

Sunday Morning Worship

AnnouncementsLarry Flatt
Lead Singing.....Steven Hilton
First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover
Reading.....Marty Boles
Scripture2Corinthians 13:11-12
Lord's Table*Barry Mayes
SermonTony Lawrence
DismissLeonard Clemons

Sunday Evening Worship

AnnouncementsLarry Flatt
Lead Singing.....Steven Hilton
First Prayer.....Tommy Turner
Reading.....Nate Turner
Scripture.....Ephesians 6:10-11
Lord's Table*Caleb Graves
.....*Jacob Graves
SermonTony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Kurt Maynard

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsKelly Thaxton
Lead Singing.....Rickey Hurst
First Prayer.....Danny Duncan
Reading.....Jeff Flatt
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Cory Prince

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship164
Bible Study.....124
P.M. Worship.....105
Wednesday Bible Study.....89
Contribution\$4,852

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

*If you can not serve, please contact
Mike Mullins (931) 743-8093*

Ushers:.....Eddie Palmer, David McColloch, Bruce Pryor
Un/Lock Building:.....Herb Rowland/Mike Mullins
Assist Baptisms:Kara Fuston
Pantry Item:Peaches
Check Pantry:Marsha Collins
Check Kitchen:.....Nancy Mayfield
Check Workroom:Rebecca Mullican
VideoClent Kesey
Elder Closing RemarksStanley Graves

Van Driver

Sunday AM & PMStanley Graves
Wednesday PMKelly Thaxton

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Services

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

Radio Program

Each Sunday at 1:00 PM on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

TV Program

Each Sunday at 11:00 AM on BLTV Channel 6

Shepherds

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Stanley Graves	205-8139
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Deacons

Joe Collins	Jeff Flatt
Brandon Fuston	Tim Gann
Caleb Graves	Paul Hurst
Rickey Hurst	Clent Kesey
Barry Mayes	Kurt Maynard
David McColloch	Jared Mullican
Mike Mullins	Cory Prince
Bruce Pryor	Herb Rowland
Josue Castorena (Hispanic)	580-2477

Sick

At Home:

Kirstie Dixon (following back surgery)
Mannie Newby (Willie's brother)
Avie Clemons
Eugene Womack

Hospital

Glenda Ferrell - River Park ICU
Marty York - Willow Branch #502
Mark Fann (Ashley Newby-Fann's father-in-law) -
Vanderbilt slowly improving

Area Events

Ivy Bluff church of Christ will host their VBS on June 1-4.

Rockliff church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on June 8-11 with David Lipe preaching.

Morrison church of Christ will host their VBS on June 15-18.

Stiles Welcome Fellowship

There will be a fellowship to welcome Derrick, Heather and Joseph Stiles on Sunday, June 22, following the morning services. Fried chicken will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board to bring vegetables and desserts.

Lawrence Retirement Reception

There will be a retirement reception in honor of Tony & Corretta Lawrence on Sunday afternoon, June 8, from 2-4 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

Upcoming Youth Events

May 25th - Home Devo @ Civic Center
May 25-30 - White/Warren Week at SMBC



My Time Is Up

There will always be a "last" in every area of life — a last word, a last meal, a last day on a job... and for me this coming Sunday will be my "last" as the preacher at Bybee Branch.

Saying "thank you" seems in so many ways inadequate. Over the past few months I have been greatly humbled by the many kind words and acts of generosity. I have told others of how lovingly supportive this congregation has been! As Paul said, *"You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;"* (2 Corinthians 3:2).

While some have credited me with the ability to stay for forty years it is the congregation and the eldership that deserve the credit. As brother Curtis Cates used to say "if you see a turtle on a fence post you know one thing, he didn't get there by himself." I'm that turtle. I most certainly did not get where I am by myself. I had the strong support of a godly wife. Corretta served as the church secretary for ten years, taught many children in the in the kindergarten class while she also helped rear our family. She made it possible for me frequently to be away preaching, teaching and ministering to those in need. There are so many who made our tenure possible. I cannot fail to mention the sixteen men who have served as shepherds while I served under them (Noel Foster, Lee Flatt, Kenneth Woods, Rodney Reynolds, Bill Biles, Thurman Bennett, Doug Hendrixson, Bob Bonner, Don Griffith, Steve Boyd, Leonard Clemons, Harold Cook Stanley Graves, Don Sullivan, Allen Hughes and Jamie Brock). Over the years several former preachers ended up worshipping at Bybee Branch. I cannot fail to mention Stanley McInery and John Biddle as two great encouragers who have already departed this life. Even today I still enjoy a close friendship with numerous members. Thanks to everyone who has made this journey delightful.

"What will I leave behind?" has been on my mind a lot recently. Has my ministry been successful? Have I represented the Lord and this church well? What could I have done better? My hope is that first it has been pleasing to the Lord. After that, I hope

that I have been able to leave the right impression on the people of the community.

Starting June 1, brother Derrick Stiles will be the new preacher. He is a good, godly man as well as being a faithful preacher. He has a good family. I pray for him and I hope you will too. He deserves the time to establish himself in his work. Work with him, support him, encourage him as you have done for me these many years. As we "pass the baton" for the work of the pulpit it will be a transition but one that can be done successfully if we all have the right attitude. I am confident we will!

If I had one thing for which I would prefer to be remembered it would be that I was a faithful preacher of the Gospel. Brother Dowell Flatt recited the poem "The Bible Man" in chapel one day at Freed-Hardeman. The words of that wonderful poem has stayed with me these many years:

The Bible Man

He stands behind the sacred desk,
A book held in his hand;
And as he speaks his brethren know
He is a Bible man.

Upon the Scriptures, right and truth
He ever takes his stand
To make the gospel clear and plain—
He is the Bible man.

He loves the grand old Book divine,
He loves to preach the plan;
He loves the lost its message saves—
He is the Bible man.

Let skeptics doubt and heathen rage,
And build their hopes on sand,
He loves, and lives, and teaches God's Book—
He is the Bible man.

When worlds shall end and stars shall fall,
and at the throne we stand;
How sweet to hear the King's command,
Come home you Bible man.

~ Carl H. Bates ~

As this Sunday morning arrives I have a lesson prepared especially for the occasion. It will be taken from 2Corinthians 13:11-12. It is my desire that I can deliver it passionately without being overly emotional. I would make a request to each of you: please invite your family and friends to be at services Sunday. Give me one last opportunity to present a plea for their souls.

What does the future hold for us? Only the Lord knows for sure. Many have asked what I plan to do. I do have several speaking engagements scheduled for this Summer and Fall. I will be teaching a class for the Middle Tennessee School of Preaching on the Journeys of Jesus (August 28 to November 20), Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM. I will also teach a class in the new graduate program for Memphis School of Preaching (August 14 to October 31) on Logic and Epistemology. The MSOP class will be taught remotely from our house, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. And, who knows, I may even find time to fish occasionally (something I haven't done but once in at least 20 years).

"do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:" Ephesians 1:16

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy," Philippians 1:3-4

~ Tony Lawrence ~

**"Great is the LORD,
and greatly to be
praised; And His
greatness is
unsearchable."
Psalm 145:3**