

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
 First Prayer .....Micah Lawrence  
 Reading.....Kane Maynard  
 Scripture.....Psalms 139:14  
 Lord's Table (N).....\*Paul Hurst  
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 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....David Chilton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
 First Prayer.....Brandon Fuston  
 Reading.....Ronnie Hoover  
 Scripture .....1 Peter 1:23  
 Lord's Table .....\*Tim Gann  
 .....\*Tommy Crouch  
 Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss.....Ryan McColloch

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing.....Eddie Palmer  
 First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
 Reading.....Kurt Maynard  
 Invitation .....Larry Flatt  
 Dismiss .....Rodney Reynolds

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....temporarily suspended  
 P.M.....temporarily suspended  
 If you can not serve, please contact  
 Mike Mullins at (931) 743-8093

Ushers:.....Cory Prince, Ronnie Prince, Bruce Pryor  
 Un/Lock Building: .....Jason Adams/Stanley Graves  
 Prepare Communion: .....TBD  
 Assist Baptisms: .....Jessica Adams & Vivian Adams  
 Pantry Item: .....Pancake Syrup  
 Video .....Tommy Turner

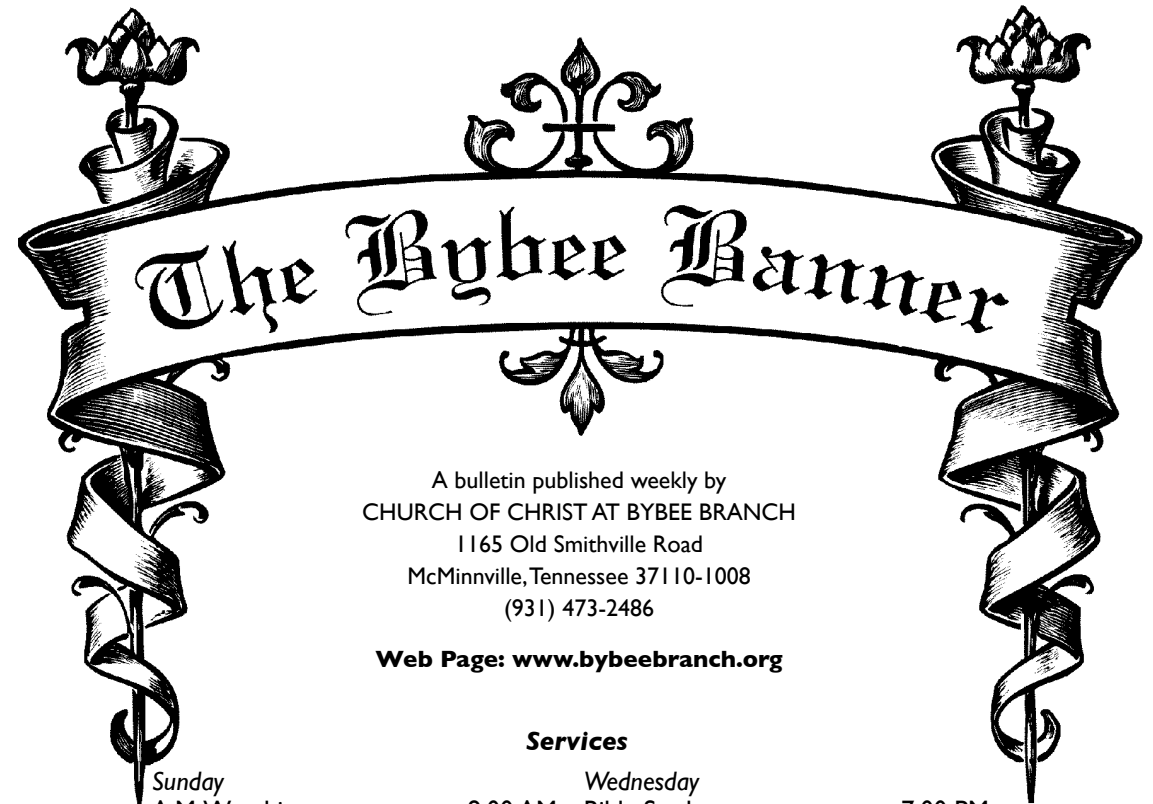
Elder Closing Remarks .....Don Griffith

**Record for the Week...**

A.M.Worship .....199  
 Bible Study.....141  
 P.M.Worship .....96  
 Wednesday Bible Study .....113  
 Contribution .....\$6,477

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

**Radio Program**

Each Wednesday at 10:00 AM on WBM 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

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**Deacons**

Joe Collins	Jeff Flatt
Brandon Fuston	Tim Gann
Caleb Graves	Paul Hurst
Rickey Hurst	Clent Kesey
Micah Lawrence	Kurt Maynard
David McColloch	Jeff McVey
Jared Mullican	Mike Mullins
Bruce Pryor	Herb Rowland

Josue Castorena (Hispanic)	580-2477
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## Sick

### At Home:

Nona Martin  
Steve Nearing  
Thomas Owens  
Sandra Olivas  
Noel Pepper  
Jean Ware  
Billy Welch

### In the Hospital:

Karl Holt - Signature Health Care (Monteagle, TN)

## Fall Festival

We will be having our annual Fall Festival on Saturday, November 6th beginning at 5:00PM. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those who wish to bring soups/desserts (*please have your desserts individually wrapped*). We will have games and activities for the youth. We will eat at 5:30 PM. (*please bring a lawn chair*)

## Baby Shower

There will be a baby shower for Courtney Maynard on Sunday, October 24th from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM at the home of Clent and Lynette Kesey (926 Locke Bend Rd). They are having a boy and his name will be Jonathan Kase. To view the wish list, please visit <https://www.babylist.com/kandcmaynard> and search for their registry by name.

## Wedding

The church has received a wedding invitation to the union of Benjamin Boyd and Jessica Templeton. The wedding will be on Saturday, October 30th, 2021 at 2:00 PM at Short Mountain Bible Camp. Please RSVP at [www.benandjessiboyd.com](http://www.benandjessiboyd.com)

## Gospel Meetings/Ladies Day

Campaign church of Christ, Oct. 24-27, services at 7 PM, with Kerry Duke of Livingston, TN preaching.

The Hwy 56 church of Christ Ladies Day, will take place on November 6th with registration beginning at 9:00 AM.

## Elders-Deacons Meeting

Our next elders/deacons meeting will be on Sunday, October 24th, at 5:00 PM.

## General Business Meeting

Our next general business meeting will be on Sunday, October 24th, following evening services.

## Youth News and Updates

### Home Devo

Our next home devo will be Sunday, October 24th (following our PM services) at the home of Jeff and Dachele McVey. The church van will leave after services and return between 8:30 PM and 8:45 PM. Girls, please bring a dessert and boys, please bring a drink.

### Locked-In in 2021

There is a lock in scheduled for Friday, November 5th (beginning at 8:00 PM) and ending on Saturday, November 6th at 8:00 AM. There is a sign up sheet on the youth board. Also, there is a tentative schedule posted on the board as well.

### Locked-In in 2021 (*volunteers*)

ONLY TWO (2) WEEKS AWAY! There will be a meeting, regarding this event, on Wednesday October 27th in room #1 following our services. ALL parents are encouraged to attend this meeting (Jason will have your assignment responsibilities at that time.

### Locked-In in 2021 (*super helpers*)

Jason is needing people to volunteer to provide snacks and desserts for this event. If you do not have a "youth" here at Bybee but still want to help, please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

## October Youth Activities

24th - Home Devo at The McVey's

27th - Birthday Wednesday

31st - Youth Lead Worship Service

## Helping Men Desire The Office

Being an elder in the Lord's Church is the highest office any man could ever hold in this life. Shepherding a local congregation is a responsibility that has such weight to it, and it is essential to the health of a congregation.

But the office is not just for anyone. Twice in the writings of Paul—in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1—he gives inspired qualifications these men are to have to become elders, and that they should continue to have to remain in that important office. Many have pointed out to me over the years that the first of the qualifications listed in 1 Timothy 3 might be the hardest—or, at least, the one that “disqualifies” the most men from the office.

The English Standard Version states it this way: “If anyone aspires to the office of overseer” (1 Timothy 3:1). The King James Version words it this way: “If a man desire the office of a bishop.” Either translation is accurate, as the original word basically means “to reach after” something.

There should be a desire to be an elder. Sadly, I have heard many men speak about how they might want to be elders, but they have seen the work and seen how elders are treated and it causes them not to desire it! Now, there might be other reasons why a man would not desire the office, but is it not tragic that one of the commonly cited reasons is how elders are treated?

So, how can we help men desire the office of an elder? I could, if I wanted to, give “5 steps” to help with this, or some other catchy way of giving helpful suggestions. That could be a helpful exercise, but I think there is one verse—literally one verse—that, if practiced by all Christians, would take away that reason why many men do not desire the office of an elder.

Read, re-read, and re-re-read Hebrews 13:17, and see if this would not alleviate this issue: Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you. (English Standard Version)

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. (King James Version)

Obey your rulers and recognize their authority. They are like men standing guard over your spiritual good, and they have great responsibility. Try to make their work a pleasure and not a burden—by so doing you will help not only them but yourselves. (Phillips)

If Christians would follow that verse in action and attitude, would it not solve the “desire” problem many men have about becoming an elder? It is not that elders are tyrants or that they are above the law, but they are spiritual men who are mature. If all Christians would simply trust them and follow their spiritual guidance, doing so with a joyful attitude, it would not be such a barrier to find men who desire the office.

Am I helping my elders serve with joy? Are you?

By Adam Faughn

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