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#### Sunday Morning Worship

Sanday morning	
Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	David McColloch
Scripture	ICorinthians 15:20-26
Lord's Table (N)	*Don Sullivan
(S)	*Herb Rowland
	Robert Elam
(N)	Justin Randolph
(N)	Tim Gann
(S)	Kane Maynard
	Jason Vandagriff
(S)	Eddie Palmer
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bobby Ashford

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Shannon Griffin
Scripture	IJohn 2:15-17
Lord's Table	*Doug Hendrixson
	*Tommy Crouch
Sermon	Don Blackwell
Dismiss	Ryan McColloch

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Ethan Duncan
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Stanley Graves
Reading	Micah Lawrence
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Josh Templeton

### Welcome Committee

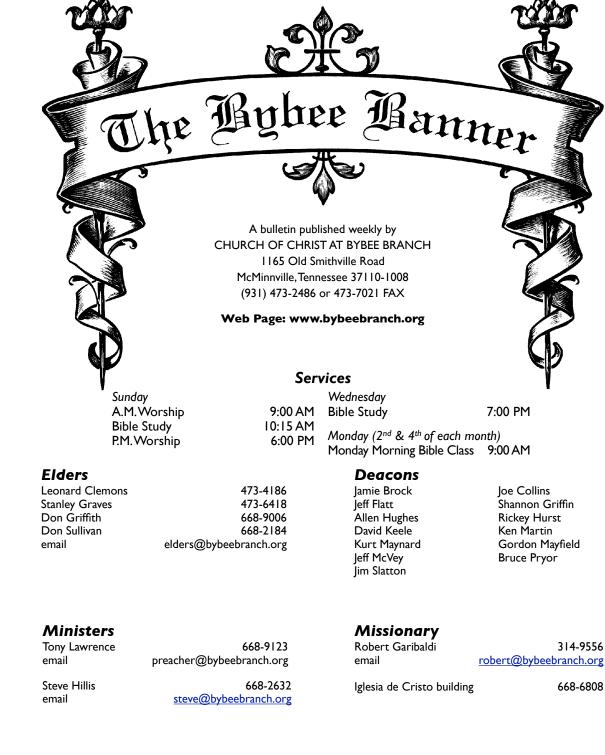
Myra Bell & Anna Jean Bond
Mitchell & Glenda Faye Ferrell
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Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

J	une	7, 2015
Ushers:Darron Dixon & Do Attend Nursery:Jordan Un/Lock Building:Jordan Prepare Communion:Juanit Assist Baptisms:Judy S Pantry Item:	Thoma a Olive ullivan	ori Chilcutt as/Clent Kesey er/Linda Fults & Kathy Elam
Elder Closing Remarks:	_eona	rd Clemons
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## Sick

#### At Home:

Irene Fuston (Brandon's mother) J.T. Mitchell Gary Campbell (Maggie Hurst's brother) James Ware (brother-in-law to Jean Ware)

#### In The Hospital:

none known

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Tony Ray Campbell (grandfather of Rachel & Sarah Campbell). His funeral was this past Wednesday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Barbara Ann Wilson (sister of Charlotte Weddington). Her funeral was this past Sunday.

### **Sermon Topics**

Sunday AM ......Summer Series: Don Blackwell

## **Vacation Bible Schools**

**Campaign church of Christ**, May 31-June 4, at 7 pm, classes for all ages.

Morrison church of Christ, June 6, at 9 am, classes for all ages.

## **Gospel Meetings**

**Highland church of Christ**, June 7-9, at 7 pm (7:30 pm Sunday), David Costello preaching.

**Rockliff church of Christ**, June 14-17, at 7 pm (7:30 pm Sunday), Michael Shepherd preaching.

**Grange Hall church of Christ**, June 14-18, at 7 pm (7:30 pm Sunday), Tony Lawrence preaching.

## Shut-ins

### **Raintree Manor**

(415 Pace St., McMinnville,TN 37110) Clara Roller #120 David Sharp (Kathy Elam's father) #314 Essie Hillis #406 Pete Waddell #305 Winona Ward (sister to Juanita Oliver) #511

### NHC

(P.O Box 528, McMinnville,TN 37111) Shirlee Young (Helen Morgan's sister) #201 Winfrey Hennessee #210 Leoma Hoover (Ronnie's mother) #119 Jim Slatton #109 June Slatton #111 Melba Hillis (Steve's grandmother) #

#### **Creekside At Three Rivers**

(2744 Ashers Fork Dr., Murfreesboro, TN 37128) Vivian Ferrell

### Webb House - McMinnville

(3877 Manchester Hwy, McMinnville, TN 37110) Shirley Keith (Vernon's wife) Bob Cunningham (Susan Pryor's father)

#### Home:

Leonard Crouch Mary Davis (at Pat's home) Dennis Gann Greg Grizzell Ronnie Hamilton (Linda's husband) Willene Kell Kathy Neale (Chris's mother) Barbara Northcutt Evelyn Northcutt Cora Stembridge Buell Warren

## Adult Class Rotation

This Sunday begins a new quarter and also a new adult class rotation. In the auditorium Jamie Brock will be teaching Galatians and Tony Lawrence will be teaching 2 Timothy in the fellowship room.

# Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church Anymore

According to a study by the Hartford Institute of Religion Research and a new book entitled, "Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church Anymore," less than 20% of Americans attend worship services every week. They say there are four main reasons why people don't want to "go to church." Here they are...

According to the book, the four reasons people don't want to go to church are:

- I. They don't want to be lectured.
- 2. They see the church as judgmental
- 3. They see the church as hypocritical.
- 4. They see the church as irrelevant.

Certainly, not everyone in this study is a Christian in the New Testament sense, but doesn't this show you the real reason so many have stopped attending? The real reason is that over the last 2,000 years, the concept of "church" has become so diluted and twisted that people don't even know what it is anymore. The church is supposed to be the family or body of all Christians.

For a Christian to say, "The church is judgmental, hypocritical, and irrelevant," is for that Christian to call himself judgmental, hypocritical, and irrelevant because he is the church. When Christians don't understand they are the church and see the church as an institution which they can either choose to support or not, they lose the entire concept of Christianity. Jesus did not come to redeem individuals, but a people. One simply cannot be a Christian outside of the body of Christ (Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12). To be a Christian is to be in the church.

When someone is in need and Christians say things like, "You should call the church and they will help you," it reveals that these Christians probably see the church as an institution which exists separate from themselves. As a Christian, when you say, "The church should help this person," what you should be meaning is, "I (or we) should help this person." The church is not "they," the church is "us."

Secondly, the problem is that people see "church" as a weekly event to attend. Church is not something Christians attend when they get a chance. Church is who Christians are...every day of the week. Someone might say, "Wes, it's just semantics. You know what I mean when I say I'm going to church." Sure, I know what you mean and I also know that a few generations of saying, "Going to church," has contributed the current decline in attendance.

If you asked me, "What is family?" and I said, "Oh, that's something I attend when I come home from work," you would look at me like I lost my mind. My family is not an event I attend. My family is something I'm a part of – even when I'm somewhere else. If I started saying, "I'm going to 'family' now," when I went home, it might very well change the way I see and interact with my family.

When people see the church as either an institution to support or an event to attend, it's no wonder they see it as being irrelevant. If we want to see Christians stop checking out, we must start teaching people that **we are the church!** 

I love you and God loves you,

~Wes McAdams via <u>http://www.radicallychristian.com</u> ~

## 2015 Summer Series — Theme: Challenges Facing The Church

June 7	The Church at War With The World	Don Blackwell
June 14	Postmodernism	David Lipe
June 21	Materialism	Dwight Fuqua
June 28	Challenges Facing Young Christians	Lonnie Jones
July 5	Perversion Of MarriagePerversion Of Marriage	Kevin Williams
July 12	Lusts of the Flesh-Pornography	Paul Sain
	Skepticism	Kyle Butt
	Man-made Religions	Bobby Liddell