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## Sunday Morning Worship

(815-8675) Rickey Burks Announcements **Lead Singing Stanley Graves** Winfrey Hennessee First Prayer Reading Lee Gann Scripture Romans 5:1-2 Lord's Table (N) \*Don Sullivan \*Steve Hillis (N) **David Roberts** (N) **Abram Pryor** (N) Jason Vandagriff **Zollie Settles** (S) **Kevin Judkins** (S) (S) Eugene Wilcher Sermon **TonyLawrence Dismiss** Ronnie Prince

## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (815-8675) Rickey Burks **Lead Singing Stanley Graves** First Prayer Allen Hughes Derek Vinson Reading Revelation 12:15-16 Scripture Lord's Table \*Steve Boyd \*Larry Flatt Shane Fisher Sermon **Dismiss Kurt Maynard** 

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin
Lead Singing Steven Hilton
First Prayer Jeff Flatt
Reading Joe Collins
Invitation Tony Lawrence
Dismiss Daniel Boyd

## Welcome Committee

A.M. Larry & Jane Flatt P.M. Micah & Amy Lawrence

Bus Driver: Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

Ushers: Tommy Crouch & David Bouldin Attend Nursery: Stefanie McColloch Lock Building: Mike Driver Prepare Communion:

Rickey & Lisa Burks

## Assist with Baptisms:

Avie Clemons & Marsha Collins

Pantry Item: Spaghetti Sauce

## Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	318
A.M. Worship Bible Study P.M. Worship Wednesday Bible Study	235
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Wednesday Bible Study	232
Contribution	\$5,172

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## Sick

#### At Home:

Mary Davis Lucille Newby Betty Lane

### In The Hospital:

B.F. Wilson (Melba Bonner's father)-Middle Tennessee Medical Center

# Sunday's Sermons

A.M.....Peace In A World Of Conflict P.M....Paddling Upstream (Shane Fisher)

# **Gospel Meetings**

The Annual Gospel Meeting at the *Old Philadelpha Meeting House* will be May 7-12 at 7 pm nightly with different speakers each night.

The *Centertown church of Christ* will be having their Gospel Meeting May 19-21 at 7 pm nightly with Charles Williams speaking. Their VBS will follow May 21-25 on the theme, "King of Kings."

The *Smyrna church of Christ* will be having their Friends & Family Day May 21, Kirk Talley will be their speaker.

## Vacation Bible School

We had a great turnout for our VBS planning meeting on Sunday evening. All the "Learning Centers" were scheduled. However, we still need for someone to volunteer to teach the 2 year old class.

Also, Steve Hillis is scheduling the "city leaders" to guide the young people from center to center. If you would like to help, let Steve know or be at the next planning meeting on June 4.

# The Importance of the Bible School

It would be difficult, if not impossible, to over-emphasize the importance of the church's Bible school program. The late Ira North often said, "As the Sunday school goes, so goes the congregation." In his little book, A Biblical Study of Church Growth, Charles Hodge listed "A Strong Bible School" as one of the five things necessary to build a strong church. He then observed, "Congregations cannot be stronger than their teaching program."

Quotes such as these could be multiplied many times over. When we think about having a strong, growing congregation, we must think about having a strong, growing Bible school.

The Bible school program allows the church to do the work God has planned for her to do. The church is the "pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Tim. 3.15). Through regular classes, the church can teach the truth to members and nonmembers alike (Matthew 28:18-20). It can train children in the ways of the Lord. It can pass the truth on from generation to generation (2 Tim. 2:2) and equip members to serve in the kingdom (Eph. 4:11-16).

In view of these things, I believe it is time for us to take the Bible School program more seriously than we ever have. It is not some mere appendage to the church. It is the church at work, doing what God wants her to do.

~Selected from the~ ~Rivergate church of Christ Bulletin~ ~written by Tom Miller~

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2, NKJV.

## Notes From Steve

I just placed a piece of paper on my wall that cost approximately twenty thousand dollars! The document has a university name, my name, the governor's signature (along with others) and some other fancy words that equate to a college diploma. The process was five years in the making, with over one hundred thirty hours of course work. Several people have congratulated me and stated how proud they are, of which I am immensely appreciative. Also, many brought up the point of how I endured through the whole process. Quite frankly, it was a juggling act to keep family, work, and school separate yet functioning. But if it were not for the sacrifices and endurance of two special people in my life, I simply could not have made it through...Sharla and Terann. I asked more of them than I probably should have. The sacrifice of time I was away from them was hard, really hard, but they stayed patient and committed to me. What sacrifices they made and I love them for it!

Now bring into focus that sacrifice with the one God made.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16. A saving sacrifice! A sacrifice of love that opened the door of salvation for ALL who will come to Jesus through obedience and faith.

"And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour" Ephesians 5:2. A teaching sacrifice! Jesus left us an example to love and teach others how to love.

"But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice

for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God..." Hebrews 10:12. A final sacrifice! We do not have to slaughter an animal to try and atone for our sins. Jesus is the "author and **finisher of our faith**" Hebrews 12:2. Notice this summary from Hebrews chapter 9: "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us...For then must be often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself...So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation." (vs. 9. 26, and 28) Again, reflect on the love that was God leaving the glory of heaven to dwell on this earth and be sacrificed: eternal redemption/to put sin away/salvation FOR YOU AND ME!

I am so thankful for my wife, daughter, family, and friends who helped me stay the course the past five years. The sacrifices most of them made are tremendous and did not go unnoticed. But when we stop to put life into perspective, there is really only one true sacrifice and it happened some two thousand years ago at a place called Calvary.

### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

Anyone interested in being on the team this year should see Marsha Collins or myself. The cost is \$10 per individual. We will have a meeting this Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, to discuss our final plans for shirts and on-site fundraiser.

### **GRADUATION**

Please remember our seniors who will be graduating from Warren County High School on May 19<sup>th</sup>. They are Jeremy Burks, Brittany Martin, Cody Prince, and Abram Pryor.