

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements ..... (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing ..... Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer ..... Don Griffith  
 Reading ..... Harold Cook  
 Scripture ..... Philippians 3:1-7  
 Lord's Table (N) ..... \*Ronnie Hoover  
 (S) ..... \*Shannon Griffin  
 (N) ..... Rodney Maynard  
 (N) ..... Ryan McColloch  
 (N) ..... Harold McGinness  
 (S) ..... Jeff Rhea  
 (S) ..... David Roberts  
 (S) ..... Jacob Thurne  
 Sermon ..... Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss ..... Eddie Palmer

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements ..... (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing ..... Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer ..... Don Sullivan  
 Reading ..... Kevin Judkins  
 Scripture ..... I Peter 5:8-9  
 Lord's Table ..... \*David Bouldin  
 ..... \*Stanley Graves  
 Sermon ..... Tony Lawrence  
 Closing Prayer ..... Tim Fisher

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements ..... (224-7079) Jeff Templeton  
 Lead Singing ..... Caleb Graves  
 First Prayer ..... Joe Collins  
 Reading ..... Derek Vinson  
 Invitation ..... Larry Flatt  
 Dismiss ..... Tyler Boyd

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. .... Calvin & Nancy Rogers  
 P.M. .... Noel & Martha Pepper

**Bus Driver:....**Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** ..... Barry Hendrixson & Kurt Maynard

**Attend Nursery:**..... Martha Pepper

**Lock Building:** ..... Rickey Hurst

**Prepare Communion:**

..... Kelly Thaxton

**Assist with Baptisms:**

..... Mary Flatt & Denise Rhea

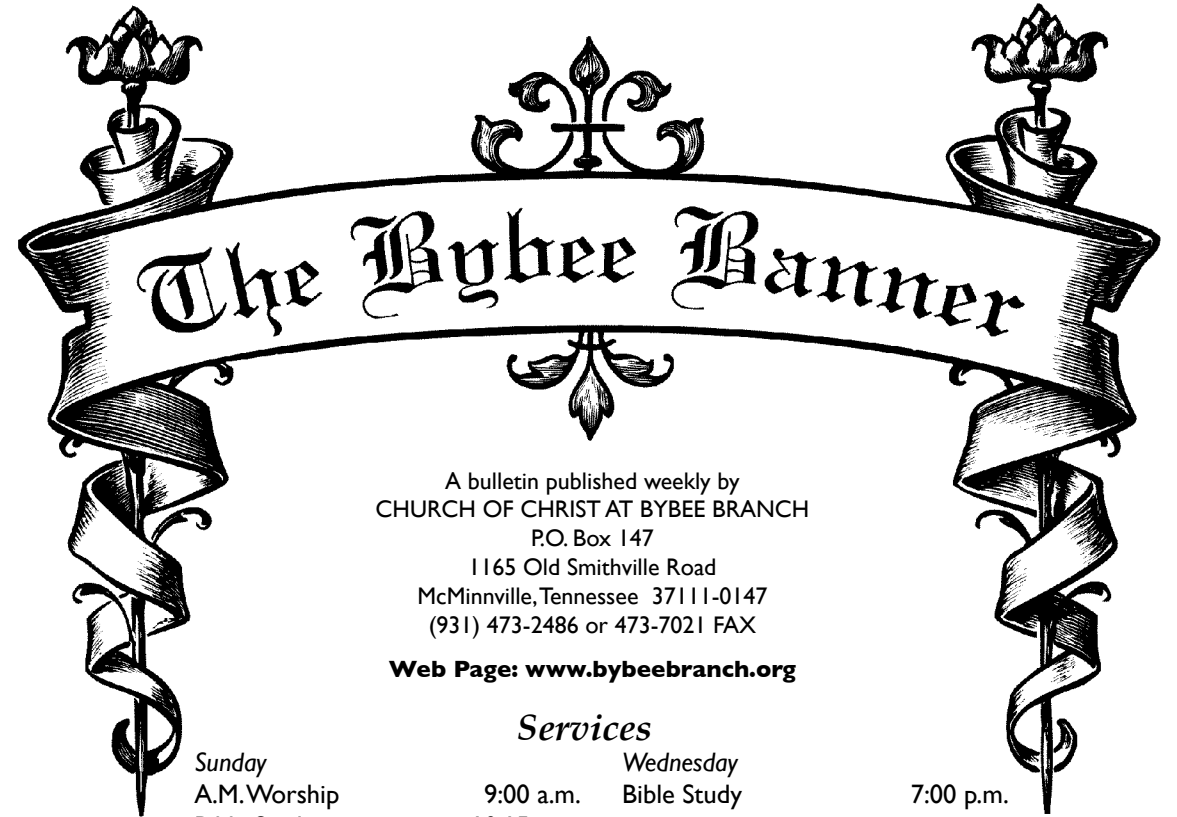
**Pantry Item:** ..... Sugar

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 316  
 Bible Study ..... 243  
 P.M. Worship ..... 252  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 213  
 Contribution ..... \$5,824

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**Services**

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

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Jeff Flatt	Billy Gilbert
Shannon Griffin	Allen Hughes
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Ricky Prince	Jim Slatton
Jeff Templeton	

**Missionary**

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## Sick

### At Home:

Wilma Chisam - at the homes of her children  
Joleta Reynolds (Rodney's sister-in-law)  
Asa Kell  
Joy Trail  
Betty Dixon (Darron's mother)  
Nan Cantrell

### In The Hospital:

Preslie Slatton - Room 6302 at Vanderbilt Childrens Hospital, 2220 Childrens Way, Nashville, TN 37232  
Tracy Green (daughter of Roberta Parmley)-St Thomas  
Megan Madewell-ear surgery at Cookeville on Friday

## Sermon Topics

Sunday AM ..... Moments With The Macedonians #6  
Sunday PM.....How To Fight The Devil

## Annual Holiday Fellowship

Please check the bulletin board and for those who can, please sign up to bring the items listed on the board. For those who cannot, please bring the following items: If you last name begins with A-M bring desserts, if it begins with N-Z bring one 2-liter soft drink and one bag of chips.

**WANTED:** Each year I (Tony) prepare a slide show to run while we wait in the auditorium. If you have some church related photos this past year, or older photos of some of beloved members who have grown old gracefully, please bring them to me to scan, or email them to me.

## Restoration

Last Wednesday evening Laura Monroe came forward requesting the prayers of the church. Please remember Laura in your personal prayers.

## Evangelism University

Evangelism University, a youth rally for High Schoolers, is a youth rally designed to help young Christians develop a lifestyle of evangelism. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday night the 17<sup>th</sup>. EU will be January 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> and will cost 35.

## 60th Anniversary

Congratulations to Fuston & Freda Womack on their 60th Anniversary on December 24. Those who would like may send cards of congratulations at:

Fuston & Freda Womack  
2144 Yager Rd  
McMinnville, TN 37110

## Simple Thoughts From Scripture

This world is filled with choices. Choices, however, are not without consequences. If one makes good choices then the likelihood will be that he will enjoy a good result. The reverse is also true. If one makes bad choices generally the outcome will be bad. Sadly the world seemingly does not perceive this simple truth. Men think they can do the same things and get different results.

Solomon, in the wisdom given him by God, observed, *"If the righteous will be recompensed on the earth, How much more the ungodly and the sinner."* Proverbs 11:31. This verse says that God is involved in the affairs of this earth. Those who are righteous have the right to expect that God will bless them as He has promised. On the other hand, those who do evil should expect problems. Solomon would go on to say in chapter 13, *"Good understanding gains favor, But the way of the unfaithful is hard."* Proverbs 13:15. Paul offered the positive side of this, *"For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same."* Romans 13:3. Make good choices and you will be pleased with the outcome! **T.L.**

## Upcoming Youth Events:

### Wednesday Dec 17<sup>th</sup>

- Birthday Wednesday

### Saturday Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>

- Buy Gifts for Nursing Homes

### Monday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Deliver Gifts to Nursing Homes

### Sunday Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>

- Pew Packer's Class (5pm)

### Friday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>

- Youth Rally at Cumberland Caverns (Brad Harrub Speaking)

## From Tyler's Desk

### **Miracles in Mark: Discouraged but Undeterred**

As Mark recorded his account of the gospel, he gave special attention to the miracles of Jesus. Jesus proved his authority time and time again, but time and time again, people hardened their hearts and refused to accept Him.

In chapter 6, we read of Jesus feeding five thousand people with just five loaves and two fish. And yet, even after this amazing miracle, his apostles were still "utterly astounded" at His next miracle of walking on the water.

Following this night on the lake with the apostles, Jesus healed many sick from all over the entire region (Mark 6:53-56). Surely people would start to understand who He was... but no. Chapter seven begins with yet another discussion with the Pharisees, who continually refused to accept His evidence.

So what did Jesus do next? He left Galilee, and went to Tyre and Sidon (a region with a much larger Gentile population). Mark 7:24 indicates that he went here to get away from the Pharisees and be alone with his

disciples for a time.

While in Tyre, Jesus' next miracle stands in stark contrast to the previous chapter and a half. There was a Syrophenician woman (a Gentile) who's daughter had an unclean spirit. When she heard Jesus was in town, she went to him and "begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter."

Jesus didn't immediately heal the woman's daughter. In fact, his response could have been very discouraging for this desperate mother to hear. He told her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." Jesus used this illustration to point out that He had come first to the Jews, and therefore would not heal the Gentile woman's daughter.

But the determined mother refused to be deterred. She wittily retorted, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Because of this statement of undeterred faith in Jesus' power, Jesus then told the woman to go her way, because the demon had left her daughter.

The apostles, Jesus' closest followers, hardened their hearts to Jesus' miraculous power. The Pharisees, the religious elite of the day, refused to give up their traditions to accept clearly demonstrated power of Jesus. But this Gentile woman, even when faced with discouragement, refused to deny Jesus as her only hope.

Jesus' blessings are not limited to those who grew up going to church their whole lives. Neither are they limited to only the religious scholars in this world. Here in Mark 7, Jesus illustrated that He would be willing to bless anyone, regardless of their background. Jesus only requires that we remain undeterred in our commitment to Him, even when faced with discouragement.