

## Serving This Week:

### Sunday Morning

**Announcements:** Howell Todd

**Song Leader:** Kyle Richardson

**Opening Prayer:** Howell Todd

### Lord's Supper

**Presiding:** Kyle Richardson

**Serving:** Eric Horne

Ken Grandstaff

**Preaching:** Howell Todd

**Closing Prayer:** Ken Grandstaff

### Sunday Evening

**Opening Prayer:** Brian Horner

**Preaching:** Howell Todd

**Closing Prayer:** Ken Grandstaff

### Wednesday Evening

**Opening Prayer:** Kyle Richardson

**Devotional:** Howell Todd

**Closing Prayer:** Brian Horner

### Serving Next Sunday:

**Lord's Supper:** Brian Horner

**Preaching:** Brian Horner

**Opening Prayer:** Howell Todd

**Closing Prayer:** Ken Grandstaff

**To all our visitors - Welcome!  
We hope you will come back  
and worship with us soon!**

Please call to inform us of News items or Prayer Requests that need to be in the Bulletin:

Kyle Richardson - 495-7106

Dorothy Jean Smith - 444-5437

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Mile Long Yard Sale - April 21st

We need volunteers to sign up to watch over the pamphlet tables and bathrooms.

### TN Children's Home Food Drive:

- Lemon Juice

- Paper Towels

- Conditioner

### Homecoming - May 20

Speaker: Steve Carter. It's coming quickly! Invite your friends!

***"If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."***

*Mark 9:35*

***"With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God."***

*Mark 10:27*

## TEAM MEETINGS

**Correspondence** - Sunday evenings after worship see Kyle Richardson.

**Visitation/Bible Study** - For assignments see Brian Horner.

**Member Care** - Regarding Member needs contact Kyle Richardson.

**Flower Request** - Please call Lynda Ann Sparkman: 444.0938(h) 587.8187(c)

# Bethel church of Christ

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

## Know My Habits; Know My Heart

Know my habits; know my heart! This proverb was never more evident than it was in the life of Jesus when he returned to His hometown of Nazareth. *"So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read" (Luke 4:16-17)*

I recently heard a nationally renowned speaker say that he could discern the values that any person holds dear if he had access to only two documents. And, what are these two documents that hold the secrets of a man's heart? According to the speaker, they are his checkbook and his daily planner. From these two sources, he could determine how a person spends his time and how he spends his money. In that sense, I concluded that the speaker was correct! Everything that is truly important to me is reflected in my checkbook and my planner.

Jesus had habits just like everyone else. By carefully noting the text cited above, we gain insight into the values that Jesus held dear. Note that He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath days "as His custom was". The obvious import of this passage is that Jesus had, over a long process of time, developed the habit of going into the synagogue for the express purpose of worship on the Sabbath. His custom was one developed of His own volition and not by force of another. In the synagogue He could associate with others who respected God's laws and shared His view of their importance. He could read from the inspired Scriptures, God's Divine source of wisdom. He could discuss how the Scriptures applied to His own life and to the lives of those about Him. The fact that Jesus habitually visited the synagogue on a weekly basis reveals much about the character of Jesus.

I have heard people argue, "I can be a Christian without going to church every Sunday!" Usually I have heard this line in defense of one's habit of not attending church services. With Jesus' custom of attending the synagogue in view, I wonder if an informed person would make this argument to Jesus? I hardly think so! Why not? Because everyone knows- "Know my habits; Know my heart!"

*Jim Bullington*

*Hollis church of Christ*

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## Humility

Someone has said that the society which scorns excellence in plumbing because plumbing is an humble activity, and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy because it is an exalted activity, will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. The idea here is that neither the pipes nor the theories will hold water.

Humility is not as popular with people as it used to be. The post-modern era is marked with men and women who are pushing their way to the top. Folks want recognition, fame, and money. They want to be petted, placated, and appreciated. So it seems as though few people like the humble roles in life.

Jesus told His disciples the humble servant was really the greatest among them (**Matt. 20:27; 23:11**). **Proverbs 18:12** reads - *"Before destruction a man's heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor."* We have heard *"pride goeth...before a fall."* We have also heard that God *"resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble"* (**James 4:6**). We should understand then that humility is a very important part of success. Humility does not need its name to be called. Humility knows that in doing something that is right, the very doing of it is enough. Humility carries on even when nobody else knows or cares.

George Washington Carver, the scientist who developed hundreds of useful products from the peanut, once noted: "When I was young, I said to God, 'God, tell me the mystery of the universe.' But God answered, 'That knowledge is reserved for me alone.' So I said, 'God tell me the mystery of the peanut.' Then God said, 'Well, George, that's more nearly your size.' And he told me."

There are many things we will never know. There are many things we will never be. But being created in the image of God and having the grace of God is sufficient for us (**2 Cor. 12:9**). Faithful Christians will be like Paul, who constantly humbled himself: *"I am the least of the apostles"* (**1 Cor 15:9**); *"I am the very least of all the saints"* (**Eph 3:8**); *"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost"* (**1 Tim. 1:15**).

Most Christians I encounter, when asked what traits they desire the most, will have in their short list the characteristic of humility. We know we need it.-In Jesus Christ alone!

*"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself..."* (**Phillipians 2:5,8**) *"Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up"* **James 4:10**.

Jeremiah Tatum, Cookeville, TN

### Funeral Instructions

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

## PRAYERS FOR OUR CHILDREN

**COURAGE:** "May my children always be strong and courageous in their character and actions" (Deuteronomy 31:6)

**PURITY:** "Create in them a pure heart, O God, and let that purity of heart be sown in their actions" (Psalms 51:10)

**GENEROSITY:** "Grant that my children may be generous and willing to share, and so lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming agen." (1 Timothy 6:18-19)

**PEACE-LOVING:** "Father, let my children make every effort to do what leads to peace." (Romans 14:19)

**HUMILITY:** "God, please cultivate in my children the ability to sow true humility toward all." (Titus 3:2)

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***"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God"***

Psalm 43:5

### This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - What three things are found in the arc of the covenant?  
Check back next week for the answer!

### Last Week's Trivia:

Q - Name the three sons of Noah  
A - Shem, Ham, and Japheth (Gen 10:1)

## Remember in Prayer

### Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews  
Fannie Bell Warren  
Janelle Arrington

### Others:

Hollis Cluck  
Vickie Wade - cancer  
Muril Todd  
Karen Hudson - cancer  
Christy Garrett  
The Bryan Family  
Annie and JW Smith  
Margie Taylor  
Priscilla and Patrick Graves  
Jessica Thompson  
Dan Smith  
Diane Grandstaff and family  
William Wells - inoperable condition  
Joe Allen  
Bonnie Richardson - cancer  
Linda Kay Edwards - surgery recovery  
Dylan Speck - kidney problems  
Haily Speck - melanoma  
Edna Forbes  
Jackie Wright  
Mary L'Heureux  
Janice Garrett

## Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (Epistles)	1 Corinthians 13-14
Monday (The Law)	Exodus 5-8
Tuesday (History)	1 Samuel 21-25
Wednesday (Psalms)	Psalms 42-44
Thursday (Poetry)	Job 29-30
Friday (Prophecy)	Jeremiah 12-16
Saturday (Gospels)	Mark 9-10

## April Birthdays:

8th - Tommy Morgan