

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....(668-9537) Larry Flatt  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer .....Don Griffith  
 Reading.....Marty Boles  
 Scripture.....James 2:23  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Tommy Crouch  
 (S).....\*Brian Moody  
 (N).....Joe T. Cantrell  
 (N).....Don Cathey  
 (N).....Chris Neale  
 (S).....Jared Mullican  
 (S).....John Nussbaum  
 (S).....David King  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Dale Bennett

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....(668-9537) Larry Flatt  
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer.....Noel Pepper  
 Reading .....Shannon Griffin  
 Scripture .....TBA  
 Lord's Table .....\*Jeff Templeton  
 .....\*Josh Templeton  
 Sermon.....Steve Hillis  
 Dismiss.....Gordon Mayfield

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....(686-2117) Kurt Maynard  
 Lead Singing.....Micah Lawrence  
 First Prayer .....W.C. Chilton  
 Reading.....Jack Keele  
 Invitation .....Don Sullivan  
 Dismiss.....Darron Dixon

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. ....Brian Moody Family  
 P.M. ....Kelly Thaxton Family

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

**Ushers:** .....Bob Cantrell & Josh King  
**Attend Nursery:** .....Jane Flatt  
**Un/Lock Building:** .....Rickey Hurst/Kurt Maynard  
**Prepare Communion:** .....W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
**Assist with Baptisms:** .....Sonia Vandagriff & Rita Prince

**Pantry Item:** .....Jello

**Elder Closing Remarks:** .....Steve Boyd

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship.....322  
 Bible Study .....250  
 P.M. Worship .....221  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....217  
 Contribution.....\$6,822

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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

**Elders**

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

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## Sick

### At Home:

Mildred Glenn  
Tim Fisher

### In The Hospital:

Courtney Andrews (Don Sullivan's niece) -  
Vanderbilt Medical Center - torn heart valve  
Dorothy Hennessee - is scheduled for surgery next  
Tuesday at River Park.

## Sermons For Sunday

AM .....Abraham, The Friend of God  
PM .....Steve Hillis preaching

## The Mechanic

A mechanic went to hear a visiting evangelist in a little town. The preacher preached that night on money, and presented the sermon under three points. First point: "Make all you can." The mechanic nudged his wife and said, "That man is the best I've ever heard. He is no nitwit. He knows what it's all about. He is one smart man." Second point: "Save all you can."

This excited the mechanic and he whispered again, "This beats anything I've ever heard. He's smart enough to be President. This town has never had a preacher that could hold a candle to him." The preacher commended hard work and thrift, denouncing laziness and waste. The mechanic couldn't keep quiet. He whispered, "I've believed this all my life." Third point: "Give all you can." "Oh my," exclaimed the mechanic, "now he's gone crazy. He has quit preaching and gone to meddling."

Thought: Isn't it strange that some people's conception of great preaching is a sermon that compliments [or agrees with] them and rebukes others. Remember—your preacher did not write the Bible. He is not responsible for any word in it, but he is definitely responsible for preaching every word in it. And when it is preached, people judge themselves by their reaction to it.

~ Leroy Brownlow ~

## Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the family of Daisy Groves (sister-in-law to our James Thomison). Her funeral is today (Tuesday). Her husband, Oscar Groves, was a preacher for many years.

## Youth News

Our next **HOME DEVOTIONAL** will be hosted by Willie and Donna Newby this Sunday, September 16th, following our evening services. The boys are asked to bring a 2-liter and girls a dessert.

## Opportunities for Edification

Gospel Meeting at **Arlington church of Christ**, September 16-19, services at 7 pm with Marion West preaching.

Gospel Meeting at **Oakland church of Christ**, September 23-25, services at 7 pm with Derrick Stiles preaching.

Gospel Meeting at **Morrison church of Christ**, September 23-27, services at 7 pm with James Watkins preaching.

Gospel Meeting at **Doyle church of Christ**, September 23-27, services at 7 pm with Randall Gann preaching.

Homecoming at **East End church of Christ**, October 7, with Kevin Key preaching.

## Autumn Street Fair Booths

For the past few years we have staffed booths at the Autumn Street Fair. Brother Allen Hughes coordinates this event. Please be ready to sign up to staff the booth for an hour or two on Saturday, October 6, from 9 am to 5 pm.

## Bible Lands Tour

Tony will lead another tour to the Bible Lands (Greece & Turkey) on March 12-23, 2013. For more information please see him soon.

# Friends & Family Day 2012

This Sunday is a day for which we have all been looking for some time. It is a special day when we invite our closest family and friends to worship with us. Afterward, we also will enjoy a delicious meal together. It allows them to "come and see" how we worship God together.

If you have not yet mailed one of the invitation cards, please take time to call your family and friends and tell them how much you would love to have them with us this Sunday. Here are some suggestions that might help as we prepare for this Sunday:

1. Be early to services this Sunday and park the furthest away from the building you can, allowing our visitors to have the closest spots. Being early will allow you to greet our many visitors.
2. Wear a smile. Remember this may be the only time some will have to develop an impression of us as a people of God. It may determine if they return.
3. Look for every opportunity to be helpful. Make room on your pew, be willing to slide to the inside of the pew. Give directions to those seeking the restroom or trying to locate their friends and family.
4. When worship begins, be sure to keep your focus on God. We are not "performing" for our visitors but they will be observing our behavior. As Paul spoke of effect of faithful worship in 1 Cor. 14:25, he said, "... so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you."
5. Finally, follow-up. Some visiting us will be our loved one and friends from other congregations, but several will be folks not attending anywhere. We do not seek to draw away Christians from other faithful congregations. But to those who are not attending church ask them if they would be interested in making Bybee Branch their home. One great thing this year, Steve Hillis will be preaching on Sunday evening. Tell those with children to come and hear him as he does a great job of working with the youth.

In advance, thanks to all who have worked so hard to make this event a success.

## Religion "Lite"

Many of the refreshments we enjoy are different from a few years ago. They are now offered in diet or "lite" formulas. The original has been modified to appeal to the consumer's wishes. This can be a good thing in refreshments but, in religion, it is not.

We are never to change God's original formula in order to appeal to the consumer. Instead, the consumer is to change their formula for life to include: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. Eccl 12:13b (NKJV) Today our commandments are revealed in the New Testament. We are not to accept any other gospel whether an addition to or a subtraction from that which is written. (Gal 1:6-10)

Sorrowfully, some have decided to go "lite" in order to appeal to the religious consumer. Some are teaching salvation "lite" (no baptism). Some offer worship "lite" (no Lord's Supper). Many practice commitment "lite" (no attendance). There are many other examples of this trend. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that follows me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

So, what do you choose: the light of life or the "lite" of darkness?

~ Charlie Gamble ~