

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(473-8760) Dale Bennett
 Lead SingingLarry Cook
 First PrayerLarry Flatt
 Reading.....Robert Elam
 Scripture.....Acts 8:4-8
 Lord's Table (N).....*Paul Hurst
 (S).....*Ken Martin
 (N).....Chris Neale
 (N).....Derrick Pennington
 (N).....Cory Prince
 (S).....Steve Smith
 (S).....Jeff Templeton
 (S).....Jason Vandagriff
 Sermon.....*Expansion of the Gospel* Tony Lawrence
 DismissJoe Collins

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(473-8760) Dale Bennett
 Lead SingingLarry Cook
 First PrayerJeff Flatt
 ReadingDavid Keele
 Scripture.....2Corinthians 8:23
 Lord's Table*Don Sullivan
*Kelly Thaxton
 Sermon*Tremendous Teamwork* Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Tommy Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsRobert Elam
 Lead SingingJared Mullican
 First PrayerJosh Templeton
 Reading.....Noel Pepper
 Invitation.....Aaron Ownbey
 DismissTim Gann

Welcome Committee

A.M.Noel & Martha Pepper
 P.M.Don & Judy Sullivan

Transportation:.....Randall Gann (580-6252)

If you cannot serve, please contact David Keele (273-5566)

Ushers:Norman Sain, Rodney Maynard, Bruce Pryor
 Attend Nursery:.....Amy Prince
 Un/Lock Building:.....Paul Hurst/Robert Elam
 Prepare Communion:Hillis, Mayfield & Patton
 Assist Baptisms: Amy Prince & Regina Templeton

Pantry Item:Pancake Mix

Elder Closing Remarks:Don Griffith

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship 311
 Bible Study.....215
 P.M. Worship..... 210
 Wednesday Bible Study149
 Contribution\$6,890

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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	<i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i>	
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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Deacons

Jamie Brock	Joe Collins
Jeff Flatt	Randall Gann
Shannon Griffin	Rickey Hurst
David Keele	Ken Martin
Kurt Maynard	Gordon Mayfield
David McColloch	Jeff McVey
Bruce Pryor	Herb Rowland

Missionary

Robert Garibaldi	409-7328
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Sick

At Home:

Jane Wilcher
Flossie Warren
Peggy Snow
Janice Foster
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)
Jennie Hager (friend of Stephanie Maynard)
Gary Campbell (Maggie Hurst's brother) -
suffering from a stroke

In The Hospital:

Osburn Huntley (husband of Ruby) - St. Thomas
West with stroke #583
Linda Fults - to be moved to NHC this week

Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the family of Foye Watkins, wife of James Watkins and aunt of Pat Gauger. Funeral will be today (Tuesday) in Lewisburg, TN.

Gospel Meetings

Bethlehem church of Christ (in Van Buren County), October 14-18, services at 7 pm with Keith Young & Tony Lawrence preaching.

Bible Lectureship

Campaign church of Christ November 17-18, with the theme: Seeking God First.

Evangelism Class

There will be a class meeting at 5 PM on the third Sunday's for a few months on Evangelism. The first meeting of this class will be this Sunday, October 21. Class will last 30 minutes. Those interested in how to do personal evangelism are encouraged to attend.

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The quarterly Elders-Deacons Meeting will be at 5 PM on October 28.

General Business Meeting

The quarterly men's General Business Meeting will follow the evening service on October 28.

Youth News

- October 26-28 - Erupt Youth Rally
- October 28 - Home Devo @ Sarah Hurst King's Home
- November 9-11 - Family/Young Adult Retreat

Family-Young Adult Retreat:

I hope everyone is getting ready to have a great time at the retreat. The cost is \$65.00 per person. That covers your food and stay for the weekend. The only thing that you will need to bring is your Bible, personal hygiene items, and your bedding (Pillow, sheet, blanket). I do plan on having a few activities outside (weather permitting) so make sure to bring warm clothing that you don't mind if they get dirty. Please make checks out to Bybee Branch Youth Fund.

Erupt Youth Rally:

Erupt is just two weeks away. Since we have sold our bus we will all meet at Cumberland Caverns. Don't forget that you will need money for lunch on Saturday but Erupt provides dinner on Saturday evening. I hope you are looking forward to this great spiritual weekend. I know a lot of time and effort has gone into this event.

Home Devotional:

Sarah has volunteered her house for the home devotional this month. We are excited to visit her new home and enjoy a period of Bible Study and fellowship. We hope you can be with us on the 28th following services. If the boys will bring drinks and the girls bring dessert's it would be greatly appreciated.

Welcome

We welcome to Bybee Branch sister Pat McGuire. Please add the following information to your print directory (remember the online directory at in-stanchurchdirectory.com is always up-to-date).

Pat McGuire
125 Clearview St.
McMinnville, TN 37110
(931) 314-9637

Shepherds

"Shepherd" is the best word to describe the role of an elder. Elders are not business managers, a mere management team. Elders do not compose a corporate board. We often pray, "Lord, bless the elders in the decisions they make." While decision-making is inherent to their role (any role in the church), elders are much more than decision-makers. Elders are shepherds! We should pray, "Lord, please bless the elders as they shepherd the flock."

When Paul meet with the elders of the Ephesus congregation (Acts 20:17), he exhorted, "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood" (verse 28, emphasis mine, DF). Elders are "overseers." Thayer says that the original word (*episkopos*) refers to "a man charged with the duty of seeing that things to be done by others are done rightly." [This word is sometimes translated "bishop." An elder is a bishop and a bishop is an elder – one in the same.] Elders are "shepherds." Thayer says that the original word (*poimaino*) means "to tend a flock." ["*Poimano*" is from the root word "*poimen*," a pastor or shepherd. The elders are the "pastors" or "shepherds" of the flock, not the preacher. The "pastor concept" in the denominational world is not found in the Bible.] When Peter addressed elders, he emphasized the same two roles. He exhorted, "Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away" (1 Peter 5:2-3, emphasis mine, DF).

As just noted, elders are not "lords." They do not "legislate" – make laws. They "expedite" – guide us in following God's laws. They go before us and serve as "examples to the flock." Simply put, they watch for our souls! Hebrews 13:17 provides great insight into their role and our relationship to them. The Hebrews' writer exhorted, "Obey those who have the rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give

account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you."

We are to "obey" (action) and "be submissive" (attitude) to the elders – Hebrews 13:17. We are to "honor" them (value, esteem and treat them with dignity) – 1 Timothy 5:17. We are not to unjustly "criticize" them or listen to the same – 1 Timothy 5:19. How blessed any congregation is to have qualified and faithful, committed and loving men who lead them! Elders, shepherd us! Brothers and sisters, follow the shepherds! "Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you."

~ Dwight Fuqua ~

Fall Festival

It is time for our annual Fall Festival at Bybee Branch. It will be THIS SATURDAY, October 20, at 5 pm at the church building. Please sign the list on the bulletin board to bring chili, vegetable soup, potato soup or the soup of your choice, hotdogs and desserts.

Please bring a lawn chair for seating.

Marriage & Childrearing Seminar

The **Main St. church of Christ** in Manchester will be hosting a Marriage & Childrearing Seminar on Nov. 2-3, with brother Glenn Colley. See the bulletin board for more details.

Friends & Family Day

The **Centertown church of Christ** will have their Friends & Family Day this coming Sunday, October 21 with Bill Boyd speaking.

Hurricane Michael Relief

Keep brother Aaron Ownbey in your prayers. He has traveled to Florida with a group from Central to take much needed food and other supplies and provide assistance for those devastated by the effects of Hurricane Michael. Likewise keep those affected by the disaster in your prayers.