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# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Joe Collins
Reading	Darron Dixon
Scripture	Hebrew 1:1-3
	*David Keele
	*Dale Bennett
	Dickie Kesey
(N)	Jeff Rhea
	Justin Griffin
(S)	Eugene Wilcher
	Tyler Mitchell
(S)	Ryan McColloch
` '	Tyler Boyd
	Tommy Crouch

# Sunday Evening Worship

(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Leonard Clemons
Eddie Palmer
Caleb Graves
James 2:1-13
*Tyler Boyd
*Steven Felty
James Rogers
Jamie Brock

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing	•
First Prayer	-
Reading	
Invitation	
Dismiss	Shannon Griffin

### **Welcome Committee**

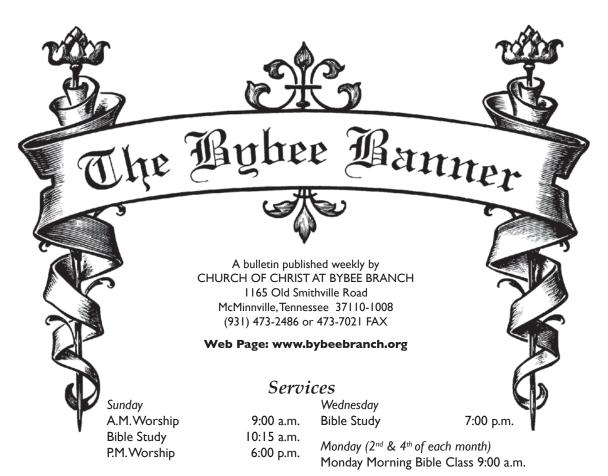
A.M	Kelly & Gaye Hillis
P.M	Jeff & Mary Flatt

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

Ushers:Mi	ike Driver & Robert Elam			
Attend Nursery:	Judy Nussbaum			
Lock Building:	Paul Hurst			
Prepare Communio	n: Kelly Thaxton			
Assist with Baptism	ns:			
Jane	Wilcher & Michelle Myers			
Pantry Item:	cake mix			
<b>Elder Closing Rem</b>	arks: Don Griffith			
Record For The Week				
A.M. Worship	310			
Bible Study	211			
P.M. Worship	238			
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Contribution				

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### Sick

#### At Home:

Lucille Newby - at the home of her son, Carl Douglas Essie Hillis Asa Kell Ollis Loftis Nonie Grizzell

#### In The Hospital:

Dorothy Good (mother of Sandra Thurne) - returned to NHC #104

## **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M.....He's Speaking To You P.M....Summer Series: James Rogers

# **Requested Prayers**

This past Sunday morning Anna Hendrixson responded to the invitation requesting the prayers of the congregation. On Sunday evening Jeff Templeton requested prayers. Please remember these two in your prayers.

## VBS's

The **Woodbury church of Christ** will have a VBS on June 15-19 with services at 9-11 am. with the theme: The Life of Christ.

The **Leoni church of Christ** will have a VBS on June 14-17 with services at 7 pm. with the theme: The Lord Is Our Shepherd.

The **Central church of Christ** will have a VBS on June 21-24 with services at 7 pm. with the theme: Lights Camera, Faith in Action.

The **Harmony church of Christ** will have a VBS on June 28-July 1, at 7 pm with the theme, Riders of the Great Roundup.

The **Mt. Leo church of Christ** will have a VBS on July 6-9, from 6-8 pm with the theme, God Is Watching.

## **Gospel Meetings**

The **Mt. Leo church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting and Friends & Family Day on June 14-17 with services at 7:00 pm. B.J. Clarke will be preaching.

The **West Riverside church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on June 14-16 with services at 7:00 pm. Ken Butterworth will be preaching.

The **Rockliff church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on June 14-17 with services at 7:00 pm. Leroy Dedmon will be preaching.

The **Grange Hall church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on June 21-25 with services at 7:00 pm. Dan Jones will be preaching.

The **Spencer church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on June 21-25 with services at 7:00 pm. Elwin Mahan, Bob McCoy, Turner Binkley, Jr., R.C. Christian, and Gene Brock will be preaching.

The **Hiawassee church of Christ** will have a Gospel Meeting on July 5-10 with services at 7:00 pm.Anthony Walker will be preaching.

# **Bybee Branch VBS**

REMEMBER, July 13-15, with the theme: Great Characters of the Old Testament. Adult speakers will be: Doris Hughes on Moses, Derrick Coble on Elijah, and Teddy Jones on David.



# **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### Thursday June 18th

Chattanooga Lookouts (Bus leaves at 3:45pm)
 Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>

 Movie Night at Steve & Carol Boyd's (8pm. Bring a lawn chair – concessions will be provided)

#### Sunday June 21st

 Youth Devo @ the Jungle Gym (Bring \$3 for pizza. Softball to follow)

### Wednesday June 24th

Birthday Wednesday

#### Friday June 26th

 Volleyball and games @ Joyce Bridgman's (105 N. Steeplechase Drive. 3pm. Guys bring drinks, girls bring chips for nachos. Everyone bring lawn chairs)

# From Tyler's Desk:

### Some When's and Why's of Old Testament Fasting

As we seek to understand the place of "fasting" in the life of a Christian, we should first seek to understand why fasting was used in Bible. Throughout the Old Testament we read of numerous examples of people fasting. It would be a lengthy study to look at EVERY example of fasting found in the Old Testament. It is my intentions to survey just a few examples of Old Testament fasting, thus gaining a better understanding of when and why God's people fasted.

#### WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE FASTED:

Fasting seems to have been most frequently practiced in times of great danger. When Israel was at war with the Benjaminites in Judges chapter 20, they fasted (v. 26). When the Edomites threatened Jehoshaphat, he responded by proclaiming a fast (2 Chro. 20:3). In the book of Esther, when Haman obtained a decree from the king against the Jews, they also responded with a fast (5:16).

Not only was fasting practiced in times of national crisis, but it was also practiced on behalf of individuals who were facing danger. King David fasted when his infant child was facing death (2 Sam. 12:16-23). Also,

in Psalm 35:11-13, we read of the psalmist fasting on behalf of his enemies when they were in trouble.

Fasting was also used when people acknowledged their sinfulness, thus realizing their spiritual danger. We read of Moses fasting 40 days because of the sinfulness of Israel (Deut. 9:15-18). When Elijah pronounced to Ahab the consequences of his sinfulness, Ahab responded in fasting (I Kings 21:27). The entire city of Nineveh fasted in response to the preaching of Jonah (Jonah 3:7). In fact, the only fast commanded by God was a fast in response to sin. The nation of Israel was commanded to fast each year on the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:29 – "you shall afflict yourselves" was understood to mean fasting).

At times fasting was used to mourn the death of loved ones (I Sam. 31:13; 2 Sam. 1:12). In later times, the Jews also used fasting to remember calamities of the past, such as the burning of the temple. But most often fasting was used in times of national danger, individual danger, and spiritual danger.

#### WHY GOD'S PEOPLE FASTED:

But why did God's people choose to fast in the face of danger?

In Psalm 35:13, David writes, "I afflicted my soul with fasting." He later writes in Psalm 69:10, "When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting." David used fasting to purposely afflict and humble himself before the LORD.

In 2 Chronicles 20:3, we read that "Jehoshaphat was afraid and set his face to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast". As Jehoshaphat sought to set his face to seek the LORD, he did so through the humbling method of fasting.

In conclusion, God's people in the Old Testament fasted in times of danger or grief, when they wanted God to hear their prayers. They believed that humbling themselves through fasting would be pleasing to God. And most often, God was indeed pleased by the fasting of His people.

Next week it is my hope to study what the New Testament teaches about fasting.

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