

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Kurt Maynard  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....Ephesians 1:3  
Lord's Table .....\*Ronnie Hoover  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Chris Snow

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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First Prayer.....Barry Mayes  
Reading.....Talan Mullican  
Scripture.....Hebrews 1:13-14  
Lord's Table .....\*Norman Sain  
.....\*Lincoln Sain  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss..... Nate Turner

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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Reading.....Mike Mullins  
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Dismiss.....Tucker Gann

**Record for the Week...**

**12/22 .....12/29**  
A.M. Worship ..... 173.....162  
Bible Study.....124.....124  
P.M. Worship.....118.....110  
Wednesday Bible Study.....87.....71  
Contribution .....\$5,209.....\$15,977

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Nancy Rogers (following a fall)  
Eunice Haley  
Eva Simons  
Louise Miller  
Sidney Grove  
Glenda Ferrell  
Maggie Hurst  
Scarlett Griffith  
Irene Fuston  
Linda Fults  
Clara Scott  
Jane Flatt

**Hospital**  
none known at this time

**Youth News**  
January 5, Bible Bowl at Hebron (Acts 22-23)  
January 19, HEY at Rockliff

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**Middle Tennessee School of Preaching**  
The classes at the Middle Tennessee School of Preaching and Biblical Studies begin this Thursday, January 2, at 6 PM with Alan Adams teaching Christ in the Old Testament, followed by a class at 7 PM taught by Dan Jones on My Father's Sheet Sermons. I feel certain that some of those sheet sermons were preached at Bybee Branch in the 1970's when brother B.J. Jones was the preacher here.

**Shut-In At Home**  
Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)  
W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
Janice Foster  
Greg Grizzell  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Osburn Huntley (Ruby's husband)  
Sarah Kell  
Daisy Maxwell  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)  
Howard Witty  
Marty York

**NHC**  
(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Serese Brock #406  
Philip Clemons #411  
Morris Griffith #301  
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412  
Cathy Hennessee #408A  
Helen Morgan #215

**Riverview Terrace**  
(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Anna Jean Bond #B4

**Willow Branch**  
(415 Pace Street McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Greg Hughes (Allen's cousin) #102

**Brookdale Retirement Center**  
(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

*“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered.  
Blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no deceit.”*

**Psalms 32:1-2**

**H** Help whenever, however, and whoever I can.

**A** Admit it when I'm wrong, but when I'm right make me easier to live with.

**P** Promote Christ whenever an opportunity presents itself.

**P** Present myself in the best way possible so that I may be an example for others.

**Y** Yield not to the many temptations that are daily in my path.

**N** Never think an unkind thought of anyone.

**E** Endeavor to work harder for the Lord and the church than ever before.

**W** Weed out all my bad habits to the best of my ability.

**Y** Yearn and pray for peace throughout the world.

**E** Earnestly desire a stronger relationship with Christ my Savior.

**A** Attend church regularly and give my whole-hearted support.

**R** Resolve to give my all for Christ and His word for He gave His all for me.

~ Taken from the Bybee Banner, January 1987 ~

**The Bible Man**  
He stands behind the sacred desk,  
A book held in his hand;  
And as he speaks his brethren know  
He is a Bible Man.

Upon the Scriptures, right truth,  
He ever takes his stand  
To make the gospel clear and plan  
He is a Bible Man.

He loves the grand old Book divine,  
He loves to preach the plan;  
He loves the lost its message saves  
He is a Bible Man.

Let skeptics doubt heathen rage,  
And build their hopes on sand,  
He loves, lives, teaches God's Book  
He is a Bible Man.

When worlds shall end stars shall fall,  
And at the throne we stand;  
How sweet to hear the King's command,  
Come home you Bible Man.

~ Carl H. Bates ~  
*This poem has great meaning to me as I remember hearing it first in a class at Freed-Hardeman, read by Dowell Flatt. Brother Flatt was a “Bible Man” and encouraged us preacher students to be the same.*

**What Makes A Great Church?**  
Not big budgets... but large hearts.  
Not tall steeples... but lofty vision.  
Not money received... but service rendered.  
Not record -breaking attendance... but God's presence.  
Not frantic motion... but dedicated action.  
Not soft seats and bright lights... but courageous leadership.  
Not self-centered members... but members living godly lives.  
Not teachers talking about trivia... but teachers stressing the truth.  
Not things done in the past... but things being done right now.

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Daniel Schillinger (following surgery)

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Monday Morning Bible Class

Our Monday Morning Bible Class will resume this coming Monday, January 13, at 9 AM. We will begin with 2Samuel 15:30. Everyone is invited, young or young at heart!

*“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “Therefore I hope in Him!””*

**Lamentations 3:22-24**

Moses’ Excuses, God’s Answers

God told Moses He wanted to send him to deliver His people. He responded, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” God took away the excuse by promising to be with him. Anyone is someone with Almighty God on his side (Exodus 3:9-12; Romans 8:31).

Moses asked who he should say had sent him. God said to say, “I Am has sent me,” or the One who exists by His Own power (Exodus 3:13-14; Revelation 1:4)! Moses was to tell the Israelite elders that God had seen their suffering, would deliver them and take them to the promised land. Moses and the elders were to ask Pharaoh to let them go three days’ journey into the wilderness to worship their God. He foretold that Pharaoh would not let them go, even by a powerful hand. The Almighty would send them out with abundance as if Egypt had been plundered (Exodus 3:13-22; Genesis 15:14)!

Moses said the people would not believe him. God gave him three miracles designed to convince the elders that he was God’s chosen messenger. His rod would become a serpent and turn back into a rod. His hand would be leprous and then whole again. Water from the river would turn to blood when poured out on the ground (Exodus 4:1-9).

Moses next said he was not an eloquent public speaker, either before God began speaking or at that very moment. This excuse borders on being an accusation against God. It is tacitly false, as Deuteronomy demonstrates. God did not remedy this supposed problem, but He said He had made man’s mouth and could strengthen Moses (Exodus 4:10-12).

Moses finally asked God to send anyone but him. God was angry because He had promised all necessary aid. He gave to Moses his brother Aaron as his mouthpiece. The ultimate power would come from God as He gave Moses the words to speak (Exodus 4:13-17).

The futility of making excuses to God is evident. He made us. He knows us. He will not ask us to do anything we are unable to do.

~ Gary C. Hampton ~

Lessons From A Coffin

Many events from the life of Joseph exemplify the great faith that he had in God. You may recall the advances of Potiphar’s wife toward the young, vulnerable Joseph. He maintained his purity, for he knew to give in to temptation was to sin against God (Gen.39:9). Perhaps you remember Joseph’s attitude toward his brothers who had so mistreated him. His faith in God allowed Joseph to maintain an attitude of love and concern for his brothers (Gen.50:19-21). However, no other event in the life of Joseph shows his great faith in God as does the commandment he gave concerning his death (Gen.50:25,26). Many great lessons can be gleaned from the injunction Joseph gave concerning his burial.

First, it shows that Joseph’s faith was not dimmed. Joseph was separated from everything and everyone he knew and loved—everyone, that is, except for God. Joseph was in an idolatrous nation where no one knew him. He could have very easily renounced his faith in God and done as he pleased, but Joseph’s faith in God would not allow him to do so. He was separated from God’s people, yet he was determined to please God, even if he were the only one in the whole nation who was willing to take this stand. His faith was his own. It was not inherited, and it was not reliant upon others. Because of this, Joseph did not allow circumstances that occurred throughout his life to dim his faith.

Second, the commandment Joseph gave concerning his death shows that his heart was in Canaan even though he was in Egypt. Joseph could see past the adversity. He knew that the things he had endured were not the end of it all. Through the eye of faith Joseph could see the unseen. In his heart, Joseph longed for that land that God had promised to His people (Gen.12:1-3). Although Joseph did not know when this would take place, he knew that it would happen. God promised it would be so, and in Joseph’s heart that settled it. Joseph knew he was but a stranger in a strange land, a citizen of the land of Canaan, merely passing through Egypt.

Third, the commandment Joseph gave concerning his death serves as a reminder. It reminds us that

God is faithful to keep His promises. Joseph’s coffin is a reminder that we are all mortal. Despite this fact, Joseph’s coffin reminds us that there is hope of life beyond this life. Joseph’s coffin reminded Israel that Egypt was not their home, and it reminds us that this world is not our home. Joseph’s coffin serves as a reminder that we need to be patient. It took over 215 years for Joseph’s command concerning his death to be fulfilled! Every time the children of Israel saw Joseph’s coffin, or walked past his tomb, they were reminded of these things. Joseph faced the hardships of life with an unwavering faith, and he faced death with the same great faith.

What a great lesson in faith for all of us!

~Patrick Morrison~  
(Adapted from idea by Bobby Liddell)

Let a Man Examine Himself

*“But let a man examine himself...”* 1 Corinthians 11:28

When we examine others, we justify self—but when we examine self, we are more disposed to justify others.

*Let a man:*

- Examine his company (Psalm 1; Proverbs 13:20). Fowl of a feather flock together.
- Examine his habits (1 John 2:15).
- Examine his thoughts (Psalm 10:4). “For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7).
- Examine his affections (Colossians 3:2). “To be carnally minded is death” (Romans 8:6).
- Examine his motives (1 Corinthians 10:31). Are they acting for self or for God? (Colossians 3:17)

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Jean Ware  
Avie Clemons  
Scarlett Griffith (following surgery last Thursday)

Hospital

Anna Jean Bond - RiverPark Rehab

Alfred Johnson’s mother, Jothie Bai, had a fall and if you would like to send her a card please bring it to the office and they will be sent together as a group.

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Ladies Day

The Morrison church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on January 25. Registration begins at 9 AM. Lunch will be served afterward. The theme will be “Recipe For A Good Life”

Welcome

We welcome to the congregation Susan Grandey. Her address is 341 George Trail; McMinnville, TN 37110. Please give her a warm welcome to the congregation.

Volunteers Needed for Video

Every service at Bybee Branch is streamed on Facebook and then uploaded to Youtube. The Sunday morning service is also edited for broadcast on Ben Lomand TV. If you would be willing to assist in this please see Tony. It doesn’t take long to train how to do this effectively.

Psalm 119

Psalm 119 is the longest Psalm. It is also the longest chapter in the Bible. It is an acrostic. Each verse in each section of eight verses begins with the same letter of the Hebrew alphabet, through 22 sections in (Hebrew) alphabetical order. Quite a literary feat! In addition, every one of the 176 verses contains a synonym for God’s Word: “law” verse 1, “testimonies” verse 2, “ways” verse 3, “precepts” verse 4, “statutes” verse 5, “commandments” verse 6, “rules” verse 7, “statutes” verse 8, etc.

**God’s Word is our joy and delight.** “In the way of your testimonies I delight as much as in all riches” (14). “I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget your word” (16). “Your testimonies are my delight; they are my counselors” (24). “The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces” (72). “Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day” (97).

**God’s Word keeps us from sin.** “How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to your word” (9). “I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you” (11).

**God’s Word is eternal and unchanging.** “Forever, O Lord, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens” (89). “Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true” (142). “Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live” (144). “The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever” (160).

**God’s Word helps us in our afflictions.** “This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life” (50). “Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word” (67). “It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I might learn your statutes” (71). “Trouble and anguish have found me out, but your commandments are my delight” (143).

**God’s Word keeps us from error.** “Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every false way” (104). “Therefore I consider all your precepts to be right; I hate every false way” (128).

**God’s Word defines our fellowship.** “I am a companion of all who fear you, of those who keep your precepts” (63). “Let those who fear you turn to me, that they may know your testimonies” (79).

**God’s Word guides our way safely.** “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path” (105). “Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble” (165)

~ Cecil May, Jr. ~

First Things First!

Christ revealed the need for setting proper priorities in Matthew 6:33. Putting first things last and last things first is far too easy and frequent. Therefore, consider four particulars from the words of Christ that will aid in putting first things first.

**Obligation:** “seek.” We must understand that Jesus issued a command—not an option. If we desire a heavenly home, we must follow this absolute imperative. Seeking requires a diligent effort on our part. Notice Hebrews 11:6, which reads, “but without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

**Objects:** “the kingdom of God and his righteousness.” The top priorities in a Christian’s life are the “kingdom” or the church (Matthew 16:18-19) and “his righteousness.” These are revealed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16-17).

**Order:** “first.” The emphasis is that the church which belongs to Christ must never take a back seat. In all we do, we must seek to put these things first in our hearts, minds, souls and strength! The concept of “seeking first” for the things of God is a predominant biblical concept that touches one’s motivation and priorities including how one spends his or her leisure time, the goals one sets in life and whether a person experiences spiritual growth.

**Outcome:** “all these things shall be added unto you.” This statement shows the blessings that will

result if one’s priorities are right. The result for obediently seeking the kingdom and God’s righteousness will lead to every need being supplied in accordance with God Himself. What an awesome promise. This does not mean that all one’s wants will be granted. Without fail, God will surely take care of a Christian’s daily requirements. It is also a clear reminder that “So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:33).

One old recipe for preparing rabbit started out with this injunction, “First catch the rabbit.” The writer knew how to put first things first. That’s what we do when we establish priorities. We put the things that should be in first place in their proper order.

~ Mark N. Posey ~

Some Words of Wisdom

For evil to triumph, it is only necessary for good men to do nothing. (Edmund Burke)

More people would learn from their mistakes if they weren’t so busy denying them. (Harold J. Smith)

The greatest failure is the failure to try. (William Arthur Ward)

Faithfulness in little things is a big thing. (John Chrysostom)

Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive. (C.S. Lewis)

Friendship is like money, easier made than kept. (Samuel Butler)

If you are not generous with a meager income, you will never be generous with abundance. (Harold Nye)

If you’ve nothing to shoot for you’ll hit it every time. (John Richard Wimber)

After all, there is but one race - humanity. (George Moore)

The only people with whom you should try to get even are those who have helped you. (John E. Southard)

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Lead Singing.....Tim Gann  
First Prayer .....Rickey Hurst  
Reading.....Lincoln Sain  
Invitation .....Don Sullivan  
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Judy Nussbaum  
Judy Payne  
Martha Cathey  
Eunice Haley  
Linda Fults  
Louise Miller  
Clara Scott  
Jothie Bai (Alfred Johnson's mother) if you would like to send her a card please bring it to the office by this coming Sunday.

Hospital

Anna Jean Bond - NHC for rehab  
Glenda Ferrell - St.Thomas Rutherford

Ladies Day

The Morrison church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on January 25. Registration begins at 9 AM. Lunch will be served afterward. The theme will be "Recipe For A Good Life"

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Pray for the elders

Please pray for the elders as they seek a new preacher for the congregation. There are several good men who are being considered and the elders seek your prayers that they will find the right person for the job.

*"But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry."  
(2 Timothy 4:5)*

Youth and Youth Parent Meeting

This coming Sunday night (26th) we will be having a youth & youth parent meeting following evening services. We will be discussing the next few months of activities and also looking for ideas to be planning for.

A few of the things we will discuss will be CYC, Spring Youth Retreat, Home Devotional hosts, Short Mountain Bible Camp, and other things.

Please make plans to attend so we can make our youth group grow and be a close knit group of young Christians.

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A Plea for Restoration

Men like John Wycliffe, in the 1300's, saw a corrupted church, which led, in turn, to remarkable wickedness. They called for men to use Scripture only to determine the will of God. Good people are shocked by the changes of recent days. Hatred seems to grow by the minute. Sin is openly practiced and set forth as the way every right-thinking person should walk, or at least praise. Our world needs the Savior and His church, but division has torn believers apart. **We must restore the church of the Bible if we are to turn the world around.**

**A restored church is united on the Bible alone.** Its members must speak the very words of God (1 Peter 4:11). Those words God spoke are found in Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Every believer should, over time, grow in knowledge so he or she can teach others. "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food" (Hebrews 5:12 NKJV).

**A restored church will reject all man-made creeds.** A creed is "a brief authoritative formula of religious belief" (Merriam-Webster.com). God's children must, as Paul told Timothy, "Hold fast the pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which are in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 1:13). He later explained that the young preacher should only preach the Word (2 Timothy 4:1-4). He also told Titus, "But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine" (Titus 2:1).

**A restored church will only use scriptural names for the people of God. The church itself has no proper name, only descriptions.** It is described as the church of God; the temple of God; the church of the firstborn ones; the body of Christ; the household of God; the kingdom of the Son; churches of Christ; and the household of God (1 Corinthians 1:2; 3:16; Hebrews 12:23; Ephesians 1:22-23; 2:19; Colossians 1:13; Romans 16:16; Galatians 6:10). **God gave**

**Christ's disciples the name Christian** (Acts 1:26). We know God gave the name because the word "called" is used in Scripture to describe a divine message (Matthew 2:12, 22; Hebrews 11:7). Each church is self-governing in the restored church. Paul addressed the letter to the church in Philippi, "To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons" (Philippians 1:1). Those bishops, or overseers, are responsible for watching out for the souls of the saints where they serve (Acts 20:28). Peter, who was an elder, instructed his fellow elders to, "Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock" (1 Peter 5:1-4).

**The saved were the only members of the first century church,** and likewise, the saved are the only members of the first century church – the restored church – in the 21st century. Luke reported that the Lord added those being saved to the church (Acts 2:47). No human being or group of humans voted on their membership. They had to have been set free from their sins as described by Peter to those asking what they must do to be saved (Acts 2:37-41). Paul likewise understood that one enters a new life as he comes up out of the waters of baptism (Romans 6:3-4).

The solution to the hatred and sinfulness surrounding us is found in a call to **restore the church as God designed it.** We must probe the depths of God's Word to find His will for our lives, because knowing it can change the world.

Gary C. Hampton  
via the Gospel Gazette  
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*"Thus says the Lord: "Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.'"  
(Jeremiah 6:16)*



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing .....Barry Mayes  
First Prayer .....Tim Fisher  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....Ephesians 2:1  
Lord's Table .....\*Dale Bennett  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing .....Barry Mayes  
First Prayer .....Willie Newby  
Reading.....Eddie Palmer  
Scripture.....Numbers 11:29  
Lord's Table .....\*Jared Mullican  
.....\*Talan Mullican  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Kurt Maynard

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Bruce Pryor  
Lead Singing .....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer .....Caleb Graves  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Jacob Graves

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**Baptism**  
We rejoiced Sunday evening when Kane Newby was baptized following services.

**Elders-Deacons Meeting**  
The quarterly Elders and Deacons meeting will be this coming Sunday evening, February 2, at 5 PM.

**General Business Meeting**  
The quarterly General Business Meeting for the men of the congregation will be this coming Sunday evening, February 2, following the evening services.

**Sympathy**  
We want to express our deepest sympathy to two families:  
  
To the family of Dan Fults, brother-in-law to our Linda Fults. His funeral was this past Saturday.

To the family of Betty McPherson. Sister McPherson attended with us for several years but recently had been attending at East End. Her services will be Wednesday at 3:30 PM at Highs.

**“Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends.”**  
**John 15:13**

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**Estimate of Real Genius**  
The girl to whom Mozart was first engaged to be married became discontented with her choice when she saw more of the world, and gave up the composer. She thought him too diminutive. “I knew nothing of the greatness of his genius,” she afterwards explained; “I saw him only a little man.” How many of us act in the same way. We look on the outward person only, and forget that a very homely, even shabby exterior, may contain much goodness and greatness.  
*Practical Bible Illustrations  
From Yesterday and Today.*

February 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan 26 Charlotte Wedding- ton Ray Weddington	27 Jared Mullican MARTY & SHARON BOLES	28 David Chilton RICKEY & MAG- GIE HURST	29 Billy Pinegar	30	31 Ronnie Prince	Feb 1
Feb 2  Bible Bowl at Ivy Bluff @ 2 PM  Sunday Night Eats	3	4	5	6 HAROLD & TERE- SA MCGINNESS	7 Elsie Newby Parker Smith Stanley Graves	8 Ashley Fann Tim Fisher Zella Cook
Feb 9 Cory Prince	10  Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	11 HERB & THELMA ROWLAND	12	13	14 Joe Maynard Linda Fults STAN & SANDRA HILLIS	15 Ronnie Hamilton
Feb 16  HEY @ Arlington	17 Daisy Maxwell DARRON & KIRSTIE DIXON	18 Nona Martin	19 Brandon Fuston	20	21 Avie Clemons	22 Isabella Penning- ton
Feb 23 Jayla Hudson	24  Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	25	26  Birthday Wednesday	27	28 Susan Carney Grandey	Mar 1 Eddie Palmer Kirstie Dixon

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
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First Prayer .....Joe Collins  
Reading .....David McColloch  
Scripture .....Ephesians 2:8-9  
Lord's Table .....\*Ray Weddington  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Chris Snow  
Reading.....Norman Sain  
Scripture .....2Timothy 2:1-2  
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W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
Janice Foster  
Greg Grizzell  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Osburn Huntley (Ruby’s husband)  
Sarah Kell  
Daisy Maxwell  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan’s mother)  
Howard Witty  
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Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt’s mother)

I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’  
(Matthew 25:36)

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Something to Think About

Attitude is contagious. Is yours worth catching?

The greatest discovery of my generation is that a human being can alter his life by altering his attitudes. —William James

Character is the result of two things: mental attitude and the way we spend our time. —Elbert Hubbard

Jesus: The Good Shepherd

“... We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture” (Psa. 100:3). “For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand...” (Psa. 95:7).

**Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, cares for the sheep individually.** “To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out” (John 10:3).

**Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, leads his sheep in the right way.** “And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice” (John 10:4).

**Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, saves the sheep.** “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out and find pasture” (John 10:9).

**Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, gave his life for the sheep.** “I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep” (John 10:11). “As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: an I lay down my life for the sheep” (John 10:15).

**Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, protects the sheep.** “But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose won the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, an scattereth the sheep” (John 10:12).

**Jesus, as the Good Shepherd, unifies the sheep.** “And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd” (John 10:16).

“Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep” (John 10:7). “And he said, ... He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:16).

~ Allen Webster ~

Faith Strengthening Questions

The world challenges the Christian’s faith daily. Paul understood that and wrote to strengthen the faith of the brethren at Rome through a series of rhetorical questions. I am thankful to Roger Johnson for helping me see these powerful questions.

“If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31). Joshua and Caleb understood this, though they saw the same giants as the other ten spies (Numbers 14:6-9). Isaiah and John both underscored the power of having God on their side (Isaiah 41:14-15; 1 John 4:4).

“How shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” (Romans 8:32). This question follows the simple, yet dynamic statement that God gave His own Son up for us. We should, therefore, put God’s kingdom, the church, first in our thinking and acting (Matthew 6:33; Ephesians 3:14-20).

“Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect?” (Romans 8:33). God actively works so those who live in accord with His will can be as if they never sinned (Romans 4:7-8). Our accuser is defeated because of the offering of Jesus’ blood (Revelation 12:10-11).

“Who is he who condemns?” (Romans 8:34). Jesus is seated at God’s right hand. He is able to completely save us, and He is ready to intercede on our behalf (Hebrew 7:25). There is no condemnation for those who have been baptized into Christ and walk according to the Spirit’s direction (Galatians 3:27; Romans 8:1).

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?” (Romans 8:35). Those who continue to walk in the light, confessing any sins into which they may stumble, can be assured of ongoing cleansing through Jesus’ blood (1 John 1:7-9).

Rejoice in Paul’s powerful words!

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:36-39).

~ Gary C. Hampton ~



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Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Tommy Turner  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....Ephesians 2:19  
Lord's Table .....\*Barry Mayes  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Danny Duncan

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Scripture.....2Peter 1:3-4  
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Dismiss ..... Jeff Flatt

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### At Home:

*Gary Grizzell (following surgery)  
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*Several those who have been on our sick list have been moved to the shut-in list.*

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## Ladies Day Planning Meeting

Ladies' Day planning meeting will be this Sunday, February 16, at 5:00 PM

## House To House

The new issue of the House to House magazine has been mailed. If you do not get one mailed to your house you can pick up one on the cabinet in the lobby next to the bulletins. Also, there are several tracts that are available where you can pick up and give to your friends or family. This is a great resource for spiritual growth.

## Challenge Youth Conference (CYC)

CYC is just a little over a week away (February 20-23). We have made a few changes from previous years. We will be going up on Thursday night so we can have some fellowship before the sessions begin and not be so rushed on Friday. We have about 17 people going at the moment but we do have a few extra tickets if more want to come. We would love to have you.

## Spring Youth Retreat (SYR)

SYR is a little over 2 months away so please make your calendars. We would love to have several attend this year. It will be the 25th Anniversary of SYR and plans are in the works for this special event. More in depth details will be coming in the next couple of weeks as plans are nailed down.

## Upcoming Youth Events In February

February 16 - H.E.Y. @ Arlington  
February 20-23 - CYC Pigeon Forge  
February 26 - Birthday Wednesday



## Empty!

This past week, a friend of mine (who shall remain nameless) had some car trouble more than 500 miles from his home. If you've ever been in that situation, it is certainly disconcerting to say the least. What do you do? Who do you call? How much will it cost? All these questions rush through your mind.

In my friend's case, after paying a tow truck, it was just a matter of putting gas in the gas tank (now do you see why he will remain nameless)?

But in his defense, while he ran out of gas, his gas gauge was showing that he still had a quarter of a tank of gas remaining. Of course, I couldn't help but see a spiritual application in this event.

How many people do you suppose are trusting in a "fallible gauge?" How many people do you think are being told they're alright, but their "tank is empty"? I do know that on the day of Judgment, there will be some who stand before Christ, surprised that they are not saved (Matthew 7:21-23).

To avoid such a fate, we must trust in the only "gauge" that will never fail and never mislead us... the Word of God. Friends, spend time in God's Word so that you can make your calling and election sure.

~ Steve Higginbotham ~

## A Lack of Knowledge

These were difficult days. By swearing and lying, killing and stealing and committing adultery, they broke all restraint. Bloodshed was followed with more bloodshed. The land itself mourned, and everyone living there languished. What horrible conditions in which to live! The source of these troubles, however, was easy enough to diagnose. There was no knowledge of God in the land, of His will, of truth, mercy and justice. While there was much external religious activity, it was based on human emotions, not the revealed will of God. Everyone's image of God was based on their own desires, not on God's revelation of Himself in Scripture, His revealed truth. The result was Hosea's cry that, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6).

The above description, while written almost 2,700 years ago, would well fit our day and age. While there is a lot of talk about God, Jesus and spirituality, there is little time spent in the only source available that reveals them clearly and authoritatively, the Bible. Emotions and feelings take priority and God must conform to these. Actually, it must be the other way around. Our knowledge and understanding of God must grab our attention, focus our emotions and motivate our actions. Paul spoke of the Jews of his day ... "I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness that comes from God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness" (Romans 10:2-3). The same is true of many today.

Of course, knowledge without love puffs up, resulting in arrogance (1 Corinthians 8:1). It shouldn't be one or the other, but one with the other. The current swing of the pendulum in modern society, away from a real knowledge of God based in Scripture, has produced the same results that Hosea lamented in his day. Problems in government, problems in society, even problems in the church, share a common source. When everyone does what is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25), the consequences can be devastating. Unless we get back to living as God intends, how much farther will society go? Unless we get back to Scripture as a pattern for the church, will we become just another denomination?

We must redefine the parameters of our love within the framework of a knowledge of God. We

must take Scripture to heart, and apply it to life. We must cease trying to form God to our image, and instead allow ourselves to be molded in His image. "And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:9-11).

~ Robert Johnson ~

## God Does Not Compromise

As the land of Egypt suffered through the plagues God sent against them in punishment for Pharaoh's refusal to allow the Israelites to go into the desert and serve the LORD, Pharaoh, having already broken many promises but under pressure from his servants (Exodus 10:7), offered up a compromise solution. Pharaoh offered to let the Israelites go into the wilderness but only on the condition that they leave their children behind (Exodus 10:8-11). The Lord's response was the plague of locusts followed by darkness. Then Pharaoh offered to let the Israelites go into the wilderness and take their children, but on the condition that they leave their flocks and herds behind. But Moses rejected his offer because it was not what God wanted (Exodus 10:24-26).

Often today, people wish to bargain with God over what he will allow and what he requires of them. For some reason, they believe that if they go along with some of God's requirements, he should just forget about the rest. However, God does not operate that way. He knows what is best for us and offers us a covenant that is in our best interest out of his love (1 John 4:7-11). Our obedience -- without any exceptions we may propose -- is essential to pleasing him (Hebrews 5:8-9). Pharaoh had every opportunity to accept God's will and let the Israelites serve him in the wilderness. Due to his own pride, he lost his slave laborers not only for a few days but forever. As we consider what God tells us to do, we must remember: God does NOT compromise. He does not change (Malachi 3:6) -- we must change (Joshua 1:7).

~ Kevin Rhodes ~

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Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer .....Leonard Clemons  
Reading.....Kelly Thaxton  
Scripture.....Ephesians 3:4  
Lord's Table.....\*Larry Flatt  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....Nehemiah 4:2  
Lord's Table .....\*Dale Bennett  
.....\*Willie Newby  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....David McColloch

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Invitation.....Paul Hurst  
Dismiss.....Brandon Fuston

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Don't forget that our own Gospel Meeting will be April 20-23 with Don Blackwell. Postcards for advertisement are already here.You should be able to pick them up soon.

CYC this Weekend

Time has come again for us to make our voyage to Pigeon Forge to attend CYC (Challenge Youth Conference). We have several young people going along with several chaperones. We will be leaving this Thursday after school. We will meet at 3:30 pm to load things up and plan on leaving the church building at 4 pm. We will stop in Crossville and eat a bite of supper (some call it dinner 😊). The following day we will be doing an outing as a youth group before we start the sessions on Friday evening. We will be sending a text to those attending for questions and updates. Please pray that our youth group and chaperones will have a safe trip and will grow spiritually from the lessons presented.

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Remember now your Creator in the  
days of your youth, Before the  
difficult days come, And the years  
draw near when you say, “I have no  
pleasure in them”:  
**Ecclesiastes 12:1**

Forgive Seven Times?

In Matthew 18:21-22, we read, “Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.” Among some of the rabbis it had come to be understood that a man did not have to forgive his neighbor more than three times.They used Amos 1:3 and 2:6 to support this belief. By asking the question the way Peter did, he was going beyond rabbinical teaching. He increased it to seven times. Seven was seen as the number for completion or perfection. Three was the number for heaven and four was the number of the world.Adding them together gave the idea of union of heaven and earth to the rabbis.

However, Peter’s question still gave the impression that there was a limit to forgiveness. In the Jewish rabbinical mind one was doing something exceptional to forgive. One was foregoing a right when one forgave someone.To put limitation on it meant there was not an eternal right for forgiveness in the kingdom of God.

Jesus’ response demonstrated that God’s mercy and grace is eternal. As long as someone is sorry for what he did and asks for forgiveness, forgiveness should be given. Jesus supported this teaching in Luke 17 when He stated that if a brother trespassed against you seven times in one day, then you should forgive him seven times that day if he repented. I am glad that our God is so forgiving. I know that I will stumble and fall in my spiritual life. I know that no matter how many times it happens, I can repent and ask forgiveness and God will give it to me. He is the God of love.

Study your Bible. Learn all you can from it. Obey God. Make sure you are in the proper relationship with Him so that you can receive forgiveness when you sin. If any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

~ Mark McWhorter ~

“Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. (Luke 6:37)

Watch Your Mind Food

It is amazing how much time Americans spend on eating. We either prepare the food or discuss where we are going to eat. Then, we eat.Afterward, we discuss how it was and what we might do to make it even better the next time. There are even television channels devoted to food.

Christians need to realize that what we put into our stomachs is not as important as what we put into our minds. Jesus said,

Do you not yet understand that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man. (Matthew 15:17-20)

Each child of God would be blessed by devoting time to consideration of what he is feeding his mind.The best “restaurant” for the mind is not found in popular music, magazines or television programs. Instead, it is found in a diligent search through God’s Word to discover how to be a proper workman for him (2 Timothy 2:15). Those who have been risen with Christ must put their focus on “those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3:1-2).

Paul gave specific types of “mind food” on which to focus. “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things” (Philippians 4:8). Any faithful reader of God’s Word will recognize the greatest source of materials of these sorts is the Bible. Let us resolve to make daily Bible reading a habit. It will make us better people.

~ Gary C. Hampton ~



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First Prayer .....Joe Collins  
Reading .....Ken Martin  
Scripture .....Hebrews 4:14-16  
Lord's Table .....\*Ray Weddington  
Sermon .....Craig Simon  
Dismiss .....Cory Prince

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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First Prayer .....Stanley Graves  
Reading .....Don Sullivan  
Scripture .....Jonah 2:1-3  
Lord's Table .....\*Kurt Maynard  
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Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Tim Gann

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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Guest preacher visiting

This Sunday brother Craig Simon, along with his  
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consider the work at Bybee Branch. Brother Simon  
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ing the auditorium Bible class. He has been working  
with the Dexter church of Christ in Dexter, MO  
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The Baptism of Naaman

The prophet Elisha told Naaman, a man af-  
flicted with leprosy, "Go, and wash in the Jor-  
dan seven times, and your flesh will be  
restored, and you will be clean" (2 Kings  
5:10). But Naaman became angry, saying,

"Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the  
rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters  
of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be  
clean?" (2Kings 5:12).

He went way "in a rage," for he knew that  
water itself, from any river, has no healing  
power.

However, as long as he stayed out of the  
water, he still had leprosy. But, after he went  
down and dipped himself seven times in the  
Jordan, according to the word of the man of  
God, his flesh was restored like the flesh of a  
little child, and he was clean (2 Kings 5:14).

~ Hugo McCord ~

Senior Saints Outing

Another trip is planned for the "Senior Saints" it  
will be a trip to the Cumberland County Playhouse  
on Saturday, March 22. If you wish to go, please sign  
the sheet on the bulletin board.

March 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb 23 Jayla Hudson	24	25	26	27	28 Susan Carney Grandey	Mar 1 Eddie Palmer Kirstie Dixon
Mar 2  Craig Simon preaching  Bible Bowl @ Rockliff 2 PM	3	4	5 Darron Dixon Mitchell Ferrell Tommy Crouch	6	7 David McColloch Malcolm Peoples	8
Mar 9 MALCOLM & KEL- LY PEOPLES  Sunday Night Eats	10  Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	11 Tim Gann	12 Rickey Hurst	13 Adry Snow Aryn Snow	14	15
Mar 16  HEY @ Rock Island	17	18 KEN & NONA MARTIN	19	20	21	22 Becky Maynard JOE & BECKY MAYNARD
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Mar 30 Delanie Sullivan	31	Apr 1	2	3	4 Larry Cook	5 Sherry Graves

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First Prayer .....Tim Fisher  
Reading .....David McColloch  
Scripture .....2Corinthians 4:8-9  
Lord's Table .....\*Larry Flatt  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Danny Duncan

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Lord's Table .....\*Norman Sain  
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Sarah Kell  
Corretta Lawrence  
Daisy Maxwell  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)  
Howard Witty  
Marty York

NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Serese Brock #307  
Philip Clemons #411  
Morris Griffith #301  
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412  
Cathy Hennessee #408  
Helen Morgan #200  
Anna Jean Bond #126

Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

Sympathy

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This Sunday brother Derrick Stiles, along with his wife Heather, and son Joseph will be with us to consider the work at Bybee Branch. Most of us know brother Derrick well as he has spoken here several times on our Summer Series and Vacation Bible School. Please make them feel welcome



Jesus And The Passover

The Israelites were instructed to kill an unblemished lamb, "a male a year old" (Exodus 12:5) on the 14th day of Abib (April), "at the going down of the sun" (Deuteronomy 16:6), and to put the blood on the two side posts and the headpiece of their doors (Exodus 12:7). The lamb was to be roasted and eaten with unleavened bread ("the bread of affliction") and "bitter herbs" that night (Deuteronomy 16:3; Exodus 12:8).

The Lord promised that, as he passed through the land to smite the Egyptians "at midnight," when "I see the blood, I will pass over you," and not allow "the destroyer" to enter that house (Exodus 12:13, 23, 29).

So the Passover Feast was begun, and the Israelites were commanded to "keep this ordinance in its season from year to year" (Exodus 13:10), saying to their children: It is the sacrifice of Jehovah's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses (Exodus 12:26-27).

This "day" became a "memorial," a "feast to Jehovah" (Exodus 12:14) "by an unlimited (olam) ordinance" (Exodus 12:14). But "in the fullness of time" (Galatians 4:4), "according to the eternal purpose" (Ephesians 3:11), Jesus appeared as a planned replacement of the Passover lamb, becoming "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Yes, in "the plan of the mystery, hidden for ages in God" (Ephesians 3:9), Jesus became "our Passover Lamb" (1 Corinthians 5:7).

As no bones of the Passover lamb were broken (Exodus 12:46; Numbers 9:12), so it was predicted

that no bones would be broken in the body of "our Passover Lamb" (Psalm 34:20; John 19:36).

The Israelites, in their annual Passover "memorial," through 1500 years from the days of Moses, remembered that their ancestors walked "out from the land of Egypt" in "a night to be much observed" (Exodus 12:14, 17, 37, 42). So Christians now honor in a weekly memorial their "Passover Lamb" (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 5:7). This their "Passover Lamb" has requested, "Do this in memory of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24-25). Thus the Old Testament Passover Feast, by God's plan, is "fulfilled in the kingdom of God" when Christians in the Lord's Supper "eat and drink," said Jesus, "at my table in my kingdom" (Luke 22:16, 30; 1 Corinthians 11:20).

~ Hugo McCord ~



The Tone Of Voice

It's not so much what you say as the manner in which you say it.

It's not so much the language you use as the tone in which you convey it.

"Come here!" I sharply said and the child cowered and wept.

"Come here," I said--he looked and smiled and straight to my lap he crept.

Words may be mild and fair but the tone may pierce like a dart.

Words may be soft as the summer air but the tone may break the heart.

For words come from the mind and grow by study and art--

But tone leaps from the inner self, revealing the state of the heart.

~ Anonymous ~



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Lead Singing .....Barry Mayes  
First Prayer .....Chris Snow  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....Ephesians 3:8  
Lord's Table .....\*Brandon Fuston  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Bobby Ashford

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First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....Jeremiah 18:1-2  
Lord's Table .....\*Jared Mullican  
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Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss..... Kelly Thaxton

Wednesday Bible Study

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First Prayer .....Joe Collins  
Reading .....Tucker Gann  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Paul Hurst

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Four Gardens

Meaningful is a study of four prominent gardens of the Bible: Eden, Gethsemane, the Garden Tomb, and Paradise. On Lord's day, May 30, 1971, in a room at the airport hotel in Tel Aviv, the worship service included a sermon on "The Four Gardens" capably delivered by Gene Priest to three listeners: Joe and Harold Bryant and this writer. The four had recently visited two of the four gardens.

**Eden.** Moses gave clear information that the garden of Eden God had placed in ancient Mesopotamia, present day Iraq (Genesis 2:10-14). Two of the four rivers irrigating Eden are still known to geographers: Tigris and Euphrates. Civilization thus had its beginning in the Mesopotamian valley.

The name "Eden" (eden, from `dn, to live luxuriously) means "pleasantness," and since everything the Lord had made was "very good" (Genesis 1:31), the garden of Eden must have been delightful: no thorns, brambles, thistles, diseases, death, or decay. Out "of the ground Yahweh God caused to grow every tree pleasant to see and good for food" (Genesis 2:9).

Two of the trees not only produced edible food but had miraculous power. One of them was "the tree of the knowledge of good and evil," and the other was "the tree of life" (Genesis 2:9). Of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil Adam and Eve were not to eat (Genesis 2:17).

Their sin caused them to be ejected from the garden, which also cut them off from the tree of life, of which they could have eaten and have lived "forever" (Genesis 3:22). The garden of Eden has long

since disappeared, and so the story of the first Bible garden ends in sadness. We look for a restoration in another garden, the fourth in this study.

**Gethsemane.** The garden of Gethsemane was on the west side of Mount Olive and east of the walls of Jerusalem "beyond the brook Kidron" where "Jesus often went" with "his disciples" (John 18:1-2). The name "Gethsemane" means an oil press, and the garden was located where multitudes of olive trees grew. Shown to tourists today are eight very thick and aged trees still producing olives. They may well be the growth from the roots of the trees which Jesus saw there.

When General Titus in 70 A.D. destroyed Jerusalem he "ordered that they should bring timber together, and raise banks against the city, ... So the trees were now cut down immediately, and the suburbs left naked" (Josephus, WARS OF THE JEWS, V-VI, 2). Hardly could trees so close by as Gethsemane's have been spared.

The garden containing the present day eight old trees is supervised by the Franciscans. A church building there is called "The Basilica of the Agony" (or, "The Church of All Nations," because sixteen nations made contributions). A tourist is told that the church houses the "rock" (?) where Jesus kneeled and prayed.

Adjacent to the garden with the eight old trees is another garden of Gethsemane. It is supervised by Russian Orthodox nuns. In it the trees are much younger. Also a church is there called "The Church of St. Mary Magdalene." An escorting nun said that no one knows the exact site of the garden where Jesus prayed, but it is certain that it was somewhere in the area now marked off by the two gardens.

Oil pressing was done in the fall, and the garden would have been abandoned in the spring when Jesus went there. Jesus' perspiration, compared to "great drops of blood falling down upon the ground" (Luke 22:44), was not because of a hot night, because the night that Jesus was there (Thursday, April 6, A.D. 30) was "cold" (psuchos),

requiring, when people were outside, a warming "charcoal fire" (anthrakia, John 18:18, 25).

Jesus was outside, but he had no warming fire. His sweating was because of his mental anguish and agony, "even to death" (Matthew 26:38), hoping against hope that there might be some other way for him to save sinners without his death. As a human being he offered up "both petitions and pleas with loud crying and tears to the One who could save him from death" (Hebrews 5:7), yet always qualifying his begging, "Not as I will, but as you will" (Matthew 26:39).

**The Garden Tomb.** A living, sweating, agonizing human was in the garden of Gethsemane around midnight, and the next afternoon before the sun went down, his corpse was taken into another garden. "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb" (John 19:41). This third garden could be called a garden of hope, for there, early on Sunday morning, a startled Mary Magdalene heard encouraging words: "Go to my brothers, and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, and my God, and your God'" (John 20:17).

**Paradise.** The fourth garden is called "the Paradise of God," a figurative description of heaven (Revelation 2:7). The word "paradise" means a park, a place of pleasure. The word is found in the Septuagint Greek translation of Genesis 2:8 describing the garden of Eden: *paradeisos*. That the translators used the best possible word is borne out by the fact that Jesus used the same word in describing heaven: "To him who overcomes, to him I will give to eat of the tree of life in the Paradise of God" (Revelation 2:7).

Thus heaven is pictured as a restored garden of Eden. The "tree of life," on "both sides of" a "river of the water of life (clear as crystal," is in the restored garden "bearing twelve fruits monthly" (Revelation 22:1-2). The curse placed on the original garden of Eden (Genesis 3:17-19) will be gone forever, for in "the Paradise of God" there "shall be no curse any more" (Genesis 3:17-19; Revelation 2:7; 22:3).

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Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Larry Flatt  
Reading.....Kane Newby  
Scripture.....Ephesians 3:20-21  
Lord's Table.....\*Mike Mullins  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Don Sullivan

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements .....Willie Newby  
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First Prayer .....Leonard Clemons  
Reading.....Ken Martin  
Scripture.....Proverbs 16:18  
Lord's Table .....\*Tim Gann  
.....\*Tucker Gann  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss..... Norman Sain

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements .....Eddie Palmer  
Lead Singing .....Jared Mullican  
First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
Reading.....Nate Turner  
Invitation .....Rickey Hurst  
Dismiss .....Jeff Flatt

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A President's View of the Bible

"...for so great is my veneration for the Bible and so strong my belief that when duly read and meditated upon, it is of all the books in the world, that which contributes most to make men good, wise, and happy, that the earlier my children begin to read it and the more steadily they pursue the practice of reading it throughout their lives, the more lively and confident will be my hopes that they will prove useful citizens to their country respectable members of society and a real blessing to their parents."

~ Letter from John Quincy Adams to his son George Washington Adams, September 1, 1811 ~  
(via [archives.gov](https://www.archives.gov))

It Couldn't Be Done

Somebody said that it couldn't be done  
But he with a chuckle replied  
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.  
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin  
On his face. If he worried he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it!

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;  
At least no one ever has done it;"  
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat  
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.  
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,  
Without any doubting or quiddit,  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,  
There are thousands to prophesy failure,  
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,  
The dangers that wait to assail you.  
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
Just take off your coat and go to it;  
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing  
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

~ Edgar Albert Guest ~

"Everything Looks Impossible  
For The People Who Never Try Anything"

The Healing Touch

When Jesus met a leper  
Who needed Him so much,  
Jesus showed to him compassion  
And healed him with a touch.

When sinners come to Jesus  
While obeying His commands  
He offers them salvation  
With the touch of nail-scarred hands.

~ Benny B. Bristow ~  
(Corretta's father)

Derrick Stiles named new preacher

The elders announced Sunday morning that brother Derrick Stiles will be the new preacher at Bybee Branch beginning around June 1. Please welcome him, his wife Heather and their son Joseph.

He follows in the footsteps of his grandfathers, Houston Stiles who was the preacher at Bybee Branch from January 1964, through June 1971 and Ernest Laws who preached many times at Bybee Branch. Brother Stiles is well educated and a very capable and sound preacher of the Gospel.



Church Signs With A Message

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Dismiss..... Don Sullivan

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Linda Cantrell - River Park #250

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**SYR - This weekend...**  
SYR (Spring Youth Retreat) is this weekend and will be the 25th anniversary of the Spring Youth Retreat. On Saturday evening at 6 PM there will be a dinner for all the alumni. The chef for the dinner will be Dale Bennett. If you can bring snacks for the kids please have them at the church building by this Friday afternoon. *If you are planning on eating that Saturday evening please sign the list on the bulletin board to allow for proper preparation to be made.*

**Upcoming Youth Events**  
March 26 - Birthday Wednesday  
March 28 - 30 - Spring Youth Retreat (SYR) @ Camp Hy-Lake  
April 6 - Sunday Night Eats  
April 23 - Birthday Wednesday  
April 27 - HEY at Morrison

**Spring Begins**  
The winter days are over  
Cold winds are on the run  
Each morning greets the sunlight  
Like a victory being won.  
  
The air is filled with freshness  
While the birds all chirp and play  
Filling the air with music  
To begin another day.

The flowers are filled with colors  
As the breezes make them sway  
The bees are gathering nectar  
For their hives across the way.

There's a feeling in such rapture  
As all nature gently nods  
Reassuring without doubting  
That there is a living God.

~ Benny Bristow ~

April 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mar 30	31 Delanie Sullivan	Apr 1	2	3	4 Larry Cook	5 Sherry Graves
Apr 6 Martha Cathey Sharla Hillis Sharon Boles  Sunday Night Eats	7	8	9	10	11	12
Apr 13 Dwight Barrett	14 Marty York  Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	15	16	17	18	19 Lynette Kesey Paul Hurst
Apr 20 BOBBY & MARY ASHFORD STEVE & SHARLA HILLIS Tony Lawrence	21 Daniel Schillinger Denice Rhea	22	23 Birthday Wednesday	24 Alfred Johnson Eugene Womack Taylor Gann	25 KANE & COURTNEY MAYNARD	26 Angie Caldwell Hollyn Fuston
Gospel Meeting with Don Blackwell						
Apr 27 Tina Mullins  HEY at Morrison	28 Barry Mayes  Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	29	30 Mike Mullins	May 1	2	3

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Barry Mayes  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Don Sullivan  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....Ephesians 4:11-12  
Lord's Table .....\*Joe Collins  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Chris Snow

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Barry Mayes  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Tim Gann  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Scripture.....Mark 3:28-30  
Lord's Table .....\*Ronnie Prince  
.....\*Cory Prince  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Kane Maynard

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Rickey Hurst  
Lead Singing .....Lincoln Sain  
First Prayer.....Brandon Fuston  
Reading.....Kane Newby  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Darron Dixon

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Bible Study..... 117  
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Baptism

This past week Marilyn Strayn was baptized into Christ. She has physical issues that may prevent her from attending regularly.

Shut-In At Home

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)  
W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
Glenda Ferrell  
Janice Foster  
Greg Grizzell  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Osburn Huntley (Ruby's husband)  
Sarah Kell  
Corretta Lawrence  
Daisy Maxwell  
Judy Nussbaum  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Eva Simons  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)  
Howard Witty  
Marty York

NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Serese Brock #307  
Philip Clemons #411  
Morris Griffith #301  
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412  
Cathy Hennessee #408  
Helen Morgan #200

Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Platt's mother)

Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Anna Jean Bond #B4

**"How precious also are  
Your thoughts to me, O  
God! How great is the sum  
of them!"  
Psalm 139:17**

Don't Follow Me, I'm Lost!

One day while driving my automobile, I came near enough to the car in front of me to be able to read the sticker on the back bumper. It read, "Don't follow me, I'm lost." I was reminded of a personal experience of mine that occurred a few years ago.

I was endeavoring to find a particular building located near a lake and I began following some people I thought were going to the same gathering of brethren where I was supposed to be making a speech, and that they would be able to lead me safely to my destination. I was wrong. After traveling some distance on a dirt road, we came to a dead end. The car in front of me stopped and the driver got out and came to my side of the car and started to ask if I knew where the building we both were looking for was located. I answered quickly that I did not know and that I had been following them, thinking that they knew the directions. Eventually, we all arrived at our desired destination.

In religious matters, we must not assume that others know the way of salvation. This would include preachers, parents, loved ones and friends. There is the probability that a blind leader could cause you to be lost (Matthew 15:14). Just because a certain way seems right does not insure that it is a safe path to travel (Proverbs 14:12). The sad fact is that the majority of people are traveling the wrong highway in this life (Matthew 7:13,14). Individually, we have the responsibility to search the scriptures for ourselves (2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11). The Bible is the only road map that can safely direct us from this life to eternal bliss (Psalm 119:105; Acts 20:32).

Another point that I want to emphasize is that people who are lost spiritually and know it, would do a tremendous service to others by wearing a sign that reads, "Don't follow me, I'm lost." A father who refuses to obey the Gospel could lessen his influence with his children by making it clear that he was lost and that he did not want them to follow his example of disobedience. An unbelieving marriage partner, by wearing this sign would greatly encourage the other mate not to listen to his/her excuses for not obeying Christ. The moralist

would no doubt keep innocent people from believing that he was saved and they could also be saved separate and apart from the blood of Jesus Christ. The hypocrites and backsliders could really help in this matter by wearing this sign, thus informing all people that Christ was not living in them and that they were lost and doomed to eternal perdition. This might prevent others from following their ungodly examples.

The only sure and safe way to travel in this life is to follow Jesus who is "the way" (John 14:6). And, he is the one who says to us, "follow me" (Matthew 16:24).

~ Raymond Elliott ~

A Lasting Legacy

"And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days" (Genesis 49:1). In the words that follow Jacob proceeds to pronounce in prophecy the future of his sons' descendants. For the most part, Jacob's words dealt with the character of each of his sons and what that meant for their children and future generations. Although no one can now utter prophecy about our future descendants, it would do us well to consider the impact our character will have upon those who follow.

All too often, we spend our energies training our children how to be good children (doing well in school, minding us, etc.), but fail to teach them how to be successful adults. Our goals should extend far beyond seeing them graduate from high school or college or marrying. Parental responsibility is not just to provide for children for 18 or so years; it is to use those years in such a way as to make the rest of our children's lives have proper focus and meaning. It does not matter as much what people see in your children while they are at home as it does what they will see after they leave home. Live your life with your moral legacy in mind. Make a Christian life, a Christian home and Christian children your legacy, and future generations will call you blessed.

~ Kevin Rhodes ~



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Lead Singing.....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer.....Willie Newby  
Reading.....David McColloch  
Scripture.....Ephesians 4:20-21  
Lord's Table.....\*Ronnie Hoover  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Dale Bennett

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Barry Mayes  
Lead Singing.....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer.....Ray Weddington  
Reading.....Talan Mullican  
Scripture.....Philippians 3:13-14  
Lord's Table.....\*Tim Gann  
.....\*Tucker Gann  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss..... Kelly Thaxton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Rickey Hurst  
Lead Singing.....Jared Mullican  
First Prayer.....Norman Sain  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Invitation.....Tim Fisher  
Dismiss.....Leonard Clemons

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The Keltonburg church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting April 13-16, with Glen Wilcutt preaching.

The Morrison church of Christ will host a Singing on April 25.

## Upcoming Youth Events

April 23 - Birthday Wednesday  
April 27 - HEY at Morrison

*The worst moment for an atheist is when he feels grateful and doesn't know who to thank.*  
~ Wendy Ward ~

*"The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts."*  
Psalm 10:4

## What Is Right with the Church?

When sinful people try to damage the church, it hurts Christ and His people (Acts 9:4; Matthew 25:45). However, do not be discouraged. The church is so right it cannot be wrong because it was built and founded by Jesus Christ (Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 3:11). Consider some reasons why the church is right! The church is right because:

### ***The price was right!***

The price paid for the church was the death of God's only begotten Son upon the cruel cross for man's redemption. One hymn says, "Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Peter 1:18-19). Paul said that Christ "purchased the church with his own blood" (Acts 20:28).

### ***The plea is right!***

We plead for the Scriptures as the final and the authoritative rule in religion. We speak as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:1). We plead for a restoration of the New Testament system in every essential aspect. We must return to the Word of God in all essential matters, such as the plan of salvation (Acts 2:38; 22:16), the plan for worship (Acts 20:7; 2:42), the plan for church organization (Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:1-13) and the plan for Christian purity (Galatians 5:22-23; 2 Peter 1:5-8).

### ***The promise is right!***

God promises Heaven to the church. Jesus said, "If I go... I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, you may be also" (John 14:3). Heaven is "reserved" for the "born again" (1 Peter 1:3-5). If you love the church as Jesus did, make it your first priority (Matthew 6:33) and the Lord will grant unto you all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3).

~ Mark N. Posey ~  
via Gospel Gazette

*Brother Posey serves as the preacher and one of the elders of the Winfield Church of Christ in Winfield, AL*



## Notes for Gospel Meeting

First, we are excited to have brother Don Blackwell coming. He was scheduled to be with us in 2020 but with the outbreak of COVID the Gospel Meeting was streamed. Lord willing, it will be great to have him with us in person this year. Brother Blackwell serves as one of the elders of the Cookeville church of Christ as well as the Executive Director of the Gospel Broadcasting Network.

Second, since this year's Gospel Meeting Sunday falls on a holiday there will be no fellowship meal following the morning services. However, there will be fellowship meals at local restaurants on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 5 PM. On Monday evening those wanting to attend can meet at the Las Trojas Cantina Mexican Restaurant across from River-Park. On Tuesday evening those wanting to attend can meet at Gondola. Then on Wednesday evening everyone is asked to bring their favorite dessert to be enjoyed following services.

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**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing .....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer .....Kurt Maynard  
Reading .....Ken Martin  
Scripture .....John 4:23-24  
Lord's Table .....\*Bruce Pryor  
Sermon .....Don Blackwell  
Dismiss .....Tommy Turner

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing .....Barry Mayes  
First Prayer .....Cory Prince  
Reading .....Eddie Palmer  
Scripture .....John 14:6  
Lord's Table .....\*Norman Sain  
.....\*Lincoln Sain  
Sermon .....Don Blackwell  
Dismiss .....Nate Turner

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Gospel Meeting

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### At Home:

Doris Smith (with broken foot)

Linda Cantrell (at her son's home temporarily)

### Hospital

none known

## Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to three families at Bybee Branch that have been grieved with the loss of a loved one.

Our sympathy to the family of *Osburn Huntley*, husband of our *Ruby Huntley*. His funeral was this past Sunday.

Also sympathy to the family of *Betty Fletcher*, sister of our *Larry Cook*. Her funeral will be Wednesday in Biloxi, MS.

And sympathy to the family of *Evelyn Richardson*, aunt of our *Angie Caldwell*. Arrangements are incomplete.

## Area Events

*Morrison church of Christ* will host a Singing on April 25.

*Rockliff church of Christ* will host a Friends & Family Day on April 27.

*Trousdale church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting on April 27-30 with Jack Honeycutt preaching.

*Bluff Springs church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting on April 30-May 3 with Alan Gauger preaching.

*Central church of Christ* will host a Ladies Day on May 3 with J.J. Davenport speaking.

*West Riverside church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting on May 4-6 with Ben Bailey preaching.

The Annual Gospel Meeting at the *Old Philadelphia Meeting House* will be on May 4-7 with different speakers preaching.

## Upcoming Youth Events

April 23 - Birthday Wednesday

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## Humorous Event

"I was preaching during a Gospel meeting in Kenton, Tennessee. The weather was hot and dry. All of the windows and doors were open without screens. The church building was equipped with kerosene lamps hanging on the walls. The candle flies and bugs were plentiful. They congregated around the lamps but once in a while one would stray afar. One night when I was preaching away with open mouth, one of the oversized bugs flew into my mouth. I sputtered, coughed and carried on in sight to behold.

Howard McMackin, the song leader, was sitting on the front seat. Loudly enough to be heard by all, Howard said, "He was a stranger and you took him in."

~ Adron Doran ~

*Brother Doran was a colorful man and a great preacher of the Gospel. He was accomplished in so many areas. He served as the Speaker of the House in the Kentucky Legislature, and President of Morehead State University. He delivered powerful lessons on our Lectureship in 1992 and 1993.*

## Something To Think About

"The trouble with most people is that they are looking for a church that doesn't hurt their conscience!"

"He who sees a need and waits to be asked for help is as unkind as if he had refused it." - Dante

"You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you." -- Dale Carnegie



## Gospel Meeting begins this Sunday

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Lead Singing.....Steven Hilton  
First Prayer.....Brandon Fuston  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....Matthew 19:25-27  
Lord's Table.....\*Larry Flatt  
Sermon.....Ray Weddington  
Dismiss.....Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Barry Mayes  
Lead Singing.....Steven Hilton  
First Prayer.....Danny Duncan  
Reading.....Jared Mullican  
Scripture.....Hebrews 11:7  
Lord's Table.....\*Kurt Maynard  
.....\*Clent Kesey  
Sermon.....Barry Mayes  
Dismiss.....Tim Fisher

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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Lead Singing.....Cory Prince  
First Prayer.....Caleb Graves  
Reading.....Mike Mullins  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Daniel Schillinger

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Elder Closing Remarks.....Allen Hughes

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Wednesday PM.....Cory Prince

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580-2477

Sick

At Home:

Doris Smith (with broken foot)  
Linda Cantrell

Hospital

none known

Elders-Deacons Meeting

The quarterly Elders-Deacons Meeting will be this coming Sunday evening, April 27, at 5 PM.

General Business Meeting

The quarterly men’s General Business Meeting will be this Sunday, April 27, following services.

Area Events

Morrison church of Christ will host a Singing on April 25.

Rockliff church of Christ will host a Friends & Family Day on April 27.

Trousdale church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on April 27-30 with Jack Honeycutt preaching.

Bluff Springs church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on April 30-May 3 with Alan Gauger preaching.

Central church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on May 3 with J.J. Davenport speaking.

West Riverside church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on May 4-6 with Ben Bailey preaching.

The Annual Gospel Meeting at the Old Philadelphia Meeting House was scheduled be on May 4-7 but has been CANCELED.

Upcoming Youth Events

April 27 - HEY at Morrison  
May 4 - HEY at Short Mountain Bible Camp

Sunday Morning Worship (5/4/25)

Announcements.....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
Reading.....Kane Newby  
Scripture.....Ephesians 5:1-2  
Lord's Table.....\*Willie Newby  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....David McColloch

Sunday Evening Worship (5/4/25)

Announcements.....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Chris Snow  
Reading.....Ronnie Hoover  
Scripture.....1 Peter 3:18-19  
Lord's Table.....\*Rickey Hurst  
.....\*Jeff Flatt  
Sermon.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

Wednesday Bible Study (5/7/25)

Announcements.....Kelly Thaxton  
Lead Singing.....Eddie Palmer  
First Prayer.....Steven Hilton  
Reading.....Jared Mullican  
Invitation.....Joe Collins  
Dismiss.....Darron Dixon

Ushers:.....Dwight Barrett, Ronnie Prince, Stan Hillis  
Un/Lock Building:.....Herb Rowland/Mike Mullins  
Assist Baptisms:.....Kara Fuston  
Pantry Item:.....Tomato Sauce  
Check Pantry:.....Marsha Collins  
Check Kitchen:.....Nancy Mayfield  
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May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Apr 27 Tina Mullins	28 Barry Mayes	29	30 Mike Mullins	May 1	2	3
May 4	5 Jean Ware	6	7	8	9	10
May 11	12	13	14	15 Kara Fuston	16	17 Maggie Hurst
May 18	19 PAUL & KARA HURST	20	21 BOBBY & CAR- OLYN LANCE	22	23	24
May 25	26 FRANKLIN & LIN- DA BROOKS MIKE & TINA MULLINS  Monday Morning Bible Class 9 AM	27	28	29	30 Harold McGinness	31

TWO WEEK BULLETIN

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Tim Fisher  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....Ephesians 5:15-16  
Lord's Table .....\*Dale Bennett  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Danny Duncan

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Norman Sain  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....Ephesians 5:32-33  
Lord's Table .....\*Cory Prince  
.....\*Ronnie Prince  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss ..... Barry Mayes

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Kelly Thaxton  
Lead Singing.....Tim Gann  
First Prayer .....Stanley Graves  
Reading.....Mike Mullins  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Tucker Gann

**Record for the Week...**

	4/27	5/4
A.M. Worship .....	180.....	187
Bible Study.....	111.....	145
P.M. Worship.....	107.....	118
Wednesday Bible Study.....	172.....	75
Contribution .....	\$5,676.....	\$6,711

**Welcome Committee**

Temporarily suspended

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Ushers: .....Joe Maynard, Rodney Maynard, Kurt Maynard  
Un/Lock Building:.....Herb Rowland/Mike Mullins  
Assist Baptisms: .....Kara Fuston  
Pantry Item: .....crackers  
Check Pantry: .....Marsha Collins  
Check Kitchen:.....Nancy Mayfield  
Check Workroom: .....Rebecca Mullican  
Video .....Clent Kesey  
Elder Closing Remarks .....Leonard Clemons

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Sick

At Home:  
Glenda Ferrell

Hospital

Marty York - Vanderbilt ICU  
Mannie Newby (Willie's brother) - St. Thomas  
West - open heart surgery on Monday or Tuesday  
Mark Fann (Ashley Newby-Fann's father-in-law) -  
Vanderbilt in critical condition  
Don Gribble (Jane Flatt's brother) - RiverPark,  
surgery on Tuesday  
Allen Hughes is scheduled for a heart cath on  
May 13 at St. Thomas Rutherford

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family  
of Philip Clemons, brother of our Linda Hamilton.  
He passed away Thursday evening. Graveside ser-  
vices are pending.

Area Events

West Riverside church of Christ continues a Gospel  
Meeting on May 4-6 with Ben Bailey preaching.

Bethlehem church of Christ will host a Gospel Meet-  
ing on May 11-15 with Bill Haywood preaching.

Mt. View church of Christ in Coffee county will host  
a Gospel Meeting on May 18-21 with Tony  
Lawrence preaching (evening services at 6:30 PM).

Smartt church of Christ will host their VBS on Satur-  
day May 18.

Ivy Bluff church of Christ will host their VBS on June  
1-4.

Rockliff church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting  
on June 8-11 with David Lipe preaching.

Morrison church of Christ will host their VBS on June  
15-18.

Graduates

If you will be graduating from either High School  
or College, please give a graduation photo, from  
where you are graduating and degree you are re-  
ceiving to Tony this week so it can be included in  
an upcoming bulletin.

Summer Series

Our Summer Series is quickly approaching. As in  
the past these will be on Sunday evenings in June  
and July.

The theme this year will be *Rightly Dividing The  
Word of Truth*. Below is the schedule:

June 1 .....	Respecting The Covenants Stan Stevenson
June 8.....	Respecting The Silence of Scripture Derrick Coble
June 15.....	Interpreting Parables Cliff Goodwin
June 22 .....	Importance of Context Kyle Butt
June 29.....	Interpreting Apocalyptic Literature James Rogers
July 6 .....	The Bible As A Pattern Ben Bailey
July 13.....	Interpreting Prophecy Gary McDade
July 20 .....	The Value of Word Study Jonathan Hagar
July 27 .....	Interpreting Wisdom Literature Zack Martin

Upcoming Youth Events

May 18th - Sunday Night Eats  
May 25th - Home Devo @ Civic Center  
May 25-30 - White/Warren Week at Short Moun-  
tain Bible Camp

Shut-In At Home

Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)  
W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
Janice Foster  
Greg Grizzell  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Sarah Kell  
Corretta Lawrence  
Daisy Maxwell  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)  
Howard Witty

NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Serese Brock #307  
Morris Griffith #301  
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412  
Cathy Hennessee #408  
Helen Morgan #200

Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Anna Jean Bond #B4

Point Of View

When someone takes a long time, he is slow.  
When I take a long time, I am thorough. When  
another does not do it, he is lazy. When I do not  
do it, I am too busy. When the other fellow over-  
looks a rule of etiquette, he is rude. When I bend a  
few rules, I am original.

Usually we think our way is best. Many of us have  
become professional critics while expertly guard-  
ing our own shortcomings. It is a strong tempta-  
tion to pick at ,the flaws in others. When we give  
in to this temptation we miss the joy of Jesus  
Christ in loving our neighbor as ourselves.

~ Larry Sullivan Skillman Ave. Bulletin, 1982 ~

Happy Mother's Day!

**Motivator** – Mom always had a way of getting  
me going and making me do right. Many times it  
was with the help of a belt, but the Lord disciplines  
those whom He loves (Proverbs 3:11-12; Hebrews  
12:5-6), and so does a good mother.

**Observant** – Mom always seemed to know what  
was going on; she was quick to correct, but she  
was also quick to praise.

**Therapist** – Whenever I had a problem, I could  
always tell Mom about it. She would listen and give  
council, though she never got paid for it.

**Healer** – I can still remember getting hurt, and  
my first response was that I wanted Mom. I don't  
know why that is, but I always wanted her to know.  
Somehow she made me feel better; somehow she  
made me better.

**Educator** – Though mom did not teach in  
schools or have degrees in education, I learned  
lessons from her that I never could learn in school.  
She raised me from my youth to fear God, to be  
respectful and to take care of my family. I am still  
continuing my education as I learn to be a parent; I  
will learn how to teach my child (Proverbs 22:6).

**Real** – Mom told me how it was, and she still  
does. She tells me what I need to hear, not neces-  
sarily what I want to hear. She does not try to de-  
ceive with flattering words, but rather she speaks  
the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15)

~ Thomas Baxley ~  
via Gospel Gazette

Only Wanted To Help!

While in the midst of a rather lengthy sermon the  
preacher of a fashionable congregation was terri-  
fied to see a small boy shooting the spit-balls at  
certain members.

The boy noticing him hesitate shouted: "You go  
ahead with your preaching, Mister; I'll keep them  
awake!"

~From Bulletin Digest, 1982 ~



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Announcements .....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer .....Joe Collins  
Reading.....Chris Snow  
Scripture.....Hebrews 11:6  
Lord's Table.....\*Ray Weddington  
Sermon .....Barry Mayes  
Dismiss .....Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Bruce Pryor  
Reading .....Ken Martin  
Scripture.....Ephesians 1:3  
Lord's Table .....\*Talan Mullican  
.....\*Jared Mullican  
Sermon.....Brandon Fuston  
Dismiss..... Kane Maynard

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Kelly Thaxton  
Lead Singing.....Lincoln Sain  
First Prayer.....Willie Newby  
Reading.....Kane Newby  
Invitation .....Steven Hilton  
Dismiss.....Allen Hughes

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship .....185  
Bible Study.....129  
P.M. Worship.....108  
Wednesday Bible Study.....96  
Contribution .....\$5,959

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Lisa Hilton  
Margret Schillinger  
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Glenda Ferrell  
Don Gribble (Jane Flatt's brother) - following surgery

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Marty York -Vanderbilt ICU  
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Allen Hughes heart cath on May 13 at St.Thomas  
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Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathies to the family of Philip Clemons, brother of our Linda Hamilton and nephew of Leonard & Avie Clemons. Grave-side services will be this Saturday, May 17, at 10:30 at Smyrna Cemetery.

Ladies Day Planning Meeting

To all ladies of the congregation. There will be a planning meeting this Sunday, May 18, at 5 PM to plan for the Bybee Branch Ladies Day in September.All ladies are encouraged to attend.

Area Events

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Stiles Welcome Fellowship

There will be a fellowship to welcome Derrick, Heather and Joseph Stiles on Sunday, June 22, following the morning services. Fried chicken will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board to bring vegetables and desserts.

Lawrence Retirement Reception

There will be a retirement reception in honor of Tony & Corretta Lawrence on Sunday afternoon, June 8, from 2-4 PM. Light refreshments will be served.

Free Books

There are free books on the tables in the library (please don't take the ones from the shelves, they belong to the church). These are books left over following Tony's moving out of the office. There are several charts and maps there as well. They will be available for one more week. Come and take any or all you want.

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"I TOOK NOTES ON YOUR SERMON. YOU'LL HEAR FROM MY LAWYER."

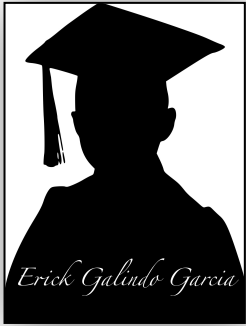
2025 Graduates



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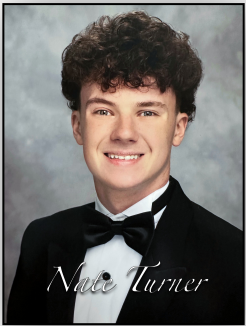
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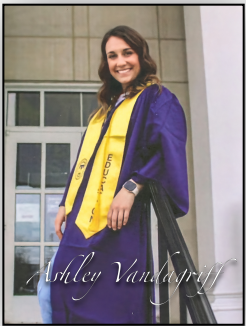


Nate Turner

High School



Kelsey Prince  
Master of Social Work  
Capella University



Ashley Vandagriff  
Bachelor of Science in ED  
Tennessee Tech University

College

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Announcements .....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing.....Steven Hilton  
First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture .....2Corinthians 13:11-12  
Lord's Table .....\*Barry Mayes  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss .....Leonard Clemons

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing.....Steven Hilton  
First Prayer.....Tommy Turner  
Reading.....Nate Turner  
Scripture.....Ephesians 6:10-11  
Lord's Table .....\*Caleb Graves  
.....\*Jacob Graves  
Sermon .....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Kurt Maynard

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Kelly Thaxton  
Lead Singing.....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer.....Danny Duncan  
Reading.....Jeff Flatt  
Invitation.....Tony Lawrence  
Dismiss.....Cory Prince

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A.M. Worship .....164  
Bible Study.....124  
P.M. Worship.....105  
Wednesday Bible Study.....89  
Contribution .....\$4,852

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## Sick

### At Home:

Kirstie Dixon (following back surgery)  
Mannie Newby (Willie's brother)  
Avie Clemons  
Eugene Womack

### Hospital

Glenda Ferrell - River Park ICU  
Marty York - Willow Branch #502  
Mark Fann (Ashley Newby-Fann's father-in-law) -  
Vanderbilt slowly improving

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Ivy Bluff church of Christ will host their VBS on June 1-4.

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## Stiles Welcome Fellowship

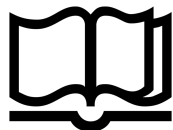
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## Lawrence Retirement Reception

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## Upcoming Youth Events

May 25th - Home Devo @ Civic Center  
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## My Time Is Up

There will always be a "last" in every area of life — a last word, a last meal, a last day on a job... and for me this coming Sunday will be my "last" as the preacher at Bybee Branch.

Saying "thank you" seems in so many ways inadequate. Over the past few months I have been greatly humbled by the many kind words and acts of generosity. I have told others of how lovingly supportive this congregation has been! As Paul said, "You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men;" (2 Corinthians 3:2).

While some have credited me with the ability to stay for forty years it is the congregation and the eldership that deserve the credit. As brother Curtis Cates used to say "if you see a turtle on a fence post you know one thing, he didn't get there by himself." I'm that turtle. I most certainly did not get where I am by myself. I had the strong support of a godly wife. Corretta served as the church secretary for ten years, taught many children in the in the kindergarten class while she also helped rear our family. She made it possible for me frequently to be away preaching, teaching and ministering to those in need. There are so many who made our tenure possible. I cannot fail to mention the sixteen men who have served as shepherds while I served under them (Noel Foster, Lee Flatt, Kenneth Woods, Rodney Reynolds, Bill Biles, Thurman Bennett, Doug Hendrixson, Bob Bonner, Don Griffith, Steve Boyd, Leonard Clemons, Harold Cook Stanley Graves, Don Sullivan, Allen Hughes and Jamie Brock). Over the years several former preachers ended up worshipping at Bybee Branch. I cannot fail to mention Stanley McInery and John Biddle as two great encouragers who have already departed this life. Even today I still enjoy a close friendship with numerous members. Thanks to everyone who has made this journey delightful.

"What will I leave behind?" has been on my mind a lot recently. Has my ministry been successful? Have I represented the Lord and this church well? What could I have done better? My hope is that first it has been pleasing to the Lord. After that, I hope

that I have been able to leave the right impression on the people of the community.

Starting June 1, brother Derrick Stiles will be the new preacher. He is a good, godly man as well as being a faithful preacher. He has a good family. I pray for him and I hope you will too. He deserves the time to establish himself in his work. Work with him, support him, encourage him as you have done for me these many years. As we "pass the baton" for the work of the pulpit it will be a transition but one that can be done successfully if we all have the right attitude. I am confident we will!

If I had one thing for which I would prefer to be remembered it would be that I was a faithful preacher of the Gospel. Brother Dowell Flatt recited the poem "The Bible Man" in chapel one day at Freed-Hardeman. The words of that wonderful poem has stayed with me these many years:

## The Bible Man

He stands behind the sacred desk,  
A book held in his hand;  
And as he speaks his brethren know  
He is a Bible man.

Upon the Scriptures, right and truth  
He ever takes his stand  
To make the gospel clear and plain—  
He is the Bible man.

He loves the grand old Book divine,  
He loves to preach the plan;  
He loves the lost its message saves—  
He is the Bible man.

Let skeptics doubt and heathen rage,  
And build their hopes on sand,  
He loves, and lives, and teaches God's Book—  
He is the Bible man.

When worlds shall end and stars shall fall,  
and at the throne we stand;  
How sweet to hear the King's command,  
Come home you Bible man.

~ Carl H. Bates ~

As this Sunday morning arrives I have a lesson prepared especially for the occasion. It will be taken from 2Corinthians 13:11-12. It is my desire that I can deliver it passionately without being overly emotional. I would make a request to each of you: please invite your family and friends to be at services Sunday. Give me one last opportunity to present a plea for their souls.

What does the future hold for us? Only the Lord knows for sure. Many have asked what I plan to do. I do have several speaking engagements scheduled for this Summer and Fall. I will be teaching a class for the Middle Tennessee School of Preaching on the Journeys of Jesus (August 28 to November 20), Thursday evenings at 6:00 PM. I will also teach a class in the new graduate program for Memphis School of Preaching (August 14 to October 31) on Logic and Epistemology. The MSOP class will be taught remotely from our house, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. And, who knows, I may even find time to fish occasionally (something I haven't done but once in at least 20 years).

*"do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:"* Ephesians 1:16

*"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

~ Tony Lawrence ~

**"Great is the LORD,  
and greatly to be  
praised; And His  
greatness is  
unsearchable."  
Psalm 145:3**



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing .....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer .....Joe Collins  
Reading.....Kane Maynard  
Scripture .....Isaiah 43:18-19  
Lord's Table.....\*Norman Sain  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing .....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer .....Tim Gann  
Reading .....Tucker Gann  
Scripture .....Hebrews 8:6-7  
Lord's Table .....\*Kurt Maynard  
.....\*Kane Maynard  
Sermon .....Stan Stevenson  
Dismiss .....Jeff Flatt

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Dale Bennett  
Lead Singing.....Eddie Palmer  
First Prayer.....Cory Prince  
Reading.....Lincoln Sain  
Invitation .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Kelly Thaxton

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship .....232  
Bible Study.....160  
P.M. Worship.....107  
Wednesday Bible Study.....80  
Contribution .....\$6,303

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**Sick**

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Mannie Newby (Willie's brother)

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Vanderbilt slowly improving.  
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**Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Jothie Bai, mother of Alfred Johnson. She passed away this past week. Should you wish to send Alfred a card his address is: Alfred Daniel Johnson, PO Box 5135, Mangilao, 96923 Guam.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Marty York. He passed away Sunday morning. At this time there are no plans for a service.

**Upcoming Area Events**

Ivy Bluff church of Christ will host their VBS on June 1-4.

Campaign church of Christ will host their VBS on June 1-4.

Morrison church of Christ will host Singing School on June 5, 7, 8. See the flyer on the bulletin board for details.

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**Summer Series: Stan Stevenson**

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Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer .....Stanley Graves  
Reading.....David McColloch  
Scripture.....Colossians 2:6-7  
Lord's Table .....Larry Flatt  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Willie Newby  
Reading.....Nate Turner  
Scripture.....Hebrews 7:11-14  
Lord's Table .....Jacob Graves  
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Sermon .....Derrick Coble  
Dismiss.....Don Sullivan

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Dale Bennett  
Lead Singing.....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer .....Steve Hilton  
Reading.....Nate Turner  
Invitation.....Brandon Fuston  
Dismiss.....Talan Mullican

**Record for the Week...**

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Bible Study.....160  
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Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
Reading.....Chris Snow  
Scripture.....John 3:1-2  
Lord's Table .....Barry Mayes  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Bruce Pryor

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Kurt Maynard  
Reading.....Kane Newby  
Scripture.....Matthew 13:10-13  
Lord's Table .....Lincoln Sain  
.....Norman Sain  
Sermon .....Cliff Goodwin  
Dismiss ..... Paul Hurst

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Dale Bennett  
Lead Singing .....Jarrod Mullican  
First Prayer .....Joe Collins  
Reading .....Tucker Gann  
Invitation .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Mike Mullins

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Contribution .....\$5389

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Daniel Schilinger - St.Thomas Rutherford Rm 731

Surgeries:

Thelma Roland surgery on Thursday June 12

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Shut-In At Home

Irma Castorena (Josue’s mother)  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford’s sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan’s mother)  
W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
Corretta Lawrence  
Janice Foster  
Daisy Maxwell  
Greg Grizzell  
Howard Witty  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Sarah Kell  
Glenda Ferrell

NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Serese Brock #307  
Morris Griffith #301  
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher’s mother) #412  
Cathy Hennessee #408  
Helen Morgan #200

Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt’s mother)

Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Anna Jean Bond #B4

A New Beginning

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I write to you today with a heart full of gratitude, humility, and hope. As I begin this new chapter as your minister, I am both honored and humbled by the opportunity to serve alongside you in this congregation.

Transitions often come with a mix of emotions—excitement for what’s ahead, sorrow for what’s been left behind, and anticipation of all that God has in store. My family and I have felt your warm welcome already, and we are thankful for the love and kindness you have shown us. We are eager to build relationships, hear your stories, and walk with you as fellow disciples of Jesus Christ.

The Scriptures remind us in Philippians 1:6 that “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” I believe that the Lord is already at work here in mighty ways, and I am excited to join you in that work. Together, we will seek to be faithful to the Gospel, to love one another deeply, and to serve our community.

As we move forward together, I want you to know that I come not as one with all the answers, but as a fellow learner, listener, and servant. My desire is to lead by example, with humility and compassion, grounded in the truth of God’s Word. I believe in the power of prayer and the importance of walking in unity, Ephesians 4. In all things, I want us to be a church that reflects the character of Christ to a watching world.

Over the coming weeks and months, I hope to hear your thoughts for this congregation moving forward. What burdens are on your heart for this community, for the next generation, for the hurting and the lost? Your voices matter. Your experiences matter. Together, we are the body of Christ, each part uniquely made for His purpose, Ephesians 2:10.

Let us be a praying people, a worshipping people, and a people who love well. Let us open the Word of God with reverence, and our hearts with expectation. I believe God is preparing us for something beautiful—not because of who we are, but because of who He is.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your minister. I look forward to what God will do through us. May this be a season of deep spiritual growth, renewed vision, and overflowing joy.

In Christ’s love,

Derrick Stiles

**“You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”**

2 Timothy 2:1-2

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer .....Ray Weddington  
Reading.....Jason Vandergriff  
Scripture.....Mark 1:12-13  
Lord's Table .....Tim Fisher  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Danny Duncan

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Barry Mayes  
Reading.....Don Sullivan  
Scripture.....Proverbs 4:5-7  
Lord's Table .....Jarod Mullican  
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Sermon .....Kyle Butt  
Dismiss .....Jeff Flatt

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Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Invitation.....Paul Hurst  
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# Sick

## At Home:

Mannie Newby (Willie's brother)  
Thelma Rowland - at home recovering from surgery

## Hospital:

Glenda Ferrell - NHC #119  
Goodie Webb (Susan Pryor's aunt) - NHC  
Daniel Schilinger - St.Thomas Rutherford Rm 862  
(No visitors at this time)

# Upcoming Area Events

Arlington church of Christ will host their Thursday Night Summer Series. Series to continue each Thursday night in June.

Hwy 56N church of Christ will host their VBS on June 22-25. Sun. At 5:30pm, Mon. - Wed. 6:30pm nightly

Oak Grove church of Christ, Walling, will host a Gospel Meeting June 22-25 with Alan Northcutt speaking.

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# Stiles Family Welcome

The work of the Stiles family began at Bybee Branch on June 1. Welcome Derrick, Heather and Joseph!

There will be a fellowship to welcome Derrick, Heather and Joseph on Sunday, June 22, following the morning services. Fried chicken will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be on the bulletin board to bring vegetables and desserts.

# Vacation Bible School

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# Summer Series: Kyle Butt

This Sunday evening is the fourth night of our Summer Series with the theme: "Rightly Dividing The Word of Truth." The fourth lesson will be by brother Kyle Butt on 'Importance of Context.' Brother Kyle Butt is the Associate Director of Apologetics Press of Montgomery, AL.

# The Church of Today or Tomorrow?

A very popular song of years gone by recognized that "children are our future." In viewing the future, the past must be considered. The record reveals sin to be man's problem (Gen. 2:16-17; 3:6-7), but it doesn't have to be that way (James 4:7; 1 Thess. 5:22). The devil knows all of this and starts with our young.

Obedience to God should start in youth (Ecc. 12:1). The world understands this as the public education system is directed to the youth, and a continued push is for even younger participation. It's recognized in sports and other activities all directed to the young. Jesus the perfect example gave divine recognition to growth and development in youth with help of His good earthly parents (Luke 2:52).

Every accountable person is responsible to God. Consider Samuel of old (1 Sam. 1-4). His mother dedicated him to the Lord, and at a very young age God called for him. Timothy, commended in Acts 16:2 by the brethren at Lystra and Iconium, is an example of one remembering God in his youth (11 Tim. 1:5). He progressed so well in on-the-job training, that in youth he could be left in Berea (Acts 17:13-14) while Paul escaped to Athens. At the proper time youth do become accountable to God.

Is there something you can do about the future of the church of God? Yes, parents are charged to train up their children (Proverbs 22:6) with dad responsible (Eph. 6:4). Who is in charge, parents, at your house? You or your children?

Youth have responsibility, too. Remember the disrespect shown Elisha (11 Kings 2:22-24). God

pronounced a death penalty on those rebellious youths. Children learn respect for God and for family at home (Prov. 19:18). Study habits can and should be set in the home (11 Tim. 2:15). Serving others (James 1:27), worship (John 4:24), leading others to Christ (John 1:40-41), choosing good friends (1 Cor. 15:33) all should be seen and taught primarily in the home. If the home works as designed by God, then this will be done, and it greatly affects the future of the Lord's people.

It has often been observed that youth are the future of the Church. If our youth have obeyed the gospel of Christ, then they're the church of today as well as the church of tomorrow. The way to overcome moral decay and troubles of our day is to teach and prepare children now. Neither government money nor any state social program can replace the good that God can do through the lives of dedicated, prepared children. Invest wisely in the future, let's train our children now. Make them aware of the pitfalls of sin and evil in the world, and let them see Christ living in us.

- Derrick Stiles

***“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise: that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth. And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”***

**Ephesians 6:1-4**

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Scripture .....John 10:17-18  
Lord's Table .....Kane Newby  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

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First Prayer .....Nate Turner  
Reading.....Joseph Stiles  
Scripture .....2 Timothy 3:16-17  
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Sermon .....James Rogers  
Dismiss .....Jacob Graves

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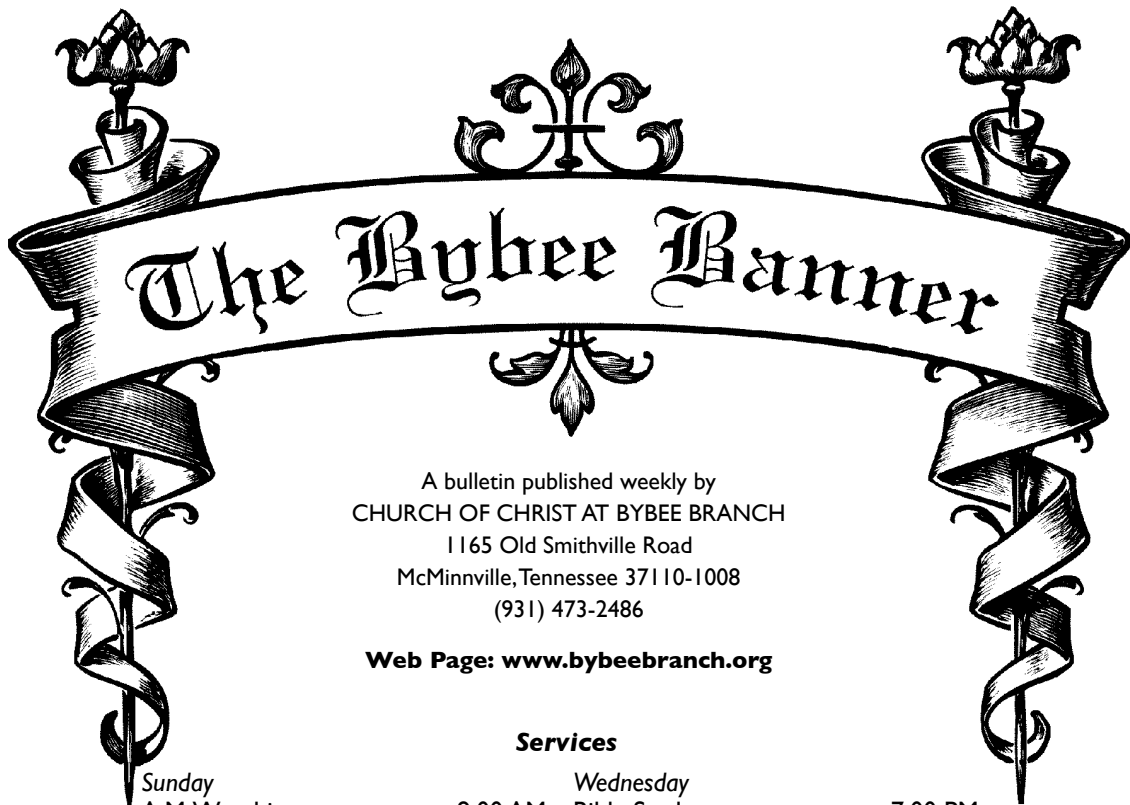
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Nevertheless I am continually with You;  
You hold me by my right hand. You will  
guide me with Your counsel, And afterward  
receive me to glory. Whom have I in  
heaven but You? And there is none upon  
earth that I desire besides You. My flesh  
and my heart fail; But God is the strength  
of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalm 73:23-26

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Jun 29 John Nussbaum	30	DERRICK & HEATH...	2 DAVID & STEFANIE... DON & JUDY SULLI...	3	4	5 ALLEN & GLENDA...
Jul 6 Judy Nussbaum Kurt Maynard	7	8 Louise Miller	9	10 Glenda Faye Ferrell	11 Greg Grizzell Lillie Rutledge	12 Jean Clendenon
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Jul 27	28 JEFF & MARY FLATT  Monday Morning Bible Class	29	30 TIM & AMANDA GANN	31 Betty McPherson CLENT & LYNETTE... Renee Nearing	Aug 1 TIM & CINDY FISHER	2 Rebecca Mullican Skylar McElroy
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Reading .....Mike Mullins  
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Dismiss .....Joseph Stiles

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Contribution .....\$6985

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Bible Study?!

Studying the Bible with others strengthens faith, builds community, and deepens understanding of God's Word. It allows us to learn, ask questions, and grow together in truth. Proverbs 27:17 says, “As iron sharpens iron, So a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.” Group, at home or personal Bible study encourages accountability, provides support, and helps us apply Scripture to our daily lives. It’s a chance to pray, share, and uplift one another through God’s promises. Don’t walk alone, invite others and grow stronger together in Christ.

Shut-In At Home

Irma Castorena (Josue’s mother)  
W.C. & Nelma Chilton  
Janice Foster  
Greg Grizzell  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Sarah Kell  
Corretta Lawrence  
Daisy Maxwell  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan’s mother)  
Howard Witty  
Gail Crouch (No Visits)  
Thelma Rowland  
Goodie Webb (Susan Pryor’s aunt)  
Maggie Hurst

Willow Branch Therapy

Daniel Schillinger #308

NHC  
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Serese Brock #307  
Morris Griffith #301  
Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher’s mother) #412  
Cathy Hennessee #408  
Glenda Ferrell #119

Brookdale Retirement Center  
(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)

Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt’s mother)

Riverview Terrace  
(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)

Anna Jean Bond #B4

The Foolishness of the Lazy  
(Proverbs 6:6-11)

Did you ever look at an ant hill,  
And wonder how it was made?  
Surely not by lying around,  
And drinking lemonade in the shade.  
Now look here you lazy fella,  
Pay attention to the ant and see.  
Learn from its example,  
Then a good and wise worker you’ll be.  
The ant has no supervisor,  
No boss to say do this or go there!  
It gathers its food in the summer,  
Storing supplies for the winter’s cool air.  
So how long will you lie there lazy fella,  
With folded arms and feet propped up high?  
When will you wake up and realize,  
Hard times are just about nigh.  
Look out and beware of your folly,  
Your laziness will overtake you one day.  
You’ll find yourself alone and so hungry,  
In the cold and the rain with no place to stay!

Jay Launius

Proverbs 6:6-11

“Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, Which, having no captain, Overseer or ruler, Provides her supplies in the summer, And gathers her food in the harvest. How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep, So shall your poverty come on you like a prowler, And your need like an armed man.”

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First Prayer.....Chris Snow  
Reading.....Jason Vandergriff  
Scripture.....Matthew 14:26-29  
Lord's Table.....Norman Sain  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Tim Fisher

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Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Scripture.....2 Peter 1:20-21  
Lord's Table .....Tim Gann  
.....Tucker Gann  
Sermon .....Gary McDade  
Dismiss.....Tony Lawrence

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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Lead Singing.....VBS  
First Prayer.....VBS  
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Dismiss.....VBS

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"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Can You Know?

"Who really knows what the Bible means? Everybody has his own interpretation of it." If this is true, then why don't we see this as a big problem in the New Testament?

The first Christians had no trouble understanding baptism. They knew they were baptized to be saved. When Peter said to repent and be baptized to be forgiven of sins (Acts 2:38), the Jews didn't argue, "That's not how we've heard it. We believe we are baptized to show we've already been saved." We read of no such misinterpretation because the people just accepted the Word for what it said.

The early churches had no problem understanding their duty to assemble for worship on the first day of the week. This "assembly" was a given for James' readers. He didn't have to prove it was necessary or explain what it was (James 2:2). When the writer said not to forsake this assembly like some (Heb. 10:25), his readers knew what he meant. Paul wrote about the Corinthians "coming together" (I Cor. 5:4; 11:17-34; 14:23-26), but they didn't ask, "What kind of gathering is he talking about?" They knew what their duty was.

Members of the church in the first century had no difficulty understanding the observance of the Lord's Supper. They knew which foods were to be used. They realized how and when and why it was given even though they sometimes abused it through their selfish pride (I Cor. 11:17-34). When Paul wrote Ephesians, Colossians, and other epistles he made no mention of the Lord's Supper. Why? They understood it. How was that possible if the Bible is so open to various interpretations that they couldn't know what it meant?

Someone may say, "Yes, but those Christians did misinterpret the word of God sometimes. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth and they misapplied what he said according to I Corinthians 5:9-11." That is true, but Paul cleared up their misunderstanding in those verses and the church at Corinth got the message and did what Paul told them to do (I Cor. 5:10-11; II Cor.

2:1-10). Those people were human just like us. They didn't always understand perfectly what they read the first time, but with patience and effort they did.

When Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, he said, "When ye read, ye may understand" (Eph. 3:3-4). How could the Christians there have understood this letter if it could have been interpreted in different ways and no one could be sure what it taught? Notice also that Paul said they could understand the words he wrote by *reading* them. They didn't have to get a priest, a bishop, or a pope to tell them what it said. They could read it for themselves and know what it meant.

Jesus said, "And ye shall know the truth." (John 8:32). His promise is true for us today. We should be humble as we read the Bible, but we should not let people confuse us.

Derrick Stiles

**The Great Inheritance**  
(I John 3:1; Romans 8:14-16)

Oh what a wonderful blessing,  
To have the Lord's love on me and you!  
To be called the children of God,  
And to this we know it is true.  
All being led by the Spirit,  
Then the sons of God are we.  
We did not receive the spirit of bondage,  
But by adoption we have been set free.  
We cry out, "Abba Father!"  
The Spirit then bears witness indeed.  
We are no longer children of the world,  
But off-spring of the Lord's good seed.  
If then we are God's children,  
Then heirs of the Lord are we.  
As heirs then joint heirs with Christ Jesus,  
And the glory of heaven we'll see!

-Unknown Author-



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Announcements .....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Kurt Maynard  
Reading .....Kane Newby  
Scripture .....John 5:12-17  
Lord's Table .....Ray Weddington  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Joe Collins

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Joe Collins  
Reading .....Tucker Gann  
Scripture .....Hebrews 4:11-13  
Lord's Table .....Tommy Turner  
.....Nate Turner  
Sermon .....Jonathan Hagar  
Dismiss .....Cory Prince

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Jeff Flatt  
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First Prayer .....Rickey Hurst  
Reading .....David McColloch  
Invitation .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Jacob Graves

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Elders-Deacons Meeting

The quarterly Elders-Deacons Meeting will be this coming Sunday evening, July 27, at 5 PM.

General Business Meeting

The quarterly men's General Business Meeting will be this Sunday, July 27, following services.

Upcoming Area Events

Rock Island church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on July 20-23. Guest Speaker Carey Terry.

Arlington church of Christ will host their VBS on July 20-23.

Ivy Bluff church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on July 20-24. Guest Speaker Ben Bailey.

Jericho church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on July 27-30. Different guest Speaker each night.

Bethlehem church of Christ will host a VBS on July 27-31.

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East End church of Christ will host a Summer Series each Sunday night from July 6th through August 17. Theme: 'Armor of God.'

Youth Home Devo.

There will be a Youth home devotion night on August 3rd. Location and needs for this event will be announced in the next bulletin. Mark your calendars in preparation for this good work!

Success at VBS!

Thank you to everyone who made VBS a huge success. Work behind the scenes included: decoration of fellowship hall, decorating rooms for skits and volunteers putting these skits together, last, all those who attended for spiritual growth and edification. We want to say thank you to everyone who helped in any capacity!

Summer Series: Jonathan Hagar

This Sunday evening is the eighth night of our Summer Series with the theme: "Rightly Dividing The Word of Truth." The eighth lesson will be presented by brother Jonathan Hagar on 'The Value of Word Study.' Brother Hagar comes to us from Aberdeen church of Christ in Aberdeen, Ms.

"Do you see that faith was working together with his works, and by works faith was made perfect And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God. You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only"

James 2:22-24

What Makes a Successful Church?

The answer to that question depends on whom you ask. Most people think a successful church is measured in large numbers, big budgets, programs that meet their needs, and state-of-the-art facilities.

However, none of those "standards" are proof of success. In fact, each one of those standards could just as well be present in a dead church. Do you remember the church at Sardis (Revelation 3:1-6)? This was a church that had a good reputation and was alive and well in the eyes of the community, but in the eyes of God, they were dead (Revelation 3:1).

Apparently, God doesn't see as we see (Isaiah 55:8-9), and he doesn't measure success in the same way that we measure success. While there is nothing wrong with numbers, programs, big budgets, and large facilities, a church can be successful in the eyes of God without possessing a single one of these qualities.

What, then, is the measure of a successful church?

- Christians who humbly try to live out the Lordship of Jesus in their lives daily.
- Christians who love the truth supremely, who will not allow their own personal desires or situations to skew their perception of God's revelation.
- Christians who are committed to moral living and are more concerned with godliness than fitting in with society.
- Christians who love peace more than they do a fight and who love the calmness of unity more than the rhetoric of a fuss.
- Christians who support the weak, restore the fallen, and reaffirm their love and commitment to those who have stumbled.

Now, these characteristics would make a successful church! And note: It's not about size, big budgets, programs, or facilities. Rather, it's about inward transformation and spirituality. And here's the best news of all: we don't have to have large numbers, multimillion-dollar budgets, or state-of-the-art facilities. The qualities that bring success and constitute greatness in God's eyes are qualities that are within our reach.

Steve Higginbotham



The Plan of Salvation = God's Plan of Salvation

GOD'S PART

The great love of God for man (John 3:16)  
He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior (Luke 19:10)  
Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide (John 16:13)  
Gave the Gospel as "the power" unto salvation (Romans 1:16)  
Provided atonement by the blood of Christ (Romans 5:9)

MAN'S PART

Hear the Gospel. (Romans 10:17, John 8:32)  
Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6, John 20:31)  
Repent of past sins (Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30)  
Confess faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 10:10, Matthew 10:32)  
Be Baptized (Galatians 3:27, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38)  
Live faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10)

God has done His part; will you do yours?

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Lead Singing .....Barry Mayes  
First Prayer .....Ronnie Hoover  
Reading .....Ken Martin  
Scripture .....John 4:46-50  
Lord's Table .....Tim Gann  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing .....Barry Mayes  
First Prayer .....Mike Mullins  
Reading .....Joseph Stiles  
Scripture .....Ecclesiastes 12:11-14  
Lord's Table .....Ronnie Prince  
.....Cory Prince  
Sermon .....Zach Martin  
Dismiss .....Kelly Thaxton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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Reading .....Dale Bennett  
Invitation .....Don Sullivan  
Dismiss .....Darron Dixon

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Susan Pryor

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Stan Clendenon - St Thomas Rutherford #753

Surgery:

Mary Ashford - Knee surgery on July 24

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Welcome...

New addition to our church family. We want to welcome Michael, Heather, Wilhem and Samuel Pack. Please encourage them as they begin a phase in their walk with God.

Birthday Wednesday!

Wednesday night July 30 our youth group will celebrate birthday's for our youth from June - August! They will meet in the fellowship hall!

Bible Bowl Meeting

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Congrats Seth & Haley Graves

Congratulations to Seth & Haley Graves in the future arrival of Rylee Claire Graves. A gift table has been prepared in the Secretary's office in honor of the long anticipated arrival of this precious child. Please leave gift or card on the desk by July 30.

Summer Series: Zack Martin

This Sunday evening is the last night of our Summer Series with the theme: "Rightly Dividing The Word of Truth." The last lesson will be presented by brother Zack Martin on 'Interpreting Wisdom Literature.' Brother Martin currently serves as Instructor of Historical Theology and Dean of Students at HCU

What lies before us? Part I

"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." — *Philippians 3:13–14, NKJV*

Every Christian has a past, but praise be to God—we are not prisoners of it. Whether it's a past full of mistakes, regrets, or even great successes, Scripture teaches us not to live backward but forward. As Paul so powerfully says in Philippians, we are to forget what is behind and press on toward Christ.

1. The Burden of the Past

The past has a way of lingering. Sometimes it's the memory of sin we've committed before we obeyed the gospel. Other times, it's mistakes we've made even after becoming Christians. There are also personal hurts, failures, and disappointments that weigh us down emotionally and spiritually.

Satan loves to weaponize our past. He wants to remind us of who we were so we forget who we are *in Christ*. He accuses, he shames, and he distracts us from our mission (Revelation 12:10). But when God forgives, He *remembers our sins no more* (Hebrews 8:12). If God has let it go, why should we hold on?

Holding on to guilt that has already been forgiven is not humility—it's unbelief. We must believe that the blood of Jesus is truly sufficient to cleanse us (1 John 1:7). We are not defined by what we've done but by what Jesus has done for us.

2. Biblical Examples of Moving Forward

Paul, who penned Philippians, is the perfect example. Before becoming an apostle, he persecuted Christians, dragging them from their homes and approving their deaths (Acts 8:1–3; Acts 9:1–2). He described himself as the "chief" of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). Yet after encountering Christ, he did not let his shame paralyze him. He

accepted grace and spent the rest of his life pressing forward.

King David also made tragic mistakes—adultery, deceit, and even murder. But when he repented, God forgave him, and David continued to seek after God's heart (Psalm 51; Acts 13:22). Even Peter, who denied Jesus three times, found restoration and purpose (John 21:15–19). Their stories teach us that God is not finished with us when we fail. He redeems broken pasts and uses them for His glory.

3. Forgetting Does Not Mean Erasing

When Paul says "forgetting those things which are behind," he does not mean a literal erasure of memory. Paul often recalled his past (Galatians 1:13) as a testimony to God's grace. Instead, he meant that the past no longer controlled or defined his present.

There is a difference between learning from the past and living in it. The past may explain us, but it does not excuse us—and it does not own us. God can use even the worst parts of our history as instruments of His mercy and power. Joseph told his brothers, "You meant evil against me, but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20). That's what God can do with your past.

Conclusion: Press On

What lies behind you may explain part of your story—but it does not define you. In Christ, you are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Forget what is behind. Reach forward to what is ahead. Keep your eyes on Jesus. The best is not behind you—it's ahead of you.

"Let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith..." — *Hebrews 12:1–2*

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

Derrick Stiles



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Announcements.....Barry Mayes  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Ray Weddington  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....Matthew 27:11-14  
Lord's Table.....Tony Lawrence  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....David McColloch

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Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Rickey Hurst  
Reading.....Michael pack  
Scripture.....Proverbs 5:7-9  
Lord's Table.....Jared Mullican  
.....Talan Mullican  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Kane Newby

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Lead Singing.....Cory Prince  
First Prayer.....Caleb Graves  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
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Dismiss.....Joseph Stiles

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Mike York - Vanderbilt Burn Center Nashville

Upcoming Area Events

Smyrna church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on August 3-6. Guest Speaker John Summers.

Bonner church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on August 3-6. Guest Speaker Jack Honeycutt.

Auburn Hills church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on August 3-8. Guest Speaker John Shannon.

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Unity church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on August 10-13. Guest Speaker Robby Eversole, Sr.

Fredonia church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on August 10-13. Guest Speaker David Lipe.

East End church of Christ will host a Summer Series each Sunday night from July 6th through August 17. Theme: 'Armor of God.'

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



Biblical Studies in the Fall

West Riverside church of Christ will host The Middle Tennessee School of Preaching and Biblical Studies on Thursday August 28 and continue each Thursday night through November 20. Tony Lawrence will begin this classroom study with the topic 'Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus' at 6pm. Milton James will follow Bro. Tony on August 28 at 7pm on the subject of 'Who was James?' Each Thursday night to follow will begin at 7pm. We will note the speaker change each week beginning in September.

Family Devotional Night

There will be a family devotional night on August 3rd. This will be after evening services at the ballfields at the Milner Recreation Center. Everyone is invited for a period of devotion, games and great food. Mark your calendars in preparation for this good work!

Congratulations!

This past Sunday Morning, July 27, Kit Moser was restored to the Lord's church. Also, Thomas Gardener was baptized into Christ. We know the angels are rejoicing in Heaven at the decision of these two men to grow closer to Christ. Please encourage these men in continuing their walk, reminding them they are not alone in bearing the burdens of this life.

Bible Bowl Meeting

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Summer Series...

Is officially over! Thank you to the speakers for all the wonderful lessons from God's inspired word, as well as all who attended this great work. Preparation is underway for the 2026 Summer Series. The speakers have been chosen and the summer theme is "Go and Tell the Good News."

August 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jul 27	28 JEFF & MARY...	29	30 TIM & AMAND...	31 Betty McPhers... CLENT & LYNETTE KESEY Renee Nearing	TIM & CINDY FISHER	2 Rebecca Mullican Skylar McElroy
Aug 3 Hayes Fuston	4 Kara Hurst	5	6	7 TOMMY & PAMELA TURNER	8 Stanley Clendenon	9
Aug 10  Bible Bowl Planning Meeting 2pm	11	12 Allen Hughes	13	14 Wilma Rogers	15 Marty Boles	16 Elmer Rutledge Jamie Griffith
					Polishing	The Pulpit
Aug 17	18 Steve Hillis	19	20	21 Mary Ashford	22 Taylor League	23 Thelma Rowland
	Polishing The Pulpit					
Aug 24 Pamela Turner	25	26	27 Linda Cantrell	28	29 Clent Kesey	30
Aug 31 HEATH & JAMIE GRIFFITH  Brownie Kate Bielling  Labor Day Youth Madness	Sep 1 Nancy Mayfield Rodney Reynol...	2	3 CHRIS & LORI...	4	5	6 Gail Crouch

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing .....Barry Mayes  
First Prayer .....Tim Fisher  
Reading .....Lincoln Sain  
Scripture .....Matthew 27:11-14  
Lord's Table .....Allen Hughes  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Danny Duncan

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing .....Barry Mayes  
First Prayer .....Bruce Pryor  
Reading .....Chris Snow  
Scripture .....Proverbs 5:7-9  
Lord's Table .....Kurt Maynard  
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**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Joe Collins  
Lead Singing .....Tim Gann  
First Prayer .....Ronnie Hoover  
Reading .....Kelly Thaxton  
Invitation .....Larry Flatt  
Dismiss .....Brandon Fuston

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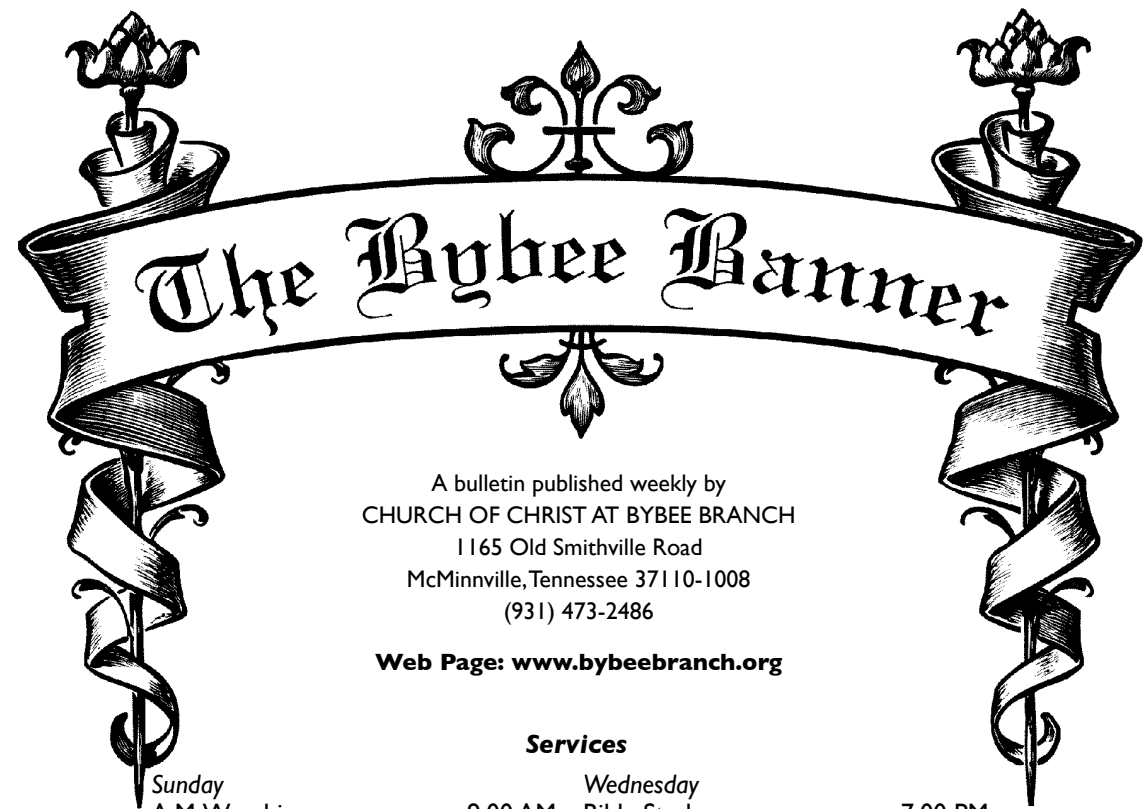
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Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)  
Howard Witty  
Gail Crouch (No Visits)  
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Maggie Hurst  
Glenda Ferrell  
Daniel Schillinger  
Susan Pryor  
Stanley Clendenon  
Mary Ashford

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Cathy Hennessee #408

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Anna Jean Bond #B4



## Upcoming Area Events

Unity church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on August 10-13. Guest Speaker Robby Eversole, Sr.

Fredonia church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on August 10-13. Guest Speaker David Lipe.

East End church of Christ will host a Summer Series each Sunday night from July 6th through August 17. Theme: 'Armor of God.'

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## Bible Bowl Meeting

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## Congratulations!

This past Sunday Morning, August 3rd, Pat McGuire came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation. She confessed sin in her life and was restored to the Lord's church. Please encourage sister Pat in continuing her walk with Christ.

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## Back to School with Godly Purpose

As summer fades and a new school year begins, it's a time filled with anticipation, anxiety, and opportunity—for students, teachers, and parents alike. While school supplies and schedules are being organized, let us also prepare spiritually for the journey ahead. Scripture provides timeless guidance and encouragement as we return to the classroom and face new challenges, relationships, and responsibilities.

### I. Wisdom Begins with God

One of the most important reminders for the school year is found in Proverbs 1:7: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction." School is not just a place to learn reading, math, and science—it's a place where young hearts and minds are shaped. True knowledge begins with reverence for God. As believers, we should encourage students to seek God's wisdom above all, allowing His Word to be the foundation for all other learning.

## 2. Be a Light

Jesus taught in Matthew 5:14, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden." As children and teens return to classrooms filled with diverse influences and beliefs, they have the chance to be a powerful influence for Christ. Their actions, words, and choices can reflect the love of Jesus to peers and teachers. Whether it's showing kindness to someone who feels left out, speaking honestly when tempted to cheat, or offering a prayer for a struggling classmate—God calls each student to shine His light.

### 3. Do Everything for the Lord

Paul wrote in Colossians 3:23: "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men." This verse encourages students and teachers alike to approach school work and teaching with excellence and diligence—not just to please others or earn a grade, but as a way of honoring God.

### 4. Guard Your Heart and Mind

Philippians 4:8 reminds us, "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right... think about such things." School can be a place of great growth, but also a battleground for the heart. The world offers many ideas and temptations that run contrary to God's truth. That's why students need to be equipped with discernment and rooted in the Word. Parents and the church can help by creating space for regular Bible study, prayer, and open conversations about faith and life.

### Conclusion:

Returning to school is more than just a routine—it's a divine opportunity. It's a chance to grow not only in knowledge but in faith and character. Let us pray for our students, teachers, administrators, and families as they embark on this journey. May the Lord go before them, walk beside them, and be glorified in all they do. Let this school year be a year of growing closer to Christ, serving others, and living out the gospel—even in the classroom.

Derrick Stiles



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

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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

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Contribution.....\$6494

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Congratulations!

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What lies before us? Part 2

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

4. Reaching Forward to Christ

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

5. Grace for Today, Hope for Tomorrow

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

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

6. Living Forward as a Church

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

Conclusion: Press On

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

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

Derrick Stiles

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First Prayer .....Tim Gann  
Reading .....Cory Prince  
Scripture .....Matthew 28:6-10  
Lord's Table .....Willie Newby  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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First Prayer .....Jacob Graves  
Reading .....Marty Boles  
Scripture .....James 1:2-6  
Lord's Table .....Brandon Fuston  
.....Joseph Stiles  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Kelly Thaxton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements .....Joe Collins  
Lead Singing .....Lincoln Sain  
First Prayer .....Jarod Mullican  
Reading .....Kurt Maynard  
Invitation .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Kane Maynard

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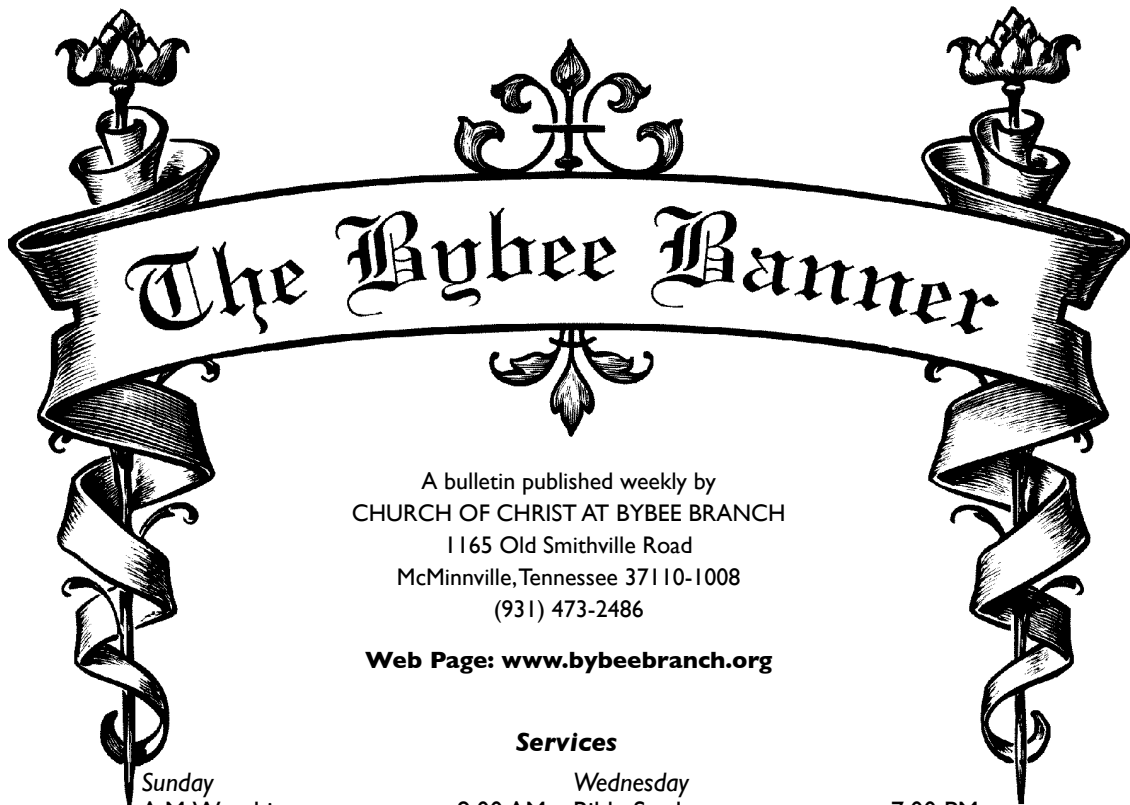
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Leoni church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on September 6. Guest Speaker Debbie Kea.

Lumley Stand church of Christ in Manchester, Tn. will host a Gospel Meeting on September 7-10. Guest Speaker Ben Bailey.

Browntown church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on September 7-12. Guest Speaker Chris Whitaker.

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John 1:1-2

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God"

IT JUST WASN'T CONVENIENT, BUT WE WENT ANYWAY!

I remember as a young lad, attending church wasn't nearly as convenient as it is now. I remember most of the time we would hitch the mules to the farm wagon and make the 2 mile trip to the meeting house. It didn't matter how cold, hot, or wet it might be – we had an appointment to keep. There were no paved roads – just mud. There were no modern conveniences such as indoor plumbing, electric lights, air conditioning, or electric heat. There were two small buildings, one was marked "Women" the other "Men" and they were outside, one on either side of the church building. They really did stink too!

The windows would be up in the dog days of summer and the insects must have loved the preaching because the building would be full of them. There were no padded pews, no nursery for crying babies, and no water fountain to entice kids to run in and out. Children were not allowed to get up and down and disturb the worshipers. Revival meetings lasted for 2 weeks, sometimes 3, and the preacher dare not quit before 2 hours of "Explaining the way of the Lord more perfectly" to us!

That really kept us away, Right? Wrong, because the people came. We walked. We drove cars. We borrowed rides. We drove mules and wagons. It was not an inconvenience for us to make the effort to be there. Obviously, we did not come because of those inconveniences, but neither did they keep us away.

Today we have nice buildings, padded pews, electric lighting, central heat and air, carpeted floors, well furnished nurseries, cold water fountains, indoor plumbing, and sermons that dare not go beyond about 30 minutes. Even our transportation is heated and cooled. All of these things have increased interest and attendance, right? Wrong again!

I like conveniences as well as the next fellow but we do not go to worship because of them nor do we stay away because of a lack thereof! Instead, we assemble because of an intense love, devotion, and appreciation to the Lord who loved us and saved us by His blood. And when we are willfully absent it is because of a lack of these same attributes of love, devotion, and appreciation. The answer is not more gadgets and gimmicks but in lifting up the Lord. When men appreciate what Christ has done for them at Calvary, convenience is the last thing on their minds!

Robby Eversole

Do I Have a Passion for Christ?

They say for one to have passion,  
They must have fervent desire for one thing.  
As disciples of Jesus, we follow Him,  
The servants of Christ we sing.

But do our actions deceive us?  
Our passion is quickly drawn away.  
To follow our own selfish desires,  
And soon from the Savior we stray.

We claim to love the Redeemer,  
And do His blessed command.  
As long as it doesn't disrupt,  
The things we want to do and have planned!

So let us renew our vigor,  
Fall down and repent of our sins.  
We must get fired up for Jesus,  
As the song says, "Revive us again!"



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First Prayer.....Barry Mayes  
Reading.....Ronnie Hoover  
Scripture.....Matthew 27:22  
Lord's Table .....Paul Hurst  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Dale Bennett

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First Prayer .....Tony Lawrence  
Reading.....Eddie Palmer  
Scripture.....Matthew 19:13-15  
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Sick

At Home:

Mary Ashford  
Judy Cook  
Maggie Hurst  
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At Hospital:

Mike York - Vanderbilt Burn Center Nashville  
Mallory McBride - Tri-Star Centennial Nashville  
David McColloch - St. Thomas River Park

Sympathy:

Our deepest sympathies and prayers are extended to the Boyd family. On August 25th Brother Jim Boyd passed from this life. At the time of this bulletin arrangements have not been made. Please pray for peace and comfort during this difficult time.

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September 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Aug 31 HEATH & JAMIE GRIFFITH	Sep 1 Nancy Mayfield Rodney Reynolds	2	3 CHRIS & LORI SNOW	4	5	6 Gail Crouch
Sep 7 Denise Prince Marsha Collins	8 RONNIE & DENISE PRINCE	9 Bobby Ashford	10	11 Derrick Stiles	12	13
	Monday Morning Bible Class at Fair	Fair Singing 6PM	Warren County A&L Fair			
Sep 14 Janice Foster Lennie Ruth Kesey	15	16 CALEB & RACHAEL GRAVES Marc Martin	17	18 Amanda Gann Caleb Hughes Chloe Pennington	19	20 JERRY & EVA SIMONS
Sep 21 Caleb Graves JAMES & DON...	22 Layne Mullins	23 Ken Martin	24 CHAD & LAYNE MULLINS	25	26 Brooke Kesey	27 Stephanie Jones Harper Bielling
Sep 28 Home Devo @ Stiles Home	29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4 Barbara Sain

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Willie Newby  
Reading.....Kane Newby  
Scripture.....Psalm 119:103-106  
Lord's Table.....Norman Sain  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Tim Fisher

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
Reading.....Jason Vandergriff  
Scripture.....Ephesians 2:11-13  
Lord's Table .....Jared Mullican  
.....Talan Mullican  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Caleb Graves  
Lead Singing .....Cory Prince  
First Prayer .....Leonard Clemons  
Reading.....Dale Bennett  
Invitation .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Joseph Stiles

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship .....172  
Bible Study.....119  
P.M. Worship.....115  
Wednesday Bible Study.....84  
Contribution .....\$4765

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*Irma Castorena (Josue's mother)*  
*W.C. & Nelma Chilton*  
*Janice Foster*  
*Myra Bell*  
*Greg Grizzell*  
*Ronnie Hamilton*  
*Sarah Kell*  
*Corretta Lawrence*  
*Daisy Maxwell*  
*Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)*  
*Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)*  
*Howard Witty*  
*Gail Crouch (No Visits)*  
*Goodie Webb (Susan Pryor's aunt)*  
*Maggie Hurst*  
*Glenda Ferrell*  
*Jean Williams*

## NHC

(928 Old Smithville Rd McMinnville, TN 37110)  
*Morris Griffith #301*  
*Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412*  
*Cathy Hennessee #408*

## Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
*Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)*

## Riverview Terrace

(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)  
*Anna Jean Bond #B4*

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## God Speaks Through His Son

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Adult Gospel Quarterly, 1961

## Hebrews 1:1-2

"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds"



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Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture .....2 Timothy 3:14-17  
Lord's Table .....Ray Weddington  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Don Sullivan

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Reading.....Chris Snow  
Scripture .....Ephesians 2:8-10  
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Dismiss .....Jeff Flatt

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## Mission Work Awaits!

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## Proof of God's Existence

The question of God's existence is one of the most important inquiries mankind can make. We hold firmly that God not only exists, but that He has revealed Himself clearly through creation, His Word, and ultimately through His Son, Jesus Christ. Our faith is not blind, but is grounded in evidence that compels the honest seeker to acknowledge the reality of God.

First, the created world itself testifies of God's existence. The apostle Paul declared, "*For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse*" (Romans 1:20). Order, complexity, and design cannot come from nothing or from chaos. The heavens declare the glory of God (Psalm 19:1), showing us a Designer who is both powerful and intelligent. Just as a house demands a builder, and a painting demands a painter, so creation demands a Creator. This reasoning is both biblical and rational, and the church of Christ consistently appeals to it in defending the faith.

Second, God has revealed Himself through His inspired Word, the Bible. We believe the Scriptures are more than human writings; they are "God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16). Their unity, despite being written over centuries by various men, is remarkable. The fulfilled prophecies within the Bible provide undeniable evidence of divine origin. For example, prophecies concerning the coming of Christ, such as His birth in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2) and His sacrificial death (Isaiah 53), were spoken hundreds of years before their fulfillment. Only God, who knows the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10), could provide such accurate revelation. The Word not only affirms God's existence but also reveals His will and character.

Third, the greatest proof of God's existence is found in Jesus Christ. The New Testament records His life, death, and resurrection, all supported by eyewitness testimony. His resurrection is the cornerstone of Christian faith, for if Christ was raised, then God exists and has acted powerfully in history (1 Corinthians 15:3-8). The apostles, who witnessed the risen Lord, willingly gave their lives rather than deny what they had seen. Their testimony, preserved in Scripture, remains a compelling proof that God is real and that He has revealed Himself through His Son.

Finally, the evidence of God is also seen in the transformed lives of those who obey the gospel. The church of Christ emphasizes that obedience to God's Word changes hearts and produces holiness, love, and hope. Atheism and human philosophies cannot provide lasting peace or moral grounding, but faith in God gives life purpose and meaning.

In conclusion, the church of Christ affirms that the existence of God is proven through creation, revelation, Christ's resurrection, and the power of the gospel. This is not a matter of speculation but of faith built upon evidence. As Hebrews 11:6 declares, "*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*" God exists, and those who sincerely seek Him will find Him.

Derrick Stiles

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Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Leonard Clemons  
Reading .....David McColloch  
Scripture .....Proverbs 25:1-5  
Lord's Table .....Larry Flatt  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Brandon Fuston  
Reading .....Michael Pack  
Scripture .....Psalm 1:1-6  
Lord's Table .....Caleb Graves  
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Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Danny Duncan

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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First Prayer .....Stanley Graves  
Reading .....Kane Newby  
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Dismiss .....Tommy Turner

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No new additions

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Kim Sain Passed Away (Family of Gary Grizzell)

Billie Joe Ferrell (Mitchell Ferrell's brother)

One of the greatest joys of being a Christian is exercising the blessing of prayer for those who are struggling with sickness while shut-in, located at a nursing home or hospital. Our prayers petition God for healing and comfort during difficult times. Also, we grow stronger in faith and closer to God when we fulfill this wonderful task. Currently, we have several on the monthly list, which I post in this bulletin on the second Sunday of the month. If an individual is not posted in the weekly sick list, this indicates they have been moved to the monthly list. We do our best to list weekly reminders of prayers requested and do not intend to overlook the monthly list. If at anytime you are concerned someone is not listed for prayer, please see one of the elders or Derrick. We have the monthly list readily available to us. Or, you will see it posted each second Sunday of the month.

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We are very fortunate to have several couples from Bybee Branch helping in this wonderful community work. Currently, Nancy Mayfield is in need of more assistance in keeping this work alive. Anyone capable of donating 1 to 2 hours per month in doing this work please see Nancy about learning the needs of Meals on Wheels and where you may contribute in this work. Thank you to all who are willing to give of their time. May God be glorified in all we do in The Church and our community!

Farewell! But not forever!

It is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to Daniel and Margaret Schillinger. This wonderful family will be moving to Colombia, South America to work in the mission field. Their goal is to spend 9 months on a work visa and devote their efforts toward remaining there permanently. We pray they will have a smooth transition and find themselves welcomed with open arms. May God's richest blessing be upon them during this difficult move.

Welcome Angela Michaels!

We are excited to announce, this past Sunday Sept. 14th. Angela Michaels met with the elders and asked to have her membership, in the Lord's church, recognized with the congregation at Bybee Branch. Sister Angela is a wonderful Christian, devoted to serving the Lord and her fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Be sure to welcome her to the family!

ALL OF ME

Lord give me eyes to see beyond, The limits of my mind. Help me to leave all doubts and fear, Through perfect love, so kind. Through faith that grabs a hold of You, And knows Your word is true. That says to the mountain, "God is God, O mountain, who are you?"

Please help me Lord to listen, Not to words of unbelief. May the words I hear within my heart, Be the words of life You speak. O let my heart, within Your hands, Be pliable as clay, And make me all that You desire, Savior, have Your way.

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

~Author Unknown~



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Lead Singing .....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer .....Stanley Graves  
Reading.....Dale Bennett  
Scripture.....2 Peter 1:19-21  
Lord's Table .....Tony Lawrence  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Ken Martin

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Mike Mullins  
Lead Singing .....Rickey Hurst  
First Prayer .....Tim Fisher  
Reading .....Cory Prince  
Scripture.....Proverbs 1:1-7  
Lord's Table .....Kurt Maynard  
.....Kane Maynard  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Don Sullivan

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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First Prayer.....Ronnie Hoover  
Reading .....Tucker Gann  
Invitation .....Ray Weddington  
Dismiss.....Paul Hurst

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## Sick List:

## Shut-In At Home:

*No new additions*

## NHC:

*Jean Williams #113*

## Hospital:

*Mike York - Vanderbilt Burn Unit*

## Sympathy:

*David Sain Passed Away on Wednesday September 17. He was laid to rest on Monday September 22nd. Brother David was a great and noble preacher of the gospel who had a profound influence upon many of you in ministry, as well as being a great encouragement to all things that pertained to the kingdom of God. Please pray for his wife, Phyllis and all the family during this time of loss!*

## Upcoming Area Events:

*Old Philadelphia Meeting House* will host there annual singing on October 3rd.

*Salem church of Christ* will host a Ladies Day on October 4th. Guest Speakers are Peggye Cantrell & Erica Delk.

*Harmony church of Christ* will host a night of singing on October 17th.

*Hebron church of Christ* will host the H.E.Y. program on October 19th at 5pm.

*Campaign church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting on October 20-23. Guest speaker Chris Whitaker.

*West Riverside church of Christ* will host a Ladies Day on October 25. Guest speaker Amanda Key.

*Jericho church of Christ* will host a GOspel Meeting on October 26-28.

## Bybee Branch Youth Devo Night!

On September 28th, Derrick and Heather Stiles will host a home devo. for our youth at Bybee Branch. This will take place immediately after our evening services. Young people, be sure to bring your bibles and appetite!

## Ladies Day!!!

It's Here! The ladies of Bybee Branch will be hosting the annual ladies day here at the building. Mark your calendars for September 27. Our guest speaker will be Melissa Brock with the theme "Keys To Our Heavenly Home." More information will be provided in the coming days.

## Autumn Street Fair...

Is quickly approaching. Mark your calendars for October 4th in downtown McMinnville. Bybee Branch will have their usual booth on Main Street and all are invited to participate. Currently there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board and several slots are open. This is a great way to engage the community and meet new faces. Thank you in advance to all those who are willing to help.

## Bible Bowl Season

Sunday August 10th the churches of Christ in Warren County met to discuss plans for the upcoming Bible Bowl season. The kids will be studying and tested over 1 Corinthians. The first Bible Bowl will be hosted by Bybee Branch on October 5th. Our guest speaker for that day will be O.C. Woodlee. Parents please be encouraging your kids to participate in this great work.

## Biblical Studies in the Fall

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## Broken?

The psalmist David, king in Israel, poured his heart and soul out in poetic literature left for all. The highs and lows in his life are seen through the words written for our learning (Rom. 15:4). It's believed that the low and lonesome time of Psalm 51 came after his sin with Bathsheba as David was a broken man after his confrontation with Nathan the prophet of God (II Sam. 12:7). He was broken, but he didn't wallow in his brokenness. He rather sought forgiveness from the Father to be a blessing to Israel.

As one of the children of Israel, he fell into the sin trap. To remove that sin he cried out to God for mercy and forgiveness (Psa. 51:1-9). The sense he speaks of is one all will experience at some point in life, that of being surrounded—overwhelmed—by the wicked world. David came into a world of sin and rather than rising above it, he fell into it. With broken spirit he asked the Lord to forgive and to hide His face from his sins. Not only that but he also asked that his iniquities be blotted out (v. 9).

A prayer for the renewal of repentance follows (vv. 10-13); "create in me a clean heart, O God" recognizing he had heart trouble and needed the great Physician to fix it. The world will certainly soil the heart; it's important to know and keep it clean because from your heart are the issues of life (Prov. 4:23). A pure heart (Psa. 24:4) divested of worldly things produces a right spirit pleasing to God (Matt. 18:3).

The God of Heaven recognizes "a broken spirit" and "a broken and contrite heart" (Psa. 51:17). This is borne out in the prayer of commitment to righteousness (vv. 14-17). Only One has the ability to look upon the heart (I Sam. 16:7).

A prayer of intercession (vv. 18-19) closes Psalm 51. Much like the appeal of Christ "Thy will be done" (Matt. 6:10), is the appeal of the psalmist asking God to act for their good according to His [God's] good pleasure.

For the Christian it is much the same, just better. The Light was manifested (I John 1:3) so that we could have remission of sins, and a Savior who acts in our behalf. This should produce joy (v. 4) in service to Christ (Phil. 4:4). In the new covenant children of God are blessed to "walk in the light" (I John 1:7), and enjoy the grace of God. In all times the confession of sin before a loving God has been key (I John 1:8-9). The old saying: "honest confession is good for the soul" is right. God's people of old were told to repent and pray (II Chron. 7:14), and that's the same today.

Can God forgive me? Killed any Christians lately? Saul of Tarsus did and God forgave him, making him a beloved apostle. Done what David did? God forgave him and regarded him as a man after His own heart. If your spirit is broken before God, then you are set by His direction to be a blessing.

Derrick Stiles

## Build Your Life with God

(Jude 20-25)

Dear Christian being beloved,  
Take your faith and build it up.  
Keep praying in the Holy Spirit,  
Finding yourself among the uncorrupt.

Keep yourself in the midst of God's love,  
There is no better place to be.  
Finding mercy in Christ Jesus,  
And eternal life we then will see.

Always have compassion,  
On those who struggle with doubt.  
Pulling them out of the fire,  
Teaching what salvation is all about.

Now God will keep us from stumbling,  
Make us faultless and free from sin.  
Standing in the presence of His glory,  
Inexpressible joy we will ever be in.

Bless be the God and our Savior,  
Who alone is the Most Wise.  
On His throne with glory and majesty,  
Giving us that eternal prize!

Jay Launius

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**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Barry Mayes  
Lead Singing.....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Tim Gann  
Reading.....Kelly Thaxton  
Scripture.....Matthew 5:17-18  
Lord's Table.....Tim Fisher  
Sermon.....OC Woodlee  
Dismiss.....Norman Sain

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Barry Mayes  
Lead Singing.....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer.....Chris Snow  
Reading.....Mike Mullins  
Scripture.....Genesis 50:4-8  
Lord's Table.....David McColloch  
.....Ronnie Prince  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Danny Duncan

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Bethlehem church of Christ, Spencer, Tn. will host a Gospel Meeting on October 5-9th. Guest speaker Dennis Smith.

Bybee Branch church of Christ will host the first of six Bible Bowl sessions on October 5, 2pm.

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Hebron church of Christ will host the H.E.Y. program on October 19th at 5pm.

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THANK YOU LADIES!

Thank you to all the ladies who participated in making your day special. A lot of work was conducted behind the scenes leading up to this wonderful day of fellowship and worship. Thank you to Melissa Brock for giving of her time to come and be the guest speaker for what proved to be an extremely well attended Ladies Day!



Have you obeyed the Gospel?

God, in His great love, has provided a clear and simple plan for mankind to be saved from sin. The Scriptures teach that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). But through Jesus Christ, God made a way for us to be reconciled to Him.

The plan begins with **hearing** the gospel, for “faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). Once we hear, we must **believe** that Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24). Belief alone, however, is not enough. We must **repent**—turning away from sin and turning toward God (Acts 17:30).

Next, the Bible calls us to **confess** Jesus before men, acknowledging Him as Lord (Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32). Then, we must be **baptized** into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16). In baptism, our sins are washed away, and we are added to the body of Christ (Galatians 3:27; Acts 2:47).

The plan of salvation does not end at baptism. We are called to **live faithfully** unto death (Revelation 2:10), continuing to walk in the light of God’s Word (1 John 1:7).

God’s plan is not complicated—it is rooted in His grace and revealed in His Word. The question is whether we will humbly obey it.

Have you followed the Lord’s plan of salvation? Paul said, “now is the day of salvation” (2 Corinthians 6:2).

Derrick Stiles



October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sep 28	29	30	Oct 1	2	3	4 Barbara Sain  Autumn Street Fair
Oct 5  Bible Bowl Bybee Branch 2pm	6	7	8 Donna Newby Larry Flatt  Fall Break	9	10	11 W.C. & NELMA CHILTON
Oct 12 Bruce Pryor	13 Nelma Chilton	14 Eva Simons Heath Griffith LARRY & JANE FLATT	15	16	17 Jennifer Maynard	18
Oct 19 Derrick Pennington Myra Bell Tucker Gann  H.E.Y. Hebron 5pm	20  Monday Morning Bible Class	21	22 Sarah Kell Marcie Pope	23	24 Steve Smith	25 Aiden Kesey Kelly Thaxton  Fall Youth Retreat @ Hylake
Oct 26 Barbara Lorance Mary Flatt  Monday Morning Bible Class	27	28 MITCHELL & GLENDA FERRELL	29	30	31	Nov 1 Fall Festival Fell...



**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements.....Barry Mayes  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Mike Mullins  
Reading.....Jason Vandegriff  
Scripture.....Ephesians 5:25-28  
Lord's Table.....Willie Newby  
Sermon.....Josh Robinson  
Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Barry Mayes  
Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Don Sullivan  
Reading.....David McColloch  
Scripture.....2 Peter 3:9-10  
Lord's Table.....Brandon Fuston  
.....Kane Newby  
Sermon.....Cole Walker  
Dismiss.....Dale Bennett

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Jared Mullican  
Lead Singing.....Lincoln Sain  
First Prayer.....Joseph Stiles  
Reading.....Eddie Palmer  
Invitation.....Derrick Stiles  
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Myra Bell  
Greg Grizzell  
Ronnie Hamilton  
Sarah Kell  
Corretta Lawrence  
Daisy Maxwell  
Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
Lottie Ward (Judy Sullivan's mother)  
Howard Witty  
Gail Crouch (No Visits)  
Goodie Webb (Susan Pryor's aunt)  
Maggie Hurst  
Glenda Ferrell  
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Noah church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on November 8. Guest Speaker Hannah Colley.

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To our Church Family...

Beloved brethren, as we prepare to leave for vacation in Panama City, Florida, we want to express our love and gratitude for each of you. The Lord has blessed us with such a wonderful church family, and though we will be away for a short time, you remain in our hearts and prayers. Paul wrote, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen" (2 Thessalonians 3:18, NKJV). May the Lord keep you strong in faith and united in love until we return. We look forward to worshiping together again soon. God bless each of you!

Stiles Family

Brotherly Kindness:  
A Vital Christian Virtue

The inspired apostle Peter, in his second epistle, gives a list of virtues that Christians are to diligently add to their faith. He writes: "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity" (2 Peter 1:5-7). Among these essential graces, Peter includes brotherly kindness, which deserves careful attention from every child of God.

Brotherly kindness is not simply a suggestion—it is a divine requirement. It flows directly from the love of God and reflects the unity that Christ prayed for among His followers (John 17:20-21). Let us consider what brotherly kindness means, how it is demonstrated, and why it is essential for the faithful Christian walk.

The word translated "brotherly kindness" in 2 Peter 1:7 comes from the Greek word 'philadelphia' (φιλαδέλφια), which literally means "love of the brethren." It is a deep affection that Christians are to have for one another, rooted in the fact that we are members of God's family. The church is not a mere human institution but the body of Christ, purchased with His precious blood (Acts 20:28).

Thus, brotherly kindness is not optional; it is the natural outworking of our new relationship in Christ. As John writes, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death" (1 John 3:14). To be without brotherly kindness is to be without evidence of eternal life.

Brotherly kindness begins with the recognition of God's love toward us. Paul wrote: "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Since God showed His love to us when we were undeserving, we must reflect that love toward others—even when they may fall short.

Jesus Himself gave the perfect example of love and service in washing the disciples' feet (John 13:14-15). He then commanded, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). Brotherly kindness, therefore, is a testimony to the world of the authenticity of our faith.

The Scriptures give us many practical ways to demonstrate brotherly kindness in the church:

- 1. Bearing One Another's Burdens - Gal. 6:2
- 2. Forgiving One Another - Ephesians 4:32
- 3. Preferring One Another - Romans 12:10
- 4. Supporting the Weak - Romans 15:1
- 5. Hospitality - Hebrews 13:1-2

Why is brotherly kindness so vital in the church of Christ? It Maintains Unity, Encourages Growth, Honors Christ, and It Prepares Us for Heaven.

The lack of brotherly kindness is a serious spiritual problem. Where there is envy, backbiting, gossip, or coldness among brethren, the cause of Christ suffers. John makes it plain: "He that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (1 John 4:20). Without brotherly kindness, we cannot truly claim to love God.

Brotherly kindness is not a mere courtesy; it is a command of God, rooted in the very essence of the Christian faith. It grows out of our love for God and is shown in our love for His people. It is indispensable in maintaining unity, strengthening the body, and glorifying God.

Peter reminds us that adding brotherly kindness to our faith ensures that we will not be barren or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:8). Let us, then, resolve to cultivate this virtue diligently, remembering always that we are members one of another (Romans 12:5). In doing so, we reflect the love of Christ and shine as lights in a darkened world.

Derrick Stiles



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Announcements.....Barry Mayes  
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Kurt Maynard  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....John 1:14-18  
Lord's Table.....Bruce Pryor  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Norman Sain

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons  
First Prayer.....Michael Pack  
Reading.....Danny Duncan  
Scripture.....Joshua 24:14-15  
Lord's Table.....Norman Sain  
.....Lincoln Sain  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Jeff Flatt

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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First Prayer.....Jacob Graves  
Reading.....Kane Maynard  
Invitation.....Joe Collins  
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No New Additions

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## Upcoming Area Events:

Hebron church of Christ will host the H.E.Y. program on October 19th at 5pm.

Campaign church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on October 20-23. Guest speaker Chris Whitaker.

Morrison & Smartt church of Christ will host a Fall Youth Retreat at HyLake in Rock Island on October 24-26.

West Riverside church of Christ will host a Ladies Day on October 25. Guest speaker Amanda Key.

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## Rejoice With our Sister in Christ!

On Sunday night October 12th, Jennifer Sain responded to the invitation asking for prayers of the congregation. We are very proud of Sister Jennifer in responding. Let us keep her in our daily prayers for strength and encouragement.

## Getting Back To Work!

My family and I enjoyed a nice fall break trip to Florida. We relaxed and spent good quality time with family and friends. However, every vacation must come to an end. We are excited to get back to work and refocus on the task at hand, bringing souls to Christ!

## Discipleship in Christ

Discipleship is at the very heart of Christianity. Jesus' call to His followers was not simply to believe in Him, but to follow Him. In Matthew 16:24 (NKJV), He declared, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me." To be a disciple of Christ means to live in complete devotion and obedience to His teachings. Within the Church of Christ, discipleship is viewed as a lifelong commitment to learning from Jesus, imitating His example, and helping others do the same.

### The Call to Follow Christ

From the beginning, Jesus invited men and women into a relationship defined by obedience and transformation. When He called Peter, Andrew, James, and John, He said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). They left their nets immediately and followed Him. Their example shows that discipleship requires sacrifice and a willingness to leave behind worldly priorities. A disciple is one who puts Christ first in every area of life (Luke 14:33).

Discipleship begins with hearing and obeying the gospel. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17). That faith leads a person to repent of sin, confess Jesus as Lord, and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Through baptism, one is united with Christ and begins a new life of following Him (Romans 6:3-4). Discipleship does not end at conversion—it begins there.

### Learning and Living the Word

A true disciple of Christ is a continual learner. Jesus said, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed" (John 8:31). Discipleship means more than simply attending worship; it means allowing the Word of God to shape one's heart, mind, and actions. The early Christians in Acts 2:42 "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." They were dedicated students of the gospel and examples of what it means to live out faith daily. Members of the body of Christ are encouraged to study Scripture diligently, not to follow human creeds or traditions, but to follow the pure Word

of God. As Paul wrote to Timothy, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). Through continual study, prayer, and obedience, disciples grow in the likeness of Christ.

### Serving and Sharing

Discipleship also involves serving others. Jesus said, "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28). Every disciple is called to follow this example of humble service. In the Lord's Church, believers are encouraged to use their abilities for the good of others—teaching, encouraging, helping the needy, and strengthening the church. True discipleship is seen in love and service.

Furthermore, disciples make other disciples. Jesus commanded, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations" (Matthew 28:19). This Great Commission is central to the mission of the Church. Each member has the responsibility to share the gospel and help others come to know Christ. Discipleship, therefore, is both personal growth and active evangelism.

### The Cost and the Reward

Discipleship requires commitment, endurance, and sometimes sacrifice. Jesus never promised that following Him would be easy, but He did promise that it would be worth it. "Be faithful until death," He said, "and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). The Church of Christ teaches that faithful discipleship leads to eternal reward—a home in heaven with the Lord.

In conclusion, Discipleship in Christ is more than a title; it is a way of life. It is a continual walk of faith, obedience, service, and love. A true disciple listens to Christ, learns from His Word, lives according to His will, and leads others to Him. As Jesus said in John 13:35, "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." May every member of the Lord's church strive daily to follow in His steps, growing in faith and devotion, and reflecting the light of Christ to a world in need of His truth and grace.

Derrick Stiles

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Announcements.....Barry Mayes  
Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Tony Lawrence  
Reading.....Lincoln Sain  
Scripture.....Jeremiah 28:7-9  
Lord's Table.....Allen Hughes  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements.....Barry Mayes  
Lead Singing.....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Brandon Fuston  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Scripture.....Ephesians 4:31-32  
Lord's Table.....Jarod Mullican  
.....Talen Mullican  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Stanley Graves

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Jared Mullican  
Lead Singing.....Tim Gann  
First Prayer.....Kane Newby  
Reading.....Kelly Thaxton  
Invitation.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Larry Flatt

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Bible Study.....122  
P.M. Worship.....116  
Wednesday Bible Study.....102  
Contribution.....\$9909

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Rehabilitation Hospital Room #2001

Rick Yates - St. Thomas River Park #209 after  
having surgery

## Sympathy:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the  
family of Joyce Scott, sister-in-law of Eddie  
Palmer. Ms. Scott recently passed away after  
an extended illness at NHC. Services were  
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## Monday Morning Bible Class

On Monday morning October 27th we will meet  
in room 10 for our Monday Morning Bible Class.  
We are currently in a study of 1 Kings 8. A chal-  
lenge for you; Can you find the 9 requests made by  
Solomon in his prayer to God? (1 Kings 8:25-54)  
All are welcome to join for great fellowship and  
Bible study!

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## Perilous Times

We are living in perilous times. School  
shootings are increasing at an alarming pace.  
Murder is a nightly occurrence. Fornication is  
perhaps at the highest it has ever been. Profanity is  
heard on the streets, in restaurants, on television  
and almost everywhere you go. The way folks  
dress, the language we hear, the lifestyle of many all  
point to the fact that morality is almost a thing of  
the past with many. The murder of the unborn  
continues daily, and folks say little. We are living in  
a time much like that expressed at the end of the  
book of Judges: "In those days there was no king in  
Israel: every man did that which was right in his  
own eyes" (Judg. 21:25).

As bad as it is, we should not be  
surprised. The Holy Spirit, through Paul, told us  
what our world would be like. "This know also,  
that in the last days perilous times shall come. For  
men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous,  
boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to  
parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural  
affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent,  
fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors,  
heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than  
lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but  
denying the power thereof: from such turn away"  
(II Tim. 3:1-5). As you read these inspired words,  
does this not sound like our world?

As Christians, what should be our  
response to these things? What should we do? For  
one thing, we should be standing out as different  
from those of the world. Paul wrote, "I beseech  
you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God,  
that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy,  
acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable  
service. And be not conformed to this world: but  
be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind,  
that ye may prove what is that good, and  
acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2).

Instead of "fitting in" by conforming to  
the world's standards, we are to be different. Jesus  
says that we are to "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).  
Later, the apostle Paul, speaking by inspiration,  
speaks of the world we live in and writes, "Do all  
things without murmurings and disputings: That ye  
may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God,  
without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and  
perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in  
the world; Holding forth the word of life; that I  
may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run  
in vain, neither laboured in vain" (Phil. 2:14-16).

We "hold forth the word of life" in at  
least two ways. One is by living in accordance with  
its teaching: "Only let your conversation be as it  
becometh the gospel of Christ" (Phil. 1:27). Two, by  
teaching and preaching it. "Preach the word; be  
instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke,  
exhort with all long suffering and doctrine" (II Tim.  
4:2). So let each of us determine to live for Him  
who died for us, and continue to teach the Gospel.  
And whatever we do, "let us not be weary in well  
doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint  
not."

Bro. Paul Wilmoth  
01/18/44 – 04/5/21

I had great respect and admiration for  
one of my mentors at Tennessee Bible College,  
Brother Paul Wilmoth, a faithful Gospel preacher  
whose life reflected true devotion to God. From  
the moment I met him, his deep knowledge of  
Scripture, gentle spirit, and unwavering faith made  
a lasting impression on me. He preached the truth  
with clarity and conviction, always motivated by  
love for souls and obedience to God's Word. I  
looked up to him not only for his preaching but for  
the example he set in daily life—humble, kind, and  
steadfast in every circumstance.

Brother Wilmoth taught me the  
importance of sound doctrine, patience, and  
compassion in serving others. He never sought  
recognition but lived to glorify Christ in all he did.  
His encouragement strengthened my faith and  
shaped my own desire to serve the Lord faithfully.  
I will always be grateful for his guidance, friendship,  
and the godly influence he left behind.

Derrick Stiles

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**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing .....Barry Mayes  
First Prayer .....Tim Fisher  
Reading.....Chris Snow  
Scripture .....2 Peter 1:19-21  
Lord's Table .....Joe Collins  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....David McColloch

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing .....Barry Mayes  
First Prayer .....Ray Weddington  
Reading.....Norman Sain  
Scripture .....2 Samuel 9:1-3  
Lord's Table .....Ronnie Prince  
.....Cory Prince  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Kelly Thaxton

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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First Prayer .....Joseph Stiles  
Reading.....Jacob Graves  
Invitation.....Paul Hurst  
Dismiss .....Kane Newby

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Contribution .....\$5868

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Leoni church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on November 9-12. Guest Speaker Charles Blair.

Trousdale church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on November 9-12. Guest Speaker Don Blackwell.

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### Bible Bowl @ Morrison

Warren County Bible Bowl will be November 2nd at Morrison church of Christ. Service and testing to begin at 2PM. Be studying and preparing for this a comprehensive test of 1 Corinthians 4-6.

### Youth Fall Festival...

Will be at the Gann's house on November 2nd immediately following evening services. We hope you are looking forward to a hay ride, food, fellowship and devotion!

### Monday Morning Bible Class

We'll meet again on November 10th at 9am and begin our study with 1 Kings 8:54. The class will not meet again in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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### Youth Fellowship Outing...

On November 25 the youth will be going to Topgolf for a time of fun and fellowship. The details are incomplete at this time. As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches more decisions will be made as to what time and location this will take place.

### Ladies Bible Class

Here at Bybee Branch we are very blessed to have wonderful group of ladies who spend a great deal of time together in study of God's word on Wednesday nights. The Ladies meet each Wednesday night at 7PM where time is well spent praying, edifying and encouraging one another. You are invited and/or encouraged to invite other ladies in the community to come and be a part of this wonderful work.

### November 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Oct 26 Barbara Lorange Mary Flatt	27	28 MITCHELL FERRELL GLENDA	29	30	31	Nov 1  Fall Festival Fellowship @ Bybee Branch 5:30PM
Nov 2  Bible Bowl Morrison  Youth Fall Festival at the Gann's	3	4	5	6	7	8
Nov 9	10 Ashley Vandagriff Eunice Haley	11 Jacob Graves	12 Franklin Brooks Rodney Maynard	13 Stephen Felty	14 Bruce Nunley	15 Madison Jennings
Nov 16 Joseph Stiles  H.E.Y Bybee Branch 'Different By Design'	17	18 David King Leah Vandagriff LEONARD & AVIE CLEMONS	19  Oct/Nov/Dec Birthday Wednesday	20 Ronnie Hoover	21 Lori Snow Talan Mullican	22
Nov 23 Judy Cook McKenzie Hillis	24	25  Youth Fellowship outing! Topgolf!	26 Anna Jean Bond	27 Joe Collins Willie Newby	28 Corretta Lawrence	29
Nov 30 Stefanie McColloch  Youth Led Services	Dec 1 Susan Pryor	2	3	4	5	6 DENNIS & JANI...



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Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves  
First Prayer.....Danny Duncan  
Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture.....I Kings 17:13-15  
Lord's Table.....Barry Mayes  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Mike Mullins

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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First Prayer.....Larry Flatt  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture.....James 5:15-16  
Lord's Table .....Brandon Fuston  
.....Bruce Pryor  
Sermon.....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Michael Pack

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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First Prayer.....Tim Gann  
Reading.....Tucker Gann  
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Dismiss.....Ronnie Hoover

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Jean Henderson (Cindy Fisher's mother) #412  
Cathy Hennessee #408

Brookdale Retirement Center

(910 Murfreesboro Rd, Franklin, TN 37064)  
Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

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(114 Highland Drive McMinnville, TN 37110)  
Anna Jean Bond #B4

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to the families of:

Tommy Bess - Buried November 3rd  
James Woods - Buried at private service  
Melba Hale - Buried November 4th

Upcoming Area Events:

Leoni church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on November 9-12. Guest Speaker Charles Blair.

Trousdale church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on November 9-12. Guest Speaker Don Blackwell.

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Congratulations to our Youth!

Bybee Branch youth did a great job at Morrison last Sunday! They participated in the Bible Bowl and tied for first place. The next Warren County Bible Bowl will be December 7th at Arlington church of Christ. Service and testing to begin at 2PM. Be studying and preparing for the comprehensive test of I Corinthians 7-9.

Youth Fall Festival...

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to the Gann family for hosting our Youth Fall Festival on their property. It was a night filled with great fellowship, food and devotion. We have several more events coming this month. Be watching this bulletin for any changes or announcements pertaining to the youth!

Monday Morning Bible Class

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Ladies Bible Class

Here at Bybee Branch we are very blessed to have a wonderful group of ladies who spend a great deal of time together in study of God's word. The Ladies meet each Wednesday night at 7PM where time is well spent praying, edifying and encouraging one another. You are invited and/or encouraged to invite other ladies in the community to come and be a part of this wonderful work.

Is Your Cup Half Empty or Full?

I want to discuss the well-known idiom that asks whether the cup is half empty or half full. A person who sees a cup as half full is usually more optimistic and focuses on what is already present in the cup. Someone who sees the cup as half empty is more pessimistic, focusing on what is missing from the cup.

What is your perception of the cup? More specifically, how do we perceive our lives and react to the situations that happen to us?

Half-full (optimistic) people have a positive outlook and are hopeful about the future. This positive view can help people see the good in situations and even help influence others to do the same. While viewing things as half-empty (pessimistic) can sometimes be realistic, it may also lead to negativity and discouragement.

When the road of life is easy, we can view the cup as half full. When challenging or difficult times come, we can easily become discouraged and view the cup as half empty. We may start to question God about why this is happening.

When we face difficult situations that we don't understand, one of the best things to do is to trust in God. "We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). How do we learn to trust God? By studying his words more thoroughly. Verses like Proverbs 3:5-8 remind us to "trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."

Things will happen in life that will make our cup look more empty than full, but no matter what we are going through, we have to keep our outlook on life focused on God. God knows we are challenged at times, and we must trust he knows what is best for us. He uses these difficult situations for the completion of his works.

The last question we must ask involves internal thought. Are these challenges just a random occurrence due to living in a broken world, or have our life decisions or benevolent discipline brought them on? "Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that good and bad come? Why should a living man complain, a man, about the punishment of his sins?" (Lamentations 3:38-40). Let us test and examine our ways to make sure we are still on the Christian path forward. When the cup begins to feel more empty than full, just remember God has made our cup runneth over with the hope of heaven (Psalm 23:5).

A.L. Horton, 1961

Are you Building with both hands?

He that gives good advice builds with one hand; he that gives good counsel and example builds with both; but he that gives good admonition and bad example builds with one hand and pulls down with the other.

- Author Unknown

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Announcements .....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Allen Hughes  
Reading .....Nate Turner  
Scripture .....Proverbs 25:2-3  
Lord's Table .....Dale Bennett  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Tony Lawrence

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Willie Newby  
Lead Singing .....Paul Hurst  
First Prayer .....Kane Newby  
Reading .....Lincoln Sain  
Scripture .....I Peter 4:11  
Lord's Table .....Stanley Graves  
.....Jacob Graves  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Joseph Stiles

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Announcements .....Brandon Fuston  
Lead Singing .....Jared Mullican  
First Prayer .....Cory Prince  
Reading .....Tommy Turner  
Invitation .....Tim Fisher  
Dismiss .....Joe Collins

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## John 16:33

*"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."*

## Different by Design

From the beginning of creation, God made a clear distinction between light and darkness, right and wrong, truth and error. In Genesis 1:4 we read, *"God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness."* This divine separation shows that God intends His people to be *different by design*. We are not meant to blend in with the world but to shine as lights in it (Philippians 2:15).

The Lord's church, the Church of Christ, was designed to be different from the religious world around it. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, *"I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."* The church belongs to Christ, not to man. It follows His pattern, not human traditions or creeds. Paul reminded the Corinthians, *"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ"* (1 Corinthians 3:11). The design of the Lord's church is therefore unique—it is divine in origin, simple in structure, and distinct in purpose.

The church is called to be a *peculiar people*—not odd or strange, but set apart for God's service. Peter wrote, *"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light"* (1 Peter 2:9). The word "holy" means "set apart." To be holy is to live differently—to think, speak, and act according to the will of God rather than the patterns of this world.

Paul urged Christians, *"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind"* (Romans 12:2). This transformation is not accidental; it is intentional. We are designed to live by the teaching of Christ. The pattern for worship, organization, and daily living is found in the New Testament. We sing without instruments because the early church sang with the heart (Ephesians 5:19). We partake of the Lord's Supper each first day of the week because that is what the disciples did (Acts 20:7). We have elders and deacons as the Bible directs (Philippians 1:1). These are not traditions of men—they are part of God's divine design for His church.

Being different will sometimes bring challenges. Jesus said, *"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you"* (John 15:18). Yet, our difference is our strength. When we live as God intends, the world can see Christ in us. Our kindness, honesty, purity, and love all testify that we belong to Him.

We must never apologize for being different by design. It is what God intended from the beginning. The Lord's church is not just another denomination—it is the body of Christ, distinct in name, worship, and doctrine because it follows the pattern revealed in Scripture.

Let us embrace that difference with joy and conviction, remembering Paul's words: *"Therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord"* (2 Corinthians 6:17).

To be different by design is not a burden—it is a blessing. It is the way to glorify God and to lead others to His marvelous light.

Derrick Stiles



## His Design Is Divine

I'm different by design, not chance, not fate,  
Shaped by the hands that create what's great.  
Set apart for purpose, holy and true,  
Made in His image, my path made new.

The world may mock, but I'll still stand,  
Guided and guarded by His loving hand.  
Called from darkness, I now shine His light,  
Walking by faith, not sight nor might.

In Christ I find my place, my calling,  
Redeemed, restored — by grand design.  
For I am His, and He is mine,  
Forever different — by design divine.

Author Unknown

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First Prayer .....Rickey Hurst  
Reading .....Talan Mullican  
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Lord's Table .....Tim Gann  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Bobby Ashford

**Sunday Evening Worship**

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Lead Singing .....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer .....Bruce Pryor  
Reading .....Michael Pack  
Scripture .....John 8:10-12  
Lord's Table .....Danny Duncan  
.....Eddie Palmer  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Don Sullivan

**Wednesday Bible Study**

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Lead Singing .....Mike Mullins  
First Prayer .....Ray Weddington  
Reading .....Kurt Maynard  
Invitation .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Norman Sain

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## Upcoming Area Events:

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### Congregation Holiday Fellowship

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## The Character of God

Understanding the characteristics of God shapes every part of a Christian's faith. The Scriptures reveal not a distant deity, but the living God who created us, loves us, and calls us to walk in His ways. As Paul declared, "that they should seek the Lord... though He is not far from each one of us" (Acts 17:27). Knowing who God is helps us know how to serve Him faithfully.

### God Is Holy

One of the most fundamental traits of God is His holiness. Scripture proclaims, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!" (Isaiah 6:3). God's holiness means He is completely pure, set apart, and without any moral flaw. Because God is holy, He calls His people to holiness: "Be holy, for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:16). Our conduct, decisions, and values must reflect His purity.

### God Is Love

John beautifully writes, "God is love" (1 John 4:8). This does not merely describe what God does—it describes who He is. His love is shown throughout Scripture, culminating in the giving of His Son: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son" (John 3:16). The cross is the clearest picture of God's character. His love is unselfish, sacrificial, patient, and steadfast. As recipients of such love, Christians are called to love one another in the same way (1 John 4:11).

### God Is Just

God's justice assures us that He always does what is right. Moses declared, "All His ways are justice. A God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He" (Deuteronomy 32:4). In a world filled with injustice, God stands as the perfect Judge who "will render to each one according to his deeds" (Romans 2:6). His justice also means that sin cannot be ignored. The penalty of sin was paid through Christ, satisfying both the justice and the mercy of God.

## God Is Merciful and Gracious

While God is just, He is also wonderfully merciful. David praised Him, saying, "The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy" (Psalm 145:8). The mercy of God means He withholds the punishment we deserve, and His grace means He gives blessings we could never earn. This mercy is extended to those who turn to Him. Through obedience to the gospel—faith, repentance, confession, and baptism into Christ—we receive His grace and walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3–4).

### God Is All-Knowing, All-Present, and All-Powerful

God's nature is beyond human comprehension. He is all-knowing, for "His understanding is infinite" (Psalm 147:5). He is everywhere present: "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?" (Psalm 139:7). He is all-powerful: "For with God nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37). These characteristics assure believers that God sees every struggle, hears every prayer, and has the power to sustain and deliver His people.

### God Is Faithful

The Scriptures emphasize the unwavering faithfulness of God. Paul declares, "He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself" (2 Timothy 2:13). Every promise God has made He will fulfill. His faithfulness gives Christians confidence to endure trials, knowing that "He Himself has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you'" (Hebrews 13:5).

### Conclusion

The more we know about God's characteristics, the more we can genuinely worship, trust, and obey Him. As we grow in our understanding of His holiness, love, justice, mercy, power, and faithfulness, we learn what it means to be His people. Let us commit ourselves to drawing nearer to the God who made us, redeemed us, and sustains us each day.

Derrick Stiles

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Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer .....Leonard Clemons  
Reading.....Marty Boles  
Scripture .....James 2:1-4  
Lord's Table .....Ronnie Hoover  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
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A Thanksgiving Message

As we gather with family and friends, I want to wish each of you a safe, joyful, and blessed Thanksgiving holiday. This season reminds us to pause and reflect on the goodness of God, who continues to provide, protect, and sustain us each day. Scripture encourages us to cultivate grateful hearts: *"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you"* (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Even in challenging seasons, the Lord remains faithful. The psalmist declares, *"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever"* (Psalm 107:1). May these words guide our thoughts as we reflect on our blessings—both great and small.

As you travel, prepare meals, or simply enjoy time with loved ones, may God's peace fill your homes and hearts. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving, and may the Lord continue to richly bless you.

Derrick Stiles

December 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 30  Youth Led Services	Dec 1 Susan Pryor	2  Ladies Holiday Fellowship	3	4	5	6 DENNIS & JANICE FOSTER
Dec 7  Bible Bowl Arlington  Sunday Night Eats	8 Howard Witty Irene Lawrence	9 LARRY & ZELLA COOK	10 Kane Maynard	11	12 Anna Grace King Iona King Samuel Pack	13 Stan Hillis
Dec 14 Jenna Kate Mullins  Congregational Holiday Fellowship	15	16	17	18	19 Margaret Schillinger  Youth Holiday Party @ Hickory Creek	20 Christine Gribble Michael Pack
Dec 21 BARRY & RACHEL MAYES Don Sullivan	22	23 Norman Sain Rachel Mayes	24	25	26 JOE & COLLINS MARSHA	27 Dale Bennett NORMAN & BARBARA SAIN
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First Prayer .....Kurt Maynard  
Reading.....Dale Bennett  
Scripture .....John 13:34-35  
Lord's Table .....Tim Fisher  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Bruce Pryor

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Reading.....Jason Vandagriff  
Scripture .....Psalm 1:1-6  
Lord's Table .....Norman Sain  
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Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Michael Pack

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Maxine Pittman (Mary Ashford's sister)  
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Brookdale Retirement Center

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Deuteronomy 15:7-8

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God's Family

The idea of belonging is one of the deepest longings of the human heart. From the beginning, God created mankind for fellowship with Him and with one another. Throughout Scripture, the Lord uses family language to describe His relationship with His people. In the New Testament, this theme reaches its fullness as God invites all who obey the gospel to become part of His family—a spiritual household built upon Christ. Understanding what it means to be God's family helps us appreciate our identity in Christ and our responsibility toward one another in the church.

God's plan for His family began before the foundation of the world. Paul wrote that God "chose us in Him before the foundation of the world" (Ephesians 1:4). His desire was to bring redeemed people into a relationship that mirrors the intimacy, unity, and love found within a household. When one obeys the gospel—believing, repenting, confessing Christ, and being baptized for the remission of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)—that person is added by the Lord to the church (Acts 2:47). The church is not a social club, an institution of human design, or a loose collection of religious ideas. It is the family of God, called out of darkness and brought into His marvelous light (1 Peter 2:9).

As God's family, we have the privilege of calling Him our Father. Paul reminds Christians, "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:26). This is not a mere figure of speech but describes a real spiritual adoption. Through Christ, we are no longer strangers or outsiders but His children—loved, protected, and disciplined for our good (Hebrews 12:6-7). Because we have been adopted into God's household, we share an inheritance that "does not fade away, reserved in heaven" (1 Peter 1:4). Every Christian, no matter background or nationality, becomes part of this same family.

In God's family, Christ is the head of the church (Ephesians 1:22-23). As members of His body, we are connected to Him and to one another. This unity is not based on personal preference, cultural similarity, or human tradition. It is rooted in our common

submission to God's word. Jesus prayed that His followers "may be one" (John 17:21), and this unity is maintained as we walk together in the doctrine of Christ (2 John 9). The church of Christ emphasizes returning to the New Testament pattern so that our worship, organization, and teaching reflect the design God intended for His family.

The New Testament also describes Christians as brothers and sisters. This language highlights our responsibility to love one another deeply. Jesus teaches that the world will know we belong to Him by our love (John 13:35). This love is not superficial but sacrificial, patient, and sincere. Paul writes, "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love" (Romans 12:10). In God's family, we bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2), encourage the fainthearted, restore the erring (Galatians 6:1), rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep (Romans 12:15). The church becomes a place where no one should feel alone because every member is connected by a spiritual bond stronger than blood.

Being part of God's family also carries responsibility. As children of the King, we are called to holiness: "But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct" (1 Peter 1:15). We strive to reflect our Father's character in purity, kindness, faithfulness, and obedience. Just as earthly families share values and identity, God's family is distinguished by Christlike living.

In a world filled with division, loneliness, and uncertainty, the church stands as a living testimony of God's love. To be part of God's family is the greatest blessing on earth and the greatest hope for eternity. Let us cherish our place in His household and live each day as faithful children of the Father.

Derrick Stiles

1Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

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Reading .....Kane Newby  
Scripture .....2 Corinthians 7:1  
Lord's Table .....Brandon Fuston  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Bobby Ashford

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First Prayer .....Allen Hughes  
Reading .....Marty Boles  
Scripture .....Exodus 4:1-2  
Lord's Table .....Jared Mullican  
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Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Caleb Graves

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Reading .....Jacob Graves  
Invitation .....Larry Flatt  
Dismiss .....Dale Bennett

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## 2 Corinthians 12:9

“My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

## The Gospel Plan of Salvation

One of the greatest blessings revealed in Scripture is that God desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:3-4). Salvation is not a mystery reserved for a select few, nor is it based on human traditions or feelings. It is grounded in the clear and consistent teaching of the New Testament. The Lord's church has long emphasized the need to return to the simple, biblical pattern for becoming a Christian—the same plan taught and practiced by the apostles in the first century. This plan is not man-made; it is the gospel of Christ, “the power of God to salvation” (Romans 1:16). The gospel plan of salvation is revealed step-by-step in Scripture, showing how a sinner moves from being lost to being saved, from being outside of Christ to being added to His church.

### Hearing the Gospel

The journey begins with hearing the message of Christ. Faith does not arise from emotion or inherited belief but from exposure to God's word. “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). On Pentecost, the 3,000 who obeyed did so only after hearing Peter preach the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (Acts 2:22-36). No one can obey a gospel they have never heard, and no one can be saved without understanding the truth about Jesus.

### Believing in Christ

Hearing alone is not enough; one must believe. Jesus said plainly, “If you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins” (John 8:24). Biblical belief is trusting Christ as the Son of God and accepting His authority. The eunuch confessed, “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God” before he was baptized (Acts 8:37). This belief forms the foundation of obedience. It is not a mere mental acknowledgment—it is a conviction that leads to action.

### Repenting of Sin

The gospel demands a change of heart and life. Repentance is not simply feeling regret; it is turning away from sin and toward God. Peter declared, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). Paul preached that God “commands all men everywhere to repent” (Acts 17:30). Repentance is

essential because sin separates man from God (Isaiah 59:1-2), and no one can cling to sin while seeking salvation.

### Confessing Christ

The New Testament also teaches that one must confess Jesus openly. “If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9-10). Jesus Himself said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father” (Matthew 10:32). This confession is not a ritualistic statement but a sincere acknowledgment of Jesus' identity and authority.

### Being Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins

Baptism is a crucial part of God's plan, not a symbolic act but a moment of spiritual transformation. The Bible clearly states that baptism is “for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). It is the point at which sins are washed away (Acts 22:16), one is buried with Christ and raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3-4), and one puts on Christ (Galatians 3:27). Every conversion in Acts includes baptism as an essential step in becoming a Christian. Through baptism, God adds the saved to the church (Acts 2:47).

### Living Faithfully

The gospel plan does not end at baptism. Christians must continue walking in the light (1 John 1:7), remain faithful until death (Revelation 2:10), and grow in grace and knowledge (2 Peter 3:18). Salvation is a lifelong commitment to Christ, motivated by love and sustained by obedience.

### Conclusion

The gospel plan of salvation is simple, beautiful, and powerful. It reflects God's desire for all to be saved and the loving sacrifice of Jesus Christ. As the church of Christ, we call all people back to the same plan taught by the apostles: hear the gospel, believe in Christ, repent of sins, confess His name, be baptized for the remission of sins, and live faithfully. This is the path to salvation revealed in the New Testament and available to all who will humbly obey.

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## Hearing the Gospel

From the beginning of God's redemptive plan, hearing the Gospel has been essential to man's salvation. The Lord's church has long emphasized that faith is not produced by feelings, personal experiences, or inherited belief, but by hearing the revealed word of God. The New Testament repeatedly affirms that hearing the Gospel is the first necessary step in coming to Christ and obeying Him.

The apostle Paul plainly states, "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). Faith does not originate within the human heart apart from revelation; it is the result of exposure to God's inspired message. Without hearing the Gospel, there can be no genuine faith, and without faith, it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6).

The Gospel itself is clearly defined in Scripture. Paul writes, "Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). Hearing the Gospel means hearing these divinely revealed facts concerning Jesus Christ—His death, burial, and resurrection—and understanding their meaning for our salvation.

Jesus emphasized the necessity of hearing during His earthly ministry. In the parable of the sower, He described different responses to the word, but the seed was always the same—the word of God (Luke 8:11). The condition of the heart determined whether the hearer benefited. Christ often concluded His teaching by saying, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!" (Matthew 11:15). This highlights that hearing involves more than sound waves reaching the ear; it involves attentive, receptive listening that leads to obedience.

The book of Acts provides inspired examples of how people were saved, and in every case, the Gospel was first heard. On the Day of Pentecost, the apostles preached Christ to the Jews in Jerusalem. Luke records, "Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart" (Acts 2:37). Their hearing produced

conviction, which led them to ask what they must do. The Ethiopian eunuch likewise heard the Gospel when Philip "preached Jesus to him" (Acts 8:35). Only after hearing could he believe and obey by being baptized.

The church of Christ stresses that hearing must come before belief, repentance, confession, and baptism. This divine order is not accidental. Jesus commanded, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). Preaching is required because people cannot respond to a message they have never heard. Paul asked rhetorically, "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?" (Romans 10:14). This underscores the urgency of evangelism and sound teaching.

Hearing the Gospel also requires respect for biblical authority. Not every religious message is the Gospel. Paul warned of those who would preach "another gospel" which is not truly good news (Galatians 1:6-9). Therefore, the church must be diligent to proclaim the pure word of God, "speaking the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15), without addition or subtraction. Only the message revealed by the Holy Spirit has the power to save.

Furthermore, hearing is an ongoing responsibility for Christians. While initial hearing leads one into Christ, continual hearing sustains faith. The early church "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine" (Acts 2:42). Regular exposure to God's word strengthens, corrects, and equips believers for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

In conclusion, hearing the Gospel is foundational to God's plan of salvation. It is through hearing that faith is produced, hearts are convicted, and souls are moved to obedient response. Christians must continue to emphasize clear, scriptural teaching so that men and women may hear, believe, and obey the saving message of Jesus Christ. As Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (Luke 11:28).

Derrick Stiles

Romans 8:28

"And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose."

**Sunday Morning Worship**

Announcements .....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing .....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer.....Barry Mayes  
Reading .....Talan Mullican  
Scripture .....Nehemiah 4:4-6  
Lord's Table .....Joe Collins  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss .....Kelly Thaxton

**Sunday Evening Worship**

Announcements .....Larry Flatt  
Lead Singing .....Caleb Graves  
First Prayer .....Rickey Hurst  
Reading .....Joseph Stiles  
Scripture .....I Timothy 6:9-10  
Lord's Table .....Kurt Maynard  
.....Kane Maynard  
Sermon .....Derrick Stiles  
Dismiss.....Jared Mullican

**Wednesday Bible Study**

Announcements.....Cory Prince  
Lead Singing .....Joe Collins  
First Prayer.....Allen Hughes  
Reading.....Tim Gann  
Invitation.....Brandon Fuston  
Dismiss.....Paul Hurst

**Record for the Week...**

A.M. Worship .....180  
Bible Study.....127  
P.M. Worship.....107  
Wednesday Bible Study.....95  
Contribution .....\$15320

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Check Pantry: .....Rebecca Mullican  
Check Kitchen:.....Thelma Rowland  
Check Workroom:.....Judy Sullivan  
Video .....Tommy Turner  
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**Services**

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

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Sick List:

Reminder: all mentioned are based on current condition at time of publishing and subject to change during the week.

Sick At Home:

Travis Haston - Franklin Brooks Grandson to begin Chemo Therapy soon.

Shut-In At Home:

Maggie Hurst  
Elmer & Lilly Rutledge  
David McColloch  
Danny Higgins - Recovering from surgery on December 18. Danny is Allen Hughes cousin.  
Judy Cook - Recently had tests and will receive results in the coming weeks

Hospital:

No New Additions

Surgery:

No New Additions

Sympathy:

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Cindy and Tim Fisher in the passing of Cindy’s mother, Jean Henderson. Sister Jean passed away at NHC on December 19th. At the time of this bulletin the arrangements are incomplete. Sister Jean was taken home to Kansas City, Missouri where the family will have a memorial service. In lieu of flowers the family has asked that donations be made to the World Evangelism mission work. The information is posted on the bulletin board, or, you may reach out to Derrick for the address.

Psalm 34:18-19

“The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the LORD delivers him out of them all.”

Upcoming Area Events:

Rock Island church of Christ will host H.E.Y. Program on January 18th at 5pm.  
Cookeville church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting on January 18-21. Please see the bulletin board for more details.

Bible Bowl at Hebron

Bible Bowl will be January 4th at Hebron church of Christ. Service and testing to begin at 2PM. Be studying and preparing for the comprehensive test over I Corinthians 10-11.

Neighborhood Bible Study

Beginning in January Arlington church of Christ will host a Bible Study on each Monday night. These dates are January 5, 12, 19 & 26. Refreshments will be served at 6pm followed by a Bible study over Jacob & Esau from Genesis 26-36.

Food Pantry is full!

Thank you so much for your quick response! We have filled the pantry. The list has been removed from the bulletin board. As items are needed we will add them to the bulletin.

Outside Education Opportunities!

Upcoming opportunities for Biblical education outside the church are always available. As we approach a new year, many of our local Bible Colleges are offering classes for the new quarter. Some of these opportunities are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. If you are interested please see the posting or reach out to Derrick Stiles at [derrick@bybeebranch.org](mailto:derrick@bybeebranch.org).

Happy New Year!

Wishing you a happy and blessed New Year! May the coming year bring renewed faith, lasting peace, and abundant joy. May God guide your steps, strengthen your hearts, and fill your lives with hope and purpose as you continue to walk faithfully with Him each day. “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you....Let your heart not be troubled...” John 14:27

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 28	29	30	31	Jan 1 Jason Vandagriff TOMMY & GAIL CROUCH	2	3 Kelly Peoples
← Holiday Break from School →						
Jan 4 Danny Duncan Leonard Clemons  Bible Bowl @ Hebron  Youth Sunday Night Eats	5 Donald Cathey	6 Gail Smoot  Our youth return to school	7	8	9	10
Jan 11	12 Willard Dunlap	13 Stephanie Maynard	14	15	16 GARY & BARBARA LORANCE	17
Jan 18  H.E.Y. @ Rock Island coC	19 Skylan Patton	20 Chris Snow	21 Donna Goolsby TONY & CORRETTA LAWRENCE	22	23 Susie Griffith	24
Jan 25	26 Charlotte Weddington Ray Weddington	27 Jared Mullican MARTY & SHARON BOLES	28 David Chilton RICKEY & MAGGIE HURST	29	30	31 Ronnie Prince