

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....(473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Noel Pepper  
 Reading.....Marty Boles  
 Scripture.....John 9:1-2  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Willie Newby  
 (S).....\*Rickey Hurst  
 (N).....Ken Martin  
 (N).....Jason Vandagriff  
 (N).....Jordan Thomas  
 (S).....Cory Prince  
 (S).....David Roberts  
 (S).....Josh King  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....David Keele

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....(473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Rodney Reynolds  
 Reading.....Kevin Flatt  
 Scripture.....Acts 17:10-12  
 Lord's Table .....\*Jamie Brock  
 .....\*Phillip Brock  
 Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Paul Hurst

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....(668-3537) Jamie Brock  
 Lead Singing.....Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer.....Jeff Templeton  
 Reading.....John David Keele  
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Jack Keele

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. ....Joe & Marsha Collins  
 P.M. ....Stanley & Sherry Graves

**Bus Driver:**.....Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** .....Ronnie Hoover & Dustin Rhea  
**Attend Nursery:**.....Jennifer Maynard  
**Un/Lock Building:** .....Ricky Prince/Kurt Maynard  
**Prepare Communion:** .....Mayfields & McVeys  
**Assist with Baptisms:** .....Sonia Vandagriff & Rita Prince  
**Pantry Item:** .....Canned Chili

**Elder Closing Remarks:** .....Rodney Reynolds

**Record For The Week...**

A.M.Worship.....316  
 Bible Study.....265  
 P.M.Worship.....213  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....210  
 Contribution.....\$6,104

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**Services**

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM		
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	<i>Monday (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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Allen Hughes	David Keele
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## Sick

### At Home:

Gilbert Kell  
Gaye Hillis  
Sherry Graves - following surgery  
Clifford Reynolds (Rodney's brother) - seriously ill

### In The Hospital:

Gerry Martin (Gaye Hillis' brother)-Riverpark  
Rehab #255

## Sermon Preview

Sunday AM.....How Are Your Eyes?  
Sunday PM .....Noble People

## Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of J.C. Clemons, brother of Leonard Clemons, his funeral was this past Friday.

To the family of Ralph Crouch, long-time member at Bybee Branch. His funeral was this past Monday.

And to the family of James Lon Blanks, brother of Daisy Maxwell. His funeral was this past Monday in Birmingham, AL.

## Opportunities for Edification

The Highland church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting, September 18-20, services at 7 pm with Jonathan Stubblefield speaking.

The Mt. Leo church of Christ will host the School of Bible Emphasis on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays beginning September 26. The class meets in the educational building.

The Centertown church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting, September 23-25, services at 7 pm with Charles Williams speaking.

***The best daily exercise is walking with the Lord***

## Youth News

The Home Devotional for this month will be held at Steve & Sharla Hillis' this Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Boys remember to bring a 2-liter and girls a dessert.

Also 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 **BBYG**. Great lessons, activities, and fun await! The retreat is for middle and high school students, plus chaperones and any adults.

## Resignation

This past Sunday the elders announced that brother Billy Gilbert was resigning as a deacon at Bybee Branch due to ongoing health conditions. Brother Gilbert has faithfully served the church since July 1993 as a deacon. "For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 3:13.

## Autumn Street Fair

Last year the booth that the church had at the Autumn Street Fair was very successful. This year we will have twice the space. Volunteers are needed to man the booth in one hour shifts from 9 am to 5 pm. There are two sign up sheets on the bulletin board, one for adults and one for the youth. If you have any questions, please see Allen Hughes.

## Sentence Sermons

- The devil doesn't care how many Bibles are sold, but how many are READ.
- Advertisements for sin can be seen on TV, in the papers, on billboards, and in the lives of some Christians
- The most awesome responsibility on earth is owning a Bible.
- Only those who are ready to die are ready to live.

## The Church Cannot Authorize

The Roman Catholic Church arrogantly states that it gave the Bible to the world. In reality, the Catholic Church has done all that it can in the past to inhibit the availability of the Scriptures. Roman Catholicism also believes that the church has the right to authorize religious practice, and that the religious practices authorized by the church take precedence over any practices authorized by the New Testament, or, if the New Testament does not authorize the practice, it doesn't matter in the eyes of Catholic leaders. The church can authorize whatever it wants to, even if what it authorizes directly contradicts the Bible.

I have noticed within the past fifteen years a dangerous trend within the church of Christ. That trend is for people to ask questions such as, "What is church of Christ doctrine on this matter?" Our standard of authority is not the Roman Catholic Church; and, it is not the church of Christ. The church of Christ is the one body established by Jesus (Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23), but, while it is the Lord's true church, it does not have the power to authorize religious practices. Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the church, is the only One with the authority to authorize religious practice for His church (Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18). How does Jesus lead, govern, and reign over His church? We might ask, "How does the church determine what Christ has authorized?" The answer is that Jesus rules through the New Covenant that became rule and law at His death (Heb. 9:15-17; Col. 2:14-17).

Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ revealed His law for the church (John 14:26; 16:13). Inspired men wrote down the very words that Christ supplied through the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:13). Those words, which have been recorded and preserved for us, make up the New Testament. The New Testament of Jesus Christ is the law and authority for the church of Jesus Christ.

The Gospel of Christ is the authority and standard for man's religious practice and devotion to God. It is the standard that gives us all we need to make

us spiritually complete (II Tim. 3:15-17). We need no other standard. Accepting another standard, including Roman Church tradition, will cause us to be lost (Gal. 1:6-9). The New Testament is our final guide and religious authority.

Because the New Testament is our final guide and religious authority, we ought not accept the doctrines of the pope, priests, or preachers over the doctrine of Christ. If we do so, we shall be lost (II John 9-11). Jesus Christ has already given us all the authority and instruction necessary for faithful service and worship. He did so through His New Testament. To accept any other standard is to be lost. Therefore, we need not be concerned about what the church authorizes, because it has no power to authorize religious practice. We simply ought to make sure the church is following the standard of authority that the Lord set out for us.

Don't ask, "What is church of Christ doctrine on this matter?" Ask, "What does the New Testament say concerning this matter?"

~Kevin Rutherford~

## 10 Reasons Not to Take a Bath

If the same excuses that people use for not going to church are applied to other important areas of life, it's easy to see how inconsistent our logic can be.

For example:

1. I was forced to bathe as a child.
2. People who make soap are only after your money.
3. I bathe on special occasions like Christmas and Easter.
4. People who take baths are hypocrites—they think they are cleaner than everybody else.
5. I would bathe but there are so many different kinds of soap, can't decide which one is best.
6. I used to bathe, but it got boring so I stopped.
7. The bathroom is never warm enough in the winter or cool enough in the summer.
8. I'll start bathing when I get older and dirtier.
9. I just don't have the time to bathe.
10. None of my friends take baths.