

Sunday Morning Worship

AnnouncementsDon Sullivan
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover
 Reading.....Tucker Gann
 Scripture.....1 Thessalonians 4:1-2
 Lord's Table (N).....*Jason Adams
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Dale Bennett

Sunday Evening Worship

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 First Prayer.....Allen Hughes
 Reading.....Marty Boles
 Scripture.....Matthew 5:17
 Lord's Table*Kurt Maynard
*Kane Maynard
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

Wednesday Bible Study

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 Lead Singing.....Eddie Palmer
 First Prayer.....Caleb Graves
 Reading.....Mike Mullins
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Ken Martin

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship 172
 Bible Study..... 110
 P.M. Worship..... 109
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 Contribution\$5,325

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Hospital

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Special Prayer Request

Dale Zuna (who used to worship here at Bybee) has been diagnosed with esophageal cancer. Please keep him in your prayers as he goes through this trying time.

Men's Seminar

The Trousdale congregation will be hosting a men's seminar on Saturday, January 13th, 2024. Registration begins at 9 AM and lunch will be provided.

Arlington Bible Study

The Arlington church of Christ will host a Neighborhood Bible Study in January with the theme: "In the Beginning-Genesis 1-11." Refreshments served at 6 PM and class at 6:30 PM.

Ladies Day

The East Main congregation (in Manchester) is hosting a Ladies Day on Saturday, January 10th beginning at 9:00 AM. Further information is posted on the bulletin board.

Cookeville Church of Christ

The Cookeville congregation is hosting two events. Seek Ye First, a seminar taking place from January 14th - January 17th. There will also be a Woman's Day on February 10th. Further information is posted on the bulletin board.

Youth and Family Activities

Bible Bowl

Our next Bible Bowl will be on Sunday, January 7th at the Earleyville congregation at 2:00 PM

Youth/Youth Parent Meeting

There will be a youth meeting (in the fellowship room) on Sunday, January 7th following our evening services. All youth and parents of the youth are encouraged to attend.

Sunday Night Eats

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Girl's Day

The girls of Bybee Branch will be hosting a Girl's Day in February. The theme: "How I Fight My Battles" with Amanda Key as the speaker. This will take place on Saturday, February 20th, with registration beginning at 8:15 AM (lunch will be provided). Please mark your calendars and invite your friends to join us for this time of fellowship and spiritual enrichment.

Upcoming Youth Activities

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Sunday January 7th	Youth/Youth Parent Meeting
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Sick at Home

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)

Shut-In's

At Home:
WC & Nelma Chilton
June Crouch
Janice Foster
Greg Grizzell
Willie Holmes
Daisy Maxwell
Noel Pepper
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)
Doris Wilcher
Marty York

NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)
Serese Brock (#406)
Morris Griffith (#301)
Jean Henderson (#113A)
Cathy Hennessee (#408A)

Riverview Terrace

Anna Jean Bond #B4

Willow Branch

Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) #505

Brookdale Retirement Center

910 Murfreesboro Rd
Franklin, TN 37064
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

123 Jefferson St.

McMinnville, TN 37110
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)

Let us all take a moment to send our shut-in's a word of encouragement.

Nothing For The Back

Michael Grooms, Willow Avenue's pulpit minister, recently made the simple statement that, in the list of our Christian armor (*found in Ephesians 6:10-18*), there are no pieces of the armor for the back of our bodies. He went on to point out that we are to constantly be moving forward toward our goal of heaven and taking others with us, not re-treating.

I don't know about you, but many times in today's world, I feel like I am on the defensive. My morality doesn't fit with the crowd. My stance on several social and even political issues is seen as "out-of-step" with the acceptable way to view things.

May we remember that being on the defensive does not mean we must be afraid. Depending on where you look, the following is an axiom, and idiom, or a quote attributed to Jack Dempsey. Wherever it originated, it definitely applies in our thinking today: "The best defense is a good offense." And as children of God, we have the best offensive objective and team around!

Paul reminded Timothy that "...God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7). We have no need to fear, because, as God's children, we are told, "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16).

I need no armor for the back, when I am "[pressing] on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

By A. Tatum

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 Lord's Table*Brandon Fuston
 SermonTony Lawrence
 DismissKelly Thaxton

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 First PrayerMatthew Woodside
 Reading.....Jeff Flatt
 Scripture.....Hebrews 12:15
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 SermonTony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Norman Sain

Wednesday Bible Study

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 Bible Study..... 139
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Monday Morning Bible Class

Due to a conflict with medical appointments the Monday Morning Bible Class will meet this coming Monday, January 15 instead of January 22. Class will begin at 1 Samuel 13.

Sunday Morning Auditorium Class

Having finished the study of the book of Acts, the Sunday Morning Auditorium class will begin a study of the book of Romans. If you have not been attending Bible Class, now is a great time to start?

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I Will vs. I Wish

Most who read this will probably be familiar with the section of scripture that is often referred to as "The Parable of the Prodigal Son." If that is not the case, I invite/encourage you to read Luke 15:11-32.

Neither space (*of this article*) nor my ability will allow me to fathom the depths of this important text. With that being said, I would like for all of us to think about what I consider to be two important words found therein. I believe that they are worthy of our consideration at any time, but it may be the case that they deserve especially careful consideration at this time of the year.

It is merely the 14th day of there year, that means that it has not been that long since many of us made those resolutions for a new year – or did we?

I'm not concerned about whether or not we went through the motions of making a list of improvements we need to make in some aspect of our lives. Rather, my concern is whether or not we actually made *resolutions*. Could it be that, after about a week or so of making those resolutions and supposedly implementing them, they are already ancient history?

If you remember the parable mentioned earlier, you may remember the statement made by the younger brother when he realized what the decisions he had made in his life had cost him. He did not say things like:

"I wish that I had never done what I did."

"I wish that I had not squandered my inheritance."

"I wish that I could have the same relationship with my father that I once had."

It may just be me, but statements like those, as well as some we make, have some similarity to dreams. For example, I may wish for some things that would improve my life and dream about what my life would be like, but never actually do anything to make my wishes/dreams a reality.

If you remember, the "prodigal son" in the parable made this statement: "18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." "' (Luke 15:18-19)

The word "will" in that statement appears to me to be more like a *resolution* than what some of us (yes, including me) do as a new year is about to dawn. For that matter, it would be relevant at any time. As you continue reading the parable, it is evident that the prodigal did not merely make a statement about a plan, he implemented that plan.

In his case, the results were better than he expected. It might even be accurate to say that things turned out better than he could have dreamed. As I've suggested earlier, there may be an application for all of us I will probably get this quote wrong. I apologize for that and for not remembering where I first heard or read it. In spite of those caveats, I believe that it might be challenging and helpful for all of us as we consider improvements that we might need to make. Maybe it will help us as we make real resolutions.

If there is no plan, it's just a dream.

By Jim Faughn

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 ScriptureLuke 11:1
 Lord's Table*Tim Fisher
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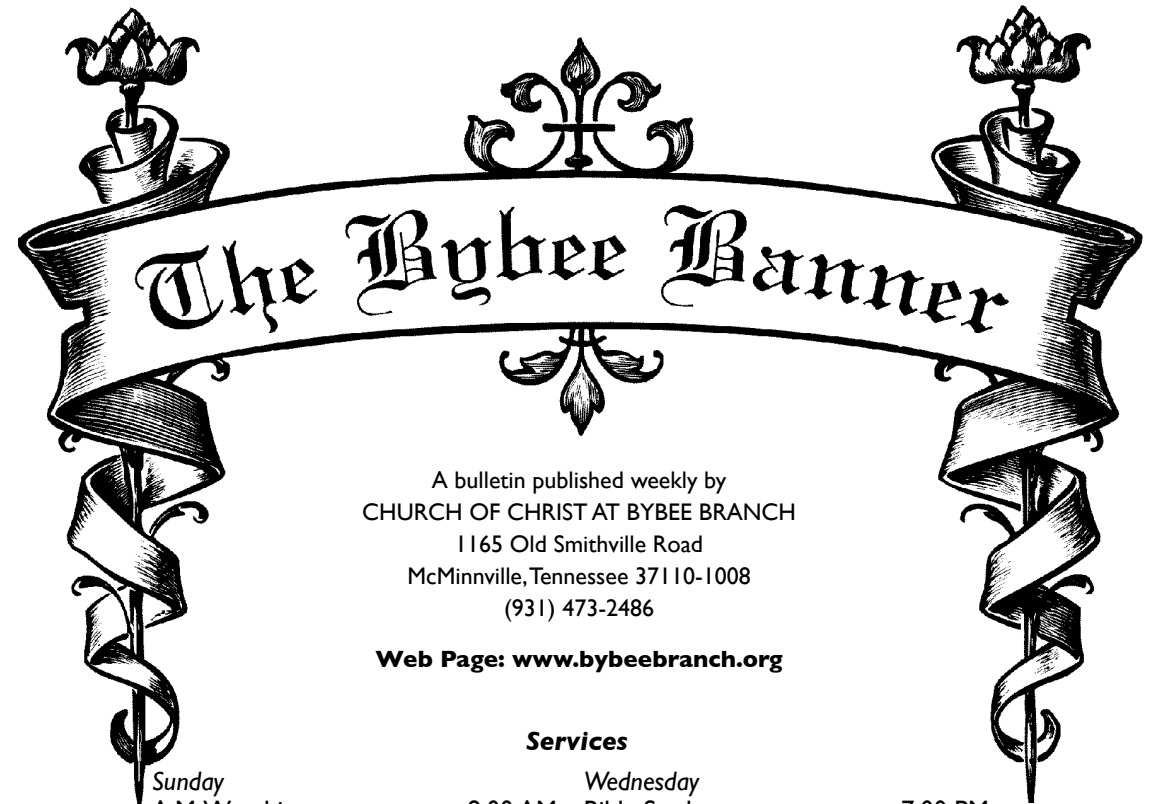
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“A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones.”
Proverbs 17:22

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"I TOOK NOTES ON YOUR SERMON. YOU'LL HEAR FROM MY LAWYER."

Thoughts About Revelation

Although the book of Revelation is often misinterpreted and misused, it was written to comfort and encourage Christians who were being persecuted for their faith.

Beleaguered brethren needed to be reminded that God cared about their struggles. Thus, John wrote to encourage and sustain.

Nevertheless, John's message did not ignore or minimize their sufferings. He was not an outsider; he was their "companion in the tribulation" (Revelation 1:9). John was personally aware of the gravity of their situation.

Revelation Speaks of Spiritual Warfare.

Consequently, the book of Revelation depicts Christians engaging in a spiritual war. The forces of good were battling the forces of evil.

Summarizing this point, John wrote:

"These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful" (Revelation 17:14).

Revelation Reminds Christians They Are Not Alone.

Perhaps the most important point that Christians were to glean from Revelation was that they were not alone in their struggle.

Their trial might have been great, but Jesus was fighting alongside them.

Revelation Reminds Christians of Their Victory.

Additionally, and very important to our current study, John wanted his audience to know that the forces of good would eventually triumph over the forces of evil.

This does not mean that there would be no casualties. Many faithful individuals were indeed martyred for the sake of truth.

It means, however, that the ultimate reward Christians were looking for awaited behind the horizon of eternity.

John pointed his audience to heaven and attempted to impress upon them that heaven's glories would far outweigh any difficulties they might have to endure. The eternal destination of the faithful was one of rest, comfort, and joy.

Victory awaited those who did not renounce the faith.

~Chad Ramsey~

Chad will be preaching in our Gospel Meeting on April 21-24. He is currently preaching for the Gloster Street church of Christ in Tupelo, Mississippi.

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 First Prayer.....Lincoln Sain
 Reading.....Brandon Fuston
 Invitation.....Ray Weddington
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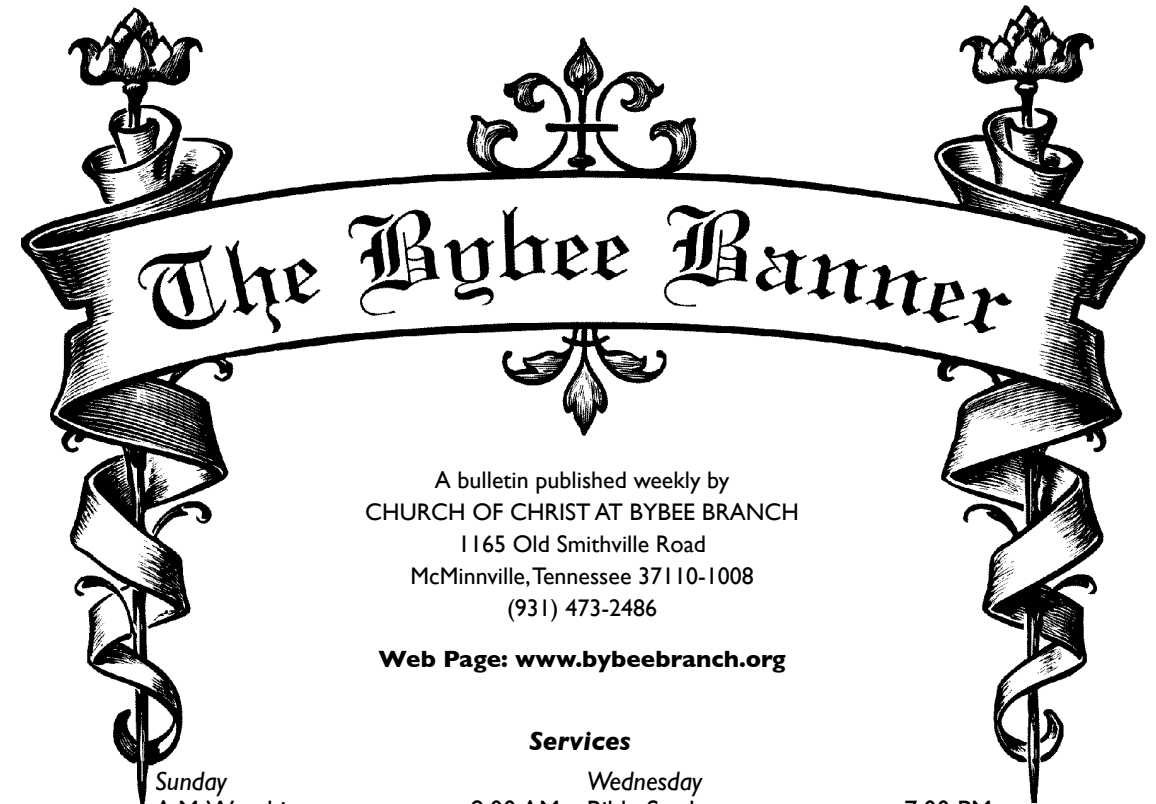
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New Arrival

Congratulations to Hannah and Cooper Barr on the birth of a baby boy, Waylon Reed, born last Friday, January 19, at 9:40 PM in Bowling Green, KY. He weighed 7 lbs and 3 ozs and was 20.5 inches long. Kurt & Stephanie Maynard are the proud grandparents, Joe & Becky Maynard are the proud great-grandparents.

“Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.” Psalm 145:3

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Birthday Wednesday

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Home Devotional

With the H.E.Y. meeting being moved to Sunday the 28th, there will be no Home Devo this month. Please make plans to attend H.E.Y. this coming Sunday!

Bible Bowl

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CYC Meeting

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Upcoming Youth Activities

Sunday January 21st H.E.Y. at Bybee

Sunday January 24th Birthday Wednesday

Sunday February 4th CYC Meeting

Sunday February 4th Bible Bowl at Ivy Bluff

Sunday February 11th Sunday Night Eats

Is America About to Die

A nation is a lot like a person. It is born. It lives. It grows old. It dies.

Many great nations have arisen during the history of the world. Some of them experienced a pattern somewhat like this: they began with strong spiritual, moral conviction; followed by the growth and eventual dominance of materialism, eventually to be destroyed by moral decay, apathy and anarchy.

Sounds all too familiar, doesn't it?

America began with spiritual conviction and at least a great many people who meant it when "In God We Trust" was stamped on its money.

Then came the industrial revolution the agricultural revolution, and the glorification of materialism in general, and a people who generally began to trust more in money than in God.

Now we see signs of decadence and apathy, the next to last stage.

As a recent Nobel Peace Prize winner has pointed out, not just in America but in the rest of the world, our moral fiber is unraveling rapidly.

Is it all over? Is it the end? Is American about to die?

Well, that depends upon America. It depends on what we Americans decide.

God gives us the choice both as individuals and nations to follow our way or His (Matthew 7:13-14).

It's up to us. He wants us as willing followers, not as robots with no freedom of choice (Matthew 11:28-30).

Centuries before Christ, Nineveh, much like America today, was faced with a choice. Nineveh could pursue either its own self-centered course or turn back to God.

In what must have been one of the greatest spiritual revivals in history, Nineveh heard God's warning. They believed God, proclaimed a fast, turned around from wrongdoing, and were saved from destruction (Jonah 3:5-10).

The same thing can happen in America today. America has been great. It can be even greater.

Our permissiveness, violence and overindulgence can be either the beginning of the end or the crisis experience that gives us rebirth in God's will.

It's up to us which of the two it will be.

The way to live happily now and ever after is clearly and completely explained in the Bible, God's word (Romans 1:16-17; Hebrews 4:12).

~ Thomas B. Warren, Ph.D. (1920-2000) ~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....Caleb Graves
 Lead SingingPaul Hurst
 First Prayer.....Allen Hughes
 Reading.....Eddie Palmer
 ScriptureMark 1:1
 Lord's Table.....*Ray Weddington
 SermonTony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....Caleb Graves
 Lead SingingPaul Hurst
 First PrayerMatthew Woodside
 Reading.....Travis Adams
 Scripture.....I Corinthians 8:5-6
 Lord's Table*Jared Mullican
*Talan Mullican
 SermonTony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Norman Sain

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Bruce Pryor
 Lead Singing.....Lincoln Sain
 First Prayer.....Stanley Graves
 Reading.....Jacob Graves
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Kelly Thaxton

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship208
 Bible Study.....142
 P.M. Worship.....190
 Wednesday Bible Study.....86
 Contribution\$6508

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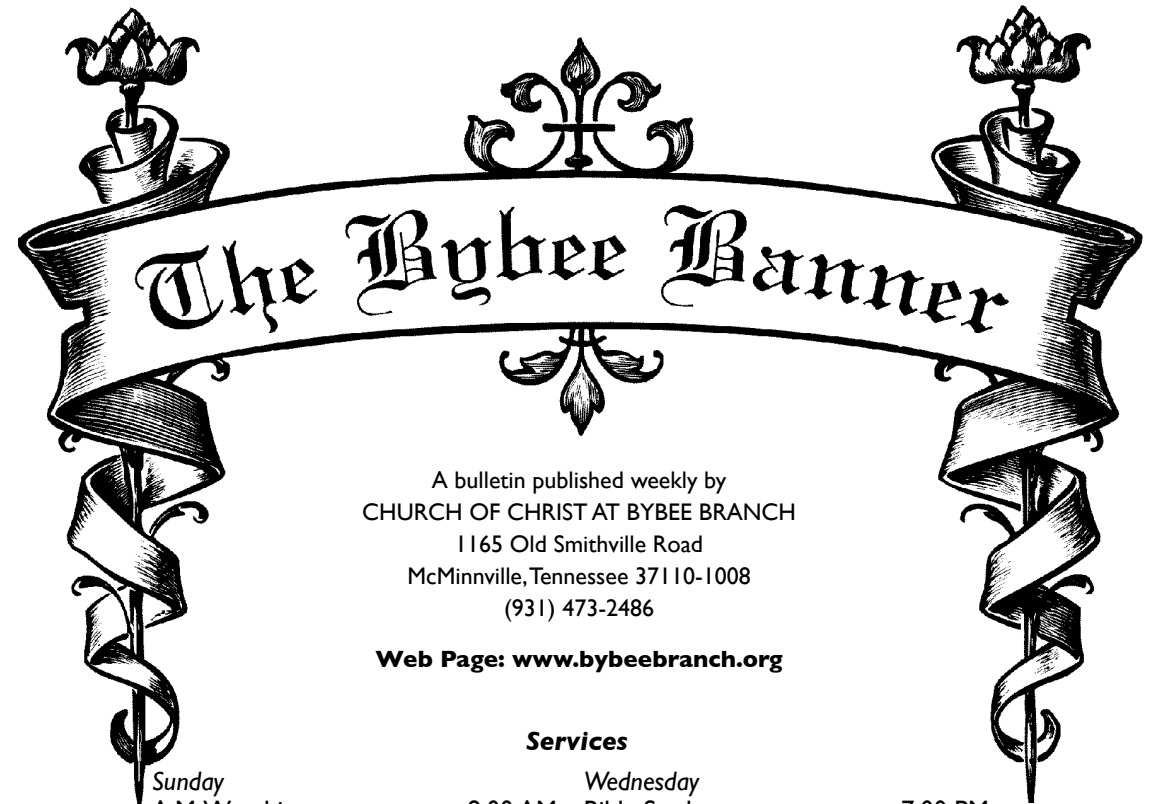
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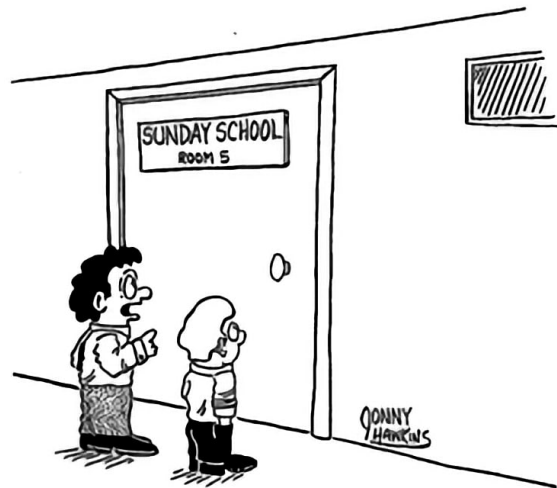
At Home:

WC & Nelma Chilton
 Stanley & Jean Clendenon
 Glenda Ferrell (following heart ablation)
 Sherry Graves (following by-pass surgery)
 Greg Grizzell (hospice care)
 Irene Lawrence (at son's home)
 Kingston League (should be home this week following surgery)
 Helen Morgan
 Steve Nearing (began treatments Monday)
 Rodney Reynolds
 Wadene Gannon (Kara Fuston's mother) - following hip replacement surgery
 Vickie Griffith
 Sidney Grove
 Rickey Jones (Stephanie's father)
 Dale Zuna (stage 3 esophageal cancer) treatment soon at MD Anderson in Houston.

Hospital

Phillip Clemons (Linda Hamilton's brother) St. Thomas Midtown
 Iva Cunningham - scheduled to be released and go to her daughter's home, Melissa Brock.

Please help us keep the sick list updated



"MY PARENTS HAVE BEEN GOING FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND THEY STILL HAVEN'T GRADUATED."

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Girls Day

Girls Day "How I Fight My Battles" will be here at Bybee on Saturday, February 10th. Please see Vivian is you have any questions.

Sunday Night Eats

Our next Sunday Night Eats will be on Sunday, February 11th following our evening services. This is opened to all high-school and college aged youth.

Home Devo

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Upcoming Youth Activities

Sunday February 4th	Bible Bowl at Ivy Bluff
Sunday February 4th	CYC Meeting
Sunday February 10th	Girls Day
Sunday February 11th	Sunday Night Eats
Sunday February 18th	Home Devo

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The quarterly Elders and Deacons meeting will be this coming Sunday, February 4, at 5 PM.

General Business Meeting

The quarterly Men's General Business Meeting will be following services this coming Sunday evening.

February 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 28 David Chilton RICKEY & MAGGIE HURST	29 Billy Pinegar	30 Jason Adams	31 Ronnie Prince	Feb 1	2	3
Feb 4 Bible Bowl Ivy Bluff 2 PM CYC Meeting after PM service	5	6 HAROLD & TERESA MCGINNESS	7 Elsie Newby Parker Smith Stanley Graves	8 Ashley Newby Tim Fisher Zella Cook	9 Cory Prince	10 Girls Day at Bybee Branch
Feb 11 HERB & THEL- MA ROWLAND Sunday Night Eats for Youth	12 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	13	14 Joe Maynard Linda Fults STAN & SAN- DRA HILLIS	15 Ronnie Hamilton	16	17 Daisy Maxwell DARRON & KIRSTIE DIXON Ladies Day at Morrison
Feb 18 Nona Martin Home Devo location TBD	19 Brandon Fuston	20	21 Avie Clemons	22 Isabella Pen- nington	23 Jayla Hudson	24 Challenge Youth Conference
Feb 25 HEY at Arlington	26 Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	27	28	29	Mar 1 Eddie Palmer Kirstie Dixon	2

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....Caleb Graves
 Lead Singing.....Seth Graves
 First Prayer.....Larry Flatt
 Reading.....Jason Vandagriff
 Scripture.....Mark 1:12-13
 Lord's Table.....*Willie Newby
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....David McColloch

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....Caleb Graves
 Lead Singing.....Seth Graves
 First Prayer.....Jason Adams
 Reading.....Jeff Flatt
 Scripture.....Mark 11:26
 Lord's Table.....*Kurt Maynard
*Kane Maynard
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Bruce Pryor
 Lead Singing.....Rickey Hurst
 First Prayer.....Mike Mullins
 Reading.....Nate Turner
 Invitation.....Brandon Fuston
 Dismiss.....Don Sullivan

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship.....187
 Bible Study.....131
 P.M. Worship.....112
 Wednesday Bible Study.....110
 Contribution.....\$5,986

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Rickey Jones (Stephanie's father)
Eugene Womack
Dale Zuna (stage 3 esophageal cancer) treatment at MD Anderson in Houston. (cards may be sent to Hope Lodge #413; 6801 Ardmore St., Houston TX 77054)
Pamela Edwards (Margret Schillinger's niece)

Hospital

Phillip Clemons (Linda Hamilton's brother) St. Thomas Midtown
Iva Cunningham - in the hospital in Georgia.
Chris Garrison (Joe Collins' great nephew) - surgery for a work related injury.

Note: Starting this month, if someone is unable to attend for the whole month their names will be moved to the shut-in list published the second week of each month. This is not because they are unimportant as every soul is precious. Should someone on the shut-in list become hospitalized or become gravely ill their names will be put back on the sick list.

Quotes on Forgiveness

I can forgive, but I cannot forget, is only another way of saying, I will not forgive. Forgiveness ought to be like a cancelled note—torn in two, and burned up, so that it never can be shown against one.
~ Henry Ward Beecher ~

There's no point in burying a hatchet if you're going to put a marker on the site.
~ Sydney J. Harris ~

A man may as well go to hell for not forgiving as for not believing.
~ Thomas Watson ~

Youth and Family Activities

Sunday Night Eats

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H.E.Y. at Arlington

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Home Devo

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Spring Youth Retreat

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Upcoming Youth Activities

Sunday February 11th	Sunday Night Eats
Sunday February 18th	Home Devo
Sunday February 18th	HEY at Arlington
Wednesday February 28th	SYR sign up deadline

Another Day

O the bliss of a newborn day
And the freshness of morning's dew
When life reaches its highest peak
With such a God-given view.

Life is a beautiful gift from God
Then what more can we say
Except, thanks to the living God
For the light of another day.

~Benny B. Bristow ~
(Corretta's father)

Shut-In At Home

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)
W.C. & Nelma Chilton
Janice Foster
Vickie Griffith (former member, receiving treatments)
Greg Grizzell
Devon Grove
Ronnie Hamilton
Willie Holmes
Sarah Kell
Irene Lawrence (back at her home)
Daisy Maxwell
Helen Morgan
Noel Pepper
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)
Rodney Reynolds
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)

NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)
Serese Brock #406
Morris Griffith #301
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #113
Cathy Hennessee #408A
Lola Barrett

Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)
Anna Jean Bond #B4

Willow Branch

(415 Pace Street McMinnville, TN 37110)
Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) #102
Marty York #509

Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

Holding a Grudge

One day a visitor leaned on the old fence around a farm while he watched an old farmer plowing with a mule. After a while, the visitor said, "I don't like to tell you how to run your business, but you could save yourself a lot of work by saying, 'Gee' and 'Haw' to that mule instead of just tugging on those lines." The old farmer pulled a big handkerchief from his pocket and wiped his face. Then he said, "Reckon you're right, but this animal kicked me five years ago and I ain't spoke to him since."

The moral of the story seems obvious: A grudge is harder on the one who holds it than the one it is held against. The Apostle Paul said that we are to forgive any man if we have a quarrel against him. Just like Christ forgave us, we are to forgive each other (Col. 3:13). Friend, if God and Christ can extend mercy to you for your sins, surely you can be merciful to those who offend you.

~ Practical Bible Illustrations From
Yesterday and Today ~

Forgiveness is Good For Your Health!

Researchers Have Discovered New Truth Behind the Old Adage, "to Err Is Human and To Forgive, Divine." Studies Suggest That People Who Forgive Experience Physical and Mental Health Benefits. Research Also Indicates the Beneficial Health Benefits Vary by Age, and Are Affected by a Person's Willingness To Forgive Others, Their Willingness To Forgive Themselves, and Feelings of Being Forgiven by God.

The Study Conducted by the University of Michigan and Partly Funded by the National Institute of Mental Health, Found Young Adults; Aged 18-44 Were Less Likely To Forgive Others Than Middle Aged Adults (45-64) and Older Adults (65 and Up). Younger Adults Were Also Less Likely To Believe They Had Been Forgiven by God.

People who forgive reported decreased psychological distress, including fewer feelings of restlessness, hopelessness, and nervousness. Young adults who reported high levels of self-forgiveness were more likely to be satisfied with their lives. Older adults who reported high levels of forgiveness for others were more likely to report increased life satisfaction.

~ Journal of Adult Development 8 (2001) ~

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....Caleb Graves
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer.....Joe Collins
 Reading.....Marty Boles
 Scripture.....Mark 1:16-18
 Lord's Table.....*Tim Fisher
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Danny Duncan

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....Caleb Graves
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
 First Prayer.....Paul Hurst
 Reading.....Herb Rowland
 Scripture.....1 Peter 4:3
 Lord's Table.....*Tim Gann
*Tucker Gann
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Dale Bennett

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Bruce Pryor
 Lead Singing.....Talan Mullican
 First Prayer.....Brandon Fuston
 Reading.....Lincoln Sain
 Invitation.....Jason Adams
 Dismiss.....Norman Sain

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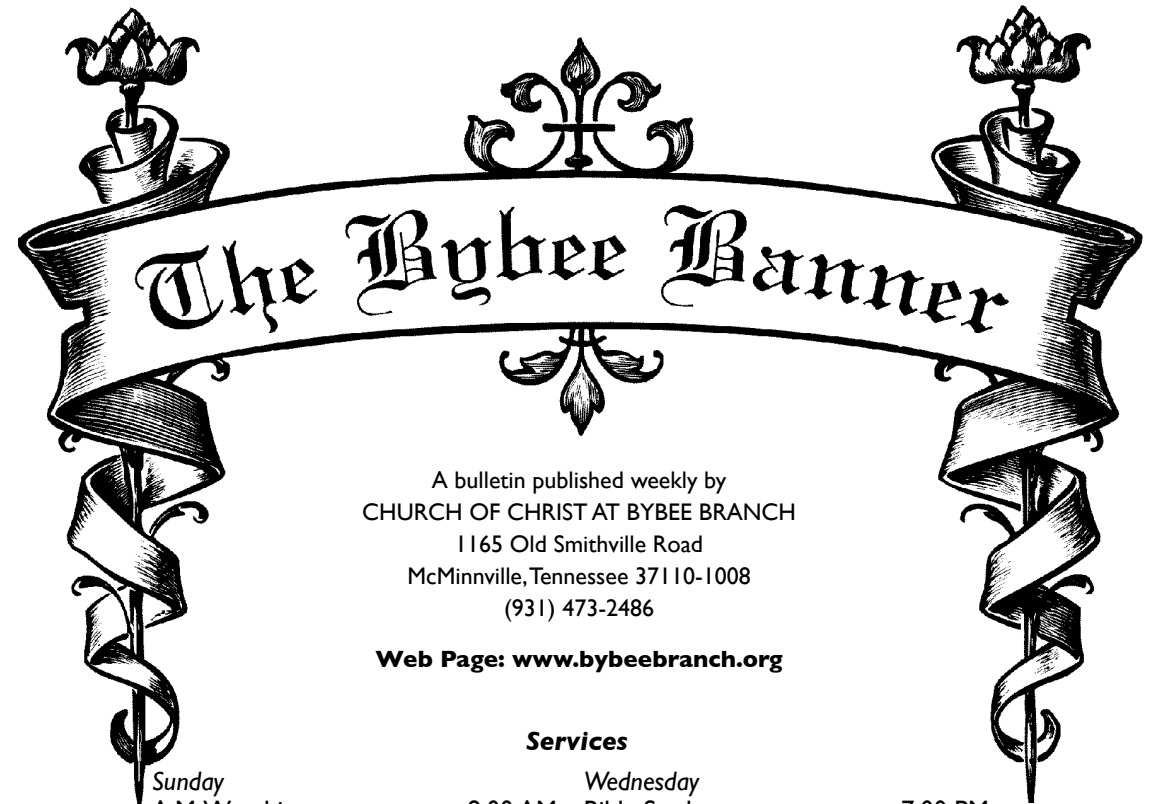
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Iva Cunningham - in the hospital in Georgia.

Elders-Deacons Planning Meeting

This coming Thursday evening, February 15, there will be a church growth planning meeting for the elders, deacons and preachers from 5-7 PM. Come with some great ideas!

Area Events

Morrison will host a Ladies Day this Saturday, February 17, from 9 AM.

Bonner will host a Gospel Singing on February 23, from 7-8:30 PM.

Bethany will host Gospel Meeting on March 8-10, with brother Kyle Butt preaching.

Arlington will host Gospel Meeting on March 10-12, with brother Dan Jenkins preaching.

Shady Grove will host Gospel Meeting on April 5-8, with brother Bill Boyd preaching.

Get Involved!

There are several opportunities to get involved in the work at Bybee Branch. For ladies there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board to assist with baptisms, check the pantry, kitchen and teachers' workroom. For teachers, please see Mike Mullins, Paul Hurst, Jared Mullican or Brandon Fuston. For men if you wish to get involved in serving on the worship program see, Jared Mullican or Mike Mullins. There is much to do, let's share the load...

Youth and Family Activities

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Monday Noon Eats

Monday Noon Eats will be on Monday, February 19th. Jason will message everyone to see who will be going. This is opened to all high-school and college aged youth.

Home Devo

Home Devo for the month of February has been cancelled.

Challenge Youth Conference

Please keep our group (and all others) who are attending CYC this year. There will be 12,000 people attend again this year.

Spring Youth Retreat

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### Jacob Ownbey

Please keep Jacob Ownbey in your prayers, he was been diagnosed with Henoch-Schönlein Purpura. It is disease that causes blood vessels to leak and blood to pool at the skin causing a painful and itchy rash all over most of his body, swelling, as well as affecting his ability to walk. Cards can be sent to 6895 Fletcher Dr, Winston, GA 30187

## Bad Company

Earlier this week, I decided to eat a banana we had gotten from the grocery just a few days earlier. When I noticed that the banana had ripened quicker than expected, I realized that there were a couple older bananas at the bottom of the fruit bowl that needed to be thrown away. This reminded me of Paul's words in I Corinthians 15:33: "Do not be deceived: 'Bad company corrupts good morals.'"

In Galatians 2, Paul tells of a time he was forced to correct Peter for some sinful behavior. Peter was eating with Gentiles, and when some Jews arrived, Peter separated himself from the Gentiles out of fear of the Jews. Paul says that Peter's conduct "was not in step with the truth of the gospel" (Galatians 2:14), and he corrected Peter. While what Peter did was bad enough for himself, Paul also took issue with the effect that Peter's decision had on others. Verse 13 says, "And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy."

It is interesting to me that Paul pointed specifically to how Barnabas was affected. While very little is provided in Scripture about Barnabas, we know that he is portrayed as a strong Christian and is often pointed to in teachings on godly encouragement, since his name means "son of encouragement" (Acts 4:36). When Paul began preaching following his conversion, some Christians in Jerusalem were understandably concerned that a man responsible for Christian persecution was now preaching the gospel. In Acts 10:27, we learn how Barnabas encouraged those Christians: "But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who had spoken to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus." Later the text tells us that Barnabas "was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith" (Acts 11:24).

Considering Barnabas's reputation, it is clear why Paul would name Barnabas as one who was adversely affected by Peter's poor decision making. Even for the strongest Christians, who we surround ourselves with matters. If we surround ourselves with "bad company," we should not be surprised when our good morals become corrupted. In a world of sin, let us hold tight to the blessing of godly company. God loves you, and so do I.

~ Jared Green ~ (Calvert City Church of Christ in Calvert City, KY)

## What is Your Happy Place?

On May 15, 2023, police were called to break up a fight. They arrived at an altercation to find injured combatants. What made this emergency response a bit ironic is that it took place at Walt Disney World's Magic Kingdom. One family wanted to take a picture in front of a sign honoring the 100th anniversary of the Disney Company. So, they asked another family standing in front of it to step aside. That's when fists flew (Fox35-TV).

Here they were, at the place that has frequently been described as "the happiest place on earth," and the police had to come to break up a fight. As Christians, Heaven is our ultimate "happy place." Before Jesus completed His earthly mission, He made a special promise: "In My Father's house are many mansions ... I go to prepare a place for you" (John 14:2). Wouldn't it be great if the Lord's church was the "happy place" for every Christian?

This obviously reaches beyond the church building. Being together is a joyous experience. Worshiping together is an uplifting experience. Working in the programs and outreach of the church can be really encouraging when we work together.

Our present "happy place" helps to prepare us for our ultimate "happy place."

~ David Bragg ~ (co-editor of BulletinGold)

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**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Chris Snow  
 Reading.....Ken Martin  
 Scripture.....Mark 1:22-23  
 Lord's Table.....\*Barry Mayes  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Matthew Woodside

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
 Reading.....David McColloch  
 Scripture.....Matthew 27:35  
 Lord's Table.....\*Tommy Turner  
 .....\*Nate Turner  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Willie Newby

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Bruce Pryor  
 Lead Singing.....Eddie Palmer  
 First Prayer.....Rickey Hurst  
 Reading.....Jacob Graves  
 Invitation.....Paul Hurst  
 Dismiss.....Jared Mullican

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 Bible Study..... 136  
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**Services**

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Jean Ware (following hospital stay)  
Dale Zuna - treatments at MD Anderson in Houston.

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Phillip Clemons (Linda Hamilton's brother) St. Thomas Midtown rehab  
Iva Cunningham - at a Rehab facility in Cartersville GA. Cards can be sent to Melissa's, 12 Eagles View Dr NE, Cartersville GA 3012  
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Osborn Huntley (Ruby's husband) - River Park #222

## Area Events

**Bonner** will host a Gospel Singing on February 23, from 7-8:30 PM.

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## Baptism

We rejoice to announce that Kenny Dillard was baptized this past Friday morning. Kenny felt that he was not baptized for the right reason when he was a child. He is worshipping with the Hwy 231 South congregation in Murfreesboro.

## Monday Morning Bible Class

Class will be this coming Monday, February 26, at 9 AM. Study will start at 1 Samuel 16:1. There is always room for more. Why not come?

## Youth and Family Activities

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## When Our Heroes Fail

Satan uses so many “tools” as he seeks to discourage our devotion to Christ. Faith can far more easily thwart the attacks the god of this world makes against us if we would heed the words of Paul. The great apostle said, “We are not ignorant of his devices,” but if we are ignorant Satan takes advantage of us (2 Cor. 2:11). The English Standard Version translates the words, “We would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.”

As we walk with the Lord, we can make a mistake by placing other Christians on a high pedestal, and they become a visible hero of faith. Perhaps you have done this, for so many look at others and they become a model of what we want to be some day. However, what do you do when that person changes, or you get to know him better and he/she no longer stands on that pedestal of admiration where you placed them?

This problem confronted early Christians. In Paul's letters to Timothy, he mentioned men who were respected who lost their faith. In his first letter to the young preacher, Paul speaks of Hymenaeus and Alexander who had rejected the faith and suffered shipwreck. Paul had dealt with them. While we use the term “withdrawing fellowship” Paul used a stronger phrase to describe this action. He says he had “delivered them to Satan,” hoping that doing this would help them to see they had blasphemed God by their actions (1 Tim. 1:20—see these same words used in Paul's instruction about withdrawing from an unfaithful Christian in 1 Corinthians 5:4-5).

We do not know the details of these men's actions, but in the second letter to Timothy, Paul mentions Hymenaeus again. This evil man who had been given to Satan in the first letter evidently was still impacting the church. He was teaching a false doctrine which was spreading like cancer, and there were those who followed him (2 Tim. 2:17-18). He had overturned the faith of those followers.

Paul then reminded Timothy of the fact that personal “heroes of faith” can harm the faith of those in the church—one thing has not changed. It is so important that we look at this unchangeable truth when leading brethren leave the faith. Consider what he says and never tie your faith to people you admire. Failure to understand this gives Satan an advantage over you.

What is that unchangeable truth? Paul says, “Nevertheless the foundation of God stands” (2 Tim. 2:20). Men we foolishly place on high pedestals may disappoint us, but nothing really has changed! Paul closes by mentioning two great foundational truths. God knows those who are His, and we must not follow others into their sin. Put your faith in God and tie your faith to Him. There is only One real hero!

~ Dan Jenkins ~

## No Fancy Titles

There are some highfalutin names that folks use for men who publicly proclaim the Bible today. Some are called “Father So- And-So” or “Pastor So-And-So” or even “Reverend So-And-So.” When you read through the New Testament, did you ever read anything like that? Can you imagine Paul addressing a letter to “Reverend Timothy”?

Timothy's name is found about 24 times in the New Testament. This man, who was a “minister” (1 Thess. 3:2) and “evangelist” (2 Tim. 4:5), is called a “disciple” (Acts 16:1), “fellow worker” (Rom. 16:21), “beloved and faithful son in the Lord” (1 Cor. 4:17; 1 Tim. 1:2, 18; 2 Tim. 1:2), “our brother” (2 Cor. 1:1; Col. 1:1; Phile. 1; Heb. 13:23), and “bondservant of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 1:1). But, this public proclaimer was never called by any highfalutin title at all.

In fact, here is my favorite designation for Timothy. Paul said, “he does the work of the Lord” (1 Cor. 16:10). If you're a preacher, that's the nicest thing that anyone could ever say about you. In fact, that's the highest compliment that any Christian could be paid!

~ David Sproule ~

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Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
 Lead Singing.....Joe Collins  
 First Prayer.....Chris Snow  
 Reading.....Willie Newby  
 Scripture.....Mark 1:44-45  
 Lord's Table.....\*Larry Flatt  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....David McColloch

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
 Lead Singing.....Joe Collins  
 First Prayer.....Paul Hurst  
 Reading.....Seth Graves  
 Scripture.....Matthew 12:40  
 Lord's Table.....\*Brandon Fuston  
 .....\*Clent Kesey  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Dale Bennett

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Matthew Woodside  
 Lead Singing.....Travis Adams  
 First Prayer.....Rickey Hurst  
 Reading.....Marty Boles  
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Jeff Flatt

**Record for the Week...**

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 Bible Study.....111  
 P.M. Worship.....120  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....100  
 Contribution.....\$6,099

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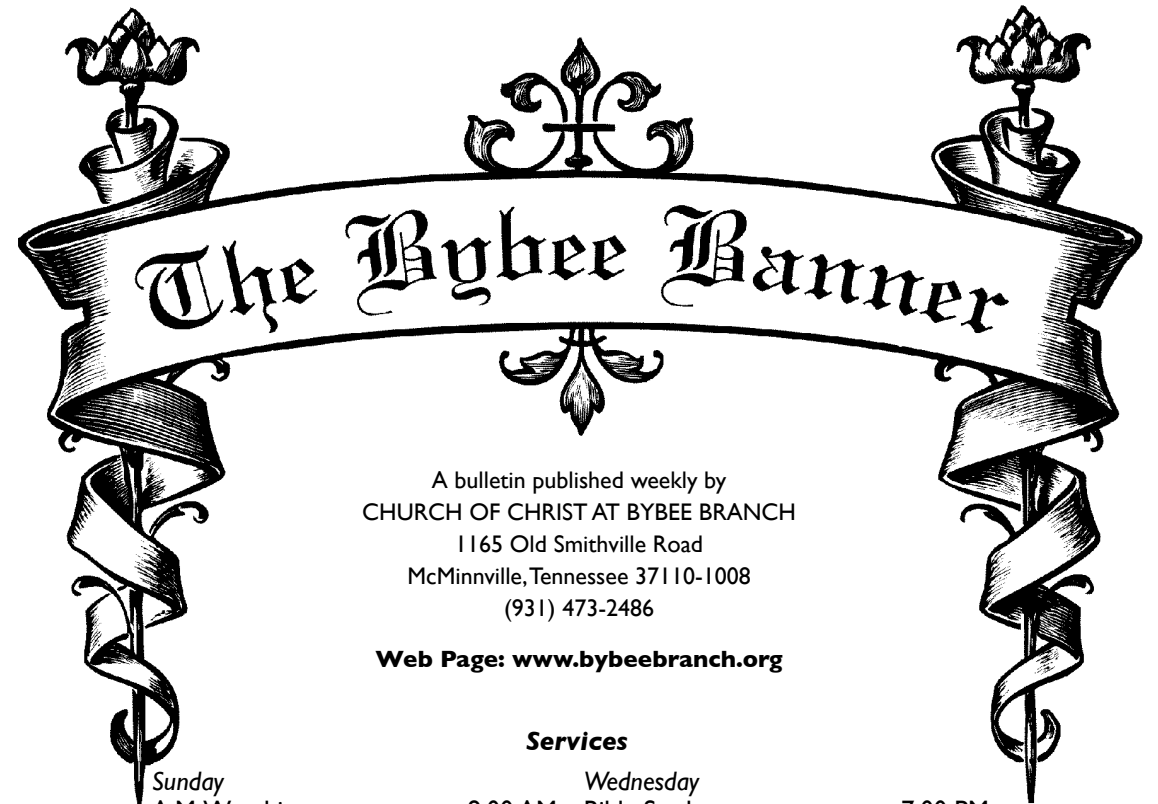
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## Address Update

Judy Cook  
 81 Kendra Rae Court  
 McMinnville TN 37110

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 he who is in the world  
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| SUNDAY                                                                        | MONDAY                               | TUESDAY                                               | WEDNESDAY                                             | THURSDAY                                | FRIDAY                                        | SATURDAY                                            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Feb 25                                                                        | 26                                   | 27                                                    | 28                                                    | 29                                      | <b>Mar 1</b><br>Eddie Palmer<br>Kirstie Dixon | 2                                                   |
| Mar 3<br><br><i>Bible Bowl at Rockliff at 2pm</i>                             | 4                                    | 5<br>Darron Dixon<br>Mitchell Ferrell<br>Tommy Crouch | 6                                                     | 7<br>David McColloch<br>Malcolm Peoples | 8<br>Vivian Adams                             | 9<br>MALCOLM & KELLY PEOPLES                        |
| Mar 10<br><br><i>Sunday Night Eats at 7pm</i>                                 | 11<br>Tim Gann                       | 12<br>Rickey Hurst                                    | 13<br>Adry Snow<br>Aryn Snow                          | 14                                      | 15<br>Farris Young                            | 16                                                  |
| Mar 17<br><br><i>H.E.Y. at Central</i>                                        | 18<br>KEN & NONA MARTIN              | 19                                                    | 20                                                    | 21                                      | 22<br>Becky Maynard<br>JOE & BECKY MAYNARD    | 23<br>Ashlynn Graves<br>Doris Smith                 |
| Mar 24<br>Chancy Woodside<br><br><i>Home Devo location TBD</i><br>→ SYR       | 25<br>Aimee Hillis<br>Melinda Martin | 26<br>Clara Scott<br>Ella Kesey<br>Lola Barrett       | 27<br>Shelby Nearing<br><br><i>Birthday Wednesday</i> | 28<br>JOHN & JUDY NUSSBAUM              | 29                                            | 30                                                  |
| Mar 31<br>Bo Gentry Ayers<br>Delanie Sullivan<br><br><i>Youth Led Worship</i> | <b>Apr 1</b>                         | 2                                                     | 3                                                     | 4<br>Garret Woodside<br>Larry Cook      | 5<br>Sherry Graves                            | 6<br>Martha Cathey<br>Sharla Hillis<br>Sharon Boles |



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
 Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
 First Prayer.....Don Sullivan  
 Reading.....Jacob Graves  
 Scripture.....Mark 2:6-7  
 Lord's Table.....\*Bruce Pryor  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Norman Sain

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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 Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
 First Prayer.....Eddie Palmer  
 Reading.....Ken Martin  
 Scripture.....1 Timothy 5:13  
 Lord's Table.....\*Tim Gann  
 .....\*Herb Rowland  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Barry Mayes

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Matthew Woodside  
 Lead Singing.....Jared Mullican  
 First Prayer.....Mike Mullins  
 Reading.....Tucker Gann  
 Invitation.....Rickey Hurst  
 Dismiss.....Talan Mullican

**Record for the Week...**

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 Bible Study.....119  
 P.M. Worship.....118  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....98  
 Contribution.....\$5,827

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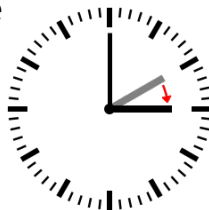
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## Bus Shed to be sold

The elders have decided to sell the bus shed. Anyone who is interested is asked to give a sealed bid to one of the elders by April 5. Buyer will be responsible to moving it off the property.

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## Shut-In/Sick At Home

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)  
W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
Janice Foster  
Greg Grizzell  
Devon Grove  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Willie Holmes  
Sarah Kell  
Daisy Maxwell  
Helen Morgan  
Noel Pepper  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)  
Marty York

## NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Serese Brock #406  
Philip Clemons #123  
Iva Cunningham #130  
Morris Griffith #301  
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #113  
Cathy Hennessee #408A  
Lola Barrett

## Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Anna Jean Bond #B4

## Willow Branch

(415 Pace Street McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) #102

## Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

## Ladies in Action

Thanks to Cynthia Duncan, Cindy Fisher, Susan Pryor and Rachel Mayes for the great job in giving some "TLC" to the teachers' workroom.

## This Week,

Mend a quarrel.  
Seek out a forgotten friend.  
Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust.  
Write a letter.  
Give a soft answer.  
Encourage youth.  
Manifest your loyalty in word and deed.  
Keep a promise.  
Forgo a grudge.  
Forgive an enemy.  
Apologize.  
Try to understand.  
Examine your demands on others.  
Think first of someone else.  
Be kind.  
Be gentle.  
Laugh a little more.  
Express your gratitude.  
Welcome a stranger.  
Gladden the heart of a child.  
Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth.  
Speak your love and then speak it again.  
~ copied ~

## Lord Is It I?

When the church seems dead;  
The work is slow,  
When the attendance is off;  
The songs too low,  
When the prayers of the saints  
Lack fervor and power,  
When the preacher's sermons  
Seem stale and sour;  
Do you think then,  
Or overlook with critical eye?  
Why not ask yourself,  
Lord, IS IT I?

~ from Bybee Banner April 26, 1992 ~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard  
Reading.....Tim Gann  
Scripture.....Mark 2:22  
Lord's Table.....\*Tim Fisher  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Danny Duncan

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First Prayer.....Brandon Fuston  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....Mark 6:21-23  
Lord's Table.....\*Ken Martin  
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Dismiss..... Kelly Thaxton

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## God's Promise

Now that I've become A Christian  
Some think, "There'll be no tears  
The pathway will be brightened  
Without any darkness or fears!"

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

~ Benny B. Bristow ~

## Spring Youth Retreat

Our Spring Youth Retreat is just around the corner. If you will be attending please sign up no later than Wednesday, March 13.

There will be an important meeting following services this Wednesday evening to cover the paperwork for the SYR.

## H.E.Y. at Central

Our next H.E.Y. gathering will be on March 17, at the Central congregation. If you need a ride on the church van, please sign up on the iPad.

## Home Devo

The Home Devo previously scheduled for Sunday, March 24, has been canceled due to Spring Youth Retreat.

## Youth Led Worship

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## Upcoming Youth Activities

Sunday March 17 .....H.E.Y. at Central  
Friday Sunday March 22-24 .....Spring Youth Retreat  
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## Sentence Sermons

"When people speak ill of you, so live that no one will believe them."

"The person who is always finding fault seldom finds anything else."

"God's answers are wiser than our prayers."

## Our Gospel Meeting

Be sure to put on your calendar our Gospel Meeting which will be April 21-24 with Chad Ramsey preaching.

## Excuse Me

Most people are about the same; when sins are committed, there is an endeavor to justify the behavior. There seems to be an almost universal loathing when it comes to acknowledging mistakes, but the excuses that are offered when attempting to justify wrong doing are worn threadbare. Some say they know their course is wrong, but that they have travelled so far they cannot change. It is possible to do this very thing, but one has not arrived at this point if he still has the will to try. The position is only hopeless when desire fails (Ecclesiastes 12:5) and instead of saying that they cannot change they should be encouraged to say, "I can if I will" (John 5:40).

Justification is attempted when people call sin by pretty names. Witchcraft is called a "St. Christopher's Medal, Lucky Charm, Rabbit's Foot," and so on. Lying is called "Good Business" and approved if the results are favorable to one's financial or religious standing. Cursing is called, "Habit"; Gambling is referred to as "Playing"; Laziness is "Leisure"; Revelry is "Having a good time," and on and on.

These pretty names seem to soften sin and make it less evil — to the guilty. Sin is not a trifle, sin is a tragedy! Sin is not a mistake, sin is madness. Sin is not a blunder, sin is blindness. There are those who attempt to justify sin by hiding behind the screen of popularity. A sacrificing of the soul on the altar of public approval is a poor trade, but is often made. No amount of explaining will right the behavior when the world calls the plays and the saints carry the ball toward worldly goals lest they be booed by the riff-raff in the stands. The Lord has set the standard, and His people are to maintain it or be rejected in the judgment (II Corinthians 5:10). Righteousness has never been the most popular course and never will be (Matthew 7:13-14). (I Peter 3:20), states that only eight people in the entire world cared anything about righteousness.

Sometimes the attempt to justification is made by saying, "Members of 'your church' do it." This accusation is all too often right, but they are no more the standard than are those who are not members of the church at all. What others do will not shield one from the wrath of God! Judgment is to be pronounced upon "Individuals" and not upon groups so that anyone can be covered by the presence of another. Sin is really committed because of moral blindness — people just do not think! (Luke 23:24-34.) We need to open our eyes and see sin for what it is, what it does, and the consequence of un-repentant sin!

~ Robby C. Eversole ~

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First Prayer.....Ray Weddington  
Reading.....Jared Mullican  
Scripture.....Mark 3:28-30  
Lord's Table.....\*Stanley Graves  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Jeff Flatt

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing.....Seth Graves  
First Prayer.....Tim Gann  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....Matthew 7:12  
Lord's Table.....\*Kurt Maynard  
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Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Matthew Woodside  
Lead Singing.....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer.....Joe Collins  
Reading.....Eddie Palmer  
Invitation.....Don Sullivan  
Dismiss.....Herb Rowland

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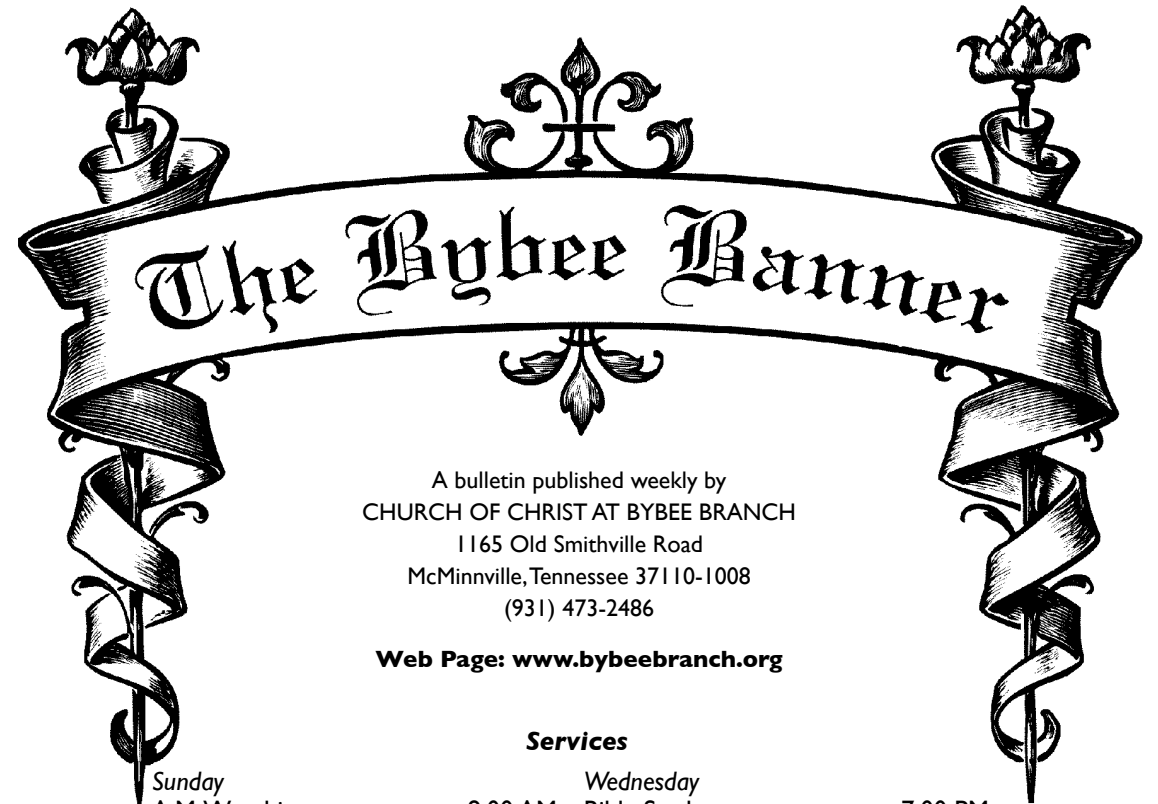
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## Monday Morning Bible Class

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## New Arrival

Congratulations to Philip and Brooke Brock on the birth of a baby boy, Oliver McCrae, born on Saturday, March 16, weighing 5 lbs and 18 inches long. Proud grandparents are Jamie & Melissa Brock, proud great grandparent is Iva Cunningham.

## Spring Youth Retreat

The Spring Youth Retreat is this weekend. Be sure to pray for the safety of our young people as they travel to and from Latimer camp and that they will have a great time studying God's word together.

## Youth Led Worship

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Barbara Sain's class for girls in Jr & Sr. High will resume on March 30, in Room 14-15.

## God's Little Teachers

God has thousands of little teachers  
In nature's beautiful array  
If we will only stop and ponder  
As we go on our busy ways.

It may be the soaring eagle  
Or the tiny drops of dew  
There are lessons for our learning  
If we'll only stop and view.

~ Benny Bristow ~

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork."*

Psalm 19:1



**Don't  
Forget  
To  
Pick  
Up  
The  
Cards**

## I Am One of Them (and So Are You)

If you were to look up the word "missionary" in a dictionary, the definition you would likely find right at the outset would be one that we all need to consider. According to Merriam-Webster, the very first definition is "a person undertaking a mission and especially a religious mission."

Now, if you were to keep reading definitions, you would come to a little more technical meaning of the word, and it would be more in line with what we typically think of when we use the term "missionary," especially in a church setting. Typically, we think of a missionary in a more limited or technical sense to mean a person who is sent by a congregation to a location or a group of people to seek to spread the Gospel.

But a missionary is simply, by definition, one who is on a mission. Is that not what each of us is supposed to be about? Do you not have a mission? It may not be to Fiji or India or even a state on the other side of our own country. Your mission might be your own children. It might be your neighborhood. It might be your place of business. It might be a local nursing home. It might be a civic club. The fact of the matter is, whatever we choose can be our mission field.

It is more than that, though. It really is that those places we go not only can be our mission field, it is that they must be! If we are followers of Jesus, He has sent us into the world to make disciples. We have a mission and our area of work is wherever our feet are currently touching the ground. The only question is whether or not we will choose to actually be on mission.

Today, where will you go? Will it be to a restaurant? A nursing home? A neighbor's house? Online? Expand that to more than just this one day. Where might you go during the course of a week? For most of us, that list will get quite lengthy, especially when we consider the possibility of "going," not just in person, but also through digital technology or via a phone call.

As you go, no matter to what location and no matter who you might be around, will you be on mission? Will you be looking for an opportunity to encourage someone? To comfort someone? To invite someone? Even to teach someone?

I am a missionary, and you are, too. Let's never forget to be on mission for the Lord.

~ Adam Faughn ~

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Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Willie Newby  
Reading.....Lincoln Sain  
Scripture.....Mark 4:1-2  
Lord's Table.....\*Bruce Pryor  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Mike Mullins

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Lead Singing .....Talan Mullican  
First Prayer.....Jacob Graves  
Reading.....Tucker Gann  
Scripture.....TBA  
Lord's Table.....\*Mike Mullins  
.....\*Jared Mullican  
Sermon.....Nate Turner  
Dismiss.....Travis Adams

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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Reading.....Tim Gann  
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Dismiss.....David McColloch

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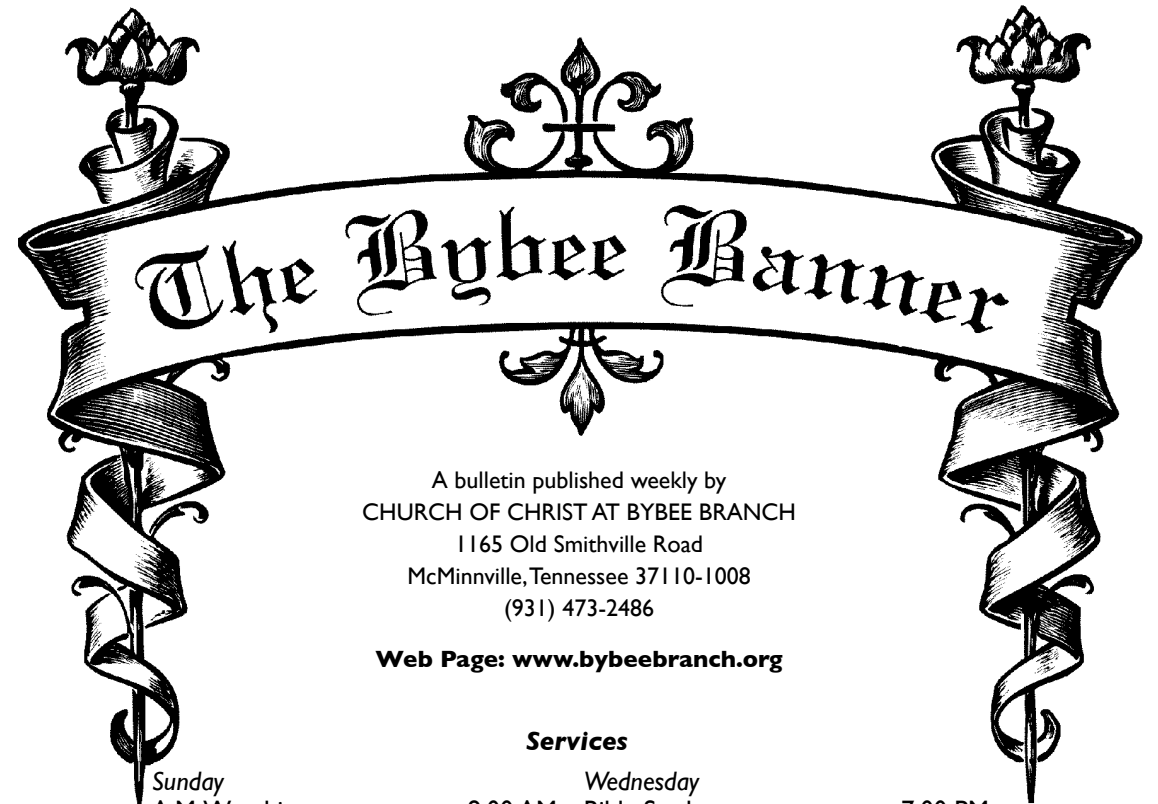
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## Spring Begins

The winter days are over

Cold winds are on the run

Each morning greets the sunlight

Like a victory being won.

The air is filled with freshness

While the birds all chirp and play

Filling the air with music

To begin another day.

The flowers are filled with colors

As the breezes make them sway

The bees are gathering nectar

For their hives across the way.

There's a feeling in such rapture

As all nature gently nods

Reassuring without doubting

That there is a living God.

~ Benny Bristow ~

## April 2024

| SUNDAY                                        | MONDAY                                          | TUESDAY                         | WEDNESDAY                         | THURSDAY                           | FRIDAY                                                                                      | SATURDAY                                                                   |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mar 31<br>Bo Gentry Ayers<br>Delanie Sullivan | <b>Apr 1</b>                                    | 2                               | 3                                 | 4<br>Garret Woodside<br>Larry Cook | 5<br>Sherry Graves                                                                          | 6<br>Martha Cathey<br>Sharla Hillis<br>Sharon Boles                        |
| Apr 7                                         | 8<br><br>Monday Morning<br>Bible Class<br>9 AM  | 9                               | 10                                | 11                                 | 12                                                                                          | 13<br>Dwight Barrett                                                       |
| Apr 14<br>Marty York                          | 15                                              | 16                              | 17<br>Jessica Adams               | 18<br>Ellie Kate Ayers             | 19<br>Lynette Kesity<br>Paul Hurst                                                          | 20<br>BOBBY & MARY<br>ASHFORD<br>STEVE & SHARLA<br>HILLIS<br>Tony Lawrence |
| Apr 21<br>Daniel Schillinger<br>Denice Rhea   | 22<br><br>Monday Morning<br>Bible Class<br>9 AM | 23<br>BILLY & ASHLEY<br>PINEGAR | 24<br>Taylor Gann<br>Travis Adams | 25<br>KANE & COURT-<br>NEY MAYNARD | 26<br>Angie Caldwell<br>Hollyn Fuston<br>Kristin Maynard<br>MATTHEW &<br>CHANCY<br>WOODSIDE | 27<br>Martha Pepper<br>Tina Mullins                                        |
| <b>Gospel Meeting with Chad Ramsey</b>        |                                                 |                                 |                                   |                                    |                                                                                             |                                                                            |
| Apr 28<br>Barry Mayes<br>Charlotte Adams      | 29                                              | 30<br>Mike Mullins              | <b>May 1</b>                      | 2                                  | 3                                                                                           | 4                                                                          |



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Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Chris Snow  
Reading.....Ken Martin  
Scripture.....Mark 4:37-38  
Lord's Table.....\*Larry Flatt  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....David McColloch

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....I John 3:9  
Lord's Table.....\*Tommy Turner  
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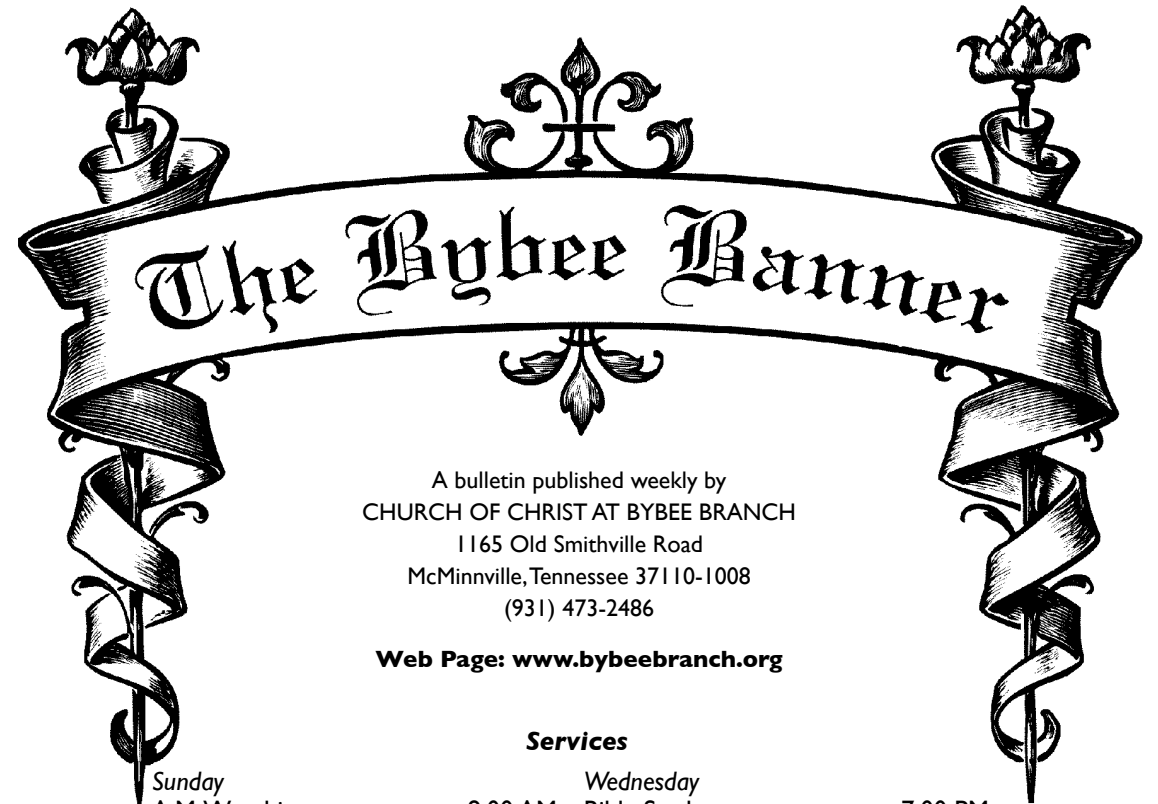
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## Youth News

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**Prom Alt Trip** is coming up April 26th - 28th . If any high school age is wanting to attend, we need to schedule accordingly. Please let any of the youth deacons know.

### Upcoming Events

Sunday 7th—First Sunday night eats following : service

Wednesday 17th—Birthday Wednesday

Friday 19th—Congregation Game night. Sign up sheet for finger foods to bring

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## Memphis School of Preaching Lectures

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## Shut-In/Sick At Home

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)

W.C. & Nelma Chilton

June Crouch

Janice Foster

Greg Grizzell

Devon Grove

Ronnie Hamilton

Willie Holmes

Sarah Kell

Daisy Maxwell

Helen Morgan

Noel Pepper

Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)

Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)

Marty York

## NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)

Lola Barrett

Serese Brock #406

Philip Clemons #411

Iva Cunningham #130

Morris Griffith #301

Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412

Cathy Hennessee #408A

Margaret Schillinger #109

## Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)

Anna Jean Bond #B4

## Willow Branch

(415 Pace Street McMinnville, TN 37110)

Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) #102

## Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)

Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

## Monday Morning Bible Class

Reminder: our Monday Morning Bible Class meets this coming Monday, April 8, at 9 AM. Our lesson will begin at 1 Samuel 21. Why not join us?

## Double Honor - Don Griffith

This past Sunday brother Don Griffith stepped down as one of the elders of the congregation, having served in that role for the past 31 years. Prior to serving as an elder Don served as a deacon. During that time he was charged with the education program (which he managed admirably since 1972). It would be difficult to measure all the good he has done over the years. In-between services brother Don would greet members and visitor alike with a word of encouragement. He listened patiently and decided wisely.

It must have been very difficult for brother Don to step down after all these years of service. His wisdom and encouragement as an elder will be sorely missed. One thing I will always remember him doing at the Holiday Party is to raise his hand while the congregation said "thank you!" to the ladies who had prepared the meal and served in so many other ways during the year. Well, Don, each of us raise our hands now and say "Thank You!"

*"Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine."* 1 Timothy 5:17.

## God's Little Teachers

God has thousands of little teachers

In nature's beautiful array

If we will only stop and ponder

As we go on our busy ways.

It may be the soaring eagle

Or the tiny drops of dew

There are lessons for our learning

If we'll only stop and view.

~ Benny Bristow ~

*"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."  
(Matthew 6:28-29)*

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Willie Newby  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....Mark 5:18-19  
Lord's Table.....\*Tim Fisher  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Paul Hurst

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Bruce Pryor  
Reading.....Travis Adams  
Scripture.....Matthew 5:20  
Lord's Table.....\*Clent Kesey  
.....\*Jared Mullican  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Jeff Flatt

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Jared Mullican  
Lead Singing.....Lincoln Sain  
First Prayer.....Caleb Graves  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Norman Sain

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship..... 157  
Bible Study..... 122  
P.M. Worship..... 112  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 101  
Contribution.....\$10,579

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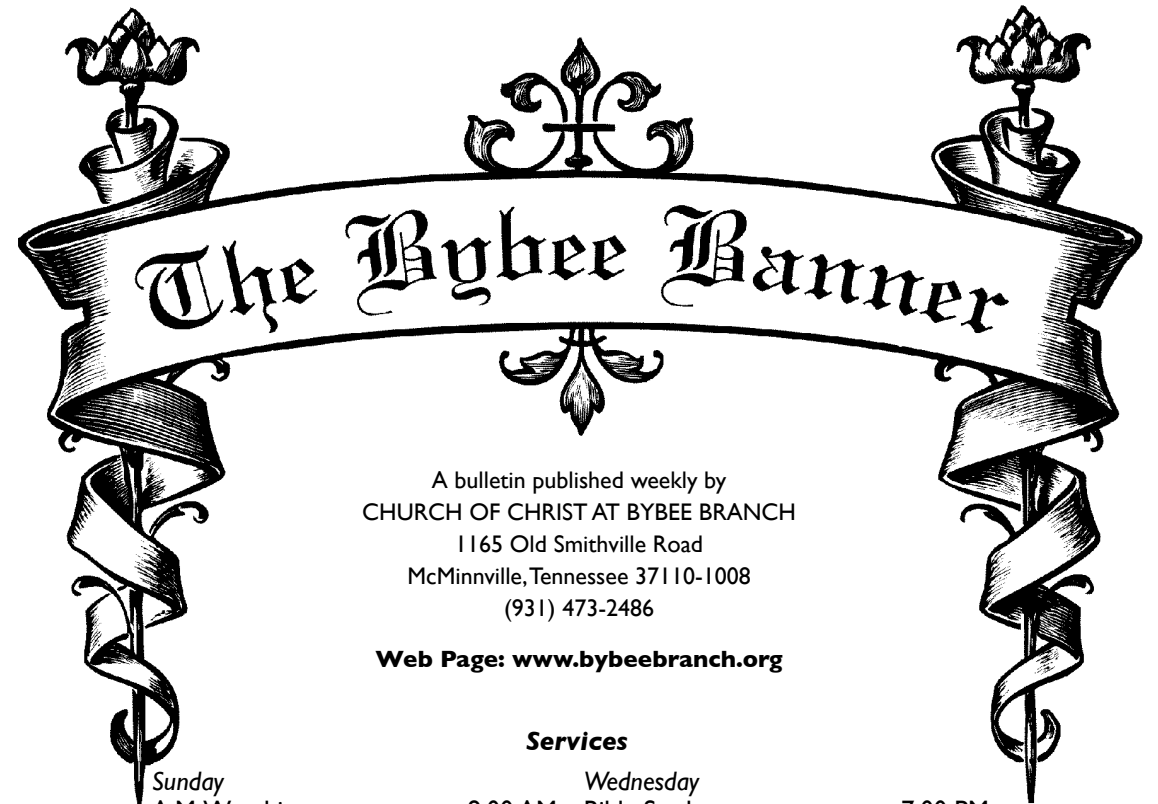
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## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Lola Barrett, Dwight Barrett's mother. Her funeral was this past Sunday.

## Area Events

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**Keltonburg** will host a Gospel Meeting on April 14-17, with Charles Williams preaching.

**Central** will host a Ladies Day on April 20, with Lori Belihar Boyd speaking.

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## Wedding Shower

There will be a shower honoring Ashley Newby, bride-elect of Adam Fan on April 14, from 2-4 PM at the home of Jeff and Mary Flatt. She is registered at Amazon.

## Work Day

The work day for the Gospel Meeting will be this coming Saturday, April 13, starting at 8 AM. There will be tasks both inside and outside the building.

## Youth News

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"I'M ENCOURAGED BY YOU WHO ARE TAKING NOTES. HOWEVER . . ."

## A Brief Introduction to the church of Christ

The church of Christ dates back to the days of the New Testament (Romans 16:16). It was founded by Christ on the Day of Pentecost, a.d. 33 (Acts 2), not long after His ascension back to heaven. In the years that followed, it rapidly grew to fill Jerusalem, then Judea, Samaria, and finally the whole Roman Empire (Acts 1:8; Colossians 1:23). In America, the first churches of Christ were planted in the late 1700s as the result a movement begun to go back to the Bible and do Bible things in Bible ways and call Bible things by Bible names (cf. 1 Peter 4:11).

We believe that Jesus is the Son of God (John 20:30–31), that the Bible is inspired of God (2 Timothy 3:16–17), and that Christ will return to take His kingdom home to God (1 Corinthians 15:24). We emphasize sincere worship (John 4:24), every-member evangelism (Acts 8:4), godly living (Titus 2:11–12), love for each other (John 13:34–35), and helping those in need (James 1:27). We believe the Bible teaches that sinners are saved by learning of Jesus, faith in Jesus, repentance of sin because of Jesus, confession of Jesus, and baptism into Jesus (John 6:44–45; 3:16; Mark 16:15–16; Romans 10:9–10; Acts 2:38). The church of Christ is organized with elders, deacons, preachers, and members, as in New Testament times (Philippians 1:1). It has no governing body on earth higher than the local congregation.

The church of Christ is noted for its emphasis upon returning to New Testament Christianity and for its desire to unite all Christians into one body (1 Corinthians 1:10). We believe that the New Testament is the only rule for faith and practice in religious matters (2 Timothy 3:17; 2 Peter 1:3), and that God's Word must authorize all that is done in Christian worship (Colossians 3:17; Revelation 22:18–19). Thus we try to strictly follow the New Testament. We believe that it is possible to have religious unity in a day of division by simply following the New Testament pattern and putting aside human traditions.

To put it simply, the church of Christ is seeking to be the same church one reads about in the New Testament. We aim to restore its doctrine, its practice, its lifestyle, and its zeal.

~ Allen Webster ~



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**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Joe Collins  
Reading.....David McColloch  
Scripture.....Hebrews 8:6  
Lord's Table.....\*Ray Weddington  
Sermon.....Chad Ramsey  
Dismiss.....Danny Duncan

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
Reading.....Rickey Hurst  
Scripture.....Hebrews 11:39-40  
Lord's Table.....\*Kurt Maynard  
.....\*Kane Maynard  
Sermon.....Chad Ramsey  
Dismiss.....David McColloch

**Wednesday Bible Study**

GOSPEL MEETING

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship..... 187  
Bible Study..... 136  
P.M. Worship..... 113  
Wednesday Bible Study.....96  
Contribution.....\$6,214

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## Monday Morning Bible Class

The Monday Morning Bible Class meets this coming Monday, April 22, at 9 AM. The class will have a treat— Chad Ramsey will be teaching the class. Everyone is welcome to come!

## Amerindian Missions in Guyana

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**“Truly my soul  
silently waits  
for God;  
From Him  
comes my  
salvation.”  
Psalm 62:1**



## Theme: “Because of Jesus...”

Sunday AM:  
A Better Way (Survey of Hebrews 1-9)

Sunday Class:  
Faithful to Our Confession (Heb 10:19-25)

Sunday PM:  
Strengthened by Others (Heb 11)

Monday:  
Focused on Jesus (Heb 12:1-11)

Tuesday:  
Dedicated to Holiness (Heb 12:12-17)

Wednesday:  
Amazed by God (Heb 12:18-29)

## Fellowship Meals

The plan will be a little different this year...

On Sunday morning we will have a fellowship meal following services. The meats (ham and chicken) and drinks will be provided. Please bring side dishes and desserts.

On Monday evening the elders will be hosting brother Ramsey for the evening meal.

On Tuesday evening there will be a gathering at Gondola for a meal at 5 PM. If you plan on attending, please sign the sheet in the lobby to let them know how many to expect.

On Wednesday evening, following services we will enjoy a fellowship of desserts. Please bring your favorite.

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Stanley Graves  
Reading.....Talan Mullican  
Scripture.....Mark 6:4  
Lord's Table.....\*Norman Sain  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Barry Mayes  
Reading.....Tommy Turner  
Scripture.....Acts 2:47  
Lord's Table .....\*Tim Gann  
.....\*Tucker Gann  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Jared Mullican  
Lead Singing.....Herb Rowland  
First Prayer.....Willie Newby  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Dale Bennett

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A.M. Worship ..... 205  
Bible Study..... 155  
P.M. Worship..... 163  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 103  
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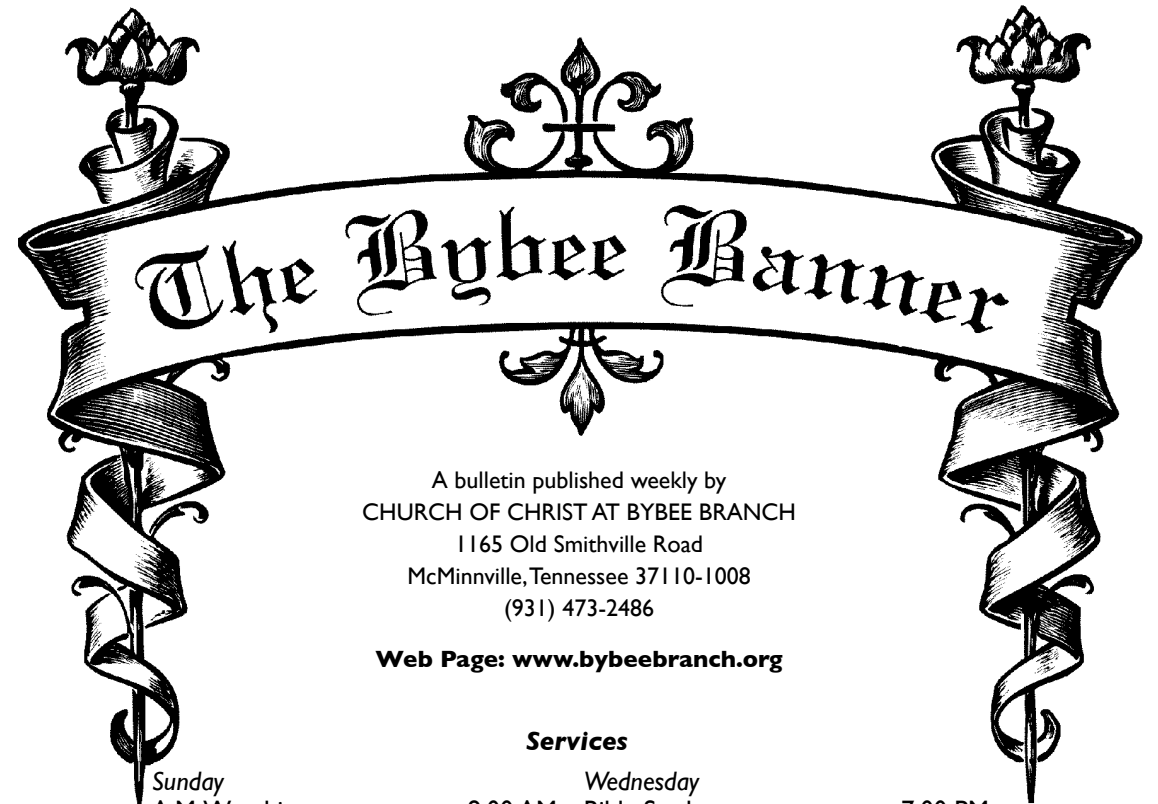
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*Osborn Huntley (Ruby's husband)*

*Steve Nearing - treatments*

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*Margaret Schillinger*

*Maggie Hurst*

*Stanley Clendenon*

*Corretta Lawrence*

### Hospital

*Lennie Ruth Kesey - NHC*

*Phillip Clemons - NHC #411*

*Mike Lee (Glyna Lee's son) - in North Carolina*

## Sympathy

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**East End Drive** will host their annual Homecoming on May 12, with Eric Garner preaching.

**Smartt** will host a VBS on Saturday May 18.

**Midway** will host a Gospel Meeting on May 19-22, with Ralph Richardson preaching.

## Youth News

### Upcoming Events

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## Elders-Deacons Meeting

Elders-Deacons Meeting 5 PM this Sunday evening.

## General Business Meeting

The General Business Meeting will be this Sunday following the evening services.

## Amerindian Missions in Guyana

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"I NEED A CARD THAT WISHES A WARM AND TENDER BIRTHDAY, FOLLOWED UP WITH STRICT ADMONISHMENT AND REBUKE."

## Doers of the Word

The Bible emphasizes the importance of hearing God and His representatives. When distinguishing Jesus from Moses and Elijah, God spoke from the heavens: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" (Matthew 17:5). When addressing issues confronting the seven churches of Asia, Jesus declared: "He who has an ear to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches" (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29; 3:6, 13, 22). Paul likewise highlighted the integral role hearing plays when he wrote: "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). Clearly, we must hear the word of God. But hearing God's word involves more than listening. God did not want the apostles to merely hear what Jesus had to say; He wanted them to hear and follow Him. The same was true of Jesus' instructions to the seven churches of Asia. Hearing is a necessary step, but it is not the only one!

After hearing God's word, we must submit our lives to His plan and live accordingly. This is why Scripture consistently stresses the necessity of obedience. For example, in Romans 12:1, Paul charged the Christians in Rome to "present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service." Elsewhere, he instructed the Philippians: "Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Philippians 1:27). Both passages show that Christians must conduct their lives an acceptable and worthy manner. It is not enough to know God has expectations for our lives. We must follow them. Importantly, God has not left it up to us to decide how to do this. Instead, He has provided the plan we must obey in His word (see Hebrews 5:9; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-8).

James had obedience in mind when he addressed his audience. Knowing they had to do more than acknowledge God's expectations, he exhorted: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22). We must hear, but hearing without obedience is deceptive. As James 1:19-27 reveals, proper obedience requires self-control, dedication, and effort. We must control our emotions and reactions if we wish to live

righteously. We must dedicate ourselves to both knowing and following God's plan if we wish to be blessed by Him. And we must seek to help those who are in need while also maintaining personal purity if we wish to practice pure religion. In short: We must be doers of the word!

~ Chad Ramsey ~

## Advice

Advice – who needs it? Oftentimes I do! (Anyone else want to admit it?) "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise" (Proverbs 12:15). Effective leaders listen to trustworthy advisors before making important decisions.

No doubt the best advice in the world comes from the word of God. "Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O Lord, and teach out of Your law" (Psalm 94:12). Too often, though, sinful humans just don't like His counsel. In fact, we tend to want to reverse the roles! Maybe we wouldn't literally tell God what He should do, or what course of action He should approve for us, but that's the net effect when we reject His counsel and forge ahead doing it "my way."

Paul rhetorically asked the Romans, "For who has known the mind or the Lord? Or who has become His counselor?" (Romans 11:34, quoting Isaiah 40:13). In the next verse Paul asked the very question God asked Job: "Or who has first given to Him, and it shall be repaid to him?" (Romans 11:35 quoting Job 41:11). The obvious answer to both questions: "Nobody!" The omniscient and infinitely wise God has no need whatever for our advice!

We, on the other hand, would do well to seek His advice within that great volume of His revealed will called the Bible. And once we have found it, we would do even better to heed it!

In many cases free advice is particularly unwelcome. But God's advice won't cost you a penny. You will, however, be tremendously enriched by following it.

~ Joe Slater ~



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Lead Singing .....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer .....Matthew Woodside  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....Mark 6:17-18  
Lord's Table .....\*Brandon Fuston  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....David McColloch

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Don Sullivan  
Lead Singing .....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....Ecclesiastes 12:14  
Lord's Table .....\*Norman Sain  
.....\*Lincoln Sain  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss..... Kelly Thaxton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Eddie Palmer  
Lead Singing .....Talan Mullican  
First Prayer.....Bruce Pryor  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Invitation .....Rickey Hurst  
Dismiss .....Mike Mullins

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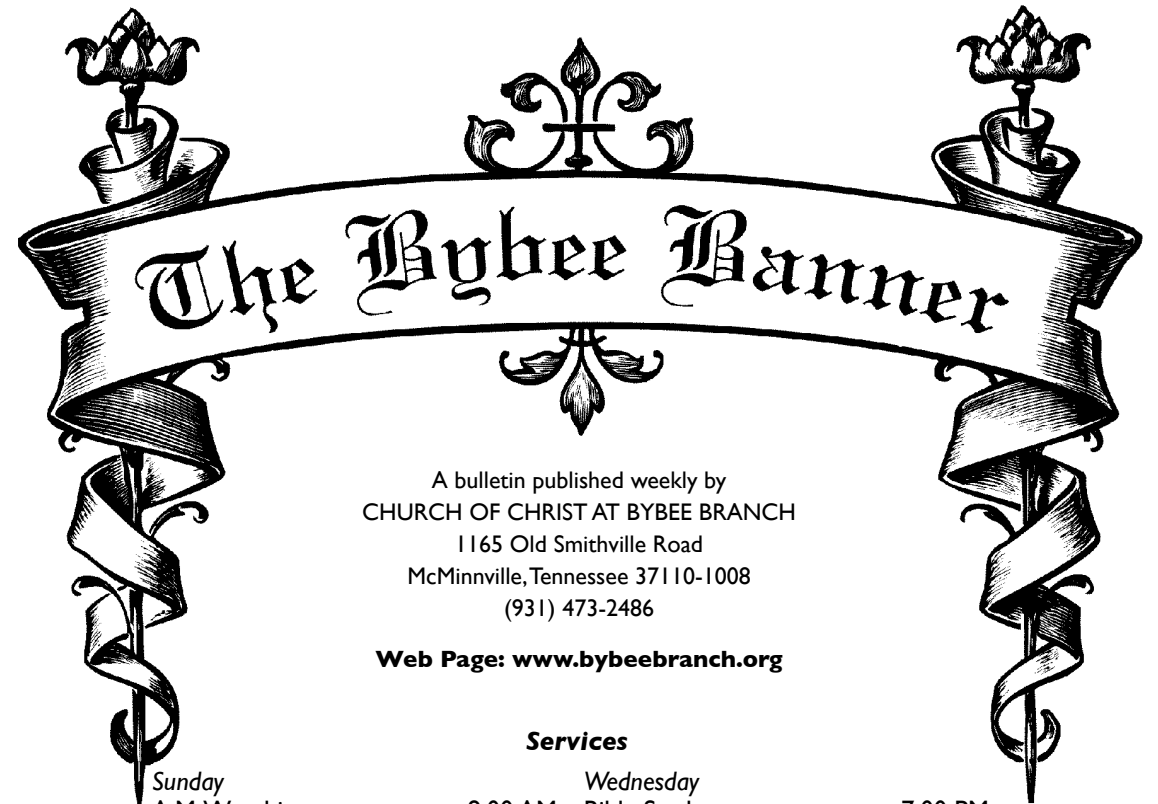
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**Services**

|               |          |                                                                   |         |
|---------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| <i>Sunday</i> |          | <i>Wednesday</i>                                                  |         |
| A.M. Worship  | 9:00 AM  | Bible Study                                                       | 7:00 PM |
| Bible Study   | 10:15 AM |                                                                   |         |
| P.M. Worship  | 6:00 PM  | <i>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i> |         |
|               |          | Monday Morning Bible Class                                        | 9:00 AM |

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| Rickey Hurst   | Clent Kesey     |
| Kurt Maynard   | David McColloch |
| Jared Mullican | Mike Mullins    |
| Bruce Pryor    | Herb Rowland    |

**Preachers**

|                                                                              |          |                            |          |
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| Tony Lawrence (Preaching)                                                    | 212-6067 | Josue Castorena (Hispanic) | 580-2477 |
| email <a href="mailto:preacher@bybeebranch.org">preacher@bybeebranch.org</a> |          |                            |          |

## Sick

### At Home:

June Crouch  
Osborn Huntley (Ruby's husband)  
Steve Nearing - treatments  
Dale Zuna - treatments at MD Anderson/Houston  
Margaret Schillinger  
Stanley Clendenon  
Corretta Lawrence  
Linda Fults

### Hospital

Marty York - Vanderbilt  
Lennie Ruth Kesey - NHC  
Phillip Clemons - NHC #411  
Mike Lee (Glyna Lee's son) - in North Carolina

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Willie Holmes. She was a life-long member of By-bee Branch. Her service was this past Saturday.

## Baptism

We are delighted to announce that this past Wednesday morning Jean Williams was baptized into Christ.

## Area Events

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"Through the LORD'S mercies we are not consumed, Because  
His compassions fail not. They are new every morning;  
Great is Your faithfulness." "The LORD is my portion,"  
says my soul, "Therefore I hope in Him!"  
Lamentations 3:22-24

## Youth News

### Upcoming Events

Sunday May 5th—H.E.Y./T.A.B.S will be at Short Mountain Bible Camp at 5 PM.

May 26-31, Warren-White Week at Short Mountain Bible Camp "Good vs Evil."

June 23-28, Coffee/Rutherford Week at Short Mountain Bible Camp.

## Calling All Graduates

If you or your children will be graduating from high school or college this year, please give the information (and a photo) to Tony this week. Thanks!

## Getting Ready for Summer Series

June 2, Forgiveness in the Family, Jonathan Burns

June 9, Joseph forgives his brothers (Gen. 37-50), Drew Leonard

June 16, Requirements of Forgiveness, Don Blackwell

June 23, Forgiving Enemies (2 Sam. 9), Derrick Stiles

June 30, The Unmerciful Servant, Phil Sanders

July 7, David seeks forgiveness (Penitential Psalms), Josh Robinson

July 14, Forgiving the Disciplined (2 Cor. 2), Kee Ford

July 21, The Prodigal Son (Luke 15), Barry Kennedy

July 28, Forgiveness at the Cross, David Lipe

Special note: On June 30, will also be our Friends & Family Day. Brother Phil Sanders will be speaking twice that morning as well.

## May 2024

| SUNDAY                                                           | MONDAY                        | TUESDAY                          | WEDNESDAY         | THURSDAY               | FRIDAY                    | SATURDAY                                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Apr 28<br>Barry Mayes<br>Charlotte Adams                         | 29                            | 30<br>Mike Mullins               | <b>May 1</b>      | 2                      | 3                         | 4                                                             |
| May 5<br>Jean Ware                                               | 6                             | 7                                | 8                 | 9                      | 10                        | 11                                                            |
| HEY/TABS<br>at Short Mtn                                         |                               |                                  |                   |                        |                           |                                                               |
| May 12                                                           | 13                            | 14                               | 15<br>Kara Fuston | 16                     | 17<br>Maggie Hurst        | 18                                                            |
|                                                                  | Monday Morning<br>Bible Class |                                  |                   |                        | High School<br>Graduation |                                                               |
| May 19<br>PAUL & KARA<br>HURST                                   | 20                            | 21<br>BOBBY & CAR-<br>OLYN LANCE | 22                | 23                     | 24                        | 25                                                            |
| May 26<br>FRANKLIN & LIN-<br>DA BROOKS<br>MIKE & TINA<br>MULLINS | 27                            | 28                               | 29                | 30<br>Harold McGinness | 31                        | <b>Jun 1</b><br>Haley McColloch<br>MARC & MELIN-<br>DA MARTIN |
|                                                                  | Monday Morning<br>Bible Class |                                  |                   |                        |                           |                                                               |

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Don Sullivan  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Chris Snow  
Reading.....Tucker Gann  
Scripture.....Mark 6:34  
Lord's Table.....\*Allen Hughes  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Don Sullivan  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Ray Weddington  
Reading.....Dale Bennett  
Scripture.....I Corinthians 1:2  
Lord's Table.....\*Ronnie Prince  
.....\*Bruce Pryor  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Barry Mayes

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Eddie Palmer  
Lead Singing.....Lincoln Sain  
First Prayer.....Jeff Flatt  
Reading.....Nate Turner  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Norman Sain

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 201  
Bible Study..... 142  
P.M. Worship..... 120  
Wednesday Bible Study ..... 101  
Contribution.....\$11,191

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Eugene Womack  
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Iva Cunningham is home from NHC

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Marty York - Vanderbilt - following back surgery  
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## Bridal Shower

All the ladies of the congregation are invited to a bridal shower for Haley McColloch and Seth Graves. May 19, from 1:00-3:00 PM in the fellowship room.

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Ross and Lacy Garrison on welcoming a baby boy, Grady Wilder, born on May 1, weighing 8.9 pounds and 19.5 inches long. Proud Great Grandparents are our Ken and Nona Martin.

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## Shut-In At Home

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)  
W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
June Crouch  
Iva Cunningham  
Janice Foster  
Greg Grizzell  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Osborn Huntley (Ruby's husband)  
Sarah Kell  
Lennie Ruth Kesey  
Daisy Maxwell  
Helen Morgan  
Noel Pepper  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)  
Howard Witty  
Marty York

## NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Serese Brock #406  
Philip Clemons #411  
Morris Griffith #301  
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412  
Cathy Hennessee #408A

## Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Anna Jean Bond #B4

## Willow Branch

(415 Pace Street McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) #102

## Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

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## Parable For Mothers

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

"Is the way long?" she asked.

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

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

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

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

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth -- clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the Mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the Light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night

the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

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

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

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

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

~ Temple Bailey ~

## Bear Project

All the ladies and younger girls of the congregation are invited to a working this Thursday evening, May 9 at 5 PM to make bears for children. Supper will be provided. The bears will be taken on a medical mission trip to Peru by Delanie Sullivan the first week of June.

Also, if you have any prescription or reading glasses that you are not using Delanie will take these as well. Please place them in a box in the lobby.

## Monday Morning Bible Class

The Monday Morning Bible Class will continue this Monday, May 13, at 9 AM. We meet in Rooms 10-11 and class will begin at 1 Samuel 23. Everyone is welcome to come and bring a friend.



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Don Sullivan  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Scripture.....Mark 7:9  
Lord's Table.....\*Paul Hurst  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Caleb Graves

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Don Sullivan  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Mike Mullins  
Reading.....Danny Duncan  
Scripture.....I Corinthians 9:19  
Lord's Table .....\*Ken Martin  
.....\*Chris Snow  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Tales Mullican

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Eddie Palmer  
Lead Singing.....Jared Mullican  
First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
Reading.....David McColloch  
Invitation.....Larry Flatt  
Dismiss.....Kelly Thaxton

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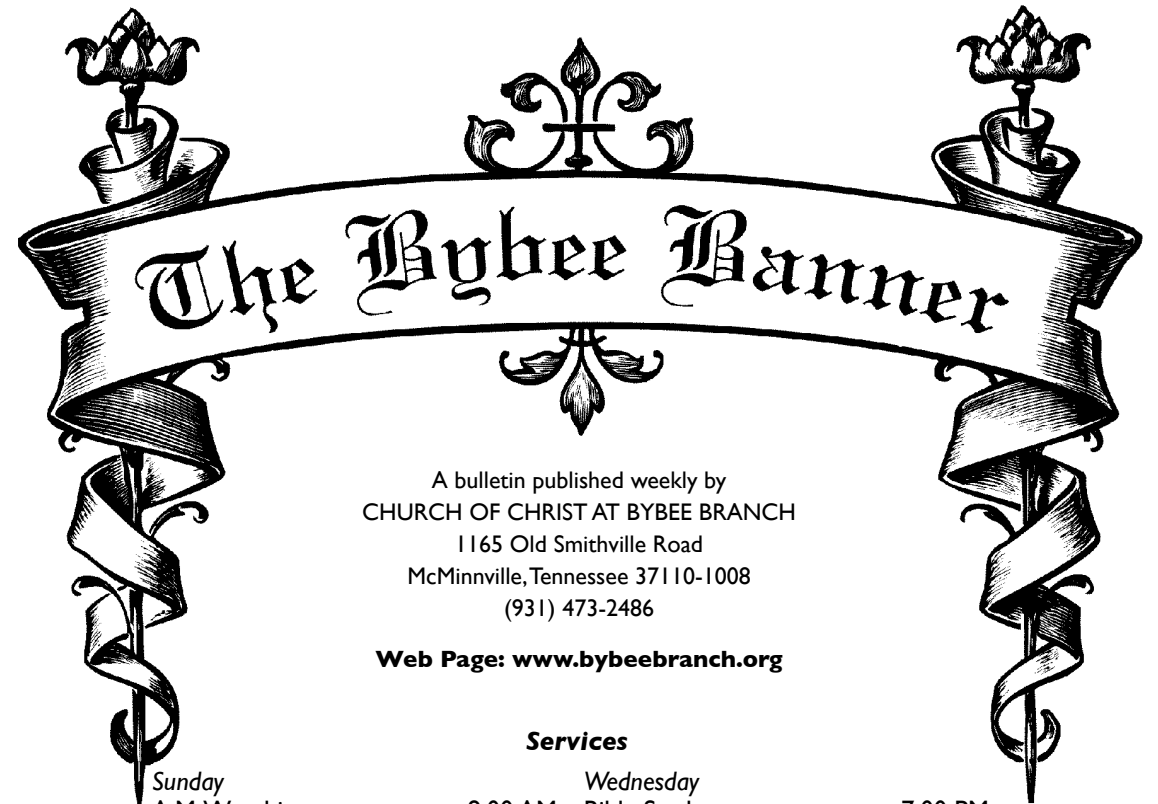
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Our Summer Series begins in just a little over two weeks. Be sure to invite your friends and family!

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## We Wish To See Jesus

There were Gentile "God-fearers" who would periodically attend the Jewish feasts. In John 12, there were some who came to Jerusalem to worship. "Now there were certain Greeks among those who came up to worship at the feast. Then they came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." (John 12:20-21). Having heard about Jesus they wanted to "see" Him. There are still people seeking to see Jesus today. But how? Jesus died, resurrected and ascended back to the Father. I would suggest that when one comes to us as they did to Philip that we can still show them Jesus. Let me suggest two ways:

One can see Jesus in **Scripture**. In fact, Jesus said, "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me." (John 5:39). There are numerous prophecies that foretold His coming. In addition there are the accounts provided by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John that record the life of Christ. There such beautiful harmony in the four accounts of the life of Christ that one can "visualize" the things He said and did. They were recorded for us to believe in Him. "And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name." (John 20:30-31).

One can also see Jesus in the lives of His **saints**. We are called to "walk in His steps" (1 Peter 2:21) and to imitate Him (1 Corinthians 11:1). One of my favorite songs that I learned in college was "Have You Seen Jesus My Lord."

When people want to see Jesus, let's show Him to them.

~ Tony Lawrence ~

# Graduates 2024

## Warren County High School



Emma Hillis



Emily Jordan



Anna King



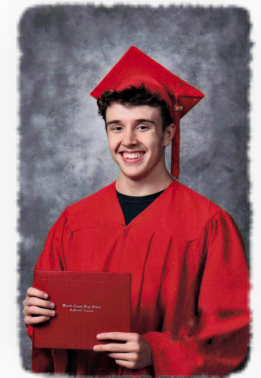
Talan Mullican



Bella Pennington



Sawyer Powell



Sabastien Smith



Haley McColloch  
Lincoln Memorial University  
Doctor of Veterinary Medicine

## University

Chloe Pennington  
University of Tennessee  
B.A. in Sociology  
(concentration in  
Criminology) with minor in  
Philosophy B.A. in  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
with a minor in Political  
Science



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Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer .....Willie Newby  
Reading .....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture .....Mark 7:24  
Lord's Table .....\*Tim Fisher  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Nate Turner

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer .....Tim Gann  
Reading .....Lincoln Sain  
Scripture .....Luke 11:1  
Lord's Table .....\*Kurt Maynard  
.....\*Kane Maynard  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
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### Hospital

Marty York - Vanderbilt - following back surgery

Mike Lee (Glyna Lee's son) - in-patient rehab in  
North Carolina

## VBS Planning Meeting

Our VBS this year will be on July 8-10. For those willing to teach or assist in teaching, please be at a planning meeting on June 2, following evening services.

## Area Events

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## Glasses for Mission Trip

Please bring any old prescription glasses or readers to collect for a mission trip to Peru by May 29. Delanie Sullivan will be on a medical mission trip there in early June.

## Monday Morning Bible Class

Our Monday Morning Bible Class will be moved to June 3, due to Memorial Day being next Monday. Remember class begins at 9 AM, at 1 Samuel 25.

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## A Talk With Nature

I came close to talk with nature

Asking questions from the past

"Why are you made so perfect—

So enduring and so vast?"

Did you come into existence

From a great explosive blast?

Did this give you such intelligence

That will surely forever last?"

Nature responded with great laughter

"You've met some fools on land and sea

For what they all fail to consider

Only God could create me!"

~ Benny Bristow ~



## Five Rules for Happiness

1. Cultivate the habit of always looking on the bright side of every experience.
2. Accept cheerfully the place in life that is yours, believe that it is the best possible place for you.
3. Throw your whole soul and spirit into your work, and do it best you know how.
4. Get into the habit of doing bits of kindness and courtesies to all those who touch your life each day.
5. Adopt and maintain a simple, childlike attitude of confidence and trust in God as your own Father.

~ Dr. Charles E. Barker ~

via Hoosier State Chronicles, Nov. 21, 1924

## Who were brothers Taylor, Howland, Smith and Johnson?

There is a monument in front of the Old Philadelphia Meeting house with a list of names of "Ministers Known To Have Served Old Philadelphia 1805 – 1940." "Served" on this monument means someone knew them to have preached there on at least one occasion. There are thirty-two names on the list. Some were well known, like David Lipscomb, Tolbert Fanning, and Jesse Sewell. Marshall Keeble is on the list, but his first name is abbreviated "Mrshl." Some are not as well known today, but there is history to be found on Wm. D. Carnes, Issac Jones, and E. A. Elam. I am still looking for information on Thomas Busby, John Lemmon, John Powell, Elonso Jones, H. Ramsey, and I. Donohue. The names that intrigue me at the lower right-hand corner are Bro. Taylor, Bro. Howland, Bro Smith, and Bro. Johnson.

The names of these four ministers appear in some old notes about Old Philadelphia, but the details of their lives are scant. I have learned that they were ministers from the black community that began meeting here in the mid 1890's, and continued as a congregation until about 1840. Brother Smith was the first black minister for those brethren. He was distinguished by a long white beard, and he had a favorite tree to which he would tie his horse. Brother Johnson would come to Verrilla to preach from Nashville where he lived. So far, all I know of brothers Taylor and Howland are their last names.

I am reminded of the Old Testament prophets. We know very little about them. No one can tell us the life stories of Joel, Habakkuk, or Haggai. I think of the apostles. We know most about Paul, some about Peter and John, but almost nothing about Lebbaeus Thaddaeus or Simon the Canaanite. Think of the companions and fellow workers with Paul, men like Epaenetus, Herodion, Rufus, and many others, some of who we do not even know by name. I pay attention to these names that are given, because they are my spiritual brethren, and I expect to meet them in heaven. In eternity, I would like to say to Philologus, "Yes! I remember! I read your name in the book of Romans!"

On many old stones in many old cemeteries I see the words, "Gone but not forgotten," but from

the looks of those neglected stones I suspect that many are forgotten. For many, no one alive to remember them anymore. I do not expect to be remembered for long myself. Someday a group may try to compile a list of "Ministers who served Rockliff" and someone may say, "I used to hear about a brother Boyd." If that is all, then that will be fine. If I am not remembered, I will be in good company with the forgotten prophets, apostles, and companions of Paul.

When I look at the names on that Old Philadelphia monument, I think to myself, "I do not know who they all were, but God knows them everyone." God also knows the name of every soul in every unmarked grave in the near-by cemetery.

To comfort the captives in Babylon, God had Isaiah write, "Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth" (Isaiah 40:26). The point is, God knows the names of the innumerable stars, and he has not forgotten us. I take comfort that Hebrews 8:12 says, "...their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more," but Hebrews 6:10 says, "God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." God forgets our wrongs but remembers us for good! Nehemiah said "Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof" (Nehemiah 13:14). He close his book saying, "Remember me, O my God, for good" (Nehemiah 13:31).

One reason we do not know much about these prophets and apostles is because they were not preaching themselves; they were preaching Christ. That we remember Christ is their glory. That is why the names of Taylor, Howland, Smith, and Johnson are on that monument at the Old Philadelphia Meetinghouse; someone remembered that they preached Christ. If someone remembers Christ because of us, then that will be our glory also.

~ Bill Boyd ~

via Facebook



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First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....Mark 8:21  
Lord's Table.....\*Barry Mayes  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Bobby Ashford

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First Prayer.....Brandon Fuston  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Scripture.....Luke 7:47  
Lord's Table.....\*Tim Gann  
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Sermon.....Jonathan Burns  
Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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Lead Singing.....Talan Mullican  
First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard  
Reading.....Nate Turner  
Invitation.....Willie Newby  
Dismiss.....Stanley Graves

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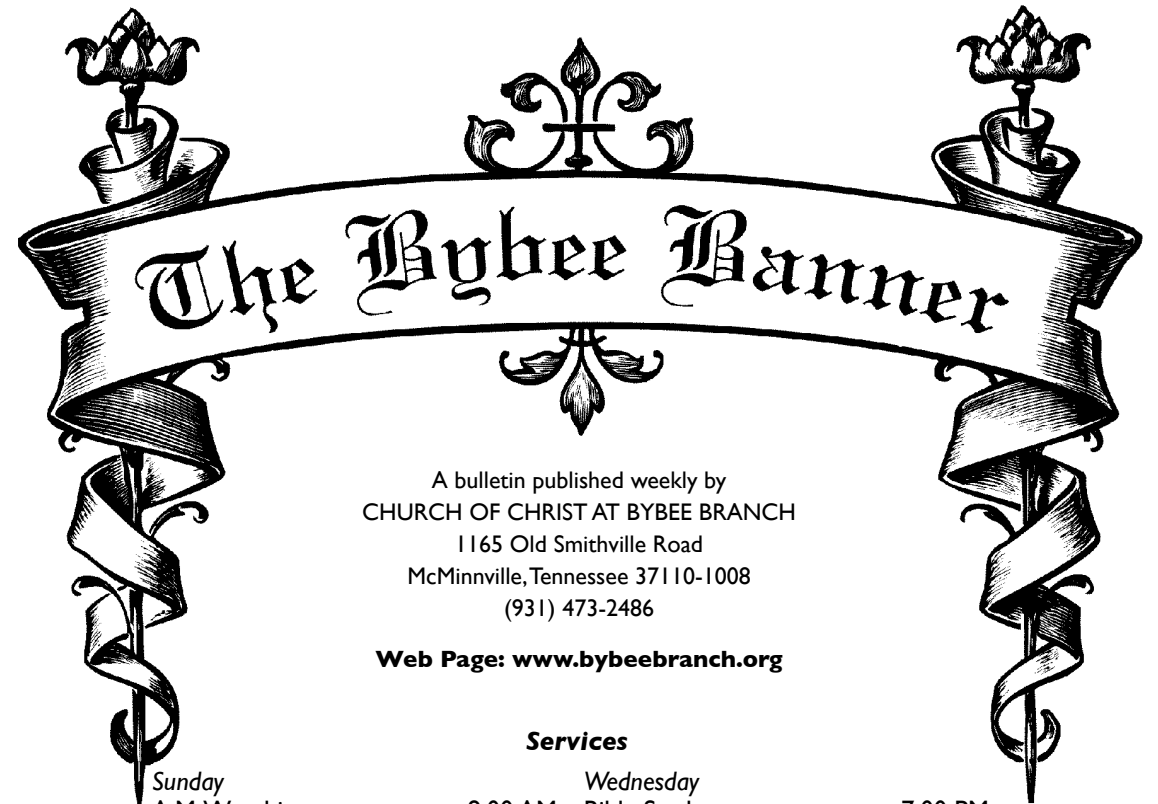
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June Crouch

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Margaret Schillinger

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## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Farris Young. His funeral was this past Saturday.

## VBS Planning Meeting

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## Summer Series

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## Youth News

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## June 2024

| SUNDAY                                                                                 | MONDAY                                                                                 | TUESDAY                                                | WEDNESDAY                                                                            | THURSDAY                           | FRIDAY                                                             | SATURDAY                                                 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| May 26<br>FRANKLIN & LINDA BROOKS<br>MIKE & TINA MULLINS                               | 27                                                                                     | 28                                                     | 29                                                                                   | 30<br>Harold McGinness             | 31                                                                 | <b>Jun 1</b><br>Haley McColloch<br>MARC & MELINDA MARTIN |
| Jun 2<br>Jaylen Pinegar<br>KURT & STEPHANIE MAYNARD<br>Summer Series<br>Jonathan Burns | 3<br>Glenda Hughes<br>Wanda Nunley<br><br>Monday Morning<br>Bible Class<br>9 AM        | 4<br>OSBURN & RUBY HUNTLEY                             | 5<br>DON & SUSIE GRIFFITH<br>Herb Rowland<br>June Crouch<br>STANLEY & JEAN CLENDENON | 6<br>DANIEL & MARGARET SCHILLINGER | 7<br>RONNIE & LINDA HAMILTON                                       | 8                                                        |
| Jun 9<br>Conner Nunley                                                                 | 10<br>Barbara Bouldin<br><br>Monday Morning<br>Bible Class<br>9 AM                     | 11<br>Bobby Lance<br>DANNY & CYNTHIA DUNCAN            | 12                                                                                   | 13                                 | 14<br>JARED & REBECCA MULLICAN                                     | 15<br>Harper Fuston                                      |
| Jun 16<br>RAY & CHARLOTTE WEDDINGTON<br><br>Summer Series<br>Don Blackwell             | 17                                                                                     | 18<br>Nathanael Turner                                 | 19                                                                                   | 20<br>STANLEY & SHERRY GRAVES      | 21<br>NOEL & MARTHA PEPPER<br>W.C. Chilton<br>WILLIE & DONNA NEWBY | 22<br>Linda Brooks                                       |
| Jun 23<br>JEFF & DENICE RHEA<br><br>Summer Series<br>Derrick Stiles                    | 24<br>Cynthia Duncan<br>Penelope Jennings<br><br>Monday Morning<br>Bible Class<br>9 AM | 25<br>Ruby Huntley                                     | 26<br>Noel Pepper                                                                    | 27<br>Jane Flatt                   | 28<br>Lincoln Sain                                                 | 29<br>John Nussbaum                                      |
| Jun 30<br>Friends & Family Day AND<br>Summer Series<br>Phil Sanders                    | <b>Jul 1</b>                                                                           | 2<br>DAVID & STEFANIE MCCOLLOCH<br>DON & JUDY SULLIVAN | 3                                                                                    | 4<br>Willie Holmes                 | 5<br>ALLEN & GLENDA HUGHES                                         | 6<br>Judy Nussbaum<br>Kurt Maynard                       |

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Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Jeff Flatt

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Reading.....Ken Martin  
Scripture.....Genesis 50:19-21  
Lord's Table.....\*Norman Sain  
.....\*Lincoln Sain  
Sermon.....Drew Leonard  
Dismiss.....Bruce Pryor

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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Dismiss.....Kelly Thaxton

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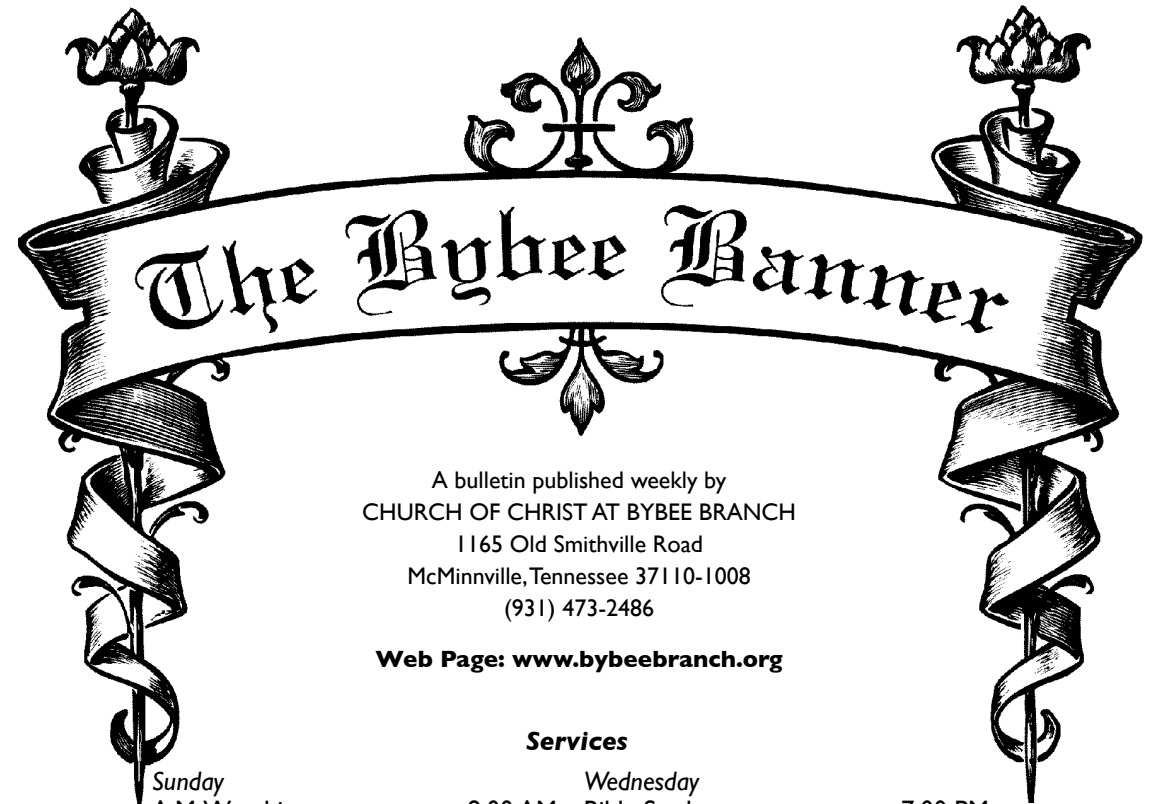
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W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
June Crouch  
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Greg Grizzell  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Osborn Huntley (Ruby's husband)  
Sarah Kell  
Daisy Maxwell  
Helen Morgan  
Noel Pepper  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)  
Howard Witty  
Marty York

## NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Serese Brock #406  
Philip Clemons #411  
Morris Griffith #301  
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412  
Cathy Hennessee #408A

## Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Anna Jean Bond #B4

## Willow Branch

(415 Pace Street McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) #102  
George Vandagriff  
Marty York #315

## Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

## McArthur Manor Assisted Living

(119 Bryan Ave, Manchester, TN 37355)  
Iva Cunningham

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



Our Friends & Family Day is only 3 weeks from this coming Sunday. Brother Phil Sander who is the speaker on the nationally televised *In Search of the Lord's Way* will be preaching. He will speak at the morning worship, Bible classes and at the evening on the Summer Series theme of Forgiveness. We will also enjoy a fellowship meal following the morning services. It's going to be a great day!

Start now to invite your friends & family. We will have card to pass out in a few days. Let us all work to reach a goal of 300+.

## Annual Ice Cream Fellowship

Each year we enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship at the ice cream fellowship. This year will be a little later. It will be on Sunday evening, July 14, following our evening services.

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**“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,”  
Colossians 3:23**



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Reading.....David McColloch  
Scripture.....Mark 8:36  
Lord's Table.....\*Ray Weddington  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Chis Snow

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Reading.....Don Sullivan  
Scripture.....Luke 17:3-4  
Lord's Table.....\*Jared Mullican  
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Sermon.....Don Blackwell  
Dismiss..... Paul Hurst

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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## Senior Saints Trip

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## The Healing Touch

When Jesus met a leper  
Who needed Him so much,  
Jesus showed to him compassion  
And healed him with a touch.

When sinners come to Jesus  
While obeying His commands  
He offers them salvation  
With the touch of nail-scarred hands.

~ Benny B. Bristow ~



"WANT TO KNOW WHAT I LEARNED AT SUNDAY SCHOOL THIS MORNING. HYPOCRITE?"

~ Benny B. Bristow ~

## Thanks Dad

William woke up at his usual time on Sunday morning and headed for the kitchen. As he walked down the hall, he remembered that it was Father's Day. But this would be a different Father's Day than all the ones before because this would be the first one in which his 18-year-old son, who was away at college, would not be around. As he sat reading the paper, his wife brought his breakfast along with a card in a big tan envelope. He opened the card to read:

Dear Dad,

*Sorry I can't be with you this year for Father's Day, but I wanted to write and thank you for a few things...*

- Thanks for taking the time to teach me about life.*
- Thanks for catching me before I fell.*
- Thanks for letting me fall so I could learn to get up.*
- Thanks for showing me how a man should treat his wife.*
- Thanks for teaching me how to work hard.*
- Thanks for showing me a man can be strong without being mean.*
- Thanks for praying in front of me.*
- Thanks for baptizing me.*
- Thanks for teaching me about Jesus.*

"Hear, my children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding" (Proverbs 4:1).

~ Jay Launius, Maud church of Christ, Maud, TX ~

## God's Promise

Now that I've become A Christian  
Some think, "There'll be no tears  
The pathway will be brightened  
Without any darkness or fears!"

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

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Tim Gann  
Reading.....Dale Bennett  
Scripture .....Joshua 24:15  
Lord's Table.....\*Larry Flatt  
Sermon .....Barry Mayes  
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Mike Mullins  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture .....2 Samuel 9:7  
Lord's Table .....\*Kurt Maynard  
.....\*Kane Maynard  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss..... Kelly Thaxton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Rickey Hurst  
Lead Singing .....Jared Mullican  
First Prayer.....Willie Newby  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Invitation.....Brandon Fuston  
Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

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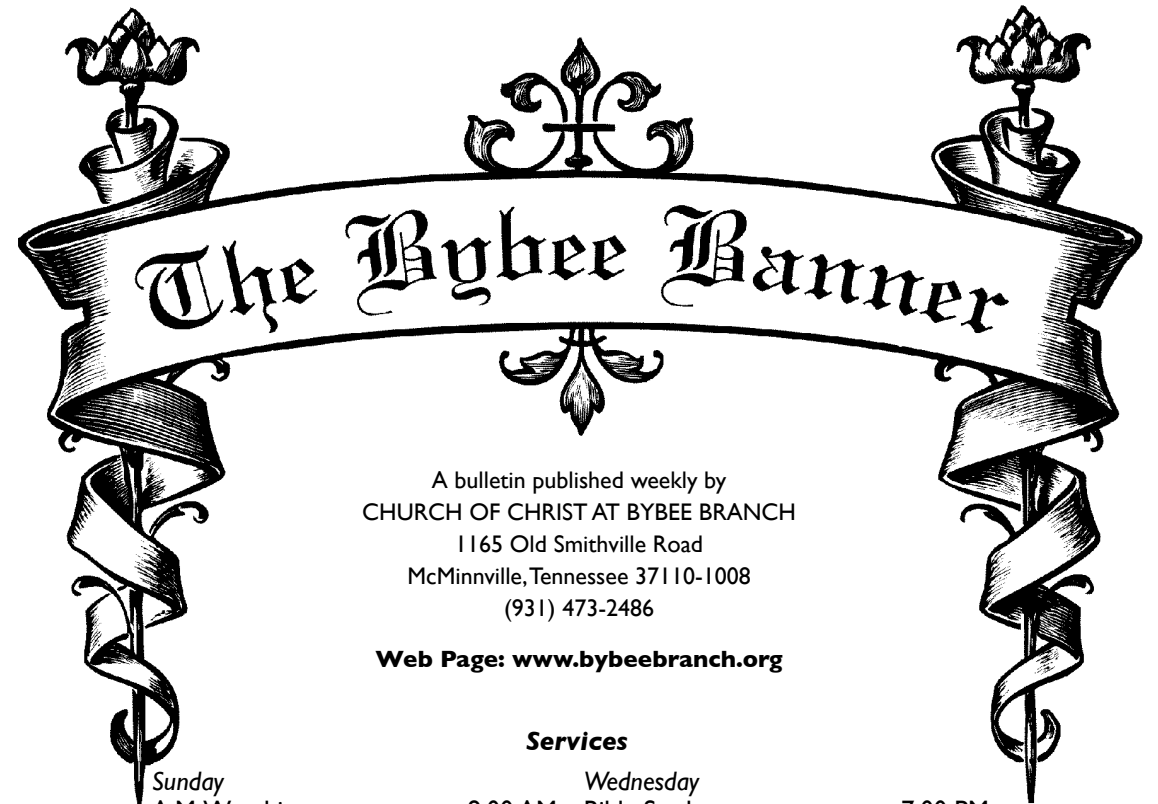
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## Sick

### At Home:

Lennie Ruth Kesey  
Martha Cathey  
Linda Fults  
Dale Zuna  
June Crouch  
Iona King - defibrillator to be installed Friday

### Hospital

Mike Lee (Glyna Lee's son) - in-patient rehab in North Carolina  
Noel Pepper - NHC #128 for rehab

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of George Vandagriff, brother of our June Crouch. His funeral was June 18, at Manchester Funeral Home.

## Annual Ice Cream Fellowship

Our annual ice cream fellowship will be on Sunday evening, July 14, following our evening services.

## Area Events

**Hiawasse** will host a Youth Day on June 22.

**Leoni** will host a VBS on June 23-26 5 PM Sunday and 6:30 PM Monday-Wednesday.

**Rockliff** will host a VBS on June 23-26.

**Rock Island** will host a Gospel Meeting on July 7-10 with John Summers preaching.

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## June 2024 Youth Events

June 23rd - Home Devo @ Civic Center  
June 23-28 - Coffee/Rutherford Week at Short Mountain Bible Camp.  
June 29th - Kayaking  
August ?? - Whitewater Rafting

## Home Devo @ the Civic Center

This month's home devo will be held at the Civic Center and hosted by the Mullicans on June 23rd. We will have a devo, some food, and play some kickball. Bring some clothes and shoes to join in on the fun. Please make plans to attend for a fun filled evening after services.

\*\*\* Even if you're a little older than "youth" come on out and have some fun hanging with them.

## Kayaking

The kayaking trip will June 29, and the whole congregation is invited. Please sign sheet in the foyer or on the iPad if you are interested. This is going to be a laid back Saturday with some good quality time spent together with other Christians.

## Our Vacation Bible School

VBS is rapidly approaching on July 8-10. with the theme: Great Characters of the New Testament. This year teaching the adult class will be brother Bryan Hayes. Please begin to invite your family and friends so we can have a great VBS this year.

## Summer Series

Our Summer Series continues this Sunday evening with Derrick Stiles. Brother Stiles has been the preacher for the Hebron church of Christ for the past seven years and done a great work there. He grew up attending Bybee Branch as a child and is the grandson of former Bybee Branch preacher Houston Stiles, and Earnest Laws. His topic will be Forgiving Enemies.

## Monday Morning Bible Class

The class scheduled for June 24 has been moved to July 1, due to Tony being out of town.

Due to being on vacation from June 20-25, a two-week bulletin is being printed. *T.L.*

## Sunday Morning Worship (June 30)

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer .....Ray Weddington  
Reading .....Bruce Pryor  
Scripture .....TBA  
Lord's Table.....\*Norman Sain  
Sermon.....Phil Sanders  
Dismiss.....Jared Mullican

## Sunday Evening Worship (June 30)

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing .....Youth  
First Prayer .....Youth  
Reading .....Youth  
Scripture.....Matthew 18:21-22  
Lord's Table .....\*Youth  
.....\*Youth  
Sermon.....Phil Sanders  
Dismiss.....Youth

## Wednesday Bible Study (July 3)

Announcements .....Kelly Thaxton  
Lead Singing.....Eddie Palmer  
First Prayer.....Bruce Pryor  
Reading.....Nate Turner  
Invitation .....Ray Weddington  
Dismiss.....Dale Bennett

*Ushers:*.....Danny Duncan, Tommy Turner, and Clent Kesey  
*Un/Lock Building:*.....Leonard Clemons/Kurt Maynard  
*Assist Baptisms:* .....Mary Flatt  
*Pantry Item:* .....Vienna Sausage  
*Check Pantry:*.....Stefanie McColloch  
*Check Kitchen:* .....Glenda Ferrell  
*Check Workroom:* .....Kara Hurst  
*Video* .....Tommy Turner  
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*Van Driver:*.....Mike Mullins



## Friends & Family Day/Summer Series

We will be having a great day on June 30. It will begin with brother Phil Sanders preaching that morning and teaching the class. Following the morning services we will have a fellowship meal. A sign up sheet for items to bring is on the bulletin board in the lobby. That evening he will be speaking on the Summer Series topic of The Unmerciful Servant.

## Peru Mission Report

Delanie Sullivan recently returned from a very successful week-long mission trip to Chimboté, Perú. The campaign was organized through Latin American Missions, a work overseen by the elders of the Forrest Park Church of Christ in Valdosta, GA. Her team consisted of 40 members of the Church from across the U.S. and about 50 brothers and sisters from across the country of Perú. Their goals were evangelism, support of the local church, and to provide medical services to the community. Throughout the week, many doors were knocked and invitations issued. There were 273 Bible studies held which included 604 students and eventually led to 11 baptisms. The medical team also saw 1017 patients, provided 4366 prescriptions, and provided dental services to 404 patients. The congregation at Bybee Branch donated a very large number of eyeglasses, all of which were given to those in need, and the Ladies Bible class sent 80 bears, all of whom found homes with the children of Perú. She thanks you all for your support and prayers! Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Perú and that the work there may continue.



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing.....Joe Collins  
First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard  
Reading.....Danny Duncan  
Scripture.....Mark 9:1  
Lord's Table.....\*Paul Hurst  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....David McColloch

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing.....Joe Collins  
First Prayer.....Rickey Hurst  
Reading.....Tucker Gann  
Scripture.....Psalms 86:5  
Lord's Table.....\*Tommy Turner  
.....\*Jared Mullican  
Sermon.....Josh Robinson  
Dismiss.....Tim Gann

**Wednesday Bible Study**

VBS

**Record for the Week...**

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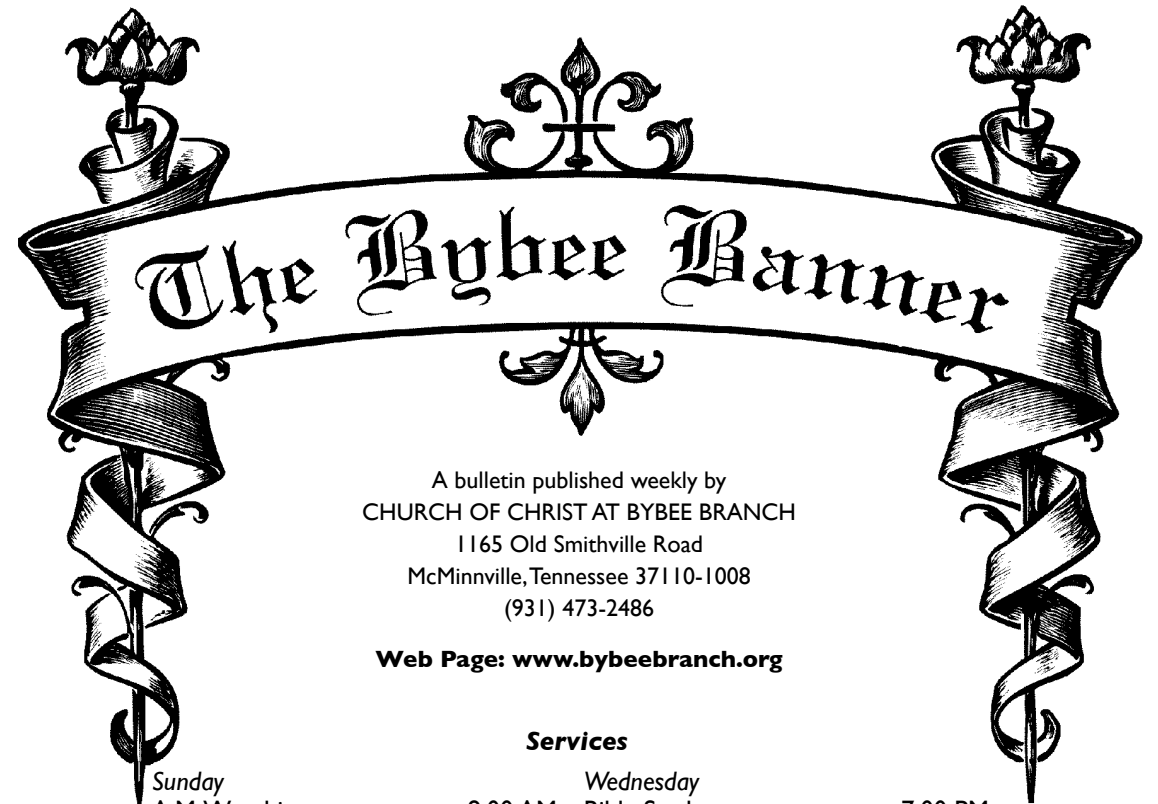
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 Linda Fults  
 June Crouch  
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 Noel Pepper  
 Mike Lee (Glyna Lee's son) now home

### Hospital

none known

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Randall Fuston, father of our Brandon Fuston. His service was this past Monday.

We also extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Dale Zuna. His memorial was also this past Monday.

## Baptism

We rejoice that Jayla Hudson was baptized at Short Mountain Bible Camp this past week.

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## Summer Series

Our Summer Series continues this Sunday evening with Josh Robinson. Brother Josh is a native of Warren County. He preached for ten years with the Arnold church of Christ in the Greater St. Louis area. Presently he is working with the Manna Project. His topic will be to discuss "David Seeks Forgiveness (Penitential Psalms)."

## Annual Ice Cream Fellowship

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## July 2024

| SUNDAY                            | MONDAY                                                    | TUESDAY                                                    | WEDNESDAY                                                 | THURSDAY                                          | FRIDAY                             | SATURDAY                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Jun 30                            | <b>Jul 1</b>                                              | 2                                                          | 3                                                         | 4                                                 | 5                                  | 6                                    |
|                                   |                                                           | DAVID & STE-FANIE MCCOL-LOCH<br>DON & JUDY SULLIVAN        |                                                           |                                                   | ALLEN & GLENDA HUGHES              | Judy Nussbaum<br>Kurt Maynard        |
| Jul 7                             | 8                                                         | 9                                                          | 10                                                        | 11                                                | 12                                 | 13                                   |
|                                   | Louise Miller                                             |                                                            | Glenda Faye Ferrell                                       | Greg Grizzell<br>Lillie Rutledge                  | Jean Clendenon                     | BRUCE & SUSAN PRYOR<br>Judy Sullivan |
|                                   | Vacation Bible School 7:00-8:30 PM                        |                                                            |                                                           |                                                   |                                    |                                      |
|                                   | Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM                           |                                                            |                                                           |                                                   |                                    |                                      |
| Jul 14                            | 15                                                        | 16                                                         | 17                                                        | 18                                                | 19                                 | 20                                   |
|                                   | BRANDON & KARA FUSTON<br>Lauren Hurst<br>Teresa McGinness | Caleb King<br>RODNEY & JEN-NIFER MAY-NARD<br>Sandra Hillis | Jeff Flatt<br>KELLY & KATHY THAXTON                       | Carolyn Lance                                     |                                    |                                      |
|                                   | Ice Cream Fellowship following PM Service                 |                                                            |                                                           |                                                   |                                    |                                      |
| Jul 21                            | 22                                                        | 23                                                         | 24                                                        | 25                                                | 26                                 | 27                                   |
|                                   | Rachael Graves                                            | Tommy Turner                                               | Cindy Fisher                                              | DONALD & MARTHA CATHEY<br>ELMER & LILLIE RUTLEDGE |                                    | Ashley Pinegar                       |
|                                   | Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM                           |                                                            |                                                           |                                                   |                                    |                                      |
| Jul 28                            | 29                                                        | 30                                                         | 31                                                        | <b>Aug 1</b>                                      | 2                                  | 3                                    |
| Don Griffith<br>JEFF & MARY FLATT |                                                           | TIM & AMANDA GANN                                          | Betty McPherson<br>CLENT & LYNETTE KESEY<br>Renee Nearing | TIM & CINDY FISHER                                | Rebecca Mullican<br>Skylar McElroy | Hayes Fuston                         |

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First Prayer.....Chris Snow  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....Mark 9:7  
Lord's Table.....\*Don Sullivan  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
Reading.....Tommy Turner  
Scripture.....2 Corinthians 2:6-8  
Lord's Table.....\*Eddie Palmer  
.....\*Ronnie Prince  
Sermon.....Kee Ford  
Dismiss.....Norman Sain

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Kelly Thaxton  
Lead Singing.....Talan Mullican  
First Prayer.....Jeff Flatt  
Reading.....Mike Mullins  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Brandon Fuston

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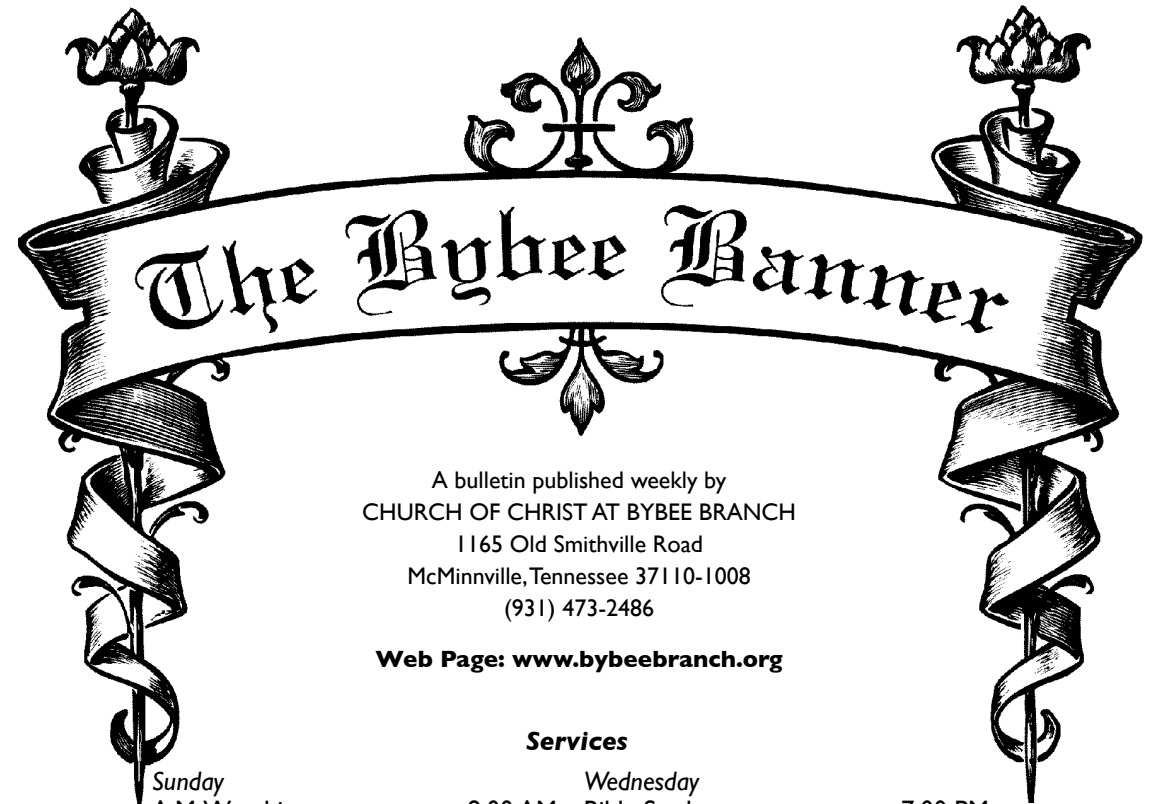
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## Elders-Deacons Meeting

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## Men's General Business Meeting

The quarterly Men's General Business Meeting will be Sunday evening, July 28, following the evening services. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

## Summer Series

Our Summer Series continues this Sunday evening with brother Kee Ford. Brother Ford is currently preaching for the Highway 56 church of Christ. He will be speaking on the very important topic of Forgiving the Disciplined (2 Corinthians 2).

## Annual Ice Cream Fellowship

Our annual ice cream fellowship will be this Sunday evening, July 14, following our evening services. Please come, invite your friends and enjoy this time of fun and fellowship.

## What Do You Think?

"For as he thinks in his heart, so is he."  
*Proverbs 23:7*

"And if anyone thinks that he knows anything, he knows nothing yet as he ought to know."  
*1 Corinthians 8:2*

"Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."  
*1 Corinthians 10:12*

"For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself."  
*Galatians 6:3*

"If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless."  
*James 1:26*

## Shut-In At Home

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)  
W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
June Crouch  
Janice Foster  
Greg Grizzell  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Osborn Huntley (Ruby's husband)  
Sarah Kell  
Daisy Maxwell  
Helen Morgan  
Noel Pepper  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)  
Howard Witty

## NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Serese Brock #406  
Philip Clemons #411  
Morris Griffith #301  
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412  
Cathy Hennessee #408A

## Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Anna Jean Bond #B4

## Willow Branch

(415 Pace Street McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) #102  
George Vandagriff  
Marty York #315

## Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

## McArthur Manor Assisted Living

(119 Bryan Ave, Manchester, TN 37355)  
Iva Cunningham

## Fruit Inspectors

"You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thornbushes nor figs from thistles, are they? So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit" (Matthew 7:16, 17).

"Don't judge me" seems to be a common mantra today. One cannot even offer constructive criticism without being blasted with this diatribe. We can be sure there has been plenty of unfair judgment of people, and judgment made in anger, malice, and hypocrisy. "How dare you pass judgment of me, you hypocrite!" This is pretty much what Paul said to the Jews in Rome who were judging Gentiles. "Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things" (Romans 2:1).

Did not Jesus tell us to judge righteously? "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment" (John 7:24). Our hearts must be right, and our actions true.

Jesus said that we are not to cast our pearls before swine or to give what is holy to the dogs (Matthew 7:6). Then, later in the chapter he warned of false prophets and said, "By their fruits you shall know them." How is this possible without some form of judgment? When we go shopping for fruit, we become fruit inspectors. We want to select the best and refuse the bad. We cannot know the bad from the good unless we have a standard, and that standard is the word of God. With it we can discern what is good or evil (Hebrews 5:14).

We are responsible to warn others of the dangers of unforgiven sin. But we must speak the words in love, says Paul.

Be good fruit inspectors.

~ Rob Redden ~  
via BulletinGold





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Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Larry Flatt  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....Mark 9:35  
Lord's Table.....\*Bruce Pryor  
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Dismiss.....Danny Duncan

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Scripture.....Luke 15:18-19  
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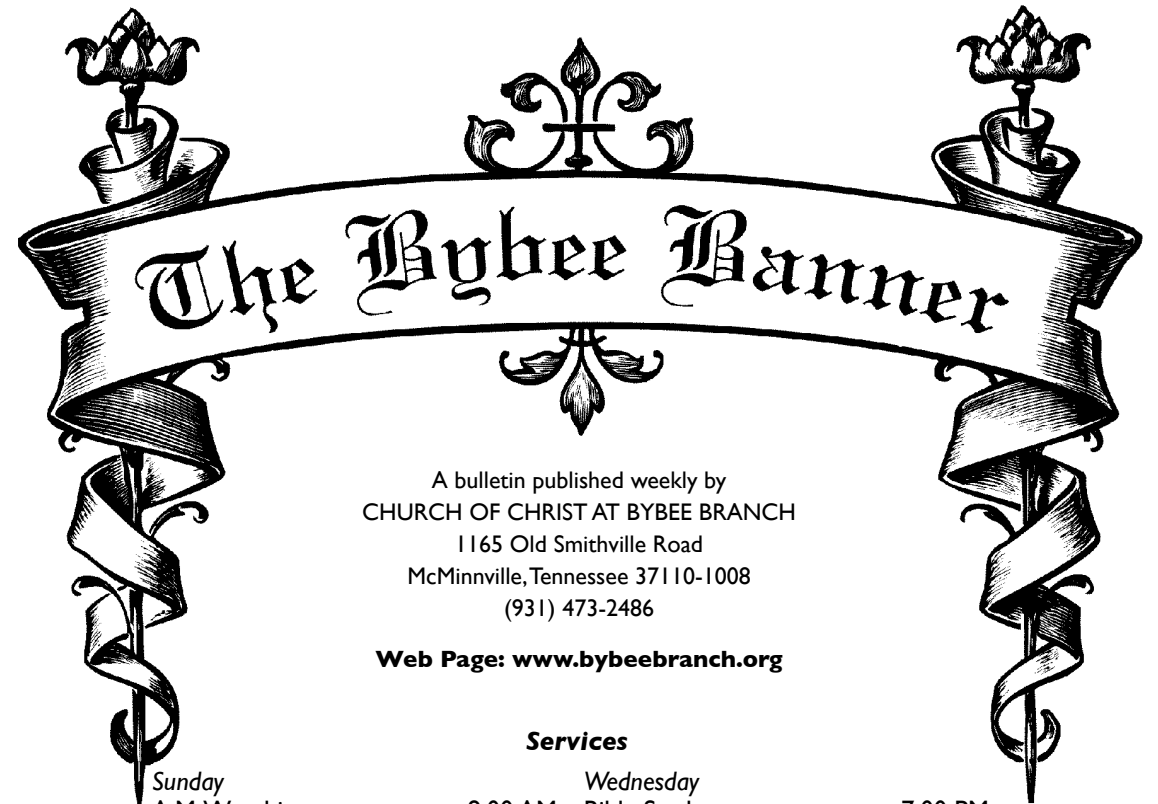
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## Sick

### At Home:

Gary Grizzell  
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Linda Fults  
June Crouch  
Noel Pepper

### Hospital

Osborn Huntley - NHC Rehab

## Sympathy

Two more families have been touched with grief this past week.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Larry David Elliott, brother of our Ruby Huntley. Funeral was on Tuesday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Lesley Mitchell, cousin of our Judy Nussbaum. Grave-side services will be Wednesday at 12 noon at Gardens of Memory Mausoleum.

## Area Events

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**Smyrna** will host a Gospel Meeting on August 4-7 with Chris Whitaker preaching.

**Bonner** will host a Gospel Meeting on August 4-7 with Freddie Clayton preaching.

## Bear Project

We have another Mission Trip opportunity to send Bears to South America with brother Roger Comstock. We need ladies that will hand stitch a small seam on the bears that are stuffed. This can be done at home. We will also be collecting, over the counter eye glasses, any strength, for this mission trip. There will be a box in the lobby for them. Our deadline is the end of July. See Susan Pryor for more information.

## Elders-Deacons Meeting

The quarterly Elders and Deacons Meeting will be Sunday evening, July 28, at 5 PM.

## Men's General Business Meeting

The quarterly Men's General Business Meeting will be Sunday evening, July 28, following the evening services. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

## Summer Series

Our Summer Series continues this Sunday evening with brother Barry Kennedy. Brother Kennedy has preached for the East Main church of Christ in Tupelo, MS for the past six years. Prior to that he served the Crossville church of Christ. He graduated from the Memphis School of Preaching and the Bear Valley Bible Institute. He also was a part of the team that went to knock doors in Selkirk Ontario back in 2003. He also spoke on our 2016 Summer Series. He will be addressing the topic: The Prodigal Son (Luke 15).

## The True Physician

Our bodies have diseases  
That attack against our will  
We seek the best physicians  
Longing to be healed.

They give us medication  
To make our bodies whole  
But only the Great Physician  
Heals the sin sick soul!

~ Benny B. Bristow ~

## I Want A Church That Meets My Needs

The statement made in the title is not only the desire of many in the religious world, but is becoming the philosophy of many Christians, because many of us are seeking a religion that "meets our needs." The phrase itself has virtually become a new religious term. Many persons praise or blame a particular congregation because it is or is not "meeting my needs."

Let me hasten to say that if the phrase means that we need to satisfy spiritual hunger, then it is a good expression, for surely everyone ought to be in a Christian community where his/her deepest spiritual longings are being addressed. The voice of God needs to be heard through spiritual teaching, and we need opportunities to serve, love and be called to repentance.

But being a part of the church to some means reaching for goals of "self-actualization." So, if the church doesn't fulfill certain expectations, wants and preferences, they must move on to another emotional department store with different merchandise more appealing to their "tastes."

Sadly, and probably without realizing it, many congregations have gotten into thinking that "we have to do all these things and plan all the activities to meet people's needs so they won't leave." Consequently, well-meaning leaders have turned God's church into a merchandising institution. So, we promote this program and that program for this group and that group.

But, in my judgment, the system has become turned upside down from the way God intended it to be. Whatever happened to the attitude in a Christian's heart of "I'd like to be a part of this congregation because of what I can do to meet its needs?" When are we most fulfilled? When our needs are met, or when we meet the needs of God's church on this earth? We ought to be a part of a congregation not so our needs can be met, but rather so we may best meet the needs of God's work.

Christians need to recall the Truth of the scriptures that personal fulfillment is a great spiritual paradox. We are most filled when we empty ourselves and be filled serving others. Jesus taught us, "...whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister (servant)...even as the son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister (serve)" (Matthew 20:26-28).

Paul said of his own heart, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). And again, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). "Reasonable service" is not being served (having your needs met) but serving (meeting the needs of others). We need to relearn the axiom, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Let's not demand that God's church be a place where people (leadership or membership) cater to our desires and preferences. Let's turn it right side up again and be a part of a congregation, not for what it can do for us, but for what we can do for it!

~ William Woodson ~

## How We Die

In what manner will we die?  
We may ask along the way  
Will it be sudden or prolonged  
Or in old age slip away?

There are mysteries we can't fathom  
The road ahead is often dim  
But how we die does not matter  
If we will die in Him.

~ Benny B. Bristow ~



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Ray Weddington  
Reading.....Rickey Hurst  
Scripture.....Mark 10:11-12  
Lord's Table .....\*Willie Newby  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Tim Fisher

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Mike Mullins  
Reading.....Jeff Flatt  
Scripture.....Ephesians 1:7  
Lord's Table .....\*Norman Sain  
.....\*Lincoln Sain  
Sermon.....David Lipe  
Dismiss.....Talan Mullican

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Kelly Thaxton  
Lead Singing .....Jared Mullican  
First Prayer .....Stanley Graves  
Reading.....Nate Turner  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Herb Rowland

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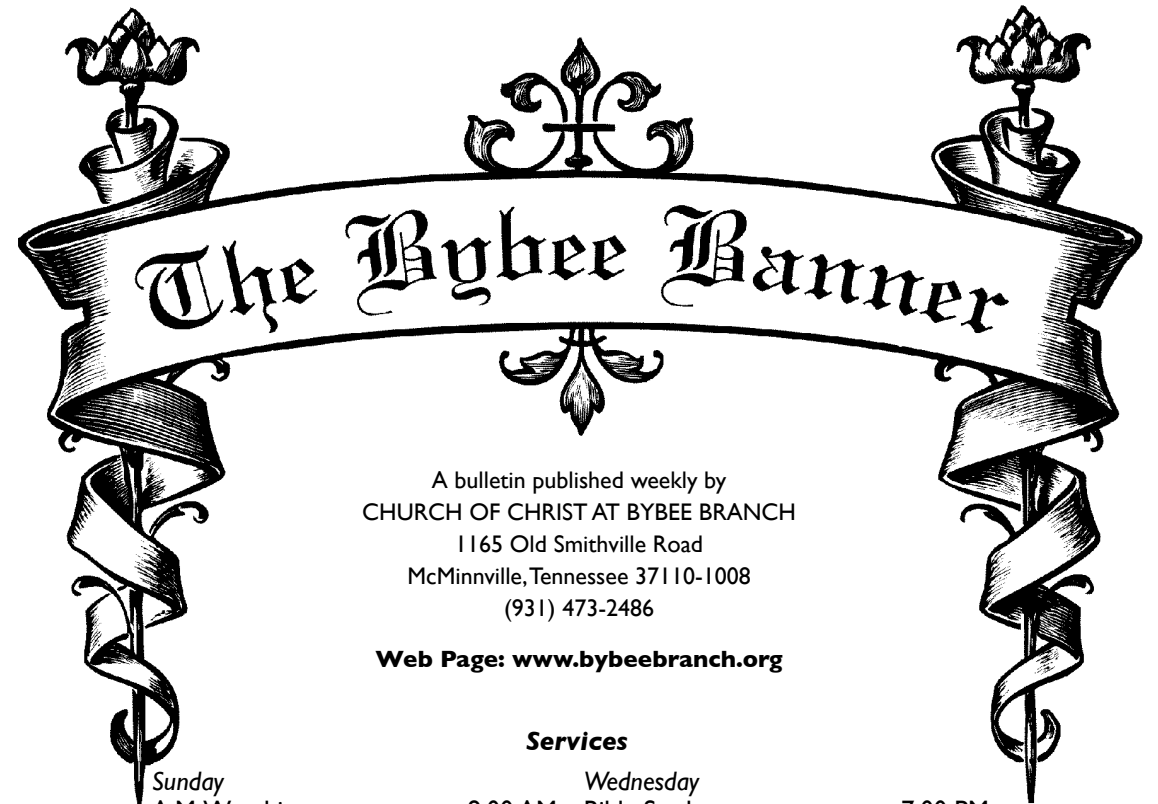
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## Sick

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 Elmer & Lillie Rutledge  
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 June Crouch  
 Noel Pepper  
 Rusty Rydner (Daniel Schillinger's son-in-law)

### Hospital

Osborn Huntley - NHC Rehab

## Sympathy

The congregation suffered a major loss with the passing of brother Don Griffith. His funeral was this past Friday. Please keep his good family in your prayers.

## Bear Project

The bears have been picked up along with the prescription glasses and will be taken to Guyana, South America on the next trip. Thanks to all to worked on the bears and contributed glasses!

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## Men's General Business Meeting

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## Summer Series

Our Summer Series will conclude this Sunday evening with brother David Lipe. Brother Lipe served previously at Freed-Hardeman University at Professor of Bible and director of the annual Bible Lectureship. Following retirement he became the director of Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies (formerly East Tennessee School of Preaching). He currently is the associate minister with the Crossville church of Christ as well as serving on the faculty for the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies. He will speak on Forgiveness at the Cross.

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**Unity** will host a Gospel Meeting on August 4-7 with Kirk Brothers preaching.

**Hwy 56N** will host a Gospel Meeting on August 4-7 with Charles Williams preaching.

*“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.”*

2 Peter 1:5-7



## August 2024

| SUNDAY                                         | MONDAY                                                                                                                 | TUESDAY                    | WEDNESDAY                                                          | THURSDAY                              | FRIDAY                                  | SATURDAY                                                                     |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jul 28<br>Don Griffith<br>JEFF & MARY<br>FLATT | 29                                                                                                                     | 30<br>TIM & AMANDA<br>GANN | 31<br>Betty McPherson<br>CLENT &<br>LYNETTE KESEY<br>Renee Nearing | <b>Aug 1</b><br>TIM & CINDY<br>FISHER | 2<br>Rebecca Mullican<br>Skylar McElroy | 3<br>Hayes Fuston                                                            |
| Aug 4<br>Kara Hurst                            | 5                                                                                                                      | 6                          | 7<br>TOMMY &<br>PAMELA TURN-<br>ER                                 | 8<br>Stanley Clendenon                | 9                                       | 10                                                                           |
| Aug 11                                         | 12<br>Allen Hughes<br><br>Monday Morning<br>Bible Class<br>8:30 AM<br><br>Sr. Saint Trip<br>9:30 to Ms. Mary<br>Bobo's | 13                         | 14<br>Wilma Rogers                                                 | 15<br>Marty Boles                     | 16<br>Elmer Rutledge<br>Jamie Griffith  | 17                                                                           |
| Aug 18<br>Steve Hillis                         | 19                                                                                                                     | 20                         | 21<br>Mary Ashford                                                 | 22<br>Taylor League                   | 23<br>Thelma Rowland                    | 24<br>Pamela Turner                                                          |
| Aug 25                                         | 26                                                                                                                     | 27<br>Linda Cantrell       | 28                                                                 | 29<br>Clent Kesey                     | 30                                      | 31<br>Brownie Kate<br>Bielling<br>Ethan Pinegar<br>HEATH & JAMIE<br>GRIFFITH |



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Chris Snow  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....Mark 10:17  
Lord's Table.....\*Norman Sain  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
Reading.....David McColloch  
Scripture..... 1 Corinthians 16:1-2  
Lord's Table.....\*Nate Turner  
.....\*Tommy Turner  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss..... Danny Duncan

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Dale Bennett  
Lead Singing.....Lincoln Sain  
First Prayer.....Don Sullivan  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Invitation.....Willie Newby  
Dismiss.....Kelly Thaxton

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Bible Study..... 128  
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## Sick

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Glenda Hughes  
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Susie Griffith  
Alfred Johnson  
Corretta Lawrence  
Linda Fulst  
June Crouch  
Noel Pepper  
Rusty Rydner (Daniel Schillinger's son-in-law)

### Hospital

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## New Arrival

Congratulations to Ezra & Abby Dixon on the birth of a baby boy Riggs. He weighed 9 lbs 5 oz and 21.5 inches long. He was born last Friday evening. Proud grandparents are Darron & Kirstie Dixon.

## Area Events

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## Senior Saints Trip

After a lot of modification in the destination the trip for the Senior Saints will be August 12. The Monday Morning Bible Class will meet at 8:30 that morning with a trip to Fall Creek Falls Restaurant afterward. You don't have to be a "senior" to attend. All are invited. Please sign the sheet on the board so we can get an accurate count.



## Shut-In At Home

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)  
W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
June Crouch  
Janice Foster  
Greg Grizzell  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Sarah Kell  
Daisy Maxwell  
Helen Morgan  
Noel Pepper  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)  
Howard Witty  
Marty York

## NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Serese Brock #406  
Philip Clemons #411  
Morris Griffith #301  
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412  
Cathy Hennessee #408A  
Osborn Huntley (Ruby's husband)

## Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Anna Jean Bond #B4

## Willow Branch

(415 Pace Street McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) #102

## Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

## McArthur Manor Assisted Living

(119 Bryan Ave, Manchester, TN 37355)  
Iva Cunningham

## Help Needed to Unlock Building

Help is need to unlock the building the months of September-December, if you can help please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

## Sweet Peas In Psalms 23

For many centuries, millions have found comfort in reading and studying the 23rd Psalm, and who can deny its greatness! Please notice some of the "sweet Peas" in this Psalm:

**1. P-ossession** —"The Lord is my Shepherd." Of all the things one may possess, this is the greatest of all. If you cannot say that the Lord belongs to you since you have accepted Him in obedience, your soul faces eternal dangers daily. When health is good or bad, when the sun is shining or clouds dark, or when we must give in to death, to have the Lord is our greatest possession.

**2. P-rovision** —"I shall not want." When one becomes a Christian, he has every need of a Spiritual nature filled. We need light —Jesus says, "I am the Light of the world!" We need truth, Jesus says, "I am the way and the truth!" We need Spiritual food, Jesus says, "I am the bread of life!" We need consideration and Jesus says, "Come unto me and I will give you rest."

**3. P-osition** —"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." There is contentment in Christ. Paul looked death in the face daily and suffered persecutions continually, and yet, he could say that he was content.

**4. P-rogress** —"He leadeth me beside the still waters." We are Pilgrims moving through this life toward eternity, and Jesus leads us in the right way. In the midst of a rushing, sinful world. He offers the tranquility of still waters.

**5. P-ersonal** —"He restoreth my soul." Jesus is concerned on an individual basis.

**6. P-urpose** —He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake." How powerful is the name of Jesus. He has a name above all other names. He has a name of authority, therefore, I should do all in the name of the Lord!

**7. P-arting** —"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death." Even in the most difficult time of our lives, our Lord will walk with us. For this great and last enemy will not stop our Lord. Since the bars of death could not hold him, we have the promise that they will not hold us. We will be resurrected to eternal life. Would you add these "Sweet Peas" to your Spiritual diet? And this is something to think about!

~ Benny Bristow ~

## God Of The Second Mile

"Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two" (Matthew 5:41 NAU).

Jesus exhorts those who might be conscripted to serve the military for one mile to offer to go farther, even two miles. The purpose for conscripting a Jew might be to carry a load, or provide water, or lead a horse, or carry a cross for a condemned criminal as Simon did for Jesus. Jesus realizes the impact the second mile mentality would have on others. Going beyond the call of duty has always been a mark of greatness. But to do that to the glory of the Lord is even more impactful for good.

I titled this "God of the Second Mile" because Jesus never asked anyone to do anything He would not do Himself. Did He need to be baptized because He had sinned? No, of course not. He never sinned, but He did it because God commanded it, regardless of its purpose. Was He morally obligated to die for us on the cross? No, He voluntarily gave Himself up for us.

Jesus said the blessings of heaven will be like a master blessing his faithful servant. "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful slave. You were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master'" (Matthew 25:21). When Jesus stalled His trip to Bethany when Lazarus was ill, Lazarus died, and when Jesus arrived, Martha, in a disappointing tone, said that had Jesus been there her brother would not have died (John 11:21). She believed He could heal him. But Jesus wanted her to see He was willing to do far more than that for which she had hoped. He raised him from the dead.

Paul burst forth in exaltation of God and said, "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us" (Ephesians 3:20). Our God is a God of the second mile. Someone said, "Grace is getting what we don't deserve, and mercy is not getting what we deserve." Someone added, "Blessings is when He is generous with both." Praise be to our Lord for His grace and mercy!

~ By Rob Redden ~  
via Bulletin Gold

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Joe Collins  
Reading.....Tim Fisher  
Scripture.....Mark 11:9-10  
Lord's Table.....\*Larry Flatt  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Paul Hurst  
Reading.....Talan Mullican  
Scripture..... Hebrews 11:4  
Lord's Table.....\*Tucker Gann  
.....\*Tim Gann  
Sermon.....Barry Mayes  
Dismiss..... Jeff Flatt

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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First Prayer.....Stanley Graves  
Reading.....Bruce Pryor  
Invitation.....Larry Flatt  
Dismiss.....Rickey Hurst

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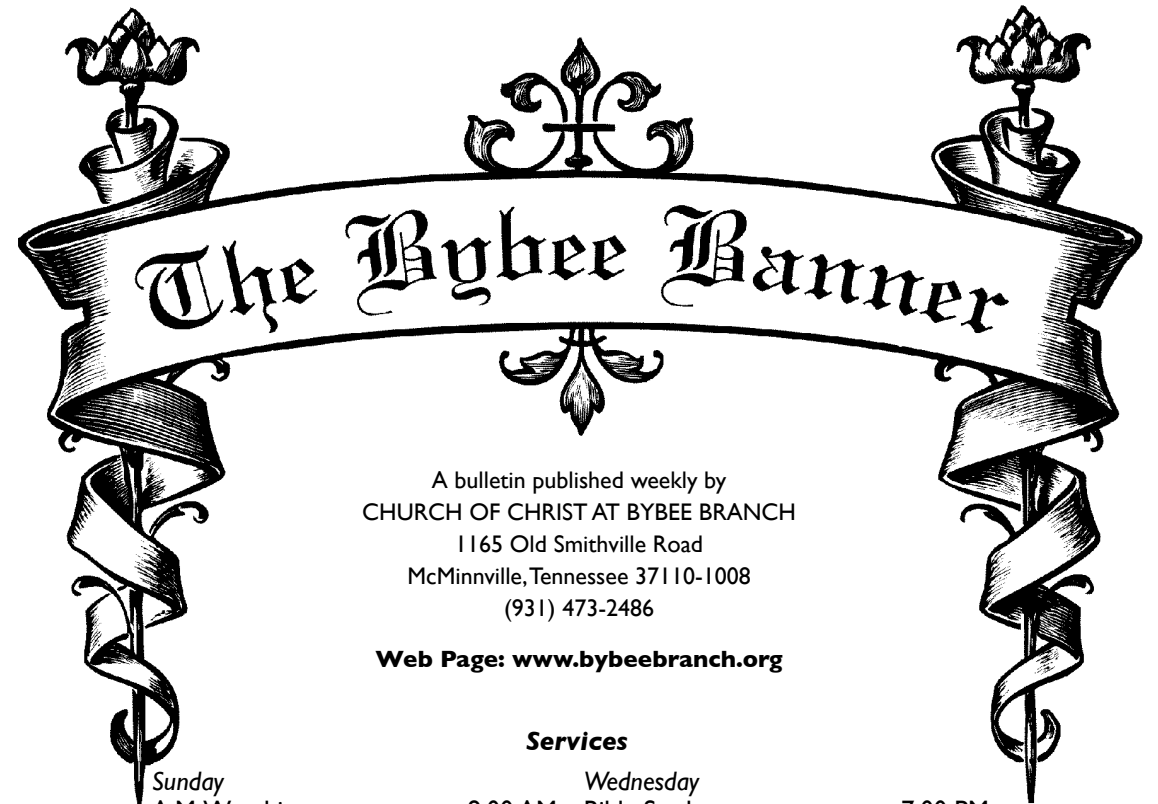
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## Senior Saints Trip

The Senior Saints trip will be this Monday, August 12. The Monday Morning Bible Class will meet at 8:30 that morning followed by a trip to Fall Creek Falls Restaurant afterward. You don't have to be a "senior" to attend. All are invited. Please sign the sheet on the board so we can get an accurate count.

## Youth News

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## Singing Is God's Idea

I love to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5.19). Perhaps you do too. I was blessed to grow up in an extended family that loved to sing. We sang at home, at family gatherings, in the car, when alone, and of course, at church assemblies. I was privileged to sing in choirs at a Christian high school, at a Christian college, and on church TV programs with area singers in Springfield, MO and Jonesboro, AR. Our family reunions always feature times to sing together. My wife and I began dating on a college chorus trip to Texas.

You might say singing is a part of my spiritual DNA. That's because singing is God's idea. And what an awesome idea it is!! And for Christians it doesn't matter if you have the ability to sing well or not. There are no conditions or qualifiers or "ifs" regarding the quality of singing in the New Testament. I've often heard jokes from those whose singing abilities were lacking, but their love for singing was not. They loved to say that they were "making a joyful noise to the Lord" (Psalm 95.1; 98.4; 100.1). That's because whether singing sounds poor or great, singing can be for us one of God's richest blessings.

Since singing is God's idea, it's not surprising that the Bible is full of references and instructions about it. After the exodus, Miriam sang (Exodus 15.21). Israel sang when God gave them water (Numbers 21.17). Deborah and Barak sang after a victory (Judges 5.1). Israel sang songs about King David (1 Samuel 21.11). And, of course, David and others composed numerous songs (Psalms 1 - 150). It's fascinating that when Jehoshaphat's army faced a fierce enemy, the king appointed singers to go before the army. When they began to sing and praise the Lord, the Lord set an ambush against their foes and defeated them (2 Chronicles 20). It's amazing how many times the encouragement to sing appears in the writings of Isaiah and Jeremiah around the time of the Babylonian captivity. After the captivity, at the dedication of the rebuilt wall around Jerusalem, Nehemiah appointed two great choirs to give thanks; one went to the south and the other to the north. The joy of Jerusalem was heard far away (Nehemiah 12.31-43).

In the New Testament we have Mary bursting into a song while visiting Elizabeth (Luke 1). The last thing Jesus did with his disciples before heading to the Mount of Olives on the night of his betrayal was to sing a song (Matthew 26.30). Paul and Silas were in the inner prison with their feet in stocks in the city of Philippi, yet had the courage and strength to sing hymns to God at midnight (Acts 16.25). The Apostle Paul instructed the assembled church to both sing from the heart in praise to the Lord (Ephesians 5.19) and to teach and admonish each other through singing (Colossians 3.16).

From these examples it is clear that singing is one of God's ways for us to connect with Him and His Son in praise, remembrance, petition, and humility:

- "Count your many blessings, see what God hath done"
- "Praise God from whom all blessings flow"
- "Be still and know that I am God"
- "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!"
- "All hail the power of Jesus' name"
- "When I survey the wondrous cross"
- "Father, hear the prayer we offer"
- "Have Thine own way Lord"

Singing is also one of God's ways for us to connect with each other to encourage, teach, motivate and comfort:

- "Be not dismayed whate'er betide"
- "Because He lives I can face tomorrow"
- "Faith is the victory"
- "Safe in the arms of Jesus"
- "Nearer, still nearer"
- "Blessed assurance"
- "It is well with my soul"
- "I am resolved"
- "Trust and obey"

One more thought about singing. Yes, singing is God's idea, but for you to get the most benefit from singing, you must participate with your heart, spirit and mind. Jesus stated God's basic principle for acceptable worship, including singing, in John 4.24: "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and truth." The Apostle Paul stated it more specifically to the church at Corinth:

"I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also" (1 Corinthians 14.15b). I said earlier that I love to sing. Sometimes I sing just for the fun of it. I love four-part harmony. I love different styles of songs. I love learning new songs. I love singing with my family and friends. I love listening to others sing. I love singing alone. But mostly I have learned that there is a spiritual synergy at work when I combine my spirit, my heart and my mind together in song. I believe that this is another blessing from God that you can't explain as well as you can experience.

Did you notice that there is nothing in the above verses about how well you sound when you sing? Of course we want our singing to be pleasing to the ear, but from the above verses, what God is wanting us to learn is to engage our spirits, hearts and minds when we sing. That means we are not singing just for the fun of it, nor singing because it is what we are supposed to do when we gather as a church. We are singing because we understand that the words are meaningful to our hearts and spirits. When we choose not to sing, or when we pay little attention to the words we are singing, we are robbing ourselves of some of God's great blessings.

- Singing is a way to express gratitude for the blessings God gives us
- Singing can lift our spirits and bring joy to our hearts
- Singing can help strengthen our relationship with God
- Through singing we can find comfort and peace in difficult times
- Singing can connect us with each other, creating a sense of community and belonging.

Remember, singing is God's idea.

~ Joe Chesser ~  
Via Bulletin Gold





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First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
Reading.....Lincoln Sain  
Scripture.....Mark 11:17  
Lord's Table.....\*Ray Weddington  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture..... 1 Peter 3:20-21  
Lord's Table.....\*Talan Mullican  
.....\*Jared Mullican  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss..... Paul Hurst

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First Prayer.....Mike Mullins  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Jared Mullican

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## For God's Glory

Four years ago, Rob Kenney started a YouTube channel named "Dad, how do I?" that has since gained 4.83 million subscribers. The content on Rob's channel is simple but effective. He posts videos every few days explaining how to do tasks which, to many, seem like simple tasks. Some of his most recent videos cover how to install a bathroom faucet, change a toilet, tie a tie, and even cook green bean casserole. The reason Rob decided to start his YouTube channel is simple. His father abandoned him when he was 14, molding his plans to do something to help kids who are growing up without a father. Very simply, Rob chose to use his platform for the good of others.

When he started his YouTube channel four years ago, there was nothing extraordinary about Rob Kenney. He was not famous, rich, or powerful. As a matter of fact, until recently deciding to begin social media work fulltime, Rob worked in an office supply job. He did, however, see an opportunity to use his talents to bless others. How are you using your platform? That may seem like an odd question to you. I am not famous, rich, or powerful, so what platform do I have? While you and I may not have 4 million YouTube followers, we do hold some influence over the people around us. And undoubtedly, we are called to use our influence for the good of others. We are told in Ephesians 2:10, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." We are also called to do all things in our lives for the glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

God has blessed each of us with the ability and opportunity to bless the people around us. May we all, like Rob Kenney, use our God-given abilities and opportunities to do good to others, and may we all do so for God's glory. God loves you, and so do I.

~ Jared Green ~  
via BulletinGold

## 30 Ways to Please God

It's easy to wonder how to please God. In Micah's day, the people lamented about their lack of understanding when it came to pleasing God. They believed they could only be pleasing to God by offering some extravagant sacrifice, but pleasing God was a lot simpler (Mic. 6:6-8). Today, we can likewise please God with some basic, simple things which he seeks. Here are 30 biblical ways we can please God.

1. Take care of the needs of widows and orphans (Jas. 1:27)
2. Financially support the work of the church (Phil. 4:18)
3. Present your body as a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1)
4. Prioritize the right things in the kingdom of God (Rom. 14:17-18)
5. Help the poor (Ps. 41:1-3)
6. Doing good and practicing benevolence (Heb. 13:16)
7. Walking with God (Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5)
8. Believe on Jesus (John 6:28-29)
9. Do everything to the glory of God (1 Cor. 1:31; 10:31)
10. Give thanks in all circumstances (1 Thess. 5:18)
11. Abstain from sexual sin (1 Thess. 4:3)
12. Prioritize serving God over pleasing men (Gal. 1:10)
13. Pray for all people everywhere, especially government authorities (1 Tim. 2:1-3)
14. Take care of your parents and grandparents in their time of need (1 Tim. 5:4)

15. Trust in God and seek him diligently (Heb. 11:6)
16. Help others see their need for salvation and introduce them to the truth (1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9)
17. Live life in the Spirit (Rom. 8:8-9)
18. Bear fruit (John 15:1-8)
19. Love him and keep his commandments which are not burdensome (1 John 5:3)
20. Be diligent to be approved and handle the word of truth properly (2 Tim. 2:15)
21. Fear God (Ps. 25:14)
22. Watch your words and thoughts (Ps. 19:14)
23. Love genuinely from the heart (Hos. 6:6)
24. Allow God to work in you (Phil. 2:13)
25. Practice righteousness and justice (Prov. 21:3)
26. Hope in God's steadfast love (Ps. 147:11)
27. Approve of excellent things and be filled with the fruit of righteousness (Phil. 1:10-11)
28. Ask for wisdom (1 Kgs. 3:9-10; Jas. 1:5-8)
29. Obey your parents (Col. 3:20)
30. Focus on eternal things above earthly things (2 Tim. 2:4)

~ Hiram Kemp ~



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First Prayer .....Larry Flatt  
Reading .....Tommy Turner  
Scripture .....TBA  
Lord's Table .....\*Tim Gann  
Sermon.....Michael Clarke  
Dismiss.....Caleb Graves

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First Prayer .....Leonard Clemons  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture..... John 20:25  
Lord's Table .....\*Kurt Maynard  
.....\*Kane Maynard  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss..... Kelly Thaxton

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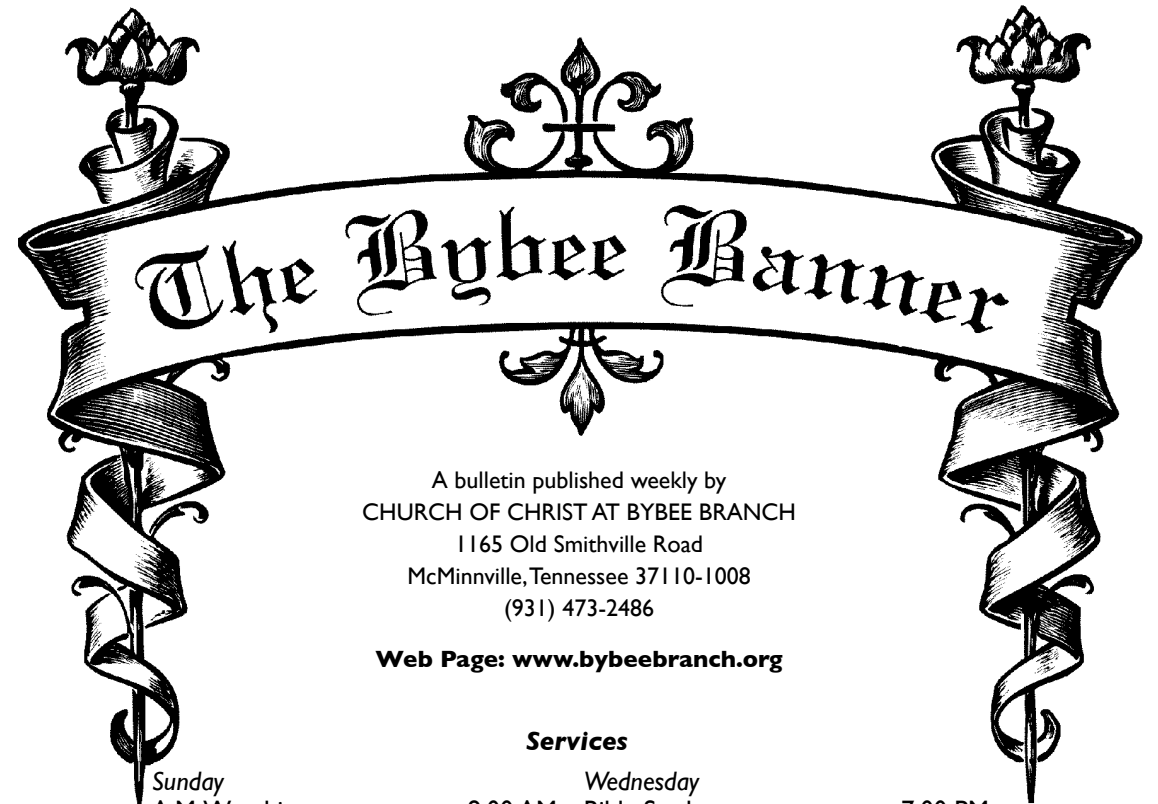
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## Starting Small

Doing something new can be intimidating. We work really hard to avoid doing things that make us uncomfortable, sometimes going to greater lengths and effort just to avoid them! We may never even try just because we are afraid of doing something new or challenging.

Evangelism is like this for many people. It seems to be an impossible goal to convince people to give their life to Jesus and walk away from the world, life, and sometimes family that they love. Multiply that by the perceived pressure to save everyone and the possibility of upsetting people, and it is easy to understand why evangelism is so daunting.

But consider this. Would you climb the most difficult mountain in the world without climbing a smaller one first? Hopefully not! You need time to practice, test your body and your gear, and learn the skills needed to conquer more difficult challenges. Neither can we save everyone overnight. So, take the pressure off yourself and start small.

Jesus started small. He did not march into Jerusalem and attempt to convert the masses in his first sermon as the Messiah. Jesus started with two people: two disciples of John (including Andrew) who left John the Baptist and followed the Lamb of God (John 1:35-40). Andrew then found Peter, and Peter came to follow Jesus. Then Jesus called Philip, who found Nathanael, who then found the Savior (1:43-49).

Jesus started small. We can too. You don't have to save hundreds of people or convert the staunchest atheist in the world to be successful. Every individual soul matters. If we accomplish nothing this year except bringing one person to Christ, we have done well. Find one or two people and focus on bringing them to Jesus.

~ Spencer Clark ~

*Evangelism/Outreach Minister at Karns and an adjunct instructor at the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies via Lithia Springs Church of Christ bulletin*

## Motive Matters

*"Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good" (Rom 12:9).*

Doing "good" for the sake of doing "good" is certainly beneficial for the recipient; however, motive matters. In our benevolence, good works, reciprocation in relationships, and the disposition with which we operate matters.

If we are benevolent, active in good works, or reciprocate in relationships for selfish purposes (to upstage others, hold it over others' heads, use them as receipts for later payback, or create a particular façade), those efforts can end up condemning us. Let love be without "dissimulation" (hypocrisy).

"Why" we do a thing matters. Motive matters. Let us operate out of a pure heart with all genuineness.

~ Eric D. Garner ~  
*preacher for the Ooltewah Church of Christ*

## Greatness

*For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:6 NASU).*

Helen Keller wrote, "I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker."

I think we all realize what she says is true. How often people get caught up thinking greatness is something recognized by the masses. Seldom do we ever think that God sees greatness in things no one else sees. All the so-called great things done by all the renowned heroes of this world together couldn't compare to all the things the so called "nobodies" have done to make this a better place to live.

Have you ever thought that Acts and the epistles say little or nothing about the other apostles besides Peter, John and Paul? Luke, James (the Lord's brother), Jude, and Mark were not apostles. What about those other men? Have we forgotten there were twelve apostles and not just two or three? Do we really believe Paul converted the Roman world all by himself?

There are some who think that unless a preacher is published, he's not much of a preacher. I have known, and still know scholarly brethren who have no interest in writing for publication. These men are serving the Lord in their niche of the world. I think about the scholarly sisters who corrected me a time or two with their great knowledge of Scripture, and how grateful I am for their humble assistance.

Stop thinking you are a nobody! Jesus died for you. He has a plan for you. I remember when I was young I heard elderly men pray, "Father, use us for your high and holy purposes." I believe those words. Paul said that "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6 NASU).

~ Rob Redden ~  
*preacher for the Grover Beach Church of Christ in Grover Beach, CA via BulletinGold*

"A merry heart  
does good,  
like medicine,  
But a broken spirit  
dries the bones."  
Proverbs 17:22





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 First Prayer.....Barry Mayes  
 Reading .....Talan Mullican  
 Scripture.....Mark 11:28  
 Lord's Table .....\*Bruce Pryor  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Mike Mullins

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 First Prayer.....Chris Snow  
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We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Tyffie Sue Hobbs. She was the sister of our Ronnie Hamilton. Visitation will be Wednesday from noon to 2 PM at Highs followed by graveside services at 3 PM at Northcutt Cove Mormon Church Cemetery.

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## The Preacher's Honeymoon

Preachers often speak of "honeymoon period" of their work. Generally after a preacher moves to a new congregation he experiences a period of excitement and happiness that often mirrors that of a new marriage.

Just like when a young man and woman decide to get married there are those first few months of marriage they are so deeply in love that they cannot see each other's faults. Life is filled with bliss. Then after a period of time they come back to reality and understand everyone has their faults. They begin to have disagreements and maybe even arguments. It is at this point that some give up and give in. Yet, for many their love for each other motivates them to solve their problems.

How long does the "honeymoon" last? For some evidently its only a few days. For others the honeymoon period may last month or even years. I've heard of preachers who said they "got no honeymoon." Others speak of it lasting for maybe a year. What about me as a preacher? On April 14, 1985 the elders invited me to come "try out" for the position. It was a remarkable day for me. I was in awe of how fine of a congregation you were/are. The singing was outstanding, the prayers were heartfelt and everyone made us feel welcome. Early in June the elders called me and asked if I was interested in becoming the next preacher here. Obviously, I said "yes." It was a time of excitement. Then, on August 28, 1985 my family and I arrived at preachers home to find a large number of people working preparing for our arrival. The cabinets were stocked with food, even the refrigerator! That first Sunday, September 1, was a time of nervousness and anticipation. As the years have passed there have been times of difficulty and struggle but still the love and excitement remains.

This next Sunday will begin our fortieth year of working together. Hopefully our relationship has matured. We are not perfect, but the congregation continues to treat me far better than I deserve. Thank you! You will never know how grateful I am. You have made it easy to enjoy these years together.

~ Tony Lawrence ~

## September 2024

| SUNDAY                                               | MONDAY                                            | TUESDAY                        | WEDNESDAY                                             | THURSDAY           | FRIDAY                                   | SATURDAY                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Sep 1</b><br>Nancy Mayfield<br>Rodney Reynolds    | 2                                                 | 3<br>CHRIS & LORI<br>SNOW      | 4                                                     | 5                  | 6<br>Gail Crouch                         | 7<br>Denise Prince<br>Marsha Collins           |
| Labor Day Youth<br>Madness @<br>McMinnville<br>Lanes |                                                   |                                |                                                       |                    |                                          |                                                |
| <b>Sep 8</b><br>RONNIE &<br>DENISE PRINCE            | 9<br>Bobby Ashford                                | 10                             | 11<br>Danai Gillies                                   | 12                 | 13                                       | 14<br>Janice Foster<br>Lennie Ruth Kesey       |
| Sunday Night<br>Eats                                 | Monday Morning<br>Bible Class At<br>the FAIR 9 AM | Singing<br>At The FAIR<br>6 PM |                                                       |                    |                                          |                                                |
| <b>Sep 15</b>                                        | 16<br>CALEB &<br>RACHAEL<br>GRAVES<br>Marc Martin | 17                             | 18<br>Amanda Gann<br>Caleb Hughes<br>Chloe Pennington | 19                 | 20<br>JERRY & EVA<br>SIMONS              | 21<br>Caleb Graves<br>JAMES & DONNA<br>GOOLSBY |
| HEY at Smartt                                        |                                                   |                                |                                                       |                    |                                          |                                                |
| <b>Sep 22</b><br>Layne Mullins                       | 23<br>Ken Martin                                  | 24<br>CHAD & LAYNE<br>MULLINS  | 25                                                    | 26<br>Brooke Kesey | 27<br>Stephanie Jones<br>Harper Bielling | 28                                             |
| Joint Worship<br>Service with<br>Hispanics- AM       | Monday Morning<br>Bible Class 9 AM                |                                | Birthday<br>Wednesday                                 |                    |                                          |                                                |
| Home Devo at<br>the Gann's                           |                                                   |                                |                                                       |                    |                                          |                                                |
| <b>Sep 29</b>                                        | 30                                                | <b>Oct 1</b>                   | 2                                                     | 3                  | 4<br>Barbara Sain                        | 5                                              |
| Youth Led<br>Worship PM                              |                                                   |                                |                                                       |                    |                                          | Autumn Street<br>Fair                          |

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Announcements .....Don Sullivan  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Rickey Hurst  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....Mark 12:17  
Lord's Table.....\*Willie Newby  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Kelly Thaxton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Don Sullivan  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Paul Hurst  
Reading.....Ken Martin  
Scripture.....Genesis 3:4-5  
Lord's Table.....\*Tim Gann  
.....\*Tucker Gann  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....David McColloch

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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First Prayer.....Eddie Palmer  
Reading.....Mike Mullins  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
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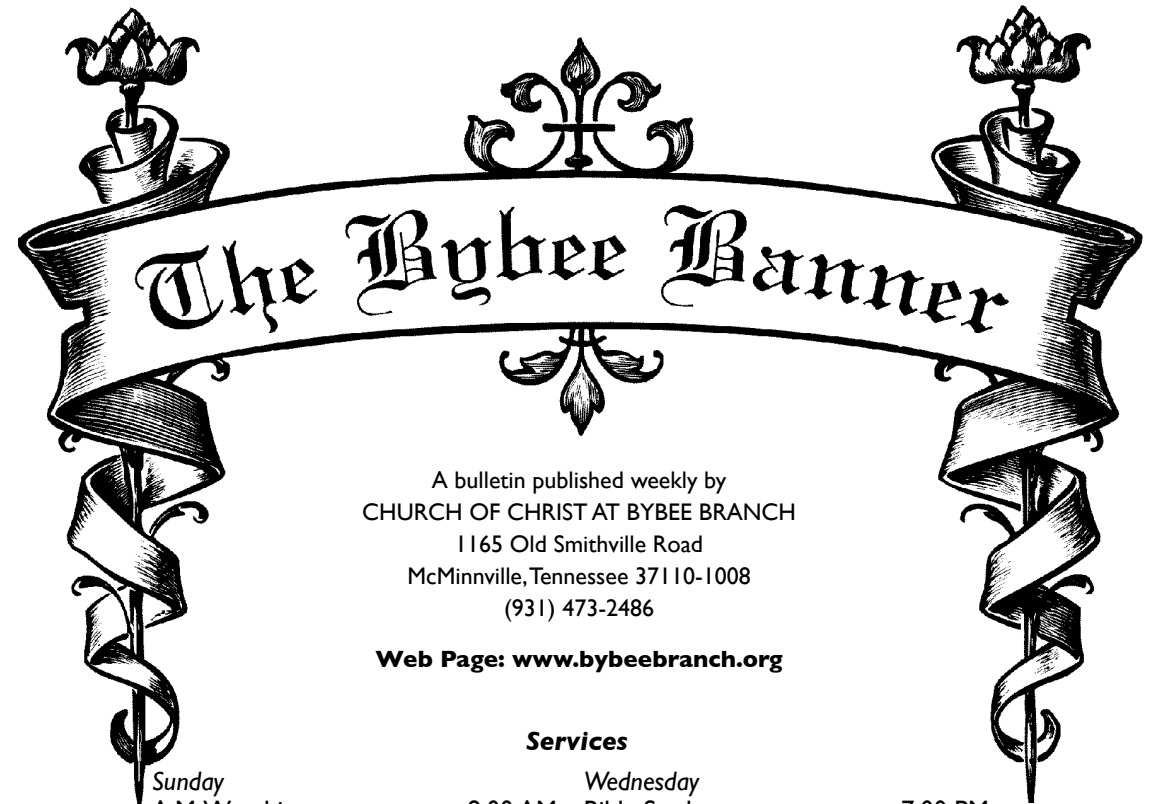
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W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
Janice Foster  
Greg Grizzell  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Sarah Kell  
Daisy Maxwell  
Noel Pepper  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)  
Howard Witty  
Marty York

## NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Serese Brock #406  
Philip Clemons #411  
Morris Griffith #301  
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412  
Cathy Hennessee #408A  
Osborn Huntley (Ruby's husband) #122  
Helen Morgan #123

## Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Anna Jean Bond #B4

## Willow Branch

(415 Pace Street McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) #102

## Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

## McArthur Manor Assisted Living

(119 Bryan Ave, Manchester, TN 37355)  
Iva Cunningham



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## New Arrival

We extend our congratulations to Kevin & Mahaley Flatt on the birth of Bennett Lane Flatt who was born this past Saturday weighing 8 lbs, 7 ons. Proud grandparents are Jeff & Mary Flatt.

## Do This In Remembrance of Me

Recent research has suggested that the consumption of grape juice is an aid in either avoiding Alzheimer's, or that it can slow the process of memory loss in those with the brain disease. Alzheimer's is thought to be brought on by stress and free radicals in a person's physiology. Since antioxidants combat free radicals, and since grape juice is rich in antioxidants, the thought is that grape juice can help combat one of the causes of the disease (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3544087>).

Is it not interesting to think that grape juice can aid memory? Just before He was arrested, tried, and convicted to die via crucifixion, Jesus gathered with His disciples in an upper room in order to partake of the Passover. At this last supper of the Lord, Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper. They took the cup containing the fruit of the vine (grape juice) and divided it amongst themselves. Then Jesus explained to them how the unleavened bread repre-

sented His body, which would be given for them and us. That cup with the fruit of the vine represented His blood, which would be shed for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 22:17 -20). During that discourse, Jesus instructed them to "do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19b, NKJV).

Every week, on the first day of the week, Christians around the world gather together to remember the sacrifice of Christ (Acts 20:7). One of the emblems that is used in this remembrance is the fruit of the vine/grape juice, which researchers now believe is an aid to memory! Of all the things that we have to remember, from time with our friends as children, to time spent with loved ones as we grow old, what can we remember that could ever be more important than what God did for us by sending Christ to die in our place? God, who knows all things, chose to use unleavened bread and grape juice as the symbols to remember Jesus death. "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26). So the next time you enjoy a glass of grape juice, remember what Jesus did for you.

~ Dale J. Babinsky ~  
Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ



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Remember the ongoing events like...

**School of Bible Emphasis** that meets the second and fourth Monday's at Mt. Leo

**Middle Tennessee School of Preaching and Biblical Studies** that meets on Thursday evenings at 6 and 7 PM at West Riverside.

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## Bybee Branch to host Bible Bowl

On Sunday, October 6, Bybee Branch will host the first Bible Bowl for the season. The young people will be studying Acts 13-15. That morning we will be having a student from Memphis School of Preaching with us to preach and speak at the Bible Bowl. This year we will have with us Blake Haas.

## Update To Pews and Flooring

The week of October 7-11, the church auditorium will be undergoing a major facelift. The flooring and carpet will be recovered and the pews will be refurbished and recovered. The adult class that Wednesday evening (October 9) will meet in the fellowship room.

## Make Something Happen

A young boy complained to his father that most of the church hymns were boring to him too far behind the times, boring tunes, meaning less words. His father put an end to the discussion when he said, "If you think you can write better hymns, then why don't you?" The boy went to his room and wrote his first hymn. The year was 1690; the teenager was Isaac Watts. In case you don't know the name Isaac Watts, he wrote "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," "Joy to the World" and about 350 other hymns.

~ Roy Deaver ~

## They That Mourn

Jesus said, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted" (Matt 5:4). The late V.P. Black organized mourning into three categories: natural, unnatural, and godly.

Natural mourning is the result of suffering in this world of decay: "As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men" (Rom 5:12). Many may assume Jesus is speaking of natural mourning at Matthew 5:4. Truly God is the God of all comfort (2 Cor 1:3-4) and He knows and cares about our natural mourning (cf. 1 Cor 10:13; Rev 21:4); however, at Matthew 5:4, Jesus is not speaking of natural mourning.

Unnatural mourning includes worldly sorrow, ungodly fear, and unnecessary guilt. Worldly sorrow is insincere and selfish. If not repented of, it leads to spiritual death (2 Cor 7:10). It is the person who is only sorry because he got caught. Ungodly fear is deceptive, futile, and destructive (cf. Matt 6:25-34; Phil 4:4-9; 2 Tim 1:7; Rev 21:8). Unnecessary guilt happens when we will not forgive ourselves for something for which we've already been forgiven (cf. 1 John 1:7-9; 3:20). Certainly, it is not unnatural mourning Jesus is speaking of at Matthew 5:4.

Godly mourning is the result of an honest heart recognizing sin and the consequences of it (2 Cor. 7:10; Rom. 6:23). It is connected to being "poor in spirit," since the person who is poor in spirit recognizes he is in need when he sins, and he is nothing without God. King David's godly mourning is evident in the words of Psalm 51: "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me" (Psalm 51:1-3).

What does it mean to be among them that mourn? It is the grief felt and expressed over the acknowledgement of one's sin and its consequences. The blessing is that with proper direction, this soul will be comforted. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30).

~ Clifton Angel ~

Preacher for Coldwater MS Church of Christ

## Doing As You Please

Brother G. K. Wallace asked the following question in his autobiography: How could a man accept one part of God's revelation and reject the other unless he is determined to do as he pleases?"

Some argue that there are parts of the Bible that are not inspired. Of course, these disputers are the "all wise ones" who can tell you which part is from God, and which part is not from God! This is the mentality that brother Wallace was commenting on.

When it comes to the Word of God, we must be willing to accept it all! I have met many who claim to be religious, and who seem to be religious, but they reject the simple, clear Word of God. Simon Peter declared on the day of Pentecost, "... Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). Why would anyone reject the teaching of an inspired apostle? Jesus, the Son of God, and Captain of our salvation said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15-16).

Let us never be guilty of picking and choosing what we want to believe in the Word of God; for in doing this, you are clearly "doing what you please". "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God" (Hebrews 11:5). Just as Enoch pleased God, so we need to please God by believing His Word and by obeying His commands.

Let us love the Lord God with all our heart, mind, and soul. "And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all? And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment" (Mark 12:28-30). And let us never forget that Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Let us always strive to please God. This is the only choice that leads to heaven.

~ Dan Bailey ~

Preacher for the State Street Church of Christ in Bristol, VA



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 Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
 First Prayer .....Mike Mullins  
 Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
 Scripture.....Mark 12:34  
 Lord's Table.....\*Ray Weddington  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Danny Duncan

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 First Prayer .....Stanley Graves  
 Reading .....Barry Mayes  
 Scripture .....John 6:35  
 Lord's Table .....\*Norman Sain  
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## Joint Service with Hispanic Brethren

On Sunday, September 22, we will enjoy a joint worship service with our Hispanic brethren. Following services we will also enjoy a fellowship meal together. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for items to bring. Feel free to invite your friends.

## Update To Pews and Flooring

Last week it was announced that on October 7-11, the church auditorium would be undergoing a major facelift with the flooring being replaced and the pews refurbished and recovered. However, due to material being backordered the date has been pushed to late October.

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## Before You Speak:

### T-H-I-N-K

#### T—Is it TRUE?

#### H—Is it HELPFUL?

#### I—Is it IMPORTANT?

#### N—Is it NECESSARY?

#### K—Is it KIND?



## Spiritual Cataracts

The thoughts in this post are the results of a devotional presented recently by one of the men in our congregation. As I talked with him later, I learned that he had never before done anything like this. He also told me that he was very, very nervous. All of that may be true, but all of that did not keep him from presenting some very good thoughts.

The short version of what he had to say is that he used a personal experience to make some great spiritual applications. He had recently had cataract surgery. What follows are some observations he made about cataracts (along with some I have thought of as I reflected on what he had to say). As you read them, hopefully you can, as he so ably did, make some applications concerning how sin affects our "spiritual vision."

· It may be possible, at least for a while, for a person to be unaware that he or she even has a cataract or that it is having an impact on his or her vision. Donna had that experience a few years ago. A "routine eye exam" found that she had a cataract so large that it kept her from using one of her eyes. Until then, she had no idea.

• Cataracts usually develop over a relatively long period of time. That is one of the reasons why they can be imperceptible for a while.

• It is so obvious that it is almost needless to make this point, but I will make it anyway. Cataracts cloud our vision. We do not see things clearly.

• Many (like me) put off doing what is necessary to eliminate the problem that is clouding our vision. We can easily come up with a long list of excuses, but they are just that – excuses, not reasons.

• It is easy and somewhat tempting to be satisfied with the status quo. Our (maybe unspoken) motto becomes – "I'm doing ok with how I'm seeing now. I don't see any reason to make any changes."

• While you must play a part in taking care of the problem, there is also somebody who has some abilities you don't have and upon whose expertise you need to rely if a cataract is to be removed.

• It would be foolish to think that removing a portion of a cataract (if that is even possible) would do any good. All of it must be removed in order to have clear vision.

• Whatever needs to be done is well worth the effort.

Again, you may think of more applications, but maybe these are enough to give you some "food for thought."

*Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. (Luke 11:34)*

~ Jim Faughn ~

Serves as and elder for the Central Church of Christ in Paducah KY via BulletinGold

## How Long?

How long can a camel go without water? I read the other day where a tour guide in Israel asked a tour group this question. Some said, "Two weeks."

The guide said, "That's what most people think. Actually, a camel can go all of his life without water. Of course, if he doesn't get water in two weeks, that is all of his life!"

How long can a Christian go without singing? How long can one go without prayer? Bible study? The Lord's Supper? Worship?

The answer, of course, is all your life. But, if these things are not done often, that will be all of your spiritual life.

How long can YOU go without these things? Answer: all your spiritual life.

~ Roger Johnson ~

Via Bulletin Digest May 1993



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Don Sullivan  
 Lead Singing .....Caleb Graves  
 First Prayer .....Larry Flatt  
 Reading.....Tim Gann  
 Scripture.....Mark 12:41  
 Lord's Table .....\*Brandon Fuston  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Ken Martin

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Young Men Conduct Services

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
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 Reading.....Jacob Graves  
 Invitation.....Willie Newby  
 Dismiss.....Bruce Pryor

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## Make Me Strong

Lord, when I'm weak, make me strong  
 When I hold back, help me press on  
 When I am tempted, let me not yield  
 Guard and protect me, with your shield

~ Benny Bristow ~



# October 2024

| SUNDAY                                        | MONDAY                                                                                          | TUESDAY                                                            | WEDNESDAY          | THURSDAY               | FRIDAY                             | SATURDAY                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| Sep 29                                        | 30                                                                                              | Oct 1                                                              | 2                  | 3                      | 4<br>Barbara Sain                  | 5<br>Autumn Street Fair                              |
| Oct 6<br>Bible Bowl 2 PM<br>Sunday Night Eats | 7                                                                                               | 8<br>Donna Newby<br>Larry Flatt<br><br>Senior Saints to Muddy Pond | 9                  | 10                     | 11<br>W.C. & NELMA CHILTON         | 12<br>Bruce Pryor                                    |
| Oct 13<br>Nelma Chilton                       | 14<br>Eva Simons<br>Heath Griffith<br>LARRY & JANE FLATT<br><br>Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM | 15                                                                 | 16                 | 17<br>Jennifer Maynard | 18                                 | 19<br>Derrick Pennington<br>Myra Bell<br>Tucker Gann |
| Oct 20<br>HEY at Bybee Branch                 | 21                                                                                              | 22<br>Sarah Kell<br>Marcie Pope                                    | 23                 | 24<br>Steve Smith      | 25<br>Aiden Kesey<br>Kelly Thaxton | 26<br>Barbara Lorance<br>Mary Flatt                  |
| Oct 27                                        | 28<br>MITCHELL & GLENDA FERRELL<br><br>Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM                          | 29                                                                 | 30                 | 31                     | Nov 1                              | 2<br>Erupt Youth Rally                               |
|                                               |                                                                                                 |                                                                    | Birthday Wednesday |                        |                                    |                                                      |

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 Reading.....Marty Boles  
 Scripture.....TBA  
 Lord's Table.....\*Barry Mayes  
 Sermon.....Blake Haas  
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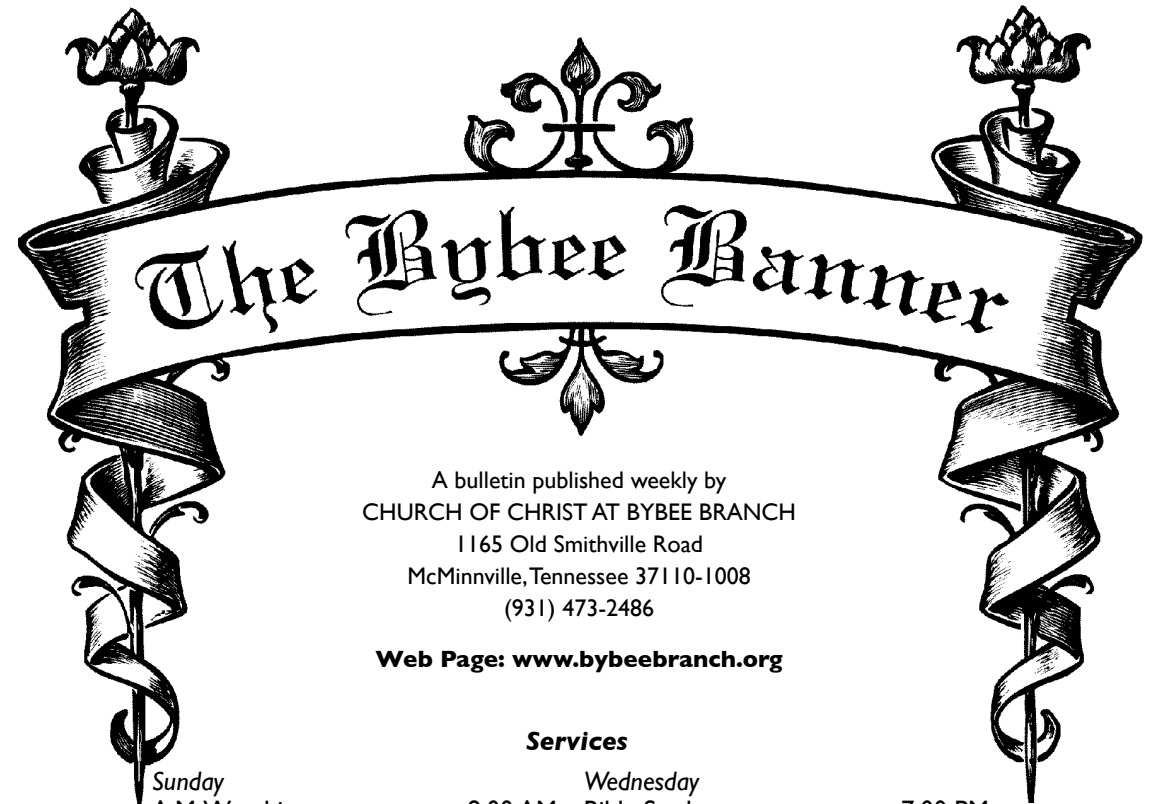
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## Lord, Is It I?

When the church seems dead;

The work is slow,

When the attendance is off;

The songs too low,

When the prayers of the saints

Lack fervor and power,

When the preacher's sermons

Seem stale and sour;

Do you think then,

Or overlook with critical eye?

Why not ask yourself,

Lord, IS IT I?

~ Selected ~

**“You are of God, little children,  
and have overcome them, because  
He who is in you is greater than he  
who is in the world.”  
(1 John 4:4)**

## Shut-In At Home

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)

W.C. & Nelma Chilton

Janice Foster

Greg Grizzell

Ronnie Hamilton

Osburn Huntley (Ruby's husband)

Sarah Kell

Daisy Maxwell

Noel Pepper

Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)

Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)

Howard Witty

Marty York

## NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)

Serese Brock #406

Philip Clemons #411

Morris Griffith #301

Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412

Cathy Hennessee #408A

Helen Morgan #215

## Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)

Anna Jean Bond #B4

## Willow Branch

(415 Pace Street McMinnville, TN 37110)

Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) #102

## Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)

Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

## McArthur Manor Assisted Living

(119 Bryan Ave, Manchester, TN 37355)

Iva Cunningham



## Path to Glory

All movement with directed purpose follows a predetermined path. Our blood travels through our bodies through channels called veins and arteries. Misdirected or interrupted blood flow can have serious consequences. Similarly, as we travel, our efforts to reach a desired destination is largely dependent upon our ability to navigate our nation's elaborate system of streets and highways. Likewise, aircraft are required to file a flight plan and strictly adhere to it once it has been approved. Otherwise, there could be catastrophic results. The point is this: if we want to get to our desired destination, we must follow the right path.

There is only one path that leads to heaven. Jesus is "the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through [Him] (Jn. 14:6). Other routes are offered by man; but His is the only way to eternal glory. Jesus says, "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). Sadly, many who feel they are on the right path will discover all too late that they were mistaken. Jesus says, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter" (Matthew 7:21). Solomon says "There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Prov. 14:12). Because the danger of being misled is always present, we must diligently study God's word. It is the roadmap that will lead us to heaven. But, we must trust it's direction and "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7). Remember, "a man's way is not in himself, nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23). Walking in the light of God's word provides clear, unmistakable direction (1 Jn. 1:7; Ps. 119:105). One step at a time and His eternal kingdom will be abundantly supplied to all who follow His path to glory.

~ Glen Elliott ~  
via BulletinGold



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~ George Tipps ~  
from the Bybee Banner, January 7, 1970

**“And now abide faith,  
hope, love, these  
three; but the greatest  
of these is love.”  
I Corinthians 13:13**

## The Power of One

During the War Between the States, a young woman learned the truth and obeyed the gospel. Her sweetheart, J. H. Halbrook, was a confederate soldier. He was captured by the union army and kept a prisoner in Michigan until the war was over. He was given a ticket to Nashville, TN and \$2.50. From there, he returned to Centerville and found what was left of his home and family. He found his girlfriend and they were married. His wife studied the Bible with him, and he soon became a Christian. He thought the truth was so good and so simple that he began to teach and baptize many of his friends and neighbors. He began to preach, but he recognized his need for more training, so he came to the original Mars Hill Bible School, taught by T. B. Larimore. Upon completing his studies there, instead of going back to Tennessee, they moved farther south, coming into Walker, Marion, Fayette, and Lamar counties in Alabama. One of his many converts was Charley Alexander Wheeler. His wife taught him to read from the Bible. Along with his wife, C. A. Wheeler obeyed the gospel and soon began preaching to others. He started more than 100 congregations and baptized more than 6,000 people. But wait, the story is not ended! One of those 6000 was my father, the late Gus Nichols. Twelve thousand were baptized under his preaching. Among those baptized by Gus Nichols, no one knows, nor can know, how many began to preach "the glorious gospel of Christ" (2 Cor. 4:3-4); but I personally know several. I, Flavil Nichols, am ONE whom he baptized and whom he encouraged to preach the truth. And under my preaching, about three thousand have been baptized. A few among them preach the gospel also!

Only eternity can reveal the total results of the conversion of that one girl nearly one hundred and fifty years ago. The results are not yet all in! But this shows that TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND people have become Christians through the single thread in the fabric of her influence.

"Go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). YOU are important, too! Dear reader, if you go to heaven, others probably will be saved by you! "For what

knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? Or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?" (1 Cor. 7:16.) "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). Each ONE is very important.

~ Flavil H. Nichols ~

*I first learned I was related to C.A. Wheeler when brother Nichols brought it to my attention. He was my great-great-great uncle. TONY*

## If Christ Were To Come On Wednesday Night

Where would I be on Wednesday night,  
If the Lord should suddenly come:  
At church in my place, or out of sight,  
Just having some worldly fun?

Would I be with the good and true,  
Or at home in my easy chair,  
Too cold to be with the faithful few,  
Who always go to the house of prayer?

Would I be singing with all my might,  
And studying a lesson of great worth,  
Or away from the church on mid-week night,  
If Christ should come again to earth?

Would I be seeking strength for my soul,  
And teaching those that are lost,  
Or be rejecting the Savior of souls,  
Who redeemed me at such an awful cost?

I may be at home with excuses enough,  
But how would they look in His sight?  
Would Jesus find me away from church,  
If He should come on Wednesday night?

Jesus makes it **sin to know and not do** –  
Not to help the church in the right,  
Not to be with the church and the few,  
Who faithfully meet on Wednesday night.

~ Gus Nichols ~

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 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Ray Weddington  
 Reading.....Ken Martin  
 Scripture.....Mark 13:3-4  
 Lord's Table.....\*Tim Gann  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Cory Prince  
 Reading.....Tucker Gann  
 Scripture.....Matthew 12:35-37  
 Lord's Table.....\*Lincoln Sain  
 .....\*Nate Tuner  
 Sermon.....Brandon Fuston  
 Dismiss.....Jacob Graves

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Mike Mullins  
 Lead Singing.....Eddie Palmer  
 First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
 Reading.....Jared Mullican  
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Jeff Flatt

**Record for the Week...**

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 Bible Study..... 125  
 P.M. Worship..... 105  
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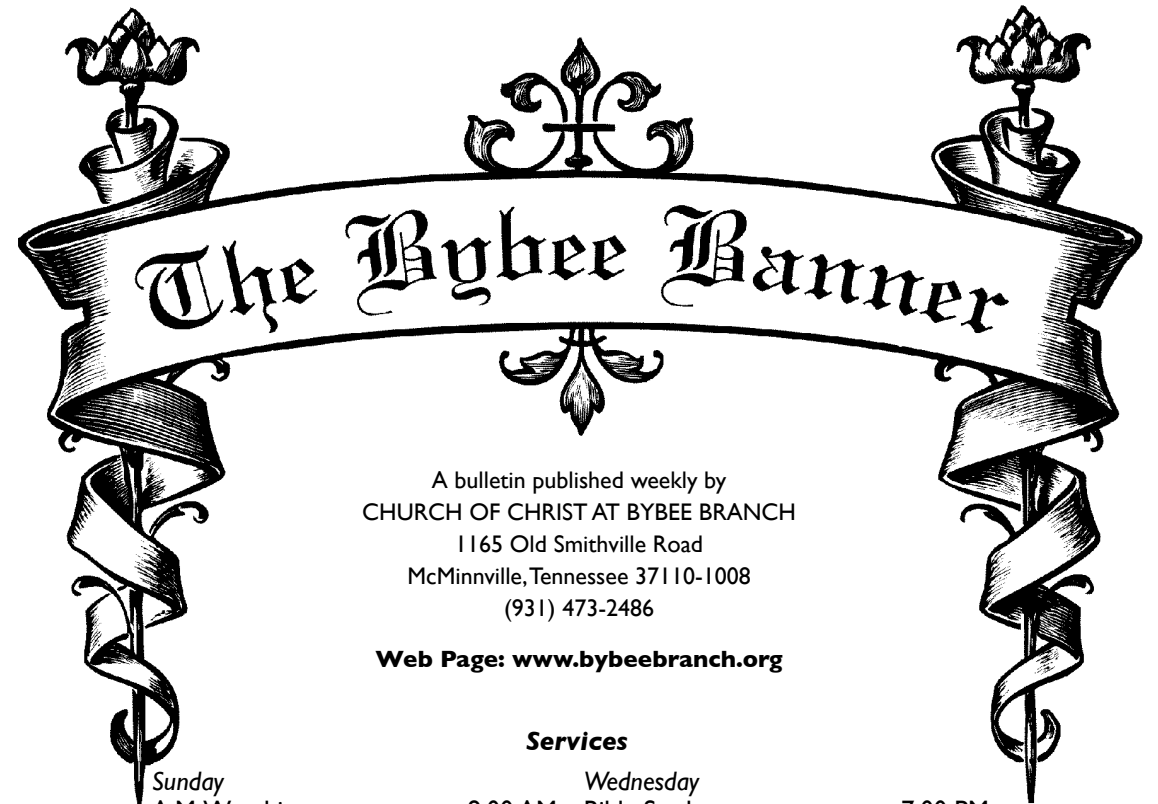
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|               |          |                                                                   |         |
|---------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| <i>Sunday</i> |          | <i>Wednesday</i>                                                  |         |
| A.M. Worship  | 9:00 AM  | Bible Study                                                       | 7:00 PM |
| Bible Study   | 10:15 AM |                                                                   |         |
| P.M. Worship  | 6:00 PM  | <i>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i> |         |
|               |          | Monday Morning Bible Class                                        | 9:00 AM |

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### At Home:

Leonard Clemons  
Herb Rowland  
Glenda Ferrell  
Judy Nussbaum  
Sidney Grove  
Corretta Lawrence (surgery on the 16th)  
Willard Dunlap (surgery on the 21st)

### Hospital

Linda Fults - NHC for rehab

## Area Events

**Harmony** will host a Gospel Singing, October 18.

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Remember the ongoing events like...

**School of Bible Emphasis** that meets the second and fourth Mondays at Mt. Leo

**Middle Tennessee School of Preaching and Biblical Studies** that meets on Thursday evenings at 6 and 7 PM at West Riverside.

**“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.”**  
**(Hebrews 11:13)**

## Youth News

20 H.E.Y @Bybee Branch  
25-27 Erupt Youth Rally  
30 Birthday Wednesday

## HEY at Bybee Branch

This Sunday evening Bybee Branch will host HEY (Helping Edify Youth) and young people from surrounding congregations will be here to worship. There will be an Activity beginning at 5 PM with worship at 6 PM. At that time brother Brandon Fuston will deliver a lesson on being Set Apart In Our Words. The young people will enjoy a meal following worship.

The theme for this year is being Set Apart with the following schedule:

|       |                                          |
|-------|------------------------------------------|
| 9/15  | Smartt - Set Apart In Our Identity       |
| 10/20 | Bybee Branch - Set Apart In Our Words    |
| 11/17 | Hebron - Set Apart In Our Peace          |
| 1/19  | Rockliff - Set Apart In Our Actions      |
| 2/16  | Arlington - Set Apart In Our Forgiveness |
| 3/9   | Rock Island - Set Apart In Our Integrity |
| 4/27  | Morrison - Set Apart In Our Friendships  |
| 5/4   | SMBC - Set Apart In Our Abilities        |

## What Hinders Me From Being Baptized? - Acts 8:36

Some of the reasons men hindered:

- Unbelief -Mark 16:16
- Lack of Repentance-Acts 2:38
- Wrong Purpose-Acts 22:16
- Wrong Act-Acts 8:38-39
- Wrong Subject-Matthew 18:3
- Rejecting God's Counsel-Luke 7:30
- Procrastination-Acts 24:22-25

## Elders-Deacons Meeting

October 27, at 5:00 PM

## Men's General Business Meeting

October 27, following the evening services.

## A Chart on Baptism

A generation ago Gospel Preachers often used “sheet sermons” in Gospel Meetings and other evangelistic occasions. It was a visual way to teach the Gospel much like Powerpoint slides are today. These charts were so detailed that several sermons could be preached off of just one chart. There are untold scores, perhaps even hundreds or thousands that learned the truth from charts like the one below. The message is so simple and yet so profound.

I encourage you to study the four points made about baptism from the chart below. Consider the Scriptures that are cited. Then initiate a conversation with some of your friends and family. Ask them if you could just go over the points made in this chart. You will be enriched and encourage by study.

Over the next few weeks look for some other Bible Teaching charts...

# Bible Teaching About Baptism

## I. What Is Baptism?

1. Obedience to a positive Command. Mt. 28:19-20; Mk. 16:15-16; Acts 2:38.

## II. Bible Baptism Requires:

1. Water. Acts 10:47.
2. Much Water. Jno. 3:23.
3. Going to the Water. Acts 8:36.
4. Going down Into the Water. Acts 8:38.
5. Coming Up Out Of the Water. Acts 8:39.
6. A burial. Rom. 6:4.
7. A resurrection. Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.
8. Being planted. Rom. 6:5.

## III. Purpose Of Baptism.

1. Cleanse. Eph. 5:26.
2. Into Christ. Gal. 3:27.
3. Remission Of Sins. Acts 2:38.
4. Saved By Baptism. 1 Pet. 3:21.
5. Wash Away Sins. Acts 22:16.
6. Walk In newness Of Life. Rom. 6:4.
7. Saved. Mark 16:16.

## IV. Who May Be Baptized.

1. Those Who May Be Taught. Mt. 28:19.
2. Those Who Believe. Mk. 16:16.
3. Men And Women. Acts 8:12.

Baptizo - is the Greek Word for Immersion; Immersion is Baptism.  
Rantizo - is the Greek Word for Sprinkling; Sprinkling is Rantism.  
Cheo - is the Greek Word for Pouring; Pouring is Cheism.

### Sprinkling

Heb. 9:13, 19, 21. Blood.  
Heb. 10:22. Hearts.  
Heb. 11:28; 12:24; 1 Pet. 1:2. Blood.

### Pouring

Mt. 26:7, 12. Ointment Jno. 2:15. Money.  
Jno. 13:5. Water. Lk. 10:34. Oil, Wine.  
Acts 2:17-18; 10:45. Spirit. Rev. 16:1-17; 14:10. Wrath.



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Lead Singing.....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Barry Mayes  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....Mark 14:1  
Lord's Table.....\*Ronnie Hoover  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Joe Collins

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Leonard Clemons  
Reading.....Don Sullivan  
Scripture.....John 10:11, 14  
Lord's Table.....\*Kurt Maynard  
.....\*Kane Maynard  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Danny Duncan

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## Sympathy

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## Optimism

Optimism is an essential ingredient for the growth and well-being of the body of Christ both individually and congregationally. Leroy Brownlow writes, "The world is not going to follow the man who has a gloomy outlook. We like the person who enjoys the donut rather than gripes at the hole in it."

Optimism is a by-product of hope. The Christian's hope is not rooted in this world, but anchored in the next (Heb. 6:19). It is a hope that "does not disappoint..." (Rm. 5:5). When life grows dark and dreary, threatening to dampen our enthusiasm, we must set our "mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth" (Col. 3:2). Easier said than done. An optimistic outlook requires a disciplined mind. Paul says, "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if here is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things" (Ph. 4:8).

Output is determined by input. So long as we fill our minds with polluted, negative thoughts, we will enjoy little success maintaining a positive attitude. By contrast, when Paul sought to fill his heart with things lovely and noble, he was able to rise above physical hardships and proclaim, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me (Ph. 4:13).

Wouldn't you rather look at life through the hopeful optimism of faith in Christ? We will not always be treated fairly in life. Hardships will come even into the lives of Christians. But, in Christ, we have the resources to deal with life at its worst and still maintain our hope in the future. Remember, "This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps. 118:24).

~ Glen Elliott~

Preacher for the Greenbrier church of Christ in  
Greenbrier, AR, via BulletinGold

## A Chart on Dangers Facing The Church

The chart below was one that belonged to and was preached by brother Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan's father). Brother Titus was a faithful and dedicated servant of the Lord who served many years with the Jericho congregation.

The church, like Old Testament Israel, faced a number of potential dangers. The prophets were sent to call Israel from the brink of disaster. In much the same way the apostles and prophets did the same for the church in the New Testament. The human penman of the book of Hebrews said, "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." (Hebrews 3:12-13).

The message of Scripture is remarkable in that it remains relevant to every generation. While this chart was prepared on a bed sheet and preached to people of a past generation those same dangers remain for the church today. And, the answers to those dangers are likewise just as relevant today as they were to a previous generation. I want to encourage you to look up the points made in the chart and the Scriptures that support them. You will definitely be blessed for doing so.

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Scripture.....Mark 14:12  
Lord's Table.....\*Tim Fisher  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....David McColloch

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Reading.....Mike Mullins  
Scripture.....Matthew 12:30  
Lord's Table.....\*Tim Gann  
.....\*Tucker Gann  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Cory Prince

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First Prayer.....Don Sullivan  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Kelly Thaxton

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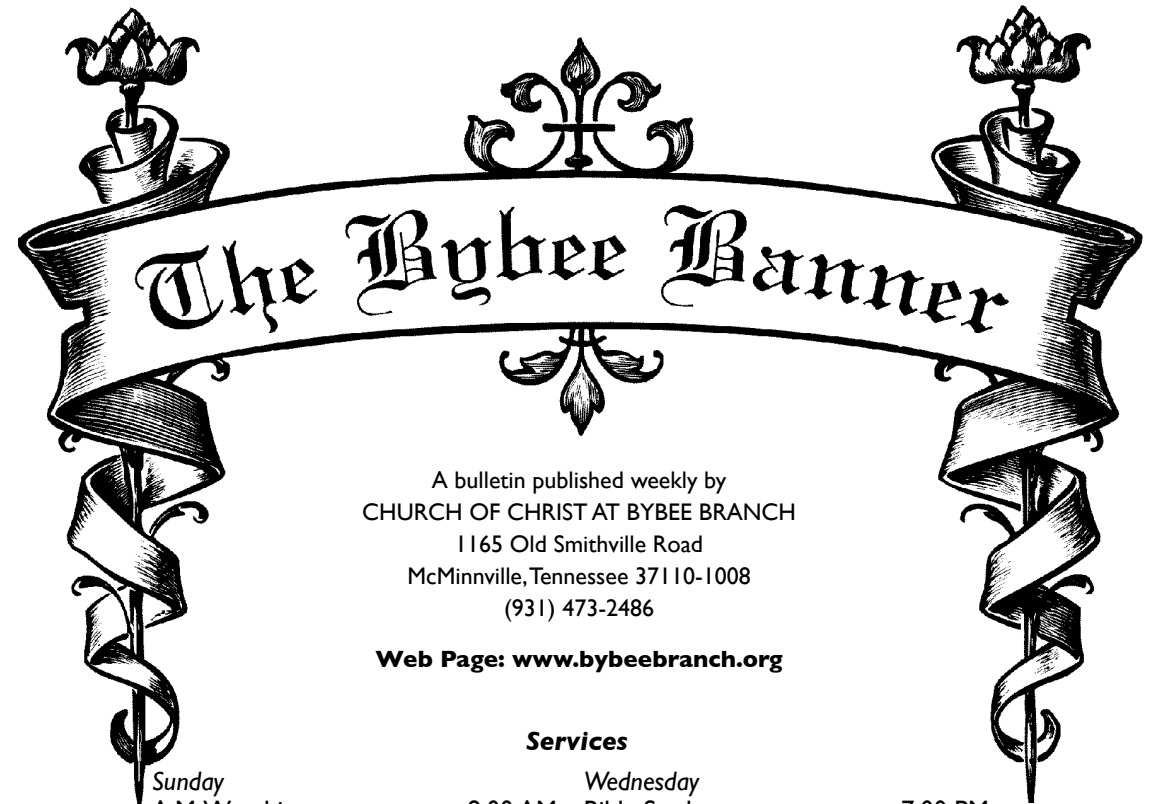
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30 Birthday Wednesday  
 Nov. 3, Bible Bowl @ Morrison at 2 PM  
 Nov. 17, HEY at Hebron, Set Apart in our Peace

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## Time Change

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. Be sure to set your clocks an hour Saturday evening or you will be early for services.

## Announcement of Retirement

The following announcement was read to the congregation this past Sunday morning:

Solomon says that "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven:" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). Brethren after almost forty years of service it is time for me to announce that I will be retiring. Corretta and I want to thank you for sharing your lives with us.

Almost two years ago I expressed to the elders that I would like to continue to serve until I reached forty years and they graciously agreed. However, it is time for a new man to occupy the pulpit. The church deserves a younger, smarter and more energetic man. Over the next few months the elders will seek to locate the right family for this work. Please pray for them, encourage them and support them. Until the new family arrives I will continue to preach and teach as I have been. Thank you for the privilege of our laboring together.

~ Tony & Corretta Lawrence ~

## Twelve Rules For Happiness

1. Live a simple life.
2. Spend less than you earn.
3. Think constructively.
4. Cultivate a yielding disposition.
5. Be grateful.
6. Rule your moods.
7. Give generously.
8. Work with right motives.
9. Be interested on others.
10. Live in the daylight compartment.
11. Have a hobby.
12. Keep close to God.

~V.P. Black ~

"For "He who would love life And see good days,  
 Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips  
 from speaking deceit."

**I Peter 3:10**

## November 2024

| SUNDAY                                      | MONDAY                                                        | TUESDAY                                                 | WEDNESDAY                         | THURSDAY                          | FRIDAY                 | SATURDAY                               |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Oct 27                                      | 28<br>MITCHELL & GLENDA FERRELL                               | 29                                                      | 30<br>Birthday Wednesday          | 31                                | <b>Nov 1</b>           | 2                                      |
| Nov 3<br>Bible Bowl 2 PM Morrison           | 4                                                             | 5                                                       | 6                                 | 7                                 | 8                      | 9<br>Fall Festival at the Flatt's 5 PM |
| Nov 10<br>Ashley Vandagriff<br>Eunice Haley | 11<br>Jacob Graves<br><br>Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM     | 12<br>Franklin Brooks<br>Helen Morgan<br>Rodney Maynard | 13<br>Stephen Felty               | 14<br>Bruce Nunley                | 15<br>Madison Jennings | 16                                     |
| Nov 17<br>Dot Cathey                        | 18<br>David King<br>Leah Vandagriff<br>LEONARD & AVIE CLEMONS | 19                                                      | 20<br>Ronnie Hoover               | 21<br>Lori Snow<br>Talan Mullican | 22                     | 23<br>Judy Cook<br>McKenzie Hillis     |
| Nov 24<br>HEY at Hebron                     | 25                                                            | 26<br>Anna Jean Bond                                    | 27<br>Joe Collins<br>Willie Newby | 28<br>Corretta Lawrence           | 29                     | 30<br>Stefanie McColloch               |



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Chris Snow  
Reading.....Lincoln Sain  
Scripture.....Mark 14:29-30  
Lord's Table.....\*Bruce Pryor  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Ray Weddington

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Barry Mayes  
Reading.....Ken Martin  
Scripture.....John 11:25  
Lord's Table.....\*Norman Sain  
.....\*Lincoln Sain  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Tucker Gann

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing.....Jared Mullican  
First Prayer.....Eddie Palmer  
Reading.....Ronnie Hoover  
Invitation.....Paul Hurst  
Dismiss.....Rickey Hurst

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship..... 189  
Bible Study..... 119  
P.M. Worship..... 125  
Wednesday Bible Study.....85  
Contribution.....\$6,920

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## Sick

### At Home:

Glenda Ferrell (following surgery, no visitors please)  
Herb Rowland  
Eva Simons  
Judy Nussbaum  
Sidney Grove  
Linda Fulst

### Hospital

None known

## Area Events

**Arlington** will host a Gospel Singing, November 1, refreshments at 6 PM, singing at 7 PM.

**Noah** will host a Ladies Day with Lydia Rubelsky, November 2, 9 AM.

**Hwy 56N** will host a Ladies Day with Amanda Key, November 9, 9 AM.

**East End** will host a Friends & Family Day, November 10.

**Leoni** will host a Gospel Meeting with Jason Hilburn, November 10-13, Evening services will be at 7 PM Monday-Wednesday.

**Campaign** will host a Lectureship with students from Tennessee Bible College preaching, November 16-17.

## Fall Festival

The annual Fall Festival will be held this Saturday, November 9, beginning at 5 PM at the home of Jeff & Mary Flatt (1400 Wilson Road). Be sure to bring a lawn chair. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board for what items to bring.

**“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; And His greatness is unsearchable.”**  
**Psalm 145:3**

## Youth News

Nov. 17, HEY at Hebron, Set Apart in our Peace

Nov. 20, Birthday Wednesday

Nov. 24, Devotional at Mullins’

## Shut-In At Home

Irma Castorena (Josue’s mother)  
W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
Janice Foster  
Greg Grizzell  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Osburn Huntley (Ruby’s husband)  
Sarah Kell  
Daisy Maxwell  
Noel Pepper  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford’s sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan’s mother)  
Howard Witty  
Marty York

## NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Serese Brock #406  
Philip Clemons #411  
Morris Griffith #301  
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher’s mother) #412  
Cathy Hennessee #408A  
Helen Morgan #215

## Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Anna Jean Bond #B4

## Willow Branch

(415 Pace Street McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Greg Hughes (Allen’s cousin) #102

## Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt’s mother)

## Reactions To God’s Truth

A few weeks ago I decided that it would be beneficial to have some charts from a previous generation reproduced in the Bybee Banner. This week features another one that comes from brother Titus Ward. I am still convinced that many of us are visual learners and being able to see something will help seal that concept in our minds.

The chart below focuses on the various reactions that one might have towards God’s Truth. It is His Truth. “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.” (John 17:17). Only by knowing the Truth can one be set free from sin. “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32). The Truth of God’s word is what every faithful man should preach. Note the wisdom of Solomon, “The Preacher sought to find acceptable words; and what was written was upright—words of truth.” (Ecclesiastes 12:10). Such was what Paul preached to Festus, “But he said, “I am not mad, most noble Festus, but speak the words of truth and reason.” (Acts 26:25).

However, with whatever fervor and talent one may preach there will always be varying responses to that message. As Paul wrote to the Romans, “But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” (Romans 10:16). Faithful preachers of the Truth are passionate about the urgency of the message. They know the seriousness of one response. Paul wrote, “10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. 11 Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men...” (2 Corinthians 5:10-11).

Please study the chart below with its Scripture references. You will be glad you did!

**GLADLY ACCEPT**  
ACTS 2:41: 8:30-38: 10:30-33, 47:48-17:10-12

**DELAY**  
ACTS 24:25

**SADLY DECLINE**  
MT. 19:22: ACTS 26:28

**INDIFFERENT & IGNORE**  
MT. 7:26, 27: 13:15: HEB. 4:2

**OPPOSITION**  
ACTS 4:13-18: 13:6-8

**ANGER & HATE**  
EX. 16:8: 2 KGS. 5:9-11: 1 KGS. 22:7, 8: GAL. 4:16

**HOLY BIBLE**

**WHAT IS YOUR REACTION TO THE TRUTH ON...**

OBEDIENCE? - MT. 7:21: HEB. 5:8-9  
THE CHURCH? - MT. 16:18: EPH. 4:4-6: 5:23  
BAPTISM? - MK. 16:16: 1 PET. 3:21  
WORSHIP? - JOHN 4:23, 24

MARRIAGE? - MT. 5:32: 19:3-9  
GODLINESS? - 1 JOHN 2:15-17: JS. 4:4  
FAITHFULNESS? - HEB. 10:25: 1 COR. 15:58  
GIVING? - 1 COR. 16:1, 2: 2 COR. 9:6-8

**GOD'S TRUTH WILL NOT BE CHANGED FOR YOU, ME OR LOVED ONES! - MT. 24:35: JOHN 12:48**

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Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Leonard Clemons  
Reading.....Nate Turner  
Scripture.....Mark 15:12-14  
Lord's Table .....\*Brandon Fuston  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Stanley Graves  
Reading .....Cory Prince  
Scripture .....John 14:6  
Lord's Table .....\*Kurt Maynard  
.....\*Kane Maynard  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss..... Danny Duncan

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing .....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
Reading .....Tucker Gann  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Jeff Flatt

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Bible Study.....142  
P.M. Worship.....102  
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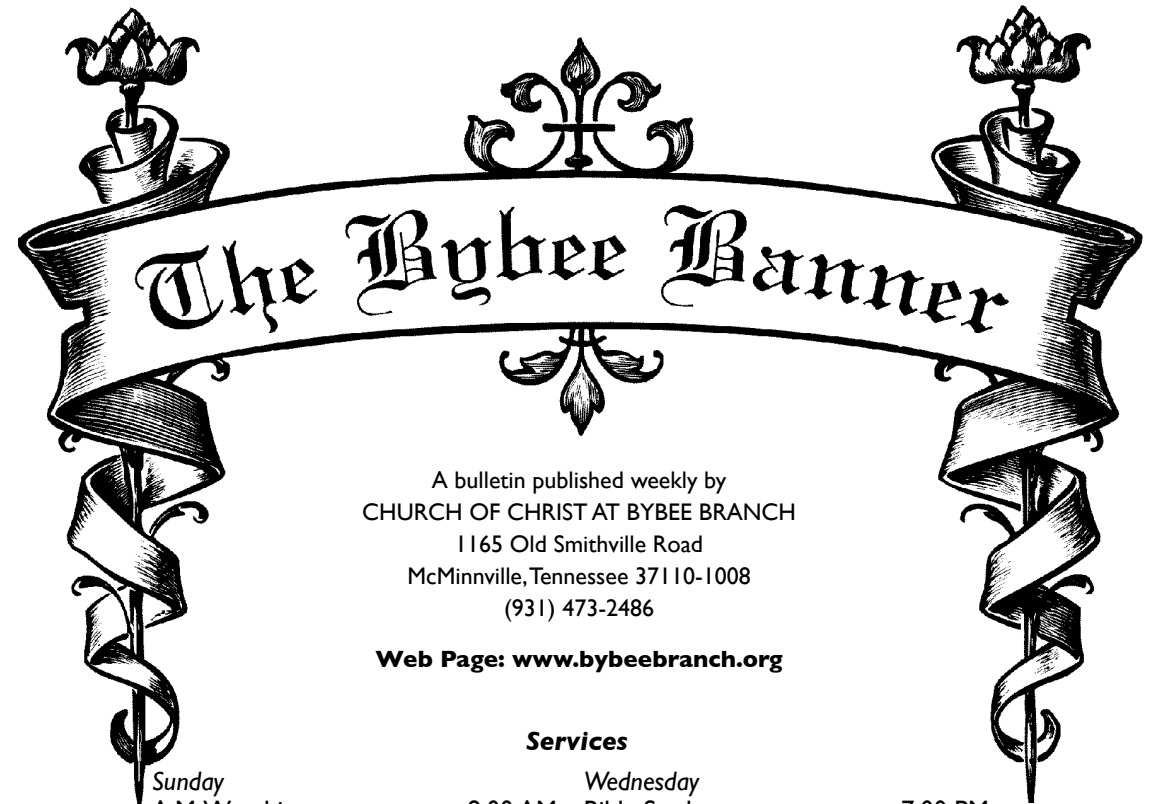
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Glenda Ferrell - Erlanger

## Area Events

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**Morrison** will host their "Coming Home" on November 17.

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Noel Pepper, a long-time member at Bybee Branch. His funeral was this past Friday.



"I TOOK NOTES ON YOUR SERMON. YOU'LL HEAR FROM MY LAWYER."

## Youth News

Nov. 17, HEY at Hebron, Set Apart in our Peace  
Nov. 20, Birthday Wednesday  
Nov. 24, Devotional at Mullins'

## Take Heart!

After being battered and tossed two solid weeks in a fierce storm at sea, "all hope that we should be saved was finally given up" (Acts 27:20). Who can blame them? They had done everything humanly possible to keep the ship from disintegrating; but nothing seemed to help. Imagine the seasickness, discouragement, and exhaustion!

Then Paul spoke up: "I urge you to take heart" (27:22). What?! Are you some kind of Pollyanna?

No, Paul wasn't an irrepressible optimist! He had good reason for what he said. God had sent an angel to assure him that all 276 people aboard the ship would survive. Paul set forth three crucial reasons for his confidence:

1. I belong to this God (27:23a).
2. I serve this God (27:23b).
3. I believe this God (27:25).

Christians can face the best and worst of times when we keep these critical points in mind. We belong to God. He values us and watches over us in all circumstances.

We serve God. He is worthy of our service whether our conditions are pleasant or dreadful.

We believe God. Our confidence in Him must not wane when severe trials come upon us.

Our God has communicated with us. No, He hasn't sent an angel to you or me as He did to Paul. But He has and still does speak by means of His inspired word. He has assured us that "all things work together for God to those who love God, who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Take heart!

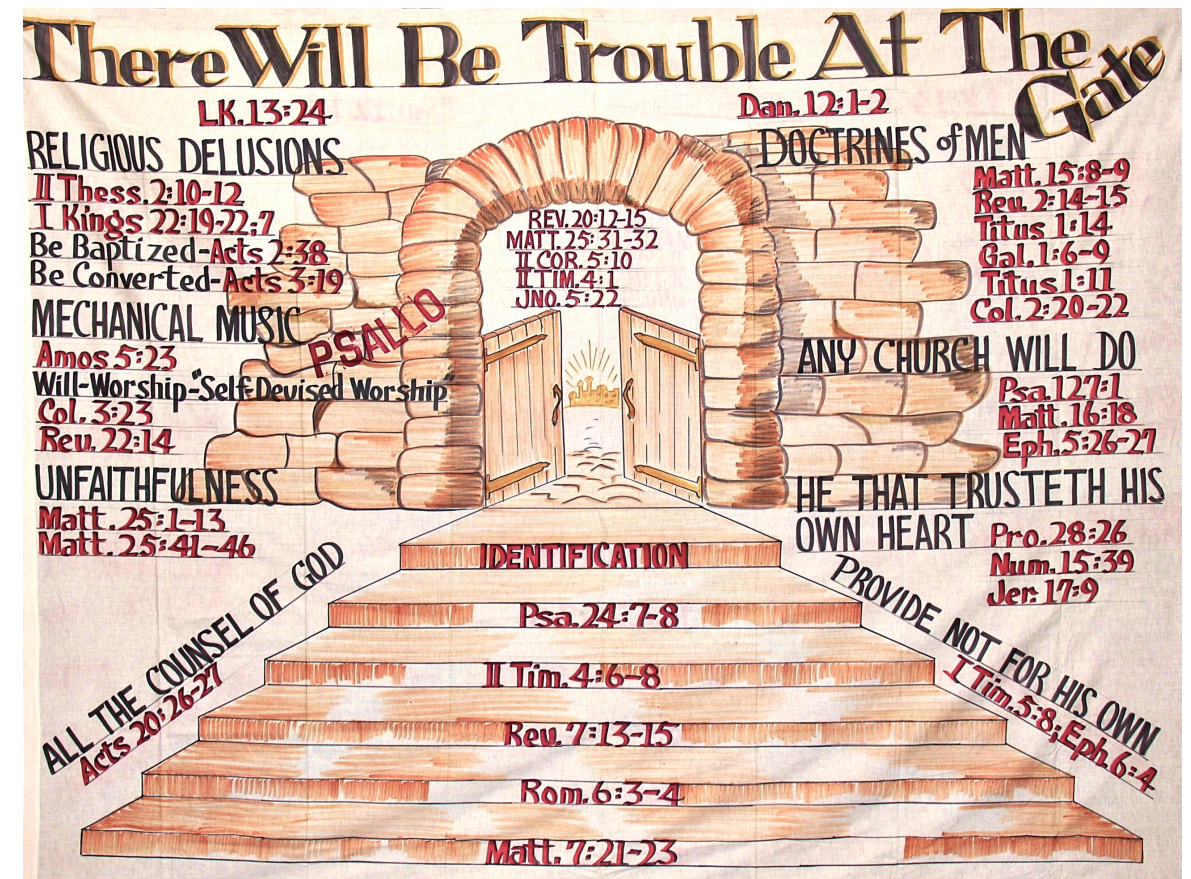
~ Joe Slater ~  
preacher of the Church of Christ in Justin, TX

## Trouble At The Gate

This week continues the series of articles taken from sheet sermons from a previous generation. I encourage you to take time to consider the powerful lessons contained in it.

One may ask why would some have trouble at the gate? Jesus said, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.'" (Luke 13:24-27). Such is a sad picture of what will happen on Judgment day. Just picture people banging on the door, "let me in!"

The chart below focuses on several areas of concern that may keep one out. The religious world seems to think God will accept any type of worship offered or doctrine taught. The "doctrines of men" are specifically condemned. Likewise, the chart addresses unfaithfulness within the church as well, including those who fail to provide for their own. How can one be sure that he won't have "trouble at the gate?" One must take the whole counsel of God and be faithful to it.



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Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....Hebrews 11:5  
Lord's Table.....\*Norman Sain  
Sermon.....Barry Mayes  
Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Tim Gann  
Reading.....Tommy Turner  
Scripture.....TBA  
Lord's Table.....\*Ronnie Prince  
.....\*Cory Prince  
Sermon.....Steve Hillis  
Dismiss.....Jacob Graves

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing.....Lincoln Sain  
First Prayer.....Mike Mullins  
Reading.....Don Sullivan  
Invitation.....Joe Collins  
Dismiss.....Nate Turner

**Record for the Week...**

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Bible Study..... 111  
P.M. Worship.....95  
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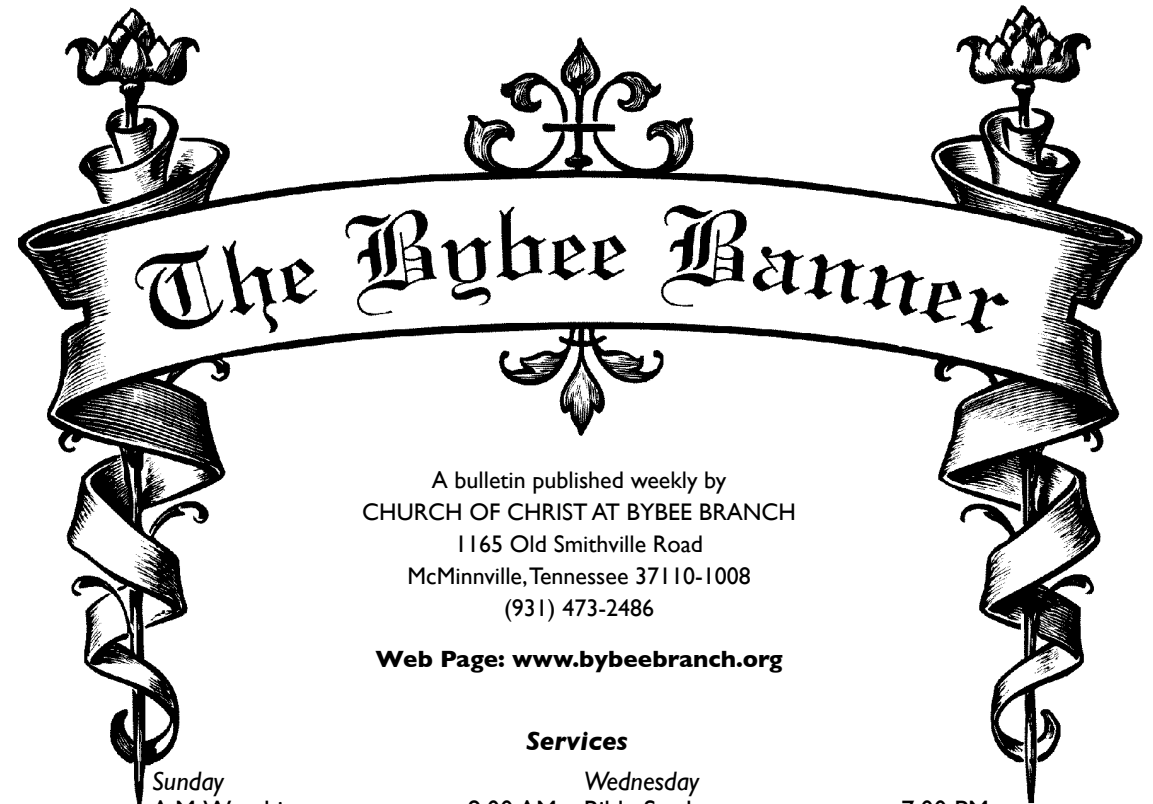
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Check Kitchen: .....Marsha Collins  
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Video.....Caleb Hughes  
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Linda Fults

**Hospital**

Sidney Grove - Vanderbilt  
Glenda Ferrell - Erlanger  
Daniel Schillinger (scheduled for hyper selective neurectomy at Vanderbilt on Nov. 25)

**Ladies Holiday Fellowship**

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a holiday fellowship on Monday, December 9, The details and signup sheet are on the bulletin board. Please see Stefanie McColloch with any questions.

**Church Holiday Fellowship**

The annual holiday fellowship for the whole congregation will be Sunday evening December 15, following services. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board with more details. Please check the list of items needed.

**Monday Morning Bible Class**

The last Monday Morning Bible Class of the year will be on December 9, with breakfast at 8 AM and class at 9 AM. Class will begin at 2 Samuel 14.

**Youth News**

Nov. 24, Devotional at Mullins'  
Dec. 1, Bible Bowl at Arlington  
Dec. 1, First Sunday Eats

**Auditorium Renovations**

The schedule for replacing the flooring and refurbishing the pews has been rescheduled for December 2-10. Please take home any personal items left on or under the pews during this time. If you have any questions please see one of the elders.

**Sunday Morning Worship 12/1/24**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Ray Weddington  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....Mark 16:15-16  
Lord's Table.....\*Larry Flatt  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

**Sunday Evening Worship 12/1/24**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Barry Mayes  
Reading.....Don Sullivan  
Scripture.....Matthew 28:19  
Lord's Table.....\*Tim Gann  
.....\*Tucker Gann  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....David McColloch

**Wednesday Bible Study 12/4/24**

Announcements.....Jared Mullican  
Lead Singing.....Eddie Palmer  
First Prayer.....Rickey Hurst  
Reading.....Nate Turner  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Kelly Thaxton

*Ushers:*.....Dwight Barrett, Ronnie Prince, Stan Hillis  
*Un/Lock Building:*.....Rickey Hurst/Don Sullivan  
*Assist Baptisms:*.....Judy Sullivan  
*Pantry Item:*.....Mayonnaise  
*Check Pantry:*.....Rebecca Mullican  
*Check Kitchen:*.....Mary Flatt  
*Check Workroom:*.....Kara Hurst  
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**December 2024**

| SUNDAY                                                                | MONDAY                                                                                                              | TUESDAY                                                         | WEDNESDAY                                                  | THURSDAY                           | FRIDAY                                           | SATURDAY                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <b>Dec 1</b><br>Susan Pryor<br><br>Bible Bowl<br>2 PM<br>Arlington    | 2                                                                                                                   | 3                                                               | 4                                                          | 5<br>Matthew Woodside              | 6<br>DENNIS & JANICE<br>FOSTER                   | 7                                             |
| <b>Dec 8</b><br>Howard Witty<br>Irene Lawrence                        | 9<br>LARRY & ZELLA<br>COOK<br><br>Monday Morning<br>Bible Class<br>8 AM Breakfast<br>9 AM Class<br><br>Ladies Party | 10<br>Kane Maynard                                              | 11                                                         | 12<br>Anna Grace King<br>Iona King | 13<br>Stan Hillis                                | 14<br>Jenna Kate Mullins                      |
| <b>Dec 15</b><br><br>Holiday<br>Fellowship<br>following PM<br>service | 16                                                                                                                  | 17                                                              | 18                                                         | 19<br>Margaret<br>Schillinger      | 20<br>Christine Gribble                          | 21<br>BARRY & RACHEL<br>MAYES<br>Don Sullivan |
| <b>Dec 22</b>                                                         | 23<br>Norman Sain<br>Rachel Mayes                                                                                   | 24                                                              | 25                                                         | 26<br>JOE & MARSHA<br>COLLINS      | 27<br>Dale Bennett<br>NORMAN & BAR-<br>BARA SAIN | 28                                            |
| <b>Dec 29</b><br>Emma Hillis                                          | 30                                                                                                                  | 31<br>BRUCE & WANDA<br>NUNLEY<br>Linda Hamilton<br>Megan Patton | <b>Jan 1</b><br>Jason Vandagriff<br>TOMMY & GAIL<br>CROUCH | 2                                  | 3<br>Kelly Peoples                               | 4<br>Danny Duncan<br>Leonard Clemons          |



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
 Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
 First Prayer .....Joe Collins  
 Reading.....Dale Bennett  
 Scripture.....Mark 16:20  
 Lord's Table .....\*Tim Fisher  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss .....Danny Duncan

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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 Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
 First Prayer .....Leonard Clemons  
 Reading.....Marty Boles  
 Scripture .....John 15:5  
 Lord's Table .....\*Bruce Pryor  
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 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss ..... Jeff Flatt

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Jared Mullican  
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 First Prayer .....Willie Newby  
 Reading.....Jacob Graves  
 Invitation .....Larry Flatt  
 Dismiss.....Cory Prince

**Record for the Week...**

|                            |          |       |         |
|----------------------------|----------|-------|---------|
|                            | 11/24    | ..... | 12/1    |
| A.M. Worship.....          | 185      | ..... | 177     |
| Bible Study.....           | 122      | ..... | 120     |
| P.M. Worship.....          | 131      | ..... | 111     |
| Wednesday Bible Study..... | 98       | ..... | 100     |
| Contribution.....          | \$10,116 | ..... | \$7,827 |

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Louise Miller  
Sidney Grove  
Glenda Ferrell  
Linda Fults

### Hospital

Scarlett Griffith - St. Thomas Midtown (broken hip)

## Ladies Holiday Fellowship

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a holiday fellowship on Monday, December 9, The details and signup sheet are on the bulletin board. The van will be taken should anyone need a ride. Please see Stefanie McColloch with any questions.

## Church Holiday Fellowship

The annual holiday fellowship for the whole congregation will be Sunday evening December 15, following services. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board with more details. Please check the list of items needed.

## Monday Morning Bible Class

The last Monday Morning Bible Class of the year will be on December 9, with breakfast at 8 AM and class at 9 AM. Class will begin at 2 Samuel 14.

## Youth News

December 22, Sunday night Eats  
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January 5, Bible Bowl at Hebron (Acts 22-23)  
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## Teachers Meeting

All teachers and those who would be willing to teach are encouraged to attend an important teachers meeting on Sunday evening, December 9, following services regarding updated Bible class curriculum.

## Shut-In At Home

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)  
W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
Janice Foster  
Greg Grizzell  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Osburn Huntley (Ruby's husband)  
Sarah Kell  
Daisy Maxwell  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)  
Howard Witty  
Marty York

## NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Serese Brock #406  
Philip Clemons #411  
Morris Griffith #301  
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412  
Cathy Hennessee #408A  
Helen Morgan #215

## Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Anna Jean Bond #B4

## Willow Branch

(415 Pace Street McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) #102

## Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

## Observations from Cleon Lyles,

"I'll come every time I can 'usually means' If I do not have something better to do, I'll be there."

"I won't promise, but I'll do my best" means "don't expect much out of me."

"Preacher, I'll be there If I'm not providentially hindered" nearly always means "If I'm not there you can blame God for it."

## We All Need Someone Who Understands

A store owner was tacking a sign above his door that reads "Puppies For Sale." Signs like that have a way of attracting small children, and sure enough, a little boy appeared under the store owner's sign.

"How much are you going to sell the puppies for?" He asked. The store owner replied, "Anywhere from \$30 to \$50."

The little boy reached in his pocket and pulled out some change. "I have \$2.37," he said. "Can I please look at them?" The store owner smiled and whistled and out of the kennel came Lady, who ran down the aisle of the store followed by five teeny, tiny balls of fur. One puppy was lagging considerably behind. Immediately the little boy singled out the lagging, limping puppy and said, "What's wrong with that little dog?"

The store owner explained that the veterinarian had examined the little puppy and discovered it didn't have a hip socket. It would always limp. It would always be lame.

The little boy became excited. "That is the puppy I want to buy." The store owner said, "No, you don't want to buy that little dog. If you really want him, I'll just give him to you." The little boy got quite upset. He looked straight into the store owner's eyes, pointing his finger, and said,

"I don't want you to give him to me. That little dog is worth every bit as much as all the other dogs and I'll pay full price. In fact, I'll give you \$2.37 now, and 50 cents a month until I have him paid for."

The store owner countered, "You really don't want to buy this little dog. He is never going to be able to run and jump and play with you like the other puppies."

To his surprise, the little boy reached down and rolled up his pant leg to reveal a badly twisted, cripple left leg supported by a big metal brace. He looked up at the store owner and softly replied, "Well, I don't run so well myself, and the little puppy will need someone who understands."

We all need someone who understands -- we all have Someone who understands. Let us praise His holy name.

~ Louis Culver ~

Hebrews 4:14-16 - *Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

## Service is Not Spelled: SERVE-US

I saw the above title in a list of quotes for church bulletins. It represents, however, how so many evidently feel. Jesus knew that His apostles were struggling with an idea of superiority. Matthew records, "But Jesus called them to Himself and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave — just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.'" (Matt. 20:25-28).

John recorded Jesus showing us how it is done. After Jesus washed the disciples feet He said, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14). Paul also stressed this attitude of Jesus when he wrote, "For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, 'The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.'" (Rom. 15:3). He is our perfect example of what it means to serve.

We are called to a life of service, focusing on the needs of others and not just ourselves. That requires us to look for opportunities to serve. "Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." (Phil. 2:4). Keep your eyes open — there are plenty of opportunities!

~ Tony Lawrence ~

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Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Chris Snow  
 Reading.....David McColloch  
 Scripture.....Ecclesiastes 2:11  
 Lord's Table.....\*Tim Gann  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Caleb Graves

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
 Reading.....Barry Mayes  
 Scripture.....Revelation 1:8  
 Lord's Table.....\*Eddie Palmer  
 Sermon.....\*Jared Mullican  
 Dismiss..... Don Sullivan

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Jared Mullican  
 Lead Singing.....Lincoln Sain  
 First Prayer.....Mike Mullins  
 Reading.....Tucker Gann  
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Jeff Flatt

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship..... 161  
 Bible Study..... 128  
 P.M. Worship..... 112  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....82  
 Contribution.....\$5,494

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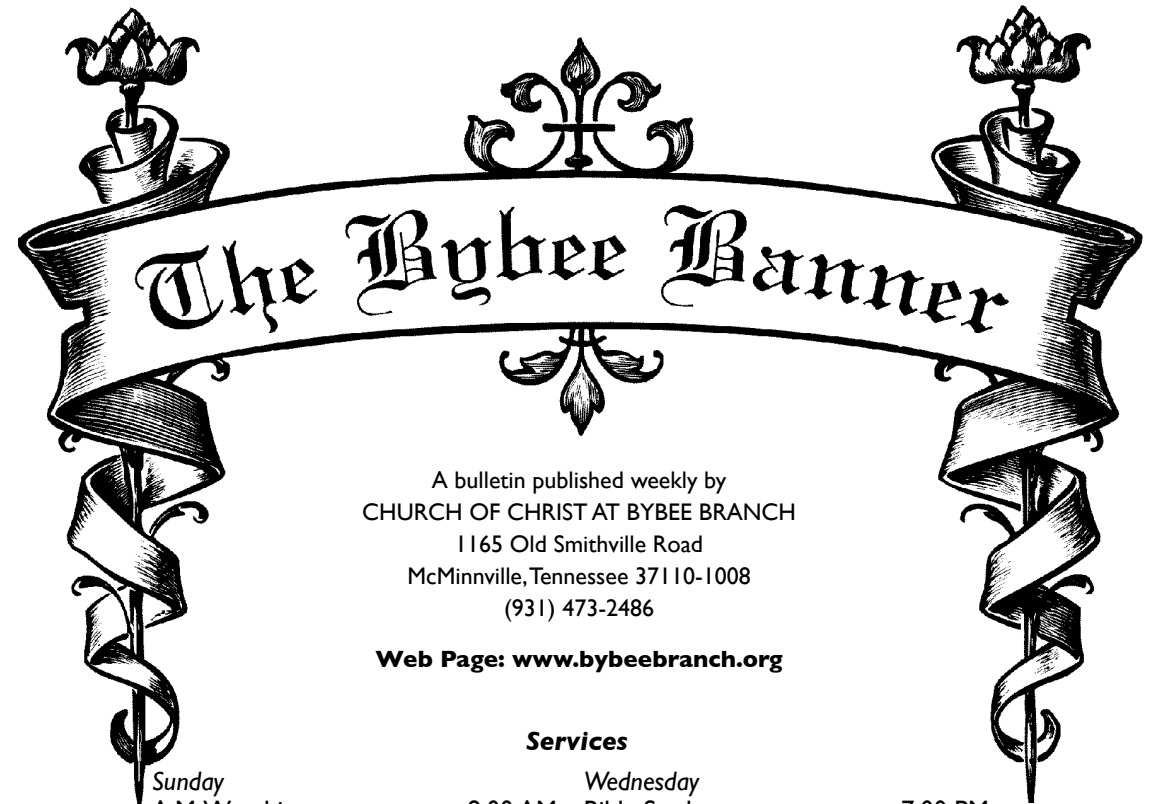
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Louise Miller

Sidney Grove

Glenda Ferrell

Linda Fults

Irene Fuston (knee replacement on Wednesday)

Maggie Hurst (surgery on Thursday)

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Scarlett Griffith - River Park

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## Something to Think About...

If you haven't figured out where you are going, you are lost before you start.

You can't go in the wrong direction and arrive at the right destination.

The world is better, either because you lived in it, or because you left it.

A good leader is one who takes a little more than his share of the blame and a little less than his share of credit.

When you're inclined to sound off, remember the drum - in spite of all its noise, it is empty!

The trouble with people these days is that they want to reach the promised land without going through the wilderness.

Wisdom is knowing when to speak your mind and when to mind your speech

If you'll hunt for the good in the other fellow maybe he'll be able to find some good in you.

More time in God's house will bring about better times in our house.

The empty tomb proves Christianity, but an empty pew in worship denies it.

Few people have good enough sight to see their own faults.

Seldom does the one who really needs advice ask for it.

## Enabling Grace

As Cain protested in despair:

"My lot is more than I can bear!"

But it wasn't. . .

Or Elijah cried with troubled moan:

"Lord, let me die, for I'm alone!"

But he wasn't . . .

Or Jesus prayed with aching heart :

"My Father, let this cup depart!"

But it didn't . . .

And Paul, harassed and anguish worn,

Asked God to take away the thorn,

But he didn't. . .

So when I plead, with tear-stained face,

For lighter loads, or death's release,

I seem to hear, in tones of peace:

"Be patient, child; I'll give you grace!"

. . . And he does!

~ J . Curtis Manor ~

## Ten Mistakes To Avoid

1. Remorse over yesterday's failure.
2. Anxiety over today's problems.
3. Worry over Tomorrow's uncertainty.
4. Waste of the moment's opportunity.
5. Procrastination with one's present duty.
6. Resentment of another's success.
7. Criticism of a neighbor's imperfection.
8. Impatience with youth's immaturity.
9. Skepticism of our nation's future.
10. Unbelief in God's providence.

~ Maude Louise Ray ~

James 4:13-15 - *Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit" whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."*

## Think Up Something To Worry About?

Our Lord never worried, never hurried and never doubted the outcome. You see, there was no place for anxiety in His heart because He trusted in His Father. Because He was the Beginning and the End there was no reason to hurry. He waited 30 years before starting His personal ministry. The Hebrew writer tells us his secret to enduring life's difficulties was respect for the reward. (Hebrews 12:2)

Living in an age when we enjoy the greatest advantages ever accorded mankind, we have more anxiety, stress, and worry than ever before. Duress and strain have left their mark on Americans' health. Heart failure is our number one killer. Dr. Charles Mayo said, 'Worry affects the circulation, the heart, glands, the whole nervous system, and profoundly affects the health. I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many who died from doubt.'

At this writing my aged sweet mother lies on her deathbed. (No, I'm not worried. She shall soon go where she has longed to be.) While two sons were on the other side of the globe doing missionary work, she sometimes remained awake at night

worrying about their welfare. I would ask her, "Mother, didn't you pray for God to watch over them?" She would reply in the affirmative. I then pled with her to go on to sleep and not stay awake to see if God answered her prayers.

You recall the man who enumerated his anxieties and discovered:

1. 40% were about things that probably would never happen;
2. 30% concerned past decisions that he could not unmake;
3. 12% dealt with other people's criticism of him;
4. 10% were worries about his health.

This left him with only eight percent that even this worldly man deemed legitimate. The Frenchman Montaigne said, "My life had been full of terrible misfortunes most of which never happened."

Our Lord implored, "Take no thought for your life, what ye should eat: neither for the body, what ye shall put on. This life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment." (Luke 12:22-23) Plainly, He asserted worry is needless, hopeless, faithless and useless.

If the Christian would read his Bible, erase all grudges, forgive all transgression, seek righteousness and pursue it, cease and desist from covetousness and lusting while keeping his affections on Jesus, I guarantee you he would have to think up something to worry about.

~ Doug Lawyer ~

Both of the articles above were posted by brother Glenn Hitchcock on Facebook. He serves as an elder at the Peninsula church of Christ, Hampton, VA. He also preached for over 50 years before retiring.

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;"*

Philippians 4:6

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Rickey Hurst  
 Reading.....Ken Martin  
 Scripture.....Luke 17:3-4  
 Lord's Table.....\*Ray Weddington  
 Sermon.....Brandon Fuston  
 Dismiss.....Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
 Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer.....Paul Hurst  
 Reading.....Dale Bennett  
 Scripture.....TBA  
 Lord's Table.....\*Kurt Maynard  
 .....\*Kane Maynard  
 Sermon.....Steve Hillis  
 Dismiss..... Kelly Thaxton

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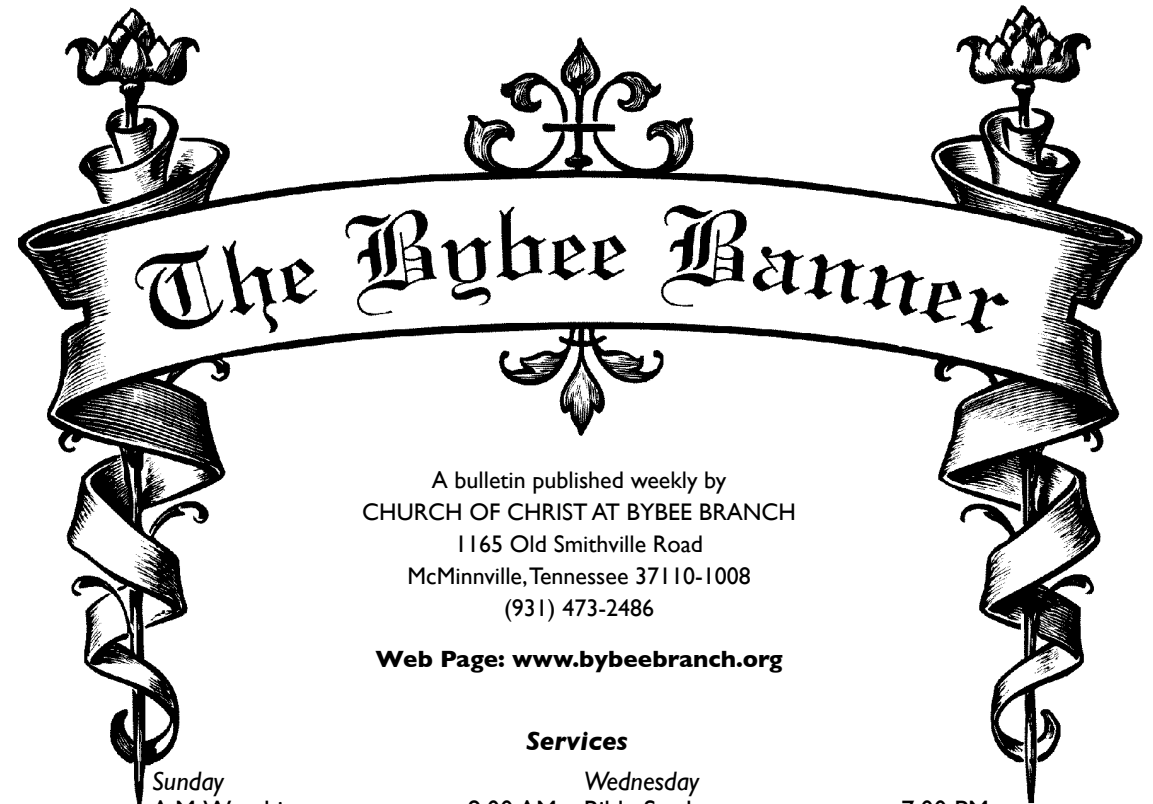
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## Sick

### At Home:

Eugene Womack  
 Martha Cathey (following pacemaker)  
 Nancy Rogers (following a fall)  
 Eunice Haley  
 Herb Rowland  
 Eva Simons  
 Louise Miller  
 Sidney Grove  
 Glenda Ferrell  
 Maggie Hurst  
 Scarlett Griffith

### Hospital

Irene Fuston (St. Thomas Rutherford but to come home today)  
 Linda Fults - River Park  
 Judy Nussbaum (surgery today (17th) at St. Thomas Rutherford)

## Thank You!

Corretta and I want to thank you again from the bottom of our hearts for your kind and extra generous gift this year. Also thanks to the Monday Morning Bible Class for their generous gift as well. We are so humbled by your love.

Tony & Corretta Lawrence

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“Show me Your ways, O Lord; Teach me  
 Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and  
 teach me, For You are the God of my  
 salvation; On You I wait all the day.”

**Psalm 25:4-5**

## Double Bulletin

Due to vacation next week, there will be bulletin printed or emailed. Please keep this bulletin.

### Sunday Morning Worship 12/29

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
 Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
 First Prayer.....Larry Flatt  
 Reading.....Marty Boles  
 Scripture.....Ecclesiastes 2:11  
 Lord's Table.....\*Ronnie Hoover  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Stanley Graves

### Sunday Evening Worship 12/29

Young Men Conduct Services

### Wednesday Bible Study 1/1

Announcements.....Paul Hurst  
 Lead Singing.....Jared Mullican  
 First Prayer.....Rickey Hurst  
 Reading.....Marty Boles  
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Dale Bennett

Ushers:.....Clent Kesity, Danny Duncan, Tommy Turner  
 Un/Lock Building:.....Rickey Hurst/Don Sullivan  
 Assist Baptisms:.....Judy Sullivan  
 Pantry Item:.....Cake Mix  
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### Van Driver

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## January 2025

| SUNDAY                                           | MONDAY                                                                              | TUESDAY                                                      | WEDNESDAY                                        | THURSDAY                             | FRIDAY              | SATURDAY                             |
|--------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Dec 29<br>Emma Hillis<br><br>Youth Led Worship   | 30<br><br><br>                                                                      | 31<br>BRUCE & WANDA NUNLEY<br>Linda Hamilton<br>Megan Patton | Jan 1<br>Jason Vandagriff<br>TOMMY & GAIL CROUCH | 2                                    | 3<br>Kelly Peoples  | 4<br>Danny Duncan<br>Leonard Clemons |
| Jan 5<br>Donald Cathey                           | 6<br>Gail Smoot                                                                     | 7                                                            | 8                                                | 9                                    | 10                  | 11                                   |
| Bible Bowl At Hebron 2 PM                        |                                                                                     |                                                              |                                                  |                                      |                     |                                      |
| Jan 12<br>Willard Dunlap                         | 13<br>Stephanie Maynard<br><br>Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM                      | 14<br>DAVID & IONA KING                                      | 15                                               | 16<br>GARY & BARBARA LORANCE         | 17                  | 18                                   |
| Jan 19<br>Skylan Patton                          | 20<br>Chris Snow                                                                    | 21<br>Donna Goolsby<br>TONY & CORRETTA LAWRENCE              | 22                                               | 23<br>Brenda Young<br>Susie Griffith | 24                  | 25                                   |
| HEY at Rockliff                                  |                                                                                     |                                                              |                                                  |                                      |                     |                                      |
| Jan 26<br>Charlotte Weddington<br>Ray Weddington | 27<br>Jared Mullican<br>MARTY & SHARON BOLES<br><br>Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM | 28<br>David Chilton<br>RICKEY & MAGGIE HURST                 | 29<br>Billy Pinegar                              | 30                                   | 31<br>Ronnie Prince | Feb 1                                |