

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Don Griffith
 Reading Allen Hughes
 Scripture..... 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16
 Lord's Table (N) *Bobby Ashford
 (S)..... *Steve Boyd
 (N) Barry Hendrixson
 (N) Kelly Hillis
 (N) Dustin Hillis
 (S)..... Marc Martin
 (S)..... Eugene Wilcher
 (S)..... Chris Neale
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss David Bouldin

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements (668-2180) Ken Martin
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Billy Gilbert
 Reading Josh King
 Scripture..... 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12
 Lord's Table..... *Ricky Prince
 *Winfrey Hennessee
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Closing Prayer Danny Duncan

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton
 Lead Singing Caleb Graves
 First Prayer Tim Fisher
 Reading Micah Lawrence
 Invitation Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Rodney Myers

Welcome Committee

A.M. Harold & Judy Cook
 P.M. Bruce & Susan Pryor

Bus Driver:..... Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

Ushers: Ronnie Prince & Cory Prince

Attend Nursery:..... Jane Flatt

Lock Building:..... W.C. Chilton

Prepare Communion:

..... David & Iona King

Assist with Baptisms:

..... Judy Sullivan & Carol Boyd

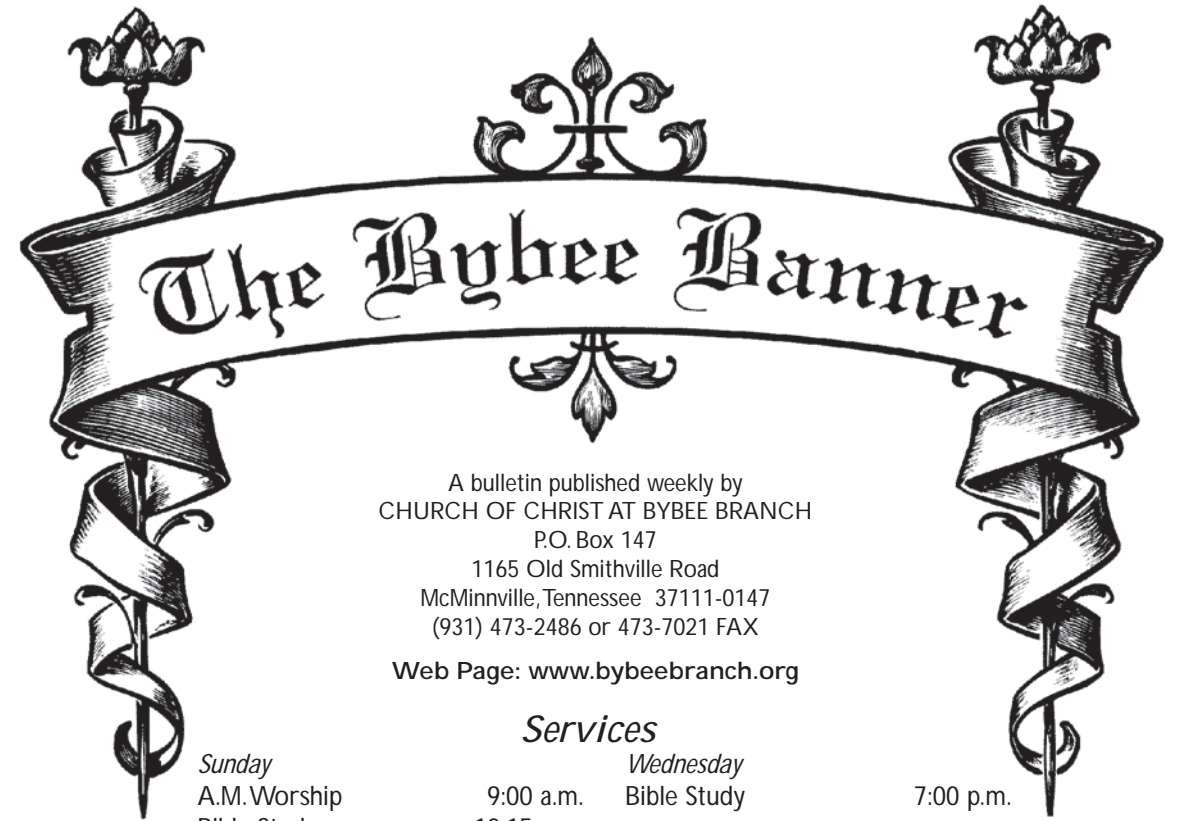
Pantry Item: Applesauce

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship..... 364
 Bible Study 270
 P.M. Worship 254
 Wednesday Bible Study..... 195
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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 (2nd & 4th 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
David Keele	Ken Martin
Kurt Maynard	Willie Newby
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)

Joy Trail

Betty Dixon (Darron's mother)

Megan Madewell-following ear surgery

Lucille Newby

Tracy Green (Roberta Parmley's daughter)

Bill Sweeny - following stay in hospital

Sharon Driver

In The Hospital:

Asa Kell - River Park Rehab

Sermon Topics

Sunday AM Moments With The Macedonians #8
(Suffering Churches)

Sunday PM..... Are You A Busybody Or A Busy Body?

Simple Thoughts From Scripture

Solomon said, "The truthful lip shall be established forever, But a lying tongue is but for a moment." Proverbs 12:19. So many people are short-sighted. They consider only the "moment." It is for that reason why people often lie about the simplest things. Rather than face the stern response of a parent or a spouse one lies about where they have been or what they have been doing. However, truth has a way of surfacing and those who lie often find themselves even further embarrassed about their behavior. In addition to this they also have created doubts about their honesty in the minds of others.

Would it not be great if everyone just told the truth? It would be better on themselves. They would never have to have a great memory to recall the lie they told and to whom they told it. People would learn to trust them and everything they said. Their simple affirmation would be the end of all question. When tempted to distort the truth, remember that "honesty is the best policy..." *T.L.*

Bybee Branch 75th Anniversary

In view of the fact that the Bybee Branch congregation will be celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2009, the following is presented for your information. The details in these articles have been derived from various sources. The information regarding the early history was compiled by brother Glenn B. Ramsey with the assistance of Earlene Ray (deceased) many years ago and recorded in older church directories.

Early History

Christians began meeting in the old Bybee Branch schoolhouse in the early months of 1934, with about 27 people present for the first service. Brother Bill Willis from Manchester, Tennessee, held the first gospel meeting. Later a tent was set up in the field of brother Tom Walker and a brother Bailey from Texas preached a series of sermons.

The Land and Buildings

October 8, 1938, the church purchased .5723 acres of land from Mrs. S.E. Boyd for a cost of \$114.46. A decision was then made to build a church building on that property. Financed by the contributions of members of the church and other individuals and built with help donated from many others, the building was soon erected. Brother Everett Fields held the first series of gospel meetings in the new building. On July 24, 1945, the church purchased four lots of the Bybee Branch Heights Subdivision from J. R and Elizabeth Boyd at a cost of \$392.00. On August 30, 1946, the church purchased the 1/2 acre plot that was originally occupied by the Bybee Branch school, from Charles L. Weaver at a cost of \$100.00. On May 18, 1948 a quit claim was given to the Elders of the Bybee Branch Church from the Warren County Board of Education on the same property. The church building was remodeled, increasing seating capacity and classroom space in 1954. May 14, 1966 was the day that eleven more lots in the Bybee Branch Subdivision were purchased from Earl M. and Margaret Smith at a cost of \$10,000.00. On May 27, 1966 ground was

broken for a new church building. The first worship service was conducted in the building on November 13, 1966. 329 were present. This building presently stands having been expanded and remodeled in 1981, 1988, and 1997. A new residence for the preacher was built and occupied October 1977. This home was sold and moved off the property in 2005 to make way for further expansion. In April 2007, the property of sister Nonie Grizzell was purchase for future growth.

More to come next week regarding those who have preached the Gospel at Bybee Branch.

Upcoming Youth Events:

Sunday Jan 11th

- Pew Packer's Class (5pm)
- Spiritual Weight Lifting & Inner Beauty Salon

Friday Jan 16th – Sunday Jan 18th

- Evangelism University

Sunday Jan 18th

- TABS @ Hillsboro (Bus leaves at 4:00pm)

From Tyler's Desk

Miracles in Mark: An Emotional Savior

In Mark 7:31-37 we read about Jesus healing a deaf man with a speech impediment. As I studied Mark's account, something stood out to me.

Mark 7:34-35 reads, "And He (Jesus) looking up to heaven, *he sighed* and said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened', and his ears were opened..." (emphasis added).

It was interesting to me that the Holy Spirit, through Mark, included the words "he sighed." Why did Jesus sigh? Perhaps he felt sad that horrible things such as deafness had entered into this fallen world. Or perhaps he was sad because he was aware that there were many other deaf people in the world who would never have an opportunity to hear on this earth. Or perhaps it was a sigh of joy because this man was

finally about to hear and speak for the first time in his life. The text does not say why Jesus sighed, so we just don't know. But what the text does say is "he sighed." We don't know what emotion Jesus was feeling at this time, but Jesus' sigh does indicate that he was very emotional about healing this deaf man. Jesus was more than a stoic man, who just walked around putting his fingers in deaf people's ears; He was a man who felt emotions for those who were hurting.

If we are not careful, we may forget that our salvation is more than just following the steps of belief, baptism, and obedience to God's word. Our salvation required the death of a man. "For God *so loved* the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16 – emphasis added). Our salvation included a great deal of emotion on God's part. Therefore our Christian lives should include a great deal of emotion as well.

As Christians, we should hurt when we sin. We should be joyful when we sing. We should feel sorrow for the lost. We should genuinely hate anything which is contrary to God's law. We should love God with all our hearts. May we never loose our desire to grow into the church God saved us to be.

Visitation Program

Thanks to all who participate in our visitation program. Your efforts are very much appreciated. If you are not currently involved in our visitation program and would like to be, or would like to make a change, please see Kurt Maynard.

Sentence Sermons

A man who throws dirt loses ground.

A giving church is a living church.

Following the path of least resistance is what makes rivers and men crooked.

Anger opens the mouth and shuts the mind