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#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Jamie Brock
Reading	Dale Bennett
Scripture	Philippians 2:3-7
Lord's Table (N)	*Noel Pepper
(S)	*Steve Boyd
(N)	Harold McGinness
(N)	Ethan Duncan
(N)	Caleb Graves
(S)	Barry Hendrixson
(S)	Justin Griffin
(S)	Clent Kesey
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jeff Templeton

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(686-2117) Kurt Maynard
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Shannon Griffin
	David McColloch
	Acts  4:1-7
Lord's Table	*Ricky Prince
	*Don Sullivan
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Tim Gann

#### Wednesday Bible Study

(668-2184) Don Sullivan
John David Keele
Dustin Rhea
Kevin Flatt
Tony Lawrence
Jack Keele

### Welcome Committee

A.M	Jason Vandagriff Family
P.M	Helen Morgan & Frankie Hobbs
Bus Driver:	Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

August 21, 2011	
Ushers:Ronnie Hoover & Dustin Rhea	
Attend Nursery:Lynette Kesey	
Un/Lock Building: Rodney Maynard/Willie Newby	
Prepare Communion:Caleb & Rachel Graves	
Assist with Baptisms:Stefanie McColloch &	
Corretta Lawrence	
Pantry Item:Pudding Mix	
Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons	
Record For The Week	

## **Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship	
Bible Study	254
P.M. Worship	201
Wednesday Bible Study	
Contribution	\$5,473

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## Sick

#### At Home:

Elaine Hoover Dickie Kesey

#### In The Hospital:

Glann Lee (brother-in-law of Glyna Lee)-St. Thomas

### **Sermon Preview**

Sunday AM ......The Mind of Christ in Compassion Sunday PM .....Divided Cities

## **Gospel Meetings**

**Central** — Aug 21-23, 7 PM with Ben Bailey

### Restoration

On Sunday evening sister Terann Hillis responded to the invitation requesting the prayers of the congregation.

# Middle TN School of Preaching

The Fall Quarter will begin this Thursday, August 18 and meets at the Bethany church of Christ. The classes for 13 weeks are:

6 pm - Bible Geography	Tony Lawrence
7 pm - Romans	Jim Boyd
8 pm - Daniel	Charles Williams

## Freezer to be sold

The church has an upright freezer that is no longer being used. Give sealed bids to one of the elders and it will be sold by the end of August to the highest bidder.

## **Sentence Sermons**

There is a difference between having something to say and having to say something.

People who are afraid of death are usually uncertain about the life they are living.

"Most of us get what we deserve, but only the most successful will admit it."

# **Youth News**

<u>ALL</u> parents of Bybee Branch are encouraged to stay Sunday night, August  $21^{st}$ , following services for our quarterly meeting. We will discuss plans for September thru December. We have a lot of things to discuss, so please make every effort to be present.

August means group picture time! The **PEW PACKERS** (5<sup>th</sup> grade and down) will have your picture taken on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup>. Then, the **BBYG** will have your group shot on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. The picture will be taken immediately following worship and before class in front of the auditorium. Dress nice!

With school back in session, it is time to begin our **PRAYER BREAKFASTS** again. Our first one together will be Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Breakfast will be provided for you (plus any friends you want to bring.) Following our meal, we'll have a period of prayer and scripture.

We have several youth with August birthdays. So, we invite everyone to stick around after services on Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, for our next **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY!** 

Micah and Amy Lawrence will host our monthly **HOME DEVOTIONAL**. We will meet on Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, following services. Also, we will take the bus. Our topic will be "*Smell my rose*."

We have three sign-up sheets on the Youth Bulletin Board...

First up is the  $I4^{TH}$  ANNUAL LABOR DAY YOUTH MADNESS: COUNTDOWN TO MIDNITE! on Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. Following pizza, drinks, and snacks we'll assemble for games of various sorts including our annual skit competition. Then, after we finish a period of singing, prayer, and devotional, we'll finish the night as usual at the bowling alley. Let's try to break our record of 78!

Second is **RUSH**, which is an acronym for <u>Reaching Unlimited Spiritual Heights</u> on the campus of Freed-Hardeman University. The event is Friday thru Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>. The cost is

\$20.00 and kids will stay on campus. The trip is for middle and high school students.

Finally our **FALL RETREAT** is October 7-9 in beautiful Pigeon Forge. We have a cabin that will sleep 44 adults. The theme is *"He Can Move the Mountains"* taken from the song *Mighty to Save*, which is one of our favorites in the <u>BBYG</u>. Great lessons, activities, and fun await!

# A Heavy Load

School has started and some of the little children will be filling their backpacks. One wonders how their little bodies can carry that load. In fact, I have read that some medical professionals have expressed some concern that the weight might be just too much for their young bodies to carry. This makes one think about the loads that adults carry every day. The Bible has something to say on this subject.

The commandments of God are not a burden like the commandments of men. "For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome." I John 5:3, NKJV. If one loves God serving Him is a delight and pleasure. I truly feel sorry for those who look at being a Christian as a burden. They really haven't grasped what it means to be a real Christian. On the other hand, men frequently make religion something that God did not intend for it to be. lesus spoke about the regulations of the Pharisees and said, "For they bind heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers." Matthew 23:4, NKIV. If one is struggling under the weight of religion perhaps he should take a look at whom he is trying to please, God or man.

Life itself is beset with some heavy loads to bear. Some of this is reasonable and expected. One should embrace his responsibilities in this life. Paul said, *"For each one shall bear his own load."* Galatians 6:5, NKJV. And yet the difficulties of this life can sometimes be too much to bear alone. In that instance God has provided family. As members of families we are to see that we provide for our own (I Tim. 5:8). And, those who are spiritual family are to help our brethren bear their burdens. "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:2, NKJV.

At our very best sometimes the load becomes so heavy we need someone else to help us get through this life. There is One upon who we can always depend. Peter said, "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." I Peter 5:7, NKJV. And Paul adds, "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;" Philippians 4:6, NKJV. Jesus himself said, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 "Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."" Matthew 11:28-30, NKJV.

When I see a little child struggling with the weight of a backpack full of books and other school supplies I think about the burdens that everyone must carry through this life. Just keep in mind that those who are Christians have some-one who will help us carry our heavy load.

~Tony Lawrence~

# Why We Do What We Do

Some say it's our genetic code That makes us do what we do; But choice of thought and of route of road Are bigger spuds in the stew.

Others say that parents' rules Determine how we go, Or children learn in teachers' schools, From there they act and grow.

But, in the end, not DNA Nor home or school's our guide; Why do we go a certain way? The truth is, we decide.

~J. Randal Matheny~