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Sunday Morning Worship		
Announcements	Larry Flatt	
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst	
First Prayer	Mike Mullins	
Reading	Kane Newby	
Scripture	2 Corinthians 7:1	
Lord's Table	Brandon Fuston	
Sermon	Derrick Stiles	
Dismiss	Bobby Ashford	

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Paul Hurst
First Prayer	
Reading	Marty Boles
Scripture	
Lord's Table	
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Sermon	Derrick Stiles
Dismiss	Caleb Graves

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	Cory Prince
Lead Singing	Rickey Hurst
First Prayer	Willie Newby
Reading	Jacob Graves
Invitation	Larry Flatt
Dismiss	Dale Bennett

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship	164
Bible Study	123
P.M. Worship	
Wednesday Bible Study	73
Contribution	\$14965

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

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

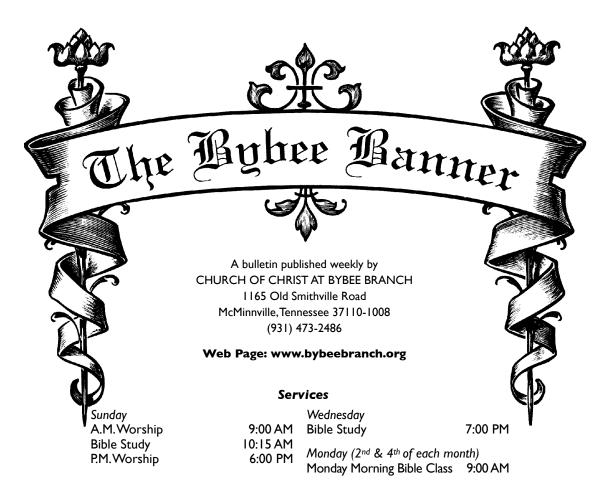
Ushers:Joe Maynard	d, Kurt Maynard, Rodney Maynard
Un/Lock Building:	Rickey Hurst, Don Sullivan
Assist Baptisms:	Mary Flatt
Pantry Item:	See List on Bulletin Board
Check Pantry:	Rebecca Mullican
Check Kitchen:	Thelma Rowland
Check Workroom:	Judy Sullivan
Video	Tommy Turner
Elder Closing Remarks	Stanley Graves

Van Driver

Sunday AM & PM	Derrick Pennington
Wednesday PM	Allen Hughes

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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		Deacons	
Leonard Clemons	473-4186	Joe Collins	Jeff Flatt
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		Barry Mayes	Kurt Maynard
		David McColloch	Jared Mullican
		Mike Mullins	Cory Prince
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Sick List:

Reminder: all mentioned are based on current condition at time of publishing and subject to change during the week.

Sick At Home:

No new additions

Shut-In At Home:

Maggie Hurst Elmer Rutledge

Hospital:

Iona King - St. Thomas Rutherford.

Surgery:

Ronnie Hoover - Procedure on December 8, was successful and is now home healing.

Danny Higgins - Upcoming surgery on December 18. Danny is Allen Hughes cousin.

Connor Nunley - At home recovering from Surgery.



Upcoming Area Events:

Rock Island church of Christ will host H.E.Y. Program on January 18th at 5pm.

Bible Bowl at Hebron

Bible Bowl will be January 4th at Hebron church of Christ. Service and testing to begin at 2PM. Be studying and preparing for the comprehensive test over I Corinthians 10-11.

Neighborhood Bible Study

Beginning in January Arlington church of Christ will host a Bible Study on each Monday night. These dates are January 5, 12, 19 & 26. Refreshments will be served at 6pm followed by a Bible study over Jacob & Esau from Genesis 26-36.

Monday Morning Bible Class

I personally want to say thank you for the wonderful attendance for our annual breakfast. It was a wonderful morning of good good, GREAT COFFEE, fellowship and study. We will meet again on January 12th at 9am and begin our study with 1 Kings 9:15.

Congregation Holiday Fellowship

Start making plans for our annual holiday fellowship here at the building on December 14th. Good food and fellowship to follow the evening services. A food sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Food Pantry

GREAT JOB! We are quickly replenishing inventory in the food pantry. Several food items are full, but we still have need in a few areas. Please be checking the bulletin board each week for a list of updated items needed. Again, Thank you all for your willingness to give to such a good work!

Outside Education Opportunities!

Upcoming opportunities for Biblical education outside the church are always available. As we approach a new year, many of our local Bible Colleges are offering classes for the new quarter. Some of these opportunities are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you are interested please see the posting or reach out to Derrick Stiles at derrick@bybeebranch.org.

Congratulations Youth!

Our youth participated in the Bible Bowl at Arlington last Sunday and finished tied for first place! We are very encouraged by our youths desire to study and compete in our community Bible Bowl. However, the greatest prize obtained is the knowledge and spiritual growth that comes from an in-depth study of Gods Word. Keep up the good work!

2 Corinthians 12:9

"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

The Gospel Plan of Salvation

One of the greatest blessings revealed in Scripture is that God desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (I Timothy 2:3-4). Salvation is not a mystery reserved for a select few, nor is it based on human traditions or feelings. It is grounded in the clear and consistent teaching of the New Testament. The Lord's church has long emphasized the need to return to the simple, biblical pattern for becoming a Christian—the same plan taught and practiced by the apostles in the first century. This plan is not man-made; it is the gospel of Christ, "the power of God to salvation" (Romans 1:16). The gospel plan of salvation is revealed step-bystep in Scripture, showing how a sinner moves from being lost to being saved, from being outside of Christ to being added to His church.

Hearing the Gospel

The journey begins with hearing the message of Christ. Faith does not arise from emotion or inherited belief but from exposure to God's word. "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). On Pentecost, the 3,000 who obeyed did so only after hearing Peter preach the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (Acts 2:22–36). No one can obey a gospel they have never heard, and no one can be saved without understanding the truth about Jesus.

Believing in Christ

Hearing alone is not enough; one must believe. Jesus said plainly, "If you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins" (John 8:24). Biblical belief is trusting Christ as the Son of God and accepting His authority. The eunuch confessed, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" before he was baptized (Acts 8:37). This belief forms the foundation of obedience. It is not a mere mental acknowledgment —it is a conviction that leads to action.

Repenting of Sin

The gospel demands a change of heart and life. Repentance is not simply feeling regret; it is turning away from sin and toward God. Peter declared, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Paul preached that God "commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). Repentance is

essential because sin separates man from God (Isaiah 59:1–2), and no one can cling to sin while seeking salvation.

Confessing Christ

The New Testament also teaches that one must confess Jesus openly. "If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9–10). Jesus Himself said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father" (Matthew 10:32). This confession is not a ritualistic statement but a sincere acknowledgment of Jesus' identity and authority.

Being Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins

Baptism is a crucial part of God's plan, not a symbolic act but a moment of spiritual transformation. The Bible clearly states that baptism is "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). It is the point at which sins are washed away (Acts 22:16), one is buried with Christ and raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3–4), and one puts on Christ (Galatians 3:27). Every conversion in Acts includes baptism as an essential step in becoming a Christian. Through baptism, God adds the saved to the church (Acts 2:47).

Living Faithfully

The gospel plan does not end at baptism. Christians must continue walking in the light (I John 1:7), remain faithful until death (Revelation 2:10), and grow in grace and knowledge (2 Peter 3:18). Salvation is a lifelong commitment to Christ, motivated by love and sustained by obedience.

Conclusion

The gospel plan of salvation is simple, beautiful, and powerful. It reflects God's desire for all to be saved and the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ. As the church of Christ, we call all people back to the same plan taught by the apostles: hear the gospel, believe in Christ, repent of sins, confess His name, be baptized for the remission of sins, and live faithfully. This is the path to salvation revealed in the New Testament and available to all who will humbly obey.

Derrick Stiles