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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Steve Boyd
Reading	Cory Prince
Scripture	Hebrews 12:1-2
	*Dale Bennett
(S)	*Willie Newby
	Steve Wilcher
	Micah Lawrence
	Ryan McColloch
(S)	Parker Smith
(S)	Jared Mullican
(S)	Lynn Gann
Sermon	
Dismiss	Ronnie Hoover

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Bruce Pryor
Reading	
Scripture	Romans 10:1-3
Lord's Table	*Tyler Boyd
	*Stephen Felty
Sermon	
Dismiss	Jeff McVey

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-7078) Danny Duncan
Lead Singing	Dustin Rhea
First Prayer	Jacob Griffin
Reading	John David Keele
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Leonard Clemons

Welcome Committee

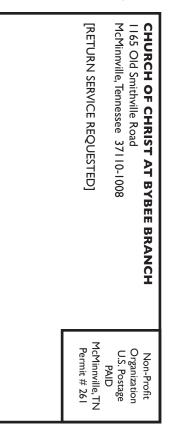
A.M	Gordon & Nancy Mayfield
P.M	Rodney Maynard Family
Bus Driver:	Paul Hurst (668-7088)

Ushers:	S: Rickey Burks & Heath Griffith			
Attend Nurser	y: Sonia Vandagriff			
Lock Building:	Jeff Templeton			
Prepare Comm	union: Jeff Templeton Family			
Assist with Ba	otisms: Cindy Fisher &			
Sherry Graves				

Pantry Item: Hamburger Helper Elder Closing Remarks: Steve Boyd

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship	323
Bible Study	257
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	





Sick

At Home:

Charlene Palmer Marilyn Alcorn (125 Peers St). Mike Killian (Elaine Hoover's brother-in-law) following brain surgery David Bouldin - starts radiation soon Wayne Jordan (Nancy Rogers' brother) In The Hospital: none known

Sunday's Sermons

A.M.....Seven Serious Challenges For Christians P.M. How Should One Respond To Other Religions?

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Achsa Wiggs, aunt of Harry Felty. Her service was this past Saturday in Durham, NC.

Holiday Party

The annual Holiday Party will be on Sunday evening, December 19, following services. There will be sign up sheets on the bulletin board for what to bring. If you have questions, please see Mary Flatt.

Sentence Sermons

LIFE is like a coin. You can spend it any way you wish—but you can only spend it once.

Do not let the new year bring you a fresh start on your same old habits.

Where death finds you, there eternity will keep you.

People may doubt what you say, but they will always h

Youth News

BIBLE BOWL WRAP-UP

Woodbury was the site for December's Bible Bowl with many kids and congregations represented. Congratulations to our youth for finishing in 4th place by missing only 3 questions. However, we again answered all the memory verses correctly! Overall we are only a few points out of first place for the season. The entire team is doing a great job. Congratulations to Rockliff and Woodbury for finishing in 1st place, followed by Earleyville in 2nd and Ivy Bluff in 3rd. Next up...Hebrews! I hope everyone will study and work hard to learn this very valuable letter within God's Word.

PEW PACKERS

The final class for 2010 will be this Sunday, December 12th, beginning at 5:00 pm. I want to personally invite all our kids in 5th grade and down to join us. Our topic will be "God's Word."

BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY

All our kids from the youngest to the oldest are asked to stick around on Wednesday, December 15th, following services to help celebrate those of our youth who have December birthdays.

EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY

Please see the sign-up sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board for full details.

HOLIDAY YOUTH PROJECT

For several years the youth of Bybee Branch has requested help from the congregation to purchase gifts for those in need. We kindly ask for your monetary donations again this year. If you are able and willing, please give your donation to Steve Hillis or one of the elders. Wednesday night will have to be the cut-off date for giving. Thanks for you generosity.

BBYN

The current copy of the Bybee Branch Youth News is available for any youth or parents who did not get one Sunday. The copies are located on the table in the fover

What About Christmas?

There is no proof that Christ was born on December 25. But the glorious good news is in the fact that He was born as our Saviour, that He came down from heaven to seek and to save the lost (Luke 2:8-12).

Christ should be just as precious to us as if He had been born on December 25. In fact, if He had been born only yesterday we would know nothing of His wonderful life, His miracles, His teachings, His death for our sins, His resurrection and ascension into heaven. We would know nothing about the New Testament church and the spreading of Christianity upon the earth, as in the Acts of the Apostles. In fact, if Christ had been born yesterday, we would not yet have the New Testament and Christianity.

Another fact worthy of consideration is the fact that we can rejoice in Christ, as Christians and believers in Christ, on December 25, just the same as on the other 364 days of the year. We do not have to cease to be happy in Jesus at "Christmas" just to be different from others. Paul says, "Rejoice in the Lord always" (Phi. 4:4). This would take in Christmas the same as all other days of the year.

Instead of revealing the date of the birth of Christ, God has revealed the day on which He was raised from the dead-the first day of the week (Mark 16:1, 9; Luke 24:1-47). God does want us to celebrate this day. It is a day called "the Lord's Day" (Rev. 1:10; I Cor. 16:2). In it we are especially rejoiceful and glad.

We should show our faith in Christ, in His birth, in His life, in all He did for us, and is doing for us, in every proper way; but we should not deceive others into thinking we are celebrating December 25 as the birthday of Christ, for there is no good reason to believe it is the date of His birth. But when all the facts are considered, there is nothing to prevent our enjoying the holiday season just ahead called "Christmas."

We may give and receive gifts in this season, or at any other season of the year, on December 25, or on another day of the year that we wish-on our birthday, or that of others. In fact, we should "rejoice with them that do rejoice" at Christmas or any other time. There is not enough happiness in the world any way. We can, however, do all this without celebrating Christmas as the birthday of Christ.

Finally, it is proof of the divinity of Christ to find Him so popular in the world nineteen hundred years after His birth that the civilized world wants to celebrate His birth, whether it knows the date or not. Thank God for our Lord and His coming into the world, regardless of the exact date of His arrival by virgin birth. We shall, therefore, go on teaching His truth, whatever is proper and fitting, regardless of "Christmas."

~Gus Nichols~

Say No To Sin

What settings are you in when you fall? Avoid them. What props do you have that support your sin? Eliminate them. What people are you usually with? Avoid them. There are two equally damning lies Satan wants us to believe: 1) Just once won't hurt. 2) Now that you have ruined your life, you are beyond God's use, and might as well enjoy sinning.

"Learn to say no. It will be of more use to you than to be able to read Latin."

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