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# Sunday Morning Worship

(668-2184) Don Sullivan Announcements Lead Singing **Leonard Clemons** First Prayer Billy Gilbert Reading Mike Driver Scripture 1 John 2:15-17 Lord's Table (N) \*Larry Flatt \*Eddie Palmer (N) Ethan Duncan (N) Kelly Hillis Rodney Maynard (N) (S) Ryan McColloch (S) John Nussbaum (S) J.B. Gribble Sermon Tony Lawrence **Dismiss** David Keele

# Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements
Lead Singing
Leonard Clemons
First Prayer
Reading
Scripture
Lord's Table

(668-2184) Don Sullivan
Leonard Clemons
Bruce Pryor
Lee Gann
Acts 27:21-25
\*Paul Hurst
\*Chip Cantrell

\*Chip Cantrell Tony Lawrence

Sermon Tony Lawrence Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

# Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements
Lead Singing
Rickey Hurst
First Prayer
Reading
Invitation
Dismiss

(473-5028) Jim Slatton
Rickey Hurst
Steven Hilton
Kurt Maynard
W.C. Chilton
Doug Hendrixson

#### Welcome Committee

A.M. Steve Boyd Family

P.M. Winfrey & Dorothy Hennessee

Bus Driver: Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

Ushers: Bob Cantrell & Mark Lawrence

Attend Nursery: Angie Caldwell

Lock Building: David Chilton

Prepare Communion:

Becky, Mileah & Emily Crawford

### Assist with Baptisms:

Gail Crouch & Avie Clemons

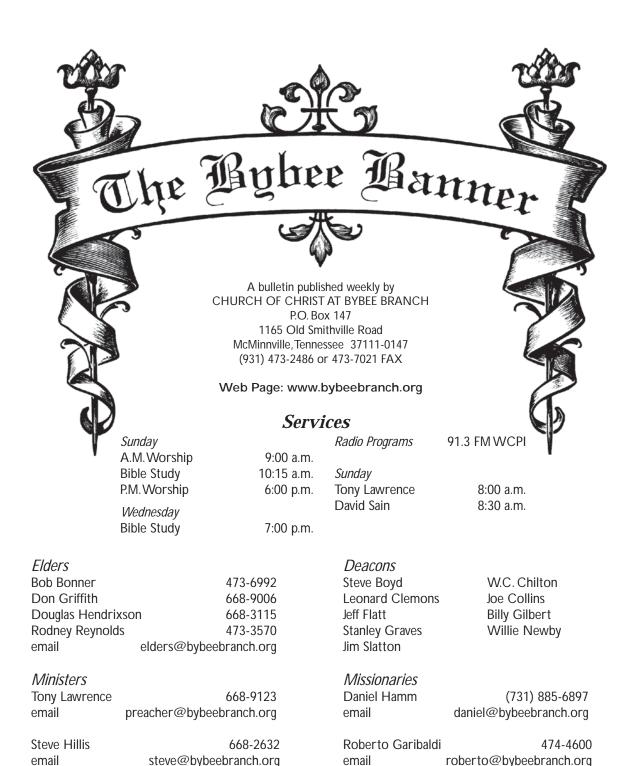
Pantry Item: Peaches

#### Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	323
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A.M. Worship	\$6,571

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### Sick

#### At Home:

Mary Davis
Eugene Jones
Charlie Cantrell
Kathy Hamm (now at the Surin province)
Mickey Whiteaker - home following hospital stay
for broken leg
Ruth Foster - now at daughter's home.

#### In The Hospital:

Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother) - ICU at Baptist Hospital in Columbus, MS Nelma Chilton - to have surgery next Tuesday in Manchester Almeta Cunningham (Susan Pryor's mother)-St. Thomas

Betty Dixon (Darron's mother)-Riverpark ICU Judy Cook - heart catheterization on Thursday at St. Thomas

### **Sermons This Week**

Sunday AM ...... Facing A World Of Lust And Greed Sunday PM..... The Gospel To Rome

# **Opportunities for Edification**

The *Centertown church of Christ* will have a Gospel Meeting on September 22-24, with services at 7 pm each evening. Holger Neubauer will do the preaching.

The **Shady Grove church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on September 24-29 with services at 7 pm each evening. Charles White will do the preaching.

The *West Sparta church of Christ* will host a Ladies Day on September 16, from 8:30 to noon. Speakers will be Carol Harris and Crystal Byrd.

The *West Riverside church of Christ* will have a Gospel Singing on September 29, beginning at 7 pm.

### **Notes From Steve**

#### HOME DEVOTIONAL

Our Home Devo for this month will be held at the church building this Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. Boys bring a 2-liter and girls bring a dessert.

#### **BBYG PARENTS MEETING**

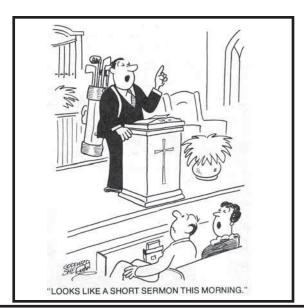
Parents of the BBYG are invited to a meeting to discuss plans for the remainder of 2006. The meeting will take place this Sunday, immediately following our evening worship.

#### PEW PACKER CAMPOUT

Clent and Lynette Kesey will host a campout for those in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and down at their home on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

#### **BETHLEHEM YOUTH DAY**

The Bethlehem church of Christ (Spencer) is hosting a Youth Day on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Anyone interested in attending should be at the building by 8:00 AM.



# Wedding

Rachael Lynn Klamer and Joshua Caleb Graves have chosen the first day of their new life together as Saturday, the sixteenth of September. Two-thousand and six You are invited to share in their joy as they exchange vows at two o'clock in the afternoon Westwood Church of Christ 511 Morrison Street McMinnville, Tennessee

Reception to Follow

In honor of Caleb and Rachael getting married, Stanley and Sherry would like to invite everyone to a cookout Friday evening, September 15th at 6 pm. It will be in the Westwood Church of Christ parking lot at the back of the building. There is no need to bring anything. Just come and celebrate the occasion with us. If you do plan to come, would you please call 473-6418 to let them know.

## **Gamaliel's Advice**

One subject that has been often discussed is the advice of Gamaliel in Acts 5. This Pharisee said, "35 ... "Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men. 36 "For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. 37 "After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed. 38 "And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing; 39 "but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it--lest you even be found to fight against God."" Acts 5:35-39, NKJV.

The question is: "is this good advice?" Let it be understood that this man was an unconverted Pharisee

addressing the Jewish Sanhedrin. Inspiration guarantees the accuracy of Luke's record, but his words themselves are *not* inspired. Scripture nowhere suggests that Gamaliel was a prophet. In fact, if one considers the essence of his advice, it is ultimately pragmatism. He suggests that if it succeeds then it must be from God. If it does not succeed then it must be from man. Does this proposition meet the test of Scripture? What about the work of Noah in preaching? Did it succeed? What about the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel? Would one suggest their efforts were not from God because they were not successful? On the other hand, many denominationalists are very successful. They can draw crowds by the thousands. Perhaps then they are right and faithful are wrong...??? Anyone who studies Scripture knows that this simply is not the case.

For Gamaliel to have offered godly advice he would have suggested that they consider what the Apostles taught and compare it with Scripture. If it accorded with Scripture then it is true, otherwise it is false. The noble Bereans had the right idea, they searched the Scriptures to verify if the things that were taught were so (Acts 17:11). It is essential to see that Gamaliel's argument was the agnostic position. "We can't really be sure who is right and who is wrong..." Scripture says we can know with certainty (Luke 1:4).

Sadly, the advice of Gamaliel is being touted as the solution to address spiritual problems. God's people will kindly, but firmly stand for the Truth. People have to make up their minds about the Truth. "21 And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word."1 Kings 18:21, NKJV. "15 "And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."" Joshua 24:15, NKJV. "23 "He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters." Luke 11:23, NKJV. I recommend listening to God, not Gamaliel.

~Tony Lawrence~