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#### December 18, 2011

Ushers: ......Ronnie Hoover & Dustin Rhea Attend Nursery: ......Amy Lawrence Un/Lock Building: ......Robert Elam/Steve Hillis Prepare Communion: .....Kelly & Gaye Hillis

Assist with Baptisms: .....Cindy Fisher & Sherry

Graves

#### Sunday Morning Worshib

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Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	Kevin Flatt
Scripture	Galatians 6:14
	*Tommy Crouch
(S)	*Allen Hughes
	Joe Maynard
	Darron Dixon
(N)	Ezra Dixon
	Jeff Rhea
	Jack Muncy
(S)	Steve Wilcher
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jacob Griffin

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Welcome Committee

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Charles Gillies
Reading	Christian Barrett
Scripture	Acts 20:7-12
Lord's Table	*Steve Boyd
	*Shannon Griffin
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Danny Duncan

Lead Singing......Justin Griffin

First Prayer ......David Keele

Reading.....Conner Dixon

Invitation ......W.C. Chilton

Dismiss ......Kurt Maynard

A.M. .....Brian Moody Family

P.M.....Marty & Sharon Boles

Pantry Item:	Ram	nen noodles
Elder Closing Remarks:	Doug	Hendrixson
Record For The Week A.M. Worship Bible Study PM. Worship Wednesday Bible Study Contribution		236 212 158
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# Sick

#### At Home:

Doug Hendrixson Haley Taylor (great granddaughter of Bill Brown) W.C. Chilton June Crouch Evie Campbell (Avie Clemons' sister)

#### In The Hospital:

Melba Hillis (Steve Hillis' grandmother) - Adams Place/Murfreesboro Carol Sue Taylor - Returned to NHC

### Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family of Gilbert Kell, a long-time member at Bybee Branch. He passed away Sunday afternoon and his funeral will be Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm at Highs.

### **Sermon Preview**

Sunday AM .....Three Crucifixions Sunday PM .....The First Day of the Week

## **Prepare Communion for 2012**

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those willing to prepare communion for 2012

# **Holiday Fellowship**

Our annual Holiday Fellowship is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 18, following services. Please bring finger foods, sandwiches and desserts. Drinks will be provided. If you have questions, please see Mary Flatt.

### Welcome

We rejoice with another wonderful family who wishes to work with us.We welcome...

Brian & Becky Moody Brea & Braxton 188 Lewis Road McMinnville, TN 37110

### Youth News

**THANK YOU!** On behalf of the BBYG I want to thank you, Bybee Branch, for the tremendous show of support for those who are less fortunate than us. We are not through with purchasing yet, but several kids are going to have a much better holiday because you care. I'll give a full update next week as to what we collected, spent and purchased.

Due to continued refurbishing of the Fellowship Room, **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY!** has been moved to next Wednesday, December 21st. We invite all our youth from babies to seniors in high school to stay and help celebrate those in our youth group who have December birthdays. A signup sheet is on the Youth Bulletin Board for those who can help bring food.

A good time awaits at the **YOUTH HOLIDAY PARTY** hosted by the Hillis'. The date is Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 pm. Food will be provided and each person is to bring a \$5.00 gift.

A **LOCK-IN** has been scheduled for Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Civic Center. Please check the Youth Bulletin Board for a sign-up sheet and full details. We will need chaperones and teachers so if you can help, see me for details.

If you didn't get in on the early bird special rate for **EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY**, that still doesn't mean you can't go. The cost will now be \$45.00. The last chance to sign-up is Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are thinking about going and need more information, go to www.evangelismuniversity.net.

## **Birthday Wednesday**

Birthday Wednesday was to be this Wednesday evening, December 14, but due to construction it has been postponed one week to December 21.

#### Baptism

What a joy and delight to see the baptism of Josh Templeton. He was baptized late Monday evening by his father Jeff. Please pray for Josh as he begins his new life as a Christian.

# **Riches Within Reach**

One day last week, Andrea called my attention to a news story that appeared on the homepage of "Yahoo." The story told how in England back in 1945 a grandfather gave his seven-year-old grandson, John Webber, a mug to play with. It was a golden-colored cup about 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches tall, and was decorated with the heads of two women facing in opposite directions, their foreheads garlanded with two knotted snakes.

Among other things, seven-year-old John used the cup for target practice with his air gun, but it survived intact, and eventually was stashed away and largely forgotten. Sixty-three years later that mug was still languishing in a shoebox under seventy-year-old John's bed. When John moved last year, he decided to get the bronze cup valued. As an English scrap metal dealer he believed he had a "good eye" for antiques.

It turned out that the bronze mug wasn't bronze at all. It was actually a rare piece of ancient Persian treasure, beaten out of a single sheet of gold hundreds of years before the birth of Christ. Experts said the method of manufacture and composition of the gold was "consistent with Archaemenid gold and gold smithing" dating back to the third or fourth century B.C. The Archaemenid empire, the first of the Persian empires to rule over significant portions of greater Iran, was wiped out by Alexander the Great in 330 B.C.. The cup will go up for auction in England in June 5, and is estimated to fetch around 500,000 pounds, which is about \$1,000,000.

Imagine that—for over six decades there was a treasure within John's reach that would make him rich beyond his wildest dreams, and he didn't even know it. John's story reminded me that every person in this world has within his or her reach a treasure that will make him or her rich beyond their wildest dreams and most don't even know it, or they don't do anything about it.

Of course I'm talking about the treasure of eternal life through Jesus Christ. In Romans 10:12-13 Paul says, "For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for, Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord will be saved." Notice that, through the Holy Spirit, Paul uses the word "riches" to describe the salvation that the Lord offers everyone.

If you're a Christian, do you realize how rich you are, and do you thank God every day for making you so rich? And, if you've not obeyed the gospel, I hope you'll realize the treasure that's at your fingertips and do something about it today.

#### ~Dan Chambers~

## **Sentence Sermons**

"The Bible never suffers from neglect; it is only those who neglect it who suffer..."

Contentment consists not in great wealth, but in few wants.

"He that's content has enough. He that complains has too much."

"It is right to be content with what you have, but not with what you are."  $% \left( {{{\left( {{{\left( {{{\left( {{{}_{{}}}} \right)}} \right)}_{t}}}}} \right)$ 

"Children may close their ears to advice, but they open their eyes to example."

"To educated a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society." *Theodore Roosevelt.*