

Sunday Morning Worship

AnnouncementsJason Adams
 Lead SingingPaul Hurst
 First PrayerDon Sullivan
 ReadingKen Martin
 Scripture.....1 Chronicles 12:32
 Lord's Table (N).....*Jeff Flatt
 SermonTony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Talan Mullican

Sunday Evening Worship

AnnouncementsJason Adams
 Lead SingingTalan Mullican
 First PrayerSeth Graves
 ReadingBruce Pryor
 Scripture2 Thessalonians 3:5
 Lord's Table*Danny Duncan
*Eddie Palmer
 SermonJason Adams
 Dismiss.....Stanley Clendenon

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsRyan McColloch
 Lead SingingMike Mullins
 First PrayerJoe Collins
 Reading.....Nate Turner
 Invitation.....Jared Mullican
 DismissLeonard Clemons

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship 184
 Bible Study..... 154
 P.M. Worship..... 134
 Wednesday Bible Study 101
 Contribution\$8,260

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Larry & Jane Flatt
 P.M.....Pat Gauger & Jean Ware

*If you can not serve, please contact
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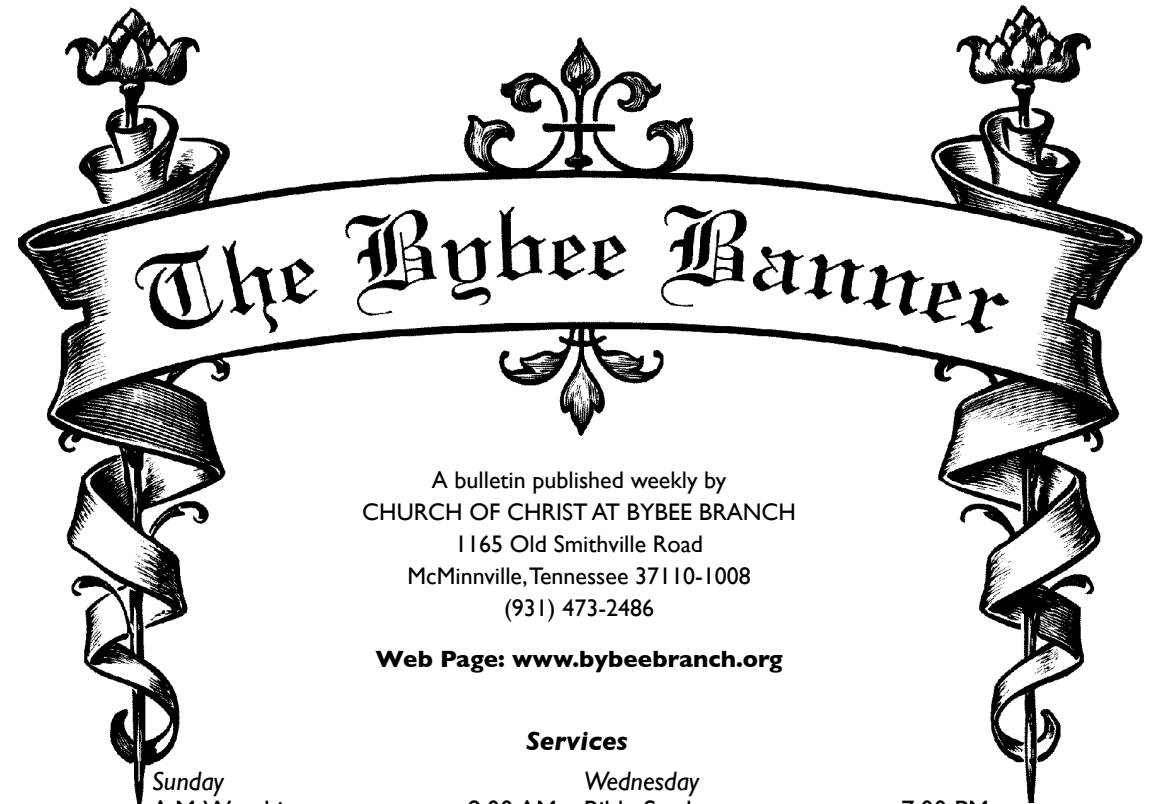
Ushers:.....Jason Vandagriff, Rodney Maynard, Clent Kesey
 Un/Lock Building:.....TBD/Mike Mullins
 Assist Baptisms:Cindy Fisher & Doris Smith
 Pantry Item:Chili
 Check Pantry:Maggie Hurst
 Check Kitchen:.....Doris Smith
 Check Workroom:Rebecca Mullican
 Video.....Micah Lawrence
 Elder Closing RemarksDon Griffith

December Bus Route Drivers

Sunday AM.....Danny Duncan
 Sunday AM.....Travis Adams
 Sunday PM.....Leonard 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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Rickey Hurst	Clent Kesey
Micah Lawrence	Kurt Maynard
David McColloch	Jared Mullican
Mike Mullins	Bruce Pryor
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Josue Castorena (Hispanic)	580-2477
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Sick

At Home:

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)
Doug Hendrixson
Elaine Hoover
Philip Wimberly
Francis Woodlee (Nelma & Nona's sister)
Eugene Womack

Hospital

Wilma Rogers (Lily Rutledge's sister) River Park
Jimmy Ramsey (Maggie Hurst's brother-in-law)
Tennova Knoxville

Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Jimmy Sims (the is the nephew of Irene Lawrence and Martha Cathey) His services were this past Monday. Please keep his family in your prayers.

Special Gospel Meeting

The Trousdale congregation will be having a special gospel meeting from Friday December 30th - Sunday January 1st. In 1972 the Trousdale congregation dedicated their build. To celebrate this 50th anniversary they are bringing back some ministers who got their start in the Trousdale pulpit. Ministers speaking at this meeting will be Wayne Cantrell Jr. (Friday), Greg Rains (Saturday) and Alan Northcutt (Sunday).

Thank You!

A simple "Thank You!" seems so inadequate for such a generous gift. Each year you honor us in such a kind way. We are humbled and want you to know we appreciate you!

~ Tony & Corretta Lawrence

Youth News and Updates

H.E.Y.

Bybee will be hosting this months 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. Additional tickets need to be purchased soon!

Home Devo's 2023

Jason is looking for those who would like to host a home devo in 2023. If you would like to host the youth in your home, for on of these devotional periods, please see Jason.

Youth Parent Meeting

There will be a youth parent meeting (or anyone wanting to be involved with the youth) on Sunday, January 8th following our evening services. This will be a brainstorming & informational meeting. All parents of the youth are encouraged to attend.

Youth Social Media

Just a reminder that we have two options for staying up-to-date on all our youth activities. We have a Facebook page titled Bybee Branch Youth Group. Here you will find event posts, pictures and updates of upcoming activities. We also have a website. This is where you can get details of all upcoming youth activities AND sign up for those activities. The web page is: www.youth.bybeebranch.org

Thank You

I wanted to say "Thank You" to the congregation for the gift you gave to me and my family. Working here has been more of a blessing to us than anyone could imagine. We love you all and look forward to what 2023 has to bring us!

~ Jason, Jessica, Travis, Vivian & Charlotte

What's Needed Today

On February 2, 1984, President Ronald Reagan spoke at the Annual National Prayer Breakfast in the International Ballroom at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

After greeting the assembly which included many U.S. Senators and Representatives, President Reagan said: "In a world today that is so torn with strife where the divisions seem to be increasing, not people coming together, within countries, divisions within the people, themselves and all, I wonder if we have ever thought about the greatest tool that we have -- that power of prayer and God's help."

"This power of prayer," continued President Reagan, "can be illustrated by a story that goes back to the fourth century..." Then he told about a monk that lived during the 4th century by the name of Telemachus. Telemachus had been living "in a little remote village, spending most of his time in prayer or tending the garden from which he obtained his sustenance," when he, because he believed it to be God's will, went to Rome.

When Telemachus arrived in Rome, President Reagan explained: It was at a time of a festival in Rome. They were celebrating a triumph over the Goths. And he followed a crowd into the Coliseum, and then there in the midst of this great crowd, he saw the gladiators come forth, stand before the Emperor, and say, "We who are about to die salute you." And he realized they were going to fight to the death for the entertainment of the crowds. And he cried out, "In the name of Christ, stop!" And his voice was lost in the tumult there in the great Coliseum.

And as the games began, he made his way down through the crowd and climbed over the wall and dropped to the floor of the arena. Suddenly the crowds saw this scrawny little figure making his way out to the gladiators and saying, over and over again, "In the name of Christ, stop." And they thought it was part of the entertainment, and at first they were amused. But then, when they realized it wasn't, they grew belligerent and angry. And as he was pleading with the gladiators, "In the name of Christ, stop," one of them plunged his sword into his body. And as he fell to the sand of the arena in death, his last words were, "In the name of Christ, stop."

And suddenly, a strange thing happened. The gladiators stood looking at this tiny form lying in the sand. A silence fell over the Coliseum. And then, someplace up in the upper tiers, an individual made his way to an exit and left, and others began to follow. And in the dead silence, everyone left the Coliseum. That was the last battle to the death between gladiators in the Roman Coliseum. Never again did anyone kill or did men kill each other for the entertainment of the crowd.

One tiny voice that could hardly be heard above the tumult: "In the name of Christ, stop." It is something we could be saying to each other throughout the world today.*

Peace. That's what we need in the world today. Peace between countries, peace within countries, peace in our homes, peace within each of us, and even peace with God. That's why God sent His Son into the world: that we may have peace with God (Romans 5:1-2), peace with others (cf. Ephesians 2:13-22), and peace within ourselves (Philippians 4:6-7). It all begins with having peace with God. It is our sin that separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2), but Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for our sins so that we can be reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:18-21).

God will forgive and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of their sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

"In the name of Christ, stop!" Stop fighting against God and one another. Surrender and submit to the will of God, and then share His grace with everyone around you.

By David Sargent