

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey  
 Lead Singing .....Jeff McVey  
 First Prayer .....Bruce Pryor  
 Reading .....Keith Chilcutt  
 Scripture .....2Kings 4:38-40  
 Lord's Table (N) .....\*Joe Collins  
 (S) .....\*Larry Flatt  
 (N) .....Joe Maynard  
 (N) .....Harold McGinness  
 (N) .....Rodney Maynard  
 (S) .....Derrick Pennington  
 (S) .....Cory Prince  
 (S) .....Herb Rowland  
 Sermon ..... *There Is Death In The Pot* Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Russ Chilcutt

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....(668-9186) Aaron Ownbey  
 Lead Singing .....Jeff McVey  
 First Prayer .....Rodney Reynolds  
 Reading .....Jared Mullican  
 Scripture .....Ecclesiastes 9:1  
 Lord's Table .....\*Don Griffith  
 .....\*Randy Griffith  
 Sermon.....*Now And Then* Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Darron Dixon

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Bruce Pryor  
 Lead Singing .....Jared Mullican  
 First Prayer .....Jeff Flatt  
 Reading .....Justin Randolph  
 Invitation .....Leonard Clemons  
 Dismiss.....Micah Lawrence

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Randall & Deborah Gann  
 P.M. ....Linda Hamilton & Sarah Kell

Bus Driver: .....Randall Gann (580-6252)

Ushers: .....Tim Fisher, Mitchell Ferrell, Bruce Pryor  
 Attend Nursery:.....Regina Templeton  
 Un/Lock Building:....Gordon Mayfield/Shannon Griffin  
 Prepare Communion: .....Justin Randolph  
 Assist Baptisms: ..... Cindy Fisher & Sherry Graves

Pantry Item: .....Spaghetti Sauce

Elder Closing Remarks: .....Allen Hughes

**Record For The Week...**

A.M.Worship.....289  
 Bible Study .....214  
 P.M.Worship .....190  
 Wednesday Bible Study.....174  
 Contribution.....\$6,240

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

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Gordon Mayfield	Jeff McVey
Bruce Pryor	Jim Slatton

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## Sick

### At Home:

June Crouch  
Joyce Griffith (Randy's mother)

### In The Hospital:

Clara Scott - surgery has been postponed until January 15  
Gordon Fults - returned to Raintree  
Winfrey Hennessee - returned to NHC

## Church Holiday Fellowship

This Sunday evening, December 17, following evening services will be our annual Holiday Fellowship. If the first letter of your last name begins with the following letters you are asked to bring:

- **A-F** — Ham/rolls, pigs in a blanket, sandwiches least 1 dozen
- **G-M** — Dessert and drink
- **N-Z** — Chips/dip and drink

## Prepare Communion for 2018

There is a list on the bulletin board for those willing to prepare the communion for 2018.



"I THINK GOD MAY HAVE A PROBLEM...I'VE BEEN PRAYIN' THAT IT SNOWS SO HARD THEY HAVE TO CLOSE SCHOOL. MY MOM IS PRAYIN' THAT IT DON'T."

## Youth News

### Upcoming Events

- December 13 - Birthday Wednesday
- December 20 - HEY
- December 31 - Home Devotional- fun activities till right after midnight.
- January 20 - (Saturday) Take food to the Fire Department

### Pew Packers Class:

We had 18 young boys and girls show up to decorate and make crafts for the members in the nursing home. It was a great blessing to see so many show up to help out someone else. They also made it known that they would like to deliver them themselves this coming Sunday in-between services. Each basket was decorated and items placed in the basket by the pew packers class. All I did was provide them the items to put in the basket, thanks to your donations. We were blessed to have several women from the ladies class to volunteer to come and help the youth make a craft and make the baskets pretty and presentable. If that was left to me I would have thrown the items in the basket and got some duct tape and went around the whole basket with tape to prevent anything from falling out. Yes I would have used red or green tape to be decorative for the holiday season. But these baskets look great. We want to thank the congregation for donating money to this effort. We also want to thank all the ladies that came and helped us beautify the baskets. The young boys and girls had a blast working with the women from the ladies class. Thank you to everyone who helped.

### Mission Trip Update:

We have been given our first donation towards the trip. These trips are usually not funded by one or two people giving large amounts of money. They are funded by a lot of people giving a little. Every penny puts our group (11 potential people as of now) from Bybee that much closer to being able to go. If you can give towards this effort it would be much appreciated. I know I have been

asking for monetary donations, it seems every week here lately, and I'm sorry for that, but this is a busy time. Thankfully we are blessed with a lot of giving members that have jumped on board.

If you're planning on going make sure to get your passport application in immediately and make sure I have you down as going on the trip and have registered you. I am going to register everyone on December 29th. So if you are still thinking about going you have a little bit more time to decide. If you decide to go after December 29 that is fine and I will register you as long as there is space on the trip. Some trips can only accommodate so many and they have to cut it off at a certain number of people.

### December Home Devotional Info:

The McVey's have invited the youth to their house for the final home devotional of 2017. They said they would provide all food and drinks. We just need to be there. They are going to allow us to stay there and celebrate the new year together. We will try to have some games and activities to bring in the new year. With that in mind, please have your ride there by 12:15 so they can get some sleep after having all of us over all night. Make sure to tell the McVey's thank you for hosting and feeding all of us. If you have any games that you want to play make sure to bring them.

January 20 is the date of our first service project. We will take some food to the fire stations here in town, as a thank you for all they do. There is a total of 32 that work between the two fire stations. Please make plans to attend and help give back a small portion to those who protect us and help us everyday here in McMinnville. More details to follow.

## Do We Just Paint Signs

A 19th century philosopher told a story about a man seeing a sign in a window in a small European town. The sign said, "Pants Pressed Here." He went in and started to remove his trousers. The clerk asked what he was doing. The man said, "I saw your sign and I want my pants pressed." The clerk responded, "Oh, we don't press pants here. We just paint signs."

It says "Church of Christ" out front of our building. Do we serve Him and seek others for Him, or do we just paint signs?

## What Will Your Checkbook Say About You?

Some time ago I read about a man who has written many biographies. He noted that it was easy to find out what a man said and what he had done, but when it came to finding out what kind of man he really was, the biographer was up a stump. Then he discovered that the surest way to get to the truth was to look at the stubs of old checkbooks. What a man gave his money for— that tells the tale. Why not stop before you read any further and get out your checkbook for the past year? What does it say about you? It might say:

- This man cares more about entertainment— football, hunting, fishing, golf, tennis, and movies than he does the Lord.
- This man cares more about his personal appearance— clothes, grooming, haircuts, etc., than he does about the church.
- This man cares more about civic interests— clubs, community projects, and the Red Cross than he does about the lost.
- This man cares more about vacations and traveling (just look at those gas bills) than he does about the expansion of the kingdom of God
- This man cares more about temporal security — bonds, stocks, and other investments than he does about treasures in heaven.

Would you be ashamed if suddenly your checkbook began to blab the truth about you to all your friends and neighbors?

~ G. K. Wallace ~

