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## Sunday Morning Worship

(815-8675) Rickey Burks Announcements Lead Singing Stanley Graves Calvin Rogers First Prayer Reading Clent Kesey Scripture 2 Timothy 1:3-5 Lord's Table (N) \*W.C. Chilton \*David Bouldin (N) Eugene Wilcher (N) Jason Vandagriff (N) Lee Gann (S) Jeremy Burks (S) Rodney Maynard (S) Gordon Fults Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** Ronnie Prince

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Stanley Graves
First Prayer
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table

(815-8675) Rickey Burks
Stanley Graves
Ethan Duncan
Hoyt Crouch
TBA
\*Chuck Boles
\*Derrick Pennington

Sermon Rickey Burks & Roberto Garibaldi
Dismiss Tommy Crouch

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements
Lead Singing
Rickey Hurst
First Prayer
Reading
Reading
Invitation
Dismiss

(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Rickey Hurst
Joe Collins
Mark Lawrence
Tony Lawrence
Steven Hilton

#### Welcome Committee

A.M. Rodney Maynard Family P.M. John & Judy Nussbaum

Bus Driver: Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

Ushers: Allen Hughes & Marc Martin Attend Nursery: Sharon Boles Lock Building: Chip Cantrell Prepare Communion:

Darron & Kirstie Dixon

Assist with Baptisms:
Nelma Chilton & Carol Boyd

Pantry Item: Kool-Aid Mix

#### Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	309
Bible Study	223
P.M. Worship	224
Wednesday Bible Study	228
A.M. Worship	\$5,939

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### Sick

#### At Home:

Doris Wilcher-following hip surgery Woodrow Glenn (broken arm)

David Roberts

Mary Davis

Almeta Cunningham (Susan Pryor's mother)

Eugene Jones

Mickey Whiteaker

Walter Maxwell

Lois Loftis

Mary Elizabeth Holt (Sandra Holt's grandmother)

Dora Mullican

Christine Cantrell

Willard Bouldin (Avie Clemons's father)

Loy & Pauline Watson have returned home

#### In The Hospital:

Charlie Cantrell-VA Hospital/Murfreesboro Betty Dixon (Darron's mother)-Skyline Medical Jimmy Church (Georgia Brown's brother)-St. Thomas

## **Sermons This Week**

Sunday AM ...... The Church Needs Faithful Parents Sunday PM......Rickey Burks & Roberto Garibaldi

# **Lectureship & Ladies Day**

The *West Riverside church of Christ* will have a lectureship on October 22-27, with services at 7 pm. Speakers include: Vernon Joines, Glann Lee, William Woodson, Tom Holland, Matt Yuhas, Garland Elkins & Paul Sain.

The *New Union church of Christ* will host their Ladies Day on Saturday, October 28, with registration beginning at 8:30. Our sister Carol Boyd will be the guest speaker.

# **Bilingual Service Sunday PM**

This coming Sunday evening at 6 pm we will be having a joint worship service with the Iglesia de Cristo. Brothers Rickey Burks and Roberto Garibaldi will be presenting the lesson.

Also, the elders have designated the 5th Sunday contribution on October 29, to go toward retiring the debt on the Hispanic church building.

#### Fall Festival

Our annual Fall Festival fellowship will be this Saturday, October 21st at 5:00 pm. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those who can bring chili. All others need to bring a dessert.

If you would like to contribute money for this fellowship, please give it to one of the elders, Clent Kesey or Caleb Graves

## **Birthday Wednesday!**

ALL the youth are invited on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, to help celebrate ALL our youth who have October birthdays. We will meet downstairs following the devotional. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for those who can bring food.

#### **TABS**

The next TeenAge Bible Study will be hosted by Bluff Springs this Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. The bus will leave at 5:30 PM. The topic is "Respect What Is Holy"

## **Congratulations**

We extend our congratulations to *Martha Pryor* on her graduation from High School on August 4, 2006. In honor of her graduation, there will be a celebration on Saturday, October 21, at 1:00 pm at the church fellowship room.

# \*\*Bulletin List Update\*\*

It has been approximately 5 years since we last did a bulletin list update. During that time it is very likely that some no longer desire to receive the bulletin. and we don't know unless we ask.

All members and those presently attending will continue to receive the bulletin. But, if you are NOT A MEMBER OR DO NOT ATTEND AT BYBEE BRANCH, then you will need to let us know that you wish to continue to receive the bulletin. Many have already done so.

To continue to receive the Bybee Banner you may call 473-2486, send email to preacher@bybeebranch.org, or a note to P.O. Box 147, McMinnville, TN 37111-0147. We have allotted the month of October as a time for everyone to respond, however after that date, those who have not responded will be dropped.

### **Notes From Steve**

"How lonely sits the city That was full of people! How like a widow is she, Who was great among the nations! The princess among the provinces Has become a slave!" (Lamentations 1:1) Such was the appraisal of the once proud city and people of Jerusalem. Jeremiah's vivid description of the Babylonian takeover of Jerusalem is chilling. Nebuchadnezzar besieged the city, which brought mass starvation, along with Judah's army fleeing in droves. Zedekiah, the king of Judah who was apparently part of the group fleeing, was captured and forced to watch his children killed before having his own eyes "put out." Finally, the city itself was dismantled. Nothing but total destruction took place, including the house of the Lord. Even the items from the house of the Lord were carried to Babylon. (Jeremiah 52)

Two thoughts come to mind while considering this sad and sorry affair.

First: God keeps promises. The Israelites before entering the land God provided knew that:

- Through Abraham a land had been promised: "Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." (Genesis 17:8)
- 2. Through Moses the land could be taken away: "See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the LORD your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess." (Deuteronomy 30:15-18)

The Israelites did allow their hearts to be swayed and worshipped false gods. Therefore the calamity that Jeremiah described.

However, we can take this thought a step further. Many passages could be used that declare God promised a Messiah, such as Psalm 72 and Isaiah 53. Needless to say, this is clear prophecy of a coming Savior and indeed someone did arrive - "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21: Isaiah 7:14.) When Jesus officially went "public", people immediately began to realize the promise of a Redeemer had arrived. Andrew was beside himself when telling his brother "We have found the Messiah" (John 1:41.) The Samaritan woman was so taken aback by her conversation with Jesus she rushed back to town and asked, "Could this be the Christ?" Then the men, after hearing Jesus themselves, told the woman, "Now we believe, not because of what you said, for we ourselves have heard Him and we know that this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world." (John 4:29; 42) So, just as God promised, He did send a Savior into the world.

God promised salvation by faith and obedience in Christ Jesus and everyone can claim his or her crown. (I Cor. 9:25; II Tim. 4:8; James 1:12; I Peter 5:4; Rev. 2:10) However, he also promised that salvation – even after obeying the gospel - could be taken away (JUST LIKE THE PROMISED LAND TAKEN FROM THE ISRAELITES.) A person's heart can become so hardened that they may never obey the gospel and be lost forever. Jesus described some of these people in Matthew 13:11-17. But arguably the saddest notion is the one who obeyed the gospel and fell right back into the pig's mire. Again, one can forfeit his or her reservations in heaven. Read very carefully I Corinthians 10:1-13. Paul is describing the "chosen ones" who left Egypt headed for the promised land. Many did not make it out of the wilderness! Paul then concludes, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." (vs. 12-13) Why do Christians need to beware of falling? Why do Christians need a way of escape? The reason is just because one is saved, does not mean he or she is safe.

This leads to our second thought that we will conclude next week: God does not force us to listen.

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