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# May 16, 2021

### Sunday Morning Worship

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|------------------|-----------------|
| Announcements    | Larry Flatt     |
| Lead Singing     | Leonard Clemons |
| First Prayer     | Jamie Brock     |
| Reading          | Dale Bennett    |
| Scripture        |                 |
| Lord's Table (N) |                 |
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| Sermon           |                 |
| Dismiss          |                 |

### Sunday Evening Worship

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| Announcements | Larry Flatt     |
| Lead Singing  | Leonard Clemons |
| First Prayer  | Ethan Duncan    |
| Reading       |                 |
| Scripture     |                 |
| Lord's Table  |                 |
|               | *Kurt Maynard   |
| Sermon        | Tony Lawrence   |
| Dismiss       | •               |
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# **Wednesday Bible Study**

| Announcements | Brandon Fuston |
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| Lead Singing  | ason Adams     |
| First Prayer  | -              |
| Reading       |                |
| Invitation    |                |
| Dismiss       | •              |

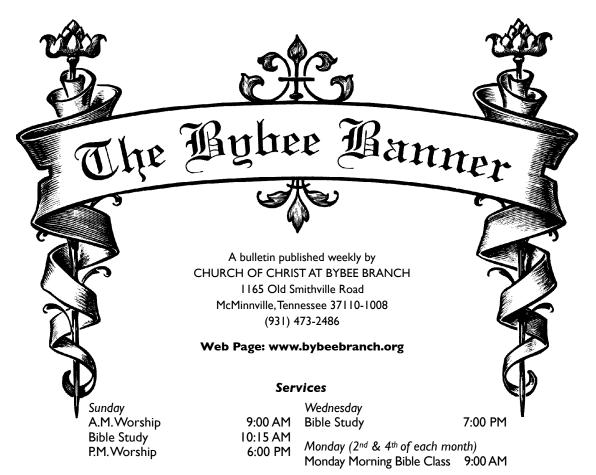
### **Welcome Committee**

| A.M | temporarily suspended                |
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|     | If you can not serve, please contact |
|     | Brandon Fuston at (931) 235-3248     |

| Ushers:Joy Maynard, Rodn  | ey Maynard, Kurt Maynard |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Un/Lock Building:Rodney M | aynard/Dwight Barrett    |
| Prepare Communion:        | TBD                      |
| Assist Baptisms:Cindy     | Fisher & Vivian Adams    |
| Pantry Item:              | Vegetable Soup           |
| Video                     | Ryan McColloch           |
| Elder Closing Remarks     | Jamie Brock              |
| Record for the Week       |                          |
| A.M. Worship              | 198                      |
| Bible Study               | 150                      |
| P.M. Worship              | 122                      |
|                           | 132                      |
| Wednesday Bible Study     |                          |
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| Shepherds       |                        | Deacons         |              |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Jamie Brock     | 668-3537               | Joe Collins     | Jeff Flatt   |
| Leonard Clemons | 473-4186               | Brandon Fuston  | Tim Gann     |
| Stanley Graves  | 205-8139               | Caleb Graves    | Paul Hurst   |
| Don Griffith    | 668-9006               | Rickey Hurst    | Clent Kesey  |
| Allen Hughes    | 668-8936               | Micah Lawrence  | Kurt Maynard |
| email           | elders@bybeebranch.org | David McColloch | Jeff McVey   |
|                 | - ,                    | Jared Mullican  | Mike Mullins |
|                 |                        | Bruce Pryor     | Herb Rowland |

#### **Preachers**

| Tony Lawrence (Pulpit | 668-9123                 | Jason Adams (Youth) | 743-0495              |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| email                 | preacher@bybeebranch.org | email               | jason@bybeebranch.org |

#### Sick

#### At Home:

Philip Brasher (Mary Flatt's brother)
Maggie Hurst
Melinda Martin
Louise Miller
Allen Owens (Glenda Hughes brother)
Branson Pack (receiving treatments at Vanderbilt)
Shane Pittman
Chester Sullivan (Chancy Woodside's father)
Sandra Olivas

#### In the Hospital:

Serse Brock - St Thomas West

#### **Graduates 2021**

Parents, if you have a child that is graduating this year, please let Jason or Tony know. Also, if you will, please get a picture of your graduate to them. We need this information by *today* Sunday, May 16th.

# **Gospel Meeting**

The Oak Grove congregation in Smithville is having a gospel meeting from Sunday, May 16th - Tuesday May 18th with Brother Herb Alsup. Sunday PM serves will be at 7:30 PM, Monday and Tuesday meeting times will be 7:00 PM.

### **Vacation Bible School**

The Smartt congregation is having a one (I) day VBS on Saturday, May 22nd from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.The theme is "Faith, Hall of Fame"

# **VBS Planning Meeting**

Our VBS this year will be from Monday, July 12th - Wednesday July 14th. The theme for this year will be "Great Events at Jerusalem". We will have a planning meeting *today*, May 16th, following our evening services.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork." (Psalm 19:1 NKJV)

## **Youth News and Updates**

#### **Home Devo Volunteers**

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those who would like to host a home devo this year.

#### H.E.Y.

Our last H.E.Y. session will be TODAY *Sunday, May 16th* at the Smartt congregation. We will leave the building at 4:30 PM and return between 7:30 PM and 7:45 PM.

### H.E.Y. T.A.B.S.

For those who signed up for the special combined meeting of H.E.Y. and T.A.B.S. on *Sunday, May 23rd* at Short Mountain Bible Camp, we will leave at 4:15 PM and return between 7:15 PM and 7:30 PM.

# **Short Mountain Bible Camp**

SMBC Warren/White County week is fast approaching (May 30th - June 4th). Please get your online registration completed soon. Once you register your camper please let Jason know.

**Future Events:** (local events/activities)

**tbh! 2021** - Saturday, May 22nd at the Morrison congregation. Please sign up if you are interested in attending this year.

**Short Mountain Bible Camp** -Warren/White week is May 30th - June 4th, Coffee County week is July 18th - July 23rd. Please put your name in the week you are attending this year.

**Vacation Bible Schools** Smyrna, Morrison and lvy Bluff will all have their VBS the week of Sunday, June 6th - Wednesday, June 8th.

"Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life." (Proverbs 4:23 NKIV)

## **Redbuds and Dogwoods**

Every year at this time our part of the world (southeast Missouri) is blessed with the blossoms of redbuds and dogwoods. In the spring the redbuds sprout their purplish brilliance, followed in a couple of weeks by the equally brilliant white and pink blossoms of the dogwoods. In many areas these trees are planted in such a way as to accent each other. Our older redbud is blooming brilliantly this year, and a younger one is just beginning to bloom a bit. It has taken a few years, but our dogwood will also bloom soon.

Each year the spring plants and trees offer us a vivid reminder of God. It's not evolution that maintains the laws of nature – it's God! If evolution was true (and of course it's not) things would be constantly inconsistent. You would never know from one year to the next how evolution would have worked it "magic" and altered the redbuds to start producing yellow blossoms or begin blooming in September instead of late March. But we know that won't happen because God is in control of nature and will maintain his laws of nature as long as the world exists. One of the great things the book of Hebrews says about Jesus is that He not only created the entire universe, but He also sustains "all things by his powerful word" (Hebrews 1:2-3). That's why every spring the redbuds and dogwoods put out their beautiful colors. Because of God, you can count on it year after year!

Jesus consistently demonstrates His power over the physical realm, and because of this we have reason to believe that He also can and will exercise His power over the spiritual realm. Redbuds and dogwoods give us evidence for believing that Jesus has all power and all authority in heaven and on earth (Matthew 28:18). When Jesus healed the paralytic (Mark 2:1-12) He made the point: "But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...,' He said to the paralytic, 'I tell you, get up, take up your mat and go home." Jesus used the visible, healing a crippled man, to expand their vision to also see that He could heal the spiritually crippled.

If we choose to, redbuds and dogwoods will do the same for us. They give evidence of His creative power. They give evidence of His power to maintain His laws. They give evidence that if He can do that each year, He also can do so much more. Jesus can give us renewal, new birth (John 3:3-5). Jesus can maintain our spiritual relationship with him year after year through His power working within us (Ephesians 3:14-21).

We have no excuses for refusing to believe in Jesus' power. King David said, "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1). Paul added that "God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse" (Romans 1:20). Remember this when you see redbuds and dogwoods every year.

By Joe Chesser