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Sunday Morning Worship	
Announcements(473-3570)	Rodney Reynolds
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Jamie Brock

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Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Jamie Brock
Reading	Chris Snow
Scripture	John 20:30-31
Lord's Table (N)	*Russ Chilcutt
(S)	*Herb Rowland
(N)	Eddie Palmer
(N)	Aaron Ownbey
(N)	Chris Neale
(S)	Jared Mullican
(S)	Harold McGinness
	Ryan McColloch
	Tony Lawrence
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## Sunday Evening Worship

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Announcements	(473-3570) Rodney Reynolds
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Tim Fisher
Reading	Josh Templeton
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Brandon Fuston
	*Doug Hendrixson
Sermon	Bobby Liddell
Dismiss	Ronnie Hoover

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Ken Martin
Lead Singing	Jared Mullican
First Prayer	Don Sullivan
Reading	Aaron Ownbey
Invitation	W.C. Chilton
Dismiss	Rickey Hurst

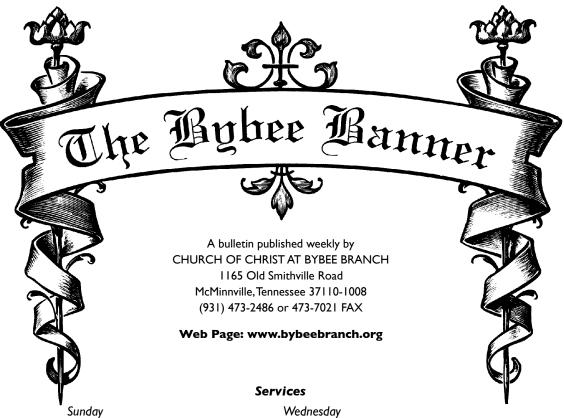
## **Welcome Committee**

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A.M	David McColloch Family
P.M	Harold & Teresa McGinness
Bus Driver:	Randall Gann (580-6252)

If you cannot serve, please contact David Keele (273-5566)

Ushers:Norman Sain, Rodney Maynard, Bruce Pryor Attend Nursery:Deborah Gann Un/Lock Building:Ronnie Prince/Steve Hillis Prepare Communion:Graves Assist Baptisms: Cynthia Duncan & Amy Lawrence
Pantry Item:Pinto Beans
Elder Closing Remarks:Allen Hughes
Record For The Week
A.M. Worship       365         Bible Study       208         P.M. Worship       264         Wednesday Bible Study       187
Contribution\$7,848

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

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Bible Study

7:00 PM

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

#### **Elders**

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#### **Deacons**

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David Keele	Ken Martin
Curt Maynard	Gordon Mayfield
David McColloch	Jeff McVey
Bruce Pryor	Herb Rowland

### Missionary

Robert Garibaldi	409-7328
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Iglesia de Cristo building 668-6808

### Sick

#### At Home:

June Crouch
Dale Randolph (Justin's dad)

#### In The Hospital:

Stella Gann (St.Thomas Midtown) Dennis Eller - Parkwest Medical Center-Knoxville

### **Vacation Bible Schools**

**Rockliff**, July 8-11, 7:00 pm, Theme: Famous Bible Animals

**Earleyville**, July 8-12, 7 pm, Theme: Discovering the Treasures of lesus.

Arlington, July 15-18, 7 pm, Theme: Western

## **Gospel Meetings**

**Hebron**, July 8-12, services at 7 pm with Josh Robinson preaching.

**Smartt**, July 15-19, services at 7 pm with Chris Perry preaching.

**Bluff Springs**, July 27-29, services at 7 pm with Charles Williams preaching.

**Unity**, August 5-8, services at 7 pm with Larry Acuff preaching.

## **Summer Series**

This coming Sunday evening our guest speaker will be brother Bobby Liddell. Brother Liddell is now serving as the Administrative Dean at the Memphis School of Preaching. The church here is privileged to help support him in his work. He will be speaking on the topic: Are We Distracted By Our Family?

### **Youth News**

- July 12 Kayak Trip
- July 13 Fun and Food at the building
- July 22 Pew Packers (Brandon Fuston Teaching)
   July 29 Home Devotional @ Rickey & Maggie Hurst's
   House

#### Kayaking Trip:

We will be putting our kayaks in the water at Smooth Rapids and kayaking to the VFW. We have to be at Smooth Rapids and in the water by 3:00. That is the latest time slot that he could work out with such a large group. We need to be at smooth rapids by 2:45 so we can say a prayer and be gone by 3:00. Everyone meet at smooth rapids and I will have some paperwork for you to sign before we can pay. When you get to smooth rapids please park in the campground area. Because on Thursday nights they have trivia night and it will be packed when we get back.

If you are renting a single person kayak it is \$31.50 per person. If you are renting a double seat kayak it is \$45.00. This price includes your life jacket, paddle and a ride from the vfw back to smooth rapids. They are giving us a discount only if we pay for everything at one time. If you own your kayak it is \$5.00 to put your kayak in at smooth rapids and an additional \$5.00 if you want a ride from the vfw back to smooth rapids. Please write your checks to Bybee Branch and put in the memo section "Kayaking Trip" and give me the check by Wednesday. Also make sure to bring sunscreen and snacks and water for the trip. It can take up to 4 hours and we need to stay hydrated while on the river in the heat of the day.

\* ŚTATE LAW - If you are under 12 years old you must wear a life jacket at all times, if you 13 and older you must have the life jacket on the kayak at all times.

Please remember that we as a group of Christians are a reflection of Christ no matter where we go. We can reflect Christ with our words, actions and by our choice of clothing. Please keep this in mind when you are choosing your outfit for this trip.

### Friday Night Game Night:

Friday night July 13 we will meet at the building at 6:00 for a night of playing games, enjoying fellowship and eating of course. I will order pizza around 6:30 and we will eat once the pizza arrives. We will have a few tournaments through out the night. We will have two video game tournaments and then a bonus tournament. You will do not want to miss the bonus tournament. You better bring your "A" game because only one person will be worthy of the title "game night champion".

## The Name of the Church

On one occasion, Leonard Johnson, one of the founders of what is now Faulkner University in Montgomery, Alabama, was preaching in a gospel meeting in a small Alabama town. One night he preached a sermon on the church. In the midst of his sermon brother Johnson said, "Now within the next four to five minutes I am going to tell you everything the New Testament says about the name of the church." For the next four to five minutes brother Johnson was completely silent. He did not utter a word. Then he said, "There you have it — everything the New Testament says about the name of the church!"

Brother Johnson was absolutely right—the church, the body of people redeemed to God by the blood of Christ, does not have a proper, formal, exclusive, and patented name! It was not and is not a denomination and does not wear a denominational designation. Instead, the New Testament gives numerous descriptors for the church. The church (the aggregate of all who have been saved by obedience to the gospel) is the spiritual body of Christ, of which there is but one (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:4). It is the spiritual temple of God, being composed of living stones (Eph. 2:19-22; I Pet. 2:4-5). It is the house (household, family) of God, with every child of God a member of it (ITim. 3:15; Heb. 3:5-6). It is the kingdom of God's dear Son (Col. 1:13; cf. Acts 2:47). Christ, in promising to build it, called in "my church" (Matt. 16:18). A plurality of local congregations are designated as "churches of Christ" (Rom. 16:16). At the same time, they also are described as "churches of God" (I Cor. 11:26), and the universal body of redeemed people is called the "church of God" (v. 22). Geographically, the people of God are spoken of as the church at Jerusalem, the church of God which is at Corinth, the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord lesus Christ, the churches of ludea, the churches of Galatia, the seven churches of Asia, etc. Modern Catholic and Protestant names are noticeably absent from the New Testament, and came to be applied to religious groups arising this side of the **New Testament!** 

Churches of Christ today strive to be churches of the New Testament order. We do not profess to be a denomination. The use of the biblical descriptor "church of Christ" is not intended as our "official, exclusive, denominational name." Any biblical descriptor is acceptable. However, in our sadly divided religious world, it is practical to use rather consistently a descriptor that sets forth in a scriptural way those who

are pleading for a return to the undenominational church of the New Testament and who are contending for "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3).

Clearly, it is possible to use a biblical designation for the church in a sectarian and denominational sense and, sadly, many are doing that with the descriptor "church of Christ." At the same time, to use this scriptural designation does not make those using it a denomination.

Many years ago, the late Cled Wallace made some insightful observations about the "name" of the church that we would do well to consider today. He wrote: "Now I am somewhat of a stickler for calling the church anything and everything it is called in the New Testament and have said so over and over again in these and other columns . . . I am certain that the expression 'church of Christ' has been used in a sectarian sense, but not when it is applied to the right thing, however often it may be used. It is misused only when it is employed to cover too little or too much or applied to something that is not it at all . . . Brethren keep me more uneasy sometimes by what they mean by it than they do by how often they say it" (Bible Banner, Volume IV, Number II, September 1941).

Let me say again: I am not Church of Christ (viewed as a denomination) in my religious affiliation. I am not a Church of Christ (viewed as a denomination) preacher - no more so than I am a Church of God (viewed as a denomination) preacher, or a body of Christ preacher, of a kingdom of God's dear Son preacher, or a temple of God preacher, or any of the other biblical descriptors for the people of God that may be corrupted into a denominational name or employed in a sectarian sense. At the same time, I am a member of Christ's church, the Lord's church, the body of Christ, the household of God. I can be such without being a member of any denomination. So can anyone else. Local churches can be churches of Christ without being a denomination. There are many of us who are Christians only without denominational affiliation, members only of what the New Testament most frequently designates simply as "the church."

~ Hugh Fulford (<u>huford@comcast.net</u>) ~

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