

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements Larry Flatt
Lead Singing Stanley Graves
First Prayer Tim Fisher
Reading Marty Boles
Scripture Acts 17:2-3
Lord's Table Norman Sain
Sermon Derrick Stiles
Dismiss Bobby Ashford

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements Larry Flatt
Lead Singing Stanley Graves
First Prayer Tommy Turner
Reading Lincoln Sain
Scripture Matthew 6:25-26
Lord's Table Kurt Maynard
..... Kane Maynard
Sermon Derrick Stiles
Dismiss Joseph Stiles

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements Paul Hurst
Lead Singing Jared Mullican
First Prayer Allen Hughes
Reading Cory Prince
Invitation Derrick Stiles
Dismiss David McColloch

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship	172
Bible Study	139
P.M. Worship	102
Wednesday Bible Study	98
Contribution	\$4893

Welcome Committee

Temporarily suspended

If you can not serve, please contact
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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 Leonard Clemons

Van Driver

Sunday AM & PM Danny Duncan
Wednesday PM Stan Hillis

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Services

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

Teresa Gann

Shut-In At Home:

Maggie Hurst

Judy Cook - No cancer, to see a specialist soon regarding current issues

Myra Bell - Scheduled with Cardiologist on January 16 to determine next steps

Greg Grizzell - Health is declining fast

Hospital:

Graham Mayes - UT Children's Hospital Knoxville

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.

Elders & Deacons Meeting

Quarterly elders & deacons meeting will be at 5pm on January 25. This meeting will be held in room 10-11 just before services.

General Business Meeting

Quarterly business meeting will be immediately following services on January 25. This meeting will be held in the fellowship hall.

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.

Bethlehem church of Christ will host their annual singing on Saturday January 31st at 5:30pm. See bulletin board for more details.

Morrison church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on February 14th.

West Riverside church of Christ is hosting Biblical studies on each Thursday night January 8th - April 2nd.

Monday Morning Bible Class

The next meeting of the Monday Morning Bible class will be on January 26th. 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 I Kings 10. 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 I 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 fhu.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.

Making the Great Confession

Among the foundational acts of New Testament faith is what Scripture calls the *confession*. Often referred to as "the great confession," it is the heartfelt acknowledgment that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. This confession is not a mere formality or empty recitation, but a sincere declaration of faith that stands at the doorway of salvation and discipleship.

The apostle Paul plainly states, "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). He continues, "For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation" (Romans 10:10). Here, belief and confession are inseparably joined. Faith that remains unspoken is incomplete; confession gives voice to belief and publicly aligns the believer with Christ.

One of the clearest biblical examples of the great confession is found in the account of the Ethiopian eunuch. As Philip preached Jesus to him, the eunuch asked, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" Philip replied, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." The eunuch answered with the confession: "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God" (Acts 8:36-37). This confession immediately preceded his baptism, illustrating the New Testament pattern: hearing the gospel, believing, confessing Christ, repenting of sins, and being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

Jesus Himself emphasized the importance of confession. He declared, "Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, him I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 10:32-33). The great confession is thus not optional. It is a decisive moment in which one openly identifies with Christ, regardless of the cost.

Confession is not viewed as a substitute for baptism, nor as a one-time statement that guarantees salvation apart from obedience. Rather, it is a biblical requirement that works together

with faith and obedience. James reminds us that "faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead" (James 2:17). The confession is a work of faith, not earning salvation, but responding to God's grace with humble submission.

Furthermore, making the great confession is not only about entering Christ; it sets the tone for the Christian life. Christians are called to continue confessing Christ daily through their words and conduct. Jesus warned that some honor God with their lips while their hearts are far from Him (Matthew 15:8). True confession must be matched by faithful living. Paul urged Timothy, "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses" (1 Timothy 6:12). Timothy's confession marked a lifelong commitment to serve Christ.

In a world increasingly hostile to biblical truth, making the great confession requires courage. To declare "Jesus is Lord" is to reject self-rule and submit to His authority (Luke 6:46). It is to affirm His deity, His resurrection, and His right to reign over our lives. This confession unites believers with the church Christ purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:28).

May we never reduce the great confession to a ritualistic phrase. Instead, let us teach it as Scripture presents it: a sincere, public declaration of faith in Jesus Christ, made with the heart, spoken with the mouth, and lived out in obedience. When one makes this confession and follows Christ in baptism, they step into the grace of God and begin a life devoted to Him. May every confession we make truly reflect our allegiance to the risen Lord.

Derrick Stiles

All of Me

Lord, guide my feet that I may walk
The narrow road with You
In the path that's shining more and more
With the perfect day in view.
In body, soul and spirit
I surrender ALL of me
So the light within may shine without
And all the world may see.