

Sunday Morning Worship

AnnouncementsJason Adams
Lead SingingJoe Collins
First PrayerLarry Flatt
ReadingDavid McColloch
ScriptureMark 4:30
Lord's Table (N)*Mike Mullins
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SermonTony Lawrence
DismissRyan McColloch

Sunday Evening Worship

AnnouncementsJason Adams
Lead SingingJoe Collins
First PrayerRay Weddington
ReadingHerb Rowland
ScripturePhilippians 3:13-16
Lord's Table*Jared Mullican
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SermonTony Lawrence
DismissTommy Crouch

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsEddie Palmer
Lead SingingJared Mullican
First PrayerDale Bennett
ReadingJacob Graves
InvitationRickey Hurst
DismissNorman Sain

Welcome Committee

A.M.temporarily suspended
P.M.temporarily suspended

*If you can not serve, please contact
Jared Mullican at (931) 224-1201*

Ushers:.....Cory Prince, Ronnie Prince, Bruce Pryor
Un/Lock Building:.....TBD/Mike Mullins
Assist Baptisms: ..Cindy Fisher & Stefanie McColloch
Pantry Item:Chicken Noodle Soup
Check Pantry:Maggie Hurst
Check Kitchen:Becky Maynard
Check Workroom:.....Marsha Collins
VideoMicah Lawrence
Elder Closing RemarksAllen Hughes

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship196
Bible Study150
P.M. Worship117
Wednesday Bible Study103
Contribution\$5,180

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

Radio Program

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

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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:

David Brock (Jamie’s cousin) Covid
W.C. & Nelma Chilton
Glenda Faye Ferrell (recovering from surgery)
Sandra Olivas
T.D. Owens (Glenda Hughes’ father)
Jimmy Ramsey (Maggie Hurst’s brother-in-law)
Don Sullivan
Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan’s father) bed bound
Steve Nearing (following successful surgery)

Hospital

St. Thomas Rutherford in Murfreesboro
Kym Jones (Stephanie Jones’ mother with Covid)
Zollie Settles - Issues with his foot
Flossie Warren

Special Prayers Request

Cathy Hennessee (Darron Dixon’s sister) had a shunt put in to drain fluid from her brain. She also had a tracheotomy put in because she’s been on a ventilator for over two weeks. She seems better but is still in the ICU.

Rebecca Pedico (Nancy Rodgers sister-in-law and cousin of David King), was taken to the hospital with abdominal pain and looking at possible surgery.

Thank You from the Lawrences!

It is hard to adequately express our deep appreciation for your exceptional generosity this year. The Monday Morning Bible Class gave me an envelope filled with cash and then the one given by the whole congregation on Sunday evening was over the top. As Dave Ramsey says, we have been treated “better than we deserve.” Please accept our humble thanks! We will try to make 2022 a great year of service. *Tony & Corretta*

And Joab sent to Tekoah, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on now mourning apparel, and anoint not thyself with oil, but be as a woman that had a long time mourned for the dead: (2 Samuel 14:2)

Youth News and Updates

Bible Bowl

Our next Bible bowl will be at the Arlington congregation on Sunday, January 2nd, 2022. Please be studying 2nd Samuel chapters 13 through 16.

Planning Meetings

In 2022 Jason will be having quarterly planning meetings. These meetings will be to discuss and inform the parents/youth of the upcoming activities for the BBYG.

We want to encourage all the parents and youth to be a part of these meetings. This will be an opportunity for you to provide both positive feedback and constructive criticism (if any is necessary).

We will have these meetings on the 2nd Sunday night of said month (January, April, July, October). These meetings will be approximately 30 minutes long (give or take some time depending on what is brought discussed).

Challenge Youth Conference

CYC will be here before we know it. If there are any others who still wish to sign up to attend, please see Jason and he will give you all the details that you need.

January Youth Activities

2nd (Sunday) - *Bible Bowl at Arlington* (2:00 PM)
9th (Sunday) - *Youth Planning Meeting* (7:00 PM)
16th (Sunday) - *H.E.Y. at Mt. Leo* (5:00 PM)
19th (Wednesday) - *Birthday Wednesday* (8:00 PM)

Thank You from the Adamses!

My family and I want thank the congregation from the bottom our hearts for the very generous gift given to us Sunday evening. We truly love working with the youth (and congregation) here at Bybee Branch. Our prayer is that we will have many years of fruitful labor here in McMinnville.

Creator God

At the annual high school chorus concert Monday evening, I was struck with wonder, actually many times. I’m so thankful that all three of my children have had the blessing of being part of this program. The voices and talents of that many young people all working together to create beautiful music is something to behold, to say nothing of the dedication and talent of our choral director and his assistant. However, that wasn’t all of the wonder.

The moment I had this thought was while listening to a solo violinist. As she played, I thought to myself how that instrument sounds like it is singing. And that’s when it hit me: the beauty and range of the violin is compared to the human voice because the human voice was created by God and anything man creates is just an imitation.

This time of year is full of examples: The artificial Christmas trees made to look as realistic as possible. The flickering electric candles made to imitate natural, dancing flames. The light icicles hanging from eaves of homes that may never see real icicles. (I never said they all imitated to the same level of success – especially when people only icicle their front porch and not the entire house!)

This all reminds me of the passages in the Bible that point to the futility of worshiping idols made with hands. One such passage is Habakkuk 2:18-20 which reads: “What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For its maker trusts in his own creation when he makes speechless idols! Woe to him who says to a wooden thing, Awake; to a silent stone, Arise! Can this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in it. But the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him.”

I’ve also always enjoyed the humor in 1 Samuel 5 when the ark of God is brought by the Philistines into the temple of Dagon. After the first night, Dagon has fallen on his face. I can see the Philistines picking him up and thinking, “That’s weird.” The next day, he has not only fallen, but has lost his head and hands before the ark of God.

I’m not belittling the human creation of things that imitate creations of God (with the exception of idols or anything we try to elevate to a place God does not approve). In fact, a well known phrase says the greatest form of flattery is imitation. I simply want us all, as we enjoy the beauty of violin music, or gaze at our flickering lights on our artificial trees, to remember who the true Creator God is, and marvel at His power.

For thus says the Lord, who created the heavens (he is God!), who formed the earth and made it (he established it; he did not create it empty, he formed it to be inhabited!): “I am the Lord, and there is no other. (Isaiah 45:18)

By A. Tatum
