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#### Sunday Morning Worship

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Announcements	(668-8242) Michael Andrews
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Tommy Turner
Reading	Norman Sain
Scripture	James 5:17
	*David Keele
(S)	*Willie Newby
	Clent Kesey
	Kurt Maynard
(N)	Harold McGinness
(S)	Steve Smith
(S)	Jeff Templeton
(S)	Josh Templeton
Sermon	
Dismiss	Danny Duncan

#### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	8-8242) Michael Andrews
Lead Singing	Jeff McVey
First Prayer	Jamie Brock
Reading	Kane Maynard
Scripture	ТВА
Lord's Table	*Ray Weddington
	*Matthew Woodside
Sermon	Cliff Goodwin
Dismiss	Stanley Graves

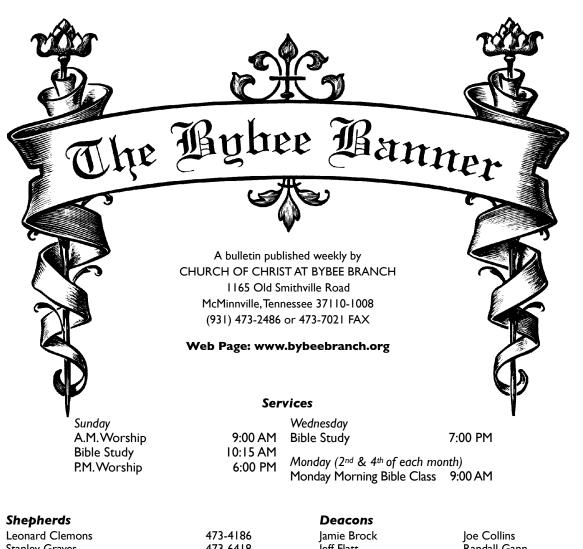
#### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Randy Griffith
Lead Singing	Joe Collins
First Prayer	Tim Fisher
Reading	Keith Chilcutt
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Rickey Hurst
Welcome Committee	

	Farris & Brenda Young .Mitchell & Glenda Ferrell
Transportation:	Ronnie Prince (808-2598)
If you cannot serve, please co	ontact David Keele (273-5566)

June	23, 2019
Ushers:Jared Mullican, Ronnie Hoo Attend Nursery:Brandon Fusto Un/Lock Building:Brandon Fusto Prepare Communion: Assist Baptisms: Judy Sullivan & N	TBA on/Clent Kesey McColloch's
Pantry Item:	Canned Soup
Elder Closing Remarks:	Don Griffith
Record For The Week	
A.M. Worship	
Bible Study	216
P.M. Worship	203
Wednesday Bible Study	145
Contribution	\$6,624

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Zollie Settles Marsha Dunlap Jaxson Chalfont (cousin to Barbara Lorance) Ronnie Reynolds (Rodney's brother) Shirley Brock (Jamie's mother) improving

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## **Peru Mission Trip**

The mission trip to Peru with YES II is coming up June 29-July 7. Keep those from Bybee Branch in your prayers as they spread the gospel.

# **Gospel Meeting**

West Sparta church of Christ, June 16-19, Services each night at 7 pm with Chad Ramsey preaching.

### Vacation Bible School

**East End Drive church of Christ**, June 17-21, 7 PM with the theme: Marooned.

# **Ice Cream Supper**

Our annual ice cream supper will be on Wednesday night, July 3 following services.

## **Summer Series Lessons**

Just a reminder that all the lessons from the Summer Series (as well as all the lessons delivered from the pulpit) are available at the church website: <u>http://bybeebranch.org/sermons/sermons.html</u>.

Some have been on vacation and missed these great lessons. You can listen to them at any time. Feel free to share this link with your friends on social media as well. For example, the lesson by brother John Deberry on "Violence in America" has already been viewed/listened to by over 600 people online.

### **Youth News**

- Birthday Wednesday—June 26
- Game Night—June 29
- Youth Led P.M. Services—June 30
- Home Devo @ Kesey's—June 30

**Birthday Wednesday** is next Wednesday evening, the 26th, after services. Please come help is celebrate the June birthdays.

**Game Night:** On Saturday, the 29th, we are having an electronic free game night. There are several games planned to do as groups and we will also have time for individual games. Please bring your favorite card or board game and join us. Pizza will be provided and there will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for other things to bring and also if you plan to attend.

Youth Lead Services: On Sunday the 30th, the young men will be leading our p.m. services. Bro. Lonnie Jones will be doing our speaking for the summer series. After services, any younger men that wish to come up and say a prayer, read scriptures, or sing a song may come up and do so. Younger men, be picking out and practicing what you would like to do.

**Home Devo:** Following services we will have our monthly youth Devo at the Kesey home. Please make plans to attend. More details next week.

# **Summer Series**

Our Summer Series continues this Sunday evening with brother Cliff Goodwin. Brother Goodwin is the preacher for the Ironaton church of Christ in Alabama and also the speaker for the Preaching The Gospel television program. He will be speaking on using the tongue in preaching and teaching.



Besides the obvious loss of all his material wealth, what else did the Prodigal Son lose? His losses were great but thankfully he worked to recover what he could. Consider some of the following losses from the account in Luke 15:11-32.

First, he lost his respect for his father and his rearing. Somewhere along the line he no longer respected the values which his father sought to instill within him. As Solomon observed, "A foolish son is a grief to his father..." Proverbs 17:25; "A foolish son is the ruin of his father..." Proverbs 19:13. What followed was easily predictable. "The eye that mocks his father, And scorns obedience to his mother, The ravens of the valley will pick it out, And the young eagles will eat it." Proverbs 30:17. Thankfully he came to realize the value of his father's wisdom. His early training came back and he knew where to go. "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

The young man also lost his mind. In Luke 15:17, we read that he "came to himself" implying that previously he wasn't thinking straight. He had not considered while he was participating in sin that there would be an ugly end. He only saw the present enjoyment of sin (cf. Heb. 11:25). Solomon repeatedly warned of how blind are those who give in to the allurements of sin (cf. Prov. 5:1-14). Likewise he pictured the mindless nature of those entrapped by sin, "For man also does not know his time: Like fish taken in a cruel net, Like birds caught in a snare, So the sons of men are snared in an evil time, When it falls suddenly upon them." Ecclesiastes 9:12. Very likely he looked back and said, "what was I thinking??"

Third, the prodigal also lost control. He, like so many, believed they controlled their sin and could quit at any time. However, at some point in time sin owns us, we are its slave. "Harlotry, wine, and new wine enslave the heart." Hosea 4:11. Peter described them as, "having eyes full of adultery and that cannot cease from sin..." 2 Peter 2:14. Very likely he had no idea of how fast his wealth would be spent and he was no longer in control of his spending. He couldn't stop until it was all gone. His "fair weather" friends likely were spurring him on until the money ran out. "The poor man is hated even by his own neighbor, But the rich has many friends." Proverbs 14:20. "... every man is a friend to one who gives gifts." Proverbs 19:6. His loss taught him that a lack of restraint leads to downfall while the discipline learned within his father's house was now something to be desired.

Finally, the prodigal lost the respect of his brother and likely others. He was known as the man who wasted what his father had worked so hard to obtain. He tarnished the family name. "A good name is better than precious ointment, And the day of death than the day of one's birth;" Ecclesiastes 7:1. He had become an embarrassment to the family known for his foolish choices. "The wise shall inherit glory, But shame shall be the legacy of fools." Proverbs 3:35.

The simple statement of Solomon rings true, "An inheritance gained hastily at the beginning will not be blessed at the end." Proverbs 20:21. Great were the losses of the Prodigal Son and those losses were much greater than just the money he wasted. He had so much potential but squandered it away. Had he the ability to do it all over again he certainly would have wanted to make better choices in friends and habits. We would do well to consider the lesson of his life and avoid his mistakes in our own lives.

~Tony Lawrence ~

Reputation is what people think about you. Character is what God knows you are.

*"I must do something" will always solve more problems than "Something must be done"* 

