

Sunday Morning Worship

AnnouncementsJason Adams
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Herb Rowland
 Reading.....Dale Bennett
 Scripture.....John 11:25, 26
 Lord's Table (N).....*Larry Flatt
 Sermon.....Ray Weddington
 Dismiss.....Norman Sain

Sunday Evening Worship

AnnouncementsJason Adams
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Willie Newby
 Reading.....Travis Adams
 Scripture.....James 5:19, 20
 Lord's Table*Caleb Graves
*Jacob Graves
 Sermon.....Brandon Fuston
 DismissLincoln Sain

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Ryan McColloch
 Lead Singing.....Rickey Hurst
 First Prayer.....Tim Gann
 Reading.....Tucker Gann
 Invitation.....Jason Adams
 Dismiss.....David McColloch

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship 198
 Bible Study..... 152
 P.M. Worship..... 130
 Wednesday Bible Study.....89
 Contribution.....\$11,202

Welcome Committee

A.M.Stanley & Sherry Graves
 P.M.....Tim Gann & Family

*If you can not serve, please contact
 Brandon Fuston (931) 235-3248*

Ushers:David Chilton, Ronnie Prince, Bruce Pryor
 Un/Lock Building:.....TBD/Mike Mullins
 Assist Baptisms:Cindy Fisher & Doris Smith
 Pantry Item:Vegetable Soup
 Check Pantry:Maggie Hurst
 Check Kitchen:.....Doris Smith
 Check Workroom:Rebecca Mullican
 Video.....Micah Lawrence
 Elder Closing RemarksAllen Hughes

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>		<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.

Shepherds

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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	Jared Mullican
Mike Mullins	Bruce Pryor
Herb Rowland	

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Sick

At Home:

Bobby & Mary Ashford
David Chilton
Tommy Crouch
Danny Gray (Jessica Adams' father, heart surgery)
Mechele Hardy (Willie Newby's niece cancer)
Elaine Hoover
Kelly Peoples
Jimmy Ramsey (Maggie Hurst's brother-in-law)
Philip Wimberly
Francis Woodlee (Nelma & Nona's sister)
Eugene Womack

Hospital

Wilma Rogers (Lily Rutledge's sister) Willow Branch

Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Janie Ann France (Angie Caldwell's sister-in-law). She passed away last week. Please keep her 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 building. 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).

"I Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." 2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one." (Luke 11:1-4)

Youth News and Updates

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 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 one 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

January Youth Activities

January 8th (Sunday) Bible Bowl at Mt. Leo
January 8th (Sunday) Youth Parent Meeting
January 22nd (Sunday) Home Devo at TBD
January 25th (Wednesday) Birthday Wednesday
January 25th (Wednesday) CYC Release forms due
January 29th (Sunday) Youth Lead Worship Service

Our Greatest Privilege

"Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1)

The disciples of Jesus had listened to his sermons, but never asked, "Teach us to preach." They had observed his powerful miracles, but never said, "Lord, teach us to do miracles." The one thing they asked for Him to teach them was how to pray. Knowing how to pray effectively is far more desirable than knowing how to preach a powerful sermon. Moving heaven is much greater than moving men on earth.

Of course, there are many desirable gifts or privileges, but none surpasses the privilege of prayer. We can train men to preach moving sermons, but powerful praying can only come out of hearts that have been touched by the Master. More is accomplished through prayer than through sermons for without prayer sermons are empty and ineffective.

Obviously, the disciples had witnessed Jesus on His knees. They had seen the hand of God moved through His prayers. No one had prayed like Him. No one had talked with the Father the way Jesus did. They stood in awe as they listened to Him pray and they wanted to pray like Jesus prayed. Only Jesus could teach them to pray like that.

I've heard many moving prayers. Some were very short but powerful. A little boy in New York prayed, "God, I thank you for making me a human being and not a dog!" Some of the old saints knew how to pray. The key? They knew they were really talking to God and that God was listening.

Prayer is every believer's privilege. Not everyone is called to become preachers, or elders, or teachers, but everyone is called to pray. Later, Jesus would say, "Men ought always to pray and not to lose heart" (Luke 18:1). Praying opens the doors of heaven and moves the hand of God.

Unfortunately, many Christians do not avail themselves of this privilege. Instead, there is an expectation that life moves on its own, most days are reasonably comfortable, and we maintain good health. We forget that prayer is not solely about us. It is primary about communing with our heavenly Father. It is about advancing His kingdom in a world of darkness.

We are instructed to pray for others, to pray for laborers to go into the fields to reap the harvest, and for the spread of the gospel. If prayer is really power, how foolish is it for us to rely on ourselves when we have little control over anything. We have access to our God, the "Almighty" One, who is never tired or weary. Who is "able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask of think, according to the power at work in us". (Ephesians 3:20).

By Al Behel