

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston
Lead Singing.....Paul Hurst
First Prayer.....Tim Fisher
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff
Scripture.....Isaiah 64:5-6
Lord's Table.....Barry Mayes
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles
Dismiss.....Bobby Ashford

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston
Lead Singing.....Paul Hurst
First Prayer.....Allen Hughes
Reading.....David McColloch
Scripture.....Judges 6:11-12
Lord's Table.....Tim Gann
.....Tucker Gann
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles
Dismiss.....Jeff Flatt

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Kane Newby
Lead Singing.....Cory Prince
First Prayer.....Mike Mullins
Reading.....Jared Mullican
Invitation.....Derrick Stiles
Dismiss.....Joseph Stiles

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship.....179
Bible Study.....136
P.M. Worship.....102
Wednesday Bible Study.....107
Contribution.....\$5883

Welcome Committee

A.M.Bruce & Susan Pryor
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Check Kitchen:.....Denice Rhea
Check Workroom:.....Susan Grandey
Video.....Tommy Turner
Elder Closing Remarks.....Stanley Graves

Van Driver

Sunday AM & PM.....Rickey Hurst
Wednesday PM.....Eddie Palmer

Sunday Sermon Titles

AM ...'The Most _____ Verse in the Bible' Series
PM 'Judges: Expository Series Part 5'

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Services

Sunday	Wednesday	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study 6:30 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM	
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	Monday (2 nd & 4 th 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

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Jared Mullican	Mike Mullins
Cory Prince	Bruce Pryor
Herb Rowland	

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Prayer List:

Sick At Home

Ronnie Hoover
Heather Pack
James Elkins

Upcoming Surgery

Eugene Wilkerson - Shoulder Surgery Sept. 15
Terry Hanvey - Knee Surgery October 22

Upcoming Area Events:

New Hope church of Christ will host a Gospel meeting on September 20-23. Guest speaker Jeff Archey.

Bybee Branch church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on September 26. Guest Speaker Denice Rhea.

Old Philadelphia will host its annual Singing night on October 2.

Northcutts Cove church of Christ will host a Friend's and Family Day on October 4.

Harmony church of Christ will host its annual Singing night on October 16.

West Riverside church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on October 24. Guest Speaker Brandi Gann.

Arlington church of Christ will host its annual Singing night on November 6.

Leoni church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting November 8-11. Guest Speaker David Costello.

Mount Della church of Christ will host its annual Singing night on December 31.

Monday Morning Bible Class

Our next meeting for Monday Morning Bible Class will be located at **Antioch church building in the Fair Village** on September 14. Study will begin at 1 Kings 14:6. We hope to see you there!

H.E.Y. (Helping Edify Youth)!

Our first community H.E.Y. program event will be on September 28 at 5pm. Host congregation is the Church of Christ at Smartt.

Autumn Street Fair!

The Autumn Street Fair is coming up on Saturday, October 3! This is a wonderful opportunity for us to be present in our community, enjoy time together, and represent the congregation in a positive way. We would love to have plenty of volunteers participate and help make the day a success! A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board for those who would like to help. Please consider signing up and being a part of this great opportunity to connect with our community!

Bible Bowl...

Begins on October 4th here at Bybee Branch. Our first area of study will be 2 Corinthians 1-3. Please welcome Brother OC Woodlee as our guest speaker for the morning worship service and at the 2pm adult class period.

Fair Singing!

Come one, come all! Tuesday night September 15 at 6pm we will have our annual fair singing at the Antioch church building in fair village. We hope you will make plans to come and sing hymns to our Lord. What an encouraging way to edify one another in spiritual hymns and songs!

Ladies Day is Almost Here!

Ladies, be making plans now to join us for our upcoming Ladies Day on Saturday, September 26! This will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship, encouragement, and a day devoted to spiritual growth through God's Word. We are excited to welcome a wonderful Christian lady who is no stranger to the congregation, lifetime member and sister in Christ, Denice Rhea as our guest speaker. Begin inviting your lady friends, family members, neighbors, and coworkers to come with you. Mark your calendars, spread the word, and make plans to be part of this special day together!

Jeremiah 20:9

"Then I said, 'I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name.' But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not."

The Fire He Could Not Put Out

Jeremiah knew what it was like to become discouraged while doing the work of God. He had been called to preach to a stubborn and rebellious nation. His message was rejected, his motives were questioned, and his faithfulness often brought suffering rather than appreciation. Yet Jeremiah teaches us a powerful lesson: we may feel like quitting, but when God's Word truly lives within us, there is a fire that refuses to go out.

Jeremiah's ministry was difficult from the beginning. God warned him that people would fight against him (Jeremiah 1:19). He preached repentance, warned Judah of coming judgment, and pleaded with the people to return to God. Instead of listening, many mocked and opposed him. In Jeremiah 20, the opposition became personal. Pashhur, a priest and chief officer in the house of the Lord, struck Jeremiah and placed him in the stocks (Jeremiah 20:1-2). Jeremiah was publicly humiliated and physically mistreated—not because he had done wrong, but because he had faithfully proclaimed God's message.

Sometimes doing what is right does not make life easier. Faithfulness is often demonstrated by continuing to do right when doing right becomes difficult. Jeremiah eventually reached an emotional breaking point. He cried, "I am in derision daily; everyone mocks me" (Jeremiah 20:7). Every time he spoke, his message seemed to bring him more trouble. Finally, Jeremiah decided he had endured enough: "I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore in His name" (v. 9). In other words, "I'm finished. I'm not doing this anymore."

Have you ever felt that way? Perhaps you have tried to encourage someone who refuses to listen. Maybe you have attempted to share the Gospel and been rejected. You may have served faithfully without feeling appreciated. You may have prayed for someone who continues down the wrong path. Eventually, discouragement begins whispering, "Why keep trying?"

Jeremiah discovered the answer. He tried to remain silent, "But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I was weary of

holding it back, and I could not" (Jeremiah 20:9). Jeremiah could stop his mouth temporarily, but he could not extinguish the message in his heart.

That is what happens when God's Word becomes more than words printed on a page. It becomes part of us. It shapes our thinking, strengthens our faith, changes our priorities, and compels us to act. Christians need that same fire today. There are neighbors who need to hear about Jesus. There are children and grandchildren who need godly examples. There are discouraged Christians who need encouragement. There are wandering souls who need someone to lovingly call them home. There are lost people who desperately need the Gospel.

Peter and John understood this conviction. When commanded to stop speaking about Jesus, they answered, "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). Paul expressed the same determination: "Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). However, spiritual fire must be fed. If we neglect prayer, worship, Bible study, fellowship, and service, our enthusiasm can weaken. Paul told Timothy, "Stir up the gift of God which is in you" (2 Timothy 1:6).

Perhaps your fire does not burn as brightly as it once did. Maybe disappointment has dampened your enthusiasm. Perhaps criticism has made you hesitant. Jeremiah reminds us that discouragement does not have to be the end of our story. Go back to the Word. Remember the cross. Remember the empty tomb. Remember your hope of heaven. Remember the souls around you who need Christ.

Jeremiah wanted to quit—but he could not put out the fire. When you are tired, keep serving. When you are criticized, keep loving. When someone rejects the truth, keep teaching. When the work becomes difficult, keep going. May God's Word burn so deeply within our hearts that discouragement cannot silence us. The world may try to silence the message, but when the Word is truly in our hearts, there is a fire we simply cannot put out.

Derrick Stiles