

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Bruce Pryor  
Reading.....Jason Vandergriff  
Scripture .....Acts 4:34-37  
Lord's Table.....Don Sullivan  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Chris Snow

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Caleb Graves  
Reading.....Dale Bennett  
Scripture.....Psalm 42:8-11  
Lord's Table .....Ronnie Prince  
.....Cory Prince  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Michael Pack

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Paul Hurst  
Lead Singing.....Eddie Palmer  
First Prayer .....Joe Collins  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Invitation .....Rickey Hurst  
Dismiss .....Lincoln Sain

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship .....193  
Bible Study.....157  
P.M. Worship.....126  
Wednesday Bible Study.....88  
Contribution .....\$6589

**Welcome Committee**

Temporarily suspended

*If you can not serve, please contact  
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Ushers: .....Joe Maynard, Kurt Maynard, Rodney Maynard  
Un/Lock Building: .....Rodney Maynard, Mike Mullins  
Assist Baptisms: .....Susan Pryor  
Pantry Item: .....No need at this time  
Check Pantry: .....Kara Hurst  
Check Kitchen: .....Denice Rhea  
Check Workroom: .....Cynthia Duncan  
Video.....Jeff Flatt  
Elder Closing Remarks .....Allen Hughes

**Van Driver**

Sunday AM & PM .....Jared Mullican  
Wednesday PM .....Stan Hillis

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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 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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## Sick List:

## Sick At Home:

*No New Additions*

## Shut-In At Home:

*Maggie Hurst*

## Hospital:

*No New Additions*

## Surgery:

*No New Additions*

## Sympathy:

*No New Additions*

**Reminder: all mentioned on sick and/or shut-in list are based on current condition at time of publishing and subject to change during the week.**

## Upcoming Area Events:

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

*Cookeville church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting on January 18-21. Please see the bulletin board for more details.

## Monday Morning Bible Class

After a short break during the holiday season, our Monday Morning Bible class is back to full activity on January 12th. We meet every second and fourth Monday of the month at 9am at the Bybee Branch building, room 10-11. The area of study will pick up from 1 Kings 9:15. Hope to see you there!

## Bible Bowl at Ivy Bluff

Bible Bowl will be February 2nd at Ivy Bluff church of Christ. Service and testing to begin at 2PM. Be studying and preparing for the comprehensive test over 1 Corinthians 12-14.

## 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.

## FHU Lectureships

Quickly approaching is the annual Freed-Hardeman Bible Lectureship. February 1-5, 2026 theme "Our God, His Kingdom: Seeing the Christ in Matthew." See the bulletin board for details, or visit flu.edu/lectureship.

## 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](mailto:derrick@bybeebranch.org).

## Congratulations to our Youth!

Another wonderful showing at the Bible Bowl this past Sunday. Our young people finished 2nd, only missing one on the test over 1 Corinthians 10-11. The knowledge and wisdom which comes from this great work will make a lasting impression on our young people. We pray each one will continue with the desire to study God's word.

## Welcome the Elkins Family!

We joyfully welcome the Elkins family to our church family and thank God for their decision to place membership with us. As members of the body of Christ, we are united by a shared faith, a common hope, and a commitment to follow the teachings of the New Testament (Ephesians 4:4-6). We look forward to worshiping, working, and growing together as we encourage one another in love and good works (Hebrews 10:24-25). May the Lord bless Scott, Tera, Rylan and Levi as we labor side by side in His service, striving to glorify God in all that we do.

## What Is Repentance

Repentance is a foundational doctrine of the gospel of Jesus Christ. From the preaching of John the Baptist to the apostles of the early church, repentance has always been proclaimed as necessary for salvation. In a religious world that often minimizes repentance or redefines it as mere regret, the Bible presents repentance as a decisive change of heart that results in a changed life.

John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord by preaching repentance. "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:2). His message demanded more than emotional sorrow; it required fruit consistent with a transformed life. John warned, "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance" (Matthew 3:8). True repentance is always visible in conduct.

Jesus Himself continued this same message. "I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3). Repentance, according to Christ, is not optional. It is a divine requirement for those who desire forgiveness and eternal life. The Lord did not teach repentance as a vague feeling but as a response of submission to God's will.

Biblically, repentance involves a change of mind that leads to a change of direction. Paul explains this clearly when he writes, "For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death" (2 Corinthians 7:10). Worldly sorrow may involve guilt or shame, but it does not lead one back to God. Godly sorrow, however, produces repentance—a turning away from sin and a turning toward righteousness.

On the day of Pentecost, when the people were convicted of their sin in crucifying Christ, they asked the apostles what they must do. Peter responded, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). This verse demonstrates the clear connection between repentance, obedience, and forgiveness. Repentance is not a stand-alone experience; it is part of the obedient response to the gospel that includes baptism.

Repentance is inseparable from faithful obedience. Faith alone, without repentance, cannot save. James reminds us that faith without works is dead (James 2:17). Repentance is one of the essential works of faith—an act of humble submission to God's authority. When one truly repents, they abandon sinful practices and commit themselves to living according to God's word.

Paul declared that he preached "that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance" (Acts 26:20). Repentance, therefore, is not completed at the moment of sorrow but proven by ongoing obedience. A person cannot claim repentance while continuing in the same sinful lifestyle without change.

Repentance also remains vital for Christians. Though we are baptized into Christ for the remission of sins, we are not immune to temptation. When Simon the sorcerer sinned after his baptism, Peter instructed him, "Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you" (Acts 8:22). Repentance remains the pathway to restoration for the erring child of God.

Ultimately, repentance reflects the mercy and patience of God. The Lord does not desire that any should perish, "but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). God's call to repent is an invitation to life, forgiveness, and reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

May we never diminish the importance of repentance. Instead, let us preach it plainly, practice it faithfully, and encourage one another to walk in lives worthy of the gospel. True repentance leads us away from sin and closer to God—and that is a blessing beyond measure.

Derrick Stiles

## Acts 17:30-31

"Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

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