

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(668-9537) Larry Flatt
 Lead Singing..... Stanley Graves
 First Prayer Doug Hendrixson
 Reading..... Chuck Boles
 Scripture.....Mark 3:28-30
 Lord's Table (N).....*Tommy Crouch
 (S).....*Allen Hughes
 (N)..... David King
 (N).....Jordan Thomas
 (N).....Lee Gann
 (S)..... Harold McGinness
 (S)..... James Gillies
 (S)..... Barry Hendrixson
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss Eddie Palmer

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(668-9537) Larry Flatt
 Lead Singing..... Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Shannon Griffin
 Reading.....Joe Collins
 Scripture..... Ezekiel 22:12-16
 Lord's Table.....*Michael Andrews
*Stanley Graves
 Sermon Tony Lawrence
 Closing Prayer David Keele

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements (668-8760) Dale Bennett
 Lead Singing.....Micah Lawrence
 First PrayerJeff Templeton
 Reading.....David Chilton
 InvitationTyler Boyd
 DismissJohn David Keele

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Joe T. & Mary Lois Cantrell
 P.M.....Willus & Edith Roberts

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

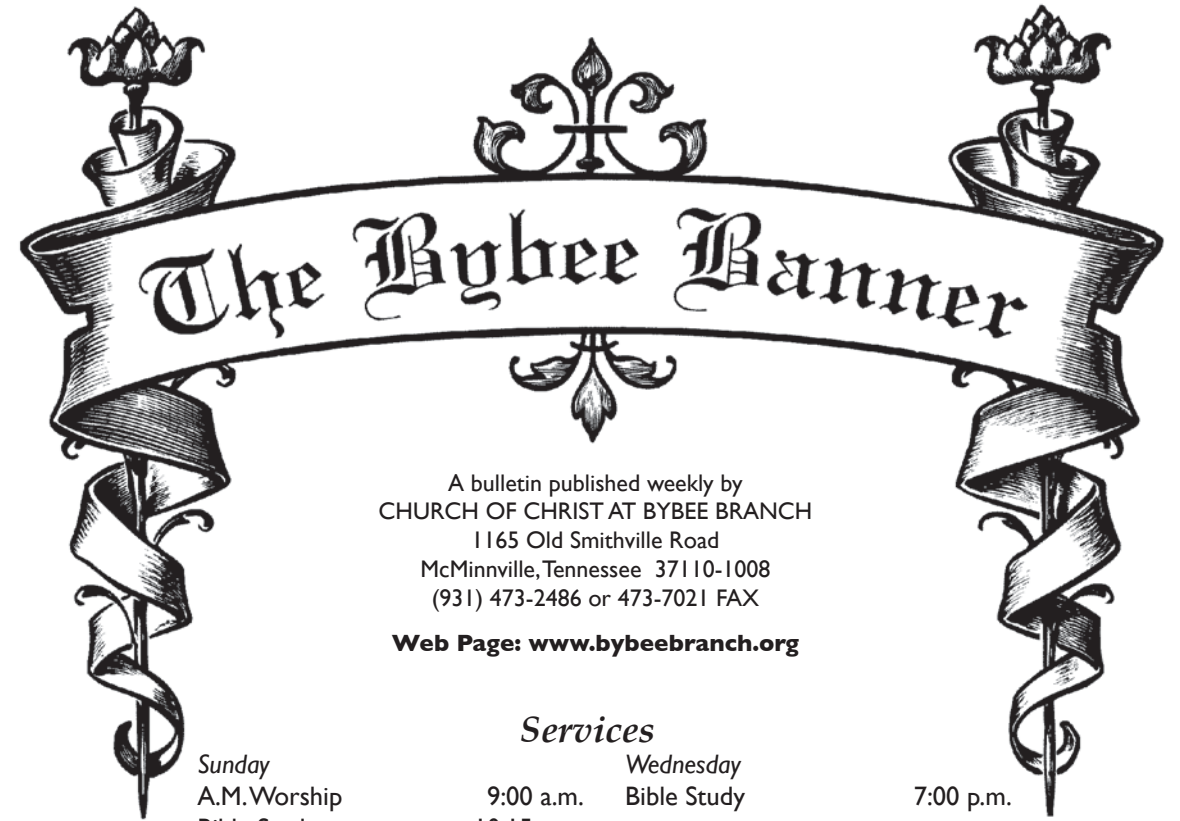
Ushers: Rickey Burks & Heath Griffith
Attend Nursery:.....Lori Judkins
Lock Building:.....Rodney Myers
Prepare Communion:Kelly Thaxton
Assist with Baptisms: ...Stephanie Maynard & Corretta Lawrence
Pantry Item: Cake Mix
Elder Closing Remarks: Steve Boyd

Record For The Week...

A.M.Worship..... 304
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 P.M.Worship 230
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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>	
	P.M. Worship	6:00 p.m.		Monday Morning Bible Class 9:00 a.m.	

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David Keele	Ken Martin
Kurt Maynard	Willie Newby
Ricky Prince	Jim Slatton
Jeff Templeton	

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Sick

At Home:

Lennie Ruth Kesey - broken arm
Jo Ann Bishop (sister of Doug Hendrixson) - 27
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Ted Flatt (brother of Larry Flatt) - 4930 Lynwood
Rd, Sherrills Ford NC 28673-8205
Phyllis Brasher (mother of Mary Flatt) - 3341
Freeman Hollow, Goodlettsville, TN. 37072
Georgia Brown

In The Hospital:

Patsy Buster (Tony's sister)-Baptist Hosptial in
Columbus, MS, surgery on Tuesday
Clifford Reynolds (Rodney's brother) - Kidney
removed Thursday at Vanderbilt

Sunday's Sermons

A.M.....A Tongue In Need Of Taming
P.M.....Sin-sational Sins: Dishonesty

God's Omnipotence

A Sunday School teacher was questioning her pupils after a lesson on God's omnipotence. "Now children," she asked, "is there anything God can't do?" One lad enthusiastically thrust his hand into the air. The teacher, feeling certain that the boy had missed the point of the lesson, asked halfheartedly, "Well, just what IS it that God can't do?" Replied the boy: "He can't please EVERYBODY, Miss!"

~author unknown~

Gospel Meetings & VBS

Unity church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting August 1-5, services at 7 pm with Larry Acuff preaching.

Smyrna church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting August 1-5, services at 7 pm with David Costello preaching.

Dibrell church of Christ will host a VBS on August 7, from 10 am to 2 pm. Theme: Between Rock and a Hard Place.

Shut-ins

NHC (P.O Box 528, McMinnville, TN 37111)
Florene Nokes (#106)
Carol Sue Taylor (#212)
Nonie Grizzell (#122)

Raintree Manor

(415 Pace St, Mc Minnville, TN 37110)
Clercie Delon

Life Care Center of Sparta

(508 Mose Dr; Sparta, TN 38583)
Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister)

Creekside At Three Rivers

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128)
Vivian Ferrell

Home:

June Slatton
Greg Grizzell
Georgia Jones
Willene Kell
Clyde Paris (Nona Martin & Nelma Chilton's
brother-in-law)
Fuston Womack
Bobby Prater (Flossie Warren's brother-in-law)
Essie Hillis
Lucille Newby - at her son's, Carl Douglas
Kathy Neale (Chris's mother)
Betty Dixon (Darron's mother)
Dora Mullican - %Dorothy Miller, PO Box 537,
McMinnville, TN 37110

Youth Events

The "end of summer" cookout at Dale Bennett's Farm will be Friday, August 6. Please sign the sheet on the Youth Board in the foyer if you plan to attend so Dale can prepare enough food.

Upcoming Events

September 12 - Friends & Family Day
September 24-25 - Short Mountain Family Retreat

Be Honest. Is Your God A Burden?

I may be wrong, but from my perspective, most people feel that God is a burden. I think most people realize they have a need for God, but they struggle with it. For them, God often gets in the way of life, and especially the fun things. God seems to be more tolerated than enjoyed. And there seems to be a lot of guilt and fear and dread in connection with God. Religion that has been reduced to ritual and obligation has become burdensome. People feel obligated to go to church, but they don't really enjoy it. They've fulfilled their duty, but that's about it. It's the same with giving and evangelism and just about anything else God expects. They are just heavy burdens to be borne, more like slavery than freedom.

That kind of a god is not much different from the gods Isaiah wrote about close to 3000 years ago: "the images that are carried about are burdensome, a burden for the weary" (Isaiah 46:1). We don't have images of wood, stone and metal to tote around, but we do have false concepts of God that are heavy and tiring. Instead of allowing God to carry us, we feel like we have to carry him. A god like that robs us of the joy that the true God intends for us to experience. They think, "There are so many rules and restrictions. How can anyone possibly keep them all?! And if you did, what a miserable life that would be!"

God, any god, is a burden if we make them ourselves. If our concepts of God are restricted to what we can visualize and design, our god is way too small to lift our burdens, and, in fact, becomes a burden himself.

How grateful we must be to learn that our God is much greater than our concept of him. He can do more than we can imagine (Eph. 3:20-21). He knows more than we can fathom (Deut. 29:29). He didn't begin when we first thought of him, but is eternal (Heb. 13:8). A God like this is not a burden, but instead invites us all to "come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). A God like this doesn't rob us of life's pleasures, but instead has "come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10). A God like this does not make rules that are a burden, but instead guides us to victory (1 John 5:3-5)! A God like this fills us with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).

When you get out of the way and let God be God, he is never a burden!

~ Joe Chesser ~

Give Me This Mountain

When the children of Israel were wandering in the wilderness Moses sent out spies to survey the situation in Canaan (Numbers 13). Among these spies was one named Caleb. Caleb was one of only two who returned and reported that they could take the land.

According to Joshua chapter fourteen the Lord, through Moses, promised Caleb that he would receive a certain portion of the promise land for his faithfulness in carrying out his responsibility when spying out the land. Forty-five years later, when Joshua was the leader, Caleb reminded Joshua of the Lord's promise and Joshua gives him the land of Hebron.

Caleb received this land because of the qualities he had within him.

1. **Commitment:** Caleb was committed to serving the Lord "the land... shall be thine... because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God." (14:9).
2. **Character:** Caleb was a man of integrity and faithfulness. He said "...I am as strong this day... as the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now..." (14:11).
3. **Confidence:** Caleb showed confidence by telling Joshua to "...give me this mountain..." and he knew that the Lord wanted him to have the land (14:12).
4. **Courage:** Caleb trusted the Lord. Even though the land of Hebron was occupied by the enemy, Caleb was confident that, with the Lord's help, he could drive them out and he had the courage to do so (14:12).

We need to be people who are committed (Rev. 2:10), who have character (1 Cor. 13), confidence (Php. 4:13) and courage (2 Tim. 1:7). The Lord has promised a land for us (Jn. 14:1-4) but only those who remain faithful in carrying out the Lord's work will get to live in this land. This land is Heaven.

~Rickey Burks~