

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing.....Joe Collins  
First Prayer.....Tim Fisher  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....Romans 16:17-18  
Lord's Table (N).....\*Larry Flatt  
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Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Kurt Maynard

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Allen Hughes  
Lead Singing.....Joe Collins  
First Prayer.....Stanley Graves  
Reading.....Tommy Crouch  
Scripture.....John 14:15, 21  
Lord's Table.....\*Caleb Graves  
.....\*Jacob Graves  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Rodney Reynolds

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing.....Jared Mullican  
First Prayer.....Nathan Turner  
Reading.....Eddie Palmer  
Invitation.....Ray Weddington  
Dismiss.....Talan Mullican

**Welcome Committee**

A.M.....Stanley & Sherry Graves  
P.M.....Micah Lawrence & Family  
*If you can not serve, please contact  
Jared Mullican (931) 224-1201*

Ushers:.....David Chilton, Ronnie Prince, Bruce Pryor  
Un/Lock Building:.....TBD/TBD  
Assist Baptisms:.....Jean Ware & Cynthia Duncan  
Pantry Item:.....Beef Stew  
Check Pantry:.....Rebecca Mullican  
Check Kitchen:.....Maggie Hurst  
Check Workroom:.....Jane Flatt  
Video.....Clent Kesey  
Elder Closing Remarks.....Don Griffith

**Record for the Week...**

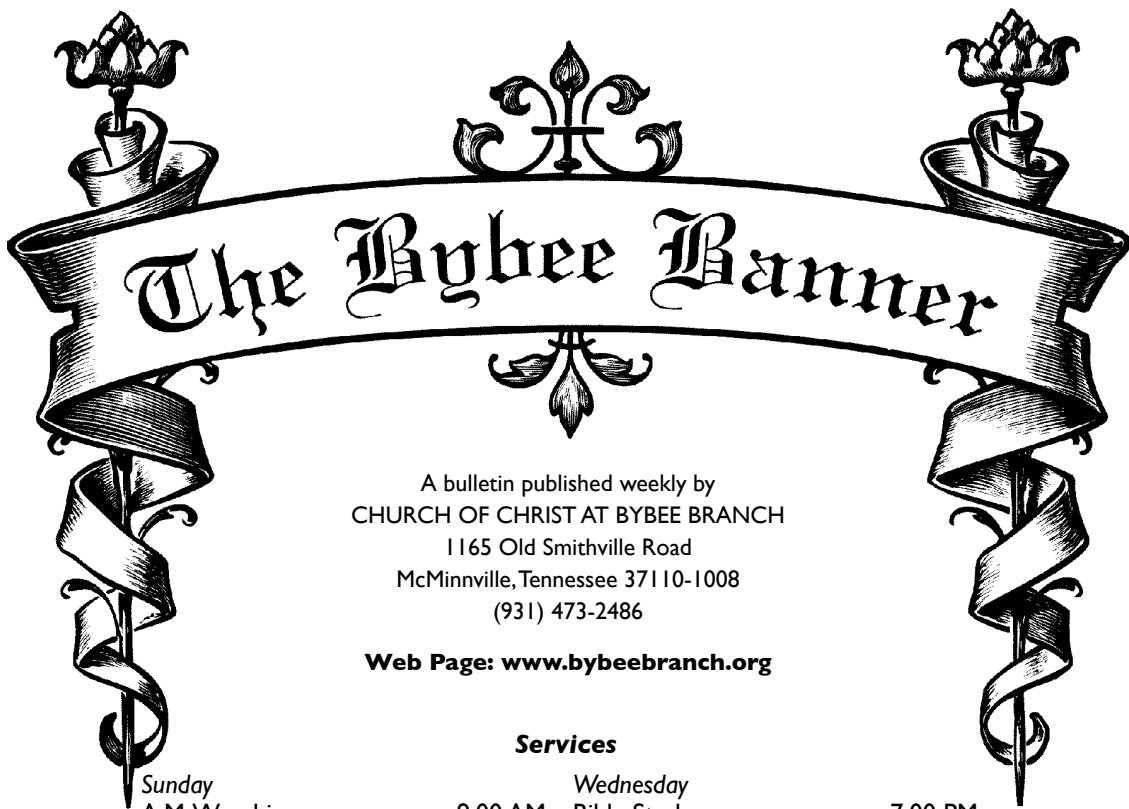
A.M. Worship.....199  
Bible Study.....158  
P.M. Worship.....108  
Wednesday Bible Study.....104  
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**Services**

<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 (2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> 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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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:

Tish Clarke  
Dennis Duncan  
Cindy Fisher  
Justin Griffith (Randy & Vickie Griffith’s son)  
Greg Grizzell  
Elaine Hoover  
Tyler Rutledge  
Titus Ward

Hospital

Deven Grove - AHC Bethesda in Cookeville

Sympathy

We want to extend out sympathy to the family of Betty King (Anna and cable King’s grandmother). She passed away last week. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Sympathy

We want to extend out sympathy to the family of TJ Jones (great-nephew of Clara Scott). Please keep his family in your prayers.

Area Events (further information is on the bulletin board)

The Main Street (in Manchester) will be having a Gospel Meeting from September 25th - 28th with brother David Sproule.

The New Hope congregation (in Woodbury) will be having a Gospel Meeting from September 25th - 28th with brother Robert Eversole.

On Friday, October 7th, there will be a night of singing at the Old Philadelphia meeting house.

The Shady Grove congregation will be having a Friends and Family Day on Sunday, October 9th, with brother David Lipe.

Visitation Teams

Visitation team #4 will meet in room #1 following our evening services.

Autumn Street Fair

The Autumn Street Fair is scheduled for Saturday, October 1st from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Volunteers are needed to be present at the booth for the duration of the day. Volunteers will be asked to help hand out calendars, goodies and greet people as they pass. At least 12 volunteers are needed. The time slots are 1.5 hour each. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Also, if you are willing to help set up on Friday night or tear down on Saturday evening, please see Caleb Graves.

Youth News and Updates

Home Devo

Our next home devo will be on Sunday, September 25th at the Kesey’s. Boys, please bring drinks and girls, please bring desserts.

Birthday Wednesday

Our next birthday Wednesday will be on Wednesday, September 28th following our evening devotional.

Erupt Diggin’ Deeper

This years theme is “Diamond in the Rough”. There are a limited number of tickets, so please sign up for this no later than Wednesday, September 21st.

Fall Retreat at Camp Hylake

The BBYG have been invited to join both Smartt and Morrison at Camp Hylake for a fall retreat. This will take place from October 28th - October 30th. Please sign up by October 17th (also indicate your t-shirt size). The cost is \$40 per person.

Upcoming Youth Activities

September 25th (Sunday) Home Devo at Kesey’s  
September 28th (Wednesday) Birthday Wednesday  
October 1st (Saturday) Autumn Street Fair  
October 2nd (Sunday) Bible Bowl at Bybee  
October 21st - 23rd Erupt...please sign up ASAP  
October 28th - 30th (Friday - Sunday) Fall Retreat

How Strong is Your Faith?

Stephen was a great man of faith. Earlier the Lord had identified him as a man of conviction, reputation, wisdom, and the Holy Spirit. All these traits of character were going to be necessary for what he was about to face.

It is easy to speak favorably of one’s commitment to the Lord when resistance is minimal, but when the heat in the kitchen rises (so to speak), the qualities of character are put to a test in a way that the temperature of the room is unable to accomplish. This was the experience of Stephen. He had been accused by the Jewish community of turning the world associated with the nation’s Law of Moses and their peculiar customs, upside down (Acts 6:13-14). Stephen had to be a man steady on his feet to have any opportunity to speak clearly. Stressful situations can make the body and tongue quiver. The words of wisdom from Proverbs come to mind: If thou faint in the day of adversity, Thy strength is small (24:10, ASV).

As the so-called trial of Stephen got underway, Stephen recounts, briefly, Israel’s history; this allowed for him to have an audience before he got to his main point. He gave attention to the call of Abraham, the family of Joseph in Egypt, the Law received by Moses, and how Moses wrote about a coming prophet unlike any prophet before or after him (7:37).

Stephen begins to zero in on his greater point, with a repetition of earlier prophetic tones, how the nation of Israel, as it currently was, was guilty of stubbornness, nationalism, and a refusal to consider the evidence God presented for His Son (7:51-53). This was more than those in the audience were willing to take. Stephen knew this would be their response, but he said what he did because it needed to be said on this day.

There are many who call themselves Christians who would not do what Stephen did. It’s easy to read and understand what we need to, but is there a heart for enduring something similar?

By R. Thomas