# Volume 54, Number 22

## June 12, 2011

Sunday Morning Worship	
Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Randy Griffith
Reading	Kevin Flatt
Scripture	Numbers 22:28-31
Lord's Table (N)	*David Keele
(S)	*Jeff McVey
(N)	Joe T. Cantrell
(N)	Don Cathey
(N)	Jason Vandagriff
(S)	Clent Kesey
(S)	Christian Barrett
(S)	Eugene Wilcher
Sermon	Tony Lawrence

## Sunday Evening Worship

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Announcements	(473-8760) Dale Bennett
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Noel Pepper
Reading	Bob Cantrell
	Deuteronomy 4:19
Lord's Table	*Paul Hurst
	*Ricky Prince
	Mark Blackwelder
Dismiss	Derek Vinson

Dismiss......Allen Hughes

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing	Micah Lawrence
First Prayer	Michael Andrews
Reading	Tyler Boyd
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Phillip Brock

## **Welcome Committee**

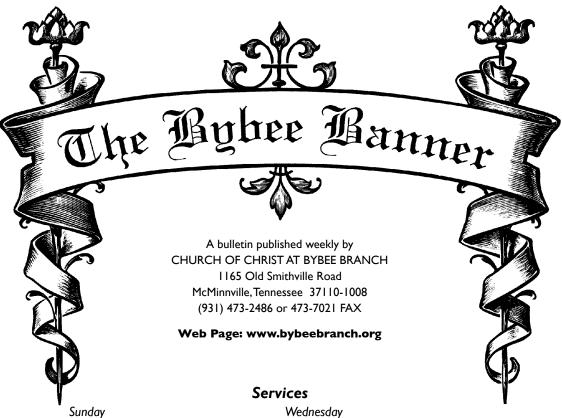
A.M	Danny Duncan	Family
P.M	Caleb Graves	Family

Bus Driver: ......Paul Hurst (668-7088)

Ushers:Tyler Boyd	
Attend Nursery:	
Un/Lock Building:Dale Benn	ett/Michael Andrews
Prepare Communion:W.C. & Nelma Chilton	
Assist with Baptisms:Jud	dy Sullivan & Carol
Boyd	,
Pantry Item:	Cranberry Sauce
Elder Closing Remarks:	Rodney Reynolds
Record For The Week	
A.M. Worship	310
Bible Study	245
P.M. Worship	233
Wednesday Bible Study	193
Contribution	

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A.M. Worship	9:00 AM
Bible Study	10:15 AM
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Bible Study 7:00 PM

Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> of each month) Monday Morning Bible Class 9:00 AM

#### **Elders**

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Stanley Graves	473-6418
Don Griffith	668-9006
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#### **Deacons**

Deacons	
W.C. Chilton	Joe Collins
Jeff Flatt	Billy Gilbert
Shannon Griffin	Allen Hughes
David Keele	Ken Martin
Kurt Maynard	Willie Newby
Ricky Prince	Jim Slatton
Jeff Templeton	

#### Ministers

Tony Lawrence 668-9123 email preacher@bybeebranch.org

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## Missionary

Robert Garibaldi 314-1387 email robert@bybeebranch.org

#### Sick

#### At Home:

Gilbert Kell (following stay in the hospital with possible stroke)
Juanita Taylor (sister to Billy Gilbert & Roberta

Parmley) - under hospice care

**Fuston Womack** 

Dennis Gann

Kendra Green (granddaughter of Roberta Parmley) following back surgery

Eddie Kirby (son of Mildred Kirby) - diagnosed with EMG

#### In The Hospital:

Hoyt Crouch - move to Raintree Manor Clyde Paris (brother-in-law to Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin) - River Park Mildred Bumbalough - will have pacemaker on Tuesday at St.Thomas

#### Sermons

Sunday AM ......A Donkey's Rebuke Sunday PM .....Summer Series: Mark Blackwelder

## **Vacation Bible Schools**

The Leoni church of Christ will host a Vacation Bible School on June 12-15, services at 7 pm. Classes for all ages. The theme will be "Choices."

The Woodbury church of Christ will host a Vacation Bible School on June 13-17, services at 9 am. Theme will be Great Bible Wonders.

The Earleyville church of Christ will host a Vacation Bible School on June 19-23, services at 7 pm. Classes for all ages. Adult teachers will be Keith Young, Al Bugg, Tony Lawrence, Alan Northcutt, and Garland Robinson.

The Central church of Christ will host a Vacation Bible School on June 20-23, services at 9:30 am. For ages 2 through 5th grade. Theme will be "Believe It Or Not."

# Youth News JUNIOR/SENIOR BANQUET

Firefly Acres will be the destination for our Junior/Senior Banquet this Thursday beginning at 6:30 pm. Dress is black and white attire.

#### **PEW PACKERS CLASS**

The next class will be this Sunday at 5:00 pm in the fellowship room. Please make plans to join us as we continue looking at Bible Numbers!

#### **HOME DEVOTIONAL**

The host of this month's Home Devo will be David and Stefanie McColloch. We will meet this Sunday, immediately following evening services. Boys bring a 2-liter and girls bring a dessert.

## Walking with Grandpa

I like to walk with Grandpa; His steps are short like mine. He doesn't always say, "Now Hurry up!" He always takes his time.

I like to walk with Grandpa; His eyes see things mine do; Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud, Half hidden drops of dew.

Most people have to hurry; They just don't stop and see. I'm glad that God made grandpas Unrushed and young like me!

~lack Exum~

Bybee Branch
Vacation Bible School
July 11-13
7 pm
Theme: The Kings

## **Worship or Entertainment?**

Neil Postman described serious problems in modern culture in his insightful 1985 book, Amusing Ourselves to Death. His thesis was that public discourse has been reshaped to such an extent by television and entertainment that thoughtful discourse is missing. "Show business" hype has affected advertising, politics, and religion. Postman's conclusion is that none of these changes have made for improvement.

In our entertainment-oriented culture, many churches find themselves trying to "outdo" themselves with more and more elaborate additions to worship. What began as special music by a choir becomes a full orchestra with professional soloists. A dramatic reading necessitates a full Broadway stage production. And as long as those who come to worship enjoy what is offered, anything goes. The expectation is that sermons will be shorter, wittier, and more uplifting. Anything in worship that cannot be "jazzed up" must be abandoned as boring--and there is nothing worse than being boring, we are led to believe.

The problem with this entertainment orientation is that the very object of worship is forgotten. God is the "audience" in worship. Jesus told the Samaritan woman that ignorant worship was unacceptable to God, even though it may have been sincere or enjoyable. "God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him that spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). To worship God in spirit and truth means that worship must be from the heart, not just outward acts, and that it must be done in exact obedience to God's commands. The worship must be directed to Him, not to the whims of the worshipers.

God's regulations for worship as set out in the New Testament are neither boring nor out-of-date. They are God-centered, while entertainment is man-centered!

Culture relevance is important--thus many churches are implementing modern technology such as projection systems to enhance sermons. And there is nothing wrong with the worshiper enjoying worship. God intended worship to bless His children. But when worship is merely window dressing for an entertainment performance, it cannot please God. The apostle warned, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God" (2 John 9). Paul condemned things that "have indeed a show of wisdom in will worship" (Col. 2:23). "Will worship" is that which is fashioned after man's desires.

~Bob Pritchard~

# **Gospel Meetings**

The Harmony church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on June 12-15, services at 7 pm with Bob McCoy, Gene Bray, Charles Marshall, Charles Williams and George King preaching.

The Grange Hall church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on June 12-16, services at 7 pm each evening with Garland Robinson preaching.

The Rockliff church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on June 12-15, services at 7 pm each evening with Jeff Johnson preaching.

## **Summer Series**

Our Annual Summer Series will continue this Sunday evening. Our speaker for this Sunday evening will be Mark Blackwelder from Henderson, TN. Mark is the Directory of Graduate Studies in Bible at Freed-Hardeman University and is one of the preachers at the Estes church of Christ.



From 1992-1997 he served at a missionary to Bratislava, Slovakia. His topic for this Sunday evening will be: Christianity Versus New Age Mysticism.