

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Ronnie Rogers  
 Reading Noel Pepper  
 Scripture II Timothy 2:1-13  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Johnny Anderson  
 (S) \*John Biddle  
 (N) John Stembridge  
 (N) Jeff Bond  
 (N) Dennis Gann  
 (S) Jeff Templeton  
 (S) Edgar Webb  
 (S) Kelly Thaxton  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bill Womack

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Don Sullivan  
 Reading Brett Merritt  
 Scripture Luke 8:1-8  
 Lord's Table \*Bob Bonner  
 Frank Reynolds  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Mark Lawrence

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Bob Mayfield  
 Reading Micah Lawrence  
 Invitation Thurman Bennett  
 Dismiss Joey Reynolds

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Tim Fisher Family  
 P.M. Willie Newby Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Lee & Eugene Wilcher

**Attend Nursery:** Iona King

**Lock Building:** Stanley Graves

**Pantry Item:** Peaches

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 299  
 Bible Study ..... 229  
 P.M. Worship ..... 225  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 153  
 Contribution ..... \$4,831

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 Jeff Flatt Billy Gilbert  
 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Leonard Crouch

### In The Hospital:

John Robert Porter-VA Hospital in Murfreesboro

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Strong Christians

P.M. .... Pearls From Proverbs: The Sower

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Chris & Merideth Jones on the birth of a baby boy, Mitchell Andrew. He was born January 3, and weighed in a 7lbs 7ozs. Also congratulations to the proud grandparents, Steve and Teresa Atnip, Great-grandparents, Joe T. & Mary Lois Cantrell and Daisy and Walter Maxwell, Great-great grandmother, Dorothy Foster.

## Bible Bowl

This Sunday will be the Bible Bowl. The bus will leave at 1:25 SHARP to go to Leoni.

There will be a practice session and fellowship Saturday night from 6-8 p.m. at the building. Please bring \$2.00 to cover the cost of refreshments.

## New Construction

The elders gave an update on the progress of the new construction last Sunday morning. To date almost \$80 thousand has been spent with the work on the inside to begin next week. All of the saved funds have been expended. *If you can give extra, now is the time.*

## Shut-ins

The church here has a number of our members that can no longer attend services. Some are shut-in temporarily, others are on a longer lasting basis. Please remember them at this time of year. Also, please let us know of updates as we do not intend to leave anyone off the list..

### McMinnville Health Care:

Minnie Cooper  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Nettie Rigsby  
Adina Rowland  
Earlene Ray

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

Nora Lee Griffith  
Flossie Smartt

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Flora Smith  
Yuriko Biles

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Marvin Crouch

### Peachtree Manor (Smyrna)

Avis Pauline Taylor

### Home:

Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Edith Cantrell  
Fate Cantrell  
Rozelle Goodman  
Catherine Flatt  
Joe Maxwell  
Edith Morrow  
Bessie Parker  
Brown Simpson  
Irene Simpson  
Magdalene Taylor  
Belle Young  
June Slatton

## Visitation Teams

January—June 1997

### Team # 1 First Sunday

Danny & Cynthia Duncan \*  
Larry & Jane Flatt  
Judy Payne  
Steve & Carol Boyd

Lou Leatherwood  
Tim & Cindy Fisher  
Dawn Wanamaker  
Jeff & Tammy McKinnley

### Team # 2 Second Sunday

Ronnie & Cindy Rogers \*  
Dana Roller  
Jeff & Mary Flatt  
Rodney & Patsy Reynolds

Steve & Sharla Hillis  
Phillip & Teri Smith  
Chuck & Mattie Medley

### Team # 3 Third Sunday

Johnny & Donna Anderson \*  
Willie & Donna Newby  
Lemmie & Brenda Bratten  
Denice Reynolds  
Thurman & Hazel Bennett

Doris Smith  
Doug Hendrixson & Missy Biles  
Debbie Glenn  
Bob & Ada Mayfield

### Team # 4 Fourth Sunday

Don & Susie Griffith \*  
Angie Caldwell  
Lisa Bennett  
Stanley & Sherry Graves

Tony & Corretta Lawrence  
Linda Cantrell  
Don & Judy Sullivan

### Meet At Church Building Room # 1

### Team # 5 First Sunday

Billy & Junetta Gilbert \*  
W. C. & Nelma Chilton  
Edna Smith  
Georgia Womack  
Mildred Bumbalough  
Mary Davis

Bernice Fults  
Lucille Newby  
Teresa Atnip  
Helen Morgan  
Dot Foster

### Team # 6 Third Sunday

Kurt & Stephanie Maynard \*  
Clyde Christian  
Joe & Marsha Collins  
John & Pearl Biddle  
Jackie & Sherry Pelham

Glenda Solomon  
Woodrow & Mildred Glenn  
Chris & Merideth Jones  
Lynette & Becky Maynard

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Chuck Boles  
 Reading Joe Roller  
 Scripture Ecclesiastes 4:12  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Jeff Flatt  
 (S) \*Thurman Bennett  
 (N) J.B. Gribble  
 (N) Chad Graves  
 (N) Ralph Crouch  
 (S) Derrick Pennington  
 (S) David McColloch  
 (S) Joe T. Cantrell  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ronnie Prince

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Joe Collins  
 First Prayer Tommy Crouch  
 Reading Harry Felty  
 Scripture Matthew 28:18-20  
 Lord's Table \*Ronnie Rogers  
 Eddie Palmer  
 Sermon Thurman Bennett  
 Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-9581) Willie Newby  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Alan Collins  
 Reading Johnny Anderson  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Buell Warren

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Teresa Atnip & Bernice Fults  
 P.M. Scena Christian & Clercie Delon

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Don Sullivan & John Stembridge

**Attend Nursery:** Gail Crouch

**Lock Building:** Stanley Graves

**Pantry Item:** Pears

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	247
Bible Study .....	192
P.M. Worship .....	174
Wednesday Bible Study .....	181
Contribution .....	\$3,763

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## Sick

### At Home:

Mary Beth Atnip

### In The Hospital:

John Robert Porter-VA Hospital in Murfreesboro  
Alfred Isabell (uncle of Phillip Smith)-VA Hospital  
in IL with a stroke

Steve Ary-in Columbia Hospital with Pneumonia  
in both lungs cards can be sent to:  
Columbia Hospital  
161 Mt. Pelia Rd  
Martin, TN 38237

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Blest Be The Tie Binds

P.M. .... Thailand Report: Thurman Bennett

## Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to the family of Robert Wheeler Wagner (brother of our Edna Smith). His funeral was Tuesday at Highs.

## Basketball Cancelled

There was to be a basketball game this Saturday at 6:00 p.m. at the Senior High School gym. Due to the snow cancellations the school will be using the gym. We will try to reschedule.

## Bible Bowl

Due to the snow last Sunday, the Bible Bowl has been rescheduled for this Sunday. The bus will leave at 1:25 SHARP to go to Leoni.

## New Construction

The elders announced Sunday some changes necessary during the construction of the auditorium ceiling. Hopefully this will be completed in 5-6 weeks.

1. During the construction only one half of the auditorium will be usable. We will all have sit a little closer together to fill up the pews. Additional seating will be in classrooms 6-7 near the front of the auditorium. Also there will be some additional seating near the rear. Please try to leave the last couple of pews for our visitors. During this time there will also be additional ushers to help with seating.
2. There will be some changes during the Wednesday night classes also. All classes will meet as normal at 7:00 p.m except the auditorium adult class. This class will meet in the fellowship room. There will be no devotional period as usual. The invitation will be extended in the adult class at 7:35. If there are those in other classes that want to respond to the invitation, they are encouraged to come to the adult class. At 7:40 a bell will ring and all classes will be dismissed to go home.

*Parents are encouraged to watch their children carefully during this time. We do not want anyone to get hurt.*

## Ladies Retreat Plans

There will be a brief meeting of the ladies Sunday evening to make initial plans for the spring retreat.

## Woman of the Year

Many of you may have noticed that one of our own was named Woman of the Year. Congratulations to Denice Reynolds on this honor!

## Have You Forgotten?

It was said of a soldier who enlisted in the Civil War that he took along his kit of watchmaker's tools. While in camp, he had considerable business. One day the order came for battle, but the watchmaker said as he looked about his tent in dismay, "Why, I can't possible go, for I have 12 watches to repair and I've promised them for Saturday.

This man had forgotten why he had enlisted, but many present day Christians are like that. They have obligated themselves to so many organizations and causes that they have precious little time to do battle for the Lord.

Are we too busy or too occupied to have or to take time for Bible study on Sunday morning, Sunday evening worship, Wednesday evening services? Have we forgotten why we enlisted in the army of the Lord?

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in the Christ Jesus . . . Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please HIM who hath chosen him to be a soldier." II Tim. 2:1,3,4.

~Selected~

## Making Simple Things Hard

We are great planners. We like to spend many hours drawing up complex organizations, carefully constructed diagrams, and in-depth plans for building the church. Most of these never come to fruition. Many are just "pipe dreams."

Would you be interested in a simple, yet profound, plan that will help you build the church? Listen to the simple formula for a growing church set out by Mack R. Douglas in his book, *How to Make a Habit of Succeeding*:

1. **Set a Goal.** That's logical. You can never know if you've arrived at the place you wanted to go unless you first had your target pinpointed. Right? Set your goal for numbers, baptisms, visits, etc.
2. **Get a Plan.** Planning is drawing a map as to how you are going to reach your goal. Ever have someone try to tell you how to get to some place and have them say, "Get me a piece of paper." He draws you a map that tells you how to get from where you are to where you want to be. That's what we mean by planning.
3. **Goto Work.** Somebody always has to foul up a good idea. This is our biggest stumbling block. We've got lots of goal setters and planners, but are short on workers. But this is where the "rubber meets the road." No church is going to grow unless we've got people working! Jesus felt this pain during his ministry, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" (Matt. 9:37). Douglas then adds this fourth point: "Don't be discouraged by anything or anybody."

Let's build great churches for the glory of God!

~Dick Marcear~

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 First Prayer W.C. Chilton  
 Reading Jim Slatton  
 Scripture John 4:34,35  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Steve Hillis  
 (S) \*Chuck Medley  
 (N) Joe Maynard  
 (N) Tom Molloch  
 (N) Marty Boles  
 (S) Leonard Crouch  
 (S) Larry Flatt  
 (S) Eugene Wilcher  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Phillip Smith

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Winfrey Hennessee  
 Reading Bob Mayfield  
 Scripture Matthew 13:24-30  
 Lord's Table \*Rodney Reynolds  
 Lemmie Bratten  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ken Lee

**Wednesday Bible Study**

*Program for Wednesday Night will be suspended during the construction period. Invitation will be extended in the adult class.*

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Ronnie & Cindy Rogers  
 P.M. Rodney & Patsy Reynolds

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** John Nussbaum & Alan Collins

**Attend Nursery:** Cynthia Duncan

**Lock Building:** Stanley Graves

**Pantry Item:** Tuna Fish

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	324
Bible Study .....	236
P.M. Worship .....	200
Wednesday Bible Study .....	186
Contribution .....	\$4451

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 Jim Slatton

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

none known

### In The Hospital:

Earlene Ray-Riverpark

Harold Mitchell-Riverpark

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Are You A Church Builder?

P.M. .... Parables: The Parable of the Tares

## Elders-Deacons Meet

The scheduled meeting for the elders and deacons is this Sunday afternoon at 4:30.

## Bible Bowl

Congratulations to our young people on coming in second place along with the young people from East End. Mt. Leo's young people studied hard and came in first place. The next Bible Bowl will be February 9, at the Woodbury congregation. The test will cover the book of Philippians. We will host the Bible Bowl in the month of March.

## Mission Trip

Thurman Bennett will leave on a 6 week trip to Thailand on Tuesday, January 21. More details will be given in subsequent bulletins.

## Singing

The annual singing will be at the Bethlehem congregation (in Van Buren County) this Saturday night, January 25.

## Ten Guidelines for Effective Prayer

1. Set aside a few minutes everyday. Do not say anything; simply practice thinking about God. This will make your mind spiritually receptive.
2. Then pray orally, using simple natural words. Tell God everything that is on your mind. Do not think you must use stereotyped, pious phrases. Talk to God in your own natural language. He understands.
3. Pray as you go about the business of the day. Utter minute prayers by closing your eyes to shut out the world and concentrating briefly on God's presence. The more you do this everyday, the nearer you will feel God's presence.
4. Do not always ask for something when you pray. Spend most of your prayer time giving thanks for God Himself and His blessings.
5. Pray with the belief that sincere prayers can reach out and surround your loved ones with God's love and protection.
6. Never use negative thoughts in prayer. Only positive thoughts get results.
7. Always express willingness to accept God's will. Ask for what you want, but be willing to take what God gives you. It may be better than what you ask for.
8. Practice the attitude of putting everything in God's hands. Ask for the ability to do your best and to leave the results to God.
9. Pray for people you do not like or who have mistreated you. Resentment is guaranteed to short-circuit spiritual power.
10. Make a list of people for whom to pray. The more you pray for others, the more positive results you will note from your prayers.

~via South Fork Church of Christ~

## Don't Worry—It's Only Your Soul

There are many situations encountered during a lifetime that are viewed as being sad and even unfair. When a young person loses his or her life, when parents lose a small child, or when lifelong mates are separated by death, people often take it upon themselves to question God. The sadness of physical death, however, does not even compare to the pain that will eventually come after a spiritual death. Ironically, people still place a far greater importance upon physical health and presence than they do spiritual health and eternal life.

Most people in the world have developed an attitude of indifference toward God. Many members of the church refuse to realize that the correct relationship with God and Christ is far more important than any physical ties that might exist (see Luke 14:26). A study of Jesus' healing of the palsied man in Mark 2 reveals how our Saviour felt about the importance of spiritual health when compared to physical health. Having the opportunity to heal the man of his physical ailment, Jesus chose instead to heal the man's spiritual disease first. He said, "Son, thy sins be forgiven thee" (Mark 2:5).

People today, however, would rather not worry about their spiritual life if they can help it. Too often, congregations are more worried about how many members that they can pack into their buildings by being "luring" (that is not a misprint—CR) and nonconfrontational, than they are about whether God's Word is upheld. It is usually the case that the leaders of those congregations have already been lured into Satan's trap, and spiritual sickness has set in on both them and the members.

It is a sad situation indeed when people choose to ignore their spiritual emergencies. Too many brothers and sisters have gone astray because they have chosen to follow what a man has said instead of what God has said. God sent His Son to lead all who would follow Him to salvation (John 3:16,17). When people who are blinded by physical ties, however, follow others who have long been blind, it is no wonder that the whole lot falls into the ditch. We must all decide to pick up our crosses and follow Jesus rather than men (Matthew 16:24), because our souls are in danger.

Reprinted from Living Oracles

Chad Ramsey, Henderson, TN

## Messages About the Tobacco Industry

(This article was copied from brother Thomas Eaves' bulletin. Some sobering thoughts about what our young people are told by the industry. Consider who the government is concerned about.)

"Smoking puts 11 million kids at risk," *The Tennessean*, Jan. 17, 1994.

"FDA could regulate nicotine after addictive drug 'finding,'" *The Tennessean*, Aug. 2, 1994.

"Study asserts bad heart, secondhand smoke link," *The Tennessean*, Aug. 2, 1994.

"Smoking, vision loss connected," *The Tennessean*, Oct. 9, 1996.

"Non-smokers more open to secondhand smoke harm," *Herald-Citizen*, Apr. 5, 1995.

"Addiction to nicotine and cocaine similar, says study," *The Tennessean*, July 18, 1996.

"Smoking gun found that links tobacco, cancer," *The Tennessean*, Oct. 18, 1996.

"Study links smoking to breast cancer risk," *The Tennessean*, Jun. 4, 1994.

"Study finds smoking linked to leukemia," *The Tennessean*, Aug. 20, 1993.

"Have a smoke, lose 7 minutes of life," *The Tennessean*, Aug. 27, 1993.

"Smoking increases risk of getting leukemia by 30%, new study says," *The Knoxville News Sentinel*, Feb. 22, 1993.

"Smokers get worse life expectancy news, (3 times more likely to age by age 70, study shows)," *The Tennessean*, Feb. 17, 1993.

"Passive smoking 3rd leading killer," *Herald-Citizen*, Jan. 10, 1991.

"Smoker's children more likely to be ill," *Herald-Citizen*, June 18, 1991.

"Nicotine is one of the most lethal poisons known," *Poisoning and Drug Overdose*, Lester M. Haddad & James F. Winchester.

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Announcements	(668-2605) Brett Merritt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Doug Hendrixson
Reading	Tim Fisher
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table (N)	*Eddie Palmer
(S)	*Noel Pepper
(N)	Rodney Maynard
(N)	Don Johnson
(S)	Joey Reynolds
(S)	Dickie Kesey
(S)	Brandon McGinness
(S)	Harley Northcutt
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Billy Gilbert

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements	(668-2605) Brett Merritt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Frank Reynolds
Reading	David Chilton
Scripture	Matthew 13:31-33
Lord's Table	*Bill Womack
	Steve Boyd
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Steve Wilcher

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Leonard & June Crouch  
 P.M. Phillip Smith Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Kurt Maynard & Chad Graves

**Attend Nursery:** Melba Bonner

**Lock Building:** Don Griffith

**Pantry Item:** Canned Meat

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Robbie Vandagriff  
Doc Mullican

### In The Hospital:

Earlene Ray-Riverpark  
Harold Mitchell-Riverpark

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Developing Timothy's & Tabitha's  
P.M. .... The Parables of Mustard Seed & Leaven

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Theron Grissom (brother of our Maxine Sweeny). His funeral was this past Thursday at Highs.

Also we extend sympathy to the family of Gladys Watson (relative to Eugene Jones and Brenda Bratten). Her funeral was Friday at Highs.

## Elders-Deacons Meet

There will be a meeting for the elders and deacons this Sunday afternoon at 4:30. It was postponed from last week

## Ladies Retreat

Ladies make your plans to attend the Ladies Retreat on May 2-3 at Holiday Hills Resort in Crossville, TN. The cost is \$25.00 per person and feel free to invite a friend. If you have any questions, contact any of these ladies: Judy Sullivan, Donna Newby, Tammy McKinney, Cynthia Duncan, or Carol Boyd. The theme for this year will be: Peace, Perfect Peace.

## How Has Your Life Been?

At the end of the day  
When you lie down to rest  
Can you honestly say  
You have given your best?

Have you done something good  
For a neighbor or friend  
Or been unfair and mean  
And would not even bend?

Life is too short  
Which you've often seen,  
So try to be pleasant  
And not so mean.

Be patient with others  
And be a good friend;  
You'll be able to rest better  
When the day comes to an end.

Don't forget to thank God  
For the things that you have  
And remember to thank Him  
For your mom and your dad.

Thank Him for friends  
That you meet on the way,  
Some that have left us  
And ones here today.

You could never be happy  
Life wouldn't be worth living,  
If you keep holding a grudge  
And not be forgiving;

For the way that you act  
From January to December,  
That will be the way  
That you'll be remembered.

~Copied~

## February 1997

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Dot Foster	Bill Womack		Amy Graves	HAROLD & TERESA MCGINNESS	Stanley Graves	Tim Fisher Buell Warren Ashley Newby
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Cory Prince  <i>Bible Bowl at Woodbury Bus will leave at 1:15</i>	Scott Griffith  <i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00</i>				Joe Maynard	Harley Northcutt Anna Bennett
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Dickie Kesey Forene Nokes	Daisy Maxwell Jonathan Anderson	Nona Martin	Mark Lawrence Chuck Boles		Avie Clemons	Beth Reynolds Joey Reynolds
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
JIM & JUNE SLATTON	Rozelle Goodman Leslie Pepper  <i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00</i>		Gilbert Kell		Pauline Greene Loy Watson	
23	24	25	26	27	28	

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 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Don Griffith  
 Reading Tom McCulloch  
 Scripture Philippians 3:7-11  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Ronnie Prince  
 (S) \*Winfrey Hennessee  
 (N) Harold McGinness  
 (N) Mark Lawrence  
 (N) Chris Jones  
 (S) Ryan Kesey  
 (S) Joe Roller  
 (S) John Nussbaum  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Willie Newby

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Johnny Anderson  
 Reading Phillip Smith  
 Scripture Matthew 21:28-32  
 Lord's Table \*John Biddle  
 Tommy Crouch  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Larry Flatt

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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**Welcome Committee**

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 P.M. Buell & Flossie Warren

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

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**Attend Nursery:** Avie Clemons

**Lock Building:** Don Griffith

**Pantry Item:** Chicken Noodle Soup

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 303  
 Bible Study ..... 225  
 P.M. Worship ..... 225  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 188  
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 Jeff Flatt Billy Gilbert  
 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

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## Sick

### At Home:

Nelma Chilton

### In The Hospital:

Joe Maxwell-Riverpark

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Samuel Campbell (uncle of our Charlene Palmer). His funeral was this past Sunday.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Trading It All In  
P.M. The Parables of Vineyard Workers & Two Sons

## General Business Meeting

The quarterly men's General Business Meeting will be this coming Sunday evening following services. All the men of the congregation are encouraged to be present.

## Bible Bowl

The monthly Bible Bowl will be this Sunday afternoon at the Woodbury Church of Christ. The bus will leave at 1:15 SHARP. Any who wish to ride the bus with us are welcome to come. The test will cover the book of Philippians. We will host the Bible Bowl next month.

There will be a practice and fellowship at the home of Don & Judy Sullivan this Saturday evening from 6-9. Bring \$2 for pizza.

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Psalms 119:105, 107).*

## Shut-ins

The church here has a number of our members that can no longer attend services. Some are shut-in temporarily, others are on a longer lasting basis. Please remember them at this time of year. Also, please let us know of updates as we do not intend to leave anyone off the list..

### McMinnville Health Care:

Minnie Cooper  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Adina Rowland  
Earlene Ray

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

Nora Lee Griffith  
Flossie Smartt

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Flora Smith  
Yuriko Biles

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Marvin Crouch

### Peachtree Manor (Smyrna)

Avis Pauline Taylor

### Home:

Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Edith Cantrell  
Fate Cantrell  
Rozelle Goodman  
Catherine Flatt  
Joe Maxwell  
Edith Morrow  
Bessie Parker  
Brown Simpson  
Irene Simpson  
Magdalene Taylor  
Belle Young  
June Statton

## The Importance of Just "One"

If one spark plug burns out on your engine, you don't say, "I'm glad the other three (or five, or seven) are still firing."—and keep driving! If you have a flat tire on one wheel, you don't say, "Oh, well, it's just ONE that is flat!"—and keep going. If cancer is discovered in only one member of your body, you don't say, "Well, Doc, someday I may have something done about that—but not now: I'll just wait and see what develops.— The truth is, it is confined to that one part of my body!" If you smell smoke, and discover a blaze in only one closet in your house, you don't sit back and say, "Maybe it soon will burn itself out! I'll just wait and see what happens!—After all, it's just in that one little closet!" No, my friends: You take immediate action in each of these cases! One bad thing is important!

Similarly, ONE good thing is also important! The story you are about to read is true and no names have been changed!! During the War Between the States (no war has ever been "Civil!"), a young woman—whose name I have not learned—at Centerville, Tennessee, left denominationalism and became a simple New Testament Christian. (What other kind of "Christian" can there be?" Her sweetheart, a member of the same denomination she had left, was in the Confederate Army. His name was J.H. Halbrook. Captured by the Union Army, he was held a "Prisoner of War" in Michigan. At the end of hostilities, he was released, and given a railroad ticket to Nashville, Tennessee, plus (as I recall) two dollars and a half (\$2.50) "mustering out" pay. I have not learned if he rode the stage-coach, or walked, or how he got from Nashville to his home. But he arrived there, and found what was left of his family—and his girl friend. Their courtship soon blossomed into marriage.

His wife showed him from the Bible the difference between what he and she formerly had been taught, and what the word of God says, it was (and still is!) so simple and plain that he thought anybody ought to see the truth. He did see it, and "obeyed the gospel" (Rom. 10:16) of Christ. Soon he was sharing with his neighbors respect for the word of God, the gospel plan of salvation, the Bible church, what name we should wear in religion, how to worship, etc. He baptized one neighbor after another. Ere long he was preaching publicly!

After he preached for several months, he recognized that he needed to study the Bible systematically; so they sold out at Centerville, and moved to Florence, Alabama. He enrolled in Mars Hill Bible School to study under T.B. Larimore, a great gospel preacher. Upon completing his studies there, instead of going back to Tennessee, they moved farther south, coming into Walker, Marion, Fayette and Lamar Counties in Alabama. I do not know how many hundreds (or thousands?) he converted to Christ. Neither do I know how many of those he converted began also to preach the gospel in its ancient simplicity and purity.

But let me tell you about ONE! Charley Alexander Wheeler learned to read after he married. His wife taught him to read—out of the Bible! It was his only textbook! I knew him when he was an old man. When he visited my father and wanted to know what is in the local newspaper, I read it to him—for those words were unfamiliar to him! But he could read the Bible! (I was one of six gospel preachers who served as his pall-bearers in 1937). He and his wife, both members of a denomination, heard bro. J.H. Halbrook preach. Along with his wife, C.A. Wheeler obeyed the gospel and soon began preaching it to others. His tombstone at the Dutton Cemetery (near the Midway Church of Christ, Jasper, Alabama), proclaims that this one man—C.A. Wheeler—started more than one hundred congregations, and baptized six thousand people! Is ONE important?? Remember the chain of events: One girl in the 1860's became a Christian and taught her husband (J.H. Halbrook) the gospel. J.H. Halbrook converted hundreds (maybe thousands) of others besides C.A. Wheeler! But that ONE baptized six thousand others, as we have seen.

—But wait! The story is not ended! ONE of those six thousand baptized by brother Wheeler was my father, the late Gus Nichols! And twelve thousand people were baptized under his preaching! — I ask again: Is ONE important??

Among those baptized by Gus Nichols, no one knows, nor can know, how many began to preach "the glorious gospel of Christ" (II Cor.4:3-4); but I personally know several. I, Flavil Nichols, myself am ONE whom he baptized and whom he encouraged to preach the truth. And under my preaching, about three thousand have been baptized. A few among them preach the gospel also!

Only eternity can reveal the total results of the conversion of that one girl nearly one hundred fifty years ago. The results are not yet all in! But this shows that TWENTY-ONE (21,000) people have become Christians through this single thread in the fabric of her influence.

"Go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). YOU are important, too! Dear reader, if you go to heaven, others probably will be saved by you! "What knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?" (I Cor. 7:16). "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 5:16). Each ONE is very important!

—Flavil Nichols—

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements	(668-2605) Brett Merritt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Bob Mayfield
Reading	Scott Griffith
Scripture	I Corinthians 14:20
Lord's Table (N)	*Rodney Reynolds
(S)	*Ken Lee
(N)	Micah Lawrence
(N)	Edgar Webb
(N)	Eugene Wilcher
(S)	Lynn Gann
(S)	Buell Warren
(S)	Jeff Bond
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jim Slatton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements	(668-2605) Brett Merritt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Chuck Medley
Reading	David McColloch
Scripture	Matthew 21:28-32
Lord's Table	*Joe T. Cantrell
	Danny Duncan
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bill Womack

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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P.M. Ronnie Prince Family

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**Ushers:** Don Sullivan & John Stenbridge

**Attend Nursery:** Bernice Fults

**Lock Building:** Don Griffith

**Pantry Item:** Tomato Soup

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Bible Study .....	234
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**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

*Johnny Smith (dismissed from Riverpark with pneumonia)*

*Joe Maxwell*

*Willene Kell*

### In The Hospital:

*Lorene Foutch (mother of Anna Jean Bond)-  
McMinnville Health Care #129B*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Maturing As Christians

P.M. The Parables of Vineyard Workers & Two Sons

## Prom-Alternative Trip

A planning meeting for the Prom-Alternative Trip will be this coming Sunday evening following services.

## Bible Bowl

Congratulations to our young people on placing first in the Bible Bowl! The group from Mt. Leo came in second with those from East End, New Hope, and Rome tying for third.

We will host the Bible Bowl next month on March 9. The test at that time will be over the book of Colossians.

## Thai Trip Report

Brother Thurman Bennett called from Thailand this past Sunday morning to report on the Gospel Meeting held this past week in the Northeast. There were 330 at the meeting with 5 baptisms Sunday morning. The group gave the largest contribution in the history of the work. They gave \$822 with the farmers bringing 5 bags of rice. This week will begin a week of training for the preachers and their wives.

## Do We Mean What We Sing?

The Bible emphasizes that we are to teach and admonish one another as we sing with grace in our hearts to the Lord (Col. 3:16). Do we follow inspiration's admonition: "I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also" (1 Cor. 14:15)? Have you ever failed to pay attention to the words of the hymns we sing? Do we mean what we sing? The longer I live, the more I am convinced that the way we praise God in song is really a reflection of our spirituality. We either incriminate ourselves by the words we sing if we do not mean them, or we exhort others as well as ourselves to life on a higher, holier plane, Do we mean what we sing?

Is it "I want to be a Worker," or is it "I Want to be a Shirker?" Is it "More Holiness Give Me," or is it "More Worldliness Give Me?" Is it "Amazing Grace," or is God's grace "Amazing Waste" in our lives? Is "A Charge to Keep Have I?" really "A Visa Charge to Keep Have I?" Is "Count Your Blessings" really "Complain About Your Burdens?" Is "Have Thine Own Way, Lord" really "Have Mine Own Way?" Is "I Surrender All" simply "I Surrender Some?" Is "Sweet Hour of Prayer" really "Sweet Second of Prayer?" Is "We Gather Together" merely "We Gather Together When Ball games, Fishing or Anything Else I'd Rather Be Doing Does Not Work Out?" Is "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" just a description of how our head aches after the preacher's sermon? Is "Blessed Assurance" better called "Fire Insurance?" Is "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" more appropriately, "What A Friend We have in TV?"

It is not my purpose to be irreverent in any way, but I do want to make the point-Do We Mean What We Sing? A spiritually minded congregation is a singing congregation! A believer's practical theology may well be his hymnology. Do we mean what we sing?

*Hymns breathe the praise of the saints, the visions of the prophets, The prayers of the penitent and the spirit of the martyrs. They bring solace to the sad, assurance to the perplexed, faith to the doubter and comfort to the oppressed. Study them to be pure in heart, sing them to be joyful in spirit, store them in the mind to possess a treasury of worship.*

~Mike Vestal~

## The Move To Unite With Denominationalists

"Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple (Romans 16: 17 - 18).

In the Spiritual Sword (October 1996) Alan Highers quotes William S. Banowsky, Rubel Shelly and Max Lucado advocating an inclusive fellowship with denominationalism. Perhaps the most telling quote is this one from Rubel:

"We will not lose our separate denominational identities, we will not give up our particular heritages and histories, we will not have to give up our distinctive practices with regard to our different organizational structures, worship, and so on. I see no need for that. But we will have to decide that there is something that matters more than those things, and we will have to quit being idolaters who give those things such priority that we divide over those and refuse to recognize one another as brothers and sisters in the Lord."

The move to unite with denominationalists is "closer to home" than some realize. In a newspaper article, Lynn Anderson, "Senior" Minister of the Preston Road Church of Christ in Dallas, commended the Northwest Bible Church, Park Cities Presbyterian, Park Cities Baptist and Highland Park Presbyterian with these words: "Hats off to those massive life-changing churches and outstanding Christian leaders. Giants all!"

Right in our own backyard on March 3, 1996, Rick Atchley, Pulpit Minister of the Richland Hills Church of Christ, delivered a Sunday evening speech embracing denominationalists of all kinds and their ministers as brothers and sisters in Christ, "... Christians of all colors and stripes. " He further makes it clear that anyone who refuses to go along with this is divisive to the church and we are to "have nothing to do with him...we are not to fellowship with those...we must recognize who the real enemy is." According to Rick, "the real enemy" is not the false teachers of denominationalism, but those of us who refuse to unite with them.

Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds (11 John 9-11).

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them (Ephesians 5:11).

The perverted gospel of denominationalists corrupted by human dogmas and traditions cannot produce true Christians in the Lord's church (Matt. 15:1-13; Gal. 1:6-10). Only the pure gospel "seed" planted in good and honest hearts will produce the church of Christ (Luke 8:11). Whenever and wherever that Word is preached, without human additions and subtractions, and hearers respond to it by believing, repenting and being immersed for the remissions of sins, upon their confession of faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, Christians are produced and the Lord adds these saved ones to His church (Mark 16: 15-16; Acts 2:36-47; 8:35-39; 18:8; 22:16). All true disciples of Christ will call men out of denominationalism and into His church.

~Robert Dodson~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements	(668-2605) Brett Merritt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Derrick Pennington
Reading	Kurt Maynard
Scripture	Revelation 21:1-5
Lord's Table (N)	*Dale Bennett
(S)	*Don Sullivan
(N)	Marty Boles
(N)	Johnny Anderson
(N)	Shannon Griffin
(S)	Jason Vandagriff
(S)	Matthew Young
(S)	Lemmie Bratten
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Kelly Thaxton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements	(668-2605) Brett Merritt
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Steve Boyd
Reading	Jeff Templeton
Scripture	Matthew 22:1-14
Lord's Table	*Larry Flatt
	Phillip Smith
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Chuck Boles

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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**Welcome Committee**

A.M.	Eugene & Doris Wilcher
P.M.	Willie Newby Family

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** John Nussbaum & Alan Collins

**Attend Nursery:** Ada Mayfield

**Lock Building:** Don Griffith

**Pantry Item:** Crackers

**Record For The Week...**

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Tony Lawrence	473-8079
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## Sick

### At Home:

Willene Kell  
Bertha Stewart

### In The Hospital:

none known

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to two families of our congregation that were touched with death this past weekend.

We extend sympathy to the family of Eugene Cantrell (brother of our Joe T. Cantrell). His passed away this past Saturday. His funeral was Monday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Margie Muncy (mother of our Irene Lawrence and grandmother to Teresa McGinness). Her funeral was Tuesday at Highs.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... The City of God  
P.M. Parables of Wicked Vinedressers & Great Supper

## Prom-Alternative Trip

A planning meeting for the Prom-Alternative Trip was held this past Sunday evening with great interest. If you are in grades 9-12 and would like to go, please put your name on the bulletin board. Another meeting will be held on March 2.

***"Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way. Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path." Psalms 119:104,105***

## The Sword of the Spirit

The word of God (the Bible) is the instrument the Holy Spirit uses to operate on the mind/heart of man. In conviction, conversion, and sanctification the Holy Spirit operates only through the Word of God.

### CONVICTION

In John 16:8, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit (also called the comforter and the Spirit of Truth in these chapters-John 14-16) would "reprove" (convict) the world of sin. The manner by which He would do this is found in John 16:13. Here the Lord states that the apostles would be guided into "all truth" by the Holy Spirit. The book of Acts records the preaching of the truth of the Gospel. Note the following verses: *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance, Acts 2:4. Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? (Acts 2:37). When they heard that, they were cut to the heart, and took counsel to slay them (Acts 5:33).*

These verses clearly show that the Holy Spirit convicted sinners through the word of God that these inspired men were preaching. No one was ever convicted of SIN apart from the power of the Word of God.

### CONVERSION

The Holy Spirit never operated on anyone directly (apart from the Word) in order to create faith within. The Holy Spirit never operated on anyone directly to bring about the new birth. The Holy Spirit never operated on anyone directly in order to save them. All of these were (and are) accomplished by the power of the Word of God (the sword of the Spirit). Please note: *Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity*

*of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls (James 1:21). Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever (I Pet. 1:22-23). So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Rom. 10:17).*

### CHRISTIAN GROWTH

After conversion, the Holy Spirit operates in the Christian to produce growth and fruit. How does the Holy Spirit produce growth? How does the Holy Spirit produce fruit in the life of the Christian? The Bible answer is clear: *For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth; (Col. 1:5-6). But that on the good ground are they, which is an honest and good heart, having heard the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience (Luke 8:15). As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: (I Pet. 2:2).* The Holy Spirit operates on the mind/heart of the Christian only through the Word of God.

### FALSE DOCTRINE IN THE CHURCH

Here are some quotes from brethren who advocate a direct operation of the Holy Spirit (i.e. apart from God's written word):

**Furman Kearley** (editor of the Gospel Advocate)

"It is perfectly consistent with God's word and free moral agency for the Holy Spirit to help us arrange our thoughts and to bring to our remembrance information that will be of help to us in making the right decision in the right situation" (**God's Indwelling Spirit**, pp. 43, 46).

**Steve Flatt** (preacher at the Madison Church of Christ in Madison, Tennessee)

"... how are we led by the Spirit of God? Well we are led by the Word if we will spend time there. But folks, it goes beyond that. I have become a great believer in my life that the Holy Spirit will lead us in all kinds of decisions and attitudes and emotions when we stay with him in the Word and in prayer. In fact, I think that is part of what is meant in Jas. 1:5 ..... Do you believe that God will give you wisdom?" You say, well he only does that through the Word. Oh, I believe He does it through the Word but I don't believe He does it only through the Word. I believe he does it through the Holy Spirit living in our heart. I believe that is part of the way we are led by the Holy Spirit." (Jubilee speech-1993)

Present Work of the Holy Spirit — Tract by **Jimmy Jividen**, p. 12.

"The indwelling of the Holy Spirit gives one power. The power that the Holy Spirit gives is beyond the written word of God."

It would be interesting to hear these brethren explain the difference between their position and the position held by Oral Roberts, Pat Robertson, Billy Graham, and other denominational preachers who advocate the "direct operation" theory.

Randy Kea ~ via Forest Park Newsletter

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Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Billy Gilbert  
 Reading Jeff Flatt  
 Scripture Colossians 1:13,14  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Steve Boyd  
 (S) \*Ronnie Rogers  
 (N) Tyler Boyd  
 (N) Joe T. Cantrell  
 (N) Harry Felty  
 (S) Joe Maynard  
 (S) J.B. Gribble  
 (S) David Chilton  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Clyde Christian

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Willie Newby  
 Reading Dale Bennett  
 Scripture Luke 15:1-7  
 Lord's Table \*Jim Slatton  
 Kelly Thaxton  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Derrick Pennington

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Noel Pepper  
 Reading Brandon McGinness  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bill Womack

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 P.M. Lemmie & Brenda Bratten

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## Sick

### At Home:

Willene Kell  
Bertha Stewart  
Ruth Pinkley

### In The Hospital:

none known

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Adina Rowland who passed away this past Sunday. Sister Rowland was member here for many years but has been in the McMinnville Health Care Center for the past few years. She was the sister of our Violet Webb and the late Ward Golden.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... What is involved in becoming a Christian?  
P.M. .... Parables of Lost Things

## Gospel Meeting

East End church of Christ, March 9-14, services at 7:00 p.m with Holger Neubauer speaking.

## Prom-Alternative Trip

There will be a second planning meeting for the Prom-Alternative Trip this coming Sunday evening following services. If you are in grades 9-12 and wish to go please be at this meeting and sign your name on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please see Steve Hillis.

## Youth Activity

There will be a youth activity on Saturday, March 15. The bus will leave at approximately 9:00 to go to Nashville for Q-Zar and ice skating. If you have any questions please see Chuck Medley.

## Lectureships

East Tennessee School of Preaching, March 2-5, the program is on the bulletin board. Theme: Exodus

Memphis School of Preaching, March 30-April 3, the program is on the bulletin board. Theme: Ezekiel and Lamentations

## Thanks For The Help!!

There have been a number of people who have contributed greatly to the finishing touches of the auditorium. Last weekend several assisted in various ways to get things ready for Sunday: Thanks to Tom McColloch, David McColloch, Chuck Medley, Willie Newby, Dale Bennett, Eddie Palmer, Johnny Anderson, W.C. Chilton, Micah Lawrence and others that slipped in and worked unnoticed.

We also extend a special thanks to Don & Barbara Pennington for providing a clean and dry place for the pews to be stored during the construction.

If all things go according to plans the new curtains should be in place in the next couple of weeks, the lights should arrive sometime after the first of April, and as soon as all of the material arrives the roof should be completed. Everyone's patience and cooperation has been greatly appreciated during the past few weeks of inconvenience.

## Bible Bowl

Remember that the Bible Bowl will be here next week, March 9, at 2:00 p.m. We will have a large group of young people present. If you think that all of the youth are going bad you need to come and see some good examples and your heart will be encouraged. The test this month will cover the book of Colossians.

Those who can are asked to bring a pack of cookies to the office by Sunday, March 9, for refreshments. All are welcome to come!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Eddie Palmer
Stanley McInery		Drucilla Crouch Tara Leigh Felty	Tommy Crouch Ralph Crouch	BILLY & JUNETTA GILBERT Flossie Warren Benji Biles	David McColloch Kaci Chilton Minnie Whiteaker	Glyna Lee
RALPH & DRUCILLA CROUCH Juanita Cantrell Judy Payne  Bible Bowl at Bybee Branch 2:00 p.m.	Kaitlyn Reynolds Phillip Smith  School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 p.m.			STEVE & ANGIE CALDWELL		Youth Activity to Nashville Bus will leave at 9:00
	Lynder Holmes	Scena Christian Hallie Cantrell Matthew Young		Carol Boyd Ada Mayfield Michael Griffith Minnie Whiteaker	Katie Wanamaker	JOE T. & MARY LOIS CANTRELL JOE & BECKY MAYNARD Ronnie Rogers Becky Maynard
Doris Smith	SIDNEY & JENNIFER GROVES  School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 p.m.	Brett Merritt	Jonathan Goodman Johnny Anderson	Larry Goodman	JOHN & JUDY NUSSBAUM	
STEVE & TERESA ATNIP	Lela Ann Johnson					

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer W.C. Chilton  
 Reading Steve Hillis  
 Scripture Colossians 1:15-18  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Larry Flatt  
 (S) \*Danny Duncan  
 (N) Tim Fisher  
 (N) Dickie Kesey  
 (S) David McColloch  
 (S) Ralph Crouch  
 (S) Micah Lawrence  
 (S) Rodney Maynard  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Leonard Crouch

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Eddie Palmer  
 Reading Mark Lawrence  
 Scripture Luke 17:1-5  
 Lord's Table \*Phillip Smith  
 Don Griffith  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ronnie Prince

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers  
 Lead Singing Mark Lawrence  
 First Prayer Chuck Boles  
 Reading Joe Roller  
 Invitation Alan Collins  
 Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Chris Jones Family  
 P.M. Shannon Griffin Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Lee & Eugene Wilcher

**Attend Nursery:** Becky Maynard

**Lock Building:** Dale Bennett

**Pantry Item:** Vienna Sausage

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 316  
 Bible Study ..... 239  
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 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 205  
 Contribution ..... \$4,086

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Ruth Pinkley

### In The Hospital:

none known

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... The Preeminence Of Christ  
P.M. .... Parables of Forgiveness

## Gospel Meeting & Lectureships

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Those who can are asked to bring a pack of cookies to the office by Sunday, March 9, for refreshments. All are welcome to come!

There will be a study session Saturday evening at the building from 6-9 p.m. Bring \$2 for refreshments.

## Youth Activity

There will be a youth activity on Saturday, March 15. The bus will leave at approximately 9:00 to go to Nashville for Q-Zar and ice skating. If you have any questions please see Chuck Medley.

## Shut-ins

*The church here has a number of our members that can no longer attend services. Some are shut-in temporarily, others are on a longer lasting basis. Please remember them at this time of year. Also, please let us know of updates as we do not intend to leave anyone off the list.*

### McMinnville Health Care:

Minnie Cooper  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Earlene Ray

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

Nora Lee Griffith  
Flossie Smartt

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Flora Smith  
Yuriko Biles

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Marvin Crouch

### Peachtree Manor (Smyrna)

Avis Pauline Taylor

### Home:

Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Edith Cantrell  
Fate Cantrell  
Rozelle Goodman  
Catherine Flatt  
Joe Maxwell  
Edith Morrow  
Bessie Parker  
Brown Simpson  
Irene Simpson  
Magdalene Taylor  
Belle Young  
June Slatton



### GOOD NEWS

## Wal-Mart!

Wal-Mart has just become my favorite store. No, it's not the everyday low prices or the fact that you can find a store on almost any corner in America! It's the public stand that this huge corporation is taking for decency. Wal-Mart refuses to sell music in any of their stores that contain vulgar or obscene lyrics.

The New York Times said, "Wal-Mart is the single largest seller of pop music in the country, accounting last year for sales of an estimated 52,000,000 of the 615,000,000 compact discs sold in the United States. Its refusal to stock albums with lyrics or coverart it finds objectionable has long been a frustration for some customers, musicians and recording industry executives."

When Keith Morris, Wal-Mart spokesman was asked why the company imposed standards like this his reply was, "Because it's the right thing to do." What a wonderfully encouraging response. In a day when Hollywood and corporate America seems to rule the world it is so refreshing to see an industry giant take a stand because it is the right thing to do. Thank you Wal-Mart for choosing to do what is right.

And what about those of us who claim to be followers of Jesus Christ? Shouldn't we make some tough decisions on the basis of what is right? Shouldn't we be listening to our children's music to make sure that their hearts are not being filled with garbage because it is the right thing to do? Shouldn't we make sure that we are not filling our hearts and our heads with ungodly information (I Corinthians 6:19-20)?

~Jeff Jenkins — Oklahoma City~



### BAD NEWS

## The Disney Company No Longer Wholesome!

In the field of entertainment I have long promoted the use of the movies and programs produced by the Disney Company. Walt Disney spent a great part of his life making movies and cartoons that entertained children and adults alike. His ideals for this industry were high and upright. At that time the material and the direction was for wholesome clean entertainment. Unfortunately, this is no longer the situation with the company which bears his name. The company is now under the oversight of Michael Eisner, the chairman of Disney Company. There have been many changes since Walt Disney died. It is no longer the name all of us could take our children to a Disney production and know that it would be morally upright. It could be trusted. It is surprising as well as appalling to read and see some of the things that are now being done by this company in the name of entertainment.

I truly believe that every person that loves God and their children should take a careful look at the company that we support with our dollars. I am persuaded that the support of such is not pleasing in God's sight. Christians are to "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11). The only way that there will be a change in the direction of this company is to show them that we will not support their movies, theme parks, product, or other means by which they make money. I want to list just a few objections to the Disney Company. After reading this list, would you please answer this question: Is the Disney Company still a wholesome company which we should support? Notice:

1. In March 1994, Disney bought its first ad in a homosexual publication.
2. In August of 1994, Disney-owned company Miramax, participated in the "Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Film and Video Festival."
3. In November of 1994, Disney announces its Fifth "Annual Gay and Lesbian Days" at Disney World in Orlando.
4. Disney has announced a new TV cartoon that will feature some animated characters from Lion King as the first homosexual characters on screen.
5. Hyperion, another Company owned by Disney, is publishing a book titled, *Growing Up Gay: From Left Out to Coming Out*.
6. In May of 1995, Disney showed their film, *KIDS* at the Cannes Film Festival. Reuters and The Associated Press described it as "kiddie porn" and explicit teenage sex" - courtesy of Walt Disney Company.

(These facts are taken from *The Walt Disney Co. Facts Bearing On The Problem*, John M. Smith)

There are other things which we could list, but I think you can see what has happened to the once wholesome Disney Company. Some may say, "Well just what can we do for entertainment?" And I agree that there has been a change in man's direction in this field. But I believe that if godly people would stand up and say enough, Disney would get the message. As long as we buy their products nothing will ever be changed. Really, we can make the difference!

(Copied, Author unknown)

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Johnny Anderson
Reading	Bob Cantrell
Scripture	Colossians 3:16, 17
Lord's Table (N)	*Tommy Crouch
(S)	*Dennis Gann
(N)	Chuck Medley
(N)	John Nussbaum
(S)	Winfrey Hennessee
(S)	Tom McColloch
(S)	Brett Merritt
(S)	Harley Northcutt
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Buell Warren

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Lemmie Bratten
Reading	Chad Graves
Scripture	Luke 11:1-4
Lord's Table	*Dale Bennett
	David Chilton
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Rodney Reynolds

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements	(939-3797) Ronnie Rogers
Lead Singing	Eddie Palmer
First Prayer	Doug Hendrixson
Reading	Jeff Templeton
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Bob Bonner

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Joe Roller & Clara Roller  
 P.M. Lou-Shawna Scott & Judy Payne

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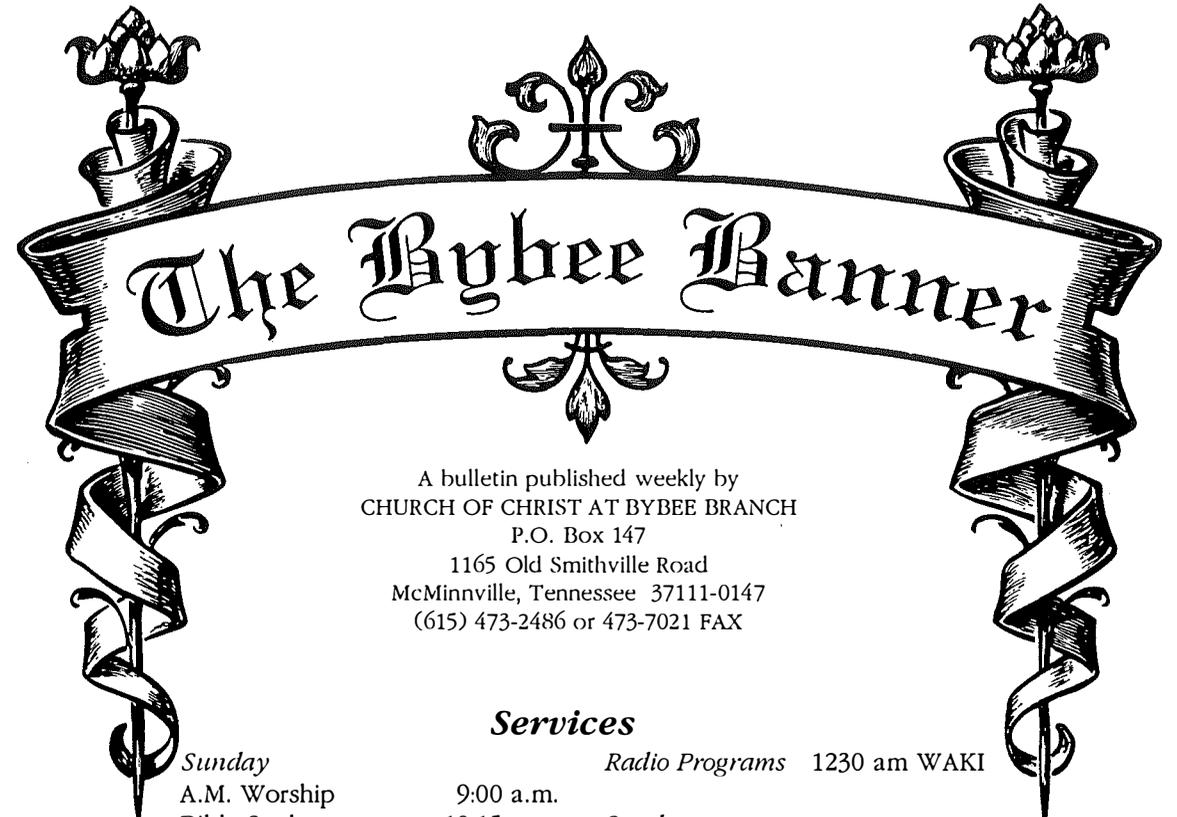
**Pantry Item:** Canned meat

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Stanley Graves	Willie Newby
Jim Slatton	

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

*Bertha Stewart*

*Ruth Pinkley*

*Dickie Kesity (home following surgery)*

### In The Hospital:

*Robert "Doc" Mullican-McMinnville Health Care*

## Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to the family of Jack Newby (grandfather of our Willie Newby). His funeral was this past Saturday.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Do All In The Name Of The Lord

P.M. .... Parables On Prayer

## Gospel Meeting & Lectureships

*East End church of Christ*, March 9-14, services at 7:00 p.m with Holger Neubauer speaking.

*Memphis School of Preaching*, March 30-April 3, the program is on the bulletin board. Theme: Ezekiel and Lamentations

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Anna Bennett on becoming a U.S. citizen this past Wednesday.

Congratulations to Alan Collins on placing in the Top Ten in his graduating class.

## Youth Activity

There will be a youth activity on Saturday, March 15. The bus will leave at approximately 9:00 to go to Nashville for Q-Zar and ice skating. If you have any questions please see Chuck Medley.

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Billy & Junetta Gilbert on the arrival of a new grandson, Elijah Alan Gilbert born last Wednesday morning.

## Bible Bowl

Last Sunday's Bible Bowl was the final of the school year and was a culmination of an excellent year for our young people. They placed first four times and second twice during the year. This month and last month they took first place. As a result they placed first over all just ahead of the excellent young people from Mt. Leo in second and East End in third. The truth is that all of the young people were winners, however. They each built friendships with other young people who are striving to serve the Lord. They each increased their knowledge of the Bible. These young people will look back with fondness at the good times they had together.

There are so many to thank for the help in our hosting this Bible Bowl. Thanks to Steve Hillis for being an excellent coordinator all year long. He motivated and encouraged the young people to do their best. He and Sharla are a great inspiration to the young people as a whole. Thanks to Ronnie Rogers for speaking and also assisting in the Bible Bowls from month to month. Thanks to Avie Clemons for coordinating the refreshments along with her helpers, Corretta Lawrence, Cindy Fisher, Sonia Vandagriff and Carol Boyd. Thanks to Leonard Clemons for leading the singing and coordinating the program for the adults during the test. Thanks to Shannon Griffin, Chuck Medley Dale Bennett, Leonard Clemons and Micah Lawrence for assisting in setting up, and cleaning up! Thanks to all of you who have encouraged these young people in so many different ways. They will look back at their years growing up at Bybee Branch and smile with satisfaction knowing that they were urged to greater service by a strong and supportive congregation.

## New Evangelism Program Planned!

The elders are working on a program for improving our local evangelism and they would like the input of the whole congregation. If you have any suggestions for how we might better reach our local community with the gospel please write these down and give them to one of the elders over the next month. After these are received they will be compiled and discussed as to which ones can work the best and how to best carry them out. Your input in this is can be very helpful. You might just be the person with the best suggestion.

## Some Suggestions for Teaching the Gospel

We all realize the necessity of teaching the gospel to the whole world (Mt. 28:19; Mk. 16:15), but when we approach someone to teach them the Gospel how are we to proceed? When one studies the Bible he observes that the Gospel was taught to different people with different types of methods but essential message remained the same.

When teaching our friends and neighbors, let me make the following suggestions:

1. **Teach with respect to your hearers.** No true salesman would ever insult his prospective client. Christians cannot afford to be arrogant nor disrespectful. After praying for God to open a door for the Word, Paul said, "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one." (Col. 4:6, NKJV).
2. **Teach with a knowledge of your hearer and his background.** Such was the key to Paul's lesson in Acts 17. He knew that the men of Athens were not knowledgeable concerning the Old Testament neither did they believe in it. Thus, Paul spoke with an understanding of their background and approached them regarding their altar to an "unknown god."
3. **Begin to teach your prospect at the point where he is.** If the prospect already believes in the existence of God, the inspiration of the Bible, and the deity of Jesus Christ, then begin to show that the Bible teaches the one church. However, if one does not accept one of the previous points he would begin there. Too many times teachers either wear out their prospects with information which they already accept or they begin too far down the line. In the account of Philip and the Eunuch we see Philip first asking if the Eunuch understood what he was reading. Then he began at that Scripture and preached Jesus to him. Ultimately the Eunuch was baptized.
4. **Do your best and leave God the rest.** We can only plant and water, God gives the increase. When we have made an earnest effort to teach and it has been rejected, we should realize that the blood is off our hands and that we have fulfilled our mission for God. It is the job of a teacher to be a watchman. He is to warn of impending disaster of those who do not obey. If they do not heed the warning, it is their own fault! Many of the greatest men of God were unsuccessful in their attempts to get men to change their sinful ways, and in the same way many of us may be unsuccessful in getting men today to turn from their sinful ways. We can only do our best and leave the rest to God. However, we should make sure we are doing our best! "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might..." (Ecc. 9:10, NKJV).

~Tony Lawrence~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Kurt Maynard  
 Reading Chip Cantrell  
 Scripture Colossians 4:2-6  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Bob Mayfield  
 (S) \*Chuck Boles  
 (N) Lynn Gann  
 (N) Matthew Young  
 (N) Derrick Pennington  
 (S) Joey Reynolds  
 (S) Eddie Palmer  
 (S) Chris Jones  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jeff Bond

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds  
 Reading Harold McGinness  
 Scripture Luke 16:1,2  
 Lord's Table \*W.C. Chilton  
 John Biddle  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jim Slatton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (939-3797) Ronnie Rogers  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Larry Flatt  
 Reading Jason Vandagriff  
 Invitation Willie Newby  
 Dismiss Steve Boyd

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Lucille Newby & Dorothy Foster  
 P.M. Dora Mae Wilcher & Doris Smith

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** John Nussbaum & Alan Collins

**Attend Nursery:** Dana Roller

**Lock Building:** Dale Bennett

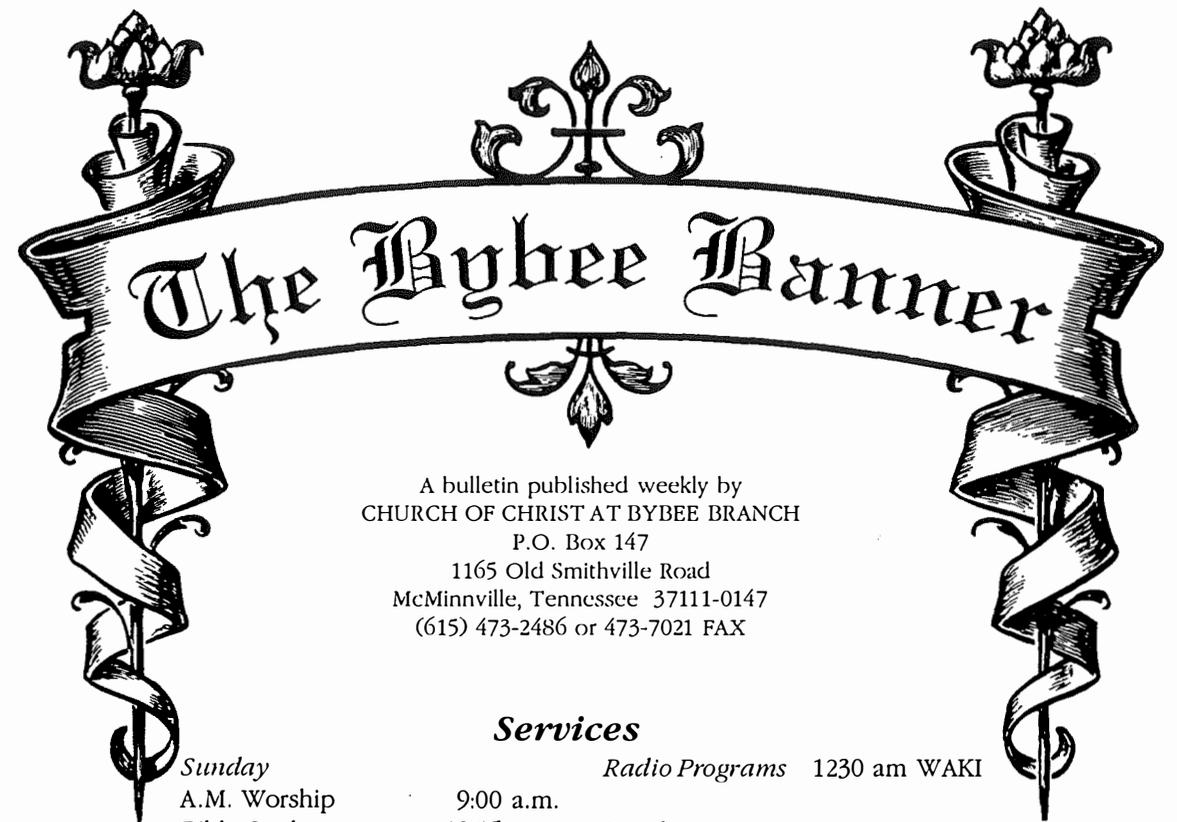
**Pantry Item:** Spaghetti

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## Sick

### At Home:

Bertha Stewart  
Leonard Crouch  
Dickie Kesity (home following surgery)  
Jessica Templeton  
Tyler Boyd  
Johnny Smith-pneumonia

### In The Hospital:

Clyde Christian-Riverpark

## Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to the family of Wilson Womack. He was the brother-in-law to our Jane Golden and was an elder at the Rock Island congregation.

## Baby Shower

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a baby shower in honor of Lori Wilcher Judkins this coming Sunday, March 23 from 1-3 p.m. given by the ladies of the congregation in the fellowship room.

## Elders-Deacons Meeting

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the elders and deacons will be this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m. All the elders and deacons are encouraged to be present.

## Prom Alternative Trip

Final plans are being made for the Prom Alternative Trip on May 9-11. If you are in grades 9-12 you are invited to join in with other Christian young people to make a trip to Gatlinburg. There will be an important meeting this Sunday evening following services to verify those going and plans. If you have any questions please see Steve or Sharla Hillis.

## Baptism & Restoration

It was a joyous day last Sunday to see Bran Merritt baptized into Christ by his father Brett. We rejoice with this family. Also brother Phillip Smith came forward requesting the prayers of the church.

## Evangelism Suggestions

As was announced last week, the elders have requested that the congregation give them suggestions for possible new evangelistic efforts in our community. Your support and encouragement in this area is greatly appreciated. If you have a good idea, please write it down and give it to one of the elders. At the end of the month they will be compiled and discussed by the elders for possible implementation.

*"Without counsel, plans go awry, But in the multitude of counselors they are established." (Proverbs 15:22, NKJV).*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Opening A Door  
P.M. .... Parables On Stewardship



## "I Just Deliver Them"

Along our street I recently met our mailman at the box. I jokingly told him not to bring me any bills. He, in a very witty manner, quickly responded, "I don't make them, I just deliver them." The simple point he transmitted to me was clear. This is the same point that some need to understand about teachers and preachers of the Word. When a godly proclaimer of the truth broadcasts God's Word without compromise, he is not its source (II Peter 20, 21), just the messenger. When he preaches against the sins of the day (social drinking, denominationalism and false religion, dancing, immodest apparel, etc . . .), he may upset some people. This is not his intention. However, we must realize that he does have a duty to speak the whole truth in love:

1. Acts 20:26,27 — "Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God."
2. Ephesians 4:15 — "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ."

The sincere preacher of the gospel has a love for souls who need the saving message of the gospel (I Timothy 4: 16; John 8:32). It is as useless to become upset with him as it would be to become upset with the mailman for bringing a bill or a letter containing unhappy news.

Whenever you hear God's Word and it "steps on your toes" or you are offended, don't become upset with the messenger. Instead, remember the mailman — "I just deliver them."

~author unknown~

## Abortion — Something to Think About

A young mother stepped into the doctor's office carrying a bright and beautiful baby, only a year old. Seating herself near her family physician, she said, "Doctor, I want you to help me out of trouble. My baby is only one year old, and I have conceived again, and I do not want to have children so close together."

"What do you expect me to do?" asked the physician.

"Oh, anything to get rid of it for me," she replied.

After thinking seriously for a moment, the doctor said, "I think I can suggest a better method of helping you out. If you object to having two children so near together, the best way would be to kill the one on your lap and let the other one come on. It is easy to get the one on your lap, and it makes no difference to me which one I kill for you. Besides, it might be dangerous for you if I undertook to kill the younger one."

As the doctor finished speaking, he reached for a knife and continued by asking the mother to lay the baby out on her lap and turn her head away.

The woman almost fainted away as she jumped from her chair and uttered one word: "Murderer!"

A few words of explanation from the doctor soon convinced her that his offer to commit murder was no worse than her request for the destruction of the unborn child. In either case, it would be murder. The only difference would be the age of the victim!

~Samuel Vosiard — via The Green Plain (KY) Proclaimer~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Don Sullivan  
 Reading Marty Boles  
 Scripture Luke 6:46-49  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Noel Pepper  
 (S) \*Bob Bonner  
 (N) Ryan Kesey  
 (N) Ken Lee  
 (S) Joe Roller  
 (S) Shannon Griffin  
 (S) Phillip Smith  
 (S) Ronnie Prince  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Scott Griffith

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-4887) Joey Reynolds  
 Lead Singing Mark Lawrence  
 First Prayer Alan Collins  
 Reading Tyler Boyd  
 Scripture Colossians 3:1-4  
 Lord's Table \*Micah Lawrence  
 Chuck Medley  
 Sermon Ronnie Rogers  
 Dismiss Brandon McGinness

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements Tim Fisher  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Jeff Flatt  
 Reading Brett Merritt  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bob Mayfield

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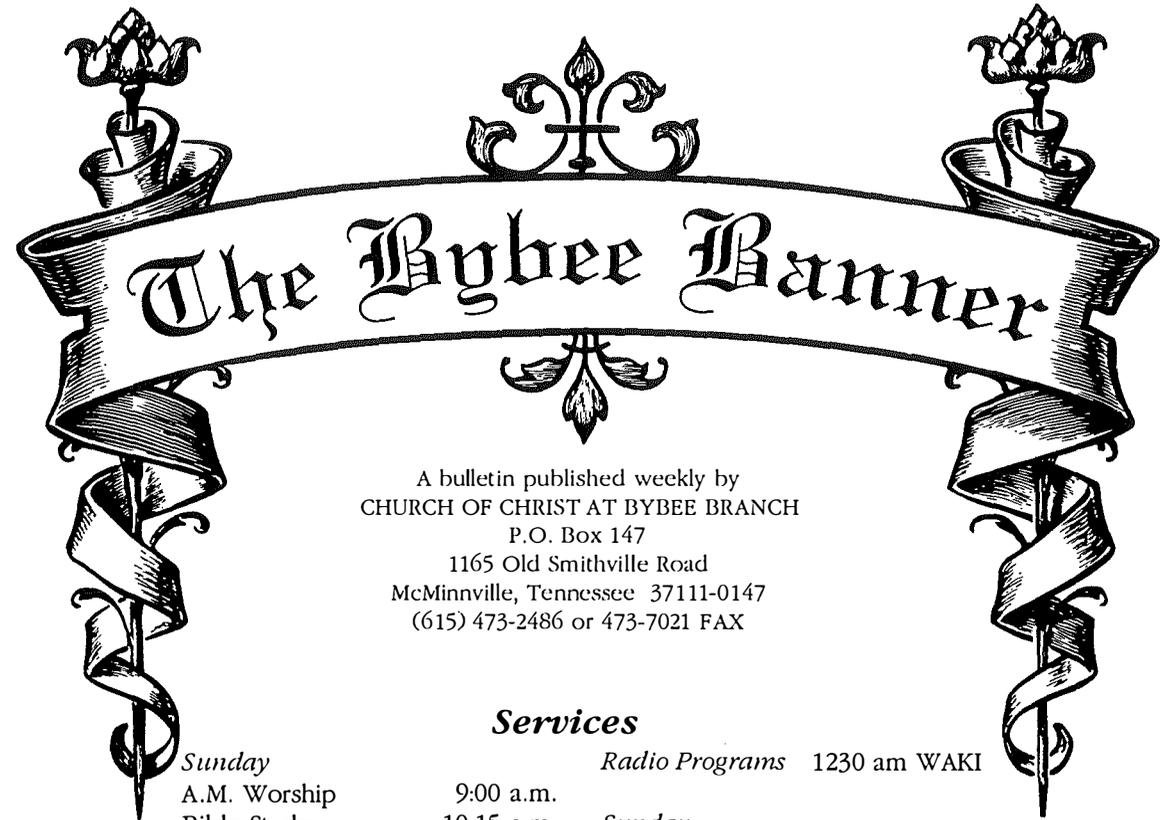
**Pantry Item:** Treet Canned Meat

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	325
Bible Study .....	243
P.M. Worship .....	236
Wednesday Bible Study .....	202
Contribution .....	\$4,211

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 Jim Slatton

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

*Bertha Stewart*

*Leonard Crouch*

*Dickie Kelsey (home following surgery)*

### In The Hospital:

*Clyde Christian-Riverpark*

*Louise Boyd (grandmother of Steve Boyd)-*

*Summit Medical Center/Nashville*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Is Jesus Your Lord?

P.M. .... GUEST SPEAKER: Ronnie Rogers

## Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to the family of Alpha Moffitt. He was the brother to our Minnie Whiteaker and brother-in-law to Clyde Christian. His funeral was this past Thursday.

Sympathy also to the family of Barton Smith, brother-in-law to Doris Smith. His funeral was Monday in Nashville.

## Baptism

We witnessed another precious soul baptized into Christ this past Sunday. It was a joy to see Caleb Graves become a new child of God.

## Fifth Sunday Contribution

The elders have designated that this Sunday's contribution will go to pay off the indebtedness incurred in the new construction on the building. If you can give generously it will be appreciated. In a few days when the work is completed there will be a full accounting of the total cost for the construction.

## To My Child, It's Your Move

I gave you life, but I cannot live it for you.

I can teach you things, but I cannot make you learn.

I can give you directions, but I cannot always be there to lead you.

I can allow you freedom, but I cannot account for your decisions.

I can take you to church services, but I cannot make you believe.

I can teach you right from wrong, but I cannot always decide for you.

I can buy you beautiful clothes, but I cannot make you beautiful inside.

I can give you advice, but I cannot accept it for you.

I can give you love, but I cannot force it upon you.

I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.

I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to show honor.

I can advise you about friends, but I cannot chose them for you.

I can advise you about sex, but I cannot keep you pure.

I can tell you about the facts of life, but I cannot build your reputation.

I can tell you about drinking, but I cannot say no for you.

I can warn you about drugs, but I cannot prevent your using them.

I can give you birth into our family and love you as a child, but I cannot place you in God's family.

I can pray for you, but I cannot make you walk with God.

I can teach you about Jesus, but I cannot make Jesus your Lord.

I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you Eternal Life.

Only God can give you true life, if you trust and obey His Will.

As much as I love you, at some point out there, you're on your own.

~copied from the Spiritual Sword~

## Satisfied and Stagnant

In the book, *The Pyramid Principle of Church Growth*, David Womack made the observation that churches tend to level off their growth at specific plateaus. He noted these are: 35, 85, 125, 180, 240, 400, 600, 800, and just under 1,200. He said he was challenged in this observation by George Elgerly, a statistician with the Assemblies of God Sunday School Department. So, he asked Mr. Elgerly to study their statistical records and find at what predictable size their churches stopped growing. He concluded it was at 50, 90, 120, 180, 230, 290, and 400. (You don't have to be much of a mathematician to see that the two are pretty close.)

But why is this true? Three things we must do to prevent stagnation:

1. **REALIZE OUR WORK IS NOT DONE EVEN THOUGH WE'VE MADE PROGRESS.** God gave Joshua the job of taking all the land of Canaan. For a while the people did good, but after they got enough for them to live comfortable on, they stopped. God said to Joshua, "you are very old, and there are still very large areas of land to be taken over" (Josh. 13:1) We've many more to win, and a city that needs to know about our Lord. We cannot stop just because we've enjoyed some success.

2. **CONSTANTLY INVOLVE MORE PEOPLE IN THE WORK.** This is exactly what God had Joshua do. He was told to take the land and "divide it as an inheritance" among the people (Joshua 13:8). The church can continue to grow only as leadership and responsibility are divided. Our biggest fault has been in thinking only a few ought to be involved in decision making and specific works.

3. **LET THE LEADERS SHOW ENTHUSIASM.** God told Joshua, "Be strong and courageous because you will deed these people to inherit the land . . . (Joshua 1:6) Our leaders must believe and act as if they are men of destiny. When we have faith in our God, in our being His people, then we can lead with enthusiasm. This is the magic quality that will keep the church pushing, dreaming, and growing.

~Austin Ave. Church bulletin Brownwood, TX~

## What Was That Again?

In a recent bulletin from the Grant Street congregation, were these following statements given by children in Bible class.

One of the possums was Matthew, who was a taximan.

The epistles were wives of the apostles.

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.

Moses got the Ten Amendments at Mt. Cyanide.

Joshua fought the battle of Geritol.

Moses died before he reached Canada.

King Solomon had 700 wives and 300 porcupines.

The men who followed the Lord were called the 12 decibels.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.

A Christian should have only one wife. This is called monotony.

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones." (Prov. 17:22)

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Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Ronnie Rogers  
 Reading Kelly Thaxton  
 Scripture I Peter 1:3,4  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Don Griffith  
 (S) \*Jim Slatton  
 (N) John Stembridge  
 (N) Brett Merritt  
 (N) Tom McColloch  
 (S) Edgar Webb  
 (S) Don Johnson  
 (S) Steve Wilcher  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Willie Newby

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Chuck Boles  
 Reading Eddie Palmer  
 Scripture Luke 10:25-29  
 Lord's Table \*Ronnie Prince  
 Billy Gilbert  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Tommy Crouch

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements Tim Fisher  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Doug Hendrixson  
 Reading Joe T. Cantrell  
 Invitation Danny Duncan  
 Dismiss Buell Warren

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A.M. Steve Hillis Family  
 P.M. Ralph & Drucilla Crouch

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**Attend Nursery:** Lisa Bennett

**Lock Building:** Willie Newby

**Pantry Item:** Biscuit Mix

**Record For The Week...**

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Bible Study .....	237
P.M. Worship .....	218
Wednesday Bible Study .....	191
Contribution .....	\$9,699

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## Sick

### At Home:

Carolyn Cantrell  
 Clyde Paris (brother to Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin)  
 Bertha Stewart

### In The Hospital:

Clyde Christian-Riverpark  
 Katherine Bennett-Riverpark  
 Loy Watson-Centennial Medical Center  
 Emma Jean Hie-Centennial Medical Center  
 Carmen Cagle-St. Thomas  
 Louise Boyd (grandmother of Steve Boyd)-moved to NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care)

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## Restoration

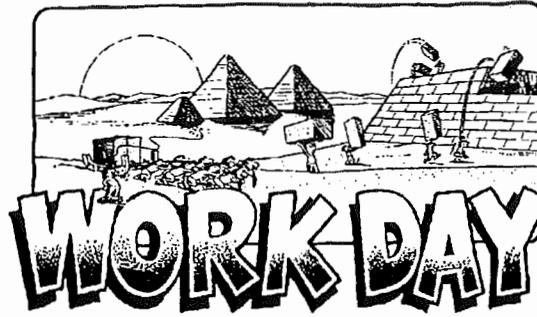
We rejoice that brother Tim Fisher responded to the invitation asking for the prayers of the congregation.

## Gospel Meetings

Leoni church of Christ, April 4-6, services at 7:00 p.m. with Gary Colley preaching.

Earleyville church of Christ, April 6-9, services at 7:30 p.m. with Tony Lawrence preaching.

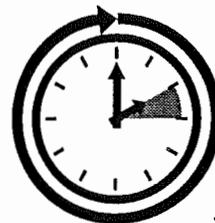
Quebeck church of Christ, April 13-17, services at 7:30 p.m. with Tony Lawrence preaching.



This Saturday will be a work day starting at 8:00 a.m. We need several men and young men to bring rakes, shovels, hoes, and wheel barrows as we will be sowing grass, laying sod and generally cleaning up around the building. If you have any other questions, please see W.C. Chilton.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Our Living Hope  
 P.M. .... Parable Of The Good Samaritan



## Time Change

Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday, April 6. You will need to set your clocks AHEAD one hour on Saturday evening if you want to be on time for services Sunday morning.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Adelia Smith		THURMAN & HAZEL BENNETT	Brenda Bratten Sherry Graves
		1	2	3	4	5 Work Day 8:00 a.m.
Edna Lee Smith Sharla Hillis Sharon Boles Nancy Crouch	Christine Cantrell				Dora Wilcher	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	CECIL & NAN CANTRELL	Eugene Wilcher Donna Anderson			Wanda Hendrixson Frank Reynolds	J.B. & CHRISTINE GRIBBLE Lynette Maynard Hannah Maynard
	School of Bible Emphasis at Mt Leo 7:00 p.m.					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Tamara Campbell Tony Lawrence STEVE & SHARLA HILLIS	Jane Golden Denice Reynolds	Cody Lee Prince Junetta Gilbert		Betty Hill		Leslie Caldwell Angie Caldwell Betsy Hill
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Lemmie Bratten						
	School of Bible Emphasis at Mt Leo 7:00 p.m.					
27	28	29	30			

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Announcements	(668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Thurman Bennett
Reading	Lemmie Bratten
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table (N)	*Frank Reynolds
(S)	*Bill Womack
(N)	Jason Vandagriff
(N)	Joe Maynard
(N)	Tom McColloch
(S)	Steve Hillis
(S)	Tyler Boyd
(S)	Jeff Bond
Sermon	Larry Vinson
Dismiss	Bob Mayfield

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements	(668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Joe Collins
Reading	Larry Flatt
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Rodney Reynolds
	Don Sullivan
Sermon	Larry Vinson
Dismiss	Clyde Christian

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements	Tim Fisher
Lead Singing	Mark Lawrence
First Prayer	Dennis Gann
Reading	Shannon Griffin
Invitation	Rodney Reynolds
Dismiss	Joey Reynolds

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Angie Caldwell & Elaine Goodman  
 P.M. Joe Collins Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Lee & Eugene Wilcher

**Attend Nursery:** Sabrina Merritt

**Lock Building:** Willie Newby

**Pantry Item:** Pancake Mix

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	292
Bible Study .....	219
P.M. Worship .....	205
Wednesday Bible Study .....	194
Contribution .....	\$3,977

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Jim Slatton	

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence	473-8079
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## Sick

### At Home:

Clyde Paris (brother-in-law to Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin)

Jeff Flatt

Willie, Emily, and Olivia Newby

Clyde Christian

Emma Jean Hice-home following surgery

### In The Hospital:

Loy Watson (Pauline's husband)-Parthenon Pavilion, soon to come home.

Katherine Bennett-moved to NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care)

Louise Boyd (Steve's grandmother) moved to NHC.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Guest Speaker: Larry Vinson

P.M. .... Guest Speaker: Larry Vinson

## Gospel Meetings

Shady Grove church of Christ, April 11-13, services at 7:30 with Kenny Bradford preaching.

Quebeck church of Christ, April 13-17, services at 7:30 p.m. with Tony Lawrence preaching.

Bluff Springs church of Christ, April 17-19, services at 7:00 p.m. with Jim Boyd, Ken Willis, and Johnny O. Trail preaching.

## Ladies Days

Main St./Crossville church of Christ, April 19, 9-12, with Peggy Leonard.

Central church of Christ, April 26, 9-12, with Debbie Bumbalough. The theme is *Spring Cleaning Of The Heart*.

## Another Work Day

The work day held last Saturday was very successful but not all the work was completed. As a result there will be another work day this Thursday afternoon beginning at 5:00 p.m. Be sure to bring shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows. If you have questions, contact W.C. Chilton.

Thanks to the following for working this past Saturday:

Tom McColloch	David Chilton
David McColloch	W.C. Chilton
Micah Lawrence	Tyler Boyd
Joseph Kimery	Phillip Smith
Johnny Anderson	Bill Womack
Eddie Palmer	Craig Palmer
Lemmie Bratten	Andrew Collins
Mary Flatt	Jennifer Flatt
Rachel Flatt	Don Griffith

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## Special Request for Help

One of the deacons of the Lord's church in Athens, Alabama, brother Don Cobb, has Lukemia and is in need of a bone marrow transplant. There will be a test given to seek a potential donors at the Athens Bible School located on Highway 31 in Athens this Saturday, April 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Those ages 18-60 may be tested and the test is being offered at no cost. Transportation will be provided. If you would be interested in helping, please see Thurman Bennett.

## Shut-ins

The church here has a number of our members that can no longer attend services. Some are shut-in temporarily, others are on a longer lasting basis. We will post this list the second week of every month. Occasionally, we miss the name of someone who should be added (or taken off) the list. If we have done so we apologize, please help us by bringing this to our attention.

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Katherine Bennett

Louise Boyd

Minnie Cooper

Carol Sue Taylor

Earlene Ray

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

Nora Lee Griffith

Flossie Smartt

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Flora Smith

Yuriko Biles

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Marvin Crouch

### Peachtree Manor (Smyrna)

Avis Pauline Taylor

### Home:

Harold & Pearl Mitchell

Edith Cantrell

Fate Cantrell

Rozelle Goodman

Catherine Flatt

Joe Maxwell

Edith Morrow

Bessie Parker

Brown Simpson

Irene Simpson

Magdalene Taylor

Belle Young

June Slatton

Bertha Stewart



## Pews In The Foyer

After the auditorium was remodeled the elders decided to place two pews in the foyer at the request of a number of members. These are for members and visitors to sit on *before* and *after* the services. You are asked to sit in the auditorium *during* the services. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

## Response

We rejoice that brother Johnny Anderson came forward this past Sunday to be restored. Please remember him in your prayers.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Traci Franks and James Pigott who were married on March 29 at Gatlinburg. Traci is the daughter of Tamara & Marty Campbell and the granddaughter of Bill & Freda Womack.

## Address Change?

Please, please — when you move or change your address let us know before hand. Not only does it cost us for a returned bulletin but you will likely miss two or three weeks of getting the bulletin.

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 First Prayer Noel Pepper  
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 Scripture I Peter 1:13-16  
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 (N) Jeff Templeton  
 (N) Caleb Graves  
 (N) Harley Northcutt  
 (S) David McColloch  
 (S) Harry Felty  
 (S) Matthew Young  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Kurt Maynard

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Bob Bonner  
 Reading Joey Reynolds  
 Scripture Luke 14:1-6  
 Lord's Table \*EddiePalmer  
 Chuck Boles  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Mark Lawrence

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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 Lead Singing Alan Collins  
 First Prayer W.C. Chilton  
 Reading Micah Lawrence  
 Invitation Rodney Reynolds  
 Dismiss Steve Hillis

**Welcome Committee**

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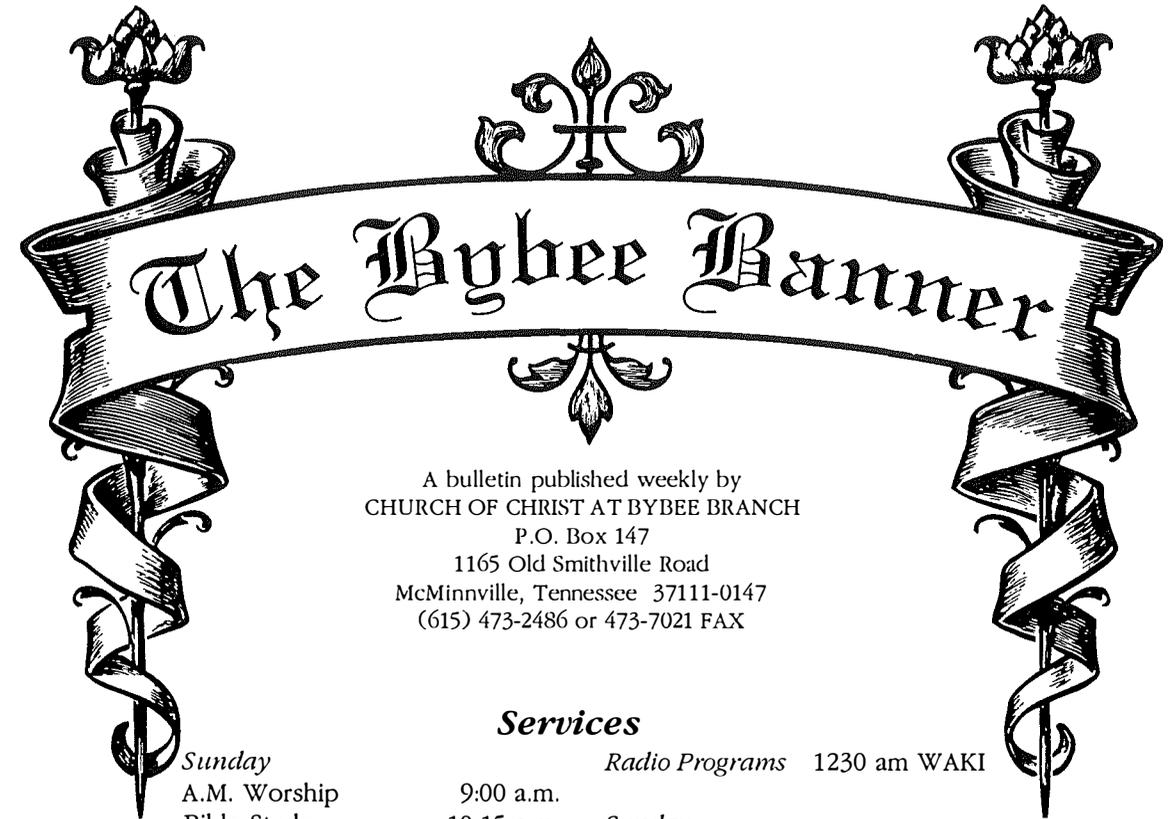
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 Bible Study ..... 228  
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### At Home:

*Clyde Paris (brother-in-law to Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin)*

*Emma Jean Hice-home following surgery*

### In The Hospital:

*Dot Green-Donelson Hospital (surgery for brain tumor).*

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Belle Phillips (sister of our Pauline Watson). She passed away Sunday.

## Gospel Meetings

*Quebeck church of Christ*, April 13-17, services at 7:00 p.m. with Tony Lawrence preaching.

*Bluff Springs church of Christ*, April 17-19, services at 7:00 p.m. with Jim Boyd, Ken Willis, and Johnny O. Trail preaching.

*West Riverside church of Christ*, April 20-24, services at 7:30 p.m. with Clark Elkins preaching.

*West Sparta church of Christ*, April 20-24, services at 7:00 p.m. with Garland Robinson preaching.

*Jericho church of Christ*, May 2-4, services at 7:30 p.m. with George King preaching.

## Ladies Days

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## Singing

The annual singing at the *Morrison church of Christ* will be April 25, from 7:00-12:00 midnight.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Practical Points From Peter: Be Holy

P.M. .... Parables Series: Parable of Humility

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Kevin and Lori Judkins on the arrival of baby boy, *Tyler Eugene*. He made his arrival in this world on Sunday afternoon weighing in at 8 lbs. 6 1/2 ozs. The proud grandparents are Eugene and Doris Wilcher and great grandparents are Dora Wilcher and Pauline Greene.

## Ladies Retreat Info...

To all those attending the Ladies Retreat: Remember to bring your picture and leave it in the church office. Make sure the picture is in an envelope addressed to Mary Flatt, Janie Griffin, or Sharla Hillis. Deadline is April 27th. For more information call Mary Flatt at 668-2918.

Those making the trip also need to turn their money in to Carol Boyd.

## VBS Volunteers

*We are still in need of volunteers! Time is drawing near, sign up soon!* Our VBS this year will be June 9-13. Again this year we will conduct the VBS in conjunction and cooperation with the Mt. Leo congregation. It is our year to host the VBS at our building. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you are willing to help, please sign the sheet. If you have more questions, see Chuck Medley.

## Donor Testing

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## What Do You See?

What do you see, nurse, what do you see?  
Are you thinking when you look at me —  
A crabbed old woman, not very wise,  
Uncertain of habit with faraway eyes?  
Who dribbles her food and makes no reply?  
When you say in a loud voice, "I do wish you'd try!"  
Who seems not to notice the things that you do,  
And forever is losing a stocking or shoe?  
Who resisting or not, lets you do as you will  
With bathing and feeding, the long day to fill?  
Is that what you're thinking, is that what you see?  
Then open your eyes, nurse, you're looking at me.  
I'll tell you who I am as I sit here so still.  
As I move at your bidding, eat at your will . . .  
I'm a small child of ten with a father and mother,  
Brothers and sisters who love one another;  
A young girl of sixteen with wings on her feet,  
Dreaming that soon a love she'll meet;

A bride at twenty my heart gives a leap,  
Remembering the vows that I promised to keep;  
At twenty-five now I have young of my own  
Who need me to build a secure, happy home;

*The author of this poem died in the old folks' ward of Ashludie Hospital near Dundee, Scotland. It was found among her possessions and so impressed the staff that copies were widely distributed throughout the hospital and beyond. (As many of us visit the nursing homes and hospitals this poem could help us see these suffering seniors in a different light-T.L.).*

A woman of thirty, my young now grow fast,  
Bound together with ties that should last;  
At forty, my young sons have grown up and gone,  
But my man's beside me to see I don't mourn;  
At fifty, once more babies play round my knee,  
Again we know children my loved ones and me.  
Dark days are upon me; my husband is dead,  
I look at the future, I shudder with dread.  
For my young are all rearing young of their own,  
And I think of the years and the love that I've known.  
I'm an old woman now and nature is cruel;  
'Tis her jest to make old age look like a fool.  
The body it crumbles, grace and vigor depart;  
There is a stone where I once had a heart.  
But inside this old carcass a young girl still dwells,  
And now, again, my embittered heart swells.  
I remember the joys, I remember the pain,  
And I'm loving and living life over again,  
I think of the years, all too few, gone to fast,  
And accept the stark fact that nothing can last.  
So open your eyes, nurse, open and see  
Not a crabbed old woman,  
Look closer — see me!

## Thanks...

Thanks to Larry Vinson for two excellent sermons and teaching the Bible class this past Sunday. If you would like to get a taped copy of these lessons, please sign the sheet in the foyer. We look forward to Larry will be back with us again on Sunday morning, May 11. On that same Sunday evening, Thurman Bennett will give an update on his February trip to Thailand.

## Library Help Appreciated

Our church library is growing and is used by a number of people. There are many good books that can be of benefit to both young and old. We need your help to keep it in good shape. If you borrow a book return it as soon as you are finished with it so others can use it. Parents please help your young children when getting a book to keep the shelves straight and neat for others. Your help is appreciated!

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements	(668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Danny Duncan
Reading	Willie Newby
Scripture	I Peter 1:22-25
Lord's Table (N)	*Jeff Flatt
(S)	*Joe Collins
(N)	Rodney Maynard
(N)	Johnny Anderson
(N)	Ralph Crouch
(S)	Micah Lawrence
(S)	Dale Bennett
(S)	Chip Cantrell
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Winfrey Hennessee

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements	(668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Bob Mayfield
Reading	John Biddle
Scripture	Luke 12:35-40
Lord's Table	*Ronnie Rogers
	Kelly Thaxton
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ronnie Prince

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements	Tim Fisher
Lead Singing	Phillip Smith
First Prayer	Lemmie Bratten
Reading	Chad Graves
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Tyler Boyd

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Nancy Rogers & Lou Leatherwood  
 P.M. John & Judy Nussbaum

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** John Nussbaum & Alan Collins

**Attend Nursery:** Judy Payne

**Lock Building:** Willie Newby

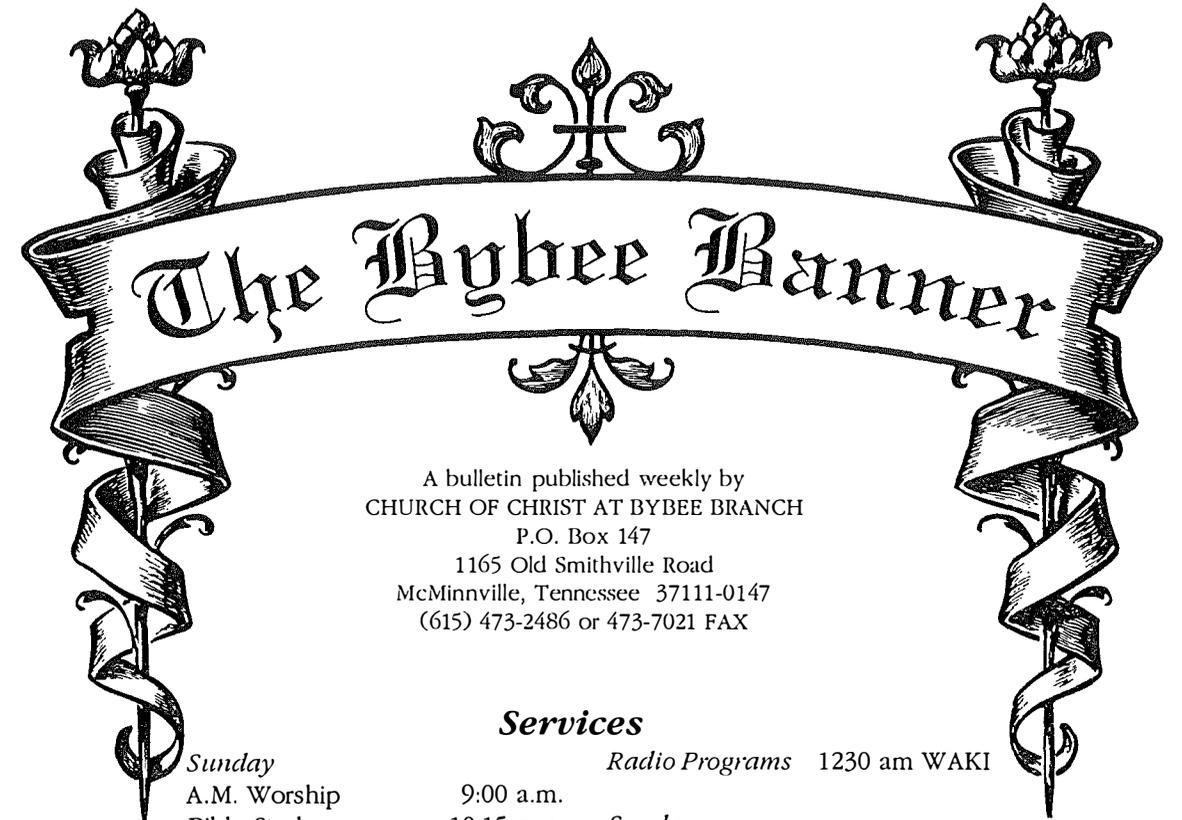
**Pantry Item:** Corn

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	329
Bible Study .....	240
P.M. Worship .....	232
Wednesday Bible Study .....	203
Contribution .....	\$4,226

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 Bible Study 10:15 a.m.  
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*Wednesday*

Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

*Radio Programs* 1230 am WAKI

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Tony Lawrence 8:00 a.m.  
 Winford Claiborne 8:30 a.m.

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Bob Bonner	473-6992
Don Griffith	668-9006
Douglas Hendrixson	668-3115
Rodney Reynolds	473-3570

**Deacons**

Steve Boyd	W.C. Chilton
Leonard Clemons	Joe Collins
Jeff Flatt	Billy Gilbert
Stanley Graves	Willie Newby
Jim Slatton	

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Clyde Paris (brother-in-law to Nelma Chilton & Nona Martin)

### In The Hospital:

Dot Green-Memorial Hospital/Madison (following surgery for brain tumor).  
Fate Cantrell-Riverpark

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Practical Points From Peter: Incorruptible Seed  
P.M. .... Parables Series: Parables of Loyal Service

## Gospel Meetings

West Riverside church of Christ, April 20-24, services at 7:30 p.m. with Clark Elkins preaching.

West Sparta church of Christ, April 20-24, services at 7:00 p.m. with Garland Robinson preaching.

Jericho church of Christ, May 2-4, services at 7:30 p.m. with George King preaching.

## Ladies Day

Central church of Christ, April 26, 9-12, with Debbie Bumbalough. The theme is *Spring Cleaning Of The Heart*.

## Singing

The annual singing at the Morrison church of Christ will be April 25, from 7:00-12:00 midnight.

## VBS Volunteers

There will be an important meeting this Sunday morning following services for those willing to help in VBS. We are still in need of volunteers! If you can possibly help, sign up soon! The date for our VBS this year will be June 9-13. If you have more questions, see Chuck Medley.

## Ladies Retreat Info...

To all those attending the Ladies Retreat: Remember to bring your picture and leave it in the church office. Make sure the picture is in an envelope addressed to Mary Flatt, Janie Griffin, or Sharla Hillis. Deadline is April 27th. For more information call Mary Flatt at 668-2918.

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## A Personal Word of Appreciation

I would like to express my deepest appreciation for so many of you at the congregation here. You supported the meetings at both the Earleyville and Quebeck congregations in such a fine way. I am humbled by how kind many of you are to me and my family. I consider myself fortunate to work with such a fine and dedicated group of Christians.

### Coming Up...

Ladies Retreat ..... May 2-3  
Prom Alternative Trip ..... May 9-11  
VBS ..... June 9-13  
Lectureship ..... August 6-10

## Report of Miracles From a Country Preacher

### Here's a note from a mythical country preacher:

"Attendance at worship last Sunday was a mite poorly. I reckon I oughtn't to grumble about a poor showing, because we had so many sick members and shut-ins out that I don't think we even had 'nuff possible pew sitters to fill the church house.

Well I went ahead and preached to what crowd showed up. Only one thing wuz the echo in that empty church building hurt my ears somethin' fierce. My wife said I needed to get out, ride around a while, and let the fresh air clear my head. I tell you, folks, I saw miracle after miracle on that ride of mine.

Ol' Hezekiah Jones who had been deathly sick that Sunday morning had now roused himself up and was riding down the highway with his fishing pole. From what I heard, nothin' but a miracle could have rescued ol' Hez from the jaws of death in jig time.

Also, I saw good brother Rufe. Now Rufe said he couldn't come to church 'cause his back wuz in such bad shape. According to Rufe, them doctors said they mite need to operate at just any minute. Rufe done got a second opinion, and that doctor said he would shore need surgery, but he told him to watch hisself about strainin' his back, especially on Sundays. But lo and behold, a miracle had happened during church time that morning. Rufe had hisself a supernatural healing or somethin', and at two o'clock he was out at the driving range able to hit golf balls.

Then I saw Elmer who couldn't stand the crowds at church because of his claustrophobia, don't you know. And where should I see him but standin' in line for a ticket to the baseball game which had a sell-out crowd.

All told, I saw about 20 miracles that one day! I tell you, its enough to make you believe the days of miracles is not over.

And looking on the bright side, just think of the crowd we'll have at the church meetin' next Sunday when all them well folks flock to the pew. I sure hope some of them newly healed folks don't overdo and suffer a relapse before next Sunday!

~ Jedidah Bible Thumper-Genuine Country Preacher ~

[Laugh if you will, but you'd be surprised if you heard some of the excuses that preachers hear only to see those same folks just a few days (sometimes hours) later! T.L.]

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer John Biddle  
 Reading Dennis Gann  
 Scripture I Peter 2:4-10  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Scott Griffith  
 (S) \*Billy Gilbert  
 (N) Bob Cantrell  
 (N) J.B. Gribble  
 (S) Brandon McGinness  
 (S) Dickie Kesey  
 (S) Marty Boles  
 (S) Chris Jones  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss David Chilton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Steve Hillis  
 Reading Jeff Bond  
 Scripture Matthew 25:1-13  
 Lord's Table \*Noel Pepper  
 Eddie Palmer  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ken Lee

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton  
 Lead Singing Mark Lawrence  
 First Prayer Thurman Bennett  
 Reading Tom McColloch  
 Invitation Chuck Medley  
 Dismiss Phillip Smith

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Tony Lawrence Family  
 P.M. David McColloch Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Kurt Maynard & Chad Graves

**Attend Nursery:** Teresa McGinness

**Lock Building:** Steve Boyd

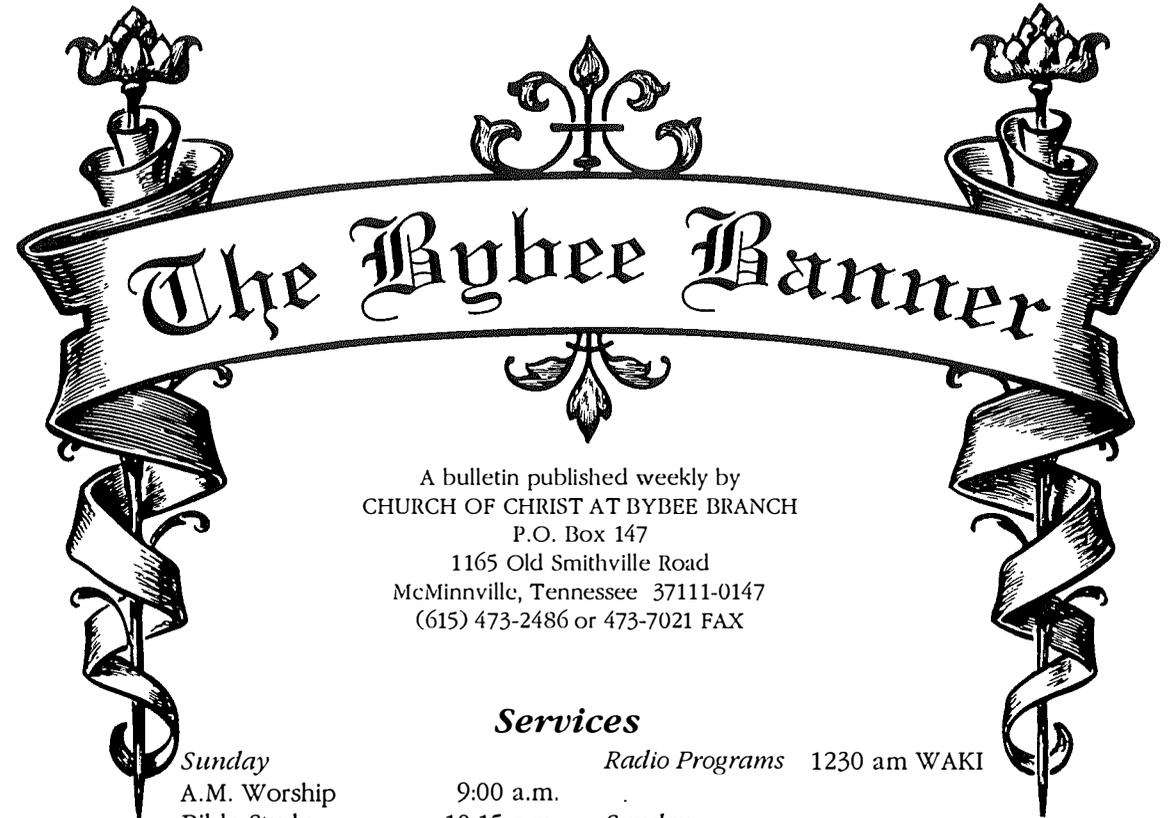
**Pantry Item:** Bisquit Mix

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Bible Study .....	231
P.M. Worship .....	217
Wednesday Bible Study .....	197
Contribution .....	\$3,446

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<i>Wednesday</i>		
Bible Study	7:00 p.m.	

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 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Flossie Smartt

Fate Cantrell

Dot Green-cards can be sent to her home at:

2828 Glen Oaks

Donelson, TN 37214

### In The Hospital:

none known

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. Practical Points From Peter: A Spiritual Temple

P.M. .... Parables Series: Parables of Preparation

## Gospel Meetings

Jericho church of Christ, May 2-4, services at 7:30 p.m. with George King preaching.

Old Philadelphia church of Christ, May 4-9, services at 7:30 p.m. with different speakers preaching.

## Restorations

We were made to rejoice this past week with the restoration of Loy and Pauline Watson on Wednesday evening and Janie York on Sunday.

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## Prom-Alternative Trip

There will be an important meeting this Sunday following the evening services for those going on the Prom-Alternative Trip. The balance due and the release forms will need to be turned in at this time. If you have any questions, please see Steve Hillis.

## Singing Night

This Wednesday evening is the fifth Wednesday and has been set aside by the elders as a singing night. You are encouraged to come planning to sing.

## Ellen The Degenerate

Most people are aware of the recent frenzy going on in the news and entertainment media over an episode of the show "Ellen" to appear this week. Many are applauding her tackling the homosexual issue on her show and for her own personal "coming out" announcing that she is a homosexual herself. The episode is supposed to include appearances by a number of "stars" in support of her decision.

The truth is that Ms. Degeneres has proved herself to be a moral degenerate. A "degenerate" is "having fallen to an inferior or undesirable state, especially in mental or moral qualities." (American Heritage Dictionary). Such degeneracy comes from those who reject God. "For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting" (Romans 1:26-28, NKJV). We dare not give any approval to her behavior. "who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them." (Romans 1:32, NKJV).

~Tony Lawrence~

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				EUGENE & DORIS WILCHER JEFF & REGINA TEMPLETON		Bob Cantrell
					<b>Ladies Retreat to Holiday Hills/Crossville</b>	
	Nan Cantrell DARRELL & LISA CHILTON	Bessie Parker	Teresa Atnip	Tyler Boyd		Regina Templeton Ryan McColloch
					<b>Prom-Alternative Trip to Gatlinburg</b>	
Violet Webb Joe Roller	LEONARD & JUNE CROUCH Ken Lee Kevin Flatt	Billy Gilbert		GILBERT & WILLENE KELL Pauline Watson JOHN & RACHEL EVERETT		Melba Bonner
Guest Speakers: Larry Vinson A.M. Thailand Report P.M.						
Mary Davis Josh Holland	David Christian		Mattie Medley			
Edgar Webb Pearl Biddle Bertha Stewart Eugene Jones	Terann Hillis	Rachel Flatt	Robbie Vandagriff	Edith Cantrell	BOB & JUANITA CANTRELL Harold McGinness	

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Tim Fisher  
 Reading Joe Roller  
 Scripture TBA  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Doug Hendrixson  
 (S) \*Johnny Anderson  
 (N) Ryan Kesey  
 (N) Lynn Gann  
 (S) Shannon Griffin  
 (S) Harold McGinness  
 (S) John Nussbaum  
 (S) Joe T. Cantrell  
 Sermon Larry Vinson  
 Dismiss Derrick Pennington

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Don Sullivan  
 Reading Bob Bonner  
 Scripture TBA  
 Lord's Table \*Willie Newby  
 Frank Reynolds  
 Sermon Thurman Bennett  
 Dismiss Ronnie Rogers

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Rodney Reynolds  
 Reading David McColloch  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Brett Merritt Family  
 P.M. Steve Boyd Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Lee & Eugene Wilcher

**Attend Nursery:** Doris Wilcher

**Lock Building:** Steve Boyd

**Pantry Item:** Potted Meat

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 314  
 Bible Study ..... 243  
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 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

*Flossie Smartt (moved to NHC)*

*Fate Cantrell*

*Dot Green-cards can be sent to her home at:*

*2828 Glen Oaks*

*Donelson, TN 37214*

### In The Hospital:

*Edith Cantrell-Riverpark*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Guest Speaker: Larry Vinson

P.M. .... Thailand Report: Thurman Bennett

## Gospel Meetings

*Old Philadelphia church of Christ*, May 4-9, services at 7:30 p.m. with different speakers preaching.

*Oak Grove church of Christ*, May 18-23, services at 7:30 p.m. with Clark Elkins preaching.

## VBS Teachers Needed

Our VBS is rapidly approaching and we are still in need of a couple of teachers. We need a teacher for the 3rd grade and one for 4 year olds. If you can help, please see Chuck Medley. VBS will be held here June 9-13 in cooperation with Mt. Leo.

## Donor Testing

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## Shut-ins

*The church here has a number of our members that can no longer attend services. Some are shut-in temporarily, others are on a longer lasting basis. We will post this list the second week of every month. Occasionally, we miss the name of someone who should be added (or taken off) the list. If we have done so we apologize, please help us by bringing this to our attention.*

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

*Louise Boyd*

*Minnie Cooper*

*Flossie Smartt*

*Carol Sue Taylor*

*Earlene Ray*

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

*Nora Lee Griffith*

### Raintree Health Care Center:

*Flora Smith*

*Yuriko Biles*

### Woodbury Nursing Home

*Marvin Crouch*

### Home:

*Katherine Bennett*

*Edith Cantrell*

*Fate Cantrell*

*Rozelle Goodman*

*Catherine Flatt*

*Joe Maxwell*

*Harold & Pearl Mitchell*

*Edith Morrow*

*Bessie Parker*

*June Slatton*

*Brown Simpson*

*Irene Simpson*

*Bertha Stewart*

*Magdalene Taylor*

*Belle Young*

## The Woman Who Changed America

Her name became a household word. Madalyn Murray O'Hair. In 1963, she won the landmark lawsuit filed on behalf of her son, William, effectively banning prayer in public schools.

I have just finished the book, *My Life Without God*, by William J. Murray in which he tells of the tragedy of his upbringing as the son of America's most famous atheist.

Madalyn could express her atheism in lofty terms: "An atheist loves his fellow man instead of God . . . He wants man to understand and love man; he wants an ethical way of life . . . we are our brother's keeper," etc.

But words meant little as the book clearly shows. Madalyn loved her own father so much that she asked him to kill him. She purchased rat poison and told William to put it in his grandfather's coffee. "He's just a rat anyway," she said. "You put sick animals to sleep, and this is no different, If you love me, you'll do it, she whispered. William refused.

The date was January 9, 1993. Madalyn screamed, "I hope you drop dead. I'll dump your shriveled body in the trash!" Later that day her father died from a heart attack. When informed of the news she replied:

"Well, I'll be. Where's the stiff?"

"At the Memorial Hospital Morgue."

Then she turned to her son and said, "Bill, call up some undertakers and find the cheapest one. Then have them pick up the stiff from Memorial."

So much for love, and being a brother's keeper! And time would fail to speak of her children born out of wedlock, her endorsement of perverse sex, the encouragement of homosexual activity, her debates with Bob Harrington, the "Chaplain of Bourbon Street," and the 45/55 split of the proceeds after Madalyn got her \$1000.00 per night minimum (the debates were making over \$10,000 per week). But why go on ad nauseam?

I thought William Murray's change from atheism to a belief in God was interesting. He said, "There had to be good, because I had looked into the eyes of evil. There had to be a God, because I had held hands with the devil."

John Gipson, Little Rock, Arkansas, KEYNOTER, October 19, 1995

*In contrast to the poor example of motherhood listed above, below is an excellent poem illustrating a true mother's love. The Bible says to "Honor thy father and thy mother." (Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:2). Good mothers deserve all of the respect and honor we can give them! T.L.*

## Mother's Love

Her love is like an island in life's ocean, vast and wide,  
A peaceful, quiet shelter from the wind, the rain, the tide.

'Tis bound on the north by hope, by patience on the west,

By tender counsel on the south, and on the east by rest.

Above it like a beacon light shine faith, and truth, and prayer.

And through the changing scenes of life, I find a haven there.

~Author unknown~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Steve Boyd  
 Reading Chuck Boles  
 Scripture 1 Peter 2:11,12  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Chip Cantrell  
 (S) \*Lemmie Bratten  
 (N) Don Johnson  
 (N) Bob Mayfield  
 (N) Noel Pepper  
 (S) Chad Graves  
 (S) Bran Merritt  
 (S) Caleb Graves  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss W.C. Chilton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Eddie Palmer  
 Reading Joe Collins  
 Scripture Luke 16:19-21  
 Lord's Table \*Jeff Flatt  
 Dennis Gann  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Chuck Medley

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Don Griffith  
 Reading Brett Merritt  
 Invitation Mark Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ronnie Prince

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Harry Felty Family  
 P.M. Kurt Maynard Family

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Don Sullivan & John Stembridge

**Attend Nursery:** Patsy Reynolds

**Lock Building:** Steve Boyd

**Pantry Item:** Canned Salmon

**Record For The Week...**

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 Bible Study ..... 173  
 P.M. Worship ..... 198  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 214  
 Contribution ..... \$3,514

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## Sick

### At Home:

*Flossie Smartt (moved back to McMinnville  
Boarding Home)  
Edith Cantrell*

### In The Hospital:

*Fate Cantrell-Riverpark (Room 300)*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Honorable Behavior  
P.M. .... Parables: Parables of Eternal Judgment

## Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to the family of Brown Simpson. He passed away this past Sunday with funeral on Tuesday. Brown was a long time member here at Bybee Branch but has been shut-in for the past several years.

## Gospel Meetings

*Oak Grove church of Christ, May 18-23, services at 7:30 p.m. with Clark Elkins preaching.*

*Arlington church of Christ, May 18-21, services at 7:00 p.m. with Tom Holland preaching.*

## Ladies Day

*Leoni church of Christ, May 17, 10-12 with Racine Wilder speaking.*

## Lectureship

*East Hill church of Christ in Pulaski, May 15-19, with different speakers. Theme: Jesus "Spake These Things Unto Them."*

*Keep in mind our Lectureship will be August 6-10*

## Graduates Listing

Next week we plan to honor the graduates in our bulletin. We already have the list of the high school graduates but if you or one of your children are graduating from college please write their name, school and degree down and give it to Tony or Corretta so that we can recognize them also.

## Donor Testing

The date for testing here at the building this Saturday, May 17, 10-5 p.m. As was announced previously one of the deacons at the Bethel church of Christ in Athens, AL has leukemia and is in need of a bone marrow transplant and potential donors are being sought. If you can come it will be appreciated.

## No Time

I knelt to pray, but not for long, I had too much to do. Must hurry off and get to work, for bills would soon be due. And so I said a hurried prayer, jumped up from off my knees: My Christian duty now was done, my soul could be at ease. All through the day I had no time, to speak a word of cheer. No time to speak of Christ to a friend, they'd laugh at me, I feared.

No time, no time, too much to do —that was, my constant cry; no time to give to those in need, at last 'twas time to die. And when before the Lord I came, I stood with downcast eyes. Within his hands He held a book, it was the Book of Life. God looked into his Book and said, "Your name I cannot find, I once was going to write it down, but never found the time."

~Author unknown~

## Urgent Need!!!

The date for VBS is rapidly approaching and we still need a teacher for 3rd grade and 4 year olds. If you could help it would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Chuck Medley if you can help.

## Invitation Etiquette

There is no time so crucial in our periods of worship as when the invitation of Christ is extended. This is a time when souls are being urged and persuaded to become obedient to Christ. The proper atmosphere is so very important. During the invitation we are trying to get those whose lives are out of harmony with the Gospel to make the emotional response, as well as the intellectual response, that is necessary to save their souls. We must do our very best to eliminate every distraction from the serious business at hand! A soul that is on the verge of responding, but who is discouraged from doing so by thoughtless behavior of those around him, may never be that near again. In fact, he may die and be lost because of our behavior! Everything the preacher, song leader, and every other member of the church does should be calculated to encourage those who need to respond to respond. PLEASE consider the following "invitation etiquette."

1. Sing the invitation song with interest and meaning. It is pitiful to see so many who gaze around and make no effort at all to sing. It appears that such people are just bored by it all! Those who are ashamed of their singing could at least read the words silently.
2. Don't move around nor allow your children to leave during the invitation unless there is some kind of emergency. That is, unless you need to respond. Then, by all means, move around sufficiently to come to the front! The devil can use innocent children to detract people from responding to the invitation if we don't properly control them. It is sad to see more people going out the back door than coming to the front when the invitation is extended.
3. Wait till after the closing prayer to get ready to go home. Some folks are more interested in putting on a coat or picking up a purse than they are in the salvation of souls during the invitation song.
4. Don't talk, giggle, write notes, nor elbow anybody during the closing remarks of the sermon or the invitation song. It breaks my heart to see this going on while I am pleading for souls. It is most commonly seen among young people. This is not appropriate for any time during worship.

Try to put yourself in the position of someone who needs to respond. You are about ready to step into the aisle when suddenly the lady next to you bumps you while struggling to get her coat on, and the kids in front of you are talking and laughing.

How would you feel?

~Dub McClish~

(Copied from The Messenger, W. Sparta Church of Christ)

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Jeff Flatt  
 Reading Tommy Crouch  
 Scripture 1 Peter 3:18-22  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Winfrey Hennessee  
 (S) \*Larry Flatt  
 (N) Eugene Wilcher  
 (N) Ronnie Prince  
 (N) Harry Felty  
 (S) Harley Northcutt  
 (S) Willie Newby  
 (S) Brett Merritt  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Danny Duncan

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Ronnie Rogers  
 Reading Kurt Maynard  
 Scripture Isaiah 9:13-16  
 Lord's Table \*Joe T. Cantrell  
 Chip Cantrell  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Buell Warren

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-5028) Jim Slatton  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds  
 Reading Tyler Boyd  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Billy Gilbert

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Harold McGinness Family  
 P.M. Denice Reynolds & Debbie Glenn

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** John Nussbaum & Alan Collins

**Attend Nursery:** Jan Wilcher

**Lock Building:** Steve Boyd

**Pantry Item:** Hamburger Helper

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	323
Bible Study .....	250
P.M. Worship .....	227
Wednesday Bible Study .....	212
Contribution .....	\$4,165

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

At Home:

Fate Cantrell

In The Hospital:

Charlotte Plott (daughter of Bob & Carolyn Cantrell)-Parthenon Pavilion/Nashville)

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Baptism Now Saves Us  
P.M. .... The Lord's Plan For Righteous Leadership

## Sympathy

We want to express our sympathy to the family of Catherine Flatt. She passed away this past Sunday.

## Gospel Meetings

Oak Grove church of Christ, May 18-23, services at 7:30 p.m. with Clark Elkins preaching.

Bonner church of Christ, May 29-June 1, services at 7:30 p.m. with Stan Stevenson preaching.

Dibrell church of Christ, June 18-22, services at 7:30 p.m. with Steve Short preaching.

## Thanks

Thanks to all of those who assisted in the bone marrow donor test this past Saturday. Your care and concern is greatly appreciated.

## Elders-Deacons Meeting

The bi-monthly elders-deacons meeting is scheduled for this coming Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

## Sheep Don't Wallow

The story is told of a lamb and it's mother. It seems the lamb passed a pig pen each morning on the way to pasture with it's mother. Watching the pigs wallow in the mud seemed like fun and on an especially hot day the lamb asked his mother if he could jump the fence and wallow in the cool mud. She replied, "No." Then the lamb asked the usual question, "Why?" The mother just said, "Sheep don't wallow."

This did not satisfy the lamb. He felt she had "put him down," "exercised force she shouldn't have" etc. so, as soon as the mother was out of sight the lamb ran to the pig pen and jumped the fence. He was soon feeling the cool mud on his feet, his legs and soon his stomach. After a few moments he decided he had better go back to his mother, but he couldn't! He was stuck. Mud and wool don't mix. His pleasure had become his prison. He was hopelessly bound by his own folly. He cried out and was rescued by the kindly farmer. When cleaned and returned to the fold, his mother said, "Remember, sheep don't wallow." Sin is like that. It looks so nice, so easy to escape when we wish, but it is not so. Pleasure becomes a prison.

Christians don't wallow.

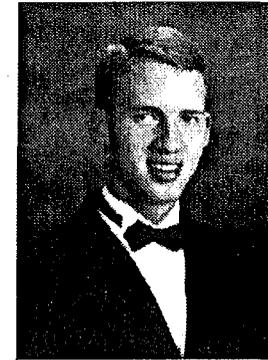
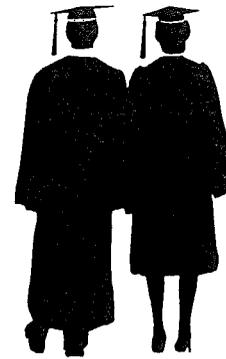
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## Plates, Dishes, Bibles, Etc.

If you have brought food for those families having funerals, or lost your Bible, or any number of other things, you might wish to check to see if it has been found. These items are beginning to accumulate. There are several dishes in the library and in the coat area in the foyer. Also, on the table under the announcement board is a lost and found box. This box not only contains several Bibles, but all sorts of lost items.

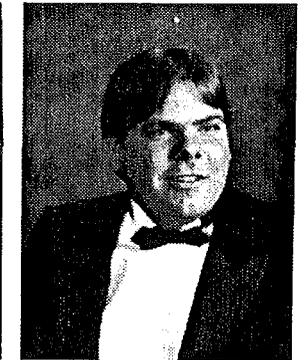
## Congratulations WCHS Graduates



Alan Collins



Josh Foster



Chad Graves



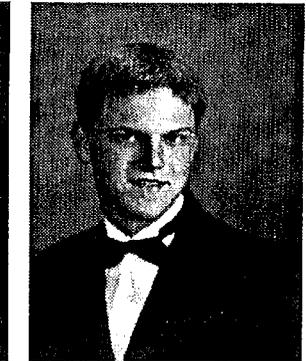
Mark Lawrence



Lynette Maynard



Brandon McGinness



Jared Mullican



## College Graduate

We also want to extend congratulations to Teresa Rogers. She graduated last Friday from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville with a B.S. in Nursing.

## Upcoming Events:

Vacation Bible School (in cooperation with Mt. Leo), June 9-13, 9:30-11:30.

Eighth Annual Bible Lectureship, Theme: Living By Faith, August 6-10

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Eddie Palmer  
 Reading Ronnie Rogers  
 Scripture 1 Peter 4:14-16  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Jim Slatton  
 (S) \*Rodney Reynolds  
 (N) Matthew Young  
 (N) Edgar Webb  
 (N) John Stembridge  
 (S) Ralph Crouch  
 (S) Joe Maynard  
 (S) Jeff Templeton  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Clyde Christian

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Joe Collins  
 Reading Don Sullivan  
 Scripture II Thessalonians 3:7-9  
 Lord's Table \*Bob Mayfield  
 Steve Hillis  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Scott Griffith

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-8079) Mark Lawrence  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Bob Bonner  
 Reading Billy Gilbert  
 Invitation Tim Fisher  
 Dismiss Johnny Anderson

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Jeff Flatt Family  
 P.M. Bill & Freda Womack

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Kurt Maynard & Chad Graves

**Attend Nursery:** Merideth Jones

**Lock Building:** Joe Collins

**Pantry Item:** Canned Fruit

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 290  
 Bible Study ..... 219  
 P.M. Worship ..... 234  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 209  
 Contribution ..... \$3,634

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## Sick

At Home:

Fate Cantrell

In The Hospital:

Edith Cantrell-Riverpark

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Suffering As A Christian

P.M. .... The Lord's Plan For Faithful Followship

## Gospel Meetings

*Bonner church of Christ*, May 29-June 1, services at 7:30 p.m. with Stan Stevenson preaching.

*Dibrell church of Christ*, June 18-22, services at 7:30 p.m. with Steve Short preaching.

## Vacation Bible Schools

*East End church of Christ*, June 2-6, services at 9:00-11:15 with the theme: "God Speaks Through The Prophets" (Classes are for K-6th Grade)

*Bybee Branch/Mt. Leo churches of Christ*, June 9-13, services at 9:30-11:30 a.m. with the theme: "The Bible Tells Me So." (Classes for all ages)

*Centertown church of Christ*, June 22-26, services at 7:00 p.m. with the theme: "The Bible Tells Me So." (Classes for all ages with special classes for adults with different speakers).

## Elders-Deacons Meeting

The bi-monthly elders-deacons meeting was scheduled for this past Sunday afternoon but was postponed to this Sunday due to the holiday week-end. Please try to be present at 4:30 this Sunday afternoon.

## How Does Your Christianity Measure Up?

A motorist in Minnesota drove into the service station one day and asked for ten gallons of gas. Immediately, three attendants sprang into action. One began to wipe the windshield, another checked the air in his tires, the third gave his attention to the water in the radiator and checking the oil. When they were through the motorist paid for ten gallons of gas and drove off.

A few minutes later, however, he returned with a worried look on his face and asked, "Did any of you put the gas in the car?" The three looked at one another . . . then meekly admitted that nobody had!

This same thing often happens to us in life. In the rush of life we become preoccupied with doing the superficial things . . . the things that "glitter" but which are not absolutely essential . . . then we often overlook the main purpose for which we were created—to know, to love and serve God in this life and to be happy with Him in the next.

How often we become "bogged down" in minor things, and seem to lose sight of our primary purpose in life, saving lost souls. If you have visits to make, make them now. If you have teaching to do, do it now. NOW is the time we have to work for God.

How foolish it is cumbering our life with trivial things of the secular world and neglecting our salvation. "Fear God and keep His word, this is the whole duty of man." Don't major in minors—put God first!

~copied~

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jason Newby	DON & JALEZIA JOHNSON KURT & STEPHANIE MAYNARD	DON & BARBARA PENNINGTON	OSBURN & RUBY HUNTLEY DICKIE & LENNIE RUTH KESEY CHUCK & MATTIE MEDLEY	LARRY & ELAINE GOODMAN DON & SUSIE GRIFFITH June Crouch Bob Mayfield Houston Thaxton		Trista Caldwell BRETT & SABRINA MERRITT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
DON & LOU LEATHERWOOD Flossie Smartt		Lynn Cantrell Mildred Gambrell Sidney Groves	DANNY & CYNTHIA DUNCAN		John Stemberidge Don Leatherwood Kayla Maynard	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
<b>Vacation Bible School — 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Bybee Branch</b>						
	WINFREY & DOT HENNESSEE HOYT & NANCY CROUCH	Clay Hill Mildred Green		Tammy McKinney	JOHN & CORA STEMBRIDGE STANLEY & SHERRY GRAVES	WILLIE & DONNA NEWBY W.C. Chilton
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
HAROLD & PEARL MITCHELL Nonie Grizzell	Georgia Jones	Cynthia Duncan June Slatton	Ruby Huntley DENNIS & TERESA GANN PHILLIP & TERI SMITH	Noel Pepper	Jane Flatt	Jalesia Johnson EUGENE & GEORGIA JONES
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
FRANK & GEORGIA BROOKS John Nussbaum						
29	30					

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds  
 Reading Jason Vandagriff  
 Scripture 1 Peter 5:6-9  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Noel Pepper  
 (S) \*Kelly Thaxton  
 (N) Brandon McGinness  
 (N) Tyler Boyd  
 (N) Joey Reynolds  
 (S) Rodney Maynard  
 (S) Joe Roller  
 (S) Derrick Pennington  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Steve Wilcher

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Dennis Gann  
 Reading Bill Womack  
 Scripture Colossians 1:28,29  
 Lord's Table \*Lemmie Bratten  
 Winfrey Hennessee  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-8079) Mark Lawrence  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Steve Boyd  
 Reading Caleb Graves  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Dale Bennett

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Chuck Medley Family  
 P.M. Billy & Junetta Gilbert

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Lee & Eugene Wilcher

**Attend Nursery:** Jennifer Maynard

**Lock Building:** Joe Collins

**Pantry Item:** Pancake Syrup

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	324
Bible Study .....	252
P.M. Worship .....	220
Wednesday Bible Study .....	204
Contribution .....	\$3,733

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## Sick

At Home:  
*no new sick*

In The Hospital:  
*none known*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Defeating The Devil  
P.M. .... Warning Regarding The Nashville Jubilee

## Gospel Meetings

Rockliff church of Christ, June 8-13, services at 7:00 p.m. with David Costello preaching.

Harmony church of Christ/Van Buren Co, June 9-15, services at 7:30 p.m. with Charles Marshall preaching.

Dibrell church of Christ, June 18-22, services at 7:30 p.m. with Steve Short preaching.

## Lectureship

The Firm Foundation Lectureship at the Villages church of Christ, June 14-15, starting at 9:30 a.m.

## Vacation Bible Schools

Bybee Branch/Mt. Leo churches of Christ, June 9-13, services at 9:30-11:30 a.m. with the theme: "The Bible Tells Me So." (Classes for all ages)

Centertown church of Christ, June 22-26, services at 7:00 p.m. with the theme: "The Bible Tells Me So." (Classes for all ages with special classes for adults with different speakers).

## VBS Refreshments

Our VBS is next week! We would ask that you please start bringing cookies and snacks for our refreshments for VBS. Thanks in advance!

## Baptism & Restoration

We rejoiced last Wednesday evening when Jennifer Flatt was baptized into Christ.

This past Sunday evening sister Lennie Ruth Kesey came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation. Please pray for these two sisters.

## Shut-ins

*This list is updated monthly. If you see an error or an omission, please let us know.*

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Louise Boyd  
Minnie Cooper  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Earlene Ray

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

Nora Lee Griffith  
Flossie Smartt

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Flora Smith  
Yuriko Biles

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Marvin Crouch

### Home:

Katherine Bennett  
Edith Cantrell  
Fate Cantrell  
Leonard Crouch  
Rozelle Goodman  
Joe Maxwell  
Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Edith Morrow  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Irene Simpson  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor  
Belle Young

## PARABLE FOR MOTHERS

Temple Bailey

THE YOUNG MOTHER set her foot on the path of life-

"Is the way long?" she asked.

And her Guide said: "Yes. And the way is hard. And you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

But the young Mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children, and gathered flowers for them along the way, and bathed with them in the clear streams; and the sun shone on them, and life was good, and the young Mother cried, "Nothing will ever be lovelier than this."

The night came, and storm, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the Mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, "Oh, Mother we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come," and the Mother said, "This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage."

And the morning came, and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary, but at all times she said to the children, "A little patience, and we are there." So the children climbed, and when they reached the top, they said, "We could not have done it without you, Mother." And the Mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars, and said: "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness. Yesterday I gave them courage. Today I have given them strength."

And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth — clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the Mother said: "Look up. Lift your eyes to the Light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God."

And the days went on, and the weeks, and the months, and the years, and the Mother grew old, and she was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was rough, they lifted her, for she was as light as a feather; and at last they came to a hill and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide.

And the Mother said: "I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them."

And the children said, "You will always walk with us, Mother, even when you have gone through the gates. "

And they stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her. And they said: "We cannot see her, but she is with us still. A Mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a Living Presence."

*~This is the piece read by brother Joe Gray at the funeral of Catherine Flatt~  
~several of you requested a copy so we decided to print it in the bulletin~*

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Steve Hillis  
 Reading Phillip Smith  
 Scripture II Peter 1:5-7  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Willie Newby  
 (S) \*Chuck Medley  
 (N) David McColloch  
 (N) Harold McGinness  
 (S) Micah Lawrence  
 (S) Tom McColloch  
 (S) Buell Warren  
 (S) Johnny Anderson  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Steve Boyd

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Larry Flatt  
 Reading Jim Slatton  
 Scripture II Timothy 4:1,2  
 Lord's Table \*John Biddle  
 \*Tommy Crouch  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Chip Cantrell

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-8079) Mark Lawrence  
 Lead Singing Alan Collins  
 First Prayer Thurman Bennett  
 Reading Jeff Flatt  
 Invitation Ronnie Rogers  
 Dismiss David Chilton

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Joe Maynard Family  
 P.M. Marty Boles Family

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Don Sullivan & John Stembridge

**Attend Nursery:** Mickey Whiteaker

**Lock Building:** Joe Collins

**Pantry Item:** Tea Bags

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	305
Bible Study .....	229
P.M. Worship .....	226
Wednesday Bible Study .....	207
Contribution .....	\$3,845

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## Sick

### At Home:

*no new sick*

### In The Hospital:

*Clyde Christian-Baptist  
Bertha Stewart-Riverpark*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Christian Growth & Progress

P.M. .... What Makes A "Good Sermon?"

## Baptism & Restorations

We rejoiced again last Tuesday evening when Regina Templeton was baptized into Christ. Also at that time brother Jeff Templeton was restored. On Wednesday evening sister Merideth Jones came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation. Let us pray for all these.

## Gospel Meetings

*Rockliff church of Christ*, June 8-13, services at 7:00 p.m. with David Costello preaching.

*Harmony church of Christ/Van Buren Co*, June 9-15, services at 7:30 p.m. with Charles Marshall preaching.

*Dibrell church of Christ*, June 18-22, services at 7:30 p.m. with Steve Short preaching.

## Lectureship

The Firm Foundation Lectureship at the *Villages church of Christ*, June 14-15, starting at 9:30 a.m.

## Vacation Bible Schools

*Centertown church of Christ*, June 22-26, services at 7:00 p.m. with the theme: "The Bible Tells Me So." (Classes for all ages with special classes for adults with different speakers).

## Daddy and Discipline

My life of crime was nipped in the bud . . . my father saw to that. I remember well the day. Late in the afternoon, Daddy sent me into the grocery store to pick up a loaf of bread. Once inside my eyes fastened intently upon a barrel. This was no ordinary, run-of-the-mill barrel, mind you, but a whole barrel just brimming over with candy. In the evening sun those beautiful cellophane wrappers took on as many shades as Joseph's coat. Now admittedly, I didn't know much about the devil, but when he told me to take some candy . . . I did. How was I to know my father was watching me through the plate glass window of the store. My first crime had been committed, and it was followed very quickly by conviction, confession and correction. My father's searching hand quickly convicted me of wrong doing. His stern voice demanded return of the theft to the checker. And I knew full well what kind of correction was to come. The drive home was ten blocks. It seemed like a million. Once there, a few well chosen sunflower stalks were uprooted and applied unsparingly to the legs of the young thief attired in short pants. I guarantee you that I learned my lesson. I have never cared for short pants or stealing since that day.

In our permissive society we have almost dropped the word "discipline" from our vocabulary. Is it possible that this is at the very root of many problems? Mr. J. Edgar Hoover once said that the two main contribution factors to juvenile delinquency are: 1. neglect at home and 2. lack of discipline.

Solomon, the wisest man, had much to say on this subject: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son; But he that loveth his chasteneth his betimes" (Prov. 19:18).

"The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame . . . correct thy son, and he shall give thee rest; yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul" (Prov. 29:15,17).

~J. Noel Merideth~

## Evangelism Update

Many of you may remember about a month ago when the elders requested suggestions from the congregation for ideas of how to better evangelize our community. A number of you made several good and profitable suggestions. The elders weighed carefully all of the suggestions and here are some of the things that are in the works:

1. A Spring Gospel Meeting. It is too late this year to have a "Spring Meeting" but potential speakers are being contacted for one in 1998. The thrust of this meeting will be evangelistic. While we welcome our brethren from sister congregations, our purpose will be to bring in our non-christian friends for simple basic gospel preaching. The days of Gospel Meetings are not over!
2. A Newspaper Gospel Meeting will begin in just a few days. We will purchase approximately 3/4 of a page in the Southern Standard for 5 consecutive issues for printed sermons on basic Bible teaching. The purpose is to get the gospel into the hearts and minds of those that we might not be able to reach otherwise. In these not only will we teach the gospel but will offer Bible Correspondence Courses and advertise our Lectureship.
3. The elders are exploring the possibility of a Spanish Radio program. Brother Phillip Gray who works with Truth For The World along with Jim Dearman produces a 15 minute weekly radio program in Spanish. They offer Bible Correspondence Courses and etc. over the program. Time, station, cost, and etc. are being looked into but hopefully this may develop soon.
4. The ever-present need of one-on-one contact can never be overlooked. There will be those of our neighbors, family and friends that are interested in the Truth. The elders request that if you know those who might be interested in having a Bible study that you give their name to one of the elders or the preacher so that a study might be set up. During this time we also hope to be able to train others to do personal evangelism.
5. Other forms of mass media are also being explored. Prices and potential content of both Cable TV spots, direct mail, and etc. are being considered. Some of these are quite expensive and much thought should be given before entering into a long-term commitment.

Your support and encouragement in these programs is greatly needed. Several of these programs will require significant funds. The elders determined that we would not slack off any of our on-going programs to do the work just completed on our building. We have now been presented with a new challenge which gives us an opportunity to give our best efforts to reach our community with the gospel. Why not determine that you will support and encourage these with your prayers, your participation, and your giving. While you are at it, why not commend the elders for their foresight and love for souls that prompts them to be so aggressive in these programs.

~Tony Lawrence~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements	(668-2605) Brett Merritt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Winfrey Hennessee
Reading	Bob Mayfield
Scripture	II Peter 1:12-15
Lord's Table (N)	*Ken Lee
(S)	*Tim Fisher
(N)	Kurt Maynard
(N)	Chris Jones
(N)	Lynn Gann
(S)	Ryan Kesey
(S)	Shannon Griffin
(S)	J.B. Gribble
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Ronnie Prince

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements	(668-2605) Brett Merritt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Ronnie Rogers
Reading	Don Griffith
Scripture	Mk. 12:41-44
Lord's Table	*Frank Reynolds
	*Dale Bennett
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Chuck Boles

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements	(473-8079) Mark Lawrence
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Noel Pepper
Reading	Marty Boles
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Doug Hendrixson

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. John & Cora Stembridge  
 P.M. Leonard & Avie Clemons

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** John Nussbaum & Alan Collins

**Attend Nursery:** Sherry Graves

**Lock Building:** Joe Collins

**Pantry Item:** Marconi & Cheese

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	327
Bible Study .....	244
P.M. Worship .....	219
Wednesday Bible Study .....	185
Contribution .....	\$3,749

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**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Cecil & Nan Catnrell  
Bertha Stewart

### In The Hospital:

Clyde Christian-Baptist #5512  
Dollie Maynard (mother of Joe Maynard & Gail Crouch)-St. Thomas

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Reminder, Repetition, and Reassurance  
P.M. .... The Day Jesus Looked At Gifts

## Congratulations

Last Tuesday evening about 9:52 p.m. Johnny and Donna Anderson became the proud parents of a new baby girl, Jarah Mai Anderson. She weighed in at 7 lbs, 10 ozs. and was 20 1/4" long.

## Gospel Meetings

Dibrell church of Christ, June 18-22, services at 7:30 p.m. with Steve Short preaching.

Highland church of Christ, June 26-28, services at 7:00 p.m. with Billy Reed, Robert Moss, and George King preaching.

## Vacation Bible Schools

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## Library Reminder

Just a reminder to all who use the library to bring back the books after you finish them so others can use them as well. Several books are out at this time that have been out over an extended period of time.



We want to thank all of those who participated in Vacation Bible School this past week. Thanks to Chuck Medley for being our director, to Mary Flatt and Cindy Fisher for coordinating the refreshments and to all of the teachers who sacrificed their time and efforts to instruct these young minds. Our attendance was:

Monday .....	177
Tuesday .....	151
Wednesday .....	187
Thursday .....	190
Friday .....	209

Teaching from our congregation were:

Nursery .. Stephanie Maynard, Lynette Maynard & Terri Smith  
 1st Grade ..... Donna Newby & Janie Griffin  
 2nd Grade .. Stefanie McColloch & Merideth Jones  
 4th Grade Sonia Vandagriff, Teresa Rogers, & Avie Clemons  
 5 & 6th Grade Girls ..... Carol Boyd  
 5 & 6th Grade Boys ..... Chuck Medley & Micah Lawrence  
 Adults ..... Tony Lawrence  
 Runners: ..... Christy Patterson & Micah Lawrence  
 Skits..... Joe Collins



There is a planned trip to a Nashville Sounds game next Tuesday, June 24. Everyone is invited (young and young at heart). Those who plan on going are asked to sign the sheet on the bulletin board. The tickets will be FREE. If you have any questions see Steve Hillis.

## Are You Getting Too Caught Up In Worldly Things?

All of us from time to time get caught up in this worldly rat race to see who can acquire the most and how we can best please ourselves. However, this does not mean that we should throw up our hands and accept worldliness. In Luke 21, Jesus was warning his disciples about the coming of the destruction of Jerusalem and their need for vigilance. He said, "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you unexpectedly." (Lk. 21:34 NKJV).

The destruction of Jerusalem was going to be one of the worst destructions ever known by men. Jesus intended that they get the point well. Be prepared! One thing man has a great tendency to do is become "soft" after a few years of relatively easy going. Our nation is caught up in this problem at the present. We are fighting no wars, only a relatively small number of our population is really suffering and we comfort ourselves in all of the pleasures that we can. In this there is true DANGER. Jesus taught that the attitude of the heart-can become "overcharged" or "weighed down" with this type of lifestyle. It can consume the person. Hence, the warning of Jesus is still applicable. Not that we can expect a destruction like Jerusalem on earth but that the true "Day of the Lord" is ever before us.

If the Lord were to return today, no doubt there would be wives cooking, children playing, and many other "normal" routines of daily life going on. The fact is that what we are from day to day is what the Lord will find when He comes. What this means is that we must make sure that our daily lives are holy, just, and good. Christianity is not a "Sunday only" religion. Thus, we should ask ourselves, "Am I getting too caught up in worldly things?"

~Tony Lawrence~



## The Value of Good Books

The Bible has quite a bit to say about books. Solomon said that there would be no end of making them (Ecc. 12:12). When Paul preached at Ephesus many there who had formerly practiced the magical arts came and burned their books. Immediately, thereafter, it was said that the "word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed." (Acts 19:19,20). On the other hand when the aged Paul was imprisoned and facing winter, he was as concerned about Timothy bringing his books and parchments as his cloak (cf. II Tim. 4:13,21). What does all of this mean?

1. There are good books and there are bad books among the many books being written.
2. Good books can warm the inside of us as a coat warms the outside of us.
3. Christians should take time to read some good books which will help them better understand the Bible or encourage them to greater service.
4. Bad books can draw us away from the Lord and have no right to exist (our constitution notwithstanding). These books are best removed from before our eyes.

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Don Sullivan  
 Reading Larry Flatt  
 Scripture II Peter 2:1-9  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Danny Duncan  
 (S) \*Jeff Flatt  
 (N) Dickie Kesey  
 (N) Joe T. Cantrell  
 (N) Bran Merritt  
 (S) Jeff Bond  
 (S) Harley Northcutt  
 (S) Harry Felty  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Tommy Crouch

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-6418) Caleb Graves  
 Lead Singing Alan Collins  
 First Prayer Tyler Boyd  
 Reading Chad Graves  
 Scripture TBA  
 Lord's Table \*Johnny Anderson  
 \*Brandon McGinness  
 Sermon Dorsey Traw  
 Dismiss Joey Reynolds

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-4528) Kelly Thaxton  
 Lead Singing Eddie Palmer  
 First Prayer Willie Newby  
 Reading Bob Bonner  
 Invitation Joe Collins  
 Dismiss Lemmie Bratten

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Ken & Glynda Lee  
 P.M. John & Pearl Biddle

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Bill Womack & Micah Lawrence

**Attend Nursery:** Dawn Wanamaker

**Lock Building:** Joe Collins

**Pantry Item:** Sugar

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A.M. Worship .....	322
Bible Study .....	228
P.M. Worship .....	232
Wednesday Bible Study .....	211
Contribution .....	\$4,990

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 Jim Slatton

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

# Sick

## At Home:

Cecil Catnrell  
Clyde Christian  
Dollie Maynard  
Drucilla Crouch

## In The Hospital:

Frank Starling (preacher at Bethany)-Centennial Medical Center following a severe stroke.

# Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... False Teachers & Their Fate  
P.M. .... Guest Speaker: Dorsey Traw

# Gospel Meetings

Grange Hall church of Christ, June 22-27, services at 7:30 p.m. with Garland Elkins preaching.

Highland church of Christ, June 26-28, services at 7:00 p.m. with Billy Reed, Robert Moss, and George King preaching.

# Guest Speakers

This Sunday evening is the normal 5th Sunday and the young men of the congregation conduct the services. At this time we will be fortunate to have with us brother Dorsey Traw, a long time missionary to Thailand who will preach for us.

On Sunday, July 6, the Lawrences will be away on vacation. At that time brother Christian Boonla who works with our effort in Thailand will be here to preach at both services.

*"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy," (Philippians 1:3,4, NKJV).*



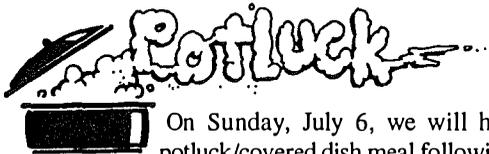
# Airport Welcome

This coming Tuesday, July 1, brother and sister Christian and Rak Boonla will be arriving at the Nashville International Airport. A group is planning to go to welcome them here. If you wish to go, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board. They will be arriving at approximately 5:30 p.m. The bus will stop on the way back for a bite to eat.



# Ice Cream Fellowship

Our annual ice cream fellowship will be this coming Wednesday evening, July 2, following the services. If you can make a freezer of homemade ice cream we are requested to do so.



On Sunday, July 6, we will have a potluck/covered dish meal following the morning services. At that time we will have visiting with us brother and sister Christian and Rak Boonla from Buriram, Thailand.



# Baptism

We rejoice with the angels of heaven that a new brother was added to the Lord's body this past week. Stephen Fuston was baptized last Tuesday evening.

# 5th Sunday Contribution

In an effort to retire the debt incurred with the new construction on the building the elders have designated the 5th Sundays to go entirely to that project. If you wish to give extra, it would be appreciated!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		JASON & SONIA VANDAGRIFF	DAVID & STEFANIE MCCOLLOCH WALLACE & GLYNDA STEVENS <i>Ice Cream Supper Following Services</i>	Lisa Bennett	Willie Holmes	LYNDER & WILLIE HOLMES Sonia Vandagriff Corey Nunley Kathy Thaxton
Judy Nussbaum Kurt Maynard  <i>Christian Boonla to preach Covered Dish Meal following A.M. Service</i>	Brad Hobbs Greg Wanamaker SHANNON & JANIE GRIFFIN	ERNEST & PEARL MORTON	Lee Gann Debbie Glenn Emily Newby	Teresa Rogers Austin Medley Logan Wanamaker		Edith Morrow
	Pearline Cantrell JOE & IRENE LAWRENCE	Teresa McGinness	RODNEY & JENNIFER MAYNARD DONNIE & BETTY HILL KEVIN & LORI JUDKINS	KELLY & KATHY THAXTON Cora Stembridge Jeff Flatt Jeffery Cantrell	Shirley Parker Jennifer Groves Miranda Jones	Don Johnson Ruth Pinkley
Carolyn Cantrell Edward Solomon	HARRY & CAROL FELTY RANDEL & MICKEY WHITEAKER Tyler Groves Hilary McGinness		Donnie Hill	Cindy Fisher		
Brent Crouch Chip Cantrell Ashley Boles	JEFF & MARY FLATT Yuriko Biles Don Griffith	John Whiteaker	Thurman Bennett Lou Leatherwood Steve Caldwell	Kevin Judkins		

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Thurman Bennett
Reading	Doug Hendrixson
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table (N)	*Dennis Gann
(S)	*John Biddle
(N)	Don Johnson
(N)	Marty Boles
(N)	David Chilton
(S)	Ronnie Rogers
(S)	Jason Vandagriff
(S)	Bob Cantrell
Sermon	Christian Boonla
Dismiss	Lemmie Bratten

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Stanley Graves
First Prayer	Chuck Medley
Reading	Scott Griffith
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Bob Bonner
	*Chip Cantrell
Sermon	Christian Boonla
Dismiss	Bill Womack

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements	(473-4528) Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Reading	Eddie Palmer
Invitation	Kurt Maynard
Dismiss	Jim Slatton

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Don & Susie Griffith  
 P.M. W.C. & Nelma Chilton

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Kurt Maynard & Chad Graves

**Attend Nursery:** Christine Gribble

**Lock Building:** Bob Mayfield

**Pantry Item:** Pork & Beans

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Bible Study .....	217
P.M. Worship .....	208
Wednesday Bible Study .....	205
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## Sick

### At Home:

Jeff Templeton

### In The Hospital:

Nora Lee Griffith-Riverpark

Edith Morrow-Riverpark

Belle Young-Riverpark

Iola Gribble (Jane Flatt's mother)-Riverpark

Wilma Pepper (Noel Pepper's mother)-Riverpark

Frank Starling (preacher at Bethany)-Centennial Medical Center

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Guest Speaker: Christian Boonla

P.M. .... Guest Speaker: Christian Boonla

next week:

A.M. .... A Return To The Mud

P.M. .... Three Things Sin Will Do To You

## Sympathy

We want to extend our sympathy to two of our families who recently experienced a loss.

Mrs. J.D. Mullican, mother-in-law to Gina Mullican passed away last week. Her funeral was Sunday.

Bill Pendergraph, brother of our Donna Anderson passed away Monday and his funeral will be Wednesday.

## Guest Speaker & Meal

On Sunday, July 6, the Lawrences will be away on vacation. At that time brother Christian Boonla who works with our effort in Thailand will be here to preach at both services.

There will be a covered dish meal following the morning services. All who can are encouraged to say for the meal and to get to know the Boonlas.

## Shut-ins

This list is updated monthly. If you see an error or an omission, please let us know.

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Minnie Cooper

Carol Sue Taylor

Earlene Ray

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

Nora Lee Griffith (moving to NHC)

Flossie Smartt

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Flora Smith

Yuriko Biles

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Marvin Crouch

### Home:

Katherine Bennett

Louise Boyd (Jim Boyd's Home)

Edith Cantrell

Fate Cantrell

Rozelle Goodman

Joe Maxwell

Harold & Pearl Mitchell

Edith Morrow (moving to Raintree)

Bessie Parker

June Slatton

Irene Simpson

Bertha Stewart

Magdalene Taylor

Belle Young

## New Visitation Teams

The new visitation teams have been posted on the bulletin board. Please be sure to check and see which team you are on. We will print a full list in the next bulletin but were unable to do so in this one because of lack of space.

## Program for Sunday July 13, 1997

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Chuck Boles
Reading	Dale Bennett
Scripture	II Peter 2:20-22
Lord's Table (N)	*Larry Flatt
(S)	*Steve Hillis
(N)	Mark Lawrence
(N)	Ralph Crouch
(N)	Joe Roller
(S)	Jim Slatton
(S)	Matthew Young
(S)	David McColloch
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Billy Gilbert

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-7916) Joe Collins
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Don Griffith
Reading	Shannon Griffin
Scripture	Romans 6:12-18
Lord's Table	*Phillip Smith
	*Jeff Flatt
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Tyler Boyd

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(473-4528) Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing	Mark Lawrence
First Prayer	Danny Duncan
Reading	Noel Pepper
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Frank Reynolds

### Welcome Committee

A.M.	Winfrey & Dorothy Hennessee
P.M.	Bob & Ada Mayfield

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Lee & Eugene Wilcher

**Attend Nursery:** Lou-Shawna Scott

**Lock Building:** Bob Mayfield

**Pantry Item:** Any Canned Good

## Sitting Close Together Down Front

Especially during the summer months many of our members are away on vacations or away at our Christian camps. Our numbers in the evening worship may be smaller, thus leaving us scattered throughout the auditorium. Although all of us have the "right" to sit wherever we choose, it would be a good idea for us to all move toward the front. I beg you to prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve God.

Our sitting near the front, close together has the following good results:

It encourages the speaker and, as a result, he will do a better job.

It results in more harmonious singing. It also encourages the song leader.

It encourages those behind us. They don't have to look at as many empty seats.

It encourages visitors. It gives the appearance that Christians enjoy being with one another.

It gives me an opportunity to cooperate with others, to make the assembly more orderly.

It helps us to get over being attached to "our pew" and develop a sense of closeness with those who regularly sit elsewhere in the assembly.

It brings our new members and visitors close to us, making them feel warmth and welcome instead of exclusion. Remember, the church is a place where we *include* rather than *exclude*.

~Burnice Wesbrooks, adapted from an article by Gerald E. Dunn~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Chip Cantrell  
 Reading W.C. Chilton  
 Scripture II Peter 3:10-11  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Johnny Anderson  
 (S) \*Steve Boyd  
 (N) Steve Wilcher  
 (N) Jeff Templeton  
 (N) Buell Warren  
 (S) Edgar Webb  
 (S) Winfrey Hennessee  
 (S) Brett Merritt  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Tim Fisher

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Bob Mayfield  
 Reading Tom McColloch  
 Scripture Numbers 13:30-33  
 Lord's Table \*Bill Womack  
 \*Ronnie Prince  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Larry Flatt

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-4528) Kelly Thaxton  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Steve Hillis  
 Reading Lynn Gann  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Caleb Graves

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Doug & Wanda Hendrixson  
 P.M. David & Iona King

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Don Sullivan & John Stembridge

**Attend Nursery:** Georgia Womack

**Lock Building:** Bob Mayfield

**Pantry Item:** Sugar

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 319  
 Bible Study ..... 219  
 P.M. Worship ..... 235  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 183  
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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Gayle Pendergraph (sister-in-law to Donna Anderson)-home following major surgery. Cards may be sent to 229 Hill St. McMinnville. She also recently lost her husband Bill Pendergraph.

### In The Hospital:

Lemmie Bratten-Riverpark  
Fate Cantrell-Riverpark  
Helen Lawrence (Tony's mother)-Baptist Hospital in Columbus, MS

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... There's A Great Day Coming!  
P.M. .... Are We Optimistic?

## Baptism

We rejoice that this past Sunday afternoon that Dora Mae Wilcher was baptized into Christ.

## Bible Revival



One of the ideas suggested for new evangelistic opportunities was to try using the newspaper for a printed Gospel Meeting. The elders approved this idea and it will begin *this Sunday!* Encourage your neighbors and friends to look at our page as it appears in the **Southern Standard** beginning this Sunday and continuing for five consecutive issues.

Our sole concern in doing this is to save the souls of many as possible and to use this as just one means to reach them. Do what you can to help make it successful!

For those of you who might wonder, the sermons were written by Benny Bristow of Ruston, Louisiana. He happens to be Corretta's father.

## Sharing Christ With Others

If you don't have the ability or the confidence to talk to someone about Christ, then try to share your faith with these suggestions:

1. Put a tract into the envelope when paying bills by mail.
2. Instead of sending general cards (birthday, get well, anniversary), send cards with a Scripture reference.
3. Leave gospel tracts with your tips at restaurants. (Be sure you have conducted yourself in a Christian manner as a customer!).
4. Invite the children of your neighborhood into your home to watch a Christian video or to go to Bible classes with you on Sunday.
5. Give Christian books as gifts or awards.
6. Carry a supply of information regarding the church with you to leave in bathrooms and waiting rooms.
7. Invite non-churchgoing friends to social activities of the church.
8. Put a "flyer" about Gospel meetings, lectureships, and other church functions on car windshields.
9. Refer your friends who are having marital or family problems to Christian counseling.
10. Contribute Christian books and videos to your public library and church library.
11. Put a Christian message on your telephone answering machine.
12. Have a fellowship in your home and invite Christians and non-Christians to your home.
13. Send a note through the mail to invite your friends to church services or church lectureship.
14. During the week while out driving with a friend, pay the church building a visit, which breaks down the fear of the unknown and "strangeness."

Copied from **Glad Tidings of Good Things** at the Jacksonville Church of Christ

## Visitation Teams (July-December 1997)

### FIRST SUNDAY

#### Team #1 (Meets in homes)

Steve & Sharla Hillis\*  
Ronnie & Cindy Rogers  
Johnny & Donna Anderson  
Tony & Corretta Lawrence

Lou Leatherwood  
Danny & Cynthia Duncan  
Don & Susie Griffith

#### Team #5 (Meets in Room #1 at Building)

W.C. & Nelma Chilton\*  
Kurt & Stephanie Maynard  
Tereas Atnip  
Woodrow & Mildred Glenn

Bernice Fults  
Glenda Solomon  
Clyde Christian  
Lynette & Becky Maynard

### SECOND SUNDAY

#### Team #2 (Meets in homes)

Tim & Cindy Fisher\*  
Dana Roller  
Willie & Donna Newby  
Doris Smith  
Linda Cantrell

Larry & Jane Flatt  
Phillip & Teri Smith  
Doug Hendrixson & Missy Biles  
Angie Caldwell

### THIRD SUNDAY

#### Team #3 (Meets in homes)

Jeff & Mary Flatt\*  
Judy Payne  
Lemmie & Brenda Bratten  
Lisa Bennett

Dawn Wanamaker  
Chuck & Mattie Medley  
Thurman & Hazel Bennett  
Don & Judy Sullivan

#### Team #6 (Meets in Room #1 at Building)

Joe & Marsha Collins\*  
Edna Smith  
Georgia Womack  
John & Pearl Biddle  
Mildred Bumbalough  
Jackie & Sherry Pelham

Lucille Newby  
Chris & Merideth Jones  
Helen Morgan  
Mary Davis  
Dot Foster

### FOURTH SUNDAY

#### Team #4 (Meets in homes)

Rodney & Patsy Reynolds\*  
Steve & Carol Boyd  
Denice Reynolds  
Stanley & Sherry Graves

Ryan & Tammy McKinney  
Debbie Glenn  
Bob & Ada Mayfield  
David & Stefanie McColloch

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Willie Newby  
 Reading Danny Duncan  
 Scripture I Corinthians 1:10-17  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Don Sullivan  
 (S) \*Noel Pepper  
 (N) Harry Felty  
 (N) Chad Graves  
 (N) Eugene Wilcher  
 (S) J.B. Gribble  
 (S) Bran Merritt  
 (S) Chris Jones  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jeff Flatt

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Derrick Pennington  
 Reading Micah Lawrence  
 Scripture Psalms 19:7-11  
 Lord's Table \*Chuck Boles  
 \*Billy Gilbert  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ken Lee

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (473-4528) Kelly Thaxton  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Ronnie Rogers  
 Reading Joey Reynolds  
 Invitation Scott Griffith  
 Dismiss Don Sullivan

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Rodney Maynard Family  
 P.M. Jason & Sonia Vandagriff

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** John Nussbaum & Alan Collins

**Attend Nursery:** Teri Smith

**Lock Building:** Bob Mayfield

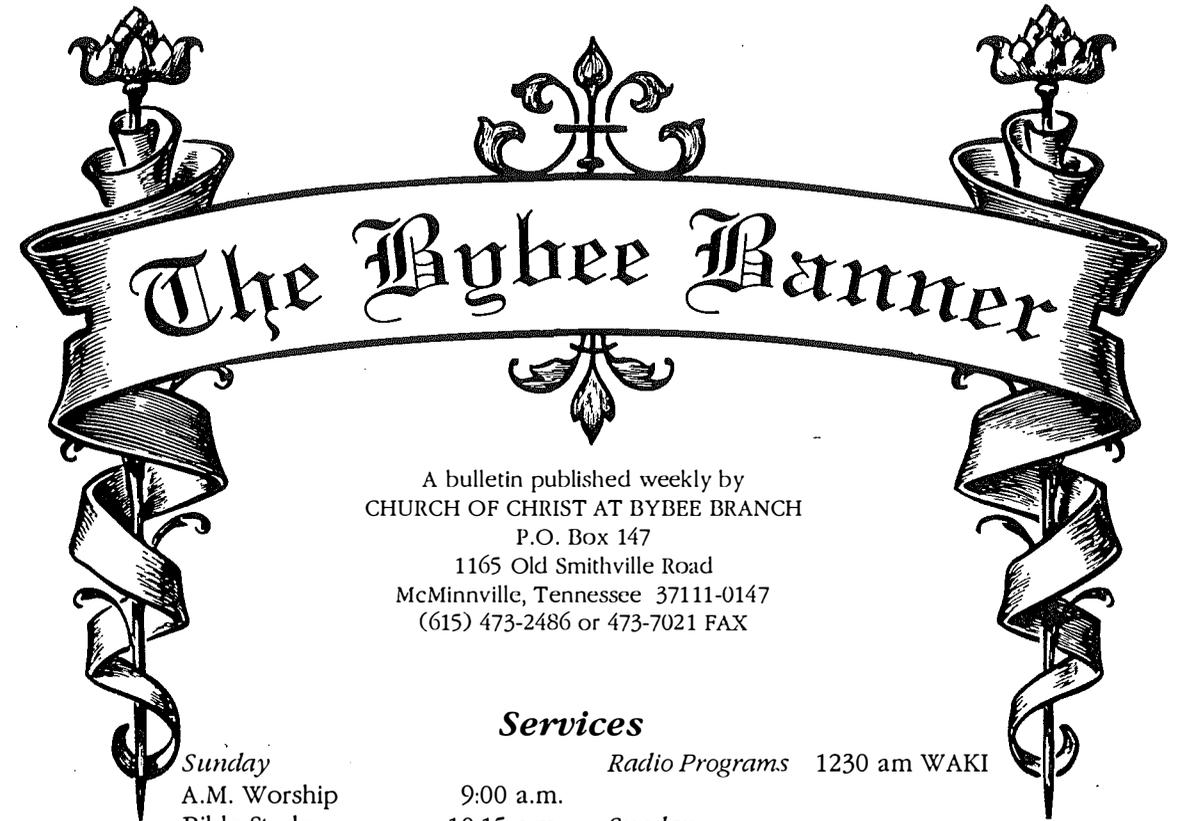
**Pantry Item:** Tang

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Tommy Crouch (following a fall from a ladder)  
Florene Nokes (following eye surgery)

### In The Hospital:

Fate Cantrell-Riverpark  
Belle Young-Riverpark  
Berchie Hudson-Centennial Medical Center  
(following a stroke)

## Sympathy

Our hearts were saddened this past Wednesday evening when sister Earlene Ray passed from this life. She was a long time dedicated member of the church here at Bybee Branch. (I will truly miss my next door neighbor who was a neighbor indeed. T.L.).

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Correcting The Corinthians: True Unity  
P.M. .... Biblical Pictures Of God's Word

## Restorations

We rejoice that this past Sunday we saw five precious souls respond to the Lord's invitation. Sunday morning brother Johnny Anderson came forward requesting prayers; and on Sunday evening sisters Dawn Wanamaker, Angie Caldwell, Judy Payne and Lou Leatherwood all came forward requesting prayers.

## General Business Meeting

The quarterly General Business Meeting will be this coming Sunday evening following services. All men are encouraged to plan to stay and attend the meeting.

## Gospel Meetings

Ivy Bluff church of Christ, July 20-24, services at 7:00 p.m. with Jim Gammon preaching.

Smartt church of Christ, July 27-31, services at 7:00 p.m. with Waymon Summers preaching.

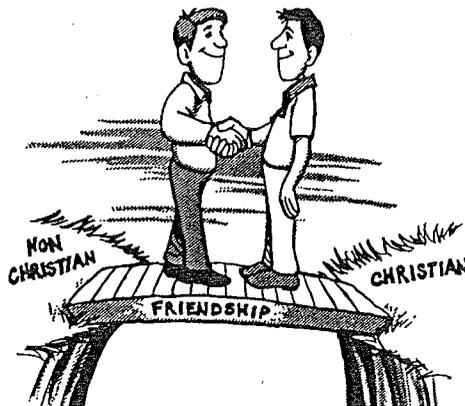
## New Sermon Series

Thanks many times over for the encouragement and support for the lessons in the previous series from 1st and 2nd Peter, entitled "Practical Points From Peter." Beginning this Sunday morning we will begin a new series entitled "Correcting The Corinthians" from the book of 1st Corinthians. While we often do not want to admit it, we often need correction. In the book of 1st Corinthians Paul corrects many problems that are common to us as well. Lord willing, we shall learn to live and serve God better by studying this book.

## Look What's Coming Up!

 Our Eighth Annual Bible Lectureship is coming up in just a couple of weeks! The theme this year is "Living By Faith" and will feature a number of excellent speakers. Speaking this year will be: Chris Whiteaker, Keith Mosher, Winford Claiborne, Dan Jones, Newton Gribble, Jim Dearman, Ben Flatt, David Fanning, George King, and David Hester.

The lessons are designed such that you can invite your non-christian neighbors or our brothers and sisters in Christ and all may profit from the lessons. It is exciting to have such an opportunity, let us be sure to take advantage of every service possible!



## Lessons Learned — From The Golden Calf

Worship is "in." Moderns worship worship! Excitement, feelings, "give them what they want." Bad theology makes for bad worship. The issue is God. A careless concept of God results in childish worship. Trying to please men rather than God results in blasphemy and idolatry. Read Ex. 32 ... Deut. 9! The Golden Calf! God through Moses is giving Israel the Law. God is giving specific regulations concerning worship. God can become uptight by the way we worship. Jesus said we could worship God in vain. Moses is up on the Mountain with God! The Israelites are down below with Satan. Aaron, the High Priest, flunked his test. Taking the gold they gave, he makes a calf (Egyptian bull) and worship begins.

God was angry, exceedingly angry. He threatened to destroy Israel to rebuild upon Moses. Moses interceded, pleaded, argued with God! Amazing! Moses won! More amazing! Man can impact God! Yet God never got over this sin. Read the entire OT! God brought it up time and time again. Israel never got over it, either.

### The lessons?

- (1) Crowds don't make it right. Aaron had the crowd. Crowds came! "They must be doing something right!" "Success City!" We are into "Crowds." The biggest crowd wins! But this is not from God.
- (2) Giving people what they want fails! They wanted "new gods," new worship. Aaron gave them what they wanted. Notice — "no preaching."
- (3) Wonderful worship experiences may not be. They felt God (they did not know Him). It was a "mountain top experience."
- (4) Fun must not be confused with worship. They danced, sinned, became immoral, had a blast! While Sinai trembled Israel departed quickly for idols, performance, talent, concerts — FUN!
- (5) Meeting peoples' needs may not be worship! They got what they wanted! But they sold out their souls . . . made fools of themselves . . . disgraced God.

~From the KEYNOTER, Sixth and Izard, Little Rock, Arkansas, January 23, 1997~



"Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand." (Philippians 4:5, NKJV).

"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one." (Colossians 4:6, NKJV).

"And be kind to one another..." (Ephesians 4:32, NKJV).

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Joe Collins  
 Reading Bob Bonner  
 Scripture Hebrew 12:1-2  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Ronnie Prince  
 (S) \*Phillip Smith  
 (N) Micah Lawrence  
 (N) Caleb Graves  
 (N) Harley Northcutt  
 (S) Tyler Boyd  
 (S) Don Griffith  
 (S) Brandon McGinness  
 Sermon David Hester  
 Dismiss Larry Flatt

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Jeff Flatt  
 Reading Tim Fisher  
 Scripture Acts 2:30-36  
 Lord's Table \*Chuck Medley  
 \*Willie Newby  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Dennis Gann

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2088) Tom McColloch  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Doug Hendrixson  
 Reading Bill Womack  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss David Chilton

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Noel & Martha Pepper  
 P.M. Don Sullivan Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

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**Attend Nursery:** Mildred Gambrell

**Lock Building:** Ronnie Rogers

**Pantry Item:** Canned Fruit

**Record For The Week...**

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 Bible Study ..... 207  
 P.M. Worship ..... 238  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 179  
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 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slotton

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Don Pennington  
Nancy Crouch (home following surgery)

### In The Hospital:

Charlotte Plott-Parthenon Pavilion (send cards  
in care of Bob Cantrell, 1947 Yager Rd,  
McMinnville)

We occasionally are unaware of all of the sick, please help us by letting the announcer or the office know of sick. We do not want to overlook anyone.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... LECTUREHIP  
P.M. .... Who Is This Jesus?

## Gospel Meetings

Smyrna church of Christ, August 3-6, services at 7:30 p.m. with Thomas Eaves preaching.

Unity church of Christ, August 3-7, services at 7:00 p.m. with Arlon Way preaching.

Bluff Springs church of Christ, August 3-8, services at 7:00 p.m. with various speakers preaching.

## Vacation Bible School

Berea church of Christ, August 11-15, services at 7:15 p.m. with various speakers teaching the adult class. Theme will be: The Bible Tells Me So...

## Opryland Trip

The annual trip to Opryland for the young and young at heart will be on August 19. More details will be given later. If you need more information, see Steve Hillis.

## Shut-ins

This list is updated monthly. If you see an error or an omission, please let us know.

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Minnie Cooper  
Nora Lee Griffith  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

Flossie Smartt

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flora Smith

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Marvin Crouch

### Home:

Katherine Bennett  
Louise Boyd (Jim Boyd's Home)  
Edith Cantrell  
Rozelle Goodman  
Joe Maxwell  
Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Irene Simpson  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

## Lectureship Picnic

Every year at the same time as our Lectureship we have been having a congregational picnic at the Bennett's Hickory Creek farm. This year the picnic will be on August 9th, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Food will be provided but you will need to bring a lawn chair. If enough do not wish to drive the bus will be carried. If you need directions or further information see Dale Bennett or Willie Newby.



## Eighth Annual Bible Lectureship

Our Eighth Annual Bible Lectureship is this week! We hope that each of you have made your plans to be present at every lecture possible. The theme, "Living By Faith," was taken from Hebrews 11 & 12. Below is a copy of the program:

### Wednesday, August 6

7:00-8:00 Chris Whitaker—Living By Faith (All classes meet in auditorium)

### Thursday, August 7

10:00-10:55 Keith Mosher—Faithful Abel  
11:00-11:55 Winford Claiborne—Faithful Enoch  
12:00-1:30 Lunch (Provided by the ladies of Bybee Branch)  
1:30-2:30 Winford Claiborne—Faithful Noah  
2:30-3:30 Dan Jones—Faithful Abraham & Sarah  
3:30-7:00 Break  
7:00-7:45 Keith Mosher—Faithful Issac  
7:45-8:30 Dan Jones—Faithful Jacob

### Friday, August 8

10:00-10:55 Newton Gribble—Faithful Joseph  
11:00-11:55 Jim Dearman—Faithful Parents Of Moses  
12:00-1:30 Lunch (Provided by the ladies of Bybee Branch)  
1:30-2:30 Ben Flatt—Faithful Moses  
2:30-3:30 David Fanning—Faithful Joshua  
3:30-7:00 Break  
7:00-7:45 Ben Flatt—Faithful Rahab  
7:45-8:30 George King—Other Faithfuls

### Sunday, August 10

9:00-10:15 Worship Service—David Hester—The Great Cloud Of Witnesses  
10:15-11:00 Bible Class Hour—David Hester—Saved By Grace Through Faith (All classes meet in auditorium)

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Dale Bennett  
 Reading David McColloch  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 2:9-16  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Steve Hillis  
 (S) \*Chip Cantrell  
 (N) Chris Jones  
 (N) Derrick Pennington  
 (N) Ralph Crouch  
 (S) Jeff Templeton  
 (S) Kelly Thaxton  
 (S) Don Johnson  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Danny Duncan

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Kurt Maynard  
 Reading Frank Reynolds  
 Scripture Acts 2:30-36  
 Lord's Table \*Jim Slatton  
 \*Mark Lawrence  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss W.C. Chilton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2088) Tom McColloch  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Thurman Bennett  
 Reading Lemmie Bratten  
 Invitation Larry Flatt  
 Dismiss Ronnie Prince

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Rodney & Patsy Reynolds  
 P.M. Ronnie & Cindy Rogers

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Don Sullivan & John Stenbridge

**Attend Nursery:** Cindy Rogers

**Lock Building:** Ronnie Rogers

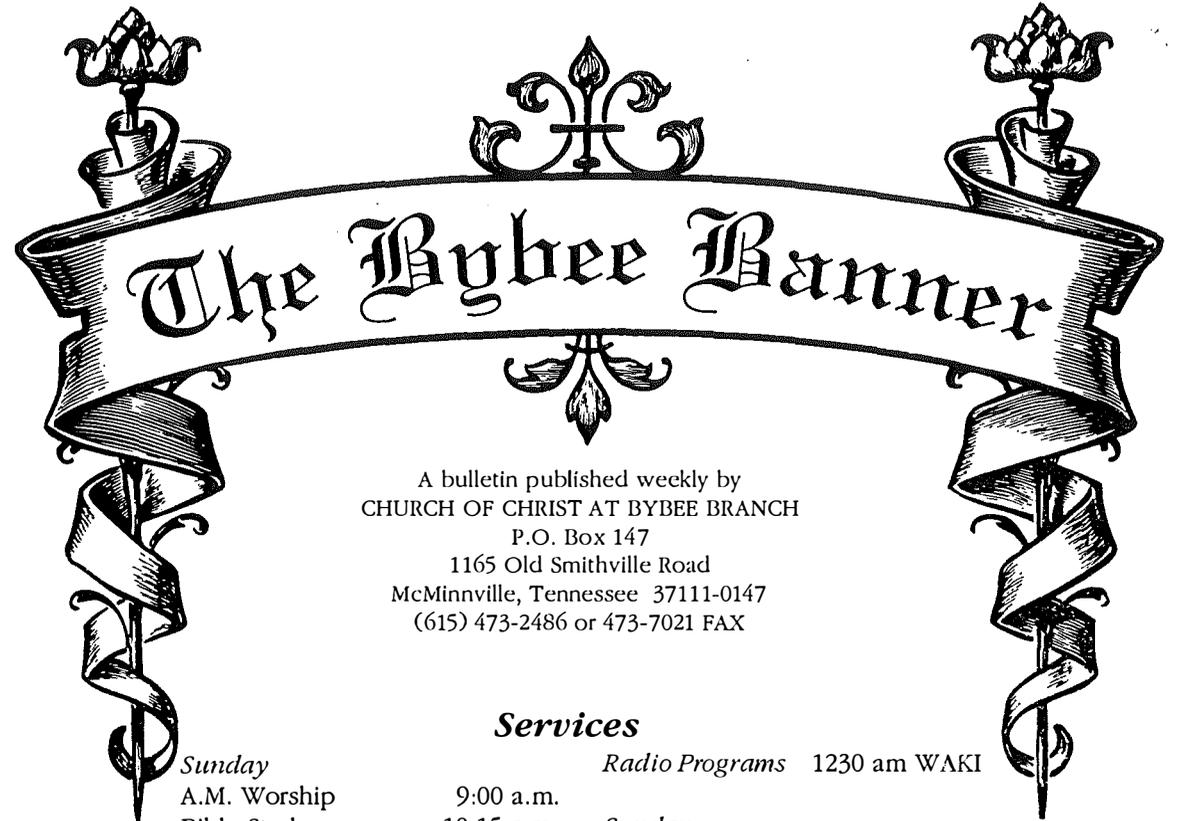
**Pantry Item:** Pancake Mix

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### In The Hospital:

none known

We occasionally are unaware of all of the sick, please help us by letting the announcer or the office know of sick. We do not want to overlook anyone.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... The Mind of God To The Mind of Man  
P.M. .... Who Is This Jesus?

## Restoration

We rejoice with sister Donna Anderson as she was restored this past Sunday evening.

## Gospel Meetings

Central church of Christ, August 17-22, services at 7:00 p.m. with James Watkins preaching.

Morrison church of Christ, August 18-24, services at 7:00 p.m. with Robert Taylor, Jr. preaching.

## Vacation Bible School

Berea church of Christ, August 11-15, services at 7:15 p.m. with various speakers teaching the adult class. Theme will be: The Bible Tells Me So...

## Opryland Trip

The annual trip to Opryland for the young and young at heart will be on August 19. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you plan to go. A meeting will be held Sunday evening following services to collect the money and release forms. If you have questions contact Steve Hillis.

## Marrow Donor Update

Most of you will remember just a few weeks ago when there was a search for a bone marrow donor for Don Cobb (one of the deacons at the Bethel church of Christ in Athens, AL). A potential donor has been found and brother Cobb is presently in Vanderbilt Hospital starting the process for the transplant.

## My Brother's Keeper

Give us a watchword for the hour,  
A thrilling word, a word of power;  
A battle cry, a flaming breath,  
A call to conquest or to death;  
A word to rouse the church from rest,  
To heed the Master's high behest.  
The call is given, ye hosts arise,  
The watchword is EVANGELIZE!  
To fallen men, a dying race,  
Make known the gift of gospel grace.  
The world that now in darkness lies,  
O Church of Christ, EVANGELIZE!

Many of us feel like Cain and say, "Am I my brother's keeper?" The obvious answer to Cain was "yes" and it is the same for us. Our brethren according to the flesh are dying daily not told of God's saving grace available through the blood of Christ. A soul is worth more than all of the world yet we fail to attach that importance to it. Does it disturb you that people will die today without Christ? IT SHOULD!

## A Great Soldier Passes

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of brother Winfred Clark. He was one of the elders and former evangelist for the Hobbs Street church in Athens, AL. Brother Clark directed the *School of Bible Emphasis* which meets in various locations, one being at the Mt. Leo congregation. He has spoken on our Lectureship in previous years. He was truly a great soldier of the cross!

## Lectureship In Review

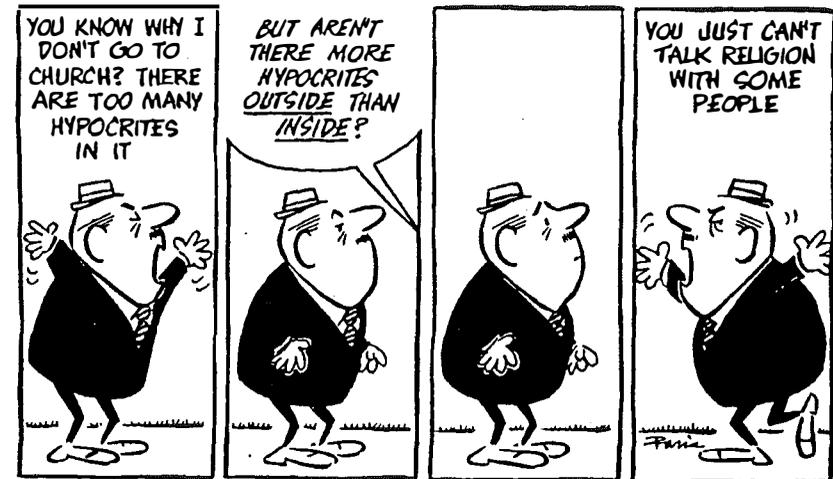
It seems as if every year the lessons just get better and better at our lectureship. Starting with the dynamic lesson delivered by Chris Whitaker all the way until the two excellent lessons delivered by David Hester, the gospel was preached and faithfulness encouraged.

Many people deserve special mention. The elders are to be commended for the planning and support of the meeting. If the lectureship was a wheel, brother W.C. Chilton is the grease. He takes care of so many little details that helps the whole event operate smoothly. The ladies of the congregation following the lead of sister Mary Davis prepared outstanding meals on Thursday and Friday. Our visitors could not believe how much effort was put into making it special. Thanks to Rodney Reynolds who every year watches the lectureship through the eye of the video camera. The singing was led in such a fine way by Leonard Clemons. Dale Bennett and Willie Newby pulled off a great picnic even if it did have to be held inside this year. I am sure that I have overlooked someone who contributed greatly, if so, I apologize.

If there is one thing that was lacking it was the attendance. Our numbers were slightly off from last year. It is a little embarrassing when so much effort has been put into planning, preparation and preaching to have so few to take advantage of it. Perhaps many think that this series of lessons was just for preachers and visitors. That is not so! The lessons preached in this series could benefit anyone. They were God glorifying and faith building. Maybe you were a little negligent, determine in your heart that you plan to be at every service and next year to take a greater advantage of these lessons.

If you have any suggestions that you believe would make the lectureship better, then pass them along to the elders. It is their desire to make our lectureship the best it possibly can be.

~T.L.~



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Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Lemmie Bratten  
 Reading Rodney Reynolds  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 3:9-15  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Chuck Boles  
 (S) \*Bob Mayfield  
 (N) Tom McColloch  
 (N) Shannon Griffin  
 (N) Jason Vandagriff  
 (S) Joe T. Cantrell  
 (S) Harry Felty  
 (S) Marty Boles  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Scott Griffith

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Johnny Anderson  
 Reading Billy Gilbert  
 Scripture Hebrews 8:5  
 Lord's Table \*Joe Collins  
 \*Bob Cantrell  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Willie Newby

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2088) Tom McColloch  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Noel Pepper  
 Reading Chad Graves  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jeff Flatt

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Willie Newby Family  
 P.M. Tim Fisher Family

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** John Nussbaum & Alan Collins

**Attend Nursery:** Donna Anderson

**Lock Building:** Ronnie Rogers

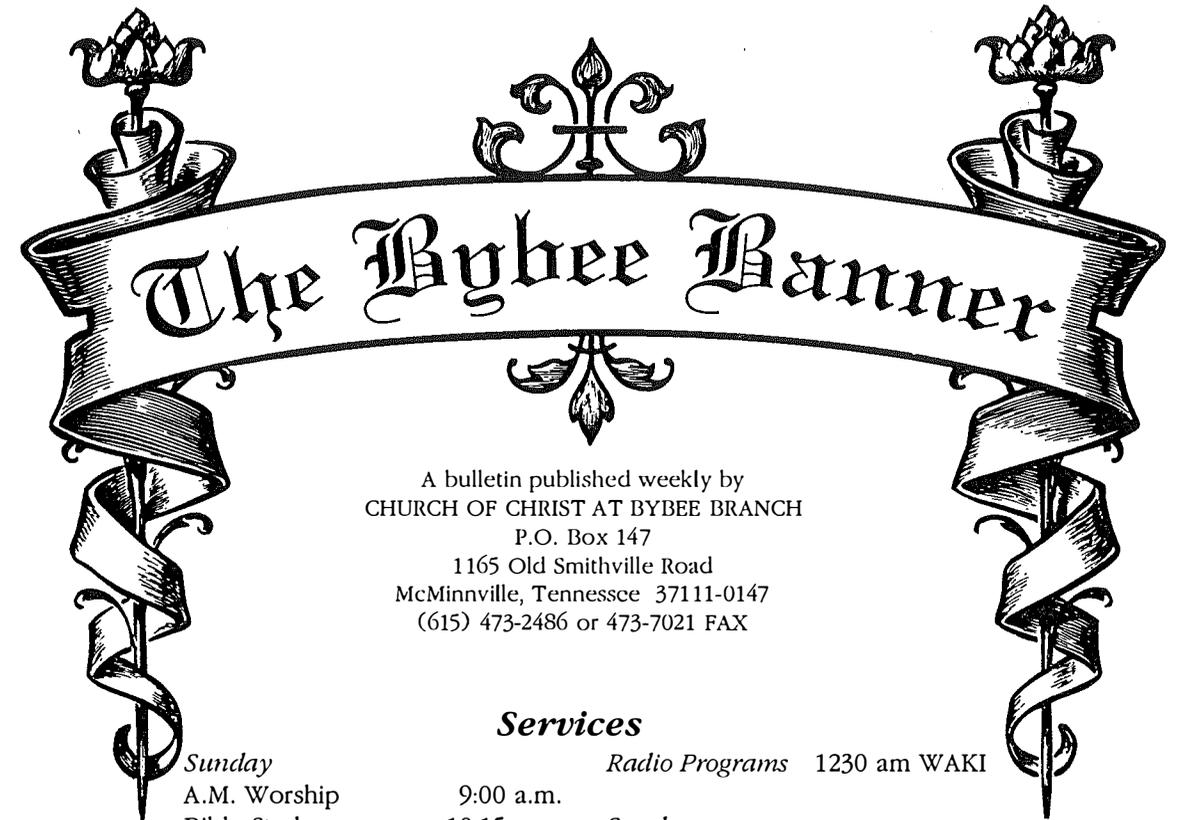
**Pantry Item:** Pancake Syrup

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 330  
 Bible Study ..... 238  
 P.M. Worship ..... 267  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 192  
 Contribution ..... \$4,105

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Robbie Vandagriff

### In The Hospital:

Don Pennington-Baptist/Nashville

## Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the family of Coy Smith, grandfather of our Phillip Smith. You may send condolences to Phillip's father at: 7489-S, County Road 200 East, Frankfort, IN 46041.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Are You A Builder Or A Demolisher?

P.M. .... Portrait of Christ's Church

## Gospel Meetings

*Central church of Christ*, August 17-22, services at 7:00 p.m. with James Watkins preaching.

*Morrison church of Christ*, August 18-24, services at 7:00 p.m. with Robert Taylor, Jr. preaching.

*Bonner church of Christ*, August 21-24, services at 7:00 p.m. with Chris Whitaker preaching.

*Viola church of Christ*, August 27-31, services at 7:00 p.m. with Ken Willis preaching.

## Watermelon Feast



We will be having a Watermelon Feast on Wednesday evening, August 27, following the evening services. Please bring a watermelon and enjoy the fellowship.

## Restorations & New Members

This past Wednesday evening the following were restored and expressed a desire to place membership: Glenda Faye Bell, Hoyt & Nancy Crouch. We rejoice with their desire to serve the Lord more faithfully. Remember each of these in your prayers.

Sunday morning the elders also announced four additional new members: Charlotte Plott, Lawrence & Betty Lane and their granddaughter Miranda Rains.

Please add the following to your Church Directory:

Glenda Faye Bell  
209 Oriole Drive  
McMinnville, TN 37110  
473-4574

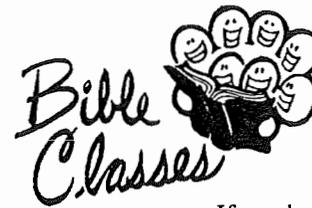
Hoyt & Nancy Crouch  
1644 Airport Lake Road  
McMinnville, TN 37110  
668-4443

Charlotte Plott  
1947 Yager Road  
McMinnville, TN 37110  
668-4461

Lawrence & Betty Lane, Miranda Rains  
205 Anderson Street  
McMinnville, TN 37110  
473-1306



Remember that Sunday, August 31, is the fifth Sunday and the contribution will be used to retire the debt incurred in repairing and remodeling the building.



In just a couple of weeks we will begin our new quarter of Bible Classes. At that time we will also promote the young ones to the next level in their classes. This is a time of great enthusiasm for these young people and should be for us adults also. We are greatly blessed with a number of talented teachers that put in long hours to make our classes the best possible.

If you have not been staying for Bible Classes let me ask, why not? Are you so pushed that you cannot spare an extra 45 minutes for Bible Study? How do you think that excuse would go over with the Lord when He came to this earth and died for you? Do you have something more important to do? What could be more important than learning more about the place you hope live one day and how to get there? It seems as if I remember a parable that the Lord told that might have some application here (cf. Lk. 14:16-24). Are you "bored" with the classes and the teachers? Why are you so "bored?" Is it because spiritual things no longer have an attraction for you? If so, you are on dangerous ground. *"For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame."* (Hebrews 6:4-6, NKJV). There have been people that considered it "weariness" to serve the Lord, (cf. Isa. 42:22; Mal. 1:13) and their worship was unacceptable to God. What it all comes down to is this: either a person is interested in the Bible and what it says or he is not. Those who love God cling to every word. *"Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day."* (Psalms 119:97, NKJV). *"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD.'"* (Psalms 122:1, NKJV). *"Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night."* (Psalms 1:1,2, NKJV).

The adult classes that will begin September 7, will be as follows: Auditorium Adult-Ronnie Rogers teaching Towards Spiritual Maturity; Adult II-Tony Lawrence teaching I-III John; Young Adult-Don Sullivan teaching Acts 13-28. Why not plan now that you and your family will be present and study the Bible so that we all might be better servants of the Lord?

~Tony Lawrence~

**Sentence Sermon**

**Share the Light**  
Blowing out another person's light never makes yours burn any brighter.

**Sentence Sermon**

**Self-Indulgence**  
The more the self is indulged, the more it seems to demand.

**Sentence Sermon**

**Easy Talk**  
After all is said and done, there's a lot more said than done.

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Chuck Medley  
 Reading David Chilton  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 4:18-21  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Tommy Crouch  
 (S) \*Ken Lee  
 (N) Rodney Maynard  
 (N) Matthew Young  
 (N) Bran Merritt  
 (S) Edgar Webb  
 (S) Joe Roller  
 (S) John Stembridge  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Winfrey Hennessee

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Tyler Boyd  
 Lead Singing Mark Lawrence  
 First Prayer Caleb Graves  
 Reading Lynn Gann  
 Scripture TBA  
 Lord's Table \*Alan Collins  
 \*Joe T. Cantrell  
 Sermon Christian Boonla  
 Dismiss Joey Reynolds

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Danny Duncan  
 Reading Don Griffith  
 Invitation Don Sullivan  
 Dismiss Chip Cantrell

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Phillip Smith Family  
 P.M. Anna Jean Bond & Mildred Bumbalough

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Bill Womack & Micah Lawrence

**Attend Nursery:** Sharon Boles

**Lock Building:** Ronnie Rogers

**Pantry Item:** Spam

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 319  
 Bible Study ..... 210  
 P.M. Worship ..... 216  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 203  
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 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

At Home:

W.C. Chilton

In The Hospital:

Don Pennington-Baptist/Nashville (Room 6609)  
Houston Stiles-Centennial Medical Center (to move  
rehab soon, possibly NHC)  
Melba Dodson (Marsha Collins' sister)-St. Thomas  
Lela Johnson-Vanderbilt (surgery Wednesday)

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Pride Versus Penitence  
P.M. .... GUEST SPEAKER: Christian Boonla

## Gospel Meeting

Viola church of Christ, August 27-31, services at 7:00 p.m. with Ken Willis preaching.

## Youth Day

The Rome church of Christ will have a Youth Day this coming Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. with Chris Whitaker speaking. The bus will leave the building at 12:00.

## Watermelon Feast



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## Bridal Tea

The ladies will have a bridal tea this coming Sunday afternoon, August 31, from 1:00-3:00 in honor of Teresa Rogers in the fellowship room. All ladies are invited.

## How Does Your Christianity Measure Up?

A motorist in Minnesota drove into the service station one day and asked for ten gallons of gas. Immediately, three attendants sprang into action. One began to wipe the windshield, another checked the air in his tires, the third gave his attention to the water in the radiator and checking the oil. When they were through the motorist paid for ten gallons of gas and drove off.

A few minutes later, however, he returned with a worried look on his face and asked, "Did any of you put the gas in the car?" The three looked at one another . . . then meekly admitted that nobody had!

This same thing often happens to us in life. In the rush of life we become preoccupied with doing the superficial things . . . the things that "glitter" but which are not absolutely essential . . . then we often overlook the main purpose for which we were created—to know, to love and serve God in this life and to be happy with Him in the next.

How often we become "bogged down" in minor things, and seem to lose sight of our primary purpose in life, saving lost souls. If you have visits to make, make them now. If you have teaching to do, do it now. NOW is the time we have to work for God.

How foolish it is cumbering our life with trivial things of the secular world and neglecting our salvation. "Fear God and keep His word, this is the whole duty of man." Don't major in minors—put God first!

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## September 1997

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Nancy Rogers Rodney Reynolds Belle Young	KEN & GLYNALLEE Allison Chilton				Gail Crouch
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Marsha Collins Denice Prince Nichole Wilcher Micah McColloch  <i>Promotion Sunday in Bible Classes</i>	RONNIE & DENICE PRINCE	EDWARD & GLENDA SOLOMON Joe Lawrence Erin Duncan			STEVE & CAROL BOYD	Josh Medley Lori Pepper Chris Jones
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Lennie Ruth Kesey Junice Foster Clercie Delone  <i>Bible Bowl Fellowship at Eastside in Cannon Co. 2:00 p.m.</i>	Irene Simpson		Doug Hendrixson		LEMMIE & BRENDA BRATTEN	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Caleb Graves	HARLEY & IONA NORTHCUTT RONNIE & CINDY ROGERS Magdalene Taylor	Clara Roller CALVIN & NANCY ROGERS Eric Fisher CHRIS & MEREDITH JONES	Merideth Jones Leonard Crouch	Mary Lois Cantrell Agnes Fults Glenda Solomon	Joe Huntley	Danielle Lance Walter Maxwell Randel Whiteaker Dana Roller
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Sandy Brown Harry Felty	Andrew Collins Glynda Stevens					
28	29	30				

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Joe Collins  
 Reading John Biddle  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 4:18-21  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Tim Fisher  
 (S) \*Danny Duncan  
 (N) J.B. Gribble  
 (N) Dickie Kesey  
 (N) Bob Cantrell  
 (S) Willie Newby  
 (S) Steve Wilcher  
 (S) Buell Warren  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Eddie Palmer

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds  
 Reading Joe T. Cantrell  
 Scripture 1 Chronicles 12:32  
 Lord's Table \*Jim Slatton  
 \*Kelly Thaxton  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bob Bonner

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Johnny Anderson  
 Reading Brandon McGinness  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jason Vandagriff

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Lawrence & Betty Lane  
 P.M. Jeff Templeton Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Kurt Maynard & Chad Graves

**Attend Nursery:** Denice Reynolds

**Lock Building:** David McColloch

**Pantry Item:** Kool-Aid

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 314  
 Bible Study ..... 247  
 P.M. Worship ..... 232  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 196  
 Contribution ..... \$14,487

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 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

**Preacher**

Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

*Lela Johnson (after surgery)*

### In The Hospital:

*Houston Stiles-moved to NHC*

*Melba Dodson (Marsha Collins' sister)-St. Thomas*

*W.C. Chilton-St. Thomas*

*Don Leatherwood-St. Thomas*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Pride Versus Penitence

P.M. .... Great Qualities Of Leadership

## Gospel Meeting

*Centertown church of Christ, September 21-25, services at 7:00 p.m. with Holger Neubauer preaching.*

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Don Pennington. His funeral was this past Friday. We extend our deepest sympathy to Barbara, Brent, Greg, and Derrick.

## Promotion Sunday

This Sunday will be the first Sunday of the Fall Quarter and the time when the children are promoted to the next grade level. Parents, you are concerned with what your children are learning in school. Be sure that you keep them in Sunday School because what they learn here is even more important than what they will learn in secular school.

## Emergency Call List

Occasionally deaths or accidents occur between services and many in the congregation want to be informed. If you wish to be on the emergency call list, please sign the bulletin board if you have not already done so.

## Shut-ins

*This list is updated monthly. If you see an error or an omission, please let us know.*

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

*Minnie Cooper*

*Nora Lee Griffith*

*Houston Stiles*

*Carol Sue Taylor*

*Belle Young*

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

*Flossie Smartt*

### Raintree Health Care Center:

*Yuriko Biles*

*Edith Morrow*

*Flora Smith*

### Woodbury Nursing Home

*Marvin Crouch*

### Home:

*Katherine Bennett*

*Louise Boyd (Jim Boyd's Home)*

*Edith Cantrell*

*Rozelle Goodman*

*Joe Maxwell*

*Harold & Pearl Mitchell*

*Bessie Parker*

*June Slatton*

*Irene Simpson*

*Bertha Stewart*

*Magdalene Taylor*

## Prayer for the Day

"So far today, God, I've done all right, I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper. I haven't been grumpy, nasty, or selfish. I'm real glad of that. But in a few minutes, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed; and from then on, I'm probably going to need a lot of help."

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## Serious Concerns Over Departures From The Faith

Anyone today who reads the periodicals, books or even listens to the T.V. has to realize that there has been a marked change in the attitude of some within the Lord's church toward its nature and function. The human side of the church has never been perfect. However, like the children of Israel under the period of the Judges, faithfulness to God fluctuates up and down. When I see the seeming disregard for the sacredness and purity of the Lord's church I am grieved to the heart. This is not that I believe that the Lord's church will not continue, it will! (Dan. 2:44). It is not that I believe that man can destroy the Word of God, he can't! (Isa. 55:11). It is I realize that souls will be led astray in this current digression. The Lord takes note of those who are concerned with such things. "and the LORD said to him, "Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and put a mark on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it.'" (Ezekiel 9:4, NKJV).

Exactly what are some of these departures. The now infamous Nashville Jubilee heads the list of defections from the faith. I read in the September 1997 issue of the Christian Chronicle a letter by Don Edwards of Houston, TX. He said, "I have attend Jubilee two times. I have listened to the main speakers and many class teachers. I have yet to hear 'false teaching.'" I must assume that (1) either he is deaf, or (2) that he has lost his ability to listen and discern error when he hears it (cf. Mt. 16:3; Heb. 5:12-14; Mk. 4:24; Lk. 8:18). The errors that have been taught at Jubilee are legion. There has been a disregard for the uniqueness and nature of the Lord's church, the plan of salvation, and even the advocating of outright pentecostalism. If you have any doubt, I would like for you to hear the three tapes of Joe Beam's lessons on the Holy Spirit in 1996.

It the past few days the direction that some have gone seems to be even more brazen. David Lipscomb University sent the church here an advertisement for the upcoming Youthworker University. It will be held October 24,25, 1997. Among the participants are a number of known liberals like Jeff Walling. Doug Varnado, Professor of Bible at Lipscomb is now the minister for the Hendersonville Community Church. Also included on the program is Brewster McLeod. He is the "student minister" for the Southland Christian Church in Lexington, KY. This church is well-known in their area for patterning themselves after the Willow Creek church. If people want to know where Steve Flatt is going to lead Lipscomb they have a pretty good indicator because he also is on the program!

Something that even shocks us regarding the liberal occurred in a past couple of weeks at the Woodmont Hills church in Nashville. Rather than having their evening services they had a concert to raise money to build a playground. They brought in as many "stars" as they could find and set up this in their auditorium on Sunday evening. This event even garnered the notice of the Nashville T.V. stations. We know that our Deity can be grieved (Eph. 4:30). How must God cry when He sees the abominations of men more concerned with merry-go-rounds and tetter-totters than in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Jesus did not die for the swing set.!

When I see these things I am concerned. Paul was also had anxiety for the churches (2 Cor. 11:28). Returning to the thought of the period of the Judges, it took people crying out to God in prayer and great men of faith to rise up an do the Lord's will. Pray and stand!

~Tony Lawrence~

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Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Chuck Boles  
 Reading Noel Pepper  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 5:9-11  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Jeff Flatt  
 (S) \*Don Sullivan  
 (N) Harry Felty  
 (N) Brett Merritt  
 (N) Don Johnson  
 (S) Jeff Bond  
 (S) Derrick Pennington  
 (S) Joey Reynolds  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Clyde Christian

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Rodney Reynolds  
 Reading Tommy Crouch  
 Scripture Ecclesiastes 7:1  
 Lord's Table \*Scott Griffith  
 \*David Chilton  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bill Womack

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Bob Mayfield  
 Reading Micah Lawrence  
 Invitation Steve Boyd  
 Dismiss Ronnie Rogers

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Allen Hughes Family  
 P.M. Angie Caldwell & girls

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Lee & Eugene Wilcher

**Attend Nursery:** Judy Nussbaum

**Lock Building:** David McColloch

**Pantry Item:** Potato Flakes

**Record For The Week...**

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Bible Study .....	258
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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

W.C. Chilton (after by-pass surgery)  
Flora Roller (at Helen Morgan's home)

### In The Hospital:

Melba Dodson (Marsha Collins' sister)-St. Thomas  
Don Leatherwood-St. Thomas  
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Please help us keep current on the sick. If you know of someone we have left off, please call.

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Dealing With Discipline  
P.M. .... Epitaphs God Wrote

## Gospel Meetings

Doyle church of Christ, September 14-18, services at 7:00 p.m. with Jimmy Wright preaching.

Centertown church of Christ, September 21-25, services at 7:00 p.m. with Holger Neubauer preaching.

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Bertha Anges Northcutt, the sister of our brother Harley Northcutt. Her funeral was Monday.

## Bible Bowl Fellowship

Every year all of the congregations that participate in the Bible Bowl gather together for a fellowship before the season begins. This coming Sunday afternoon we will go the Eastside school in Cannon, Co. for this fellowship. The bus will leave at 1:30 and will return at about 4:30.

## Thanks from Thurman

Dear brother and sisters,

From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank the congregation for the wonderful reception you gave the Boonlas. You contributed money to help make their stay more pleasant, and to enable them to purchase items to take home. You opened your homes and fed them. You entertained them, and you made them feel welcome. They will remember you always, and I will be grateful to you always.

Thurman Bennett

## A Wishful Dream

Last night as I lay a sleeping,  
I dreamed a dream so fair,  
I dreamed I saw our Bible School  
With all the members there.  
They had all invited neighbors,  
Brought Bibles, offerings too;  
They all attended preaching  
As Christians ought to do.  
Then all the congregation  
Gave the best they had in song.  
A guilty feeling filled my soul,  
For now my dream was gone.  
I asked the Lord to help me,  
And then I prayed for you,  
That we might do our very best,  
To make that dream come true.

Author unknown  
Submitted by June Crouch

## Translations of Bible

Sunday morning the elders stated their preference that only the King James, New King James or American Standard Versions be used in all public readings and teaching at Bybee Branch. Your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated.

## Is Everything Okay Here?

Last week, Mary Nell and I decided to eat at Po Folks restaurant. We have eaten there, at different times, since their opening a couple years ago. In the past year, the service and servings had declined to the state that we seldom went. However, Mary Nell wanted some chicken, so we decided to try it once more. By the service we received, one would have thought they had just opened again! We received more food than we could possibly eat. Twice the manager came by our table and asked, "Is everything okay here?" Five times our waitress came by to see if we had enough coffee or needed anything. Twice another waitress with coffee came by and filled our cups. The manger and waitresses were busy, busy, busy. I don't see how anyone could help but enjoy that kind of service. Because of it, we plan to return, soon. The church is like that, too. When we put on a smile, warmly greet people, and let them know how much we appreciate them coming, they will want to return. When we visit in their homes to let them know we are happy to have them in our assemblies, it will impress them. People are looking for warmth, love, friendliness, appreciation and activity. One's doctrine may be true but it must be wrapped in love (Eph. 4:15).

~copied~

## A Prescription for You

If you are **impatient**, sit down quietly and talk with Job.  
If you are **just strong-headed**, go and see Moses.  
If you are getting **weak-kneed**, take a good look at Elijah.  
If there is **no song in your heart**, listen to David.  
If you are a **policy man**, read Daniel.  
If you are getting **sordid**, spend awhile with Isaiah.  
If your **faith is below par**, read Paul.  
If you are getting **lazy**, read James.  
If you are **losing sight of the future**, climb up the stairs of Revelation and get a glimpse of the promised land.

~copied~

## Out Of The Mouth Of Babes

I received an Email message from Carla Carlson, who is the wife of Richard Carlson a faithful gospel preacher from Lynn, Arkansas, about her Bible class. She writes: *Gilbert, since you love little kids, you'll like this one: I teach the 4 and 5 year olds on Wednesday nights. I have five boys and one girl. Well, I had to remind them last night to be quiet so we could have our story. I asked them why it was so important to be quiet. One five year old boy pointed out toward the auditorium where the adults have class, and said, "We don't want to wake them up."*

Gilbert Gough, **The Chapman Challenger**, August 27, 1997

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Allen Hughes  
 Reading Jim Slatton  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 6:1-8  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Ronnie Rogers  
 (S) \*Larry Flatt  
 (N) Jason Vandagriff  
 (N) Marty Boles  
 (N) Joe Roller  
 (S) Chris Jones  
 (S) Shannon Griffin  
 (S) Bran Merritt  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Chip Cantrell

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Chuck Medley  
 Reading Steve Boyd  
 Scripture James 3:1-10  
 Lord's Table \*Doug Hendrixson  
 \*Johnny Anderson  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Phillip Smith

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2632) Steve Hillis  
 Lead Singing Eddie Palmer  
 First Prayer Billy Gilbert  
 Reading Tom McColloch  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Don Griffith

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Ronnie Prince Family  
 P.M. Danny Duncan Family

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Don Sullivan & John Stembridge

**Attend Nursery:** Lynette Maynard

**Lock Building:** David McColloch

**Pantry Item:** Biscuit Mix

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	286
Bible Study .....	233
P.M. Worship .....	221
Wednesday Bible Study .....	216
Contribution .....	\$4,002

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## Sick

### At Home:

Flora Roller

### In The Hospital:

Dorothy Jones (Glenda Faye Bell's aunt)-  
treatment for cancer in Abilene, TX. Cards  
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Dora Mullican-Centennial Medical Center  
(surgery Tuesday)

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Love, Lawsuits And The Lord

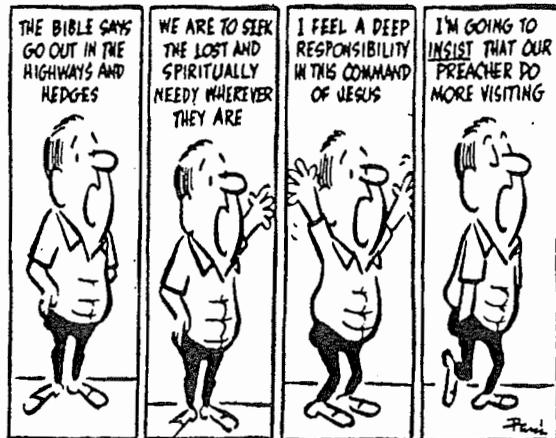
P.M. .... Taming The Gossiping Tongue

## Gospel Meeting

Centertown church of Christ, September 21-25,  
services at 7:00 p.m. with Holger Neubauer preaching.

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Louise  
Martin. She was the great aunt of our Angie Caldwell.



## A.W.O.L.

The above is a military term which has, due to the percentage of our population having served in the military, become quite well understood. It means Absent Without Leave.

A member of the military being absent from his post of duty is expected to have upon his person that which authorizes such absence. It may be a Pass of various time limit. It may be a furlough for a definite period of time.

Several of you who read this (I hope you continue reading) have been absent for some time. Some of you have been absent for several months. Do you have authorization from God for such absence from your responsibility? If not, you are A.W.O.L.

When I served in the Military Police, I participated in many court-martial hearing on the charge of A.W.O.L. When the guilty party had been absent for an extended period of time, the charge was often desertion.

It is only possible to defend against this charge on one ground. It must be proved that the person A.W.O.L. intended to return to his post of duty eventually. If this could be proven, desertion was ruled out.

You are the only one, other than God, who knows for certain whether you are A.W.O.L. or if you are a deserter.

~From the Thought Provoker~  
Milbridge, ME

## It Costs To Carry A Grudge

The visitor leaned on the rail fence, watching an old farmer plow. "I don't like to tell you how to run your business," the visitor finally said, "but you could save yourself a lot of work by saying 'gee' and 'haw' to that mule, instead of just pulling on the lines." The old farmer pulled a big handkerchief from his pocket and mopped his brow. "Reckon you're right," he agreed, "but this critter kicked me five years ago and I ain't spoke to him since."

This little illustration may bring a smile to you, but doesn't it illustrate the price that many pay when they carry a grudge! Have you ever figured up the real price of a grudge? Well, first of all, it will cost you your soul if such is carried to death without repentance. Jesus put it this way, "But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." (Matt. 6:15). He wanted us to continue to forgive. To Peter, Jesus said to forgive "until seventy times seven." (Matt. 18:22). Our Lord believed and taught that we should make all efforts to make things right between brethren. Again we listen to his words: "Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift." (Matt. 5:23-24).

In the second place, a grudge will cost you your happiness. There is no room in the human heart for both love and hate - for a grudge and happiness. God's word teaches that as Christians we should rather take suffering. Just be sure you are right with God, and no person can really harm you. The Apostle Peter writes, "But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye. . . ." (I Pet. 3:14). Or again, "If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye . . ." (I Pet. 4:14). Therefore, the fastest way to become unhappy is to hate someone.

Then in the final place, a grudge will cut you off from others. You will be afraid to let go for fear that someone else will hurt your feelings. Thus you may crawl into a shell with your grudge and close all others out. Your countenance will reflect hate which will make it impossible to worship and enjoy fellowship with others. Since Jesus could look down upon a mob of murderers who were enjoying the torture they were giving him and say: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do," surely we can, as His followers, refuse to hold grudges. Yes, it does cost a lot to carry a grudge! And this is something to think about.

~Benny Bristow~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Winfrey Hennessee  
 Reading Jeff Templeton  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 6:12-13  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Dennis Gann  
 (S) \*Ronnie Prince  
 (N) Tyler Boyd  
 (N) David McColloch  
 (S) Bob Mayfield  
 (S) Eugene Wilcher  
 (S) Ralph Crouch  
 (S) Matthew Young  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-8760) Dale Bennett  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Thurman Bennett  
 Reading Kurt Maynard  
 Scripture Matthew 6:5-13  
 Lord's Table \*John Biddle  
 \*Chuck Boles  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ken Lee

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-7078) Danny Duncan  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Willie Newby  
 Reading Joe Roller  
 Invitation Johnny Anderson  
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Glenda Faye Bell & Lisa Chilton  
 P.M. Larry & Jane Flatt

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** John Nussbaum & Alan Collins

**Attend Nursery:** Glynn Lee

**Lock Building:** David McColloch

**Pantry Item:** Pancake Syrup

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	322
Bible Study .....	260
P.M. Worship .....	253
Wednesday Bible Study .....	216
Contribution .....	\$4,265

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

*none known*

### In The Hospital:

*Dora Mullican-Centennial Medical Center  
(surgery Tuesday)  
Flossie Smartt has been moved to Woodbury  
Pavilion at the Stones River Hospital*

*Be sure to help us keep up-to-date on the sick. Call the office if someone has been overlooked.*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Rights Versus Responsibility  
P.M. .... Prayer With Power

## Gospel Meetings

*West Riverside church of Christ, September 28-  
October 5, services at 7:00 p.m. with Jim Dearman  
preaching.*

*Earleyville church of Christ, October 5-9, services  
at 7:30 p.m. with Glenn Gray preaching.*



The annual Fall Festival will be held October 4, at the Bennett's Hickory Creek Farm. Plan to arrive around 4:30 with the meal being served around 5:00. You are asked to bring desserts and a lawn chair. If you would like to contribute to the purchase of food you may give your money to Dale Bennett, Willie Newby, or Brett Merritt. As the event has been moved earlier in the month there will be no costume judging this time.

## Elders-Deacons Meeting

The bi-monthly Elders-Deacons Meeting has been scheduled for this Sunday afternoon at 4:30.

## Self-Motivation

Regardless of the number of encouraging sermons we may hear and in spite of motivating comments we might receive, in truth, the only motivation that finally gets things done is self-motivation. We might most surely hear a sermon which would encourage us and motivate us to get out and get the Lord's work done, but the effect of this motivation is often temporary. Certainly, we all need and appreciate encouragement and support from time to time, and it gives us renewed strength. Unless we as Christians, though, develop the proper discipline which leads us to study the Bible and reach lost souls, we will never be as effective as workers in the Lord's kingdom as we ought to be.

This writer has known many individuals who had a high degree of formal education. After completing their education, however, they had grown mentally stagnant, especially concerning the Bible, because they could not motivate themselves to study properly on their own. On the other hand, some of the most knowledgeable Bible students this writer has ever known have been those whose formal education was somewhat limited, and yet their Bible education was far advanced because they studied the word of God diligently, daily, and deeply. We would all do far better if we motivated ourselves to do our work daily without having to have a continual "shot in the arm" from someone else.

~Raymond Allen Hagood~

*"Teaching your kids to count  
is fine, but teaching them  
what counts is best!"*

## What Would It Take To Get You To Come Back Sunday Night?

Statistics don't lie, more people love GOD on Sunday morning than Sunday night. There will be, generally, one third fewer Christians lifting voices in praise at 6:00 PM than at 10:00 AM. Shepherds pray about it, preachers preach about it, Christians are concerned about it, and children wonder about it, but it happens anyway.

The question is often posed in elders' meetings, "What would it take to get everybody back Sunday nights?" They "jazz" up services by appealing to fleshly lust with giveaways, jokes, food, music and singing groups. This is the wrong approach. But what is the right approach? What would it take to get "Sunday morning Christians" to come back and worship in the evening?

**MORE LOVE FROM GOD?** If only GOD was more generous toward His children, they would feel more like expressing love for Him. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights..." (Jas. 1:17). (see also Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8).

We do not need more love **FROM** God, but more love **FOR** God (Matt. 22:37-38).

**MORE SACRIFICE FROM CHRIST?** If Christ had given more, Christians would surely feel a debt to worship "...And when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified ... and they stripped him ... and when they had platted a crown of thorns, they put it upon his head ... and mocked him ... and they crucified him" (Matt. 27:26-35; 20:28; Rom. 5:6; 2 Cor. 8:9).

We do not need more sacrifice **FROM** Christ but more sacrifice **FOR** Christ (Matt. 6:33; Rom. 1:14).

**A BETTER GOD TO WORSHIP?** If only Christians had an object worthy of their worship, they would "get more out of Sunday nights." "Among the gods there is none like thee, O Lord; neither are there any works like unto thy works" (Psalm 86:8). "To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? Hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding" (Isa. 40:25,28).

We do not need a better God, but better Christians.

**A BETTER GROUP WITH WHICH TO FELLOWSHIP?** Since Christians are washed in the Lamb's blood (Rev. 7:14), called out of the world (2 Cor. 6:17), and forgiven of sins (Acts 2:38), they are the best people in the world! They are not perfect, but they are better as a group than whoever one would spend his time with during the period when worship takes place.

We do not need a better group, but more desire to encourage the group.

Have these words been erased from our Bibles: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much more as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25)? Do we no longer believe that deliberate transgressions will cause one to be lost (Heb. 10:26; Rom. 6:23)?

We better take God seriously. Those who deliberately skip worship services will be lost.

~Allen Webster~ copied from The Messenger (East Main/Mufreesboro)

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Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Larry Flatt  
 Reading Johnny Anderson  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 7:1,2  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Rodney Reynolds  
 (S) \*Doug Hendrixson  
 (N) Harold McGinness  
 (N) John Stembridge  
 (N) John Nussbaum  
 (S) Ryan Kesey  
 (S) Tom McColloch  
 (S) Rodney Maynard  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss David Chilton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Steve Boyd  
 Reading Tommy Crouch  
 Scripture Hebrews 4:12  
 Lord's Table \*Winfrey Hennessee  
 \*Jim Slatton  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jeff Flatt

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-7078) Danny Duncan  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Don Sullivan  
 Reading Lynn Gann  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Frank Reynolds

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Shannon Griffin Family  
 P.M. Dorothy Foster & Lucille Newby

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

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**Attend Nursery:** Betty Lane

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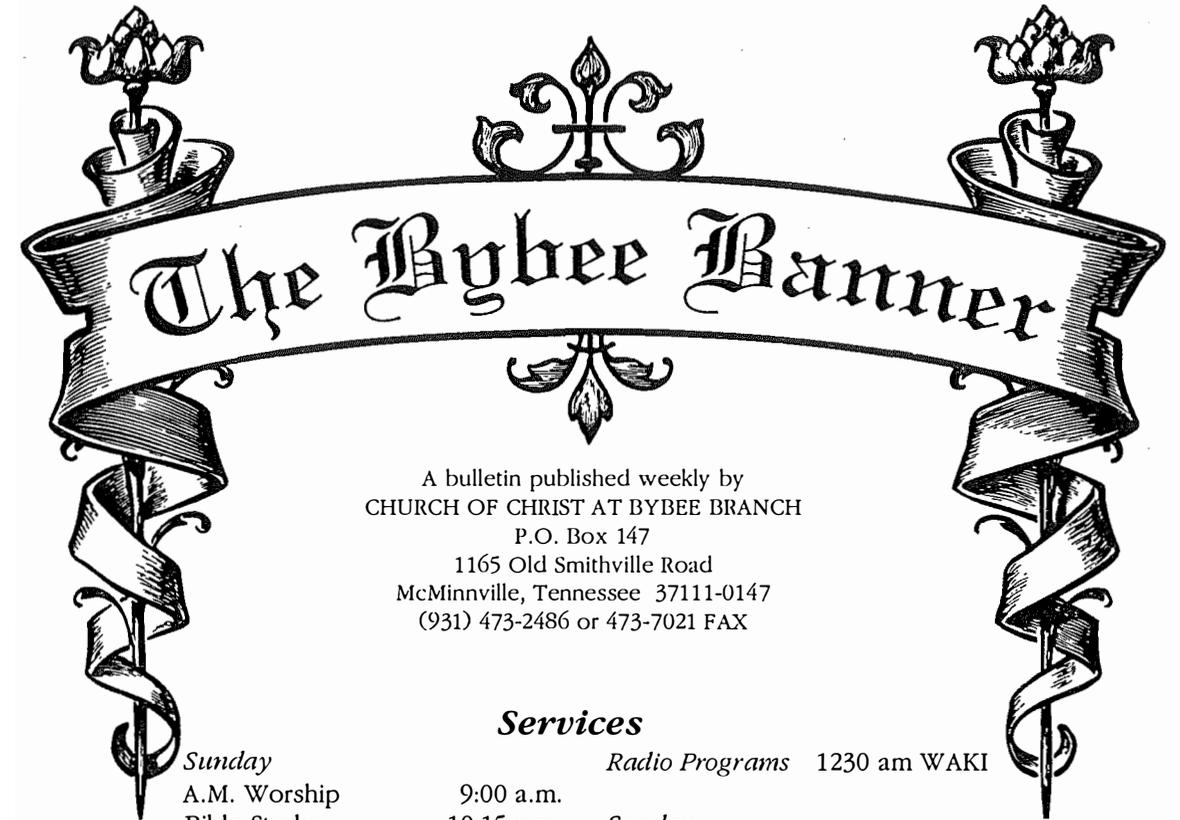
**Pantry Item:** Jello

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## Sick

### At Home:

*Dora Mullican-improving after surgery*  
*Edith Cantrell (at the home of her son Ralph Griffith) not doing very well*

### In The Hospital:

*Lisa Bennett-Centennial Medical Center (scheduled to come home Wednesday following surgery)*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Practical Points On Marriage  
 P.M. .... God's Powerful Word

## Gospel Meetings

*Elkins church of Christ, October 3-5, services at 7:30 p.m. with Garland Elkins preaching.*

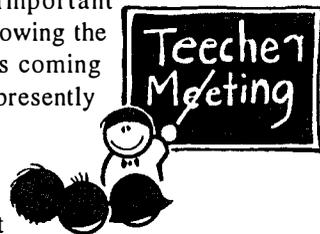
*Earleyville church of Christ, October 5-8, services at 7:30 p.m. with Glenn Gray preaching.*

## Baby Shower

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a baby shower in honor of Sheila Cantrell on Sunday, October 5, 1-3 p.m. in the church fellowship room.

## Teachers' Meeting

There will be an important teachers meeting following the evening services this coming Sunday. If you are presently teaching or have taught in the past couple of years you are encouraged to be at this meeting.



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October 5 ..... A Jailor Is Converted  
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**Air Times:** Sunday — 6:30 a.m. on Channel 17 WZTV (cable 7). *Note the recent time change*



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## Responses

There have been three sisters that have responded over the past two weeks. We failed to include them in last week's bulletin. Sisters Nonie Grizzell, Flossie Warren, and Lisa Bennett came forward asking for the prayers of the congregation. Thank God for these ladies.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Martha Maxwell			Mickey Whiteaker
						<i>Fall Festival at Bennett's Hickory Creek Farm 4:30 p.m.</i>
			1	2	3	4
Stephen Boyd	Georgia Womack Bernice Fuhs		Larry Flatt Donna Newby	Carol Felty Daniel Boyd	Dot Powell	W.C. & NELMA CHILTON Missy Lee
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Willene Kell Bill Biles	Nelma Chilton	JACK & ANNA JEAN BOND LARRY & JANE FLATT Heath Griffith			Jennifer Maynard Joe T. Cantrell Sean Andrew Slatton	
<i>Bible Bowl at Main St. in Manchester Bus leaves at 1:15</i>	<i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 p.m.</i>					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
MORRIS & SCARLETT GRIFFITH Derrick Pennington	Mildred Glenn Jim Slatton Lawrence Lane	GREG & DAWN WANAMAKER	Mildred Bumbalough Hazel Bennett	Julie Slatton		Kelly Thaxton
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
BRUCE & SHIRLEY NUNLEY Mary Flatt	Brandon McGinness Darrell Chilton		Cassie McGinness	BOBBY & CAROLYN CANTRELL Harold Mitchell		
	<i>School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 p.m.</i>		<i>Fifth Wednesday Singing Night</i>			
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Ronnie Rogers  
 Reading Bill Womack  
 Scripture TBA  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Billy Gilbert  
 (S) \*Willie Newby  
 (N) Dickie Kesity  
 (N) Jeff Templeton  
 (S) Edgar Webb  
 (S) Micah Lawrence  
 (S) Caleb Graves  
 (S) Harley Northcutt  
 Sermon David Williams  
 Dismiss Buell Warren

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Joe Collins  
 Reading Scott Griffith  
 Scripture Proverbs 3:5-10  
 Lord's Table \*Chip Cantrell  
 \*Ronnie Prince  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Derrick Pennington

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-7078) Danny Duncan  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Dale Bennett  
 Reading Chuck Medley  
 Invitation Thurman Bennett  
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Joe T. & Mary Lois Cantrell  
 P.M. Steve Hillis Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Lee & Eugene Wilcher

**Attend Nursery:** Glenda Hughes

**Lock Building:** Shannon Griffin

**Pantry Item:** Cream of wheat

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 Bible Study ..... 245  
 P.M. Worship ..... 223  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 220  
 Contribution ..... \$4,178

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## Sick

### At Home:

*Dora Mullican-improving after surgery*  
*Edith Cantrell (at the home of her son Ralph Griffith) not doing very well*  
*Lisa Bennett*

### In The Hospital:

*Nancy Crouch-St. Thomas*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Guest Speaker: David Williams  
 P.M. .... Pleasing God

## Gospel Meetings

*East Main/Murfreesboro church of Christ, October 12-15, services at 7:00 p.m. with Gilbert Gough preaching.*

*Jericho church of Christ, October 24-26, services at 7:30 p.m.*

## Bones

Someone said the membership of every organization is made up of four bones. There are the **WISHBONES** who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work. There are the **JAWBONES** who do all the talking but very little else. Next there are the **KNUCKLEBONES** who knock everything that anyone else does. Finally, there are the **BACKBONES** who get under the load and do all the work.

What kind of bone are you???

## Teacher Appreciation Meal

An appreciation meal has been scheduled for the teachers on October 24, at 6:30 p.m. If you have not signed up, please put your name on the bulletin board.

## Shut-ins

*This list is updated monthly. If you see an error or an omission, please let us know.*

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

*Minnie Cooper*  
*Houston Stiles*  
*Carol Sue Taylor*  
*Belle Young*

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

*Nora Lee Griffith*

### Raintree Health Care Center:

*Yuriko Biles*  
*Edith Morrow*  
*Flora Smith*

### Woodbury Nursing Home

*Marvin Crouch*

### Woodbury Pavilion (Stones River)

*Flossie Smartt*

### Home:

*Katherine Bennett*  
*Louise Boyd (Jim Boyd's Home)*  
*Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)*  
*Rozelle Goodman*  
*Joe Maxwell*  
*Harold & Pearl Mitchell*  
*Bessie Parker*  
*June Slattton*  
*Irene Simpson*  
*Bertha Stewart*  
*Magdalene Taylor*

## School of Bible Emphasis

The next scheduled session of the School of Bible Emphasis will be next Monday (Oct. 12) evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Mt. Leo education building. This program was begun and directed by the late Winfred Clark. It is now capably directed by his son, Jimmy Clark. You will benefit greatly from this class.

## When The Children Have Grown Up!

One of these days you'll shout, "Why don't you kids grow up and act your age?" And they will. Or, "You guys get outside and find yourselves something to do ... and don't slam the door." And they will.

You'll straighten up the boy's bedroom neat and tidy ... bumper stickers discarded ... spread tucked and smooth ... toys displayed on the shelves. Hangers in the closet. Animals caged. And you'll say out loud, "Now I want it to stay this way." And it will.

You'll prepare a perfect dinner with a salad that hasn't been picked to death and a cake with no finger traces in the icing and you'll say, "Now there's a meal fit for company" And you'll eat it alone.

You'll say "I want complete privacy on the phone. No dancing around. No pantomimes. No demolition crews. Silence! Do you hear?" And you'll have it.

No more plastic tablecloths stained from spaghetti. No more bedspreads to protect from damp bottoms. No more gates to stumble over at the top of the basement steps. No more playpens to arrange a room around.

No more anxious nights under a vaporizer tent. No more sand on the sheets or Popeye movies in the bathrooms. No more iron-on patches" wet, knotted shoestrings; tight boots, or rubber bands for pony tails.

Imagine a lipstick with a point on it. No baby sifter for New Year's Eve. Washing only once a week. Seeing a steak that isn't ground. No blaring radios. No one washing her hair at 11 o'clock at night. Having your own roll of transparent adhesive tape. Think about it. No more Christmas presents out of toothpicks and library paste. No more sloppy oatmeal kisses. No more tooth fairy. No more giggles in the dark. No knees to heal, no responsibility.

Only a voice crying, "Why don't you grow up?" And the silence echoing back, "I DID."

~Erma Bombeck~

(copied from the Northeast/Cookeville Bulletin)



## Bible Bowl

This Sunday is the beginning of the Bible Bowl for this year and will begin at the Main Street congregation in Manchester. The bus will leave at 1:15. The test will cover Luke 1-4. As you can see from last year's picture our attendance runs around 200 each month. We will host the Bible Bowl on November 9. Our young people won the banner for last year. Let's encourage them to study hard this year!

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Bob Mayfield  
 Reading Frank Reynolds  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 8:9-13  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Phillip Smith  
 (S) \*Allen Hughes  
 (N) Joe Maynard  
 (N) Lemmie Bratten  
 (S) Brandon McGinness  
 (S) Joe Roller  
 (S) David McColloch  
 (S) Jeff Flatt  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jim Slatton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Chuck Boles  
 Reading Tyler Boyd  
 Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:10,11  
 Lord's Table \*Dennis Gann  
 \*Ronnie Rogers  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jeff Bond

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-7078) Danny Duncan  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Steve Hillis  
 Reading Shannon Griffin  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Clyde Christian

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Lemmie & Brenda Bratten  
 P.M. Chris Jones Family

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Don Sullivan & John Stembridge

**Attend Nursery:** Glenda Faye Bell

**Lock Building:** Shannon Griffin

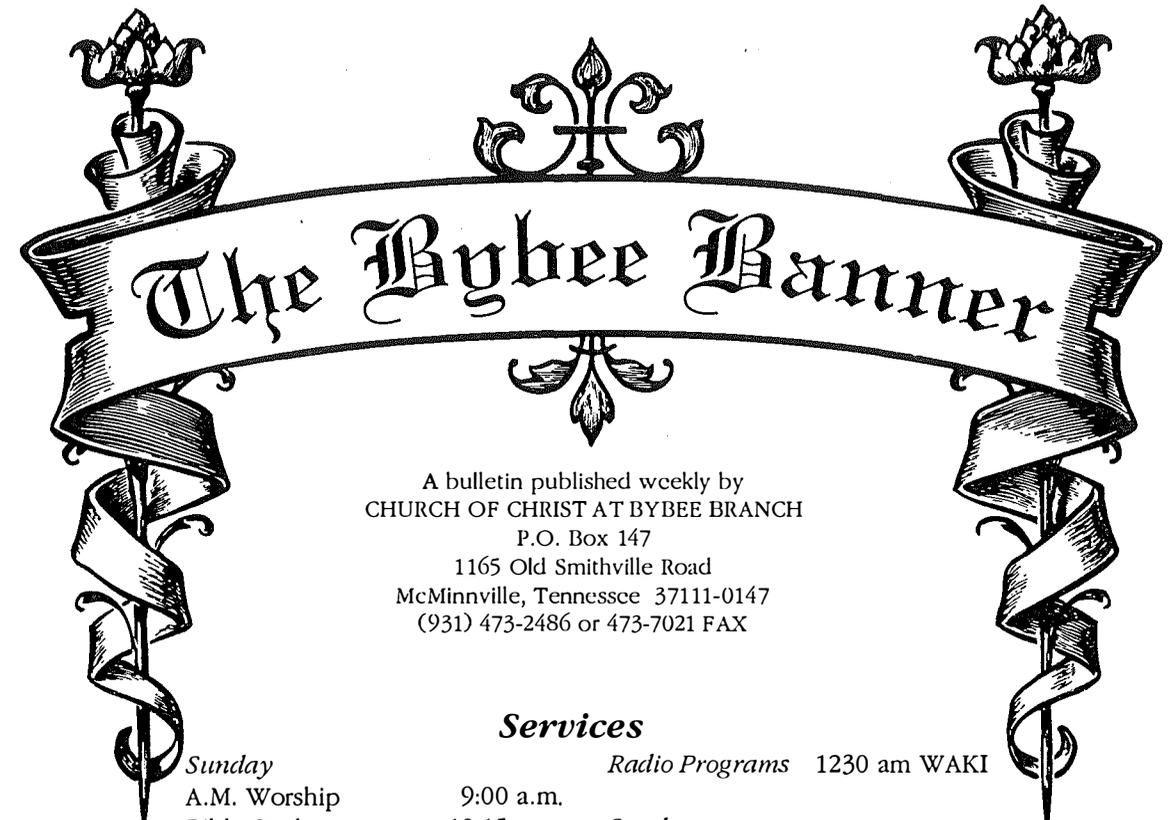
**Pantry Item:** Crackers

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	316
Bible Study .....	242
P.M. Worship .....	242
Wednesday Bible Study .....	202
Contribution .....	\$4,632

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### At Home:

*Dora Mullican-improving after surgery*

### In The Hospital:

*Nancy Crouch-St. Thomas*

*Edith Collins-St. Thomas*

*Alene Scarborough-Centennial Medical Center*

*(cards would be appreciated)*

## Sunday's Sermons

A.M. .... Becoming A Stumbling Block

P.M. .... Knowing The Terror Of The Lord

## Gospel Meetings

*Highland church of Christ*, October 19-21, services at 7:00 p.m. with Vernon Joines preaching.

*Jericho church of Christ*, October 24-26, services at 7:30 p.m.

*Trousdale church of Christ*, October 24-26, services at 7:00 p.m. with Teb Beaty preaching.

## Program Change

In an effort to distinguish the contribution from the Lord's Supper, the elders have decided to have the contribution follow the opening prayer, then following a song the serving of the Lord's Supper

## Restoration

This past Sunday brother Johnny Anderson came forward to request the prayers of the congregation.

## Teacher Appreciation Meal

An appreciation meal has been scheduled for the teachers on October 24, at 6:30 p.m. If you have not signed up, please put your name on the bulletin board.



Congratulations to our young people for bringing home the banner again this month. They studied hard the first four chapters of Luke and only missed one on the test. Congratulations also to Dibrell, Mt. Leo, Rome, and Woodbury which also only missed one. Our students got the banner because they missed the least on the tie-breaker. All of the kids did exceptionally well and demonstrated good attitudes and an enthusiasm for studying the Word. Give these young people a pat on the back!

Bybee Branch will host the Bible Bowl next month on November 9. The test will cover Luke 5-8. Our guest speaker will be Keith Young, a young man that we support at Memphis School of Preaching.

## Invite Your Friends

For the next two Sunday evenings I plan to present two lessons primarily directed at reaching those not in a right relationship with God.

If you know someone who needs to obey the gospel, or someone who is a wayward members why not ask them to come with you to services?

~Tony Lawrence~

## Things I Cannot Answer?

Often, the preacher is called on to give a Bible answer for what we believe, teach and practice. I believe I can defend our position but, brethren, I must confess that there are some things I would not attempt to defend that are so often apparent in the practice of some members of the church.

### *I Cannot Explain:*

WHY some people can find time to attend any or all the social affairs as well as business meetings of different organizations, and yet cannot find time to attend the worship of the Lord.

WHY we can often be active in the community, and yet not have time to teach in some of the Bible classes of the church.

WHY we can spend ten dollars or more for an evening of fun yet place only a dollar bill in the collection plate on Sunday.

WHY most of us know the names of our favorite TV stars and programs, yet find it difficult to even locate what we are looking for in the Bible.

WHY we can talk about every other subject to our friends, yet we can never mention the Bible or the church.

WHY we should feel that God is a "bell-hop," available only when we get in trouble. Why do we never feel that we need Him each and every day of life?

WHY we feel the mid-week service is such a burden, and the children cannot be out late, when we do not hesitate to keep them up past bed time for a party or company or the like.

WHY one can still claim the Lord as his leader, and yet not come to His table each and every Lord's day.

WHY we should have to remind, much less beg, any member of the church to be faithful in attendance.

WHY every adult member of the church is not attending Bible classes regularly on Sunday morning. Is it not important to study the Bible?

WHY ten percent of the church gives fifty percent of the money.

WHY people want to sit on the fifty-yard-line at the football game, the best seat in the theater and the back seat of the church building.

WHY people are habitually tardy to the most important and significant event in their lives—the worship services.

WHY Christians with the greatest story in the world to tell, the greatest challenges, the greatest opportunities, have such a depleted supply of vision and a barn full of pessimism. We of all people should be optimistic about the work that the Lord can do through us.

~Selected (Author Unknown)~

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 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Kurt Maynard  
 Reading Eddie Palmer  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 9:19-22  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Kelly Thaxton  
 (S) \*Tim Fisher  
 (N) Bran Merritt  
 (N) Joey Reynolds  
 (N) Ken Lee  
 (S) Matthew Young  
 (S) Jason Vandagriff  
 (S) Harry Felty  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Noel Pepper

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2605) Brett Merritt  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Bob Bonner  
 Reading Marty Boles  
 Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:10-14  
 Lord's Table \*Dale Bennett  
 \*Larry Flatt  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Steve Wilcher

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-7078) Danny Duncan  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Chip Cantrell  
 Reading Willie Newby  
 Invitation John Biddle  
 Dismiss Rodney Reynolds

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Buell & Flossie Warren  
 P.M. Eugene & Doris Wilcher

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** John Nussbaum & Alan Collins

**Attend Nursery:** June Crouch

**Lock Building:** Shannon Griffin

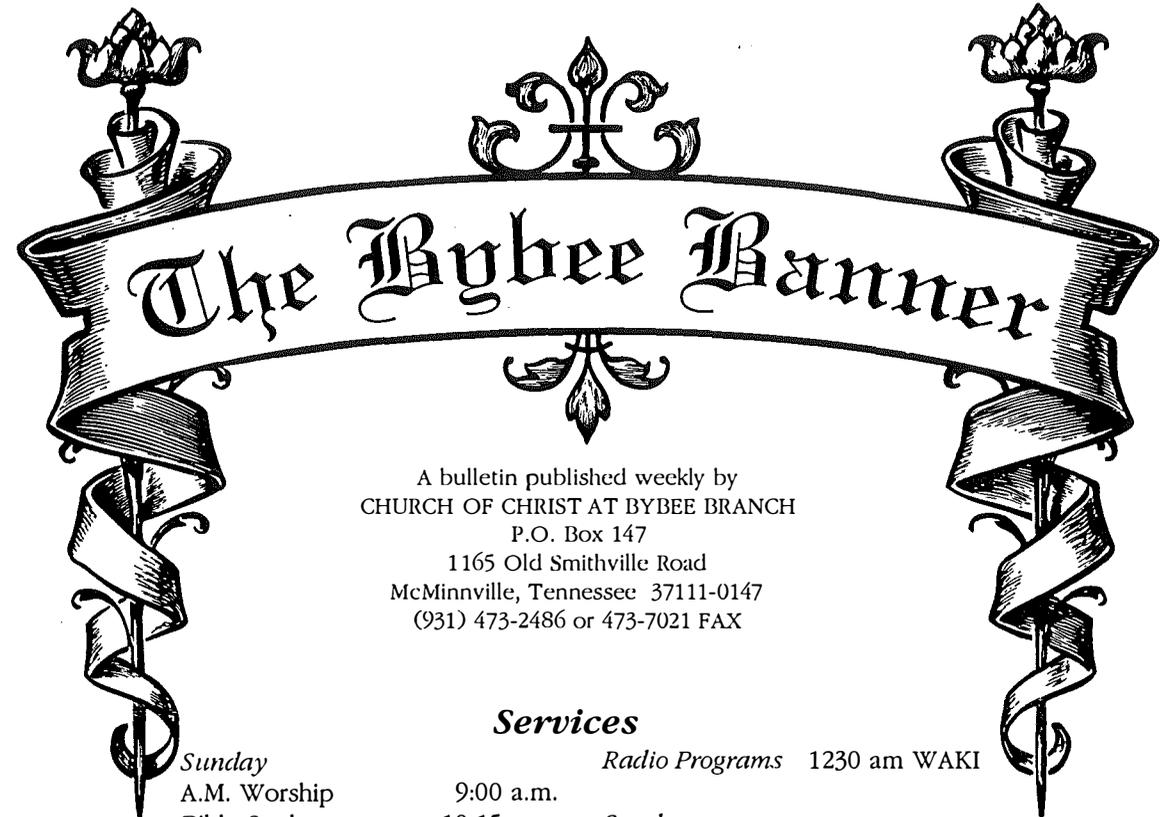
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Dora Mullican-improving after surgery

### In The Hospital:

Nancy Crouch-St. Thomas

Charlotte Plott-St. Thomas

Jane Flatt-St. Thomas

Dollie Maynard (Joe Maynard and Gail Crouch's mother)-Centennial Medical Center

Minnie Lane (mother of Lawrence Lane)-Woodbury Hospital

Alma Betchel (Grandmother of Donna Anderson & Pam McColloch)-St. Thomas

Edith Collins-moved to a nursing home in Ashland City

Elma McInery-hospital in Hagersville, Ontario, send cards to: RR 1, Box 530, Selkirk, Ontario, N0A-1P0 Canada

## Gospel Meetings

Jericho church of Christ, October 24-26, services at 7:30 p.m.

Trousdale church of Christ, October 24-26, services at 7:00 p.m. with Teb Beaty preaching.

## Restorations

This past Sunday sisters Patsy Reynolds and Regina Templeton came forward requesting prayers.

## Teacher Appreciation Meal

This Friday evening at 6:30 is the teacher appreciation meal. You are not requested to bring anything, everything will be provided.

Those who have given so generously to help teach the classes in our congregation deserve our thanks and appreciation. Students, tell your teachers Sunday how much you appreciate their work.

## Next Wednesday Singing Night

Wednesday night, October 29, is the fifth Wednesday and is scheduled singing night. As in our regular classes if you will sit closer to the front it will make our singing sound better.

## Sunday's Sermons

AM .... Defense And Discharge Of Gospel Preaching  
PM ..... The Love Of Christ Constrains Us

## What Can I Do?

You can ...

1. Pray every day.
2. Study your Bible every day.
3. Visit a shut-in.
4. Visit the sick.
5. Give generously of your means.
6. Let your "light shine."
7. Invite a friend to worship God with you.
8. Give someone a good tract.
9. Take food to someone who needs help.
10. Lend a sympathetic ear to someone who has a problem.

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## Turn Back Your Clocks

This Saturday evening/Sunday morning is when the time reverts back to standard time. Be sure to turn your clock back one hour or else you will be an hour early for church Sunday morning.

## THE PLEASANT PROSPECT OF ONE LESS SLEAZY SHOW

According to a recent article in *The Commercial Appeal* (10/10/97), one of Hollywood's most popular promoters of sexual perversion, Ellen DeGeneres, has threatened to resign from her filthy television show if ABC follows through with their announced intentions to precede the program with an on-screen advisory declaring that the show has adult content and warning parents to use discretion in allowing children to view it. The chagrined DeGeneres is reported to have declared "This advisory is telling kids something's wrong with being gay. While such a conviction obviously is not ABC's primary motivation for this proposed advisory, there definitely is something wrong with "being gay".

What is wrong with "being gay" is that such behavior is sinful and sin is that which separates people from God (Isa. 59:1-2). The Bible plainly teaches that homosexuality and lesbianism are despicable sins. Because of the practice of the "very grievous sin" of homosexuality in those cities, the "Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven" (Gen. 18:20; 19:24). Under the Law of Moses, the sin of homosexuality was punishable by death (Lev. 20:13). In the New Testament, homosexuality and lesbianism are termed "vile affections" and those who commit such sins are described as among those who are "worthy of death" and who "shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Rom. 1:24-32; I Cor. 6:9-10).

The attitude toward sin exhibited by a militant homosexual or lesbian, such as DeGeneres, is spiritually fatal. Whether or not anyone discontinues acts he knows to be contrary to God's will depends largely upon his attitude toward sin. Jesus said, "Blessed are they that mourn; for they shall be comforted" (Matt. 5:4). Rather than purportedly "taking pride" in their perversity, homosexuals, like all other sinners, should be mourning over their wicked behavior and seeking God's forgiveness in His appointed way!

It is no more "gay bashing" to truthfully state the sinfulness of homosexuality and lesbianism than it is "murderer bashing" or "thief bashing" to truthfully state the sinfulness of murdering and stealing. Those who refuse to turn from sin and to the Lord in His appointed way will forever regret it "in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" (Rev. 21:8; Jno. 8:24; Lk. 13:3; Rom 10:10; Acts 2:38).

We should hope and pray that ABC's proposed warning to parents will be implemented, that DeGeneres will resign and that her disgusting show will be discontinued. We realize that such a development would not signal any sort of major improvement in the overall content of television programs, which grow more morally decadent every day. Nevertheless, the world would be better off without this sleazy show and the circumstances surrounding its demise might prompt Ellen, or someone like her, to face the fact that there is something dreadfully wrong with "being gay."

~Steve Ellis, The Knight Arnold News, 10/14/97~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Chuck Boles  
 Reading Larry Flatt  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 10:1-11  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Ronnie Prince  
 (S) \*Tommy Crouch  
 (N) Joe T. Cantrell  
 (N) Chris Jones  
 (N) Ralph Crouch  
 (S) J.B. Gribble  
 (S) Dickie Kesey  
 (S) Don Johnson  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Scott Griffith

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Don Sullivan  
 Reading Harold McGinness  
 Scripture Luke 24:46-49  
 Lord's Table \*Lemmie Bratten  
 \*Willie Newby  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Phillip Smith

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Steve Boyd  
 Reading Caleb Graves  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bill Womack

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Scena Christian & Clercie Delon  
 P.M. Leonard & June Crouch

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Kurt Maynard & Chad Graves

**Attend Nursery:** Nelma Chilton

**Lock Building:** Bob Bonner

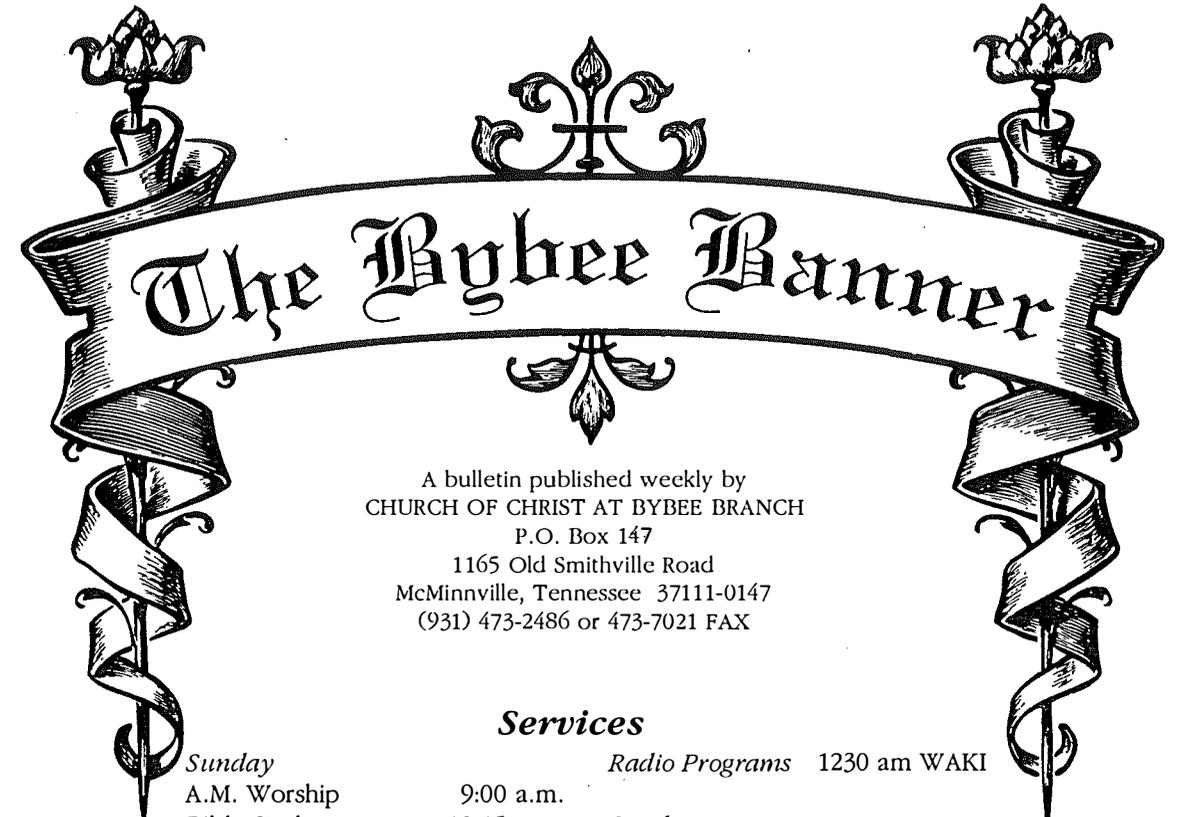
**Pantry Item:** Toothpaste

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Nancy Crouch

## In The Hospital:

Charlotte Plott-St. Thomas

Elma McInery-hospital in Hagersville, Ontario,  
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# Sunday's Sermons

AM ..... Examples From The Past

PM ..... Examples Of Conversions From Acts

# Gospel Meetings

Arlington church of Christ, November 2-6, services  
at 7:00 p.m. with Jim Dearman speaking.

Elders-Deacons Workshop at the Doyle church of  
Christ, October 31-November 1, with Tom Holland  
and William Woodson speaking.



November 2 .. The Thousand Year Reign of Rev. 20

November 9 ..... Bible Prophecy And Fulfillment

November 16 ..... Premillennialism

November 23 ..... The Kingdom Is Now

November 30 ..... Second Coming Of Christ

Air Times: Sunday — 6:30 a.m. on Channel 17  
WZTV (cable 7). Note the recent time change



The Junior High Girls class is preparing visual aids for Thailand. They invite anyone who would like to help color, cut and paste to join them

Sunday, November 2, 3:30-6:00 p.m. in the fellowship room.

# 'T WAS A SHEEP, NOT A LAMB

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that strayed away  
In the Parable that Jesus told;  
A grown-up sheep that had gone astray  
From the ninety and nine in the fold.

Out on the hillside, out in the cold,  
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd sought;  
And back to the flock, safe in the fold,  
'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.

And why for the sheep should we earnestly long,  
And as earnestly hope and pray?  
Because there is danger, if they go wrong  
They will lead the lambs astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,  
Wherever the sheep may stray;  
When the sheep go wrong, it will not be long  
Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly plead,  
For the sake of the lambs today;  
If the sheep are lost, what terrible cost  
Some lambs will have to pay!

~From "Poems that Preach"~  
[Brother Mac used this in a sermon here at  
Bybee Branch in 1985]

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Woodrow Glenn Lori Judkins	Barry Hendrixson Matt McColloch Teresa Gann	Mary Beth Atnip				
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Chad Graves  Bible Bowl at Bybee Branch 2:00 p.m.	WOODROW & MILDRED GLENN  School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 p.m.	Kelly Whiteaker	Rodney Maynard Helen Morgan	Stephen Taylor Felty	Bruce Nunley	Stacey Bonner
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		LEONARD & AVIE CLEMONS	Steve Atnip David Biles	Georgia Brooks Alan Collins	WALTER & DAISY MAXWELL Cristy Caldwell	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Iona Northcutt Olivia Newby  Teachers' Meeting following P.M. Service	CHUCK & PAT BOLES  School of Bible Emphasis at Mt. Leo 7:00 p.m.	BROWN & EUNICE SIMPSON	Anna Jean Bond	Willie Newby Joe Collins	Corretta Lawrence Lauren Roller	Pearl Mitchell
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Stefanie McColloch  5th Sunday Guest Speaker Mark Lance						
30						

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Danny Duncan  
 Reading Allen Hughes  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 11:1-3  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Winfrey Hennessee  
 (S) \*Alan Collins  
 (N) Shannon Griffin  
 (N) Micah Lawrence  
 (N) Lynn Gann  
 (S) Joe Maynard  
 (S) Jeff Templeton  
 (S) John Stembridge  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Dale Bennett

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Frank Reynolds  
 Reading David McColloch  
 Scripture Acts 11:21,22  
 Lord's Table \*Bob Mayfield  
 \*Johnny Anderson  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Jason Vandagriff

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Noel Pepper  
 Reading Tyler Boyd  
 Invitation W.C. Chilton  
 Dismiss Bob Cantrell

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Bible Bowl Class  
 P.M. Dennis Gann Family

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Lee & Eugene Wilcher

**Attend Nursery:** Lou Leatherwood

**Lock Building:** Bob Bonner

**Pantry Item:** Hamburger Helper

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 316  
 Bible Study ..... 247  
 P.M. Worship ..... 209  
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 Contribution ..... \$4,034

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## Sick

### At Home:

Austin Womack (brother of Dora Mullican)-family requests prayers

Alma Betchel (grandmother of Pam McColloch and Donna Anderson) Send cards to: 7455 Shellsford Road, McMinnville, TN

### In The Hospital:

Charlotte Plott-St. Thomas

Nancy Crouch-St. Thomas (for treatments)

Elma McInery-hospital in Hagersville, Ontario, send cards to: RR 1, Box 530, Selkirk, Ontario, NOA-1PO Canada (Plans are to move her to a nursing home this week).

Be sure to remember our sick in your prayers and encourage them with visits and cards.

## Sunday's Sermons

AM..... Authority And Culture  
PM ..... Work Of The Church

## Gospel Meetings

Arlington church of Christ, November 2-6, services at 7:00 p.m. with Jim Dearman speaking.

Bob Ford Lectureship at the Leoni church of Christ, November 7-9, on the theme "Idolatry" with James Boyd, Kerry Duke, Ken Willis, James Rogers, Kent Bailey, Edwin Jones, Jerry Witworth, George King, Kenneth Fleming, Vernon Joines, Chad Ramsey, Glenn Ramsey and Carol Boyd (ladies class) speaking.

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Greg and Sherry Pennington on the arrival of a baby boy, Jacob Donald, born last Thursday and weighing in at 8lbs, 2 ozs. Grandmother is Barbara Pennington and great grandmother is Bernice Fults.

## Shut-ins

This list is updated monthly. If you see an error or an omission, please let us know.

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Minnie Cooper  
Robert (Doc) Mullican  
Houston Stiles  
Carol Sue Taylor  
Belle Young

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

Nora Lee Griffith  
Flossie Smartt

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles  
Edith Morrow  
Flora Smith

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Marvin Crouch

### Manchester Nursing Home

Louise Boyd (Steve Boyd's Grandmother)

### Home:

Katherine Bennett  
Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)  
Rozelle Goodman  
Joe Maxwell  
Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
Bessie Parker  
June Slatton  
Irene Simpson  
Bertha Stewart  
Magdalene Taylor

## Getting Even

Young Jim rushed up to his father one day and said, "Father, Tom has done me wrong, and I'm going to get even with him if it's the last thing I do." The father scratched his head and then said, "Son, when you start out to 'get even,' why not 'get even' with somebody who has done you a favor?"

~Selected~

# What Is The Name Of Jesus' Church?

When Jesus declared that He would build His church (Matthew 16:18), He never attached to His church some human designation. The church was and is the possession of God and Christ. Therefore, any time the word church is used in the Bible to identify the body of baptized believers, it is identified as belonging to Deity. It is called "the church of God" (I Corinthians 1:2; Acts 20:28); the "church of the living God" (I Timothy 3:15); the "churches of Christ" (Romans 16:16). However, most often in the Bible it is simply called "the church" (Acts 5:11; 11:26; et.al). Never is the word church used in a denominational sense to designate any made-man organization calling itself a church.

The denominational mind set is that "Church of Christ" is the official name of "our denomination." But the church which belongs to Christ is not a denomination; it is part of nothing. The church is not divided into parts, nor part of any division. The church is the whole of all saved persons by the blood of Christ through faith and obedience (Ephesians 5:23; Mark 16:16). Now, the denominations have devised their humanly originated names to identify themselves according to their founders, doctrines or methods, but the church of the Bible, the one restored today, is identified as Christ's possession. Its official and specific name is not "Church of Christ" but it is the church of (possession of) God and Christ.

Now what is the name of the church? It is whatever Jesus authorized, and all He authorized were many general references like the "body of Christ" (Colossians 1:24), the "bride of Christ" (Revelation 21:2), and the "house of God" (I Timothy 3:15). After all, He built it, established it, and sustains it. He did not give it a proper or specific name. There is no exclusive name for the church, and one is not needed because there is only "one body" (Ephesians 4:4; 1:22, 23) and there is no authority from heaven for denominations.

Yes, we call congregations of Christians the church of Christ, but never have we taught it to have an exclusive name.

~Gilbert Gough ~ The Chapman Challenger~



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## Bible Bowl

There will be another time change for the Search program. It will be moving to 9:30 a.m. on Sunday morning on channel WZTV-17 (cable channel 7). While we may not be able to view the program except by tape delay, it will nevertheless be a better time to reach those not attending the services of the church. After all, these are the people we are trying to reach.

This month's Bible Bowl will be this Sunday at 2:00 here at Bybee Branch. Keith Young (a young man we support at Memphis School of Preaching) will be our speaker. Come and support our young people!

There will be a practice session at the home of Tim & Cindy Fisher on Saturday evening from 6:00-9:00. Boys bring a 2-liter drink, girls a dessert. Pizza will be provided.

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Willie Newby  
 Reading Chad Graves  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 11:17-22  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Chip Cantrell  
 (S) \*Steve Hillis  
 (N) Rodney Maynard  
 (N) Tom McColloch  
 (N) Ryan Kesey  
 (S) Brett Merritt  
 (S) Ronnie Rogers  
 (S) Edgar Webb  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Tim Fisher

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Don Griffith  
 Reading Rodney Reynolds  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 6:19,20  
 Lord's Table \*Chuck Boles  
 \*Scott Griffith  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Eddie Palmer  
 First Prayer Bob Bonner  
 Reading Doug Hendrixson  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ronnie Prince

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Steve Boyd Family  
 P.M. Barbara Pennington & Bernice Fults

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Don Sullivan & John Stembridge

**Attend Nursery:** Debbie Glenn

**Lock Building:** Bob Bonner

**Pantry Item:** Fruit Cocktail

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### At Home:

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*Alma Betchel (grandmother of Pam McColloch and Donna Anderson) Send cards to: 7455 Shellsford Road, McMinnville, TN*

### In The Hospital:

*John Biddle-Baptist (following triple -bypass heart surgery)*

*Carolyn Miller-Riverpark (surgery for broken leg)*

*Elma McNery-moved to Grandview Lodge Nursing Home in Dunnville, Ontario*

*Flossie Smartt moved to Raintree*

*Edith Collins moved to Cheatham County Nursing Home*

*Minnie Lane moved back to Woodbury Nursing Home*

## Sunday's Sermons

AM..... The LORD's Supper

PM ..... The Price Is Right

## New Arrival

Congratulations to Chip and Sheila Cantrell on the birth of a baby boy, Joe Thomas Cantrell III. He was born last Wednesday night and weighed in at 7lbs and 8.5 ozs.



*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even*

*to the end of the age." Amen. (Matthew 28:19,20, NKJV).*

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Roi Felty, uncle of our Harry Felty. His funeral was last week in Lenoir City following an extended illness. We failed to get this in the announcements Sunday.

We also want to extend sympathy to the family of Carl Denton, grandfather of our Janie Griffin. His funeral will be Wednesday at Highs.

## Thailand Report

November 9, 1997

Things we have done in Thailand:

- Attended Gospel Meeting in Loei-Nov. 6-8. They had good attendance; 81 Thursday night, 89 Friday night, 76 Saturday morning
- Brother Thurman taught Bible class and preached at 10:00 a.m. today.
- Money (baht) was collected to make improvements to church building and grounds. Total collection 15,107 bahts or \$587.35 U.S. Dollars. A lot of bahts for those people to give, their goal was 10,000 bahts.
- Back in Udorn at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon, will worship with Udorn tonight.
- Will leave Udorn for Gospel Meeting at Surin, will be there a few days.
- Next Sunday, Nov. 16 at Buriram with brother Christian.

We are enjoying good weather and health.

In Christian love, Thurman Bennett & Howard Witty

## Has This Ever Happened To You?

You went through an entire song service without even thinking about what we were singing? You bowed your head and closed your eyes during the prayer, but you really didn't become involved in the prayer? You were more interested in when he would finish the sermon than in what he was saying during the sermon? You allowed some minor noise near you to completely upset you so that you could not really worship?

These and many other things often happen, don't they? Here are some ways to enhance your worship to God:

*Don't come to services expecting to be entertained. This is not its purpose.*

*Be a participant rather than just a spectator.*

*Prepare yourself mentally when coming to worship. Think about the what and why of worship.*

*Resolve that you are going to worship no matter what others do. There are many events and functions we attend where there are many distractions, but we accept them. We do not condone noise in worship, but let us be determined that it will not keep us from worshipping.*

*Examine your motives for worshipping often. Habit may become the motive.*

*Don't think that services have to be conducted differently to be meaningful.*

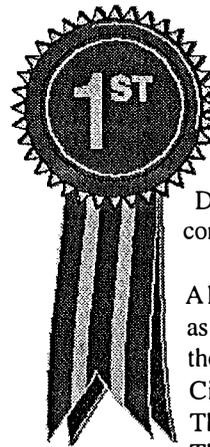
*Bring your Bible and run references during the lesson.*

*Take notes during the sermon. You will retain more of the lesson.*

*Make a list of words in the songs which are unfamiliar to you and find their definition later.*

*Come to services with the positive attitude that it is a privilege and that you will truly worship in spirit and in truth.*

~copied from the Cordova church of Christ Lifelines...~



## Bible Bowl

Congratulations to our young people on an excellent job winning this month's Bible Bowl. These are some amazing students of the Bible! Congratulations is due to all of the kids, as they all studied hard and performed well. Second place was taken by Rome, Dibrell placed third with Hebron and Woodbury tying for fourth. Next month the Leoni congregation will host the Bible Bowl and the test will cover Luke 9-12.

A large THANKS is due to several faithful Christians who helped make this event as successful as it was. Thanks is due to Steve Hillis and Chuck Medley who have worked diligently with these young people to teach them the Bible. Thanks to Avie Clemons, Corretta Lawrence, Cindy Fisher, Carol Boyd, and Denise Reynolds on organizing and serving the refreshments. Thanks to Leonard Clemons and Tim Fisher for assisting the ladies in set-up and clean-up. Thanks to Ronnie Rogers for taking the group pictures. Thanks to Keith Young for two excellent presentations: one to the adults and one to the entire group. Thanks to all of you who came to encourage and support these great young people. We had 250 in attendance, one of our largest!

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Johnny Anderson  
 Reading Bob Cantrell  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Noel Pepper  
 (S) \*Chuck Medley  
 (N) Harley Northcutt  
 (N) Joe Roller  
 (N) Buell Warren  
 (S) Bran Merritt  
 (S) Marty Boles  
 (S) Steve Wilcher  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Bob Mayfield

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Allen Hughes  
 Reading David Chilton  
 Scripture Luke 14:15-24  
 Lord's Table \*Danny Duncan  
 \*Joe T. Cantrell  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Lemmie Bratten

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-2918) Jeff Flatt  
 Lead Singing Phillip Smith  
 First Prayer Larry Flatt  
 Reading Jeff Templeton  
 Invitation Dale Bennett  
 Dismiss Clyde Christian

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Ralph & Drucilla Crouch  
 P.M. Tony Lawrence Family

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** John Nussbaum & Alan Collins

**Attend Nursery:** Judy Sullivan

**Lock Building:** Bob Bonner

**Pantry Item:** Any canned soup

**Record For The Week...**

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 Bible Study ..... 215  
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 Stanley Graves Willie Newby  
 Jim Slatton

**Preacher**

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## Sick

### At Home:

*John Biddle (following open heart surgery)*  
*John Stembridge*  
*Nancy Crouch*  
*Belle Sain (sister of Freda Womack)*

### In The Hospital:

*Thomas Cantrell-Nashville Memorial Hospital*  
*Carmen Cagle-St. Thomas*

## Sunday's Sermons

AM... The Place And Purpose Of The Spiritual Gifts  
PM ..... Excuses For Not Obeying God

## Youth Project

For the past several years the young people at Bybee Branch have prepared holiday presents for the residents of local nursing homes that have no family. They will be doing this again this year. If you would be interested in contributing to this, please give your money to Jeff Flatt, Leonard Clemons, or Steve Hillis.

## Elders-Deacons Meeting

The bi-monthly elders-deacons meeting is scheduled for this Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

## Ladies Bible Class Meal

The Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Class holiday dinner will be held December 4, at 6:30 p.m. Ladies, please check with Mildred Glenn about what food items to bring.

## Teachers' Meeting

Following Sunday evening services will be a Teachers' Meeting. This was announced several weeks ago. If you have suggestions and ideas, be sure to bring them to the meeting.

## Thailand Report

November 17, 1997; 9:50 P.M.

Arrived in Udorn this evening. We have spent several days traveling.

Preachers meeting in Surin was profitable. Then on to Buriram where Christian and Rak live. We spent three days and two nights in Buriram and attended worship services with the congregation November 16.

Weather has been very hot. We had to buy hats to protect our heads from the sun. Things are going well and we are staying busy.

Tell all at Bybee's hello, and we are okay. Having no problem with our health.

In Christian love,

Thurman and Howard



"HOW DID IT HAPPEN ? OH, THEY ALL TRIED TO GET IN THE BACK PEW "

## INDIFFERENCE

When Jesus came to Golgotha, they hanged him on a tree;  
They drove great nails through hands & feet, & made a Calvary.  
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns, Red were His wounds & deep;  
For those were crude & cruel days, & human flesh was cheap.

When Jesus came to our town, they simply passed him by;  
They never hurt a hair of Him, they only let Him die.  
For men had grown more tender, & they would not give Him pain;  
They only passed on down the street, & left Him...in the rain.

Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do,"  
And still it rained the winter rain, that drenched Him through & through.  
The crowds went home & left the streets, without a soul to see,  
And Jesus crouched against the wall...& cried for Calvary.

~G. A. Studdert-Kennedy~

## ARE WE SPECTATORS?

A spectator is "one who looks on or watches" (Webster's, 1132). We are all spectators in some ways as we enjoy watching sporting events or fashion shows. But one place where we are not to be mere onlookers is our Christianity. Elijah, facing Jews who were nothing more than religious spectators, said, "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word" (1 Kings 18:21). We must be careful that we are always "participators" and not "spectators".

**ARE WE SPECTATORS IN WORSHIP?** Worship, as a part of speech, is usually a verb and each act requires mental energy. Jesus commanded His followers to worship "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24). When songs are led, do we listen or sing? When the lesson is preached, do we study or daydream? When the plate is passed, do we participate or "observe the passover"? For worship to be worthy of God's good pleasure, it demands our best (Malachi 1:3).

**ARE WE SPECTATORS IN SERVICE?** Each Christian is to be active in serving others (Galatians 5:13). When the sick and bereaved are announced, do we pray for them, send cards, offer encouraging words and/or make visits? These things show our love to the world (John 13:34,35).

**ARE WE SPECTATORS IN SOUL WINNING?** Is teaching the lost something "they" do rather than something in which "I" am engaged? The command to "teach all nations" was not just given to preachers and elders but all men (Matthew 28:19).

"There is much to do, there is work on every hand. Hark the cry for help comes ringing through the land. Jesus calls for workers, I must active be. What wilt thou O Master, here am I send me."

~Allen Webster~

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-7916) Joe Collins  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer John Biddle  
 Reading Jeff Bond  
 Scripture TBA  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Jim Slatton  
 (S) \*Ken Lee  
 (N) Eugene Wilcher  
 (N) Jason Vandagriff  
 (N) Steve Boyd  
 (S) Bob Bonner  
 (S) Matthew Young  
 (S) Don Sullivan  
 Sermon Mark Lance  
 Dismiss Billy Gilbert

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (473-6418) Caleb Graves  
 Lead Singing Alan Collins  
 First Prayer Tyler Boyd  
 Reading Joey Reynolds  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:4-7  
 Lord's Table \*Lynn Gann  
 \*Dennis Gann  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Brandon McGinness

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Kurt Maynard  
 Reading Ronnie Rogers  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Chip Cantrell

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Elaine Goodman & Helen Morgan  
 P.M. Nancy Rogers & Clara Roller

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Bill Womack & Micah Lawrence

**Attend Nursery:** Junetta Gilbert

**Lock Building:** Bob Bonner

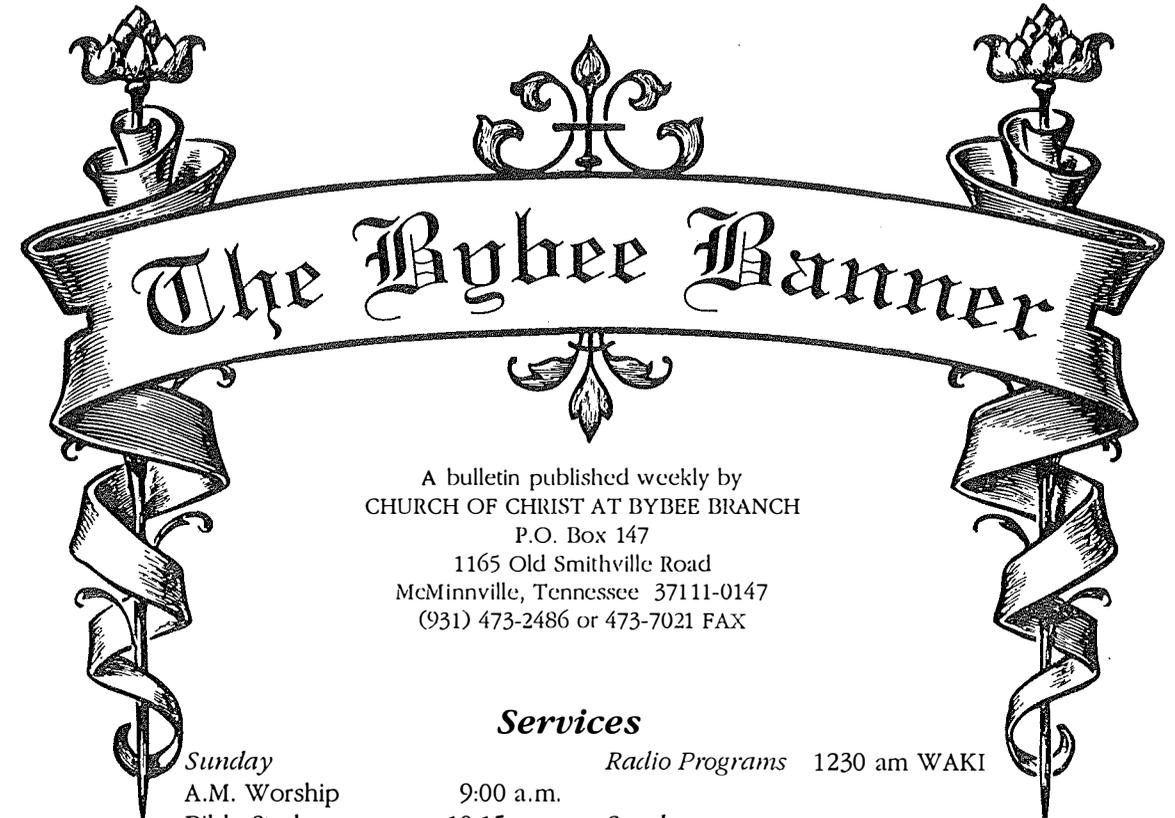
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 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Tim Fisher  
 Reading Leonard Crouch  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 14:39,40  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Danny Duncan  
 (S) \*Lemmie Bratten  
 (N) Harry Felty  
 (N) David McColloch  
 (S) Joe Maynard  
 (S) Scott Griffith  
 (S) Chris Jones  
 (S) Ryan Kesity  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Kelly Thaxton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Winfrey Hennessee  
 Reading Caleb Graves  
 Scripture Colossians 3:1-4  
 Lord's Table \*Jim Slatton  
 \*Phillip Smith  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ronnie Prince

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton  
 Lead Singing John Biddle  
 First Prayer Willie Newby  
 Reading Joe T. Cantrell  
 Invitation Leonard Clemons  
 Dismiss Ronnie Rogers

**Welcome Committee**

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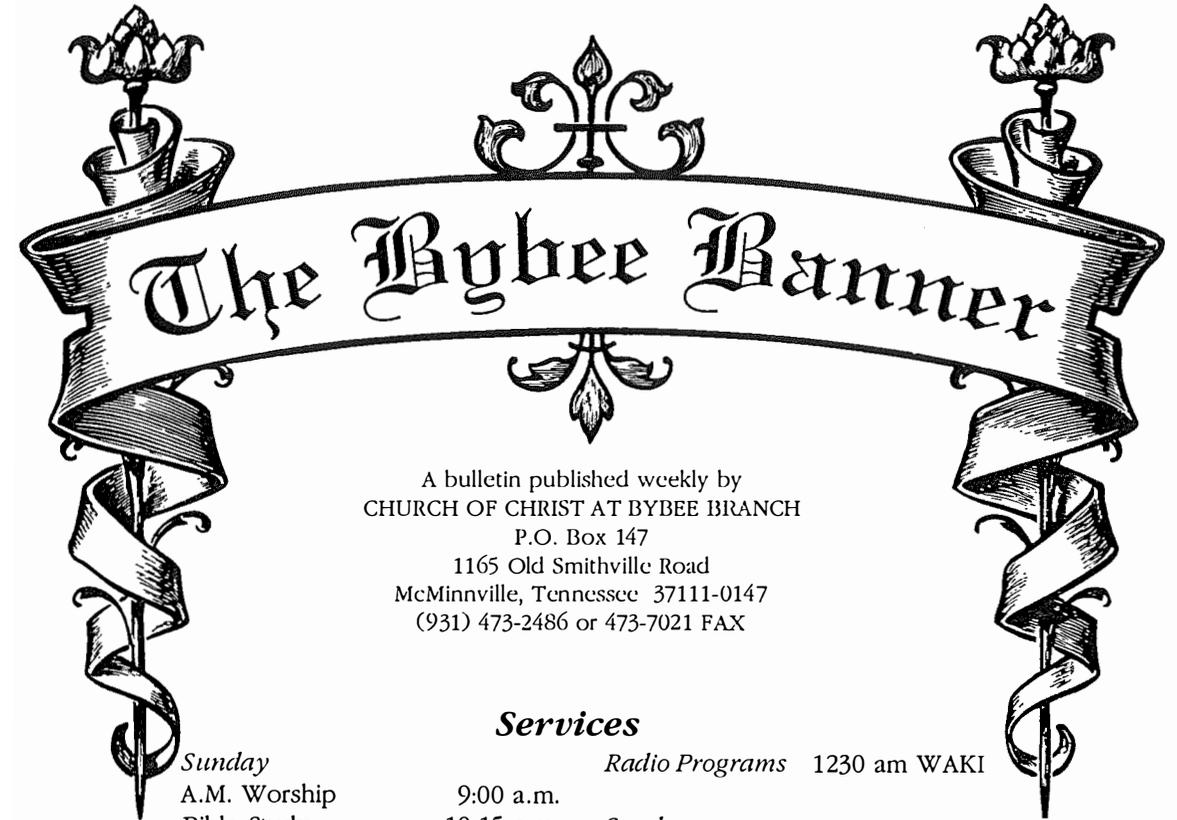
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 Jim Slatton

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Tony Lawrence 473-8079

## Sick

### At Home:

Thomas Cantrell  
 Zada Sain (sister of Freda Womack)  
 Charlotte Plott-(outpatient treatment at St. Thomas on Dec. 8)

### In The Hospital:

Carmen Cagle-St. Thomas  
 Edith Collins-Ashland City  
 Carolyn Cantrell (to enter St. Thomas on Dec. 8 for heart tests)

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Alma Betchel (grandmother of our Donna Anderson and Pam McColloch). She passed away last Friday and her funeral was Sunday afternoon.

## Sunday's Sermons

AM..... Order In The Worship  
 PM ..... Higher Ground

## Youth Project

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## Emergency Calls

A program was set up a few weeks ago for those wishing to be notified of deaths, accidents, etc. which occur between services. If you know of these, please call the office. If no one is there, please leave it on the answering machine.

## Shut-ins

*This list is updated monthly. If you see an error or an omission, please let us know.*

### NHC (formerly McMinnville Health Care):

Minnie Cooper  
 Robert (Doc) Mullican  
 Houston Stiles  
 Carol Sue Taylor  
 Belle Young

### McMinnville Boarding Home:

Nora Lee Griffith

### Raintree Health Care Center:

Yuriko Biles  
 Edith Morrow  
 Flossie Smartt  
 Flora Smith

### Woodbury Nursing Home

Marvin Crouch  
 Minnie Lane

### Cheatham County Nursing Home:

Edith Collins

### Home:

Katherine Bennett  
 Edith Cantrell (Ralph Griffith's Home)  
 Rozelle Goodman  
 Joe Maxwell  
 Harold & Pearl Mitchell  
 Bessie Parker  
 June Slatton  
 Irene Simpson  
 Bertha Stewart  
 Magdalene Taylor

## Ladies Bible Class Meal

The Wednesday Night Ladies Bible Class holiday dinner will be held Thursday, December 4, at 6:30 p.m.

## Wouldn't It Be Nice To Hear..?

Wouldn't it be nice to hear for example the doctor say, "You're fit as a fiddle, Mrs. Jones, only I'd like to see you gain 15 pounds." Using this same approach in the church,

- ◆ "Please give me another visitation card. I'm going to start visiting at least one night a week."
- ◆ "I might have done it another way, but I'm more than happy to go along with the elders. The important thing is to get the job done."
- ◆ "I said that I'd give \$5.00 more per week to help pay for mission works, but I have decided to increase my contribution more than that."
- ◆ "Yes, I know we don't get along very well, but I'm going to improve our relationship by practicing the golden rule at all times."
- ◆ "Thanks for the invitation. We'd love to go but this is church night."
- ◆ "Honey, wake me early tomorrow. I plan to go to church services with you."
- ◆ "Daddy, my friends want me to go to the movie with them. I don't think it's the kind of picture a Christian should see. What do you think?"
- ◆ "I want to offer my services one evening a week... Could I help clean the building?"
- ◆ "What can I do to help with VBS this year? Do you need teachers?"
- ◆ "Oh, good! We're going to hear another sermon about giving!"
- ◆ "The elders will be presenting future plans for the church and discussing the budget this Sunday. I look forward to hearing all the good things we are doing."
- ◆ "Our Little League had a ball game tonight but Johnnie told his coach he couldn't be there because this is Wednesday Night Bible Study."
- ◆ "Put me down for leading prayer in services. It's time that I began learning to pray in public."
- ◆ "How is it that whoever controls the air conditioning always has it just right!"
- ◆ "Let's express our appreciation to the elders. They need to know we stand behind them"

~Dorice Mitchell ~ copied from East Hill News, Pulaski, TN~

*"Those who forsake the law praise the wicked, But such as keep the law contend with them."*  
 (Proverbs 28:4, NKJV).

*"He who despises the word will be destroyed, But he who fears the commandment will be rewarded."* (Proverbs 13:13, NKJV).

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Jeff Flatt  
 Reading Chuck Boles  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:50-57  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Bob Mayfield  
 (S) \*Don Griffith  
 (N) Tyler Boyd  
 (N) Brandon McGinness  
 (S) John Nussbaum  
 (S) Rodney Maynard  
 (S) Ralph Crouch  
 (S) Bob Cantrell  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Dennis Gann

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Leonard Clemons  
 First Prayer Steve Hillis  
 Reading Micah Lawrence  
 Scripture Hebrews 10:32-36  
 Lord's Table \*David Chilton  
 \*Allen Hughes  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Frank Reynolds

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton  
 Lead Singing Tim Fisher  
 First Prayer Chuck Medley  
 Reading Brett Merritt  
 Invitation Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Noel Pepper

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. Joe Collins Family  
 P.M. John & Cora Stenbridge

**Bus Driver:** Kelly Thaxton (473-4528)

**Ushers:** Ken Lee & Eugene Wilcher

**Attend Nursery:** Mary Flatt

**Lock Building:** W.C. Chilton

**Pantry Item:** Dry Beans

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship ..... 321  
 Bible Study ..... 254  
 P.M. Worship ..... 221  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 217  
 Contribution ..... \$5,814

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### At Home:

Zada Sain (sister of Freda Womack)  
 Charlotte Plott  
 Carolyn Cantrell (following heart tests)  
 Carmen Cagle  
 Newby Family

### In The Hospital:

Mary Davis-Riverpark  
 Robbie Vandagriff-Riverpark  
 Mildred Adcock-Riverpark  
 Coy Bristow (Corretta's grandmother)-  
 Jonesboro, AR

## Sunday's Sermons

AM..... The Great Resurrection  
 PM ..... Struggles For The New Christian

## Youth Project

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## Holiday Fellowship

The annual holiday fellowship will be this coming Sunday evening following services. Those whose last name begins with the following letters are asked to bring the following items:

A-K ..... Desserts  
 L-S ..... 1 Dozen Sandwiches  
 T-Z ..... 2 Large Bags Of Chips & Dip

If you have any questions, please see June Crouch.

## Bible Bowl

There will be a Bible Bowl study session this Saturday evening from 6-9 p.m. at the building. Girls are asked to bring desserts and boys drinks. Pizza or nachos will be provided.

The Bible Bowl will be this Sunday afternoon at the Leoni congregation. The bus will leave at 1:30 sharp. The test this month will cover Luke 9-12.

## Sympathy

We want to extend sympathy to the family of Sonia McCord (niece of Cecil Cantrell), she passed away Sunday morning in Maryville.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Howard Prater, Sr. He was the grandfather of Keith Prater (son-in-law of Bob & Melba Bonner). Funeral is Wednesday at McMinnville Funeral Home.

## Visitation Program

The visitation program will be reorganized again January 1, 1998. If you are not on the visitation program and would like to be; or if you are on a meal team and want to be on a non-meal team, or vice-versa, then let W.C. Chilton know so he can work these into the new list.

Thanks to Stanley Graves for the work on this program, beginning January 1, the organization of the program will be passed to W.C. Chilton.

## Restoration & Baptism

We rejoice that on last Tuesday evening brother Ken Martin confessed faults and was restored. That same evening Nona Martin was baptized into Christ. We welcome Ken and Nona back to Bybee Branch.

## Reasons For Opposing Legalized Gambling

With moral, spiritual, physical, and eternal interest in the citizens of our city, state, and nation, we voice concerns and opposition to the evils of legalized gambling. Many have been the arguments of those who stand to gain riches from the "largest single industry" and who have money so strongly in their eye that those who suffer are considered as pawns to be moved and used. Without hesitation we call on our brethren, friends and all civic-minded individuals to **stand AGAINST gambling**. For the following reasons, we believe that every member of the Lord's church will continue to make the answer completely clear where they stand:

**1. Gambling is SINFUL** (against Bible principles) and **WRONG!** It is based on materialism and greed. The fruit of the gambling "tree" has produced only evil fruit (Matt. 7:16). Drinking, dope peddling, prostitution, neglected and abused children are just a taste of the "fruits" of legalized gambling! Also, it will most surely bring organized crime which feeds its organization from the main line source of income from gambling, both legal and illegal. Listen to one close observer, "Jimmy the Greek," "When you put legalized gambling into a community, you ruin the community around it."

**2. Gambling RUINS LIVES!** Those who think they will only "try," a little gambling find often times that it is to them as addictive as alcohol or dope! Even when they want to be finished with gambling, it is not through with them! The "Gamblers Anonymous" guidebook bears testimony to the devastating effect on human lives. "The greatest loss that resulted from our gambling was neither time nor money, which are gone forever, but our sense of values."

**3. Gambling is NOT A GOOD SOURCE OF REVENUE!** The "healthy stimulus to the economy" put forth by the legalized gambling propagandist is not to be trusted. The cost of regulation, law enforcement, and increased payments of welfare are always found to be more than the revenue gain. The claims are misleading and delusive!

**4. Gambling MAKES PARASITES!** it causes one to seek to live off the labors of others. Laziness and the refusal to carry out honest labor are products of gambling which never contribute to the betterment of mankind. God decrees, "*In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat bread*" (Gen. 3:19). Paul, in the New Testament, commands, "*If any will not work, neither shall he eat*" (2 Thess. 3:10). Gambling is not a blessing to a man or a community. **It is a curse!**

For these and other reasons that could be presented, we believe these moral issues will be considered and accepted by the thinking person. Decency and sense of moral right for our community demands we stand against gambling in any form.

~Gary Colley~

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Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Billy Gilbert  
 Reading Chip Cantrell  
 Scripture 1 Corinthians 16:1,2  
 Lord's Table (N) \*Larry Flatt  
 (S) \*Willie Newby  
 (N) J.B. Gribble  
 (N) Don Johnson  
 (S) Dickie Kesey  
 (S) Jason Vandagriff  
 (S) Tom McColloch  
 (S) Harold McGinness  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Tommy Crouch

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements (668-2115) Steve Boyd  
 Lead Singing Stanley Graves  
 First Prayer Doug Hendrixson  
 Reading Lynn Gann  
 Scripture Psalms 119:57-60  
 Lord's Table \*Bill Womack  
 \*John Biddle  
 Sermon Tony Lawrence  
 Dismiss Ken Lee

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements (668-8473) W.C. Chilton  
 Lead Singing Philip Smith  
 First Prayer Dale Bennett  
 Reading Tyler Boyd  
 Invitation Bob Bonner  
 Dismiss Thurman Bennett

**Welcome Committee**

A.M. David McColloch Family  
 P.M. Brett Merritt Family

**Bus Driver:** Rodney Reynolds (473-3570)

**Ushers:** Don Sullivan & John Stembridge

**Attend Nursery:** Wanda Hendrixson

**Lock Building:** W.C. Chilton

**Pantry Item:** Pepper or Salt

**Record For The Week...**

A.M. Worship .....	316
Bible Study .....	247
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Contribution .....	\$4,066

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Carmen Cagle  
 Mary Davis  
 Robbie Vandagriff  
 Kayla Napier  
 Adelia Smith

### In The Hospital:

Carolyn Cantrell-St. Thomas  
 Mildred Adcock-Riverpark  
 Zada Sain-Columbia Hermitage Hospital

## Bible Bowl

Congratulations to the Mt. Leo and New Hope congregations on coming in first at the Bible Bowl last Sunday. Their young people did not miss any! Our young people were right behind in second place, missing only one question on the test. Thanks to all who encourage and support our young people! Next month the Bible Bowl will be at the East End congregation and will cover Luke 13-16.

## It's Not In The Bible

As we travel through life, from day to day, We hear a lot of things that the Bible doesn't say.

They tell us it happened on a cold December morn, But the Bible doesn't say when the child was born.

The wise men came from the East - to make a call, But the Bible doesn't say "There were THREE" after all.

It's true they brought gifts, and raced to see the sight, But the Bible doesn't say they rode CAMELS that night.

It's a well known fact, that the angels did sing, But the Bible doesn't say that the angels had WINGS.

The angels worshipped Him, and the shepherds did the same; But the Bible doesn't say that REINDEER came.

The Bible doesn't say, "When they made the Egypt flight; that Mary rode a DONKEY and Joseph held a light."

It's fine to give gifts and to visit and to play; But don't think of Christmas as a Bible holiday.

~copied from the Forest Park Newsletter~

## Sympathy

We extend sympathy to the family of Thurman Dennis (brother of our Eunice Simpson). His funeral was last Friday in Woodbury.

## Thanks For Help

Thanks to June Crouch and her many helpers: Mildred Glenn, Teresa McGinness, Janice Foster, Willie Holmes, Sonia Vandagriff, Lynette Maynard, Amy Prince, and Cassie McGinness. These ladies along with the help of numerous other ones (including a few men) hosted one of the most enjoyable fellowships.

## Thanks To Announcers

Sometimes we "do not see the forest for the trees" in the program of worship. One particular activity is the announcement maker. They have to exert a lot of effort to relay the complete and correct information to us. It is amazing the announcements and changes they are handed at the last minute. Bybee Branch is blessed to have several very good, Christian men who will do this task.

The 1997 announcers were: Dale Bennett, Brett Merritt, Joe Collins, and Steve Boyd. We would like to salute those men and say "thank you" for a job well done. This month will conclude that scheduled task.

Your 1998 announcers will be: Steve Hillis, Allen Hughes, Jeff Flatt, and Chip Cantrell. Their phone numbers will be posted in the bulletin for your convenience. Please help by forwarding any announcement or information in advance.

Our thanks, also, go to the men doing the announcements on Wednesday night. Their job is no less demanding.

We, also, are very thankful for the men who served as ushers this year and those who agreed to serve in the upcoming year. Thank you, brethren, for a job well done.

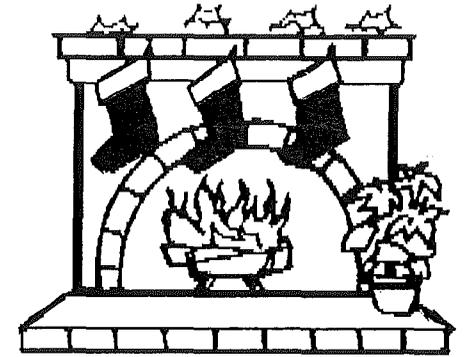
The names of the men serving in all these capacities for 1998 will be posted on the bulletin board.

Leonard Clemons

## Happy Holidays From The Lawrences

Lord willing, we will be taking our last week of vacation this year to visit our families in Louisiana and Alabama. We hope that you will pray for us while we travel.

At this time of year you honor us in such a generous way. The card and money given were deeply appreciated. To each of you we say a deep heartfelt, "Thanks." May you and your family have a safe, enjoyable holiday.



**Program for next week, December 28 and 31. Be sure to save this program**

### Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Don Sullivan
Reading	Shannon Griffin
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table (N)	*Eddie Palmer
(S)	*Ronnie Rogers
(N)	Bran Merritt
(N)	Joe Roller
(S)	Jeff Templeton
(S)	Harley Northcutt
(S)	Joey Reynolds
Sermon	Noel Pepper
Dismiss	Joe Collins Clyde Christian

### Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-2115) Steve Boyd
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Allen Hughes
Reading	Joe Collins
Scripture	TBA
Lord's Table	*Kelly Thaxton
	*Chuck Medley
Sermon	Elders Present Budget
Dismiss	Kurt Maynard

### Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(668-8473) W.C. Chilton
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Rodney Reynolds
Reading	Johnny Anderson
Invitation	Tony Lawrence
Dismiss	Jim Slatton

### Welcome Committee

A.M.	Mary Davis & Doris Smith
P.M.	Harry Felty Family

**Bus Driver:** Ronnie Prince (668-8792)

**Ushers:** John Nussbaum & Alan Collins

**Attend Nursery:** Janie Griffin

**Lock Building:** W.C. Chilton

**Pantry Item:** Toaster Pastries

## Sunday's Sermons

AM..... Financing The Work Of The Church  
 PM ..... 1997 Accomplishments & Failures

Next week:

AM..... Guest Speaker: Joe Collins  
 PM ..... Elders Present Budget