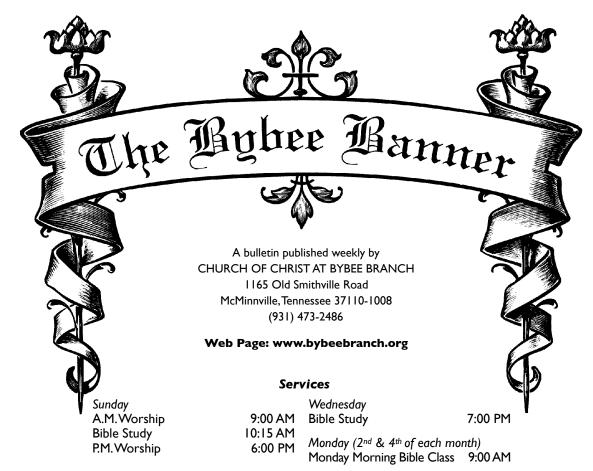
Volume 63, Number 13 March 29, 2020 Ushers: Sunday Morning Worship Un/Lock Building:TBA Announcements......TBA Lead Singing.....TBA Prepare Communion:TBA First Prayer.....TBA Assist Baptisms:TBA Reading.....TBA Scripture.....2Corinthians 3:18 Pantry Item:Crackers Lord's Table (N)* TBA (S)*TBA Elder Closing Remarks:Allen Hughes (N)TBA (N)TBA Record For The Week... (N)TBA (S).....TBA (S).....TBA Bible Study......NC (S)......TBA P.M. Worship......NC SermonTony Lawrence Wednesday Bible StudyNC Dismiss.....TBA Contribution\$6,085 Sunday Evening Worship [RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED] Announcements.....TBA Lead Singing.....TBA First Prayer.....TBA Reading.....TBA ScriptureISamuel 17:4 Lord's Table*TBA*TBA SermonTony Lawrence Dismiss.....TBA Wednesday Bible Study Announcements......TBA Lead Singing.....TBA First Prayer.....TBA Reading.....TBA Invitation......Tony Lawrence Dismiss.....TBA **Welcome Committee** A.M....temporarily suspended P.M.temporarily suspended If you cannot serve, please contact Shannon Griffin (808-4470)



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Each Wednesday at 12:45 on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

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A Silver Lining

Can something good come from something bad? Absolutely! Everyone has witnessed tragic events that bought about something very good. Is the COVID-19 virus something bad? It is disrupting people's lives in so many ways. Thousands have become sick and many have died. Some have lost their jobs, and are insecure about their future. Loneliness has brought on depression and discouragement. The public assemblies of the church have been disrupted.

On the other hand, people have seen their vulnerability and have begun to think about something beyond this life. That is good. Some do not realize the value of something until it is taken away and numerous Christians have begun to realize the positive effects of the corporate assembly of the church. While the worldly people are scrambling to hoard material things I have personally witnessed the best being brought out in Christians as they express care and concern for their fellow man. In other words, this has given the church an opportunity to shine. "that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world," (Philippians 2:15). Plus, there is something that none of us were able to envision, the number of people who would hear the gospel due to the streaming. Over 1000 people viewed the AM service and almost 800 viewed the PM lesson. Just as the elders referenced Acts 8. The persecution led to the disciples going "everywhere preaching the word." (Acts 8:4). That is good! (cf. Romans 8:28).

~Tony Lawrence~

Youth News and Updates Upcoming Activities

In conjunction with the decision that the elders have made, the following youth activities will be postponed until further notice:

Birthday Wednesday, Friday Night Singings, H.E.Y., Home Devo, Pew Packers, Prom Alt Trip and 5th Sunday Youth Led Service.

Lord willing this pandemic will pass and we can get back to socializing with our church family once again.

Isolated

Please read I Kings 17:1-9 first...

It was in Elijah's isolation, his time of greatest fear and need, that God prepared him for a bigger ministry...Isn't that just like God? He takes us to the end of ourselves, to a place where we are totally dependent upon Him. He might strip us of everything that is important to us, take us to a place of utter brokenness. And there, in isolation by the Kerith Brook, He carefully tends to our needs. In the most unreal ways, He provides for us, feeds us, clothes us. And, in the process, we learn how much He loves us. We learn that we can trust Him.lt is in our seasons of hurt and isolation that He does an amazing work in us. But that amazing work in us is not for us alone. It is to prepare us for the amazing work God wants to do through us.In his time of isolation, Elijah learned to trust God completely. He learned total and complete obedience to God. When God said, "Go," Elijah immediately went to boldly confront King Ahab and his wife Jezebel, the very people from whom he had been hiding. - Dena Iohnson Martin

Streaming Services

Services will be streamed on Facebook (and maybe YouTube). Check our website or Facebook page for updates. For those without Internet connection we highly recommend GBN where there are also live worship services on Sunday morning.

Update from the Elders to the Church Family

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the temporary suspension of all collective assemblies at the Church of Christ at Bybee Branch building. After much deliberation and prayer, we feel it is in the best interest to the health and safety of our members and the community at large to comply with Tennessee Executive Order 17 prohibiting social gatherings of 10 or more. This is an extremely difficult decision and one we do not take lightly. We will continue to monitor the situation and communicate any changes as quickly as possible.

The elders along with Brother Tony and several others are working diligently to ensure our members have appropriate avenues and supplies to continue their worship during this time. Worship services will be streamed each Sunday on Facebook beginning at 9:00 AM. Bible study services will be live streamed Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Reminders of these services will be posted on Facebook and included in our weekly bulletin. We are also considering other streaming options for those that do not have Facebook.

Communion packets will be available for pick up at the building on Fridays 9:00-10:00 AM and 5:00-600 PM. Delivery can be arranged if necessary.

Contributions may be dropped off at the building when you pick up the communion packets or mailed to the office. Please mark the envelope: Attention Stanley Graves.

These are unprecedented and difficult times. As with all things, we must look to the Bible for guidance. Consider Acts 8, when danger arose in the first century preventing the Jerusalem Christians from gathering collectively. We observe their scattering, yet just 3 verses later in verse 4 we note their work and preaching continued. It was simply in a different location and circumstance. While our current situation is not exactly the same, there is no denying we are are living in a dangerous time, and we can learn from their example. Our "scattering" may be to small groups of family, friends or neighbors at one another's homes to share in worship. When Paul wrote to the Christians in I Corinthians chapter 7, their "present distress" necessitated special, although temporary, recommendations. As we learn from these early Christians, we too may have to make some temporary adjustments. However, it is our privilege and duty to remain faithful and diligent in our worship and service to God regardless of the circumstances in which we find ourselves.

It is our hope and prayer that this crisis will pass quickly, that everyone remains safe, and that we will soon be together again as a congregation. Please continue to pray for each other, the elders, deacons, preachers and the Church. Remember, God is still the great I AM, and He is in control.

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." [John 16:33 NK]V]

The Elders