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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Michael Andrews
	Darron Dixon
	Philippians 3:17-4:1
Lord's Table (N)	*W.C. Chilton
(S)	*Don Sullivan
	Harold McGinness
	Caleb Graves
	Christian Barrett
	Tyler Judkins
	Kevin Judkins
	David King
	Tony Lawrence
	Paul Hurst

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	Jason Vandagriff
Scripture	James 5:13-20
Lord's Table	*Stanley Graves
•••••	*Ricky Prince
Sermon	Tim Orbison
Closing Prayer	Rodney Myers

Welcome Committee	
Dismiss	Tyler Boyd
Invitation	Leonard Clemons
Reading	Justin Griffin
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Lead Singing	Ethan Duncan
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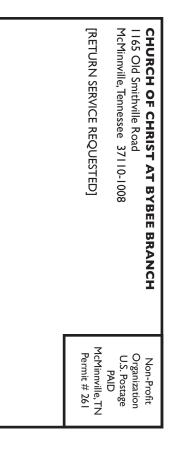
A.M	Bobby Ashford Family
P.M	

Bus Driver:..... Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

	July 26, 2009
Ushers: Ben	Biles & Ethan Duncan
Attend Nursery:	Mary Flatt
Lock Building:	Rickey Hurst
Prepare Communion:	Becky Crawford
Assist with Baptisms:	
Stephanie Maynard & Sonia Vandagriff	
Pantry Item:	Peaches

Elder Closing Remarks:	Steve Boyd
Record For The Week	

A.M.Worship	
Bible Study	
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	





At Home:

Fuston Womack Ken Lee Shirley Nunley Christine Cantrell

In The Hospital:

Mary Lois Cantrell - Cookeville Regional Marty York - River Park Leonard Crouch - surgery Wednesday Gina Muncey - surgery on 28th Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan's father) - River Park with pneumonia

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Dorothy Good (mother of our Sandra Thurne). Her funeral was Monday at the Rockliff church of Christ.

Sunday's Sermons

A.Ml'm Pressing On The Upward Way!	
P.M	Summer Series:Tim Orbison

Gospel Meetings & VBS's

Smartt church of Christ - July 19-23 with services at 7:00 pm. Roger Comstock will be preaching.

VBS at Arlington church of Christ - July 19-22, with services at 7 pm with the theme: "Crusin the Scriptures."

VBS at Rockliff church of Christ - July 19-22, with services at 7 pm with the theme: "Crusin the Scriptures."

Sentence Sermons

"Eternity is a long time to be wrong"

"There are no atheists in hell"

Upcoming Youth Events:

Friday July 24th

- Friday Friend's Fellowship (4:30-8:00pm at the Elam's. Bring board games)
- Wednesday July 29th
- Birthday Wednesday
- Friday July 31st
- Friday Friend's Fellowship (Scavenger hunt hosted by Paul and Kara Hurst)

Sunday August 2nd

• Youth Devo at the Elam's

From Tyler's Desk:

When Should Christians Fast?

In Matthew 9, Jesus was asked by the disciples of John why Jesus' disciples did not fast. Jesus answered with the following words: "Can the wedding guest mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast." In this answer Jesus made two points about fasting.

Firstly, Jesus noted that his disciples did not fast when there was not an occasion to fast. This was unlike the Pharisees who treated fasting as merely a ritual. The Pharisees were known to fast twice a week, whether the occasion called for it or not (Luke 18:12). Earlier Jesus had taught that fasting should not be practiced to be seen by other men (Matthew 5:16-18). Therefore Christians should not just try fasting because it sounds like a neat thing to try. Fasting should only be practiced when the occasion calls for it.

Secondly, Jesus referred to a time in the future when His disciples would fast. This leads us to the question, "When should Christians fast?"

As seen in a study of fasting in the Old Testament, God's people fasted in times of physical or spiritual danger. It is appropriate to fast when we or our loved ones are facing serious illness or some other danger. It would also be appropriate to follow the example of Jesus and choose to fast when we are facing severe temptations (or spiritual danger). Fasting would also

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be an appropriate response when our nation is facing impending danger (Judges 20:26).

In the New Testament we are given the example of the church at Antioch fasting and praying when they prepared to send out Paul and Barnabas to do mission work (Acts 13:1-3). We also read of the churches in Galatia fasting while they were undergoing the serious task of appointing elders (Acts 14:21-23).

Fasting seems to most always been used in close connection with prayer. Therefore, it seems that any occasion which may call for persistent prayer would also provide an appropriate time to fast.

I Almost Made a Difference Today

I almost cleaned out my attic today. It is such a mess. I've been putting it off until warmer weather. I almost started sorting out the stuff that needs to be thrown away from the stuff I need to keep. I almost moved it around to get some of it ready for a garage sale in the spring.

While I was almost cleaning out my attic, I thought about some of the people I have not talked to in a long time. I almost got out my address book to call them. But they may not be home or perhaps are busy. Maybe it would be better to write them a letter. So, I almost wrote them a letter instead.

While I was almost cleaning out my attic and almost writing letters, I thought, there are several folks at church that are sick. I wondered if they would like some cookies or a cake, or maybe just someone to stop by and say "hello." So, I almost went to the kitchen to fix them something and I almost went to visit them. It made me feel so good inside to think about their faces smiling as I walked in their door with a plate of goodies. In fact, I almost smiled just thinking about it.

While I was almost doing those things, I looked out my window and saw a neighbor who does not go to church and needs the gospel. He seems like a really nice guy. I almost called him to invite him to go with me to church this weekend.

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While I was almost doing those things, I almost W

sat down and read my Bible. I had to move it off the kitchen counter where it was sitting. As I carried it to the other room, I almost just sat right down that minute to spend time in the Word of God.

When I got to the church building the other day, I noticed the weeds that have grown up during the cold weather months.We need to clean up so that others get a good impression when they come to worship. I almost called a couple of friends to see if they would like to spend a couple of hours cleaning up a little. It almost looks better already.Well, not really.

There are a lot of good things that we almost do in life. It does not matter what we plan, intend, or almost do. What matters is what we actually do, not almost do.

King Agrippa was almost convinced to be a Christian (Acts 26:28). I wonder how many believers are almost faithful and will be almost saved?

The immortal words of Philip P. Bliss sing on: "Almost persuaded," harvest is past! "Almost persuaded," doom comes at last! "Almost cannot avail;"Almost" is but to fail! Sad, sad, that bitter wail— "Almost," but lost!

~Tim Orbison~ (brother Orbison will be our speaker Sunday night)

VBS Review

2009 was another great year for VBS.We had excellent attendance each night with great enthusiasm. So many people deserve a hearty thanks for their dedication and service. Thanks to the elders for providing this avenue of teaching. Thanks to Tyler for leading the singing and running the program each night. Thanks to all the teachers in both the classes and learning centers. You did an awesome job! Thanks to the city leaders who led the children from center to center. Thanks to each of the ladies who worked so hard with the refreshments and Sonia Vandagriff for coordinating it.

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News & Notes