

Sunday Morning Worship

AnnouncementsJason Adams
 Lead SingingPaul Hurst
 First PrayerMatthew Woodside
 Reading.....Chris Snow
 ScriptureMatthew 28:19-20
 Lord's Table (N)*Tim Fisher
 SermonTony Lawrence
 DismissBobby Ashford

Sunday Evening Worship

AnnouncementsJason Adams
 Lead SingingPaul Hurst
 First PrayerKane Maynard
 ReadingBarry Mayes
 ScriptureIsaiah 43:2
 Lord's Table*Clent Kesey
*Kurt Maynard
 SermonJason Adams
 Dismiss.....Tony Lawrence

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsRyan McColloch
 Lead SingingHerb Rowland
 First PrayerRay Weddington
 Reading.....Kelly Thaxton
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Allen Hughes

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship211
 Bible Study.....156
 P.M. Worship.....130
 Wednesday Bible Study.....94
 Contribution\$6,918

Welcome Committee

A.M.Don & Susie Griffith
 P.M.....Paul Hurst & Family

*If you can not serve, please contact
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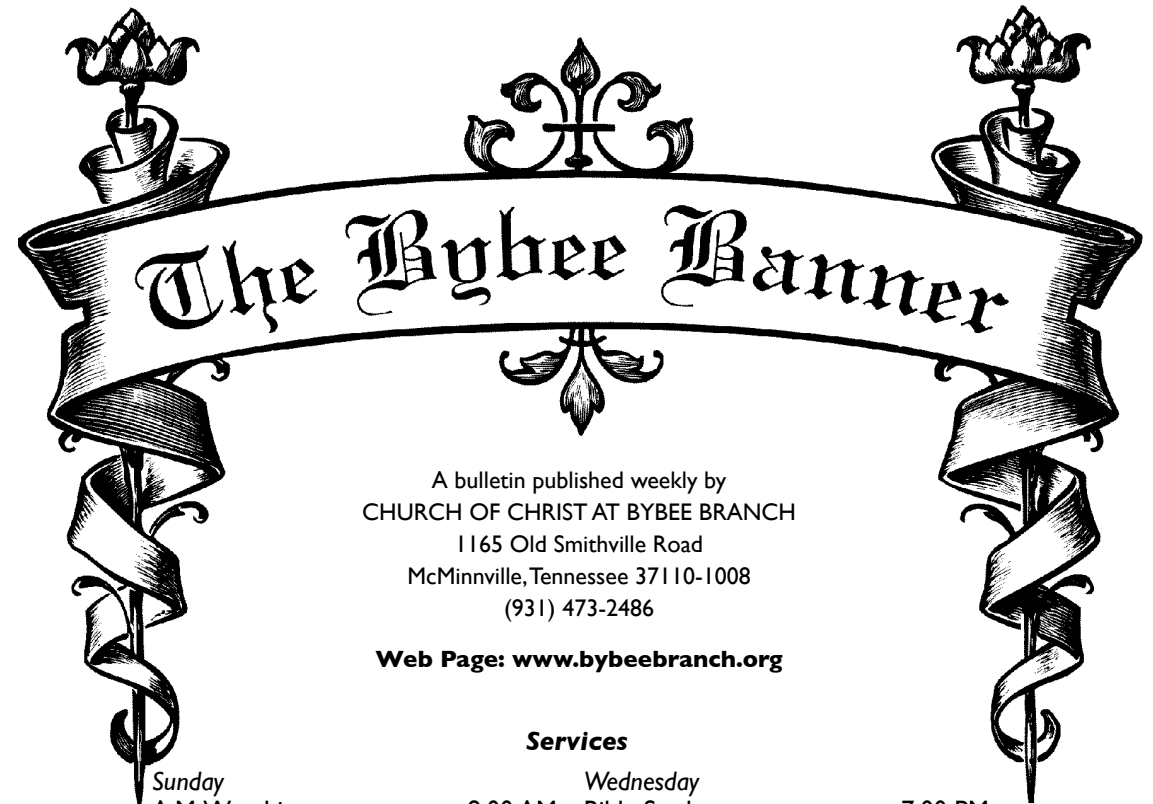
Ushers:.....Dwight Barrett, Tim Gann, Stan Hillis
 Un/Lock Building:.....TBD/Mike Mullins
 Assist Baptisms:Cindy Fisher & Doris Smith
 Pantry Item:Corn
 Check Pantry:Maggie Hurst
 Check Kitchen:.....Doris Smith
 Check Workroom:Rebecca Mullican
 VideoMicah Lawrence
 Elder Closing RemarksStanley Graves

December Bus Route Drivers

Sunday AM.....Danny Duncan
 Sunday AMTravis Adams
 Sunday PMLeonard Clemons
 Wednesday PM.....Caleb Graves

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Services

<i>Sunday</i> A.M. Worship Bible Study P.M. Worship	9:00 AM 10:15 AM 6:00 PM	<i>Wednesday</i> Bible Study <i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i> Monday Morning Bible Class	7:00 PM 9:00 AM
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Radio Program

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

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David McColloch	Jared Mullican
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Josue Castorena (Hispanic)	580-2477
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Sick

At Home:

Franklin Brooks
David Chilton
Tommy Crouch (receiving treatments)
Iva Cunningham
Glenda Ferrell (after procedure)
Danny Gray (Jessica Adams' father, heart surgery)
Mechele Hardy (Willie Newby's niece cancer beginning radiation treatments)
Elaine Hoover
Thelma Rowland
Francis Woodlee (Nelma & Nona's sister)
Eugene Womack

Hospital

Jimmy Ramsey (Maggie Hurst's brother-in-law)
Tennova Knoxville

Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Marsha Dunlap. Her services were this past Wednesday. Please keep Willard and the rest of her family in your prayers

Holiday Party

We will be having our annual holiday party on Sunday, December 11th following our evening services. We will be having soup and sandwiches. As always, everyone looks forward to anytime we can fellowship together. Please make plans to join us for this time of togetherness.

Monday Morning Bible Class

Our final Monday Morning Bible Class for 2022 will be this coming Monday morning, December 12th. A breakfast will be furnished at 8:00 AM followed by the class at 9:00 AM. Anyone is welcome to attend!

“⁶ So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷ For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.” (2 Corinthians 5:6–8)

Youth News and Updates

Holiday Gift Giving

Schedule of Activities: Tuesday, December 13th wrapping of gifts. Friday, December 16th delivery of gifts. There is a sign up sheet on the iPad for each activity. ANYONE can wrap or deliver.

Youth Emphasis Night

Our next Youth Emphasis Night will be on Sunday, December 11th. This is where the youth all sit together up front and Jason delivers the message. The lesson for that evening will be “Why does God allow people to suffer”? Please join us as we worship God together.

H.E.Y.

Bybee will be hosting this month's H.E.Y. and the theme is “Renew Your Patience”. Please make plans to attend our activity that will proceed our worship service that evening.

Challenge Youth Conference

CYC will be here before we know it. If you are in the 7th grade or older, and wish to attend, please see Jason.

End of the Year Youth Activities

December 11th (Sunday) Youth Emphasis Night

December 13th (Tuesday) HGG Wrapping

December 16 (Friday) HGG Delivery

December 18th (Sunday) H.E.Y. at Bybee



One of Satan's Most Effective and Insidious Weapons

Most of us have heard the old saying that informs us that “laughter is the best medicine.” A long time ago, a very wise man was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write these words: A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones. (Prov. 17:22) Those who know me know that I love to laugh. I love to be around people who laugh. I love to make people laugh.

Somebody like me needs to exercise caution. The reason is that, like everything else that Satan touches, he can turn what could be a good thing into something not so good. In fact, laughter can be a very evil thing.

I started thinking about this when a portion of an old situation comedy “popped up” on my computer recently. I’m not sure that I had seen this particular episode, but I did sometimes watch the series itself “back in the day.” For some reason, this relatively short clip caused me to do some thinking about what was presented as comedy. Of course, there was the “canned laughter” that was used to encourage laughter on the part of those watching.

I am not exaggerating when I say that God’s standards for morality and decency, especially in the area of human sexuality, were being laughed at. Along with that, the character who made an admittedly poor attempt to defend those standards came across as the real buffoon and totally out of touch with reality. I certainly am not trying to be sacrilegious, but I wonder if there could be the possibility that, as the audience roared with laughter, the Lord could have been shedding a tear.

What I do know is that what was the subject of “harmless laughter” in the 1970’s is now, not only accepted, but openly promoted. In fact, those who do not “get with the program” are the subjects of threats, intimidation, and, in some cases, violence. Some politicians have had to decide whether to remain true to the positions they once held or jettison those positions. Even some religious groups now openly accept, endorse, and promote what God’s word clearly condemns.

Is anybody besides me old enough to remember when people laughed uproariously at things that did not contain four-letter words? Do you ever find yourself remembering comedians and comedy shows of days gone by and thinking or saying something like: “Why do people today think that a person has to be dirty to be funny?”

Have you ever seen laughter used to intimidate? Maybe it is the child at school who doesn’t quite fit in or the adult who doesn’t conform in some way. Maybe the person being intimidated doesn’t dress like everybody else. Maybe it is an accent. Maybe the issue is skin color. It could be any number of things. Laughter has intimidated far too many people to conform to a particular belief, a lifestyle, and/or a philosophy that leads them toward eternal separation from God.

There is another type of laughter that is very closely associated with the type that is used to intimidate. In my mind, however, there is a slight difference. Laughter is often used to ridicule people. Again the laughter can be due to things like clothing, accent, skin color, or any number of other things. The result of this type of laughter could also be conformity. Another possibility, though, is that the person or people who are the objects of the laughter could choose isolation instead of conformity. That, in turn, could lead to some very, very dark places.

Sadly, in many circles what passes for “entertainment” does not merely ridicule God’s standards or His people. We are way past that point. We are now at the point where God, Himself, in the minds of many, is no longer our Creator. He is certainly not to be obeyed and approached with reverence. Instead, He is just another object of ridicule, sarcasm, and laughter.

I am thankful for laughter. It can be a great blessing from God. At the same time, I need to be aware of the fact that laughter can be one of Satan’s most insidious and effective tools — and that is no joke.

By Jim Faughn