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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(815-3033) Caleb Graves
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Ethan Duncan
Scripture	Ephesians 4:1-3
Lord's Table (N)	*Jeff Flatt
(S)	*Steve Hillis
	Jeff Rhea
	Justin Griffin
(N)	Harry Felty
(S)	Josh King
	Marc Martin
(S)	Rodney Maynard
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

Wednesday Bible Study

Welcome Committee

Announcements	(815-3033) Caleb Graves
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Shannon Griffin
	Bob Cantrell
Scripture	James 2:8-10
Lord's Table	*Kelly Thaxton
	*Don Sullivan
Sermon	Chris Whitaker
Dismiss	Dale Bennett

Announcements......(668-4084) David Keele

Lead Singing......John David Keele

Reading.....Gordon Mayfield

InvitationJamie Brock

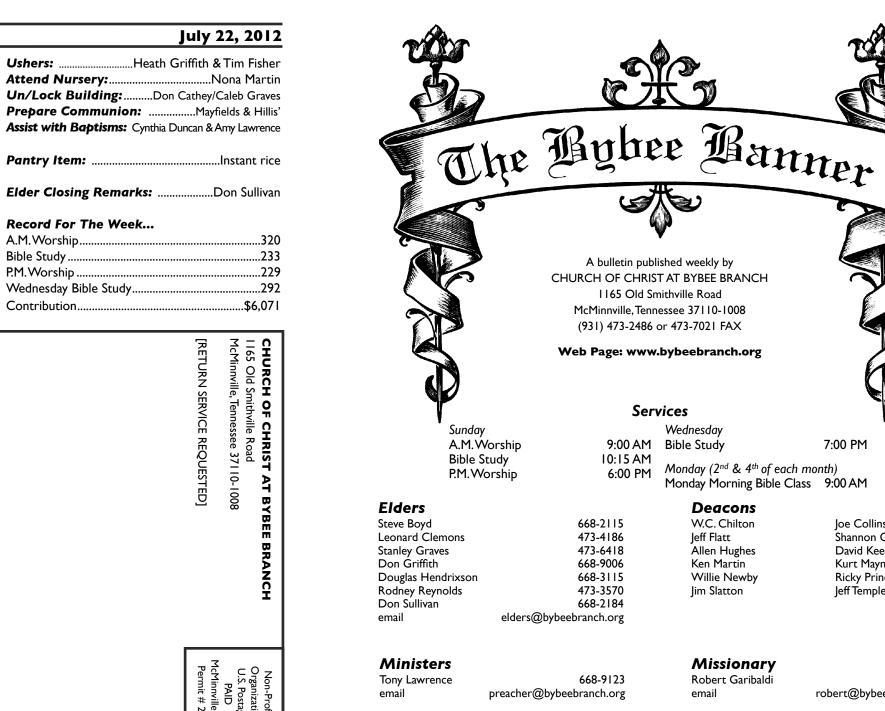
DismissRickey Hurst

A.M....Larry & Jane Flatt

P.M.....Micah Lawrence Family

Bus Driver:.....Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

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Sick

At Home:

Leonard Crouch Mary Meeks Essie Hillis Shirley Keith

In The Hospital:

Harriet Gray (wife of Joe Gray) - St. Thomas

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Wayne Jones, brother of Jimmy Jones. His funeral was this past week in North Carolina.

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The regularly scheduled Elders-Deacons Meeting will be this coming Sunday evening at 5 pm.

Directory Update

Please add the following to your church directory: Cassie McGinness Ayers 302 Bethany Rd McMinnville, TN 37110-6380

Lessons Learned From Noah's Ark

- Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark!
- Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something REALLY big.
- Don't listen to critics—do what has to be done
- For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
- Speed isn't always an advantage. The cheetahs were on board, but so were the snails.
- If you can't fight or flee—float.
- Don't forget: we are all in the same boat.
- Remember that the ark was built by amateurs and the Titanic was built by professionals.
- Remember that the woodpeckers INSIDE are often a bigger threat than the storm OUTSIDE.
- Don't miss the boat.
- MOST IMPORTANT: No matter how bleak it looks, there 's always a rainbow on the other side!

Opportunities For Edification

Summitville church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on July 8-12 at 7 pm with Anthony Walker preaching.

Smartt church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting July 15-19 at 7 pm with Chris Perry preaching

Ivy Bluff church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting July 15-19 at 7 pm with Garland Robinson preaching

Rockliff church of Christ will host a Vacation Bible School on July 15-18 at 7 pm

Arlington church of Christ will host a Vacation Bible School on July 15-18 at 7 pm

Summitville church of Christ will host a Vacation Bible School on July 16-18 at 7 pm with the theme: God's Creation.

Mt. Leo church of Christ will have their Friends & Family Day on July 22, with Stan Stevenson.

Mt. Leo church of Christ will host a Vacation Bible School on July 23-26, 6:30-8:30 pm with the theme,All Aboard For The Kingdom Express.

West Sparta church of Christ will host a Vacation Bible School on July 23-27, 6:30-8:30 pm with the theme, God's Creation.

Berea church of Christ will host a Vacation Bible School on July 29-August 2, 7 pm.

Unity church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting August 5-9 at 7 pm with Larry Acuff preaching

Vacation Bible School

VBS this year was tremendous. Attendance was excellent. Thanks to all who helped!

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Used To It?

In his work, *Memoirs from the House of the Dead*, Fyodor Dostoevsky remarked that, "Man is a creature who can get used to anything." This is a startling and bone-chilling assessment.

The truth of the statement is backed up and proven by human history. Consider, for example, the atrocities committed against mankind during World War II in the Nazi concentration camps. The senseless murder and torture of millions of men, women and children is well documented.

Victor Frankl, a holocaust survivor and author of the book, *Man's Search for Meaning*, recalls the way in which his peers became desensitized to the brutality around them. The same process was repeated over and over again. When someone was new to a concentration camp they would at first be confused. "Where am I? Why am I here? What is happening?" Through all this confusion, they would hold out hope that they would soon be rescued and soon be reunited with their loved ones. Also in these early stages, they would recoil in horror and dismay when they saw fellow prisoners being tortured and beaten. They simply could not stand to see a camp mate being abused. It hurt their hearts and minds! They couldn't watch! They wanted to run and hide!

But soon the horror would turn to hum-drum. The amazement would turn to apathy. The prisoners reached a point where they had seen so much pain, sorrow and suffering that they were no longer affected by it. They lost all emotion. Their hearts were not affected no matter how brutal the scene.

What a pitiful situation. Men and women had seen so much violence and bloodshed that they no longer cared. They got used to it.

Certainly there is an important lesson here for us. We must be alert. We must be guarding our hearts and minds. It may just be the case that, like Israel before us, we are getting used to sin.

'Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them, they shall be overthrown," says the LORD. (Jer. 6:15).

Don't get used to sin! Just because we are bombarded with worldliness and sin day and night does not give us the excuse to become apathetic toward such things. God still expects His children to talk, dress, act and think differently than the world. Man can get used to anything. Have we gotten used to sin?

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." (Phil. 4:8).

~ Bart Warren ~

Odd Bits of Wisdom

- He who says all he knows often says more than he really knows.
- He who tells all he hears often tells more than he really heard.
- He who spends all that he has spends more than he really has.
- He who covets all he sees often wants more than he really sees.
- It would be easier to save something for a rainy day if it didn't rain so often.
- Strange how the man who expects so little from himself expects so much from others.
- By the time a man realizes that his father was right he has a son who is sure he is wrong.
- Strange isn't it, how many want to be near enough to Christ to bask in His glory but not near enough to help carry His cross?