

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Leonard Clemons  
Reading.....Jason Vandergriff  
Scripture.....Matthew 27:57-61  
Lord's Table.....Stanley Graves  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Tommy Turner  
Reading.....Nate Turner  
Scripture.....Philippians 2:5-11  
Lord's Table .....Dale Bennett  
.....Kane Newby  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Mike Mullins

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Joe Collins  
Lead Singing .....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer .....Eddie Palmer  
Reading .....Tucker Gann  
Invitation .....Ray Weddington  
Dismiss.....Daniel Schillinger

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship .....171  
Bible Study.....159  
P.M. Worship.....116  
Wednesday Bible Study.....98  
Contribution .....\$6494

**Welcome Committee**

Temporarily suspended

*If you can not serve, please contact  
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Ushers: .....Dale Bennett, Willie Newby, Herb Rowland  
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Check Pantry:.....Nancy Mayfield  
Check Kitchen: .....Mary Flatt  
Check Workroom: .....Rebecca Mullican  
Video.....Jeff Flatt  
Elder Closing Remarks .....Allen Hughes

**Van Driver**

Sunday AM .....Barry Mayes  
Sunday PM .....Paul Hurst  
Wednesday PM .....Jeff Flatt

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**Services**

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

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David McColloch	Jared Mullican
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At Home:

Mary Ashford  
Stanley Clendenon  
Judy Cook  
Maggie Hurst

At Hospital:

Mike York - Vanderbilt Burn Center Nashville

Upcoming Area Events

West Riverside church of Christ will host a Singing night on August 22.

Oakwood Street church of Christ will host a ladies day on September 13.

New Hope church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 21-24. Guest Speaker Don Blackwell.

Biblical Studies in the Fall

West Riverside church of Christ will host The Middle Tennessee School of Preaching and Biblical Studies on Thursday August 28 and continue each Thursday night through November 20. Lessons each Thursday at 6 & 7pm on the subject of 'Who was James?' Refreshments will be served. See bulletin board for more details.

Bible Bowl Meeting

Sunday August 10th the churches of Christ in Warren County met to discuss plans for the upcoming Bible Bowl season. It was decided, this year the kids will be studying and tested over 1 Corinthians. Parents please be encouraging your kids to participate in this great work.

H.E.Y. Helping Edify Youth

Beginning September 21, 2025 and running through May 3, 2026. Each third Sunday night of the month the H.E.Y. program will be hosted by various congregations in the community. More information to come and will be posted on the bulletin board.

Congratulations!

This past Sunday Evening, August 10th, Shelby Rambo was baptized into Christ. We are extremely happy in her decision to put God first in her life. Please encourage sister Shelby in her walk with Christ and let each one of us be a source of strength, assisting her in bearing burdens.

DIRECTORY UPDATE!

This Sunday evening August 17th you will have the option to update your directory photo. If you do not want your photo updated we encourage you, look over the information provided in the directory and make the changes necessary. There is currently a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please find a time that works best for you and sign your name. This will be conducted in the library. Sister Kara Fuston will be taking the photos. We will have a print out of the current directory to make any changes to your current information. This event will take place before and after evening service only. If you are unable to be present during these evening sessions please see Derrick Stiles to work out a more convenient time.

Ladies Day!!!

Just over a month away! The ladies of Bybee Branch will be hosting the annual ladies day here at the building. Mark your calendars for September 27. Our guest speaker will be Melissa Brock with the theme "Keys To Our Heavenly Home." More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

What lies before us? Part 2

"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." — Philippians 3:13-14, NKJV Every Christian has a past, but praise be to God— we are not prisoners of it. Whether it's a past full of mistakes, regrets, or even great successes, Scripture teaches us not to live backward but forward. As Paul so powerfully says in Philippians, we are to forget what is behind and press on toward Christ.

4. Reaching Forward to Christ

We don't just forget the past—we press forward. Christianity is not just about what we leave behind but what we are striving toward. Paul says he reaches for "the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." That prize is eternal life in the presence of God. But reaching forward requires focus. We can't run the Christian race while looking backward. Just as a runner strains ahead toward the finish line, we must put our energy, focus, and hope into knowing Christ more each day (Philippians 3:10). We are growing into His likeness, and every day is an opportunity to become more like Him. This pursuit includes personal devotion, worship, service, evangelism, and faithfulness in trials. It means making choices today that align with the future we are promised. It means looking not at temporary setbacks, but at the eternal reward (2 Corinthians 4:17-18).

5. Grace for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

Sometimes we're not held back by past sins but by past pain—loss, trauma, betrayal, or broken dreams. Jesus offers healing for that too. He invites the weary and burdened to come and find rest (Matthew 11:28-30). He is not only the Savior of our souls but the healer of our hearts.

God doesn't promise a life without difficulty, but He does promise new mercies each morning (Lamentations 3:22-23). He gives grace for each step, no matter how broken we feel. Our future is not determined by our past but by His promises. And His promises are sure. We are promised a home in heaven (John 14:2-3), a crown of life (James 1:12), and fellowship with God forever. That is what we look forward to. That is our motivation to keep going.

6. Living Forward as a Church

As a congregation, we too must apply this truth. Sometimes churches hold on to past conflicts, old wounds, or even traditions that hinder growth. Just like individuals, congregations must commit to being future-focused. Let us forgive as Christ forgave us (Ephesians 4:32). Let us support one another in growth and spiritual maturity. Let us reach out to the lost, build up the saved, and keep our eyes on Jesus. The church is not a museum of perfect people, but a family of redeemed sinners striving together toward heaven. Let's move forward in unity, purpose, and love.

Conclusion: Press On

What lies behind you may explain part of your story—but it does not define you. In Christ, you are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Forget what is behind. Reach forward to what is ahead. Keep your eyes on Jesus. The best is not behind you—it's ahead of you. "Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." Hebrews 12:1-2.

Let's run with joy. Let's press on. Let's look forward to Christ.

Derrick Stiles