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Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2632) Steve Hillis
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Bruce Pryor
	Robert Elam
	Matthew 16:24-26
Lord's Table (N)	*Charles Gillies
	*Jamie Brock
	Connor Dixon
	Gordon Mayfield
	Joe Maynard
• •	Joe Roller
• •	Josh Templeton
` '	Kevin Flatt
` '	Tony Lawrence
	Ken Martin

Sunday Evening Worship

(668-2632) Steve Hillis
Stanley Graves
Vernon Keith
Chris Neale
Psalms 133:1
*Eddie Palmer
*Joe T. Cantrell
Tony Lawrence
Darron Dixon

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Herb Rowland
Reading	Phillip Brock
Invitation	Willie Newby
Dismiss	Tim Gann

Welcome Committee

A.M	losh King Family
P.M	,
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Bus Driver:.....Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

Ushers:	Jeff Flatt & Paul Hurst	
Attend Nursery:	Jane Wilcher	
Un/Lock Building:S	tanley Graves/Kurt Maynard	
Prepare Communion:	Doris Smith & Missy Biles	
Assist Baptisms:	Mary Flatt & MonicaHall	
Pantry Item:	Chili Beans	
Elder Closing Remarks:Doug Hendrixson		
Record For The Week.	••	
A.M. Worship	365	
Bible Study	240	
P.M. Worship	234	
Wednesday Bible Study	229	
Contribution	\$7,550	

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V .	Services	
Sunday	Wednesday	7.00 PM

A.M. Worship 9:00 AM Bible Study Bible Study 10:15 AM P.M. Worship 6:00 PM

7:00 PM

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

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Sick

At Home:

Emma Hillis - strep throat Buell Warren Kaitlyn Reynolds - follow appendectomy Johnnie Paris (sister to Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin) able to go home after rehab

In The Hospital:

None known

Sermons For Sunday

AMLet's Make A Deal PMFavorite Bible Passages: Psalms 133:1

Gospel Meetings & Singing

The Quebeck church of Christ hosts a Gospel Meeting, November 10-13, with Cliff Goodwin speaking.

The Pleasant Knoll church of Christ will host a Singing on November 15, at 7 pm.

Restoration

This past Sunday evening brother Allen Hughes came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation.

Sympathy

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of brother John Biddle. His funeral was this past Saturday. He was a long-time member at Bybee Branch and preached at many of the area congregations.

Address for Directory

Please add the following address to your church directory:

Marsha Pitts 152 Sisters Lane Woodbury, TN 37190

Youth News

The Templeton's will host our next **HOME DE-VOTIONAL** this Sunday. Boys are to bring a drink and girls a dessert.

The next **BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY** will take place November 20th. All youth are asked to stay and enjoy a period of fellowship as we celebrate those with November birthdays.

For many years our youth have purchased, prepared, and delivered gifts for the holiday season to those who are less fortunate. Bybee Branch has always gone way beyond what is expected to help our youth with this endeavor. If you are capable and willing, we are accepting donations to help make some deserving people's holiday a little more special. Please give your money to me or to one of the elders. The cut-off to give is Sunday, December Ist. Thank you in advance.

Don't forget to check the Youth Bulletin Board for details about **EVANGELISM UNIVERSITY** and **CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE**.

The deadlines will be here before you know it!

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, November 27th—Wednesday Nite Youth Something

Saturday, November 30th—Bible Bowl Study

Sunday, December 1st—Bible Bowl

Something To Think About

"When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you."

"Nearly everybody has a cure for the troubles and a correction for the mistakes of nearly everybody except his own."

"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil—it has no point."

Entangled

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage." Galatians 5:1 NKJV.

With the recent "Veteran's Day" one is often made to think of the sacrifices that were given so that we can enjoy freedom. As so often is stated, "freedom is never free." I am so thankful for those great men and women who sacrificed for the privileges I now enjoy.

In the spiritual realm Jesus paid a tremendous cost to provide man the freedom from sin. Paul said it so eloquently, "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:15 NKJV. There is a time and place to discuss that great gift. However, I want to concentrate on a different part of this great sacrifice, namely our responsibility to it!

In the Galatians passage above Jesus not only freed man from sin but from a law that was incapable of providing all that man needs. Paul was concerned that some false teachers were going to persuade the Galatians to return to living under that system. Jesus didn't die just so men could go back to living like they used to live, either as pagans or Jews.

Why would anyone want to go back? Clearly, one who has become a Christian has found a better way. And yet some seem to have a yearning for that old sinful life. Peter addressed this in several contexts. He warned, "that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries." I Peter 4:2–3 NKIV.

Peter knew that there were going to be those who would seek to bring Christians back down to their level. They would do so by appealing to the base desires of man. Peter writes in his second letter, "For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error. While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage. For if, after

they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the latter end is worse for them than the beginning. For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered to them. But it has happened to them according to the true proverb: "A dog returns to his own vomit," and, "a sow, having washed, to her wallowing in the mire."" 2 Peter 2:18–22 NKJV. Peter says of those who believe these deceivers are now again in "bondage" and they are "again entangled in them."

One of the greatest challenges of any Christian is remaining faithful. It is so easy for one to fall back into bad habits. I have frequently observed this in the lives of who are helped get out of financial ruin. I personally knew of a family who struggled under a mountain of debt. The father of the wife felt sorry for their situation and stepped in to pay off all their debt. However, it wasn't long before this family had mortgaged their house, failed to pay their payments and were again in danger of losing their house. Again the father of the wife stepped in to pay off the house but this time with a warning that such would not happen again. They had a spending problem. In the same way some have a sinning problem and do not realize that deceptive sin can be

The writer of Hebrews was aware that at some point choosing to get back into sin becomes a conscious and willful choice. "For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins," Hebrews 10:26 NKJV.

So, here's the bottom line. One who sins is "entangled" in sin, or in other words "in bondage." Jesus set us free (John 8:31, 32). One who gets back into it is actually worse off than in the beginning (2Pet. 2:20-21). This is the case that most often one who does this consciously and willful choses to do so. One should see his previous life for exactly what it was. "What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death." Romans 6:21 NKJV. Follow the advice of Paul, "don't be entangled again."

~Tony Lawrence ~