign-up sheet on the GREEN BULLETIN BOARD. Please sign up if you are able to help us.

• **Bybee Youth** - Please pick up a copy of the Bybee Youth flyer. There are in the foyer next to the bulletins under the GREEN bulletin board.

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Delbert Spicer. A memorial service will be this Thursday at 2 pm at the Centertown church of Christ. Brother Spicer and his family were a faithful members at Bybee Branch in the early 1990's prior to moving to Murfreesboro.

Four Simple Steps To Improve Your Worship

For nearly anyone, worship can become a bit rote at times. Although we know it is invaluable, we are human; thus, we struggle at times to stay truly engaged and thoughtful throughout the time.

But some seem to think that it would take some major thing to get out of the rut or to make worship more meaningful. Tragically, some stop coming. Just as tragically, some think they must change God's pattern (or worship where that pattern is not obeyed) and have bands, light shows, and more just to "up" the experience.

But there are far simpler steps that each person can make to improve worship for themselves, while still making certain they worship "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). Today, I share four that you can make this Sunday.

1. **PREPARE BEFOREHAND.** I know Sunday mornings are busy. It is remarkable we have any sanity by the time we make it to worship. But could we not take even 5 or 10 minutes on Saturday night to sing a song and pray so that our mind is headed in the right direction? What about laying out clothes so that the Sunday morning rush is less crazy? On Sunday morning, on the way to the building, listen to some worship music or talk about what you are excited about concerning the opportunity you are getting ready to take part in! Just this one step, I promise, will revolutionize worship.

2. **ARRIVE ON TIME** (or a little early is even better). If you are constantly late, you are not even "settled in" before worship is partially over. When that happens, you spend the rest of the time playing catch-up in your mind. But if you are present on time, or a little early, and have visited with a few fellow Christians and had a chance to "settle" a bit, your mind is fresh and ready to worship from the first moment.

3. **SIT CLOSER TO THE FRONT.** I have sat in the back before. I have sat in a balcony before. Let me just put it this way: it is a whole different world! It's not a sin to sit in the back; after all, by definition, someone will be "in the back." That said, if you are trying to get out of a rut, or are just struggling to

stay engaged in worship, you will be completely amazed how much easier it is to stay focused if you just move up a few rows. There are fewer distractions (because there are fewer people between you and the leaders) and just the change of scenery is sometimes enough to trigger your mind to be more focused.

4. **REMEMBER THAT GOD IS IN THE AUDIENCE.** In the end, your goal is to give your best for Him; not just to see what you can get out of the worship time. If your mind is truly focused on that singular fact, your worship will improve, since you will be constantly striving to please Him with every action and every thought.

None of those things changes God's pattern for worship. Further, none of them requires a major overhaul on your part. Still, these four steps will change your worship for the better. Why not try them, even this Sunday, and just see if worship is not more encouraging for you than it has been in a long, long time.

"...worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:2b)

~ Adam Faughn ~

Suggestions for Congregational Singing

1. Sing with feeling and meaning. Don't sing as if you were half asleep. Lift up your voice with strength to show the power of the One whom you serve.
2. Don't sing so loudly, though, that you are heard above the rest of the congregation. Try to unite your voice with those of others in order to make one clear melodious sound.
3. Sing in time. Watch the song director and follow his leading. Be especially careful not to sing too slowly. Sing as a happy, active alert person who enjoys praising his God .
4. Above all sing spiritually .Try to honor God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself or any other person.

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Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....I Corinthians 9:19-22  
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(S).....\*Matthew Woodside  
(N) .....Josh Templeton  
(N) .....Jeff Templeton  
(N) .....Micah Lawrence  
(S) .....Chris Snow  
(S) .....Steve Smith  
(S) .....David Roberts  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Kurt Maynard

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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First Prayer .....Willard Dunlap  
Reading.....Danny Duncan  
Scripture.....Isaiah 40:26  
Lord's Table .....\*Gordon Mayfield  
.....\*Ken Martin  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Rodney Reynolds

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Robert Garibaldi  
Lead Singing .....Ethan Duncan  
First Prayer.....Tim Gann  
Reading.....Paul Hurst  
Invitation .....Rickey Hurst  
Dismiss .....Darron Dixon

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Pantry Item: .....Canned fruit

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Stanley Graves

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Bible Study.....219  
P.M.Worship.....199  
Wednesday Bible Study .....192  
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Osburn Huntley (Ruby’s husband)  
Jerry Simons (Eva’s husband)  
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In The Hospital:

Nelma Chilton - Cookeville for tests/treatments on  
Wednesday

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The quarterly elders and deacons meeting will be  
Sunday evening, January 26, at 5 PM.

Worrying About What’s Next

I have a good friend who lives in Kentucky. He’s  
such a huge fan of UK basketball that he gets a bit  
too worked up while watching their games. There-  
fore, instead of watching their games live, he  
records them and busies himself with other things.  
Then when the game is over, he checks the final  
score. If UK won, he can then sit down and watch  
that game without any worry or stress. No matter  
how “nip and tuck” the game may be, he doesn’t  
worry because he knows how the game ends.

I believe there’s a lesson here for all Christians. Too  
many of us worry about what tomorrow holds. We  
fret about what will happen next. However, here’s  
my question: “Why should we worry about what  
happens next when we know what happens last?”

Life holds a lot of ups and downs, even for the  
Christian. But that is no reason to unduly worry  
and fret about tomorrow, for we know what hap-  
pens in the end! We’ve read the end of the book,  
haven’t we? And the book records that in the end,  
we’re victorious (Revelation 2:10)!

So, the next time you’re tempted to overly concern  
yourself with what will happen next, just remember  
that you know what will happen last!

~ Steve Higginbotham ~

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- **Jackson, Missouri Trip** - Ignite 2020 Youth  
Rally in Jackson, MO. A trip itinerary will be  
handed out on Sunday, January 12th. See Jason  
for a copy of it.
- **Friday Night Singings** - one Friday night  
each month we will meet in someone’s home to  
simply sing. If you are willing to host a month  
please sign the sheet on the youth bulletin  
board. This is a congregational activity, not just a  
youth activity.
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- **Prom Alt Trip** - if you are interested in go-  
ing on the Prom Alt Trip this year, please sign the  
sheet on the youth board.

Son of Jesus or Son of the Devil?

On Paul’s first missionary journey the proconsul  
(governor) of Cyprus, Sergius Paulus, summoned  
him and Barnabas “and sought to hear the word of  
God” (Acts 13:7). One of his advisors, a sorcerer  
and false Jewish prophet named Bar-Jesus, did his  
best to resist them and “turn the proconsul away  
from the faith” (v. 8). “Bar” means “son of,” but it is  
highly unlikely that Bar-Jesus had been named in  
honor of our Lord. Jesus (“Yahweh is salvation”) was  
a very common name among first-century Jews.  
His name did, however, turn out to be rather  
ironic.

He was commonly known as Elymas, the Arabic  
form of “magi” which means wise man. That, too,  
was ironic. Aside from being a false prophet and  
practicing sorcery, resisting God’s message and His  
messengers wasn’t among the wisest things Elymas  
ever did!

Paul would tolerate none of it. He “looked intently  
at him and said, ‘O full of all deceit and all fraud,  
you son of the devil, you enemy of all right-  
eousness, will you not cease perverting the straight  
ways of the Lord? And now, indeed, the hand of the  
Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing  
the sun for a time.’ And immediately a dark mist fell  
on him, and he went around seeking someone to  
lead him by the hand” (vv. 9-11).

Elymas was anything but “son of Jesus.” He was a  
son of the devil! (diabolos = slanderer).

Are you living up to your God-given name, “Christ-  
ian” (Acts 11:26)? Just wearing it doesn’t make you  
a true follower of the Anointed One. You confessed  
Him as Lord. “But why do you call Me “Lord, Lord,”  
and do not the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46).

Be truly wise! Be a son of Jesus!

~ Joe Slater ~

General Business Meeting

The quarterly men’s General Business Meeting will  
be Sunday evening, January 26, at 5 PM. All the men  
of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

The songs of Isaac Watts, who lived from 1674 to  
1749, continue to influence Christians worship  
over 250 years after his death. During his lifetime,  
he wrote approximately 600 hymns, many of which  
are still used in worship today.

In 1707, he wrote "When I Survey the Wondrous  
Cross." The words to the second verse are: "Forbid  
it Lord that I should boast, save in the death of  
Christ my Lord. All the vain things that charm me  
most, I sacrifice them to His blood." This thought is  
surely based on the apostle Paul's affirmation in  
Galatians 6:14, "But God forbid that I should boast  
except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by  
whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to  
the world."

When we reflect on (survey) the cross, we should  
truly be amazed and humbled. When we survey the  
cross, we see the reality of sin, for if it were not for  
mankind's sin, the death of Jesus would not have  
been necessary. We also see the high cost of re-  
demption. To redeem us required the death of the  
Son of God! The cost of redemption reminds us of  
how serious sin truly is.

When we survey the cross, we are reminded that  
the price for our redemption has been paid. Be-  
cause of the cross we have been spared from con-  
demnation.

When we survey the cross, we are told in no un-  
certain terms that God loves us. As unbelievable as  
it may seem, He really loves us.

May we, like Paul, determine to glory only in the  
cross of Jesus.

~ Patrick Hogan ~

The Truth

- Know it (John 8:32)
- Love it (2 Thess. 2:10)
- Believe it (2 Thess. 2:12)
- Obey it (1 Pet. 1:22)
- Tell it (Eph. 4:15)
- Help it (3 John 8)



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Reading.....Justin Griffin  
Scripture .....Ezekiel 37:1-3  
Lord's Table .....\*Herb Rowland  
.....\*Norman Sain  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Noel Pepper

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Osburn Huntley (Ruby's husband)  
Jerry Simons (Eva's husband)  
Thomas Owens (Glenda Hughes father)

In The Hospital:

Steve Short (preacher at East End several years ago and a dear friend of many at Bybee Branch. Steve had a stroke, is currently in rehab and would appreciate cards.)  
Home address:  
Steve Short  
166 Canopy Oak Lane  
Statesville, NC 28625

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General Business Meeting

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Gospel Singing

The Church of Christ at Bethlehem (in Van Buren county) will host a Gospel Singing on January 25, at 6:30 PM. A meal begins at 5 PM.

FHU Bible Lectureship

On Tuesday, February 4, we will take the van to the Freed-Hardeman Lectureship for the day. The van will leave at 5:30 AM and will get back about 8:30 PM. Anyone who wishes to go please let Tony know so we may get some idea of the number going.

*"The worst thing anyone could do would be to make the prodigal son more comfortable in the pig pen. Sin is a terrible place to live. It is supposed to be terrible so that it encourages us to turn from it."*

~ Jason Sparks ~

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• **Pew Packers** - due to a youth trip happening this weekend, Sunday January 19th, 2020, Pew Packers has been moved to Sunday, January 26th at 5:00 pm.

• **CYC Forms** - need to be turned into Jason ASAP. He needs both the Release of All Claims and Consent forms that were in your packet.

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• **Youth Service Project** - We will be conducting a service project as a youth group. If you are interested in participating, please sign the sheet on the youth board

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*"For You are my hope, O Lord God; You are my trust from my youth." Psalm 71:5*

Church Directory Photos

In 2017 we began shooting photos for our new Church Directory and it was completed early 2018. At that time it was discussed we were transitioning to an online directory which would remain current. It was planned that periodically we would update the photos.

On Sunday evening, February 2, brother Gordon Mayfield will again take the photos for our directory. If anyone wishes to update their photo in the directory then you may come before or remain after the services and have your photo taken. We also will be seeking to get photos of those who were unable to take them last time.

The 28-minute Church

The 28-minute church. That reminds me of the 10-minute oil change and one hour dry cleaning. Can you imagine it? This "church" really exists. The preacher believes that people are too busy for an hour service, so he has come up with the 28-minute service. A little singing, a little praying, possibly a little communion, a little giving and definitely a little preaching. It's had rave reviews and he is now up to five services on Sunday. Sounds convenient, doesn't it? But there's a few problems with his format: Where's the fellowship? And how about the fact that members are exposed for hours to ungodliness at work, school and from the media- how does he think 28 minutes is going to prepare anyone for that onslaught each week?

Brethren, I say we need more time for prayers, singing, study, fellowship and all the rest of the things that people need to be strong Christians NOT LESS! Our culture cries, "Give me less of what I need and more of what I crave." The Lord said, "Don't let the world squeeze you into its mold." If had my way, every member of this congregation would attend every Bible class and assembly PLUS have home study, home training and family devotionals. We would also have quality time working and being together as a church family, not less. Is 28 minutes enough? I think not.

~ Author Unknown ~

Knock Knock! (Who's There?)

Most front doors have a peep hole so you can see who is knocking. Then you make the decision whether to open the door. Safety and privacy are good things!

What if you heard the knock and knew it was Jesus? Would you open the door to let Him in? Of course you would! Or would you ...

To the church at Laodicea Jesus said, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me" (Revelation 3:20). No, He wasn't literally physically standing at their door. Don't look for Him at yours either. Both then and now, to hear His voice is to comprehend His word with our hearts. Then we, like the Laodiceans, choose whether to let Him in (i.e. whether to trust and obey).

The lukewarm Laodiceans had effectively shut the Lord out. In their smug self-satisfaction, they didn't think they needed Him. Jesus wanted them to repent and let him back inside so He could have fellowship with them (signified by sharing a meal together). But He would not commit spiritual "breaking and entering." It was up to them to open the door if they wished.

Through His word, Jesus knocks on the door of the hearts of lukewarm church members today. He does the same for souls who have never obeyed the gospel. He desires fellowship with you; but He will not force Himself on you. Will you let Him in?

*Who at the door is standing, patiently drawing near, Entrance within demanding? Whose is the voice I hear? Sweetly the tones are falling: "Open the door for Me!" If thou wilt heed My calling, I will abide with thee. (words by Mrs. M. B. C. Slade)*

~ Joe Slater ~

*"Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."*

Lamentations 3:22-23

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....(743-0495) Jason Adams  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Daniel Boyd  
Reading.....Robert Elam  
Scripture.....I Corinthians 11:1-2  
Lord's Table (N) .....\*Kelly Thaxton  
(S).....\*Willie Newby  
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Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Chris Snow

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....(743-0495) Jason Adams  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer .....Joe Collins  
Reading.....Caleb Graves  
Scripture.....Hebrews 9:27-28  
Lord's Table .....\*Tommy Crouch  
.....\*Brandon Fuston  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Bruce Pryor

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Robert Garibaldi  
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Reading.....Ryan McColloch  
Invitation.....Paul Hurst  
Dismiss.....Jeff McVey

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Prepare Communion: .....Andrews  
Assist Baptisms: .....Jean Clendenon & Kara Fuston

Pantry Item: .....Beef Stew

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Stanley Graves

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Bible Study.....188  
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## Sick

### At Home:

Herb Rowland  
Louise Miller  
Irene Lawrence  
Osburn Huntley (Ruby's husband)  
Jerry Simons (Eva's husband)  
Thomas Owens (Glenda Hughes father)

### In The Hospital:

none known

## Elders-Deacons Meeting

The quarterly elders and deacons meeting will be Sunday evening, January 26, at 5 PM.

## General Business Meeting

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• **Home Devo** - will be this Sunday, January 26th, at the home of Sarah King, following our services. The church van will leave after services and return around 8:30 pm.

• **CYC Forms** - need to be turned into Jason ASAP. He needs both the Release of All Claims and Consent forms that were in your packet. We will have a final meeting with a notary public at the meeting to stamp forms.

• **CYC tickets have been purchased.** There is a list of names, on the youth board, of those who are going. If your name is NOT on the list and you want to go, please see Jason. The cutoff date is **THIS** Sunday, January 26th.

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• **Spring Youth Retreat** - is well underway in its preparation stages. We will need EVERYONE who is planning on attending to sign the sheet that is on the youth board. Please also provide us with your t-shirt size.

• **Prom Alt Trip** - please sign up if you are interested, there is a sheet on the youth board. Jason needs to know SOON, so planning can commence.

*"Better a poor and wise youth Than an old and foolish king who will be admonished no more."*  
Ecclesiastes 4:13

## Jesus Wept

The shortest verse in our English Bible affirms that Jesus wept. John 11:35 should be more to us than just the shortest verse in the Bible. This tiny passage reveals to us something about our Lord that is very comforting. **OUR LORD CARES! OUR LORD HURTS WHEN WE HURT!** There are three places in the New Testament that record for us the fact that Jesus wept.

1. **JOHN 11:35** - The surrounding context of verse 35 is the death of Lazarus. One of the most touching verses in all of Scripture is John 11:33, "When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit and was troubled." Jesus asked to view the body and wept as he did so (Jn. 11:34,35). The song, Does Jesus Care? is answered in this passage with a resounding yes! When the Jews saw Jesus weeping, they exclaimed, "See how he loved him!". The truth of this passage should motivate us to cast all our care upon Jesus, for he careth for us (1 Pet. 5:7).

2. **LUKE 19:41** - "And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it." The tears of our Master in this text are mingled with sorrow and righteous indignation. The original language shows a contrast between the weeping Jesus did in John 11 and Luke 19. The passage in John 11:35 indicates a tear or tears trickling down our Savior's face. The passage from Luke 19 displays our Lord sobbing uncontrollably. It is not difficult to understand the reason for the difference. In John 11, Jesus knew that he was going to raise Lazarus and that everything would be alright. In Luke 19, Jesus sobbed because he knew that the beloved city of Jerusalem was doomed with no hope of a reprieve. **IN LUKE 19:41, WE LEARN HOW MUCH JESUS LOVES SOULS!**

3. **HEBREWS 5:7** - This portion of the sacred writings refers to the agony of our Redeemer in Gethsemane. The human side of Jesus is shown here. He did not want to experience the physical pain and torture of the cross. But once the will of his Father made it clear that there was no other way, he will-

ingly died for you and me! (Jn. 10:18) Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Let us resolve to imitate our Master by being compassionate enough to weep with those who weep (Rom 12.15). Let us display the same hurt over lost souls that Jesus exhibited in Luke 19:41. And let us be willing to lay aside our own physical desires for that which will please God.

~ BJ. Clarke ~

## Ancient Bible Manuscripts In Danger Of Destruction

Archivists are frantically scanning some 4,500 ancient manuscripts in an effort to digitally preserve them. The urgency to complete the preservation as quickly as possible stems from two reasons (Source: Jerusalem Post).

First, the fragile texts, dating back to the fourth century, are among the oldest surviving copies of the Bible. One of these is the famous Sinaitic Codex.

But condition isn't the only reason for the hurry. Islamic terrorists have encroached into the area near St. Catherine's Monastery in the Sinaitic region. These violent and fanatical enemies of all are determined to destroy any artifact not aligned with their hostile nature.

The technology being employed may just be the best means of preserving ancient biblical texts today. Each manuscript is scanned in red, green, and then blue light. The three colored images are then merged together to produce one high-resolution, full-color image.

Despite the efforts of many enemies of God, we cannot but be amazed at how the Holy Scriptures have been providentially preserved through multiple millennia.

*The grass withereth the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever (Isaiah 40:8)*

~ Jared Jackson (via Christian Courier, July, 2019) ~

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Lead Singing .....Jeff McVey  
First Prayer .....Matthew Woodside  
Reading .....Farris Young  
Scripture .....I Corinthians 12:13-14  
Lord's Table (N) .....\*Jason Adams  
(S) .....\*Bobby Ashford  
(N) .....Marty Boles  
(N) .....Keith Chilcutt  
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Dismiss .....Don Griffith

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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Reading .....Shannon Griffin  
Invitation .....Tony Lawrence  
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26 Caroline Boyd Charlotte Wed- dington Ray Weddington	27 Jared Mullican MARTY & SHARON BOLES Mitchell Ashford	28 David Chilton RICKEY & MAG- GIE HURST	29 Billy Pinegar Shannon Griffin	30 Jason Adams Robert Elam	31 Ronnie Prince	1
2 John David Keele  Bible Bowl @ New Hope 2 PM  Church Directory Photos	3	4	5 Jesse Jones	6 HAROLD & TERE- SA MCGIN- NESS	7 Elsie Newby Parker Smith Ricky Prince Stanley Graves	8 Ashley Newby Tim Fisher Zella Cook
9 Cory Prince	10  Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	11 HERB & THELMA ROWLAND	12	13 Randy Griffith	14 Joe Maynard Linda Fults STAN & SANDRA HILLIS	15 Myka Garibaldi Ronnie Hamilton
16 Dickie Kesey Emma Neale	17 Daisy Maxwell DARRON & KIRSTIE DIXON	18 Nona Martin RONNIE & ELAINE HOOVER	19 Brandon Fuston	20	21 Avie Clemons Jimmy Cunning- ham	22 Isabella Penning- ton
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.....\*Gordon Mayfield  
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Dismiss .....Tim Gann

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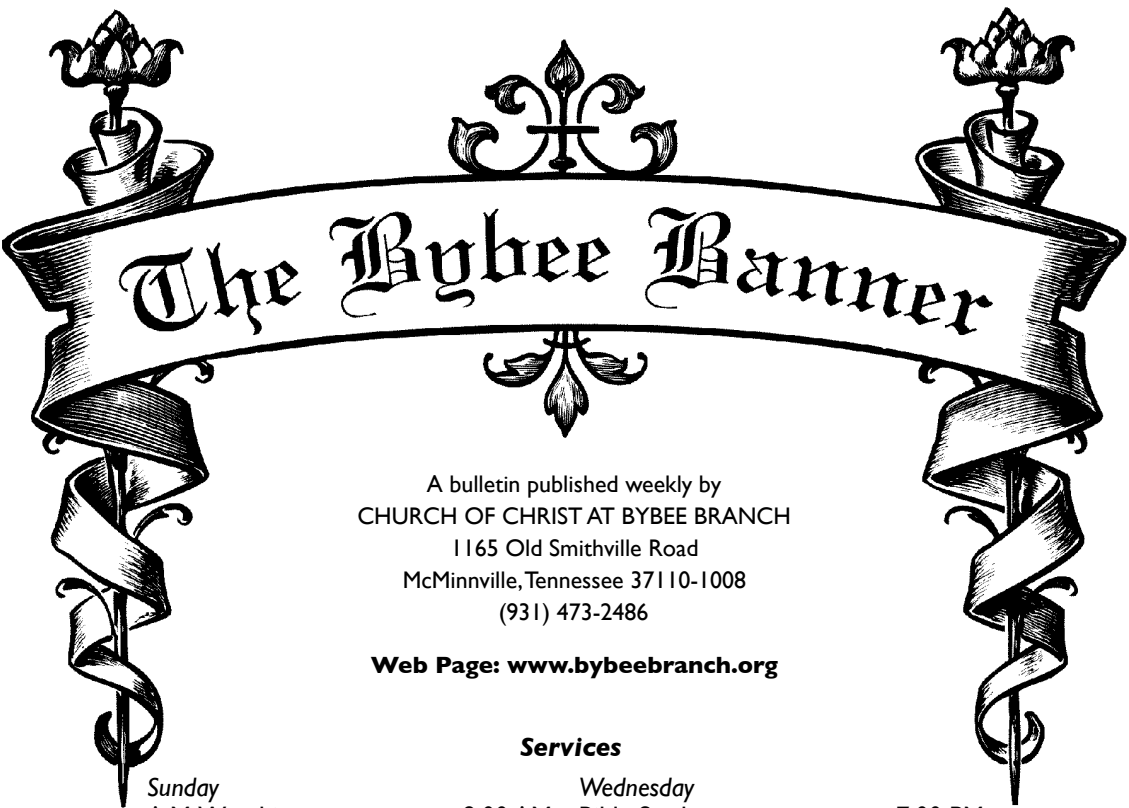
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Nelma Chilton - Cookeville Hospital, surgery on  
Wednesday

Shut-in:

Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Clayton Cook (Larry's brother) #200

NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)  
Willene Kell #311  
Wilma Chisam #309  
Joan Hillis

Claiborne-Hughes Health Center

(200 Strahl St, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Dennis Eller

Home:

Dennis Gann  
Greg Grizzell  
Daisy Maxwell  
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Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Louis Wiseman, uncle of our Judy Sullivan. Visitation will be at Highs on Wednesday from 3-7 PM. Funeral will be at the Smyrna church of Christ on Thursday at 12 PM

He Missed One Service

Paul Harvey recently reported on his noon news of a 73 year old man who was pinned beneath his farm tractor for four days and nights in driving rain and a terrible storm. Concerned friends went to see about him just in time. It seems that he is going to live after his ordeal, but he will lose a leg below the knee.

Several newspapers have picked up on this little story and have centered upon the amazing fact that a 73 year old man could live after being pinned beneath a tractor for four days. Yes, all of that is amazing, but a more amazing fact is what caused his friends to go to see about him. One friend gave as the reason for this visit that "He missed prayer meeting Wednesday night." That's all? He just missed one service and his friends went to check on him.

As one preacher remarked, "I believe there are two possible suppositions we can make about this incident. "On the one hand we could suppose that this man was so faithful and regular in his church attendance that everyone knew if he was not there, something had to be seriously wrong. A question: What if you had been the one pinned under the tractor? Would your absence have been noticed? Or, are you so irregular in attendance that everyone would assume you decided to sleep in, or go to he lake? How many services have you missed in the last three months? Could you honestly classify yourself as a faithful, regular worshiper?

"On the other hand, we could assume that the people in this man's congregation have such a concern for the souls of men that when anyone, no matter how regular or irregular, missed a service they went to see about them."

I don't know which of the preacher's assumptions might be the more plausible, but I would like to see more men and/or more congregations like what he was describing.

Christians need to read Hebrews 10:22-25 daily. No Christian can draw near unto God, hold fast the confession of his hope, or consider his brethren to provoke them unto love and good

works who forsakes the assembling of the brethren together.

I have observed some church members that pick and choose which services to attend according to their mood or by what TV program is showing. These folks are here-again-gone-again and hit-and-miss at the services.

Weak brethren seem to think, "Well, so what if I'm just at services just every now and then? If that's the worst sin I ever commit, I'll make it to heaven." But are you sure of that? My Bible says that all sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23). We can lose our souls over just one sin not repented of (Acts 8:13- 24).

How many times does a person have to miss to be wrong? The first time is a sin as much as the fourth time or the fortieth time if it is willful absence.

Jesus said, "I know thy works, that thou are neither cold not hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So then because thou are lukewarm, and neither cold not hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth" (Revelation 3:15-16).

Are you cold? Just exactly how faithful are you? Would you be missed if you missed just one service?

~ from the West Jefferson Church of Christ  
Bulletin, 10/31/10 ~

Online Church Directory

The photos have been taken for updates and new members for the church directory. If you need to make any changes to your information in the directory (addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.) please let Tony know so the information can be updated on the site.

If you wish to download the app or access the website go to [instantchurchdirectory.com](http://instantchurchdirectory.com) From there you can download the apps for your smart phones. The first time you use the online directory you will need to create an account by using the email address you provided for the church directory. You choose your own password. Subsequently you will use that information to login.

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....(607-3033) Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Tommy Turner  
Reading.....Kelly Thaxton  
Scripture .....I Corinthians 14:39-40  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Daniel Boyd  
(S).....\*Tommy Crouch  
(N).....Kane Maynard  
(N).....Harold McGinness  
(N).....Derrick Pennington  
(S).....Justin Randolph  
(S).....Herb Rowland  
(S).....Rodney Maynard  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....(607-3033) Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Willie Newby  
Reading.....Noel Pepper  
Scripture.....John 20:29  
Lord's Table .....\*Ryan McColloch  
.....\*Jeff McVey  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Tim Fisher

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Randy Griffith  
Lead Singing .....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer .....Micah Lawrence  
Reading.....David McColloch  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Stanley Clendenon

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Sick

At Home:

Louise Miller  
Linda Fults  
Nelma Chilton, following surgery

In The Hospital:

Flossie Warren - River Park  
Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan's father) - St. Thomas  
Rutherford following surgery  
Gary Campbell (Maggie Hurst's brother) - Tennova  
Healthcare, Knoxville, surgery Wednesday

How to Beat the Devil

In 2002 The New York Times ran a story by Rick Bragg about the unusual events in Inglis, Florida. The town's mayor, Carolyn Risher, took the unprecedented step of issuing a mayoral proclamation banning Satan from the community's city limits. The restraining order declared: "Be it known from this day forward that Satan, ruler of darkness, giver of evil, destroyer of what is good and just, is not now, nor ever again will be, a part of this town of Inglis. Satan is hereby declared powerless, no longer ruling over, nor influencing, our citizens" (www.nytimes.com). The Times article went on to say that the proclamation was printed out and placed in four hollowed out posts staked at the town's four entrances.

Wouldn't it be nice if it were that easy to banish Satan, or even strip him of his power? This spiritual enemy has plagued those who seek to follow God since his lies in the Garden of Eden. But John has good news for the readers of Revelation. Satan CAN BE defeated!

John lays out the formula for us in Rev. 12:11: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." First, we must have been washed in the Lamb's blood (i.e. baptized; Acts 22:16). Next, we must obey His will (the New Testament teachings). And finally, we must "be faithful unto death" (Rev. 2:10).

~ David Bragg ~

Youth News and Updates

- **Bybee Youth** - there are several activities and updates regarding our youth that you can read about in the Bybee Youth monthly publication. You may pick up a copy of the Bybee Youth on the back table.
- **CYC Additional Cost** - Please don't forget that each person attending will need to bring enough money to pay for four (4) meals and any entertainment during this trip.
- **Friday Night Singings** - our next singing will be March 27th at the home of the Andrews.
- **Friday Night Singings** - If you are willing to host a month, please sign the sheet on the youth bulletin board. This is a congregational activity, not just one for the youth.
- **Spring Youth Retreat** - is getting closer! It is only 3 1/2 weeks away! Please sign up SOON if you are going. We need to know your t-shirt size as well.
- **Spring Youth Retreat Packets** - are available in Jason's office. Please see him if you need an informational packet.
- **Spring Youth Retreat Cost** - This years cost will be \$50 per person.
- **Prom Alt Trip** - has been opened to anyone who is in high school. If you are in 9th - 12th grade you can accompany us on this trip. You may also bring a friend with you. Please sign the sheet on the youth board if you would like to go.
- **Short Mountain Bible Camp** - will be here sooner than you know it. Please sign the sheet on the youth board if you are interested in going. Also indicate what week of camp you would like to go. Jason will be going to camp the week that is most attended by the Bybee Youth.

"Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised"  
Psalms 48:1

Our Diary

I remember walking through a store with my Dad when I was ten years old (52 years ago!), and asking him what gift I could buy Mom for Christmas. He suggested a five-year diary. At the time, I thought that was an extremely unexciting present! I thought Mom would be much more pleased receiving a new fishing pole, or something like that. However, since Dad was paying for it, I went with his suggestion.

That began a tradition that continues to this day. Every five years, I buy my Mother a new five-year diary! In 1978, my wife and I were doing mission work in England when the fifth year rolled around. I purchased a diary in Birmingham, England and shipped it overseas to her in Indiana, thus keeping the tradition going.

My Dad has passed away, but my Mother, now 86, still enjoys reading through the old diaries and bringing to remembrance many of the good things that happened throughout the past fifty years. Many arguments have been settled by those diaries! When questions arise concerning the time or place of an event, my Mom just looks it up in her diary, and that settles it!

The fact is, each one of us are writing in a "diary" every day of our lives, and God is reading it. As we are about to finish our personal 2011 diary, it would be wise to go back and consider how it reads (2 Corinthians 13:5). What has Heaven recorded about your life during this past year (cf. Genesis 18:21). What has Heaven recorded about your zeal for the body of Christ? (e.g. John 2:17). How many excuses has it recorded concerning why you couldn't assemble to worship on various weeks throughout the year? (cf. John 15:22). We will probably "argue" with God on Judgment Day, but it will avail nothing, as Jesus explains quite potently in Matthew 7:21-23. God will "check our diaries," compare it with His Word, and that will settle it.

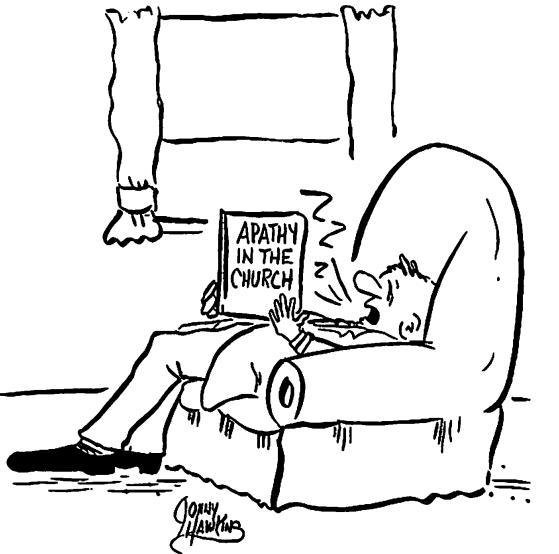
We need to understand that it is not God who will judge us on the last day - - it is HIS WORD (John 12:48) - - God will simply issue the verdict and

sentencing: "enter into the joys of the Lord" (Matthew 25:21), or "cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 25:30).

My prayer for you is "peace." But genuine peace can only come from the "Prince of Peace" who is Jesus (Isaiah 9:6 w/ Luke 2:11). Jesus promises this unique peace to His disciples (John 14:27); it is a "peace that passes understanding" (Philippians 4:7). It is an inner peace that surpasses all the uncertainties of this world; but it can only be realized within the soul when one is following in the footsteps of Jesus (1 Peter 2:21), who is the Word (John 1:1).

Diaries can be fun and enjoyable, but they can also have the opposite effect; it all depends on what is written therein.

~ Toby Miller ~



“Moab has been at ease from his youth; He has settled on his dregs, And has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, Nor has he gone into captivity. Therefore his taste remained in him, And his scent has not changed.”  
Jeremiah 48:11

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Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer .....Rodney Reynolds  
Reading.....Norman Sain  
Scripture.....I Corinthians 15:1-2  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Willard Dunlap  
(S) .....\*Larry Flatt  
(N) .....Steve Smith  
(N) .....Chris Snow  
(N) .....Jeff Templeton  
(S) .....Garrett Woodside  
(S) .....Jamie Brock  
(S) .....Darron Dixon  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Randy Griffith

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Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer .....Mike Mullins  
Reading.....Chris Neale  
Scripture.....Jeremiah 20:7-10  
Lord's Table .....\*Eddie Palmer  
.....\*Ricky Prince  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Ethan Duncan

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Randy Griffith  
Lead Singing .....Herb Rowland  
First Prayer .....Rickey Hurst  
Reading .....Jared Mullican  
Invitation .....Leonard Clemons  
Dismiss .....W.C. Chilton

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Elder Closing Remarks: .....Allen Hughes

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**Sick At Home:**  
Herb Rowland  
Farris Young  
Marsha Collins  
Madison Roller - following a tonsillectomy  
Louise Miller  
Linda Fults  
Nelma Chilton  
Gary Campbell (Maggie Hurst's brother) improving following surgery

**In The Hospital:**  
Flossie Warren - Scheduled for a pacemaker this Friday  
Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan's father) - NHC #126

**Sympathy**  
We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Sarah Louise Dillard, grandmother of our Kenny Dillard. Her services were this past Sunday.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Brenda Farr, sister of our David King. she passed away Monday morning and no arrangements are available yet.

**Young Ladies**  
The young ladies in grades 3-12 are invited to a devotional and activity at the church building on Friday, February 21st at 6:00 pm. Amy Lawrence, Jessica Adams, and Delanie Sullivan will be hosting.

**21st Annual Area-wide Singing**  
The Bonner church of Christ will host their 21st Annual Area-wide Gospel Singing on Friday, February 28, at 7 pm. Refreshments will be served.

**Monday Morning Bible Class**  
The Monday Morning Bible Class will be meeting this coming Monday at 9 am. Class will be covering Revelation 15-17. Everyone is invited!

**Youth News and Updates**  
**Upcoming Activities**

CYC: Feb 28th - March 1st. We leave at 3:15pm on Friday. We can not afford to leave any later.

Spring Youth Retreat: March 13th - March 15th; See Jason for an information packet

Prom Alt Trip: May 1st - May 3rd; opened to all high schoolers. Please sing the sheet on the youth board

Friday Night Singing: March 27th at the Andrews

Pew Packers is today, Sunday February 23rd at 5pm

Home Devo is today, Sunday February 23rd after evening services at Jason's house.

Short Mountain Bible Camp will be here sooner than you know it. Please sign the sheet on the youth board if you are interested in going. Also indicate what week of camp you would like to go. Jason will be going to camp the week that is most attended by the Bybee Youth.

**Youth Challenge**

This year has seemed to fly by so far. Sickness and an array of strange weather has played a key role in that.

As we continue on in our adventure of 2020 I have a challenge for you. I want for you to try and focus more on God time and less on screen time.

We live in a culture that can be very distracted by all the things we have surrounding us, especially all of the screen time that we have with phones, video games, etc.

Let's try to take back the Bible and focus on the things that eternally matter.

*"Blessed are those who keep His testimonies,  
Who seek Him with the whole heart!"  
(Psalm 119:2 NKJV)*

**Faithful Attendance**  
God expects (demands) His faithful followers to worship Him. The Scriptures are emphatic in the faithful child of God reflecting their love and loyalty by coming together with the saints, to worship on the first day of the week. While attendance at worship services is NOT the only measuring stick of one's spirituality, it certainly is one spiritual barometer.

In Hebrews 10:25 we read, "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." The thought immediately expressed after this admonition is: "For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins" (v. 26). Can there be any doubt what the inspired writer is stating? Don't forsake! If you do, you sin willfully!

In 1 Corinthians 16: 1-2, we note the disciples were to give as they assembled on the first day of the week. Yes, that was every first day — every Sunday. The church of the first century "came together" to break bread (Lord's Supper) (Acts 20:7), whole church, to worship (1 Cor. 11: 18; 14:23,26). Note also Matthew 18:20: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." The fact is: Christians have an appointment with the Lord on first day of the week, on every first day of the week.

By your attendance you show:

1. your love for the Lord (John 14:15), with all your mind, body, soul and strength (Mark 12:30);
2. your desire to become stronger (1 Peter 2:2-3);
3. your faith in God (James 2: 18);
4. a desire to grow spiritually (2 Peter 1:5ff);
5. concern to refrain from falling away (2 Peter 2:20-22);
6. your light shining for the Lord (Matt. 5: 16)

7. the example of first century Christians in your life today;
8. an excellent example for others to follow (1 Cor. 11: 1; Prov. 22:6);
9. the great benefit from treasured fellowship with the followers of God (Acts 2:38-47);
10. your refusal to serve Satan and that you are not his disciple (James 4:7);
11. you are seeking the Lord first (Matt. 6:33);
12. you are pressing toward the mark of the prize (Phil. 3: 13-14).

Question: Under what circumstances would a faithful child of God ever NOT want to assemble with the saints of God?

~ Paul Sain ~

**My (Adopted) Prayer**  
Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy;

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life.

~ Attributed to Francis of Assisi ~



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....(259-9976) Daniel Boyd  
Lead Singing.....Jacob Griffin  
First Prayer .....Jason Adams  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture .....I Corinthians 16:1-2  
Lord's Table (N) .....\*Jeff Flatt  
(S) .....\*Brandon Fuston  
(N) .....Steve Smith  
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Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Ray Weddington

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Reading.....Don Griffith  
Scripture .....Matthew 20:25-28  
Lord's Table .....\*Kelly Thaxton  
.....\*Rodney Reynolds  
Sermon .....Jason Adams  
Dismiss .....Ricky Prince

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews  
First Prayer .....Randy Griffith  
Reading.....Kurt Maynard  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Stanley Graves

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I Want To Ride With My Dad  
Have you heard the story about the family who was moving from the East coast to the West coast? It seems that they were going to have to drive in two vehicles. The father was driving one vehicle, and his brother was driving the other. When it came time for the children to choose who to ride with, they chose their fun-loving uncle, to the uncle's great delight. He was flattered that they had chosen him over their own parents.

However, before they left town, the little boy asked his uncle, "What happens if we get separated from mom and dad?" To which the uncle said, "Don't worry, we won't." But the boy persisted, "Well, what if we do?" The uncle jokingly remarked, "Well, I guess we'll never see them again." After a moment of silence, the little boy said, "I think I'm going to ride with my mom and dad."

You know, this world contains many things that are flashy, fun, and exciting which capture our attention, but when it comes right down to it, I wouldn't want any of those things if it meant that I would be separated from my heavenly Father forever.

Maybe we ought to take a moment and think about the one with whom we are riding.

~ Steve Higgenbotham ~

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Upcoming Activities

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Spring Youth Retreat: March 13th - March 15th; Information packets are by the bulletins.

Prom Alt Trip: May 1st - May 3rd; opened to all high schoolers. Please sing the sheet on the youth board.

Birthday Wednesday: This Wednesday, February 26th after services.

Bible Bowl: Next Sunday, March 8th, at Mt. Leo

Short Mountain Bible Camp will be here sooner than you know it. Please sign the sheet on the youth board if you are interested in going. Also indicate what week of camp you would like to go. Jason will be going to camp the week that is most attended by the Bybee Youth.

Teenaged Girls

I have taught in many settings in my years as both a public school teacher and as a Bible class teacher, I have learned some really important lessons. Let me paraphrase what I have learned.

Give me a class full of teenage girls to teach. I don't look like them; I don't talk like them; I don't act like them, but I love them and want to share God's love with them so they will grow into beautiful women of God who fulfill the roles God intended for them to fill.\*

AUTHOR: Donna Faughn

\* Excerpt From:“ A Legacy of Faith”

“Older women...are to teach what is good, and so train the younger women...” (Titus 2:3,4)

March 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Eddie Palmer Kirstie Dixon	2	3 Melissa Brock	4	5 Darron Dixon Mitchell Ferrell Tommy Crouch	6 Flossie Warren	7 David McColloch
8 Vivian Adams	9 Bible Bowl Mt. Leo 2 PM	10 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	11 Tim Gann	12 Rickey Hurst	13 Adry Snow Aryn Snow STEVE & ANGIE CALDWELL	14 Spring Youth Retreat
15 Farris Young	16	17 Jeff Elam Lynder Holmes	18 KEN & NONA MARTIN	19 Tyler Rutledge	20 Robert Garibaldi	21
22 Becky Maynard JOE & BECKY MAYNARD Wanda Carter	23 Ashlynn Graves Cameron Chilcutt Doris Smith Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	24 Chancy Woodside Wilma Chism	25 Aimee Bielling Aralen McVey Melinda Martin	26 Clara Scott Ella Faith Kesey Lola Barrett NHC Devo 7 PM	27 Shelby Nearing	28 JOE & JAMIE ROLLER JOHN & JUDY NUSSBAUM
29	30	31 Bo Gentry Ayers Delanie Sullivan Easton Randolph	1 JIMMY & IVA CUNNINGHAM	2	3	4 Garret Woodside Larry Cook

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....(259-9976) Daniel Boyd  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Michael Andrews  
Reading.....Keith Chilcutt  
Scripture.....2Corinthians 1:23-24  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Larry Flatt  
(S).....\*Allen Hughes  
(N).....Chris Neale  
(N).....Derrick Pennington  
(N).....Cory Prince  
(S).....Ronnie Prince  
(S).....Justin Randolph  
(S).....Norman Sain  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....(259-9976) Daniel Boyd  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer .....Ethan Duncan  
Reading.....Robert Elam  
Scripture .....Matthew 6:16-18  
Lord's Table .....\*Jamie Brock  
.....\*Matthew Woodside  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Noel Pepper

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Jamie Brock  
Lead Singing .....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer .....Micah Lawrence  
Reading.....Mike Mullins  
Invitation.....Larry Flatt  
Dismiss.....Darron Dixon

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*Pantry Item:* .....Beanee Weenee

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

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**Shut-in:**  
**Raintree Manor**  
(415 Pace St., McMinnville,TN 37110)  
Clayton Cook (Larry's brother) #200

**NHC - McMinnville**  
(P.O Box 528, McMinnville,TN 37111)  
Willene Kell #311  
Wilma Chisam #309  
Joan Hillis #114

**NHC - Sparta**  
(34 Gracey St, Sparta TN 38583)  
Terry Coppinger (Allen Hughes uncle) #115

**Claiborne-Hughes Health Center**  
(200 Strahl St, Franklin,TN 37064)  
Dennis Eller

**Home:**  
Marsha Dunlap  
Janice Foster  
Dennis Gann  
Greg Grizzell  
Lynder & Willie Holmes  
Daisy Maxwell  
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)  
Roberta Parmley  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Barbara Pryor (Bruce's mother)  
Willus & Edith Roberts

**Daylight Saving Time**  
Remember to "Spring Forward" this coming Sunday for DST or you will be late for services.

**Youth News and Updates**  
**Upcoming Activities**

**Spring Youth Retreat:** March 13th - March 15th; please sign up by Wednesday the 4th.

**Spring Youth Retreat:** Money is due today, March 8th. Please give your money to Jason. Forms are due by Wednesday March 11th.

**Prom Alt Trip:** May 1st - May 3rd; opened to all high schoolers. Please sing the sheet on the youth board.

**Bible Bowl/H.E.Y:** Both of these youth activities are today Sunday, March 8th. The van will leave the building at 1:40pm and return around 7:15pm. Jason will have an activity for the kids to do in-between

**A Continuing Thought**

This past weekend at CYC there were several different speakers who challenged the listeners in what they said. As they listened to the lessons, I feel that it wasn't the length of the lessons or even the funny illustrations that will stand out. Rather I believe the thing that will stick in the minds of those 1,000's of people will be the short, all inspiring words of wisdom that were said. You may be asking "what was said"? Well, here are a few:

"God wants you in heaven more than you want to be there." - Lonnie Jones

"Is this (the Bible) A book or THE book"? - Chris Evans

"God put something valuable inside of something vulnerable." - Lonnie Jones

"Dirt, billboard, tent and temporary" - Lonnie Jones

If any of that is confusing, as one of the kids or adult who were there, they'd be happy to explain what it means.

**Getting Back To Basics**  
Whatever happened to the old-fashioned idea that the church exists to preach the Gospel and that the purpose of the Gospel is to save souls?

Judging from some of the bulletins we see and some announcements we are asked to make, some churches of Christ today appear to have gone over to the YMCA.

We are all for families knowing how to make money, and we are equally happy to see people make a success out of their lives, but churches of Christ should be concerned to preach in today's world the same Gospel that was delivered in primitive times—to save souls from sin. Using that Gospel as a guideline, they ought to teach people how to grow spiritually and be prepared for heaven.

The church today is in serious danger of falling victim to a materialistic gospel—how to make money, how to get rich, how to be successful in business, in social life, in school, etc. One of the surest signs that we are more interested in material values than in spiritual is when these types of lectures, because of their novelty, are more attractive than the message of a redeeming Savior.

One of the denominational journals we get had a lead article recently titled, "The Disease of the Health and Wealth Gospel," and the editors were deploring the popularity of a so-called gospel that tells us how to be either "healthy or wealthy."

If the denominations, who make no attempt to practice New Testament Christianity, have come to denounce this type of emphasis for its complete lack of spiritual content, it is indeed strange how churches of Christ, who are supposed to be set for the defense of the Gospel, can justify such spiritually empty messages.

The preachers who go around with this type of message betray a total lack of conception of what New Testament Christianity is all about. Elders who allow this sort of thing are either ignorant of the Bible or unable to withstand the pressure of a

generation of super salesmen preacher. In both cases it is a disgrace to the cause of New Testament Christianity.

If the central theme of the gospel is not Christ and Him crucified, as Paul delivered it in Corinth, then, in the words of Foy E. Wallace, Jr. "We have been reading the wrong book."

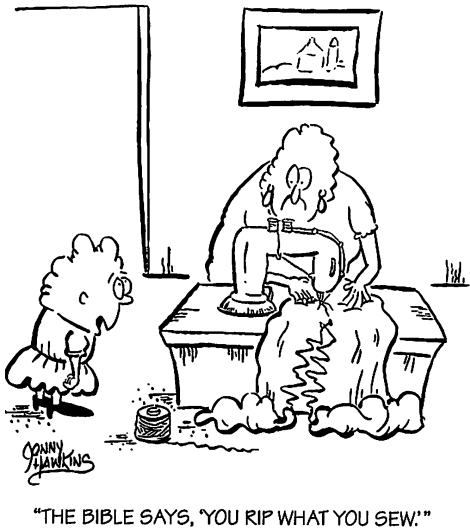
~ Earl West ~

**Gospel Meetings**  
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The **Bethany church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on March 15-18, with evening services at 7 PM, preaching by Wayne Miller.

The **Wood church of Christ** will host a Gospel Meeting on April 3-5, with evening services at 7 PM, preaching by Jeff Archey.

And don't forget that our own Gospel Meeting will be coming up April 12-15, with brother Don Blackwell. Cards for advertising this meeting are on the table in the lobby.





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First Prayer .....Bobby Ashford  
Reading .....David Chilton  
Scripture .....2Corinthians2:6-7  
Lord's Table (N) .....\*Ken Martin  
(S) .....\*Ryan McColloch  
(N).....Kane Maynard  
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(N) .....Caleb Graves  
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Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Herb Rowland

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First Prayer .....Willard Dunlap  
Reading .....Tim Fisher  
Scripture .....Luke 14:18-20  
Lord's Table .....\*Russ Chilcutt  
.....\*Shannon Griffin  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Jeff McVey

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Jamie Brock  
Lead Singing .....Tim Fisher  
First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
Reading.....Eddie Palmer  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Larry Flatt

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Pantry Item: .....Cooking Oil

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Stanley Graves

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Bible Study.....221  
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## Sick

### At Home:

*Franklin Brooks*

*Flossie Warren*

*Susan Pryor*

*Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan's father)*

### In The Hospital:

*Gordon Mayfield - St.Thomas Rutherford*

## Welcome

Please welcome Vicky Woodlee to the congregation. 3312 Northcutt Cove Rd; McMinnville TN 37110; (931) 808-5151

## Graveside Service

There will be a graveside service this Saturday, March 14, at 1 PM at the Gardens of Memory cemetery in memory of Brenda Farr, sister to our David King.

## Gospel Meetings

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## Ladies Day

Our ladies will be hosting a Ladies Day on Saturday, March 28, 9:30-12:00. Speaker will be Lori Boyd.

## Lectureship

The **East End church of Christ** will host a Student Lectureship on Sunday, March 29. Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies students will be delivering the lectures. 9, 10 AM, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30, and 5 PM.

## Youth News and Updates

### Upcoming Activities.

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**5th Sunday Youth Lead Services:** any young Christian man who would like to participate in these services, please see Jason ASAP.

### Patience

One of the most difficult things to do at times is "nothing". We are people of action and if things do not happen, we make them happen.

Jacob, the son of Isaac, was like that. He had been promised a blessing by the Lord when he was born but got impatient as a young man and took matters into his own hands and tricked his older brother and his father into giving him the blessing. Because of this he had to run away from home and suffered a lifetime of anxiety over the matter. His life would have been so different if he had learned early on to wait upon the Lord.

Patience is a virtue that not many possess. As Christians we should so chose to not be patient because we are perfect but rather because we serve a perfect God.

Who is the most patient person you know?

Describe the longest / shortest time that you had to wait on God for an answer to prayer.

Why does God make people wait for answers to prayer?

What would you say to encourage a person who has waited a long time for God to respond to their prayers but have yet to receive an answer?

## What if Jesus Were on Facebook?

I wake up, grab my iPhone, turn off the alarm, and update my Facebook status. On the way to school I scroll through my friends' status updates, updating mine with the song on my iPod. At lunch, I take a picture of me and my friends and upload it to Facebook.

Now, I am chatting with my best friend in Tennessee. Status update: "Good night all. I'll text you in the morning." Such is the day of a typical American young person.

Facebook has taken the cyber world by storm and our social lives forever in a different direction. Compete.com ranked Facebook as the most used social network in the world.

According to Facebook's own stats page, there are currently more than 350 million active users, and 65 million people are accessing Facebook through their phones/mobile devices. They say that the average user has 130 Facebook friends and spends more than 55 minutes a day on their site.

What if Jesus were on Facebook and he sent you a friend request. We know that such is not possible, but for the sake of illustration pretend.

Would you have to stop and think before you accepted it? Would you have to look through your pictures to be sure that you don't have any immodest pictures or anything tasteless?

Maybe make sure that you don't have any pictures taken in inappropriate places? Would you go back over your postings to be sure that you haven't said anything crude or inappropriate?

Would you scan through your list of favorite movies and music, perhaps deleting a few before you let Jesus on your site? What about the games you play? Quizzes you take?

Is there anything that would make you stop and say to yourself, "I think I'll delete that before I let Jesus on my site?" If the answer is "Yes," then why not go ahead and take it off? The fact of the matter is the Lord does look at our Facebook pages!

Proverbs 15:3 says, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place keeping watch on the evil and the good."

Not only God is watching me on Facebook, but other people are watching. What they see on my Facebook site affects what they think about me, and the church, and Christianity.

What if I have my "religious preference" listed as "church of Christ," and then I have pictures posted of me at a nightclub, or dancing, or at the beach immodestly dressed, or with an alcoholic beverage?

Or what if my status update has immoral lyrics? Or maybe I'm venting, and running someone else down. We ask, "What effect is it going to have on my non-Christian friend who looks at my site?"

He might say to himself, "I do better than that, and I don't even pretend to be a Christian!" Or he might think, "What a hypocrite!"

Imagine that you are surfing Facebook, and you see that Jesus has his own site. You are excited, so you send him a friend request. Would he accept it?

Most of us when we receive a friend request have some sort of criteria before we indiscriminately accept someone as our friend.

We want to know if we know the person. We glance at his information, his friend list, where he lives, etc. Does Jesus have criteria for friend requests? Sure he does!

He said, "You are my friends if you do whatever I command you" (John 15:14). Therefore, to be a friend of Jesus, you have to obey him. In light of this,

Christian friend, ask yourself "Would Jesus accept my friend request?"

Before you answer, consider your faithfulness in attending worship, your Bible study habits, your efforts to teach others, your giving, the way you treat other people, etc. Now, with your answers in mind, "Would Jesus accept your friend request?"

~ Don Blackwell ~

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Dismiss .....Kelly Thaxton

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.....\*Ryan McColloch  
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Dismiss .....Jason Adams

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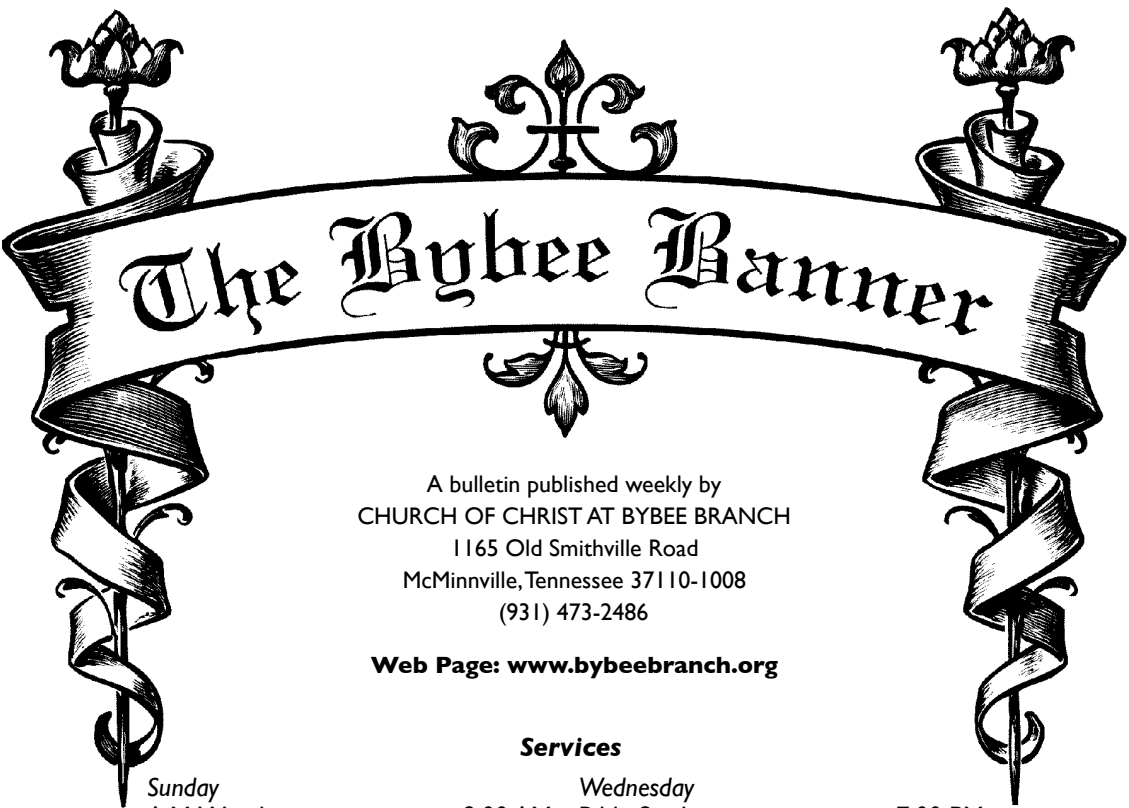
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## Sick

### At Home:

Flossie Warren  
Susan Pryor  
Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan's father)  
Gordon Mayfield (no visitors please)  
Jane Flatt  
Leonard Clemons

### In The Hospital:

Charlotte Adams - to have surgery in Cookeville on Monday

## Meeting and Ladies' Day Canceled

Please note that the Gospel Meeting and Ladies' Day have been canceled. The Arlington congregation closed their meeting early with brother Blackwell due to the virus concerns and after consultation with brother Blackwell, the elders and brother Blackwell decided best to cancel the Meeting at this time. However, he has a number of great lessons available online. These can be found at [gbntv.org](http://gbntv.org). One great lesson is available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qq4OYJXSMI4> from Polishing the Pulpit.

Likewise the ladies had worked hard for the Ladies' Day and there was a lot of excitement for sister Lori Boyd speaking. There is a YouTube video for the ladies at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qq4OYJXSMI4>

## Streaming Services

In conjunction with the Elders' announcement on the opposite page beginning this Sunday the services will be streamed on Facebook Live. To locate this you can easily go to the church website: [bybee-branch.org](http://bybee-branch.org). At the bottom of the home page will be the Facebook logo. Click that logo and it will take you to the church's Facebook page. Scroll down and you will see the live feed.

Out of concern of privacy of those who are sick the stream will begin *after* the announcements have been made. If you have any questions you can contact the church office.

## Youth News and Updates

### Upcoming Activities.

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### Panic!

In light of all that has happened recently, world-wide, how have you reacted? Some have educated themselves, others have listened to the advice of the "experts", and yet others have lost all hope, joined the masses and created more chaos than was necessary.

As I have viewed the reactions of the people, I noticed that depending on their response, you can tell how close to God these people are.

The ones who have no relationship with God, have no hope and try to prepare and fix things themselves.

However, those who have a deep-rooted relationship with God are at peace, they are calm and if this current plague should be their demise, they are prepared and ready to go home.

Let us never forget, no matter what the world may throw at us, we serve a God who is more powerful than any force on earth.

## Bridal Shower

Please join us for a bridal shower to honor Courtney Shires, bride-elect of Kane Maynard, on Sunday, April 5th, from 1-3 PM at the home of Clent and Lynette Kesey. They are registered at Walmart; Bed, Bath and Beyond; and the Ye Peddler (registry is available online).

## Statement from Elders Regarding COVID-19 Virus

In light of the current events with regard to the spread of coronavirus, we want to assure the congregation that we are closely monitoring the situation and have plans in place to help prevent the spread of the virus and protect the congregation.

### Below are actions that will be implemented immediately:

- Stay home if you are sick, be fever free for at least 24 hours before attending services.
- Avoid shaking hands.
- Door greeting will be suspended until further notice.
- Everyone is encouraged to follow all personal hygiene guidelines.

### Beginning next Sunday

- Communion will continue to be served using the trays, however, prepared individual cups will be provided for those interested. *(these may be picked up in the lobby as you enter the auditorium. Empty cups should be placed in the back of the pews)*
- The collection will be taken as usual with the passing of the trays.
- Services will be streamed on Facebook for those unable to attend in person.
- In the event of a confirmed case in Warren County, we will immediately suspend the passing of all trays. Prepared cups will be used for the communion and the offering will be collected as you exit the auditorium.

### Concerning upcoming events,

- Friday Night Singing and Monday Morning Bible Class are suspended until further notice.
- The Gospel Meeting has been canceled.
- The Ladies' Day has been canceled.
- All youth devotionals will be held in the fellowship room and will be at the discretion of parents. Please communicate with Jason.
- At this time there are no changes to the prom alt trip.

As was mentioned previously, the situation is very fluid and changes rapidly. As we learn more, we will continue to take measures to protect the congregation. Please monitor our Facebook page for further announcements. Feel free to contact the Church office or the elders if you have any questions.

Above all continue to trust in God and pray for those in need.

The Elders

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Announcements .....TBA  
Lead Singing.....TBA  
First Prayer.....TBA  
Reading.....TBA  
Scripture.....2Corinthians 3:18  
Lord's Table (N) .....\* TBA  
(S) .....\* TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
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(N) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....TBA

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....TBA  
Lead Singing.....TBA  
First Prayer.....TBA  
Reading.....TBA  
Scripture .....1 Samuel 17:4  
Lord's Table .....\* TBA  
.....\* TBA  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....TBA

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....TBA  
Lead Singing.....TBA  
First Prayer.....TBA  
Reading.....TBA  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....TBA

**Welcome Committee**

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Ushers: .....TBA  
Un/Lock Building: .....TBA  
Prepare Communion: .....TBA  
Assist Baptisms: .....TBA

Pantry Item: .....Crackers

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Allen Hughes

**Record For The Week...**

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Bible Study.....NC  
P.M.Worship.....NC  
Wednesday Bible Study .....NC  
Contribution .....\$6,085

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## Sick

### At Home:

*Flossie Warren*

*Susan Pryor*

*Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan's father)*

*Gordon Mayfield (no visitors please)*

*Jane Flatt*

### In The Hospital:

*Micah Lawrence - River Park*

## A Silver Lining

Can something good come from something bad? Absolutely! Everyone has witnessed tragic events that brought about something very good. Is the COVID-19 virus something bad? It is disrupting people's lives in so many ways. Thousands have become sick and many have died. Some have lost their jobs, and are insecure about their future. Loneliness has brought on depression and discouragement. The public assemblies of the church have been disrupted.

On the other hand, people have seen their vulnerability and have begun to think about something beyond this life. That is good. Some do not realize the value of something until it is taken away and numerous Christians have begun to realize the positive effects of the corporate assembly of the church. While the worldly people are scrambling to hoard material things I have personally witnessed the best being brought out in Christians as they express care and concern for their fellow man. In other words, this has given the church an opportunity to shine. *"that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,"* (Philippians 2:15). Plus, there is something that none of us were able to envision, the number of people who would hear the gospel due to the streaming. Over 1000 people viewed the AM service and almost 800 viewed the PM lesson. Just as the elders referenced Acts 8. The persecution led to the disciples going *"everywhere preaching the word."* (Acts 8:4). That is good! (cf. Romans 8:28).

~Tony Lawrence~

## Youth News and Updates

### Upcoming Activities

In conjunction with the decision that the elders have made, the following youth activities will be postponed until further notice:

**Birthday Wednesday, Friday Night Singings, H.E.Y., Home Devo, Pew Packers, Prom Alt Trip and 5th Sunday Youth Led Service.**

Lord willing this pandemic will pass and we can get back to socializing with our church family once again.

### Isolated

Please read I Kings 17:1-9 first...

It was in Elijah's isolation, his time of greatest fear and need, that God prepared him for a bigger ministry...Isn't that just like God? He takes us to the end of ourselves, to a place where we are totally dependent upon Him. He might strip us of everything that is important to us, take us to a place of utter brokenness. And there, in isolation by the Kerith Brook, He carefully tends to our needs. In the most unreal ways, He provides for us, feeds us, clothes us. And, in the process, we learn how much He loves us. We learn that we can trust Him. It is in our seasons of hurt and isolation that He does an amazing work in us. But that amazing work *in* us is not for us alone. It is to prepare us for the amazing work God wants to do *through* us. In his time of isolation, Elijah learned to trust God completely. He learned total and complete obedience to God. When God said, "Go," Elijah immediately went to boldly confront King Ahab and his wife Jezebel, the very people from whom he had been hiding. - *Dena Johnson Martin*

## Streaming Services

Services will be streamed on Facebook (and maybe YouTube). Check our website or Facebook page for updates. For those without Internet connection we highly recommend GBN where there are also live worship services on Sunday morning.

## Update from the Elders to the Church Family

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the temporary suspension of all collective assemblies at the Church of Christ at Bybee Branch building. After much deliberation and prayer, we feel it is in the best interest to the health and safety of our members and the community at large to comply with Tennessee Executive Order 17 prohibiting social gatherings of 10 or more. This is an extremely difficult decision and one we do not take lightly. We will continue to monitor the situation and communicate any changes as quickly as possible.

The elders along with Brother Tony and several others are working diligently to ensure our members have appropriate avenues and supplies to continue their worship during this time. Worship services will be streamed each Sunday on Facebook beginning at 9:00 AM. Bible study services will be live streamed Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Reminders of these services will be posted on Facebook and included in our weekly bulletin. We are also considering other streaming options for those that do not have Facebook.

Communion packets will be available for pick up at the building on Fridays 9:00-10:00 AM and 5:00-6:00 PM. Delivery can be arranged if necessary.

Contributions may be dropped off at the building when you pick up the communion packets or mailed to the office. Please mark the envelope: Attention Stanley Graves.

These are unprecedented and difficult times. As with all things, we must look to the Bible for guidance. Consider Acts 8, when danger arose in the first century preventing the Jerusalem Christians from gathering collectively. We observe their scattering, yet just 3 verses later in verse 4 we note their work and preaching continued. It was simply in a different location and circumstance. While our current situation is not exactly the same, there is no denying we are living in a dangerous time, and we can learn from their example. Our "scattering" may be to small groups of family, friends or neighbors at one another's homes to share in worship. When Paul wrote to the Christians in I Corinthians chapter 7, their "present distress" necessitated special, although temporary, recommendations. As we learn from these early Christians, we too may have to make some temporary adjustments. However, it is our privilege and duty to remain faithful and diligent in our worship and service to God regardless of the circumstances in which we find ourselves.

It is our hope and prayer that this crisis will pass quickly, that everyone remains safe, and that we will soon be together again as a congregation. Please continue to pray for each other, the elders, deacons, preachers and the Church. Remember, God is still the great I AM, and He is in control.

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." [John 16:33 NKJV]

The Elders

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Announcements .....TBA  
Lead Singing.....TBA  
First Prayer.....TBA  
Reading.....TBA  
Scripture .....2Corinthians 4:1  
Lord's Table (N) .....\* TBA  
(S) .....\* TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
Sermon ..... Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....TBA

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....TBA  
Lead Singing.....TBA  
First Prayer.....TBA  
Reading.....TBA  
Scripture .....James 1:26  
Lord's Table .....\* TBA  
.....\* TBA  
Sermon ..... Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....TBA

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....TBA  
Lead Singing.....TBA  
First Prayer.....TBA  
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Four Lepers  
One of the most interesting accounts of lepers that were quarantined is found in 2Kings 7. The city of Samaria was under siege by the Syrian king and a famine was severe. Four lepers were quarantined outside the city and were even in more dire situation with no food and no hope. They reasoned it would do no good to attempt to go into the city as there was a famine there. They finally decided to surrender to the Syrians with hope that perhaps they would live. Yet, when they reached the camp God had caused the Syrian army to flee in panic leaving all their tents and belongings behind.

The lepers enjoyed a feast of food, grabbed their choice of silver, gold and clothing. However, they realized something...they were being greedy hoarding all this stuff for themselves. Those in the city were hungry and they were simply being selfish. They realized their obligation to tell the good news. We have the same obligation with the good news of the Gospel. We dare not hoard the Gospel!

~ Tony Lawrence ~

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Nothing New

Corona! This is a word that seems to scare people more than anything these days. Many of us are living during a time when a pandemic seems new and extremely scary. The truth of the matter is, there have been five pandemics that have affected the world since the end of the Civil War. The flu pandemic of 1889, the Spanish flu of 1918, the Asian flu of 1958, and most recently the swine flu and Ebola. During this time over 102 million people have died because of these diseases. As scary as our current situation seems to be, there is something that has not yet happened that is scarier than anyone could ever imagine. We read of all the people who have died because of COVID-19, it saddens us because they are no longer with us (some of these people are entertainers), but have you ever stop to consider, "Where are they now"? Does this pandemic scare you? If it does, what have you done to prepare yourself in case you fall victim? Have you gotten your life right with God? Have you obeyed the truth of the gospel? Are there things in your life that you need to change? What we are experiencing is nothing new, we simply need to be prepared.

Streaming Services  
Services continue to be streamed on Facebook and YouTube at our normal hours. In addition our Sunday morning service are aired at 11 AM on BLTV Channel 6 (it will be repeated at 9 PM on Sunday and 5 PM on Wednesday).

April 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31 Bo Gentry Ayers Delanie Sullivan Easton Randolph	1 JIMMY & IVA CUNNINGHAM  <i>April Fools' Day</i>	2	3	4 Garret Woodside Larry Cook
5 David Roberts Peyton Norris Sherry Graves	6 Martha Cathey Sharla Hillis Sharon Boles	7	8	9	10 Amy Prince	11
12  <i>Easter</i>	13 Dwight Barrett Tyler Judkins	14 Marty York	15 Eugene Wilcher Holly Prince  <i>Tax Day</i>	16	17 Jessica Adams	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  <i>Earth Day</i>	23 BILLY & ASHLEY PINEGAR	24 Taylor Gann Travis Adams  <i>Arbor Day</i>	25
26 Angie Caldwell Hollyn Fuston Kristin Maynard MATTHEW & CHANCY WOODSIDE	27 Martha Pepper Tina Mullins	28 Charlotte Adams	29	30 Mike Mullins	1 EUGENE & DORIS WILCH- ER JEFF & REGINA TEMPLETON	2 CHRIS & HILARY NEALE



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Lead Singing.....TBA  
First Prayer.....TBA  
Reading.....TBA  
Scripture.....TBA  
Lord's Table (N).....\* TBA  
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(S).....TBA  
Sermon.....Don Blackwell  
Dismiss.....TBA

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First Prayer.....TBA  
Reading.....TBA  
Scripture.....TBA  
Lord's Table .....\* TBA  
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Sermon.....Don Blackwell  
Dismiss.....TBA

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First Prayer.....TBA  
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Pantry Item: .....Tuna

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Leonard Clemons

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Contribution .....\$3,691

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## Sick

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Susan Pryor  
Gordon Mayfield

### In The Hospital:

none known

## Shut-in:

### Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St., McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Clayton Cook (Larry's brother) #200

### NHC - McMinnville

(P.O. Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)  
Willene Kell #311  
Wilma Chisam #309  
Joan Hillis #114

### NHC - Sparta

(34 Gracey St, Sparta TN 38583)  
Terry Coppinger (Allen Hughes uncle) #115

### Claiborne-Hughes Health Center

(200 Strahl St, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Dennis Eller

### Home:

Marsha Dunlap  
Janice Foster  
Dennis Gann  
Greg Grizzell  
Lynder & Willie Holmes  
Daisy Maxwell  
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)  
Roberta Parmley  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
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### Adjusting

It has been about three weeks since we have been with one another in the church building. Our prayer is that everyone is adjusting well and not going stir crazy. If you do find yourself going a bit crazy remember, there was a time when many people of the Bible were put in times of isolation. How did they cope? What did they do? We know these people did not have the internet or the technology that we are BLESSED with. So what did they do?

Many times, while they were in meditation with God, some of them wrote letters to other Christians to encourage them to keep on.

How long were they in isolation? Some were there for days, sometimes months and others for YEARS (how long was Joseph in prison)?

If you find yourself complaining about having nothing to do, look for these Bible characters who were isolated and read about why they were isolated and how long they were there.

## Communion Packets

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## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Eugene Wilcher who passed away last Thursday. His graveside service was this past Sunday. He was a long time member at Bybee Branch and will be missed.



## Virtual Gospel Meeting

There is one phrase that has been often repeated, "we are living in unprecedented times." That is obviously true. We are not the only generation to face a serious pandemic that requires people to self-isolate for the health of the ourselves and others. We are greatly blessed with means to continue to communicate with those that we love. Likewise we can be able to participate in worship due to modern technology. While not ideal, it does help one keep their hearts and minds focused on spiritual things.

Our plans for our annual Spring Gospel Meeting were moving right along until the appearance of COVID-19. Like others, the painful decision had to be made to cancel the meeting. So many expressed deep disappointment knowing the great lessons that brother Don Blackwell was going to deliver.

However, as many have been using Facebook and YouTube to continue to preach the Gospel, it was recognized that we could, in fact, have a Gospel Meeting. The Elders quickly approved the idea, brother Don graciously agreed so now the Gospel Meeting is back on!

The services will air on Facebook and YouTube at our normal service times.  
Sunday - 9 AM and 6 PM  
Monday to Wednesday - 7 PM

However, we have also arranged to have the services broadcast on Ben Lomand TV Channel 6. The desired times were not all available so below is the schedule for BLTV 6:  
Sunday - 11 AM and 3:30 PM  
Monday to Tuesday - 7 PM  
Wednesday - 5 PM



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Reading.....TBA  
Scripture.....TBA  
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*Gordon Mayfield*

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*none known*

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## Gospel Meeting

As of this writing our “virtual” Gospel Meeting has been a resounding success. How does one gauge the success of a Gospel Meeting?

First, the sound and faithful teaching based upon the Word of God has been presented in each lesson. Everyone knew that such would be the case as brother Don Blackwell always presents lessons faithful to the Word.

Second, the lessons have been heard by a multitude of people. So often it is discouraging to see so much effort put into a Gospel Meeting only to be attended by a few. However, the statistics indicate a number much larger than anticipated. For instance, Sunday morning’s lesson had reached 754 views on Youtube and on Facebook reported 2149 people being reached (all of this by Tuesday Morning). Numerous people have called and said they have also watched on Ben Lomand TV Channel 6. Given the fact that many of those views had 2-3 or more people watching the likelihood is several thousand people have watched and listened to the service.

Third, people have been encouraged. No one likes the quarantine and its easy to get discouraged. This meeting has brightened the spirits of those shut in their homes. It has allowed people to see the church is not dead. From the comments received, once this pandemic is over I can see people freely inviting their friends to come to worship with them. It continues to be a great Gospel Meeting!

~ Tony Lawrence ~

## Youth News and Updates

### Upcoming Activities

Please be checking the Facebook page for new uploads of Bible lessons from Jason. This link to these lessons will be posted on the Youth Group page.

### Its Easy/Hard Being a Christian

It’s hard to be a Christian when so many terrible things crowd our minds! But then the words of a beautiful hymn written by Edward J. Bickersteth in 1875 come into my mind:

Peace perfect peace, in this dark world of sin;  
The blood of Jesus whispers peace within.  
Peace perfect peace, with sorrows surging round;  
On Jesus’ bosom naught but calm is found.  
Peace perfect peace, our future all unknown;  
Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.

When I focus on the thoughts in this song, it becomes not only easy to be a Christian, but a blessing beyond measure.

The book of James has always been one of my “happy places” when I study the Bible. It is so practical and helpful with everyday life. James has great insight into going through trials in life when you are a Christian. The first chapter has a theme of being patient in trouble.

In James 1:2-4 it says: “Count it all joy, my brothers, when [not “if”] you meet trials of various kinds...

Donna Faughan

## Communion Packets

During the quarantine period the communion packets are available for pickup on Friday from 9-10 AM and 5-6 PM. Those who wish may leave their contribution at that time or mail to the church address.

## Sympathy

We are saddened to announce this morning that sister Wilma Chisam passed away at NHC. No arrangements have been made.

## Have A Positive Attitude

We live in a society that is obsessed with negative news. Whether you watch the news on TV or read it in the newspaper, most of it is gloom and doom. How often do they cover good news? Not often enough. As much as we focus on negative things, it shouldn’t surprise that many in our nation are depressed.

While it is hard to have a positive attitude while being surrounded by negativity, as Christians, we should have a positive attitude about life because we are the children of God. When we remind ourselves of how awesome our Creator is and what He has done for us, it will help us to have a positive attitude about life. When we look at the beauty of a sunrise or a sunset or enjoy the wonderful smell of a flower, we can know that God created everything on the earth for us (Ps. 19:1).

Knowing that God created us with a free will should cause us to have a positive attitude as well. He could have made us like mindless robots, but He wants us to choose to serve Him. If we choose to love Him, we will serve Him and keep His commandments (1 Jn. 5:3). When we fear God and obey His commands, it will cause us to have a positive attitude because we can know that He will bless us, and we will receive the promise of heaven (Rev. 2:10).

It should cause us to have a positive attitude knowing that the Word of God thoroughly equips us with the knowledge we need to live faithfully to God (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3), which means we do not have to guess or wonder if our final home will be in heaven (1 Jn. 5:13).

We should have a positive attitude knowing that we are never alone because God is always there for us. No external forces can separate us from the love of God or the salvation He has offered us through His Son (Rom. 8: 35-39; Heb. 13:5-6).

We should have positive attitude knowing that other Christians have been through the same trials we have and were able to resist the devil steadfast

in the faith (1 Pet. 5:6-11). It will help us to spend more time with our brethren, since they are striving to be a positive light in our dark world.

When we choose to serve God and keep His commandments, we should have a positive attitude about it because John said, “For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous” (1 John 5:3).

Finally, we should have a positive attitude about life when we read about how beautiful heaven will be, and how their will no more pain, sorrow, or tears there (Rev. 21:3-4). When we think about our short our life on this earth compared with eternity in heaven, it will help us get through any misfortune in our lives (2 Cor. 4:17-18).

Those who do not believe in God have no hope in this life. To me, their existence is a miserable one, but to those of us who are Christians, we know we are not alone. We can have a positive attitude in a dark world because we have the hope and assurance that God is involved in our lives, and we will get to spend eternity with Him in heaven.

~ Cougan Collins ~



“HE’S ON.”



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Announcements.....	TBA
Lead Singing.....	TBA
First Prayer.....	TBA
Reading.....	TBA
Scripture.....	TBA
Lord's Table (N).....	* TBA
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Sermon.....	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....	TBA

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Reading.....	TBA
Scripture.....	TBA
Lord's Table.....	* TBA
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**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....	TBA
Lead Singing.....	TBA
First Prayer.....	TBA
Reading.....	TBA
Invitation.....	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....	TBA

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A.M.....	temporarily suspended
P.M.....	temporarily suspended

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Ushers: .....TBA

Un/Lock Building: .....TBA

Prepare Communion: .....TBA

Assist Baptisms: .....TBA

Pantry Item: .....Fruit Cocktail

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Don Griffith

**Record For The Week...**

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Bible Study.....	NC
P.M. Worship.....	NC
Wednesday Bible Study.....	NC
Contribution.....	\$4,190

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## Assemblies To Resume May 3

It has been a difficult few weeks for everyone and the pandemic is not yet over. However, the governor along with president have realized the need for our country to begin to seek some normalcy. As a result, the elders have decided that we will resume assemblies at the building on May 3. However, they ask that we continue to practice healthy habits during this challenging time. Please avoid shaking hands, hugging, and other close contact behavior until this passes. Everyone is asked to continue to practice “social distancing.” If you think you might be sick, or have a compromised immunity system it would be best to remain at home.

Out of concern for those who must stay at home services will continue to be streamed on Facebook Live and archived on YouTube as well. Due to requirements for Ben Lomand TV to broadcast the service aired there will be one week behind.

Please continue to remember the elders in your prayers. Their desire has been to protect the congregation both spiritually and physically. These decisions were not made lightly but out of the abundance of caution. With the Lord’s blessing this present distress among us will pass.

## Youth News and Updates

### Upcoming Activities

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### Words to Live By

I understand that Tough Mudder is not a race but a challenge. I put teamwork and camaraderie before my course time. I do not whine, kids whine, I will help my fellow mudders complete the course. I will overcome all fears.

The words above are from a pledge I took before a competition I was in. The competition was not against other people but myself. I had to overcome stereotypes, selfishness, childish thoughts, humility and fear.

Looking back at this pledge I realize how much it applies to us as Christians. Here is a revision of the pledge above.

I understand that this Christian life is not a race but a challenge. I put God and all others before my personal feelings. I do not whine, kids whine, I will help my fellow brethren complete the course. I will overcome all fears.

You see, many things in this life will remind us about God, our Christian walk, and eternity. The key to seeing those things, well, that would be what we are focused on. If we are looking for God, we will find Him in everything, but if we are only seeking after things of this world, He will not be easily seen.

## Wedding Ceremony Postponed

Kane Maynard and Courtney Shires have postponed their wedding. They will still be getting married on April 25th but with only a few family members present. A new date will be announced soon for the celebration. They are registered at Walmart, Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Ye Peddler and appreciate Lowes gift cards.

## Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone?

In 1693, Thomas Shepherd wrote the song entitled, "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone." Two of the verses of that song read as follows:

Must Jesus bear the cross alone,  
And all the world go free?  
No, there's a cross for everyone,  
And there's a cross for me.

The consecrated cross I'll bear,  
Till he shall set me free,  
And then go home to wear,  
For there's a crown for me.

I like that song for several reasons, but one is that it teaches one's cross comes before one's crown." That fundamental truth seems to have been lost to many people, for how often do you hear of people giving up and quitting when difficulty arises?

How often have you heard of preachers who quit preaching, elders who quit shepherding, deacons who quit serving, Bible teachers who quit teaching, and Christians who quit following Jesus because of some difficult circumstance? It happens far too frequently than it should. Let someone hurt one's feelings and he quits. Let someone criticize one's work, and he quits. Let someone forget to thank one for his work, and he quits.

The common thread that runs through all of these situations is that someone has forgotten that one must bear a cross before he is privileged to wear a crown! Don't lose sight of this truth. Work comes before rest. Sacrifice comes before reward. Struggle comes before victory. And humility comes before exaltation (2 Cor. 4:17).

So what about you? Are you bearing your cross in this life, or are you spending your time kicked back, daydreaming about how your crown is going to fit? Let's get to work. There's much to do. We have a cross to bear. Or, must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me.

~ Steve Higginbotham ~

## Suggestions for Living a Balanced Life

- Live a godly life when you are young and when you are old, so there will be few regrets (Ecclesiastes 12:1).
- Don't live in the past, but acknowledge it and learn from it as you face the future (Acts 26:9; Galatians 3:12-14).
- Emphasize the importance of knowledge and education in a school setting, but raise your children in the “discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Luke 2:52; Ephesians 6:4).
- Be obedient and submissive to government officials and laws, but understand that ultimately, when there is conflict between the government and God, “we must obey God rather than men” (Matthew 22:21; Acts 5:29).
- Take care of, and nurture your body, but also know that godliness is most important and your attitudes and actions should reflect that understanding (1 Timothy 4:8; Philippians 4:8).
- Understand and emphasize the private aspect of your life (prayer, giving, etc.) and devotion, but also realize that God wants His children to come together regularly in the assembly (Matthew 6:14; Hebrews 10:24, 25).
- Provide for and nourish your spouse and children, but also know that we are to honor and care for our mothers and fathers throughout their lives (Ephesians 5:22-6:2; 1 Timothy 5:4, 8).
- Work hard and enjoy the fruit of your labor, but do not neglect your family and their emotional and spiritual needs—and don't forget to “rest awhile” (Colossians 3:18; 21, 23; Mark 6:36).
- Have proper concern for earthly matters and possessions, but do not continually worry about them and do not let “stuff” rule your life (Matthew 6:34; 1 Timothy 6:17, 18).
- Honor and love your physical family, but realize your ultimate allegiance is to your heavenly Father and your brothers and sisters in Christ (John 19:26, 27; Matthew 12:46-50).
- Laugh when you can; cry when you need to (Proverbs 17:22; Ecclesiastes 3:4).

~ Lance Cordle ~

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Reading.....Bruce Pryor  
Scripture.....2Corinthians 6:17-18  
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Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Tim Fisher

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing.....TBA  
First Prayer.....TBA  
Reading.....TBA  
Scripture.....TBA  
Lord's Table .....\* TBA  
.....\* TBA  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....TBA

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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Lead Singing.....TBA  
First Prayer.....TBA  
Reading.....TBA  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....TBA

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Elder Closing Remarks: .....Allen Hughes

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Bible Study.....NC  
P.M. Worship.....NC  
Wednesday Bible Study.....NC  
Contribution.....\$5,050

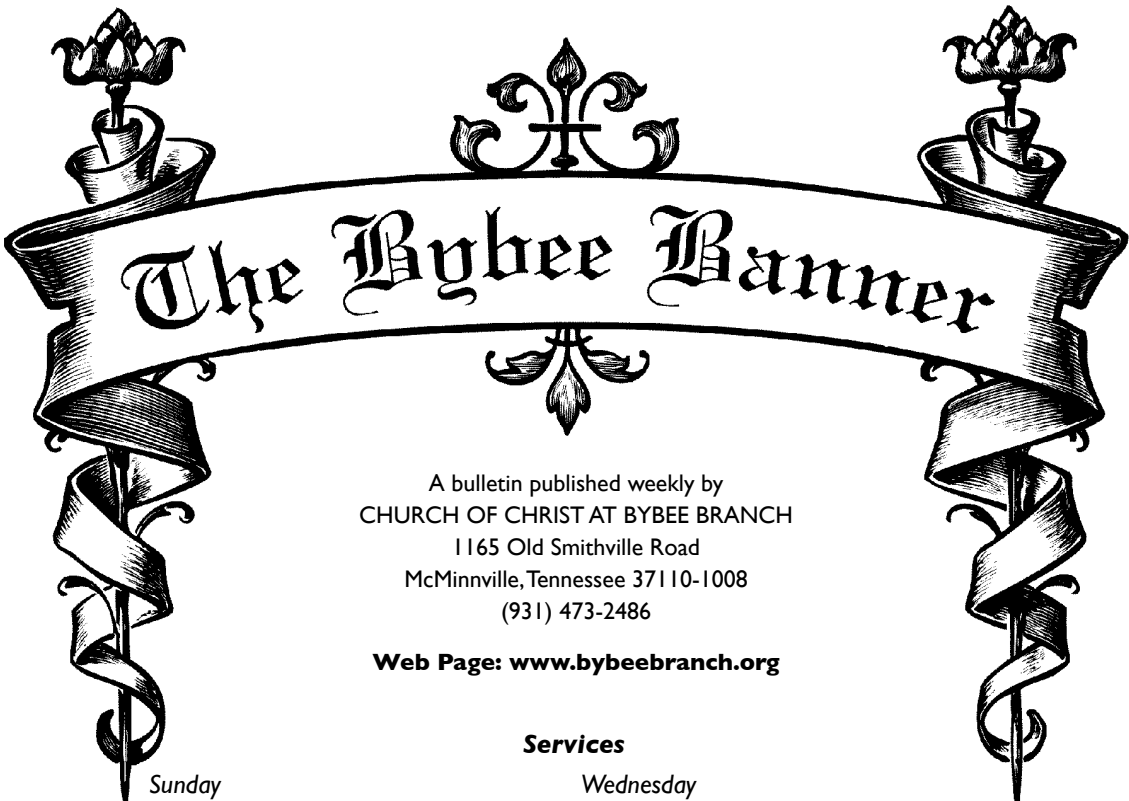
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Assemblies To Resume This Sunday  
Lord willing, this Sunday we will begin meeting once again as a congregation! We will meet at 9:00 AM for worship and will offer a Bible Study period beginning at 10:15 for all ages in the auditorium. We will not have services Sunday evening or Bible Study on Wednesday evening, rather we encourage everyone to utilize the streaming services provided on Facebook, YouTube, and Ben Lomand channel 6.

We will be utilizing the disposable communion packets and allowing for a collection to be made to one of the elders and/or deacons at the door upon exiting the worship services. We encourage everyone to continue to practice social distancing while in the building and you may desire to wear a face mask. If you do not feel well or if you have other health conditions and believe that being with a large group of people may put you or others at risk, please stay at home and utilize the services we have streaming.

~ the Elders ~

Building Sanitized  
In anticipation of being able to reassemble this Sunday the Elders had the lobby, auditorium and classrooms cleaned and disinfected for the safety and health of those able to attend.

Congratulations  
Congratulations to Kane and Courtney Maynard. They were married Saturday, April 25th in a small ceremony. They still plan on celebrating with family and friends with a shower and some kind of ceremony and reception when the virus situation is cleared up.

Youth News and Updates  
Please continue to check the Facebook page for new uploads of Bible lessons/devo's from Jason. This links to these lessons will be posted on the Youth Group page.

Upcoming Youth Activities  
(all activities are subject to change)

Prom Alt Trip - Will be from Friday, June 5th - Sunday, June 7th. We will go to Memphis this year.

Friday Night Singing - Friday, June 12th at the home of Jason Adams from 7:00pm - 8:00pm.

Pew Packers - Sunday, June 21st at 5:00pm, here at the church building

Birthday Wednesday - Wednesday, June 24th at 8:00pm, immediately following Wednesday service.

NHC Singing - Thursday, June 25th, from 7:00pm - 7:30pm.

Short Mountain Bible Camp - Warren/White Week from June 28th - July 3rd

Home Devo - Sunday, June 28th at the home of Clent Kesey. The church van will leave after our PM services and return between 8:30pm and 8:45pm.

COVID-19 Facebook/Zoom - The Bible Trivia winners are: Travis Adams, Vivian Adams, Connor Andrews, Lauren Hurst, Brooke Kesey, Ella Kesey and Conner Nunley. See Jason for your reward/rewards.

Communion Packets  
Even though the services will return this Sunday for those who need the communion packets may pick them up on Friday from 9-10 AM and 5-6 PM for the present. Those who wish may leave their contribution at that time or mail to the church address with Attention: Stanley Graves on the envelope.

May 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26 Angie Caldwell Hollyn Fuston Kristin Maynard MATTHEW & CHANCY WOODSIDE	27 Martha Pepper Tina Mullins	28 Charlotte Adams	29	30 Mike Mullins	1 JEFF & REGINA TEMPLETON	2 CHRIS & HILARY NEALE
3	4	5 Jean Ware  Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8	9
10 Regina Templeton Ryan McColloch  Mother's Day	11 Jeff Rhea Joe Roller	12 HOWARD & BARBARA WITTY Kevin Flatt	13	14	15 Kara Fuston MICAH & AMY LAWRENCE	16
17 Maggie Hurst	18 Jamie Roller	19 PAUL & KARA HURST	20 Justin Randolph	21 BOBBY & CAROLYN LANCE	22	23 Chris Neale
24	25  Memorial Day	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	4 DICKIE & LENNIE RUTH KESEY OSBURN & RUBY HUNTLEY	5 DON & SUSIE GRIFFITH Herb Rowland June Crouch STANLEY & JEAN CLENDENON	6



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(N) .....TBA  
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Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Darron Dixon

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Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
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none known

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Clayton Cook (Larry's brother) #200

NHC - McMinnville  
(P.O. Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)  
Willene Kell #311  
Joan Hillis #114 (under hospice care)

NHC - Sparta  
(34 Gracey St, Sparta TN 38583)  
Terry Coppinger (Allen Hughes uncle) #115

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Dennis Eller

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Janice Foster  
Dennis Gann  
Greg Grizzell  
Lynder & Willie Holmes  
Daisy Maxwell  
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)  
Roberta Parmley  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Barbara Pryor (Bruce's mother)  
Willus & Edith Roberts  
Zollie Settles  
Doris Wilcher

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Great Sunday!

It is hard to describe the joy of being able to assemble together again! The verse that came to my mind Sunday was 1Thessalonians 2:17, "But we, brethren, having been taken away from you for a short time in presence, not in heart, endeavored more eagerly to see your face with great desire."

Others remarked how good it was as well. Some suggesting that certain hymns were stuck in their mind. One said the song "Sweet Welcome Home" was what she was thinking on the way to services.

What a positive message when the members of the Lord's body (the church) take such delight and pleasure in assembling to worship God! Consider the great old hymn, "How Sweet, How Heavenly"

How sweet, how heav'nly is the sight,  
When those that love the Lord  
In one another's peace delight,  
And thus fulfill His Word.

When each can feel his brother's sigh  
And with him bear a part;  
When sorrow flows from eye to eye,  
And joy from heart to heart.

When, free from envy, scorn, and pride,  
Our wishes all above,  
Each can his brother's failings hide,  
And show a brother's love.

When love, in one delightful stream,  
Through every bosom flows;  
When union sweet, and dear esteem,  
In every action glows.

Love is the golden chain that binds  
The happy souls above;  
And he's an heir of Heav'n who finds  
His bosom glow with love.

We get to do it all over again this coming Sunday! "I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 122:1).

~Tony Lawrence~

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Untying And Uniting

Error unties and truth unites. Think about it. Error seeks to break apart the truth. Error causes disharmony and discord. But truth seeks to bring together those who agree with it.

Now, notice something about the opening statement of this article: Error unties and truth unites. Notice that the only difference in the two descriptive words "unties" and "unites" is where the "t" is placed. Let's let the "t" represent the cross of Christ. It makes a difference where we put Christ and His word in our lives.

If we have Christ positioned properly and first in our lives, then His word will unify us with all others who do the same. But if we put Christ and His word anywhere lower than number one in our lives, we are positioning ourselves for error and disunity to creep in. Something to think about.

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (2 Tim. 2:15)



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Reading ..... Herb Rowland  
Scripture ..... 2Corinthians 8:1-5  
Lord's Table (N) ..... \* Larry Cook  
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Sermon ..... Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss ..... Larry Flatt

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements ..... TBA  
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First Prayer ..... TBA  
Reading ..... TBA  
Scripture ..... TBA  
Lord's Table ..... \* TBA  
..... \* TBA  
Sermon ..... Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss ..... TBA

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements ..... TBA  
Lead Singing ..... TBA  
First Prayer ..... TBA  
Reading ..... TBA  
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Dismiss ..... TBA

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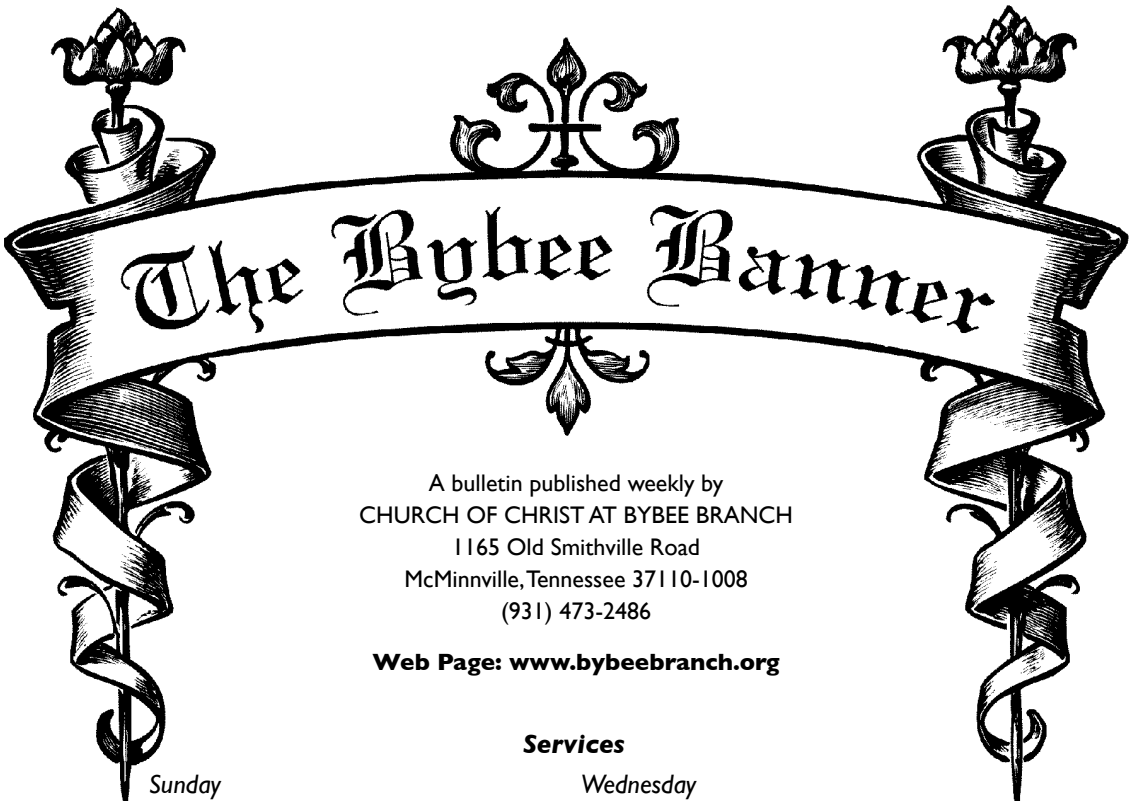
Elder Closing Remarks: ..... Jamie Brock

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Bible Study ..... 107  
P.M. Worship ..... NC  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... NC  
Contribution ..... \$6,640

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following heart surgery in Knoxville

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Lexie Leona Taylor, sister of our Ruby Huntley. She passed away this past Thursday and had a family only service.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Sherry Denise Bouldin, niece of our Elaine Hoover. Her family had a service for her last week.

Baptism

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“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 NKJV)

2020 Summer Series: Spiritual Vision

Date	Topic	Speaker
June 7	Lift Up Your Eyes (John 4:35)	Billy Bland
June 14	When The Blind Lead The Blind (Luke 6:39)	Spencer Broome
June 21	Blind To Sins (John 9:40-41)	Tom Harrison
June 28	Evil Eyes Versus Generous Eyes (Pr. 22:9; 28:22)	Derrick Stiles
July 5	Seeing Wondrous Things (Ps. 119:18)	James Rogers
July 12	Open Their Eyes (2Kings 6:17, 20)	Chris Perry
July 19	When A Blind Man Saw (Acts 9:9-12)	Ben Bailey
July 26	Eye Salve From The Lord (Rev. 3:17-18)	Bill Watkins

Political Correctness By The Preacher?

Over the years, the style of preaching has changed. In recent years, the impact of political correctness has created an atmosphere in many churches today where sin may be dealt with in a generic way but where the clarity of God preaching about the sins of the listeners has almost been removed. Young preachers, and some older ones, would do well to examine the kind of preaching which in the first century “...turned the world upside down” (Acts 17:6).

Have we lost sight of the fact that the preaching in the first century came about because God determined the message, and “they began to speak...as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4)? Jesus’ disciples were told that when they were confronted in the synagogues or brought before authorities, “Take ye no thought how or what thing ye shall answer, or what ye shall say. For the Holy Spirit shall teach you in the same hour what ye ought to say” (Luke 12:11-12). Preachers need to study to learn the kind of preaching done when God chose the style of preaching.

Look at how Jesus described the kind of preaching that was done by the Holy Spirit. “He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment” (John 16:8). When properly understood, the Greek word translated convict shows the kind of preaching God wanted in that day as well as in ours.

Barclay says in defining that word, “It is used for the cross-examination of a witness, or a man on trial, or an opponent in an argument. It has always this idea of cross-examining a man until he sees and admits his errors or acknowledges the force of some argument which he had not yet seen.” This concept stands in marked contrast to the use of the sophistry of human wisdom trying to suavely change lives of the listeners without upsetting their souls.

It is the word used to describe the preaching of John the Baptist when he openly confronted adulterous Herod (Luke 3:19). It is the word used to describe the public action God intended for preachers to do when they openly rebuked impenitent elders before the whole church (1 Tim. 5:20). It is used to describe what could happen when an unbeliever comes into the weekly assembly. “If...there come in one that believeth not, he is convinced (convicted) of all, he is judged by all...so falling down on his face, he will worship God, and report that God is in you of truth” (1 Cor. 14:24-25).

Yet in our day, we tend to remove the convicting words of the Spirit and replace them with our own ideas. Why would we not bring to the forefront those book, chapter and verse words given so forcefully by God? Have you considered that by not using His word you might be quenching the Spirit?

~ Dan Jenkins ~



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Reading ..... Kelly Thaxton  
Scripture ..... 2Corinthians 10:3-5  
Lord's Table (N) ..... \* Joe Collins  
(S) ..... \* Willard Dunlap  
(N) ..... TBA  
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Dismiss ..... Russ Chilcutt

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First Prayer ..... TBA  
Reading ..... TBA  
Scripture ..... TBA  
Lord's Table ..... \* TBA  
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Dismiss ..... TBA

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Reading ..... TBA  
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Dismiss ..... TBA

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Bible Study ..... 130  
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recuperating from open heart surgery in Texas  
Lillie Rutledge - St. Thomas West  
Elaine Mahler (hip replacement Friday) - St.  
Thomas Rutherford

## Words of Inspiration

"If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap.  
If you want happiness for a day, go fishing.  
If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune.  
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*"O God, You have taught me from my youth; And to this day I declare Your wondrous works."*

(Psalms 71:17 NKJV)

## The Proper Order

Many who read this will be familiar with a man who began his life being known as Saul. The Bible informs us, among other things, of his early religious training as a Jew. There can be no doubt about his devotion and zeal to a cause he believed to be pleasing to God.

However, we also see this same man being referred to later as Paul. Something besides his name had changed. His purpose in life had changed. People were saying of him that he was now "...preaching the faith he once tried to destroy" (Gal. 1:23). His zeal for the cause of Christ eclipsed the zeal he had as a Jew.

The transformation from "Saul of Tarsus" to "the apostle Paul" began during a journey that he made from Jerusalem to Damascus. We first read about that journey and its events in Acts 9, but we also find more information in other passages in that book. I would like for us to focus on Paul's own "retelling" of his experience as recorded in Acts 22.

The information in that chapter informs us about two very important questions asked by the man who was then known as Saul. It seems to me that these questions need to be considered by all of us. I believe that the order in which the questions were asked also needs to be considered.

In Acts 22:6-7, Paul recounts how, while he was on his way to Damascus, he saw a bright light from heaven and heard a voice. He also recounts the question he asked: "Who are you, Lord?" (Acts 22:8). After learning that he was speaking to Jesus, his next question was, "What shall I do, Lord?" (Acts 22:10).

Please do not overlook the order of those questions. That order is vitally important.

In every facet of our lives it is very important that the proper authority is established. It is also important to establish a respect for proper authority.

Some people learn at a very early age to question information and/or instructions. The question asked by some may be short on tact, but long on significance. That question is: "Says who?"

It is of interest that, before Jesus gave His apostles what we sometimes call "The Great Commission," He first made sure that they understood one foundational fact. That fact was that: "...All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me" (Matt. 28:18).

All of this is not to suggest that, in every instance, there will be appropriate decisions and actions. The response of Pharaoh to Moses and Aaron when he was first asked to let the Israelites leave Egypt is interesting. Although his hardened heart did not permit him to act appropriately, he apparently recognized the principle we are discussing here.

"But Pharaoh said, 'Who is the Lord, that I should obey His voice and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord, and moreover, I will not let Israel go'" (Ex. 5:2).

It seems to me that, in every area of our lives, we need to ask ourselves the following questions and make sure we keep them in the proper order.

1. What (or who) is the source of the information I am receiving?
2. Exactly what am I being told and/or asked to do?
3. Do I have the kind of heart that will allow me to act in an appropriate manner?

Author: Jim Faughn

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Reading ..... Ethan Duncan  
Scripture ..... 2 Corinthians 10:12, 18  
Lord's Table (N) ..... \* Ray Weddington  
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Dismiss ..... Don Griffith

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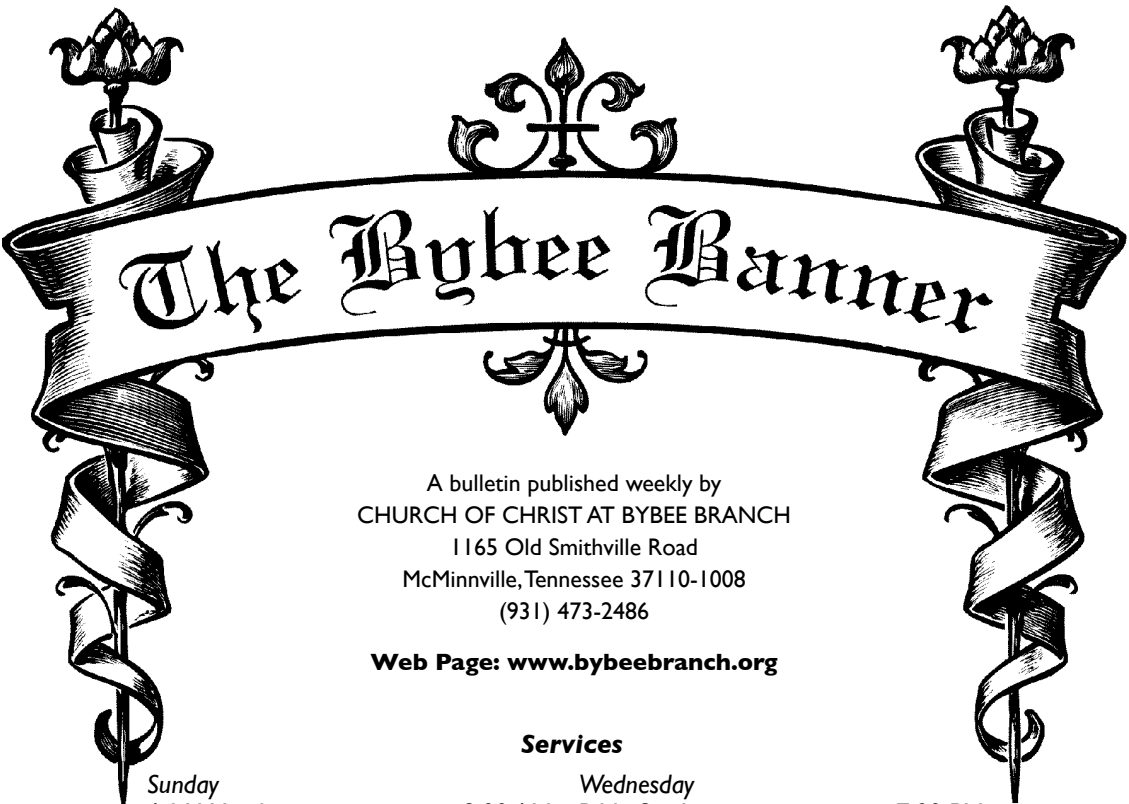
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Bible Quiz Questions

- 1.Who was Jeroboam's father? - 2 Chronicles 10
- 2.Who was Ezekiel's father? - Ezekiel 1
- 3.Who was Isaiah's father? - Isaiah
- 4.Who was Jeremiah's father? - Jeremiah 1
- 5.Who was Nehemiah's father? - Nehemiah 1
- 6.Who was Ezra's father? - Ezra 7
- 7.Who was Hosea's father? - Hosea 1
- 8.Who was Joel's father? - Joel 1
- 9.Who was Zechariah's father? - 1 Chronicles 9
- 10.Who was Jonah's father? - Jonah 1

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June 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	4 DICKIE & LENNIE RUTH KESEY OSBURN & RUBY HUNTLEY	5 DON & SUSIE GRIFFITH Herb Rowland June Crouch STANLEY & JEAN CLENDENON	6
7 JUSTIN & KALLYE RANDOLPH RONNIE & LINDA HAMILTON Summer Series: Billy Bland	8	9 Conner Nunley Jayla Garibaldi ROBERT & WHITNEY GARIBALDI	10 Barbara Bouldin	11 Bobby Lance DANNY & CYNTHIA DUNCAN	12 Ethan Chase Roller Roberta Parmley	13 David Keele Kayla Maynard
14 Annie Niles JARED & REBECCA MULLICAN  Summer Series: Spencer Broome	15 Harper Fuston	16 RAY & CHARLOTTE WEDDINGTON	17 Whitney Garibaldi	18 Nathanael Turner	19	20 STANLEY & SHERRY GRAVES
21 NOEL & MARTHA PEPPER W.C. Chilton WILLIE & DONNA NEWBY Summer Series: Tom Harrison	22 Alyssa Lawrence Linda Brooks	23 Aidan McVey JEFF & DENICE RHEA JEFF & KATHY ELAM Pat Gauger	24 Cynthia Duncan Ezra Dixon Penelope Jennings	25 DAVID & JOANN ROBERTS Jessica Templeton Ruby Huntley	26 Noel Pepper	27 Jane Flatt Michael Andrews
28 Lincoln Sain   Summer Series: Derrick Stiles	29 John Nussbaum	30	1 Lachlan McVey	2 DAVID & STEFANIE MCCOLLOCH DON & JUDY SULLIVAN	3	4 Willie Holmes



Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements..... (743-0495) Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Matt Woodside  
Reading.....Christ Snow  
Scripture.....2Corinthians 11:2  
Lord's Table (N).....\* Jason Adams  
(S) .....\* Bobby Ashford  
(N) .....TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Brandon Fuston

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Jeff Flatt  
Reading.....Larry Flatt  
Scripture .....John 4:35  
Lord's Table .....\* Leonard Clemons  
.....\* Danny Duncan  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Ethan Duncan

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Dale Bennett  
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First Prayer .....Ryan McColloch  
Reading.....Kurt Maynard  
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Assist Baptisms: .....Susan Pryor & Almetia Jones

Pantry Item: .....Green Beans

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Allen Hughes

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship .....179  
Bible Study.....123  
P.M. Worship.....NC  
Wednesday Bible Study .....NC  
Contribution .....\$6,805

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## Sick

### At Home:

Gordon Mayfield  
Ruby Huntley  
Gerald Crouch (June Crouch's son)  
Lillie Rutledge  
Elaine Mahler (hip replacement rescheduled)  
Iva Cunningham

### In The Hospital:

Clayton Cook (Larry Cook's brother) - River Park  
Jack Bell (Myra's son & Glenda Ferrell's brother) -  
recuperating from open heart surgery in Texas  
Serse Brock (Jamie's mother) at NHC

## Gospel Meeting

The Rockliff church of Christ will hold a Gospel Meeting June 7-10, with services at 7 PM each evening. The meeting will be conducted from the parking lot with preaching from the front porch. Tune to 100.3 FM.

## Communion Packets

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## Summer Series

Our Summer Series begins this evening at 6:00pm. Brother Billy Bland, who is the Associate Director at the Memphis School of Preaching, will be speaking to us. His lesson for this evening is titled "Lift Up Your Eyes". The lesson text comes from John 4:35

## VBS Planning Meeting - June 7

For those willing to help with VBS, there will be a meeting following services this Sunday evening. We will be doing something new this year, come and see!

## Youth News and Updates

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### Upcoming Youth Activities (all activities are subject to change)

**Youth Bulletin Board** - The youth board had been revamped and many activities have already been planned. Updates will be posted as needed.

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*"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." (Philippians 2:4 NKJV)*

# 2020 Graduates



Jamison Brock  
Boyd Christian School



Garrett Cornwell  
Warren County High



Chloe Pennington  
Warren County High



Kylan Rhea  
DeKalb County High



Rylan Rhea  
DeKalb County High



Ashley Vandagriff  
Boyd Christian School



Philip Brock  
Freed-Hardeman University  
BS in Biology/Pre-Optometry



Kevin Flatt  
Lipscomb School of Pharmacy  
Doctor of Pharmacy



Mahaley Keele  
Tennessee State University  
Doctor of Physical Therapy



Haley McColloch  
University of TN - Martin  
BS Agriculture

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements..... (607-3033) Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing.....Joe Collins  
First Prayer.....Rickey Hurst  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....2 Corinthians 12:2-4  
Lord's Table (N).....\* Michael Andrews  
(S).....\*Daniel Boyd  
(N).....TBA  
(N).....TBA  
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(S).....TBA  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Allen Hughes

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing.....Joe Collins  
First Prayer.....Ronnie Prince  
Reading.....Cory Prince  
Scripture.....Luke 6:39  
Lord's Table.....\* Doug Hendrixson  
.....\* Ken Martin  
Sermon.....Spencer Broome  
Dismiss.....Tim Gann

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Dale Bennett  
Lead Singing.....Michael Andrews  
First Prayer.....Eddie Palmer  
Reading.....Jamie Brock  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Joe Collins

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Pantry Item: .....Jelly

Elder Closing Remarks .....Jamie Brock

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship .....225  
Bible Study.....139  
P.M. Worship.....145  
Wednesday Bible Study .....NC  
Contribution .....\$6,220

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Lillie Rutledge  
Elaine Mahler (hip replacement rescheduled)  
Iva Cunningham

In The Hospital:

June Crouch - River Park #220  
Gerald Crouch (June Crouch's son) - sent to  
Nashville, prayers needed  
Nelma Chilton -River Park in room #254 A

Gospel Meeting

Mt. Leo Church of Christ. Jerry Reynolds, speaker. Reynolds was the minister at Mt. Leo during the 1990s; this meeting will be held in conjunction with 115 years of meeting at Mt. Leo.

Ladies Day

The Mt. Leo Church of Christ is hosting a ladies day in conjunction with their gospel meeting. This will be on Saturday, June 12th with registration from 9:00am - 9:30am. The speaker will be Pat Reynolds. Lunch will be served at 11:00am.

Friday Night Singing

We need people to volunteer to host these singings. The signup sheet is on the youth board. This is not a youth only event, it is a Congregational event.

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Youth Lead Gospel Meeting

The Mt. Leo congregation is having their Youth Lead Gospel Meeting in August. We have been asked to participate this year. Any young Christian man who would like to help, please see Jason soon. Jason needs to let them know who is speaking ASAP.

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The Proper Order (part 2)

In a previous article we looked at and made some comments about Paul's recounting of his conversion to Christ as recorded in Acts 22. Specifically, we dealt with two questions he asked: "Who are you?" and "What shall I do, Lord?" As you may or may not remember, we ended that post with this: It seems to me that, in every area of our lives, we need to ask ourselves the following questions and make sure we keep them in the proper order. What (or who) is the source of the information I am receiving? Exactly what am I being told and/or asked to do? Do I have the kind of heart that will allow me to act in and appropriate manner? I would like to ask all who read this article to keep the forgoing in mind as we consider something else that is recorded for us in Acts 22. You may remember that the Lord's answer to Saul's second question was to "...Rise and go into Damascus, and there you will be told all that is appointed for you to do" (Acts 22:10). To be sure, part of what Saul/Paul was told when he got into Damascus was the mission that the Lord had in store for him. However, there was something else of great importance that he was told when he got into that city. That "something" had to do with his salvation. It also has to do with our salvation. Contrary to the opinion of many (and even some uninspired headings for portions of scripture that some editions of the Bible provide), Paul was not saved on the road to Damascus. Please read carefully the question that Saul/Paul was asked by the messenger that God had sent to him:

And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord (Acts 22:16).

The Bible does not teach that a person can be saved from sin while continuing in sin. In part, that is what Paul wrote about in the beginning verses of Romans 6. We also learn in that passage that we are "...baptized into Jesus Christ..." (Rom. 6:3). Only those who are in Christ are "new creatures" (2 Cor. 5:17). It is of great concern to me that many are taught that they can be saved before, or even without, being baptized. Our ultimate authority about this should be Jesus. Mark's account of "The Great Commission" informs us that Jesus said, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). The two questions that Saul/Paul asked in Acts 22 were in the proper order: Who are you? What shall I do? The two other things that are recorded in that chapter which are in the proper order are: Baptism, Salvation. Let's go back to the three questions we mentioned in the last article and earlier in this article and apply them to Mark 16:16..

- What (who) is the source of the information I am receiving? – Jesus
- Exactly what am I being told and or asked to do? – believe and be baptized
- Do I have the kind of heart that will allow me to act in and appropriate manner? – each person must decide that for himself or herself

Jim Faughn

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First Prayer.....Tommy turner  
Reading.....Kelly Thaxton  
Scripture.....2 Corinthians 12:20-21  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Dale Bennett  
(S).....\*Willie Newby  
(N).....TBA  
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Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Tommy Crouch  
Reading.....Noel Pepper  
Scripture.....John 9:40-41  
Lord's Table.....\*Ryan McColloch  
.....\*Jeff McVey  
Sermon.....Tom Harrison  
Dismiss.....Tim Fisher

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Dale Bennett  
Lead Singing.....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer.....Micah Lawrence  
Reading.....David McColloch  
Invitation.....Willie Newby  
Dismiss.....Stanley Clendenon

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Pantry Item: .....Peanut Butter

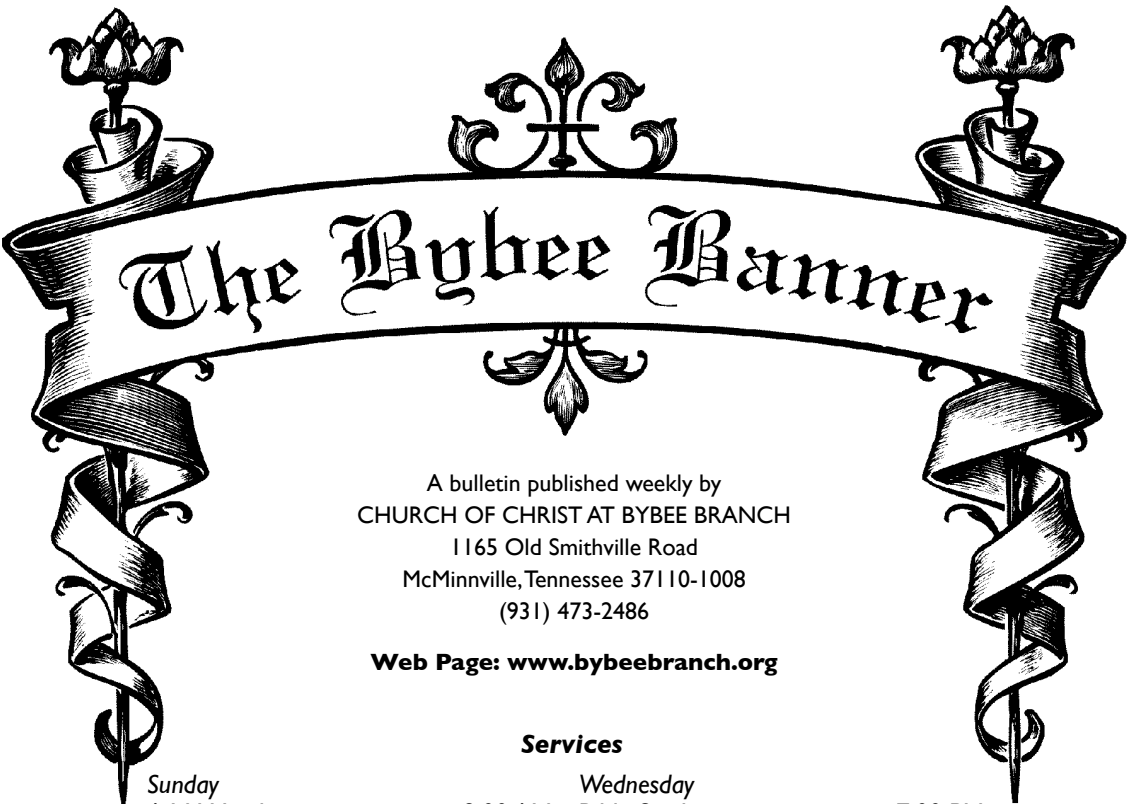
Elder Closing Remarks .....Leonard Clemons

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June Crouch

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West #336  
Nelma Chilton -River Park in room #254 A

Bridal Shower

There will be a bridal shower for Philip Brock and Brooke Simpson on Saturday, June 27th. This will take place at the home of Don and Susie Griffith from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Susie says to come as you are.

Bible Quiz Questions

Abraham’s first son and the name of a character in a famous work of literature area the same, what is name and what is the work of literature?

This word in the KJV is also the name of a movie that Keanu Reeves played in, in the late 90’s, that is the word?

Ice Cream Supper

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VBS Song Recording

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Kayaking Trip

Jason is in the planning portion of a kayaking trip. It would be very similar to last year’s trip. If you are interested in going, please sign the sheet on the youth board.

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Thinking About The Past

Have you ever sat back and thought about some of the mistakes that you have made in the past? Often I do this when the repercussions of those mistakes begin to haunt me. In recent weeks I have been dwelling upon a mistake that I made about a decade ago. It is not some sin that I have committed, but rather a bad decision to not sell a house that I should have when I had the opportunity. By not selling this house and trying to maintain it with tenants, I have had to endure things that I had only seen on the news and read about happening to others. Undue stress and a large consumption of my time are just a few of the repercussions that I have had to deal with. They say a good preacher should be able to get a sermon out of a “stick in the mud”. This simply means that when we see things or experience things in life, we should be able to find a Spiritual truth in it. As I have looked back on this experience a few things have come to mind. **Patience.** As I have endured through a few different types of personalities and lifestyles, I feel like my patience has been tested. It has been tested in ways that I would have never thought up myself. Is the lesson in patience over? Most likely not. Maybe this enduring of patience is preparing me for something bigger down the road. **Companionship.** When I first began this venture (13 years ago) I made some acquaintances and close friendships with some good people. Now that time has passed I am truly seeing the fruits of my labor. People whom I have not interacted

with or even spoken to in years still remember me. The rekindled acquaintances and friendships are as if there were not distance or time between us at all. Is the lesson in companionship over? Most likely not. Maybe this rekindling of friends is preparing me for something bigger down the road. **Endurance.** This is probably the lesson that has stood out the most. When dealing with people, endurance is needed in many different facets. Enduring attitude, laziness, miscommunication, immaturity, etc. As people are a part of our lives we must learn how to endure the negative qualities they may possess. Is the lesson in endurance over? Most likely not. Maybe this enduring of negativity is preparing me for something bigger down the road. So, what is the overall point of this article? In life we are going to be handed things that are seemingly easy, but we will also be made (either by our own decisions or decisions of others) to deal with many difficult situations. How we address and deal with them is purely up to each person. Life is not always easy, but we do serve a God that has an easy time loving us. He died for us and when (not if) we go through trying times, He is there to help. We simply have to ask.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”

Matthew 7:7

Jason Adams

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Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer .....Rodney Reynolds  
Reading.....Norman Sain  
Scripture.....TBD  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Willard Dunlap  
(S).....\*Larry Flatt  
(N).....TBA  
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Sermon.....Jeff Archey  
Dismiss .....Randy Griffith

Sunday Evening Worship

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Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer .....Mike Mullins  
Reading.....Chris Neale  
Scripture .....Proverbs 22:9; 28:22  
Lord's Table .....\*Eddie Palmer  
.....\*Rickey Prince  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Ethan Duncan

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Assist Baptisms: .....Judy Sullivan & Doris Smith  
Pantry Item: .....Crackers

Elder Closing Remarks .....Don Griffith

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship .....215  
Bible Study.....142  
P.M. Worship.....129  
Wednesday Bible Study .....114  
Contribution .....\$6,515

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Resuming of Our Regular Services

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Bible Quiz Questions

We know that Methuselah is the oldest man in the Bible and that Jared (Genesis 5:20) is the second oldest man.Who is the 3rd oldest man in the Bible?

Ice Cream Supper

We will have our annual ice cream supper on Wednesday, July 1st, immediately following our services. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite flavor homemade ice cream and/or dessert. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Communion Packets

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Upcoming Youth Activities

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VBS Song Recording

Today, Sunday, June 28th at 4:30pm, here at the church building, we will be recording songs to upload for our Virtual VBS. Jason needs as many kids as possible to be here to help him sing these songs. Please, if you are able, come be a part of this.

Kayaking Trip

Jason is planning a kayaking trip. It will be very similar to last year’s trip. If you are interested in going, please sign the sheet on the youth board no later than July 5th.

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28 Lincoln Sain	29 John Nussbaum	30	1 Lachlan McVey	2 DAVID & STE-FANIE MCCOL-LOCH DON & JUDY SULLIVAN	3	4 Willie Holmes
5 ALLEN & GLENDA HUGHES LYNDER & WILLIE HOLMES	6 Judy Nussbaum Kurt Maynard	7 Joan Hillis SHANNON & JANIE GRIFFIN	8 Almetia Jones Amy Lawrence Colton Newby Louise Miller	9 BRYAN & CASSIE AY-ERS	10 Glenda Faye Ferrell JIMMY & ALME-TIA JONES MICHAEL & SHANNON ANDREWS	11 Greg Grizzell Lillie Rutledge
12 Jean Clendenon	13 BRUCE & SUSAN PRY-OR Judy Sullivan Monday Morning Bible Class	14	15 BRANDON & KARA FUSTON Lauren Hurst Teresa McGinness	16 Caleb King RODNEY & JEN-NIFER MAY-NARD Sandra Hillis	17 Jeff Flatt KELLY & KATHY THAXTON	18 Carolyn Lance
19	20	21 Hilary Neale	22 Rachael Graves WILLARD & MAR-SHA DUNLAP	23 Tommy Turner	24 Cindy Fisher Ronnie and Aimee Bielling	25 DONALD & MARTHA CATHEY ELMER & LILLIE RUTLEDGE
26	27 Ashley Pinegar Monday Morning Bible Class	28 Don Griffith JEFF & MARY FLATT	29	30 Dachelle McVey TIM & AMANDA GANN	31 Betty McPherson CLENT & LYNETTE KE-SEY Jack Keele Renee Nearing	1 Luke Andrews TIM & CINDY FISHER

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements..... (235-3248) Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing .....Larry Cook  
First Prayer .....Jeff Flatt  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture .....Genesis 4:9  
Lord's Table (N) .....\*Tommy Turner  
(S) .....\*Kelly Thaxton  
(N) .....TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
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(S) .....TBA  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Eddie palmer

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing .....Larry Cook  
First Prayer .....Jason Vandagriff  
Reading .....Tommy Crouch  
Scripture.....Psalms 119:18  
Lord's Table .....\*Ronnie Hoover  
.....\*Ethan Duncan  
Sermon .....James Rogers  
Dismiss.....Bruce Pryor

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Pantry Item: .....Pancake Mix

Elder Closing Remarks .....Stanley Graves

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Bible Study .....157  
P.M. Worship .....140  
Wednesday Bible Study .....97  
Contribution .....\$9,460

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Kay Grider (Allen Hughes aunt) River Park Rehab

Shut-in:  
Raintree Manor  
(415 Pace St., McMinnville,TN 37110)  
Clayton Cook (Larry’s brother) #200

NHC - McMinnville  
(P.O Box 528, McMinnville,TN 37111)  
Willene Kell #311  
Joan Hillis #114

NHC - Sparta  
(34 Gracey St, Sparta TN 38583)  
Terry Coppinger (Allen Hughes uncle) #115

Claiborne-Hughes Health Center  
(200 Strahl St, Franklin,TN 37064)  
Dennis Eller

Home:  
Marsha Dunlap  
Janice Foster  
Dennis Gann  
Greg Grizzell  
Lynder & Willie Holmes  
Daisy Maxwell  
Kathy Neale (Chris’s mother)  
Roberta Parmley  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Barbara Pryor (Bruce’s mother)  
Willus & Edith Roberts  
Zollie Settles

Youth News and Updates

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Upcoming Youth Activities  
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Photo Scavenger Hunt  
Today is the last day to sign up for this activity, Sunday July 5th! We will meet at the building at 7:00 PM this Tuesday, the 7th. We will divide into teams and disperse for the hunt. Afterwards we will go somewhere for a treat.

Kayaking Trip  
This trip will take place on July 18th. If you need to rent equipment, please sign the sheet on the youth board by the end of today, Sunday July 5th.

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Bible Quiz Questions

Matthew quoted an O.T Scripture which says “Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.” Who is this Scripture speaking of?

Resuming of Our Regular Services  
Beginning Wednesday, July 1st, all of our services and Bible classes will resume on our normal schedule.

We will still be streaming for those who are not able to join us at the building.

Welcome  
Please welcome to the congregation two precious ladies as the elders announced Sunday:

Ann Snider  
144 Tanglewood Dr  
Rock Island,TN 38581  
(931) 668-8945

Dot Cathey  
350 Logan Dr  
McMinnville,TN 37110  
(931) 474-3764

Communion Packets  
For those who continue to worship from home due to illness or risk to your health, we will continue to provide the disposable communion packets at the building on Friday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Marriage & Home Class  
This Sunday a class on Marriage and the Home will begin in the fellowship room and will run for two quarters. Tony will be teaching this class and the auditorium class will be taught by Allen Hughes.

Mind of Christ  
“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:3, 4)

The concept that Paul is expressing in the above Scripture is one that is very foreign to the world we live in. Sure there are plenty of good people out there, who, when faced with the dilemma of helping a fellow human in distress or turning a blind eye, will (or say they would) help out.

When it comes to the idea of “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others”, this is where the foreign concept is seen.

You see, the idea of looking out for the interest of others may require a person to avoid, look past or completely ignore their own feelings, opinions, time, scheduled activities (not doing what you had planned so that you can help another person) or any other variety of things that revolve around self.

We live in such a self centered world that the concept of sacrifice for others seems senseless and is not something we should be doing in this life.

This is where the mind of Christ comes in, you see, in verse 5 of the same chapter, Paul says these words “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,”. Jesus looked at people differently. He saw people through the eyes of compassion.

The world does not see compassion, just “helping someone out every now and then”. But compassion will lead a person to forsake their own personal interest and needs in order to provide for the needs of another.

Although the world is upside-down right now, let us always remember that we are to be like Christ. He felt and showed compassion for everyone. He even died for everyone. The least we can do is be kind.

Sunday Morning Worship

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Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Mike Mullins  
Reading.....Jared Mullican  
Scripture.....TBD  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Norman Sain  
(S).....\*Ray Weddington  
(N) .....TBA  
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Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Micah Lawrence  
Video .....Clent Kesey

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....David Chilton  
Reading.....David McColloch  
Scripture.....2 Kings 6:17, 20  
Lord's Table .....\*Eddie Palmer  
.....\*Willard Dunlap  
Sermon.....Chris Perry  
Dismiss .....Herb Rowland  
Video .....Clent Kesey

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Ryan McColloch  
Lead Singing .....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer .....Alan Hughes  
Reading.....Dale Bennett  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Don Griffith  
Video .....Clent Kesey

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## Sick

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Lillie Rutledge  
Nelma Chilton

### In The Hospital:

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Rehab #255  
Doris Hughes (Allen's father) - St. Thomas  
Rutherford  
Brent Pennington (Barbara Witty's son and  
Derrick's brother) - St. Thomas Rutherford

## Our Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to the Gerald Crouch family, son of June Crouch. His service was this past Sunday. Please keep this family in your prayers.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Robert Locke, Jr, father of Ally Locke who used to attend with us. His services are today (Tuesday) at McMinnville Funeral Home.

## Local VBS's

Campaign Church of Christ: July 12th (7:30 PM) and July 13th - July 15th, 7:00PM. Great Kings of the Bible.

Hwy 56 Church of Christ: July 19th - July 21st 7:00 PM. The Great Physician; Healing the Mind, Body and Soul.

## Monday Morning Bible Class

Our Monday Morning Bible Class will resume this coming Monday, July 13th at 9:00 AM. Please join us if you are able

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## Upcoming Youth Activities

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## Virtual Vacation Bible School

Our Virtual VBS will be this week from Monday, July 13th - Wednesday, July 15th. Links to this can be found at [www.bybeebranch.org](http://www.bybeebranch.org). You can also tune into Ben Lomand channel #6

## Kayaking Trip

Those who are going on this trip and need to rent equipment, Jason needs your money no later than Wednesday, July 15th. Everyone going on this trip needs to fill out a Release Of All Claims form

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# VIRTUAL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**July 13-15, 2020**

7:00-8:00 PM (Monday - Tuesday)

5:00-6:00 PM (Wednesday)

*This is a VIRTUAL VBS and can be  
seen on Facebook, Youtube, and  
Ben Lomand TV #6.*



**Theme: "Great Events At Galilee"**

## Enduring

Many days have passed since we began this journey into the unknown. There has been wildfires, tensions in foreign countries, sickness, death of well know celebrities, riots and chaos.

Things like this have the probability of doing one of two things: it will either tear people apart, destroying any and all that they stand for or; it will bring them together, strengthening and uniting them like never before.

How are we to know what the outcome will be? We don't! We simply have to live life one day at a time, praying that God will guide us.

Not knowing can be a scary, we simply need to trust God and lead others in His path.

## Bible Riddle

Three times I have been divided  
doing what God had decided.

Twice a garment was the tool  
that led me to obey God's rule.

I was the threshold of new things

and the limit of many kings.

Once God's son I did embrace.

Once the ark stood in my place.

Never have I walked the ground,  
nor in the heavens was I found.

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements..... (235-3248) Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Joe Collins  
First Prayer.....Larry Flatt  
Reading.....Chris Neale  
Scripture.....James 1:22-25  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Rodney Reynolds  
(S).....\*Stanley Graves  
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Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Jason Adams

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Joe Collins  
First Prayer.....Keith Chilcutt  
Reading.....Caleb Hughes  
Scripture.....Acts 9:9-12  
Lord's Table.....\*Tommy Turner  
.....\*Shannon Griffin  
Sermon.....Ben Bailey  
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Ryan McColloch  
Lead Singing.....Herb Rowland  
First Prayer.....Russ Chilcutt  
Reading.....Matthew Woodside  
Invitation.....Ray Weddington  
Dismiss.....Brandon Fuston

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Local Gospel Meeting

**Smartt Station** will be having a Gospel Meeting from Sunday, July 19th - Thursday, July 23rd. Their guest speaker will be Charles Williams. Services will be as follows: Sunday 10:00AM, 11:00AM and 5:00PM. Monday - Thursday will be at 7:00PM.

Local VBS’s

**Hwy 56** Church of Christ: July 19th - July 21st 7:00 PM. The Great Physician; Healing the Mind, Body and Soul. Adult speakers will be Eugene Adkins (Monday [Mind]), Ted Batey (Tuesday [Body]) and Bill Boyd (Wednesday [Soul]).

Bridal Shower

All ladies of the congregation are invited to a bridal shower to honor Courtney Maynard. This will take place on Sunday, July 26th from 1:00PM - 3:00PM at the home of Clent and Lynette Kesey. Please come help us celebrate, even if you have already given a gift.

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Scavenger Hunt

On Thursday, July 23rd, beginning at 5:30PM we will be having a “Restaurant” themed scavenger hunt. Jason will need adult drivers for this activity. Youth and drivers, please sign up by Wednesday, July 22nd.

Home Devo

Sunday, July 26th at the home of Mike Mullins. The church van will leave after our PM services and return between 8:30pm and 8:45pm.

Singing in the Cave

There will be a singing at Cumberland Caverns on August 1st. Jason will be calling today, Sunday July 19th, to RSVP. If you wish to go and ride in the church van, please be sure you sign up this morning.

“Listen to your father who begot you, And do not despise your mother when she is old.”  
(Proverbs 23:22 NKJV)

What I Cannot - and - Can Do

As I type these words, it seems like our world is coming apart at the seams. Nations are at odds with one another. Our own nation is divided in too many ways to try to mention here or discuss in any meaningful way.

I’ve been doing a little thinking about some things I *cannot* do and what I **can** do about all of this. While there is a long list of things that, by myself, I *cannot* do, I’ve thought of a few things that I definitely **can** do. Let me suggest just a few.

I *cannot* decide the economic, military, social, etc. policies for our nation. I **can**, and in fact am commanded to, pray for those who have those responsibilities. I don’t see anything in the Bible that instructs me to pray only for those with whom I may agree. When the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write those words, there were no such things as elections. It didn’t matter if citizens agreed with the decisions made by the government. If Paul, by inspiration, could write that people must and should pray for Roman officials who gained power because of heredity, military might, corruption, etc. surely God would expect us to pray for our elected leaders today.

Along those lines, I also *cannot* solve all of the differences of opinion that exist along political, social, and moral lines. I **can**, however, treat people with whom I may disagree with dignity and respect. I **can** refuse to engage in name-calling, character assassination, labeling, etc. I **can** also resist the urge to use any platform of social media to “fan the flames” on some particular issue. I **can** ask myself if I know of anybody anywhere whose mind has been changed because of seeing something on one of those platforms.

I *cannot* undo years and years of racial and/or social injustice. I *cannot* do much about the “systemic racism” that many are saying currently exists in our society. I *cannot* undo decades of unfair treatment that some people have endured merely because of their skin color, economic status, educational attainment, etc.

I **can**, however, realize that every single human being is an eternal soul and is made in the image of God. Hopefully, that will help me treat everybody with dignity and respect.

It seems to me that this sort of “spills over” into how I treat people whose lifestyle is totally foreign to anything that would please God. Seemingly nothing about the lives of some people would in any way indicate a desire to honor Him. I *cannot* undo whatever has caused these people to choose to live as they do. Among other things, I **can** remember how the Lord treated a woman who was brought to Him after being found committing the actual act of adultery. You may remember that, while Jesus in no way condoned her sin, He treated her with much more respect than those “religious leaders” who brought her to Him and were questioning Him about how she should be treated. The fact that Jesus was kind in His treatment did not keep Him from making it clear to her that He expected her to refrain from engaging in sinful activity in the future. I **can** keep the Lord’s actions and attitudes in mind as I deal with others.

You may have your own list of “big picture” problems for which there seem to be no solutions. I’m sure that these few are merely the tip of the iceberg as you view things. Maybe they are not even on your radar screen. I’m just hoping that they are also food for thought.

It may be that all of us, definitely including me, need to commit ourselves to doing positive and helpful things within our own spheres of influence. None of us know what kind of positive effects that may have.

My sphere of influence may radiate out just far enough to connect with your sphere of influence. Maybe your sphere of influence will overlap with another one or two. It could very well be that, if enough of those “little things” we **can** do begin to overlap, some very big problems might diminish. I could even very well be that some of them might actually disappear.

Author: Jim Faughn



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Lead Singing .....	TBD
First Prayer .....	TBD
Reading .....	TBD
Scripture.....	TBD
Lord's Table (N).....	* TBD
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Sermon .....	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....	TBD

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Sermon .....	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....	TBD

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Dismiss.....	TBD

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Un/Lock Building: .....Stanley Graves/Caleb Graves

Prepare Communion: .....TBA

Assist Baptisms: ....Cynthia Duncan & Amy Lawrence

Pantry Item: .....Pancake Syrup

Video .....Clent Kesey

Elder Closing Remarks .....Leonard Clemons

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	180
Bible Study.....	139
P.M. Worship.....	131
Wednesday Bible Study .....	103
Contribution .....	\$6,210

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Doris Hughes (Allen’s father) - River Park Rehab #252  
Brent Pennington (Barbara Witty’s son and Derrick’s brother) - St.Thomas Rutherford

Announcement from the Elders

Two individuals from two different families have tested positive for COVID-19. Both were present in services and Bible classes this past Sunday. We have decided to suspend all services at the building and youth activities until Sunday, August 9. This will allow the 14 days quarantine for those families testing positive and those who have been exposed. Services will continue to be streamed even though there will be no assembly in the building. They will be available on Facebook, YouTube and Ben Lomand. Please pray for those suffering from this illness at this time.

As a word of caution, please do not use any names or speculate on social media. “Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” Matthew 7:12

Communion Packets

The disposable communion packets will be available for pickup at the building on Friday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Summer Series

The East End Church of Christ will have their summer series on Sunday July 26th at 5pm. The topic will be: Do-Overs “Embracing God’s Mercy & Grace”, with speaker Darrin Stapleton.

The Morrison Church of Christ will have their summer series on Tuesday, July 29th at 7:00 PM. The topic will be “The Fruit of the Tree of Life” (from Revelation 22) and their speaker will be Steve Hillis.

FHU Friends Gospel Meeting

The Rockliff Church of Christ is having a unique Gospel Meeting. Each speaker is a current student enrolled at Freed-Hardeman University. This meeting will run from July 26 - July 30th.

Sunday 10am - Bradley Covert (Rockliff)  
Sunday 7pm - Kyle Wilkerson (Ashville Road)  
Monday 7pm - Ethan Edwards (New Johnsonville)  
Tuesday 7pm - Adam Whitley (Graymere)  
Wednesday 7pm - Ethan Courtemanche (Scribner’s Mills)

Youth News and Updates

Due to circumstances beyond anyone’s control, all youth activities have been put on hold until further notice. As soon as activities can safely resume a notification will be sent out.

“Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.” (Matthew 9:35–36 NKJV)

As we are facing these uncertain times let us follow the example of Jesus. When He saw people who were lost or hurting He had compassion for them. We must also express this attitude of compassion, remembering that who we would appreciate compassion shown to us in a similar situation.

Run With Endurance

Over the past few weeks and months, we have all had to try to find things to do that might have been different. Some have done nothing but binge shows on TV or Disney+, while others have land-scaped as if they were trying out for a new show on HGTV.

For one woman in Florida, though, the lockdowns in that state led her to set a new record. She has run a marathon...every day...for over 80 consecutive days. She shattered the old record of 61 consecutive days running a marathon and claims that her plan is to run 100 days in a row.

At first, due to lockdowns, she ran the 26.2 miles on a treadmill, but for the past several weeks she has been able to run outside every day, which is also her plan for finishing out the 100 days.

When reading that story, the first passage that came to mind was Hebrews 12:1, which includes the phrase “run with endurance.” But I want to look at it from a slightly different angle than we usually do.

Typically, when we have lessons on that passage, we are simply reminded that the Christian race is not a sprint; it’s a marathon. That picture is true and needed, because it reminds us of the need for endurance over the course of our life.

But, with the record-breaking runner in mind, what about this thought: is there a sense in which each day can be a marathon?

Are there not days, or even seasons, of our life where each day feels as if we are running on fumes and where just finishing out the day is a success? Are there not times in our Christian lives where get worried each time the phone rings or a text comes through, because it seems as if it is only more bad news or another stressor?

And then...the next day...it’s the same thing again?

How can we handle those times? We follow the same advice, found in the same text. “Looking to Jesus” (Hebrews 12:2).

It is not often, but sprinkled throughout the Gospel accounts, there are times where we have what I like to think of as “a day in the life of Jesus.” Basically His entire schedule for the day is set before us. When we realize that’s what we are reading, we can feel exhausted just considering all He did in one day. (One example is Luke 14:1-17:10. Just go through that section and look at all Jesus did in one day.)

And then the realization hits us: this was probably a fairly typical day in the life of Jesus! (see John 21:25)

My point in this is not to tell us that we are lazy because we aren’t doing as much in a day as did Jesus. Instead, what I want us to know is that Jesus understands these marathon days that we have. He knows the exhaustion. He knows the feeling of going from sunup to sundown, all the while knowing that the next day could very well be the same way.

And, yet, Jesus also is our perfect example in staying focused in those busy, marathon-like days. He never got off track. He never lost sight of His purpose. He even made time to commune with His Father.

If you’re seemingly running one marathon after another, look to Jesus. He understands, but He also shows you how to do it.

Run with endurance.

Author: Adam Faughn

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Dismiss.....TBD

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Reading.....TBD  
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Sympathy  
We extend our sympathy to the family of Johnnie Sue Stiles. She is the sister of our Elsie Newby and Dot Cathey. She was laid to rest on Saturday July 25th. Please keep her family in your prayers.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Williene Kell. She passed away Monday July 27th. Her grave-side service is today (Tuesday) at Mt.View Ceme-tery.

Communion Packets  
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Upcoming Events  
August 2 - Summer Series - East End Church of Christ; 5pm; Topic: Many Parts, One Body: Using Your Talents; speaker: Derrick Stiles

August 2-5 - Gospel Meeting - Smyrna Church of Christ; Robert Jefferies, speaker. Sunday: 9:30am, 10:30am, 1:00pm. Monday-Wednesday: 7:00pm.

August 2-5 - Gospel Meeting - Noah Church of Christ, Manchester; Theme: What Condition Would the Congregation Be in if Everyone served God the Way I Do? - speaker: David Lipe. Sunday 9am, 10am, 1pm. Monday-Wednesday 7pm.

Youth News and Updates

Please continue to be looking for updates and vir-tual activities via the Bybee Branch Youth Group Facebook page. We are making every effort to keep everyone engaged during these uncertain times.

Upcoming Activities

Birthday Wednesday  
Will take place on August 26th after our evening services. We will be celebrating birthdays from March through August. Please make plans to attend and help us celebrate!

Home Devo  
Will take place on August 30th at the home of Caleb and Rachel Graves. The van will leave after services and return between 8:30 PM and 8:45 PM (give or take a few minutes).

Youth Lead Worship Service  
August 30th will be the 5th Sunday of the month. We need volunteers to lead songs, prayer, read Scripture and a few young men to present a SHORT devotional talk. Please see Jason if you are interested in helping out.

Labor Day Youth Madness  
Plans are currently being made for our Labor Day Youth Madness trip. Due to the pandemic this years location will be different than last years trip. Please be patient as we work out the details of this event.

"I will meditate on Your precepts, And contemplate Your ways. I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word."  
Psalm 119:15, 16

August 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27 Ashley Pinegar	28 Don Griffith JEFF & MARY FLATT	29	30 Dachelle McVey TIM & AMANDA GANN	31 Betty McPherson CLENT & LYNETTE KE- SEY Jack Keele	1 Luke Andrews TIM & CINDY FISHER
2 Barbara Witty Rebecca Mullican Skylar Maynard	3 Hayes Fuston	4 Kara Hurst	5	6	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	15 Marty Boles
16 Elmer Rutledge Jamie Griffith Joshua Templeton	17 Brooke Bouldin Willus Roberts	18 Steve Hillis	19 JoAnn Roberts	20	21 Mary Ashford	22 Taylor Mullican
23 Shannon Andrews Thelma Rowland	24 Pamela Turner Phyllis Bailey RUSS & LORI CHILCUTT	25	26 JAMIE & MELISSA BROCK Micah Lawrence Ronnie Bielling	27 Linda Cantrell	28	29 Clent Kesey Doris Wilcher Mahaley Keele
30	31 Brownie Kate Bielling Ethan Pinegar HEATH & JAMIE GRIFFITH	1 Nancy Mayfield Rodney Reynolds	2	3 CHRIS & LORI SNOW Connor Andrews	4	5

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## Sympathy

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## Communion Packets

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## Elder Announcement

Due to the rise of positive cases in the coronavirus, the elders have decided to suspend our services until Sunday, August 30th. We will resume our services on Sunday, August 30th.

## Upcoming Events

August 9 - Summer Series - East End Church of Christ @ 5pm. Topic: The True You: Finding Your Identity in Him; speaker: Justin Reed

## Bible Quiz Question

How long did the sons of Israel live in Egypt (mostly as slaves)?

What was the reason that Israel loved Joseph more than all his other sons?

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## Labor Day Youth Madness

Due to the ongoing spread of the coronavirus and how it has affected our congregation, we have decided to cancel this years LDYM trip.

## H.E.Y.

We will begin our H.E.Y. program in January. All congregations involved felt this would be an adequate amount of time to wait to begin this program safely.

*“When you walk, your steps will not be hindered, And  
when you run, you will not stumble.*

*Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for  
she is your life.” (Proverbs 4:12–13)*

## Be Thankful for Our Elders

Does anyone else remember when “all this” (as people keep saying in the South) was only supposed to last about 2-3 weeks so we could “flatten the curve?” That was in late March!

Frustration is building in so many places, and, in most cases, for good reason. From politics to jobs to sports to school and beyond, decisions have had to be made, changed, updated, and cancelled. It is frustrating to know what we are to do or not do, almost on a daily basis.

But in the midst of all this, leaders of churches—elders in the Lord’s Church—have had to do things they never dreamed they would have to do, and it’s time we made sure we were being grateful. Put yourself in their shoes for a moment. Do you think, just 5 or 6 months ago, that they ever dreamed they would...

- Have meetings about where to have hand sanitizer in the building?
- Be deciding not to have in-person worship or even “gently nudging” some members to stay away from worship?
- Spend time charting case numbers in their state and county?
- Wonder what they were going to do if a member hated wearing (or not wearing) a mask to worship?

And, as you know, the list goes on and on and on. Can you imagine for a moment? Can you just think of how these men—who love souls and want to shepherd souls—must be frustrated with all this? The seemingly endless decisions. The changing state and local policies. The explosion of social media back-and-forth (even among their own members). Today, I’m asking all of us to be grateful for our members.

The longer this goes, the easier it will be for frustration to build. Such is natural and to be expected. But, with more frustration, it becomes easier to lash out at those who do not deserve it. Your elders are doing the best they can to, as one of our elders recently put it, hit a constantly moving target. They are praying (all the time). They are communicating with each other. They are researching. They are...frustrated just like you are!

But they are leading, and they deserve a thank you. Please do not use this time to be negatively critical. You may disagree with something and that’s fine, but, if you must express it, do so lovingly and not negatively. Realize that a mask (or no mask) policy or to have one or two or three services or how well-written an email to the congregation is is no reason to blow up. It’s no reason to think they don’t love you or are not doing their best. It’s no reason to think you “have” to tell them what some other church is doing that you think is better. It’s no reason to not attend—in person or online—or even to change your membership with no explanation whatsoever.

Six months ago, your elders were shepherds and you loved and trusted them. Today, they are still those same men, just with a level of responsibility added to their plate they never asked for and didn’t deserve to have. Still love and trust them. Pray for them. Express your thanks—not your criticism—to them. To elders all over the world, thank you. You’re doing great, even though your decisions are not uniform around the world (nor should they be).

Author: Adams Faughn

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Lead Singing.....TBD  
First Prayer.....TBD  
Reading.....TBD  
Scripture.....TBD  
Lord's Table (N).....\*TBD  
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Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....TBD

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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First Prayer.....TBD  
Reading.....TBD  
Scripture.....TBD  
Lord's Table.....\*TBD  
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Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....TBD

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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First Prayer.....TBD  
Reading.....TBD  
Invitation.....TBD  
Dismiss.....TBD

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Video.....Tommy Turner  
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Bible Study.....TBD  
P.M. Worship.....TBD  
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*Nelma Chilton*  
*Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)*  
*Vicky Woodlee*  
*Judy Nussbaum (fell at home and recovering)*

### In The Hospital:

*Doris Hughes (Allen's father) - Raintree*  
*Brent Pennington (Barbara Witty's son and*  
*Derrick's brother) - St.Thomas Rutherford*

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## Elder Announcement

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## Upcoming Events

On Wednesday, August 19th the Summer Series at the Morrison Church of Christ will beginning at 7pm. The topic will be "The Good and Evil Fruit" from Matt. 7:16-20. Their speaker will be Jeff Collet.

## Bible Quiz Question

In 1 Timothy who did Paul say he handed over to Satan?

Who brought Daniel to the king (in Daniel 2) to interpret the king's dream?

## Youth News and Updates

Please continue to be looking for updates and virtual activities via the Bybee Branch Youth Group Facebook page. We are making every effort to keep everyone engaged during these uncertain times.

## Upcoming Activities

## Bible Around the World Challenge

Recently, Jason had a Bible quiz tournament with the youth group, via text message. It was a single elimination and the kids seemed to really enjoy it. Congratulations to Audrey Andrews for coming out on top as #1!!!

## Youth Lead Worship Service

August 30th will be the 5th Sunday of the month. We need volunteers to lead songs, prayer, read Scripture and a few young men to present a SHORT devotional talk. Please tell Jason if you are interested in helping out.

## Home Devo

Will take place on August 30th at the home of Caleb and Rachel Graves. The van will leave after services and return between 8:30 PM and 8:45 PM (give or take a few minutes).

## H.E.Y.

We will begin our H.E.Y. program in January. All congregations involved felt this would be an adequate amount of time to wait to begin this program safely.

*"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 NKJV)*

## Recovered!

It's difficult to express the profound significance of the term "recovered" to those who have not been sick. As of today (Tuesday) I am able to come off quarantine and am officially in the category of recovered (though I still have the lingering fatigue). The past two weeks with COVID-19 have been tough. Needless to say, this is a troubling illness with some nasty symptoms. However, it has not all been bad.

1. Sickness has a humbling effect on a person. One is forced to realize that there are some things beyond one's control. I cannot just "will" myself to not be sick. Like many others when I was well it was easy to say I wasn't too worried about contracting it. One of my favorite verses in the Bible was spoken by the King of Israel to the King of Syria, "So the king of Israel answered and said, "Tell him, 'Let not the one who puts on his armor boast like the one who takes it off.'" (1 Kings 20:11). God even used a "thorn in the flesh" to teach Paul humility (cf. 2Cor. 12:7).

2. Sickness also provides others opportunities to fill positions they would not otherwise have filled. Everyone must face it, there will be those who will assume our roles when we are no longer able to do them. That principle is true in every area of life. One former elder said, "if you don't think you can be replaced, just die and see what happens." Others get an opportunity to preach and teach. Those who have fulfilled my responsibilities while I have been sick have done a great job.

3. Sickness brings out the best in brethren (and even neighbors). Countless prayers have been prayed, wishes of goodness, cards, calls, texts, etc. have allowed Corretta and me to see the outpouring of love from dear brethren. Untold offers have been extended, food has been left "at the door" and grass has been mowed. "My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth." (1 John 3:18).

4. Too often we don't appreciate what we have until it is taken away. It is usually then that we begin to see the distinction between what is important and what is not. Who cares if you have new clothes if one has no place to wear them?

Having said all of that, I am so ready for this virus to be gone. I want to assemble with my brethren. I want to be able to teach Bible classes. I want to be able to preach and hear a hearty "Amen." I'm ready for the building to be full and looking for others to worship with us. I'm disheartened that I was unable to attend funerals of great folks. I'm recovered but everyone else has not. Our city, county, state, and the country still have many people struggling with the virus. Others will contract it and enduring suffering because of it. Our hearts and prayers are with you as they were with me.

Tony Lawrence

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## Two New Brothers in Christ

Cameron Chilcutt was baptized on Tuesday (8/3)  
Grant Chilcutt was baptized on Wednesday (8/4)

## Upcoming Events

August 23rd - 25th: the 4th Annual Youth Lead Gospel Meeting will be held at the Mt. Leo Church of Christ. This will take place at 7pm each evening. The speakers are as follows: Sunday 8/23 - Kobe Ashford; Monday 8/24 - Elijah Alexander; Tuesday 8/25 - Westin Horn

## Bible Quiz Question

According to Galatians 5, how many fruits of the Spirit are there?

According to Genesis 6, how many animals did Moses take onto the Ark?

Please submit your answers to Jason.

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## Home Devo

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## H.E.Y.

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*“Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.” (Psalm 1:1–3)*

## Called to the Principal's Office

“Mrs. Smith, we need to see Johnny in the principal's office please.” Words like these are usually uttered in a stern tone and send fear into the heart of many elementary students every year. I think it is interesting that we teach children to remember the difference in “principal” and “principle” is that the one ending with “pal” is the person at your school and yet no one wants to be called to their “pal's” office!

Well, let me tell you, it doesn't feel any better as an adult! Now, anyone who knows me well knows how much I respect my principal. She is caring, professional, supportive, and kind. She gives me no reason to fear her. However, earlier today when the office called my phone and said she needed to see me in her office, I felt like one of the 3rd graders I teach! Long story short, she was checking on me and my contact with a student who has tested positive for “the Rona,” as I like to call it. I wound up leaving campus to be on the safe side and will get tested tomorrow.

Here is the connection to a spiritual thought that occurred to me: if it makes me nervous to be called to the principal's office because of her role as an authority figure, how in the world can I stand to face the thought of standing before an all-knowing, all-powerful God on the day of judgment?!

He is kind. He loves me (John 3:16; 1 John 3:16). He doesn't want me—or anyone else—to perish (2 Peter 3:9). He is the God of comfort (2 Cor. 1:3-4), mercy (Romans 11:30-32), and grace (Romans 5:2).

But, you see, I also know the verses that emphasize His justice. He has wrath toward those who are ungodly (Romans 1:18). There are things He hates (Prov. 6:16-19). And He knows everything about me, even those things I might keep hidden from you (1 Cor. 4:5; Heb. 4:13).

So, how do I face that day? If just a trip to the principal's office makes my knees quake, how do I even contemplate standing before the holy God?

**I don't stand alone.** That's it. God has made provision for me not to stand alone in His presence. In fact, when He looks at me, He sees the blood of His Son. And that makes all the difference. Consider the following words from the hymn “Before the Throne of God Above,” written by C. L. Bancroft:

“Because the sinless Savior died,

My sinful soul is counted free;

For God, the Just, is satisfied

To look on Him and pardon me.”

“I will bear the indignation of the Lord because I have sinned against him, until **he** pleads my cause and executes judgment for me...” (Micah 7:9, emphasis added)

Author: Amber Tatum

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Stanley Graves  
Reading .....Matthew Woodside  
Scripture .....Genesis 26:18  
Lord's Table (N) .....\* Larry Flatt  
(S) .....\* Dale Bennett  
(N) .....TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Jason Adams

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Conner Nunley  
Reading .....Levi Jones  
Scripture .....Genesis 1:1-3  
Lord's Table .....\* Brandon Fuston  
.....\* Clent Kesey  
Sermon .....Jason Adams  
Dismiss .....Nathan Turner

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Jeff McVey  
Lead Singing .....Jared Mullican  
First Prayer .....Bruce Pryor  
Reading .....Caleb Graves  
Invitation .....Leonard Clemons  
Dismiss .....Kurt Maynard

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T.D. Owens (Glenda Hughes’ father)  
Juanita Oliver - under Hospice care  
Jimmy and Iva Cunningham

In The Hospital:

Doris Hughes (Allen’s father) - Raintree  
Wanda Carter (Sherry Graves’ mother) - Riverpark  
with broken hip

Elder Announcement

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To all Teachers: If you will be unable to teach your class on Sundays or Wednesdays, please contact Don Griffith or Jaime Brock. Promotion Sunday will be Sunday, September 6, 2020.

Beginning # 36

It is hard to believe that this week completes 35 years of work with this great congregation. There is nothing in my heart but gratitude and appreciation for the kind way you have cared for our family during these years. “You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;” (2 Cor. 3:2).

Tony Lawrence

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Home Devo

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Virtual Activities

Presently there are nine (9) activities available, virtually, that you can participate in. These activities have been posted on the youth Facebook page and sent via text message. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Jason.

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,” (Titus 2:11–12 NKJV)

September 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31 Brownie Kate Bielling Ethan Pinegar HEATH & JAMIE GRIFFITH	1 Nancy Mayfield 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 Harvey	10	11 Danai Gillies	12 Jaxon Rhea
13	14 Janice Foster Lennie Ruth Ke- sey	15	16 CALEB & RACHAEL GRAVES Marc Martin Rylan & Kylan Rhea	17 Doug Hendrixson	18 Amanda Gann Caleb Hughes Chloe Pennington	19
20 Audrey Andrews JERRY & EVA SIMONS	21 Caleb Graves JAMES & DONNA GOOLSBY	22 Layne Mullins	23 Ken Martin	24	25	26 Brooke Kesey
27 Stephanie Jones	28 Harry Felty	29	30 Justin Griffin	1	2	3

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements .....Jason Adams  
Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer .....Willard Dunlap  
Reading .....David McCulloch  
Scripture.....Isaiah 38:1-3  
Lord's Table (N) .....\*Norman Sain  
(S) .....\*Tommy Crouch  
(N) .....TBA  
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Sermon .....Ray Weddington  
Dismiss .....Bobby Ashford

Sunday Evening Worship

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Reading.....Willie Newby  
Scripture .....Nehemiah 1:1-4  
Lord's Table .....\*Stanley Graves  
.....\*Don Griffith  
Sermon .....Jason Adams  
Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

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Dismiss .....Mike Mullins

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Pantry Item: .....Corn  
Video .....Ryan McColloch

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What Are You Losing While Trying To Find Yourself

A lot of trends seem to have begun with my generation. Sadly, not all of them are positive. Many in my generation made fun of our parents and grandparents who basically accepted life as it was; had a job that might not have been “fulfilling,” but which put food on the table; took their marriage vows seriously; and raised their children to be productive members of society. We were taught by many in the fields of entertainment and education that life had to be more than that. While all of us did not “tune in; turn on; and drop out,” we were definitely encouraged to “find ourselves.” That quest that gained momentum during the sixties has produced a philosophy about life that increasingly looks inward instead of outward (and definitely not upward). It seems to me that each succeeding generation has become more and more narcissistic. Now we have people all the way from “the cradle to the grave” with a similar view of life. They believe that life is all about them. Their major concerns are how they can please themselves; how they can be happy; how they can feel fulfilled; etc. In short, more and more people are on a lifelong quest to “find themselves.” It is my observation that many of my friends, some of my family members, and even some brothers and sisters in Christ have lost something of great value in this quest to “find themselves.”Sometimes, that which has been lost can never be regained. That last paragraph could also be written in the present tense. I fear that many whom I know and whom I love are presently losing something of great value as they pursue a career, pleasure, education, sports, and a host of other things in an attempt to “find themselves.” If you are, or even think you could be, one who is trying to find yourself, may I please ask you to consider what you are in danger of losing in that pursuit? While the list below may not be complete, it is my prayer that it will serve as a “wake-up call.”

**Your spouse.** He/she still loves you and really doesn’t know what to do to keep you from destroying a relationship that could be a lot more fulfilling for both of you than it presently is. Do you remember when all you wanted to do was spend time together? Have you “sold” that so that you can find yourself? Is it really worth it?

**Your children.** They did not ask to be brought into this world. They do not need the things that you can buy them, nor do they need all the places you can take them or activities you encourage them to participate in. These can either be attempts to “buy them off” as you find yourself or they may be attempts to help them find themselves. Regardless of which they are, your children do not need them as much as they need **you**.

**Your friends.** I mean your *real* friends: those who used to be (and many still are) with you through the bad times as well as the good; those who would be there for you all through life if you would let them; those who may love you enough to try to tell you some things that you may not want to hear if you would slow down long enough to listen. If you could hear their prayers, you might realize what you are in danger of sacrificing.

**Your reputation.** There are those who remember the “old” you and liked him or her a lot better. He or she had time for others, was fun to be around, and cared about the really important things. Some who are trying to find themselves have ruined their reputation by getting involved in an illegal and/or immoral lifestyle. Others have not gone that far, but their reputation is surely not what it used to be.

**Your health.** Whether it is from overwork, ingesting dangerous substances, sexually transmitted diseases, or any number of other things, far too many have “found themselves” trying in vain to recover the good health they once enjoyed. In many cases, their life is much shorter than it could have been.

**Your soul.** Regardless of what philosophy of life may be adopted by a particular generation, the Bible will always teach that God, not self, must come first. There is not enough room on the throne of one’s heart for two people. The occupant of that throne cannot be God and anybody or anything else. It must be only God. Our lives will have been a total and complete failure if they are spent in any other pursuit than the pursuit of a personal and obedient relationship with Him.

The ultimate quest in life does not have finding ourselves as its goal. The goal of the ultimate and most important quest in life is finding **God**. Is there a chance that you might be trying to find the wrong thing? What are you losing in the meantime?

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Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....Genesis 26:15  
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Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Tim Gann  
Reading.....Noel Pepper  
Scripture.....Acts 10:42-43  
Lord's Table .....\*Randy Griffith  
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## Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the following families:

The family of *James Earl Jones*, father of Jimmy Jones and grandfather of Jesse, Levi and Leah. His service was on August 27.

The family of *Juanita Oliver* (former member at Bybee Branch). Her service was on August 31.

The family of *Joan Hillis*, member at Bybee Branch who has been shut-in. Her service was also on August 31.

The family of *Robert Allen Woods*, father of Star Farless who often attends with us, His service was on August 30.

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## Monday Morning Bible Class

The Monday Morning Bible Class returns this coming Monday, September 14, at 9 AM. Class will cover Revelation 20 with an excursus on Premillennialism.

## Stewardship Workshop

The New Union congregation in Manchester is hosting a stewardship workshop on September 12th. The speaker for this will be Brother Gary Hampton of the Sidwell Road congregation in Jackson, MS. There will also be a Ladies Class, taught by Teresa Hampton, Gary’s wife. This workshop will begin at 9:30 AM.

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## Two New Sisters In Christ

Lauren Hurst was baptized on 8-31-20, following our morning services.

Harper Fuston was baptized on 8-31-20 following our evening services.

## How Close Are You

How often have you heard a statement that “stopped you in your tracks” and really caused you to think? Please allow me to share with you one such statement that had that impact on me.

The statement was only one sentence in a sermon delivered by a preacher, but the impact was so strong that I still remember it years after I heard it. It was also strong enough to make me forget everything else that was said during that sermon.

Here, in its entirety is that statement:

“You, at this very moment, are as close to God as you have chosen to be.”

Could that possibly be true? Is it not the case that most of us think that we would be a lot closer to God if one or more of the following would be the case?

- I was a part of a better church
- My spouse treated me differently
- My job was more rewarding and my boss treated me differently
- I wasn’t so busy
- My family didn’t demand so much of my time
- I had a better education
- I could manage my time more efficiently
- I was younger (or older)
- I could correct some of my own personality issues
- All of the other Christians around me truly acted like Christians
- The society in which I live would be more accepting of God’s standards

The list could go on and on, but you get the point. Often, we sense a distance between ourselves and God, but we look everywhere except within ourselves for the solution. We might even blame God for the distance.

Maybe all of us need to consider just the following two verses from the Bible:

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that **he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

(Hebrews 11:6, KJV, emphasis added)

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you...

(James 4:8)

It looks to me like we *are*, in fact, as close to God right now as we want to be. I cannot blame any distance on anybody else, on circumstances, or even on God.

I will leave it up to those who may read what I’m writing to make whatever application they believe is necessary. I think that my time might be spent profitably by going to the nearest mirror and asking the guy I see,

“How close are you”?

Author: Jim Faughn

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Reading.....Jared Mullican  
Scripture.....Matthew 10:28  
Lord's Table (N) .....\*Leonard Clemons  
(S).....\*Paul Hurst  
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Dismiss.....Russ Chilcutt

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Reading.....Eddie Palmer  
Scripture .....Matthew 6:14-15  
Lord's Table .....\*Caleb Hughes  
.....\*Ken Martin  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Joe Collins

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(Deuteronomy 6:4–9 NKJV)

For Shame

Many of us are familiar with the discussions we have from time to time about the little word “for.” Some people believe that “for” in Acts 2:38 means “because of” and that we are baptized *because* we are already saved. However, “for” can mean “in order to.” We need to understand that the same word (in Greek and English) is found in Matthew 26:28. It is very clear in that passage that Jesus’s blood was not shed *because* sins were already forgiven, but that His blood was shed *in order that* this might be the case.

Lost in this discussion is the fact that “for” can have another meaning. When somebody says that he or she is *for* a particular athletic team, politician, proposal, etc. they are speaking the language of support and allegiance. It is in that sense of the use of the word “for” that I am *for shame*.

I’m old enough to remember when there was such a thing as shame. Sometimes, back in those days, somebody would do something that was considered to be unacceptable behavior and they would be told, “You should be ashamed of yourself.” Some shorter versions of that were, “Shame on you” or “For shame.”

I was recently reminded of something that happened over a decade ago. A young celebrity died mysteriously. (I suppose that “celebrity” is an appropriate word for her. She was among what seems to be a growing number of people in our society who are not famous for any particular accomplishment. They are just famous for being famous.)

As the news of her death was made public, three different men claimed to be the father of her young baby. Of course, none of them was her widower. In fact, one was married to another “celebrity.” Instead of slinking off into some corner because of their disgraceful lifestyles, these men and their lawyers boldly and proudly provided some of the details about their “relationships” with her.

Whatever happened to the day when people who lived like this were not celebrities and their lifestyles were not accepted as normal? Whatever happened to such things as decency, honesty, purity, and modesty?

Whatever happened to shame? Before we get the idea that shame (or a lack thereof) is no big deal, maybe we need to read Jeremiah 6:15: “Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time I punish them, **They shall be cast down**, says the Lord. (emphasis added)

Along with informing us about what God thinks about those who have no shame, this verse also should make us do some serious self-examination. In a section of that verse which I did not highlight, we learn that the people of Jeremiah’s day no longer knew how to blush.

It is not difficult to think of forms of entertainment, what passes for “fashion,” language, jokes that are told, lifestyles and a host of other things that used to cause people to blush. Sadly, it is all too often the case now that these things are accepted. Not only are they accepted, they are promoted (some would even say flaunted). Those who disagree with this type of thinking are criticized, minimized, and ostracized.

Those who continue to hold to and promote God’s standards of decency may be in the minority. That is often the case. At the same time, I believe that, in eternity, all of us will learn that it was important to be **for shame**.

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Gospel Meeting

The Morrison congregation is hosting a gospel meeting from today Sunday, September 27th - Wednesday, September 30th. The speaker for this will be Brother Johnny Fox. Monday through Wednesday will begin at 7:00 PM. Further information is posted on the bulletin board.



"If you're ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns."

Youth News and Updates

Please continue to be looking for updates and virtual activities via the Bybee Branch Youth Group Facebook page. We are making every effort to keep everyone engaged during these uncertain times.

Upcoming Activities

Home Devo

Home Devo will be this Sunday, September 27th, at the home of Rickey and Maggie Hurst, following our evening services. The van will leave after services and return between 8:30PM and 8:45PM. Boys bring a drink and girls bring a dessert.

New Youth Activity

Jason has been brainstorming a new idea for our youth. Be looking for updates as they become available.

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*"Then he said, "The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." (Acts 22:14-16 NKJV)*

October 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
27 Stephanie Jones	28 Harry Felty	29	30 Justin Griffin	1	2	3
4 Barbara Sain	5	6	7 FARRIS & BREN-DA YOUNG	8 Donna Newby Larry Flatt	9	10
11 W.C. & NELMA CHILTON	12 Bruce Pryor  Columbus Day	13 Nelma Chilton	14 Eva Simons Heath Griffith Jeff McVey LARRY & JANE FLATT	15	16 Eli Neale	17 Jennifer Maynard
18	19 Derrick Penning-ton Myra Bell Tucker Gann	20	21	22 Jimmy Jones Sarah Kell	23	24 Bailey Martin Steve Smith
25 Kelly Thaxton Aiden Kesey	26 Barbara Lorance Mary Flatt	27	28 MITCHELL & GLENDA FER-RELL Pat McGuire	29 Cassie McGinness Ayers Justice Woodside Ryo Garibaldi	30	31  Halloween

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Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Stanley Graves  
Reading.....Chris Snow  
Scripture .....Hebrews 4:8-9  
Lord's Table (N) .....\*Tim Fisher  
(S) .....\*TBA  
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Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Kelly Thaxton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Caleb Hughes  
Reading.....Dale Bennett  
Scripture .....Matthew 22:35-36  
Lord's Table .....\*David Chilton  
.....\*TBD  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Darron Dixon

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing.....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer .....Randy Griffith  
Reading .....David McColluch  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Noel Pepper

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Pantry Item: .....Chicken Noodle Soup  
Video .....Micah Lawrence

Elder Closing Remarks .....Leonard Clemons

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Calvin West (Janie Griffin’s step father) Erlanger  
Glenda Ferrell - St. Thomas West

Shut-in:  
Claiborne-Hughes Health Center  
(200 Strahl St, Franklin,TN 37064)  
Dennis Eller

Webb House Retirement Center  
(115 Jennings Ln, Smithville,TN 37166)  
Dorris Hughes - Webb House (Smithville)

Home:  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt’s mother)  
Wanda Carter (Sherry Graves’ mother)  
Marsha Dunlap  
Janice Foster  
Dennis Gann  
Greg Grizzell  
Lynder & Willie Holmes  
Gordon Mayfield  
Daisy Maxwell  
Kathy Neale (Chris’s mother)  
Roberta Parmley  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford’s sister)  
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Zollie Settles

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Dust on your Bible leads to dirt in your life.

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Youth News and Upcoming Events

Bybee Youth Flyer  
The new edition of the Bybee Youth is in the foyer by the bulletins. Please get a copy and stay up to date with the youth group activities.

Bible Bowl  
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“Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.” (Hebrews 13:20–21 NKJV)

Life is Too Short

One of my grandsons was married this year. Another grandson entered the sixth grade. Also, my wife and I will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary later this year. I also signed up for Medicare this year. It just doesn’t seem possible all those events are happening in the same year. It seems like I get up at six in the morning, and before I know it five in the afternoon is upon me. All this has caused me to contemplate life; what the Bible says about the brevity of life and how seriously we need to be to make the most of the life we have. The point of Biblical teaching is that the importance of life is not so much the quantity of years as it is the quality. The Psalmist wrote, “We spend our lives as a tale that is told,” (Ps. 90:9 KJV). What kind of tale is your life telling? In thinking about the quality of our lives, emphasis is placed on making the most of the time we have.

We should pay attention and make the most of our lives on earth. The Psalmist wrote, “So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.” (Psa. 90:12 (NKJV) This is a similar thought Paul expressed when he wrote, “Redeeming our time because the days are evil.” (Eph. 5:16) As we look back on life, do we have any regrets? As we look at the present, are there any changes we need to make? As we look toward the future, is there anything we can do now to affect the future?

We can’t just compare our lives to others by indicating we are better than someone else. Our souls are precious (Mt. 16:26). We should do some serious thinking about where we are spiritually and where we want to be eternally. Peter told the Jews on Pentecost, “Save yourselves” (Acts 2:40). I have to do something because the future will be here before I know it.

We should make the most of our lives because we don’t have long here compared to eternity. Peter described our lives as grass that eventually withers and falls away (1 Pet. 1:24). Life is compared in the Bible to: a sigh (Ps. 90:9); sleep (Ps. 90:5); a shadow (Eccl. 6:12); a moment (2 Co. 4:17); and a weaver’s shuttle (Job 7:6). Many of us can identify with these descriptions. We see how accurate these descriptions are every day we live.

How are we spending our lives? Do we pay more attention to the physical comforts of life than we do the spiritual? Jesus said, “One’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses” (Luke 12:15). Let us be more diligent in our spiritual lives in case death comes too early for us and our lives are cut short.

Author: Bill Brandstatter

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Lead Singing.....Joe Collins  
First Prayer.....Don Griffith  
Reading.....Garrett Woodside  
Scripture.....Joshua 4:20-24  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Jeff Flatt  
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Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Ray Weddington

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing.....Joe Collins  
First Prayer.....Ryan McColloch  
Reading.....Robert Elam  
Scripture.....Luke 17:32-33  
Lord's Table.....\*Norman Sain  
.....\*Doug Hendrixson  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Willard Dunlap

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing.....Tim Fisher  
First Prayer.....Bruce Pryor  
Reading.....Talan Mullican  
Invitation.....Jason Adams  
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## Monday Morning Bible Class

Our next class will be tomorrow, Monday, October 11th beginning at 9:00AM.

## Gospel Meeting

The East Main Church of Christ in Murfreesboro. will be hosting a gospel meeting from Sunday, October 11th - Wednesday, October 14th with Bill Watkins as their guest speaker.

**“God’s grace is hard enough to understand. I don’t want to imagine the wrath of God”**

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### H.E.Y.

The 2021 H.E.Y. season will run from January - May. There is a list of dates and location posted on the youth board. Please sign up if you plan on attending.

### Addendum

Please make sure you sign up for these youth events in a timely manner. Doing this helps the planning process run smoothly and efficiently.

*“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 NKJV)*

## Only Pay For What You Need

I suppose you’ve seen those obnoxious insurance commercials insisting that you should switch to that company because you’ll only pay for what you need. Unless your name is Rip Van Winkle, you know that all insurers let you select the coverage you want. If your vehicle has no loan against it, you aren’t required to have full coverage. Not exactly news, right?

How does “only pay for what you need” apply to our relationship with God? Just how much religion do you need, and what will it cost you?

Some would say they don’t need much at all. “I’m a good person. I don’t drink or cuss or smoke or . . . (you extend the list as far as you like). So why would I need religion?” Let us be reminded: “There is none righteous, no, not one” (Romans 3:10). I doubt that you’re any better than Cornelius (Acts 10), who needed to hear “words by which you and all your household will be saved” (Acts 11:14). Cornelius needed full coverage; so do you!

As to what it will cost you, the premium is astronomical. If you had all the money in the world, you couldn’t start to commence to begin to make a down-payment on the interest! Fortunately for us, Jesus paid the price for our redemption: His blood (1 Peter 1:19).

There is a sense, however in which it will cost you everything. Jesus said, “Whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:33). We’re not talking dollars-and-cents here. We’re talking about dedication and willing surrender to the will of Christ – not half-hearted lip service, but genuine commitment to the Lord.

Jesus paid for everything you need. Do you mean it when you sing, “I surrender all”?

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First Prayer.....Rodney Reynolds  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....Joshua 6:20  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Larry Flatt  
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Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Paul Hurst  
Reading.....Tim Gann  
Scripture.....2Chronicles 25:14-15  
Lord's Table.....\*Ethan Duncan  
.....\*Cory Prince  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Bobby Ashford

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing.....Herb Rowland  
First Prayer.....Willie Newby  
Reading.....Conner Nunley  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
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## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Jerry Flatt, Jeff Flatt’s father. He passed away last week. Please keep his family in your prayers at this time.

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We extend our sympathy to the family of Lillie Loetta Smith, the grandmother of Jennifer Maynard. Her funeral was this past Monday. Please keep his family in your prayers at this time.

“But as for me, my prayer is to You, O Lord, in the acceptable time; O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, Hear me in the truth of Your salvation.” (Psalm 69:13)

## Youth News and Upcoming Events

### Pew Packers

The Pew Packers will meet at 5:00 PM today (Sunday) to sing songs and hear a lesson. All youth are encouraged to attend and help the Pew Packers learn how to sing the youth songs.

### Erupt 2020

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### Challenge Youth Conference

The C.Y.C. trip is on again for February. You need to sign up by December 6th. Jason will also need both male and female chaperones to assist him again. If you are able to go, or chaperone, please sign up.

### 4th Sunday 5PM Singing

We will be meeting at the building at 5PM, on Sunday the 25th, to sing some youth devotional songs. This is opened to anyone who wishes to come (youth and adults). If you have a song you would like to sing, please text Jason and let him know (931-743-0495).

### Time Sensitive

C.Y.C, Bible Bowl and Erupt are time sensitive. Please sign up A.S.A.P.

“But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection.” (Colossians 3:14)

## From the Elders of the Bybee Branch church of Christ

Eight men are being placed before the congregation to serve as Deacons.

We are extremely fortunate to have so many faithful young men to serve.

Paul said in I Timothy 3:8–12: “Likewise deacons must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being found blameless. Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.”

The Elders feel that all these men meet the qualifications to serve as Deacons

The men being placed before the congregation are as follows:

1. Brandon Fuston
2. Tim Gann
3. Caleb Graves
4. Paul Hurst
5. Clent Kesey
6. Micah Lawrence
7. Jared Mullican
8. Mike Mullins

The Elders ask if you know of any scriptural reason why any of these men should not serve as a Deacon that you put it in writing and sign your name to it, and give it to one of the Elders no later than October 23rd. If no scriptural objections are made these men will be installed as Deacons on October 25th.

They have a great responsibility, Paul said I Timothy 3:13 “For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.”

Please pray for these men that they may serve well. Also please pray for the Eldership that we may always make the right decisions to keep this congregation united and faithful to God.

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**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
Reading.....Keith Chilcutt  
Scripture.....Deuteronomy 7:1-2  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Brandon Fuston  
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Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Jason Adams

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First Prayer.....Mike Mullins  
Reading.....Joe Collins  
Scripture.....2Chronicles 19:2  
Lord's Table.....\*Tommy Crouch  
.....\*Danny Duncan  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Kurt Maynard

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing.....Jared Mullican  
First Prayer.....Matthew Woodside  
Reading.....Tommy Turner  
Invitation.....Tim Fisher  
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Pantry Item: .....Peas (canned)

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## Prayer Request

Stephanie Jones' mother, Kym Jones, will be having surgery on Monday, October 26th at St. Thomas Rutherford. Please keep her in your prayers.

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to three families touched by death this week. To the family of *Dorris Hughes*, Allen Hughes' father. His service was this past Sunday. To the family of *Alan Niles*, father of our Annie Niles. He passed away this past week. And, sympathy to the family of *Stacey Bonner*, daughter of former elder Bob and Melba Bonner. Please keep all these families in your prayers.

## Homecoming

The Central congregation will be having a homecoming on November 1st, with Kirk Brothers as the guest speaker. Further information is on the bulletin board.

## Ladies Day

The Hwy 56 congregation will be having a ladies day on November 7th. Further information is on the bulletin board.

## Elders-Deacons Meeting

This Sunday evening at 5 PM.

## Men's General Business Meeting

This Sunday evening following evening services.

## Daily Bible Reading Calendars

These calendars are available in the foyer. Please pass them out to your friends and family.

## Youth News and Upcoming Events

### 4th Sunday 5PM Singing

We will be meeting at the building, TODAY at 5PM, to sing some youth devotional songs. This is opened to anyone who wishes to come (youth and adults). If you have a particular youth song you would like to sing, please text Jason and let him know (931-743-0495).

## Home Devo

Home Devo will be this evening at the home of Micah and Amy Lawrence. The church van will leave after services and return between 8:30PM and 8:45 PM. Boys bring drinks, girls bring desserts.

## Birthday Wednesday

Our Birthday Wednesday celebration will be this Wednesday, October 28th following our Pm services.

## Challenge Youth Conference

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*"But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection." (Colossians 3:14)*

## Out of Exile

In 586 B.C., God's people were carried off into Babylon to spend the next 70 years as exiles. This captivity was an act of discipline by God upon his people to wake them up out of their sin...and it worked. Seventy years later, when they came out of exile and returned to their homeland, they were changed people and had learned at least the following three points:

The Importance of the Assembly. When Solomon's temple was destroyed, and they no longer had a place to assemble and worship together, they apparently missed these assemblies. The synagogue that we read so much about in the New Testament was born during the exile. These people realized that they needed to assemble, study together, encourage each other, and be a community, thus they built synagogues. The command to assemble isn't an arbitrary hoop to jump through, but something that has genuine value, and that value was more greatly appreciated when it was taken away from them.

The Importance of God's Word. Imagine what it must have been like for up to three generations of people who had never worshiped as God commanded. Many being ignorant of what his commandments were. So, when they came out of exile, notice what they did. 1) They asked for the Book of the Law to be read; 2) They stood in respect when the book was opened; 3) They listened from the morning light till mid-day as the book was read; 4) They listened attentively (Nehemiah 8:1-5). Their hunger for God's word is apparent by what they did.

The Importance of Discipline. The Bible informs us that this captivity was the work of God. He was disciplining his children, and they seemed to have learned their lesson. When they came out of exile, the first thing they did was erect an altar to the Lord and worshiped day and night (Ezra 3). Troubles and hardships seem to reprioritize our life's focus.

When I consider these three lessons learned during Judah's exile, I can't help but think of our momentary "exile" due to this pandemic. Have we been discomforted enough to realize the importance of the assembly, and that meeting together is not just an arbitrary hoop to jump through, but a vital part of our walk with God? Have we realized how important God's word is and sought out ways to hear it? And while none can authoritatively say that this pandemic is a discipline from God, can we not still learn from it? Have the hardships driven you to reprioritize your life?

If so, good! As bad as this time has been, maybe the end result will make us better people. Give it some thought.

By Steve Higginbotham

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements .....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Kurt Maynard  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture .....Joshua 10:16-17  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Dale Bennett  
(S) .....\*TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Bobby Ashford

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements .....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Ray Weddington  
Reading.....Davis Chilton  
Scripture .....Acts 26:23-28  
Lord's Table .....\*Cory Prince  
.....\*Bruce Pryor  
Sermon .....Jason Adams  
Dismiss .....Herb Rowland

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements .....Rickey Hurst  
Lead Singing.....Jason Adams  
First Prayer .....Willie Newby  
Reading .....Ken Martin  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Noel Pepper

Welcome Committee

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Brandon Fuston at (931) 235-3248*

Ushers:.....Dwight Barrett, Tim Gann, Stan Hillis  
Un/Lock Building:.....Randy Griffith/David McColloch  
Prepare Communion: .....TBD  
Assist Baptisms: .....Mary Flatt & Barbara Witty  
Pantry Item: .....Canned Chicken Chunks  
Video .....Clent Kesey

Elder Closing Remarks .....Jamie Brock

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Lectureship  
On Saturday, November 7th, the Campaign Church of Christ, in Rock Island, will be having a their annual Bible lectureship. The list of speakers, times, and topic is posted on the bulletin board.

Gospel Meeting  
The Leoni congregation will be having a gospel meeting from Sunday, November 8th - Wednesday, November 11th with Brother Victor Eskew. The meeting times and lesson titles are posted on the bulletin board.

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Youth News and Upcoming Events

Spiritual Weekend Warriors  
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C.Y.C. Informational Meeting  
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“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 1:5—8 )

November 2020						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Philip Brock  Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	10 Ashley Vandagriff	11 Jacob Graves	12 Franklin Brooks Helen Morgan Rodney Maynard	13 Iva Cunningham Stephen Felty	14 Bruce Nunley Russ Chilcutt
15	16 Blake Delong	17	18 David King Leah Vandagriff LEONARD & AVIE CLEMONS	19	20 Ronnie Hoover	21 Lori Snow Talan Mullican
22	23 McKenzie Hillis Olivia Rubley	24 Elaine Hoover	25	26 Anna Jean Bond	27 Joe Collins Willie Newby	28 Corretta Lawrence
29 WILLUS & EDITH ROBERTS	30 Stefanie McColloch	1 Susan Pryor	2	3	4 Zollie Settles	5 Matthew Woodside

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Scripture.....TBA  
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Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Matthew Woodside

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Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Rickey hurst  
Reading.....Joe Collins  
Scripture.....TBA  
Lord's Table.....\*Ryan McColloch  
.....\*Mike Mullins  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Jared Mullican

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Rickey Hurst  
Lead Singing.....Paul Hurst  
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Reading.....Talan Mullican  
Invitation.....Larry Flatt  
Dismiss.....Jeff Flatt

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Prepare Communion:.....TBD  
Assist Baptisms:.....Mary Flatt & Barbara Witty  
Pantry Item:.....SpaghettiOs/Ravioli  
Video.....Clent Kesey  
  
Elder Closing Remarks.....Stanley Graves  
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June Crouch - St Thomas Rutherford

## Shut In

### Home

Phyllis Brasher (Mary Platt’s mother)  
Wanda Carter (Sherry Graves’ mother)  
Marsha Dunlap  
Janice Foster  
Dennis Gann  
Greg Grizzell  
Lynder & Willie Holmes  
Gordon Mayfield  
Daisy Maxwell  
Kathy Neale (Chris’s mother)  
Roberta Parmley  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Barbara Pryor (Bruce’s mother)  
Willus & Edith Roberts  
Zollie Settles

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## Address Update

Bruce & Susan Pryor  
4509 Fountain Grove Rd  
Morrison, TN 37357

## Monday Morning Bible Class

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## Bible Bowl at Hwy 56

Bible Bowl is only three weeks away! Please make sure you are reading 2 Timothy 1-4 and studying the memory verses.

## Bible Bowl Study Session

There will be a final study session for the Bible Bowl. On Sunday, December 6th we will go eat lunch together (at Dairy Queen) then head back to the building to study before we head to Hwy 56. There is a sign up sheet on the youth board for those wanting to attend this.

## Challenge Youth Conference

There is still time to join the group that is going to CYC in February. So far there are 17 going (including six chaperones). Please see Jason for further details about this trip.

“Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby,”  
(1 Peter 2:1–2 NKJV)

## The Mind of Christ

Stephen Hawking, a great physicist, died on the anniversary of the birth of Albert Einstein, another great physicist from the past century. I have always admired those individuals who demonstrate great intellect. Wouldn’t it be fascinating to understand the complexities of the cosmos, from the tiniest quark, to the furthest and remotest quasar, in the same manner as Albert Einstein or Stephen Hawking? Or would you not have liked to witness in person Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton as they debated the role the Federal government should have in the lives of the People? Or how intriguing would it have been to sit at the feet of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle, giving ear to the philosophical discussions taking place in ancient Athens! As interesting as all these men seem to be, there is One Whose wisdom and intellect puts all others to shame, and that is our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Regardless of the circumstances He faced, whether it was from one of the groups seeking to trip Him up such as the Pharisees and the Sadducees, or even when He was being confronted and tempted by the Great Adversary, Satan himself, Jesus was always able to face them all by leaning upon the word of God and saying, "It is written."

We, too, can gain in wisdom as Christians by following the precepts of Christ, even to the point of having the mind of Christ: "For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ." (1 Corinthians 2:16) We have the mind of Christ by engaging in a study of His word. Not only will we have the mind of Christ, we will have eternal life: "Truly, truly, I say unto you, if a man keep My word, he shall never see death" (John 8:51). Paul also wrote to Timothy, saying, "Give diligence to present yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15).

By spending time in the word of God, and focusing on His Son and "...whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things," (Philippians 4:8), we will be able to then "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God" (Colossians 3:16).

By David R. Ferguson

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Jason Adams  
Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer .....Tim Fisher  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture .....Joshua 24: 15  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Ronnie Hoover  
(S) .....\*TBA  
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Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Danny Duncan

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer .....Micah Lawrence  
Reading .....Caleb Hughes  
Scripture .....Matthew 25:31-33  
Lord's Table .....\*Jamie Brock  
.....\*Ethan Duncan  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Norman Sain

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Rickey Hurst  
Lead Singing .....Herb Rowland  
First Prayer .....Brandon Fuston  
Reading .....Conner Nunley  
Invitation .....Jason Adams  
Dismiss .....Leonard Clemons

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Hilda McNees (friend of Vickey Woodlee)  
Iva Cunningham  
Flossie Warren  
Jean Ware

### In The Hospital

Jean Martin - NHC McMinnville  
Jimmy Barnes - St Thomas Rutherford  
Harold Cook- St Thomas Rutherford

## Shut-In Update

Jean Anderson, Cindy Fisher’s mother is now at the Webb House here in McMinnville, room # 109A.

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of brother Jimmy Cunningham. He passed late Monday evening. Arrangements are incomplete.

## Prayer Request

Please keep sister Flossie Warren in your prayers. She began treatments this past week.

## Daily Bible Reading Calendars

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## New Brothers in Christ

Travis Adams was baptized on October 25th. Lincoln Sain was baptized on October 30th.

## School of Bible Emphasis

The Mt. Leo Church of Christ will be conducting their School of Bible Emphasis now thru April 2021. Classes will be the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month in their Education Building at 7:00PM.

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## Pew Packers

Pew Packer will meet today, Sunday, November 15th at 5:00 PM here at the building.

## Birthday Wednesday

Birthday Wednesday will be this coming Wednesday, November 18th following our services.

## 4th Sunday 5PM Singing

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## Home Devo

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*“And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth,” (2 Timothy 2:24–25 NKJV)*

## The Cold Within

I am often amazed by what I find when I am actually looking for something else. Recently, while I was going through some of my old material, I found the poem below. It is only very loosely connected to what I was working on.

After thinking about it for a while I realized that, while the poem may not have been really connected to what I was working on, it actually does connect to all of us. I believe that is true regardless of where we are in life or the situation(s) in which we find ourselves.

I hope that you will do as I’ve done. I’ve read it and read it and read it again. I’ve also “looked into the mirror of my life” every time I’ve read it.

I had actually forgotten about the poem. I’m hoping that doesn’t happen again. Whether or not I remember all of the words, I hope I never forget the message. More than that, I pray that the message of the poem will have an impact on how I treat others.

By Jim Faughn

### The Cold Within

Six humans trapped in happenstance  
In dark and bitter cold,  
Each one possessed a stick of wood,  
Or so the story’s told.

Their dying fire in need of logs,  
The first woman held hers back,  
For of the faces around the fire,  
She noticed one was black.

The next man looking across the way  
Saw not one of his church,  
And couldn’t bring himself to give  
The fire his stick of birch.

The third one sat in tattered clothes.  
He gave his coat a hitch,  
Why should his log be put to use,  
To warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought  
Of the wealth he had in store,  
And how to keep what he had earned,  
From the lazy, shiftless poor.

The black man’s face bespoke revenge  
As the fire passed from sight,  
For all he saw in his stick of wood  
Was a chance to spite the white.

The last man of this forlorn group  
Did naught except for gain,  
Giving only to those who gave,  
Was how he played the game.

The logs held tight in death’s still hands,  
Was proof of human sin,  
They didn’t die from the cold without,  
They died from the cold within.

by James Patrick Kinney

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First Prayer.....Mike Mullins  
Reading.....Eddie Palmer  
Scripture.....TBA  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Allen Hughes  
(S).....\*TBA  
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Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Caleb Graves

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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First Prayer.....Jason Adams  
Reading.....David McColloch  
Scripture.....TBA  
Lord's Table.....\*Larry Flatt  
.....\*Doug Hendrixson  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Kelly Thaxton

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**Special Service**

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Pantry Item: .....Peanut Butter

Video .....Clent Kesey

Elder Closing Remarks .....Don Griffith

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship .....152  
Bible Study.....130  
P.M. Worship.....113  
Wednesday Bible Study .....107  
Contribution .....\$5991

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# Service Survey Forms

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# Monday Morning Bible Class

Due to the upcoming holiday, the next Monday Morning Bible Class will meet on Monday, December 14th.

# School of Bible Emphasis

The Mt. Leo Church of Christ will be conducting their School of Bible Emphasis now thru April 2021. Classes will be the 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month in their Education Building at 7:00PM.

Please help us keep the sick and shut-in list updated. If you or some of your family are sick, please call the office so we can put them on the list for prayers.We don’t want to leave anyone out. Thanks in advance!

# Youth News and Updates

## 4th Sunday 5PM Singing

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## Monthly Activities

Home Devo, Birthday Wednesday and Pew Packers are over for 2020.We will resume these activities in January 2021.

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## Bible Bowl Study Session

We will be having a study session as one last hoo rah before we head out to Bible Bowl! We will have lunch at Dairy Queen \*(BYOM), then return to the building to study one final time for the test.This will take place IMMEDIATELY after service on December 6th! Please sign up by December 2nd. The church van will be used as transportation. (\*Buy Your Own Meal)

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“The Lord your God in your midst,The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.”” (Zephaniah 3:17)

# The Message Remains the Same

An older gentleman in Canada was working on his property recently when he noticed something stuck in the mud by a lake. He decided to pick it up, since it was obviously just trash, but noticed something about the object.

It was a simple green bottle, but there was a sheet of paper inside. After opening the bottle, he read the note, which was written by a then-13-year-old girl who had vacationed on the other side of the lake and was simply putting a “message in a bottle” out there for the fun of it.

It was written 32 years ago, but the man read the note and actually found the now 45-year-old woman to talk about it!

A story like that one can make us smile, but it also makes me wonder: why can we believe that a random note in a bottle will not change over 3 decades, but some believe that the Almighty God of the universe cannot keep His message from changing throughout time?

In 2 Kings 22, we are told of the reign of Josiah and some of the restorations he made. Beginning in verse 8 of that chapter, we read about the high priest, Hilkiah, finding “the Book of the Law in the house of the Lord.” This discovery was told to Josiah, and the king desired for the scroll to be read.After hearing the reading, the king asked for some help in knowing what to do. He said,

Go, inquire of the Lord for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found. For great is the wrath of the Lord that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not obeyed the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.

(2 Kings 22:13-14)

Why was Josiah so concerned? After all, a tremendous amount of time had passed—measured in centuries—since the law had been given to Moses, and a very long time had transpired since it had been written on this scroll that was found. Didn’t that time and the shifting sands of culture change the law of God and the meaning for people’s lives by the days of Josiah? Not one bit.

And, today, though centuries have passed since God’s Word was written by inspired authors, the message remains the same. Cultures may change and moral systems may come and go, but the written standard of God has never changed a single bit.What was right when the pens of inspiration were set down is still right, and what was wrong then is wrong now. God’s love nor His wrath have waxed or waned in the least. Heaven and hell are still the only destinies of each soul.

That being true, don’t you think it’s time we made sure we have not lost the book of God, and don’t you think it’s time we made sure we are following it will full and wholehearted devotion?

“The word of the Lord remains forever.” (1 Peter 1:25)

By Adam Faughn

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Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Ryan McColloch  
Reading.....Chris Snow  
Scripture.....Luke 11:1  
Lord's Table (N) .....\*Ken Martin  
(S) .....\*TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
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Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Willard Dunlap

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Lincoln Sain  
First Prayer .....Travis Adams  
Reading.....Talan Mullican  
Scripture.....1 Timothy 4:12-16  
Lord's Table .....\*Micah Lawrence  
.....\*Paul Hurst  
Sermon.....Jason Adams  
Dismiss .....Conner Nunley

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Rickey Hurst  
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Video .....Clent Kesey

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We also express our sympathy to the family of Mary Jane Woodlee, sister-in-law to our Nelma Chilton and Nona Martin. A private service will be held for the family only.

We also express our sympathy to the family of Jimmy Barnes. He passed away Monday. No arrangements were available at this writing.

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Space Heaters Borrowed

Would those who have borrowed the space heaters for the classrooms kindly return them. They are needed as the weather has turned colder.

Youth News and Updates

5th Sunday Service

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29 WILLUS & EDITH ROBERTS	30 Stefanie McColloch	1 Susan Pryor	2	3	4 Zollie Settles	5 Matthew Woodside
6 DENNIS & JANICE FOSTER  Bible Bowl 2 PM At Hwy 56	7	8 Howard Witty Irene Lawrence	9 LARRY & ZELLA COOK	10 Kane Maynard	11 Brandi Wilcher	12 Anna Grace King Iona King
13 Jenny Pennington Stan Hillis	14 Jane Wilcher Jenna Kate Mullins  Monday Morning Bible Class Breakfast at 8 AM	15 Jamie Brock	16	17	18	19
20 Christine Gribble	21 Don Sullivan	22	23 Norman Sain	24	25	26 JOE & MARSHA COLLINS
27 Dale Bennett NORMAN & BARBARA SAIN	28 Gordon Mayfield	29 Edith Roberts Emma Hillis	30 Jamison Brock	31 BRUCE & WANDA NUNLEY Linda Hamilton LYNN & HEATHER GANN Megan Patton	1 Jason Vandagriff TOMMY & GAIL CROUCH	2

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Bruce Pryor  
Reading.....Joe Collins  
Scripture.....Hebrews 2:12  
Lord's Table (N) .....\*Rickey Hurst  
(S) .....\*TBA  
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Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Dale Bennett

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Willard Dunlap  
Reading .....Ethan Duncan  
Scripture.....2Corinthians 3:1  
Lord's Table .....\*Corey Prince  
.....\*Jeff Flatt  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Rodney Reynolds

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Matthew Woodside  
Lead Singing.....Herb Rowland  
First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
Reading.....Nathan Turner  
Invitation .....Ray Weddington  
Dismiss.....Larry Cook

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Video .....Tommy Turner

Elder Closing Remarks .....Jamie Brock

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None known

## Shut Ins

### NHC McMinnville

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Jean Martin (Angie Caldwell's aunt)

### Webb House

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Jean Henderson #109A (Cindy Fisher's mom)

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Phyllis Brasher (Mary Platt's mother)  
Wanda Carter (Sherry Graves' mother)  
Marsha Dunlap  
Janice Foster  
Dennis Gann  
Greg Grizzell  
Lynder & Willie Holmes  
Gordon Mayfield  
Daisy Maxwell  
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)  
Roberta Parmley  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Barbara Pryor (Bruce's mother)  
Willus & Edith Roberts  
Zollie Settles

## Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Sandra Wimberly, sister-in-law of Jean Clendenon. Her services were held this past Friday. Please keep her family in your prayers. Her husband Phillip has been attending with us recently.

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## Returning Thanks

Many years ago two boys were working their way through Stanford University. Their funds got desperately low, and the idea came to them to engage Paderewski, the great Polish pianist, for a piano recital. They would use the funds to help pay their board and tuition. The great pianist's manager asked for a guarantee of \$2,000. The guarantee was a lot of money in those days, but the boys agreed and proceeded to promote the concert. They worked hard, only to find that they had grossed only \$1,600.

After the concert the two boys told the great artist the bad news. They gave him the entire \$1,600, along with a promissory note for \$400, explaining that they would earn the amount at the earliest possible moment and send the money to him. It looked like the end of their college careers.

"No, boys," replied Paderewski, "that won't do." Then, tearing the note in two, he returned the money to them as well. "Now," he told them, "take out of this \$1,600 all of your expenses, and keep for each of you 10 percent of the balance for your work. Let me have the rest."

The years rolled by -- World War I came and went. Paderewski, now Premier of Poland, was striving to feed thousands of starving people in his native land. There was only one man in the world who could help him - he was in charge of the U.S. Food and Relief Bureau. He quickly agreed to help and soon thousands of tons of food were sent to Poland.

After the starving people were fed, Paderewski journeyed to Paris to thank the man for the relief he had sent.... "That's all right, Mr. Paderewski," was his reply. "Besides, you don't remember it, but you helped me once when I was a student at college, and I was also in trouble." The man's name? Herbert Clark Hoover, 31st President of the United States of America." \*

Paderewski, with great generosity and kindness, was able to help a couple of struggling college students. Years later, one of those college students was able to say "Thank you" by assisting Paderewski and his people in a great time of need. It is a wonderful thing to be able to return thanks for a noble action done on behalf of another.

Friend, something has been done for YOU! You didn't ask for it, but you desperately needed it. It happened long before you were born, but you may still benefit greatly by the action of a loving, generous Person. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Because of OUR grievous condition due to our sin, the kind and loving Heavenly Father gave us His Son to die on the cross for our sins (Romans 5:8). Because of this great Sacrifice, we may have forgiveness from our sins (Ephesians 1:7) and the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

How can we return thanks for this indescribable Gift and receive those blessings? By our humble submission to His will: believing and trusting Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turning from our sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) in His name for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38). Then we can continue to show our gratitude by seeking to live obediently to His will for the rest of our lives (John 14:15).

Friend, a great thing has been done for you: Jesus died for you so that you might live. Won't YOU "return thanks" by giving your life to Him?  
By David A. Sargent

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements .....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing .....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer .....Matthew Woodside  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....2Corinthians 8:5  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Ryan McColloch  
(S).....\*TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
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Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....David Chilton

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements .....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing .....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer .....Tim Fisher  
Reading.....Tim Gann  
Scripture .....Psalms 12:1  
Lord's Table .....\*Allen Hughes  
.....\*Caleb Hughes  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Herb Rowland

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements .....Matthew Woodside  
Lead Singing .....Jared Mullican  
First Prayer .....Don Griffith  
Reading.....Travis Adams  
Invitation .....Jason Adams  
Dismiss .....Clent Kesey

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## Monday Morning Bible Class

The final class of this year will be on Monday, December 14th beginning at 9:00 AM. The planned breakfast at 8:00 AM has been POSTPONED due to virus concerns. Hopefully we can enjoy a breakfast together sometime early next year.

## Service Survey Forms

Please remember to fill out the service forms. Once you have done this, please give them to Brandon Fuston, Mike Mullins or Jared Mullican.

## Daily Bible Calendars

There are still plenty of calendars available outside Jason’s office. Please pick some up and give them to your friends and family.

## Holiday Gift Giving

The youth will be spreading a little bit of holiday cheer this month. They will be providing a gift and some holiday cheer to the shut-ins of our congregation. If anyone would like to make a monetary donation for this effort, please see one of the elders or Jason.

*“And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”*  
(Galatians 6:9–10 NKJV)

## Youth News and Updates

### Fun at Jason’s

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## Ten Misplaced Desires

Maybe you've heard the story about three old friends who were shipwrecked on a deserted island. After nearly a year of being castaways, a bottle floated up on the beach. One of the men opened it, and out popped a genie granting one wish to each of the three friends. Without any hesitation, the first friend said, "I wish I were back home in Knoxville." Poof! He was gone. The second friend immediately said, "I wish I were back home in Knoxville, too." Poof! Immediately he was gone. The third man was more deliberate. He told the genie he wanted to think about it a bit longer to make sure he didn't waste his wish. After a full two months of isolation on the island, he said to the genie, "I've reached my decision. Over the past two months I've come to realize how much I miss my friends. It's been so lonely here without them, so I wish my two friends were back here with me." And poof! (Groan here).

I believe we can all recognize the misplaced desire this man had. The desire for companionship with his friends was noble, but that desire was misplaced if it meant calling them back to the island. But now, before we laugh at this man we had better realize that sometimes, we too have misplaced desires; good and noble desires, but they can be misplaced due to context. Let me offer ten misplaced desires we sometimes have.

- We want a Savior, but we don't want a Lord.
- We want a crown, but we don't want a cross.
- We want a harvest, but we don't want to sow any seed.
- We want to go to Heaven, but we don't want to go to church.
- We want to grow spiritually, but we don't want to feed on his word.
- We want Hollywood to "clean up its act," but we don't want to stop watching.
- We want the right to pray, even in school, but we don't want to pray.
- We want the 10 Commandments posted, but we don't want to live by their moral principles.
- We want to love God, but we don't want to abhor sin.
- We want to die the death of the righteous, but we don't want to abandon the lifestyle of the sinner.

The man who wanted his friends to rejoin him on that deserted island was pretty short-sighted, but not nearly as short-sighted as those whose wants are identified above. Give it some thought.

By Steve Higginbotham

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer .....Chris Snow  
Reading .....Danny Duncan  
Scripture .....Acts 20:7-8  
Lord's Table (N) .....\*Jared Mullican  
(S) .....\*TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
(N) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
(S) .....TBA  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Darron Dixon

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer .....Larry Flatt  
Reading .....Mike Mullins  
Scripture .....Acts 8:46-38  
Lord's Table .....\*Micah Lawrence  
.....\*Jason Adams  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Leonard Clemons

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Matthew Woodside  
Lead Singing .....Jason Adams  
First Prayer .....Jeff Flatt  
Reading .....Talan Mullican  
Invitation .....Rickey Hurst  
Dismiss .....Noel Pepper

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Special Prayer Request

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“If you’re ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns.”

“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.”  
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“Going to Church”

For most of us, the idea of “going to church” is as much a part of our lives as eating lunch. Attending the worship services is something that is important to many people, and they feel as if something is missing if for some reason they miss attending worship. But there is an important question: Do you enjoy “going to church?”

There are many people who always look forward to Sunday. They genuinely enjoy taking advantage of the opportunity to worship God each Lord’s Day. They arrive ready to worship and leave feeling uplifted or at least challenged to use that week to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and labor in His vineyard. These people never complain about the weather, the preacher, the temperature in the auditorium, the crying babies, or their own ailments. They make it a point to arrange their schedules so that nothing will hinder them from being in attendance. They sing whole-heartedly, listen intently, give generously and commune thoroughly with their Lord and their brethren.

On the other hand there are those few who are never satisfied with “going to church.” They seem to find something wrong with everything and everybody. They seem bored with the services. They never sing, never give and never spend any time in fellowship with their brothers and sisters in Christ. One preacher commented that there was a brother who slept through every sermon. The preacher blamed himself until he realized that this brother was asleep before he had ever said a word. According to this preacher, “He may not have received much spiritual uplift from the services, but he always left refreshed.”

The question is: Why are some like the Psalmist who said, “I was glad when they said to me, Let us go into the house of the Lord” (Psalm 122:1), while others are like the people in Malachi’s day who complained, “Behold what a weariness is it!” (Malachi 1:13)? Is it the way in which the services are conducted? That is possible, but my experience has been that that is rarely the problem. The problem is almost always one of attitude. Preparation for Sunday worship should begin on Monday and continue until worship time begins. If we tune our hearts to prepare and provide the Lord with a proper spiritual sacrifice, then each Sunday will be seen as a blessing, yet one more opportunity to praise the God of our salvation. It is also true that our interest in and appreciation of worship is in direct proportion to how much we have invested in it. Think what God has invested in us. Let us, then, worship gladly.

By Robert N. Lambert

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Lead Singing .....Larry Cook  
First Prayer .....Bobby Ashford  
Reading.....Robert Elam  
Scripture .....TBA  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Paul Hurst  
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(S) .....TBA  
Sermon.....TBA  
Dismiss .....Leonard Clemons

Sunday Evening Worship

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First Prayer .....Kurt Maynard  
Reading .....Caleb Graves  
Scripture .....TBA  
Lord's Table .....\*Eddie Palmer  
.....\*Kelly Thaxton  
Sermon.....TBA  
Dismiss .....Ray Weddington

Wednesday Bible Study

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Reading.....Conner Nunley  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Norman Sain

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Jeff Flatt

## In The Hospital

none known

# Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Gwen Bristow, mother of Corretta Lawrence. She died early Saturday morning from complications of the COVID virus. There will be a private service for the family on Tuesday in Minden, Louisiana.

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# Announcement From Elders

The elders have decided that due to the dramatic rise of COVID cases in Warren County along with the fact that several members have tested positive that classes this Wednesday night (Dec. 23) and next Sunday morning (Dec. 27) will be canceled at the building. Also there will be no Sunday evening service at the building on Dec. 27. The Sunday morning worship at 9 AM will be as normal. Please look for a posting of recorded lessons this Wednesday evening and this coming Sunday evening on Facebook and Youtube. Wearing of masks and social distancing is encouraged.

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*“For You are my hope, O Lord GOD;  
You are my trust from my youth.”  
Psalm 71:5*

# Fact versus Fiction on the Birth of Christ

This time of year there is a heightened focus on the birth of Christ. Nativity scenes appear in numerous places while some churches go all out with plays, performances and religious services. In this case it would be much better if people would just “read the book,” the Bible. However, those reading the Bible often bring their “traditions” with them as they read.

A searching soul called the other day and wanted to discuss the Bible teaching on the birth of Christ. He had read the Bible accounts and was baffled by what he read when it did not agree with what he saw being portrayed by religious groups. I mentioned one must separate fact from fiction regarding the birth of Christ. We do know there have always been those willing to construct “cunningly devised fables” (2Pet 1:16). I ask you to consider some Facts versus Fiction regarding the birth of Christ.

## Facts:

1. His birth was the subject of prophecy - Isaiah 7:14; Micah 5:2
2. It happened when God intended for it to happen, at the right time - Galatians 4:4
3. It was announced prior to His birth - Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-38
4. The time was during the reign of the Roman Emperor Augustus (nephew of Julius Caesar). It was also dated during the time that Quirinius was governor of Syria - Luke 2:1-2
5. Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem (his ancestral home) to pay tax at census - Luke 2:3-5
6. The large number produced a room shortage so they had to stay in an animal stable. It was here that Mary's time came due to deliver - Luke 2:6
7. Jesus was wrapped in “swaddling clothes” (common term to describe medical strips used) and he was placed in a feeding trough (which almost certainly would have been made of stone) - Luke 2:7
8. The great event was announced to the shepherds in the field. - Luke 2:8-20.
9. It was eight days later when he was brought to Jerusalem (about 5 miles north of Bethlehem) when Jesus was circumcised - Luke 2:21.
10. It was 40 days afterward when he was presented at the Temple - Luke 2:22

## Fiction:

1. That Jesus was born on December 25, 1 BC/AD. There are no indications in Scripture regarding the date. History records it was not celebrated on the date until the 4th century and that date was chosen to counter the pagan rituals.
2. That three wise men visited Jesus at His birth. Matthew 2:1 explicitly says, “after Jesus was born.” There was necessarily time needed for them to travel to where the Lord was having seen the Star. This further confirmed the fact that when Herod sought to kill all the males 2 years old based on when the Star appeared (Matthew 2:16). Additionally, the text says they visited Him in a “house” rather than a stable (Matthew 2:11). Likewise the text simply says, “wise men” and does not indicate their number. That hasn't stopped some from even making up their names as “Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar.”
3. That we should celebrate this as a religious day. New Testament Christians were warned to do only that which God has authorized (Colossians 3:17). There simply are no instructions for celebrating the Lord's birth as there is for His death. Consider, should one have chosen to have their young boys circumcised for hygienic reasons or even as a national custom there was problem with such. However, if they did so as a religious activity it would have been sinful (Galatians 5:2). Paul was concerned with the Galatians participating in such customs (Galatians 4:10-11).

~ Tony Lawrence ~