

THE PROCLAIMER



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"Into what then were you baptized?"

If I were walking along the beach and found a lamp and rubbed it and a genie popped out and gave me three wishes, I know for certain what one of them would be. Oh, how I wish that there were no denominations, varying doctrines, and differing baptisms within our current day religious world!

I am always very excited when a person wants to discuss the plan of salvation. I would rather talk about this topic than anything else. As these opportunities arrive I often find that an individual's exposure to inaccurate teachings has become a hindrance to their proper, Biblical view of baptism.

But I should not feel discouraged, because even the apostle Paul encountered such challenges. In Acts 19, while in the city of Ephesus, he had a discussion with several men who had been not baptized into Jesus Christ for the remission of their sins. They had been baptized, just not with the proper teaching and understanding - therefore, the question Paul asked them in Acts 19:3 was very timely - "Into what then were you baptized?"

Perhaps we need to ask people this very same question as we discuss what the Bible actually does teach about baptism. There are so many people who have submitted to some form of baptism, who have NOT been Biblically baptized. The Bible simply teaches:

- Baptism makes one a disciple of Jesus Christ (Matt. 28:19-20).*
- Baptism is for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).*
- Baptism brings a person into the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13).*
- Baptism entitles a person to wear the name, "Christian", for it clothes us with Christ (Gal. 3:27).*
- Baptism is one of the things we do in order to be saved (Mark 16:16).*
- Baptism is something that no believing person should delay (Acts 22:16).*

The Bible does NOT teach that we are to be baptized into a denomination. It does NOT teach that baptism is non-essential, or simply just a good idea. The Bible does NOT teach that it is an outward sign of an inward grace. The Bible does NOT teach that baptism is something you do in order to show others what you already have received.

Friend, I want you to go to heaven. And just like the men in Acts 19, you may have submitted to some form of baptism in the past. I recognize that to this point, you have probably done all that you have known to do in order to be right with God. God bless you, for your willingness to do all that you have ever known to do may be the very thing that will save you now. Please, let me ask, "Have you been baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, to be added by God to the church that Jesus built, in order to be a "Christian" and to receive the blessing of salvation?"

If not, into what then were you baptized?

"When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." – Acts 19:5

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS JULY 31, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
“Behold, I Make All Things New”
Revelation 21:1-5

6:00 p.m. – Summer Series
“Wonderful Words of Life”
David Lipe speaking on “Reconciliation”



FAMILY RETREAT
August 19, 20, 21
Indian Creek Camp
Liberty, TN

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

We extend our sympathy to Julie Aikens in the death of her father-in-law and to Jessica and Jacob in the death of their grandfather, Jimmy Aikens.

We extend our sympathy also to Charlie Vaughn in the death of his brother, Truman Vaughn.

And we extend our sympathy to the family of our Louise Graham.

*We have received “Thank You” cards from:
Jim & Pat Grimes
Lester & Peggy Sparks
Bill Bilbrey*

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE
JULY 27 – AUGUST 3

Christ Is Preached To The Eunuch

Acts 8:36 “Now as they went down the road, they came to some water. And the eunuch said, ‘See here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?’”

Acts 8:37 “Then Philip said, ‘If you believe with all your heart, you may.’ And he answered and said, ‘I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.’”



PLANNING MEETING
SUNDAY, JULY 31
AFTER EVENING WORSHIP
IN CLASSROOM #14
FOR BABY SHOWER
FOR JUSTIN & DEMETRIA PACE

GIFT CARD



If you would like to contribute to a gift card to congratulate newlyweds Justin and Meredith Asbury, please see Amber Tatum, Demetria Pace or Erin Tackett by Sunday, August 7.

<u>FOR THE RECORD – July 24, 2016</u>	
9:00 a.m.	484
10:15 a.m.	353
6:00 p.m.	332
Wed 7/20	309

SOUND BOOTH
Sunday, July 31 and Wednesday, August 3
Songs - Todd Hudson
Sound - Brian Dudney



NEW ADDRESSES

Justin & Demetria Pace have a new address. It is 4358 Big Orange Drive, Cookeville, TN 38501.

Also, Edith Stewart has a new address. It is Morningside Assisted Living, 1010 East Spring Street, Apartment 120, Cookeville, TN 38501. Her new phone number is 931-526-9099.

Please make these changes in your directory.



PANTRY ITEMS

July 31 - August 6

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Saltine Crackers

#15 - College Class

Vegetable Soup

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Applesauce

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Vegetable Soup

#19 - Roy Johnson's Class

Vegetable Soup

Auditorium Class

Saltine Crackers

It was good to see Bill Bilbrey, Debbie Birdwell, and Ruby Cole back at worship.

- > Juanita Baker is now under hospice care.
- > Larry Farley had bypass surgery on July 22.
- > Mary Moss is now at home.
- > Gary Risley will be having heart valve replacement surgery, August 15th.
- > Roger Rogers is home following throat surgery.
- > Traci Smith is recuperating at home following surgery.
- > Ann Walker is home following back surgery.
- > Rene Wilhoit is home after being in the hospital.
- > Marilyn Brown (mother of Jane Piercy) broke her foot.
- > Silas Hutchings (great nephew of Barbara Loftis) is having some health problems.
- > Taylor Reese Webster (infant grandniece of Janet Whiteaker) is doing some better.
- > Mae Smith (grandmother of Sonya Briggs) is now at home with hospice care.



BUS DRIVER

Bus driver for Sunday, July 31 and Wednesday,

August 3 is **Mark Caldwell (931-510-3904)**.

Sick or Recuperating at home: Donna Kinnaird

Dealing with Cancer: Rosemary Andrews, Roger Rogers, Bud Scott, Joy Carter, Janet Craighead, Julie Denny, Darlana Robichaud, Sandra Sitto

Dealing with Ongoing Health Problems: Michael Allison, Susan Ashburn, Helen Burgess, Kelly Fletcher, Pat Goodpasture, Sherree Hawkins, Judy Hix, Rose Keith, Barbara Loftis, Tarina Miller, George Reitenour, Billy Sliger, Owen & Maudean Sparks, Amos Spurlock, Jimmy Sitto



WILLOW MEALS

Make a difference in someone's life – sign up to prepare a dish to help with Willow Meals. The menus are posted on the bulletin board by the

kitchen. **WE NEED COOKS!** August menus are now posted.

Shut-Ins:

At Home:

Dib Anderson, Bud Bartlett, Patti Boyd, Belle Butts, Pearl Cockrum, Robert Cowan, Florene Davis, Ruth Gentry, Ben Gore, Rick Grimes, Mamie Henry, Marie Jackson, Reda Judd, Phyllis Julian, Virginia McGee, Ressie Pharris, Jean Pitts, Rachel Stafford, Jessie Thomas, Betty Tinch

Bethesda: Irene McBroom, Burch McCormick

Cedar Hills Senior Living: Sara Lewis, Zina Mitchell

CRMC Rehab Center: Aubery Stockton

Heritage Point Assisted Living: Bud Scott

Life Care Center, Sparta: Leslie Cole, Eddie DeLoach, Billie Watson

Overton County Nursing Home: Juanita Baker

Senior Lifestyles: Shelby & Bonnie Forkum

Signature Healthcare: Doris Haile, Juanita Nation, Joe Britt

Mabry Healthcare-Gainesboro: Olga Szalay, Glenn Webb

Morningside: Mildred Palk, Edith Stewart

NHC: Ann McWaters, Rebecca Brown



The Tween-agers will be going to the Blue Water Grill on August 6th. Please sign up on the bulletin board.

BIBLE BOWL

Remember our Sunday practices will begin this Sunday at 4:30 until 5:45.

This Week's featured group is Group 3 being coached by Sherrie Webb, Pam Miller and Kimberly Miller. We are so happy that these three ladies are coaching for their first time this year at Willow! This group of students are eager to learn and are doing well! Included is: Mary Katherine Evans, Lane Garrett, Ellie Rose Kirby, Brody Parsons, and Jake Richards. We are so proud of all of you!

CARE LINE: 931-432-6333

PRAYER LIST

Willow Avenue Church of Christ
1150 South Willow Avenue
Cookeville, TN 38506

ELDERS

Jeff Gaw - Larry Harp - Dan Huffines
John Hudson - Roy Johnson - Gary Risley
Reed Wilson

DEACONS

Barry Allison - Ralph Bryant
Mark Caldwell - Charles Cobb
Tyler Gaw - Buddy King
Paul Pippin - Steve Qualls
Denny Richardson - Tim Richardson
Ryan Smith - Glenn Stockton

MINISTERS

Jeremiah Tatum - Preacher
Mike Dyer - Involvement Minister
Chase Fletcher - Youth Minister

SECRETARIES

Vickie Stockton & Cathy Whiteaker

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning Worship 9:00
Sunday Morning Bible Study 10:15
Sunday Evening Worship 6:00
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 7:00

RADIO BROADCASTS

Sunday Morning Worship 10:15 AM
WHUB - AM1400
"Minutes of Meditation"
Three Times Daily Monday - Friday
WLQK 95.9 FM and WLVV 104.7 FM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.

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Website www.willowcofc.net

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – JULY 31

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard
Read Scripture – Art Montgomery
First Prayer – Tony Maxwell
Last Prayer – Luke Tatum
Announcements – Dewight Stamps

Give Thanks – David Ray Smith

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Mark Caldwell	Ryan Smith
Ron Johnson	Chris Sparks
Brian Dudney	Carver Moore
Brent Martin	Chayce Gaw

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Rick Ramsey
Denny Richardson

Usher in the Auditorium – Tom Bumbalough
Barry Chaffin

Usher in the Vestibule and Assist with Outside Doors
(Please be here by 8:30 am)

North Door – Dan Evans
Center Door – Johnny Goodwin
South Door – Jere Hawkins

Parking Lot Patrol – Ushers

Keep Nursery – Maggie Kent & Cathy Whiteaker
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Greet at Doors before Service & Hand Out Flyers
(Please be here by 8:30 am)

Door #1 – Annette Bouchard
Door #2 – Tom & Nathan Longfellow
Door #3 – Paul & Judy Bybee
Door #4 – Ed & Monica Mayer
Door #5 – Helen Burgess

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – JULY 31

Lead Singing – Tony Maxwell
Read Scripture – Kasey Mann
First Prayer – Jim Loftis
Last Prayer – Drew Caldwell
Announcements – Dewight Stamps

Serve At The Lord's Table – Buck Parsons
Neil Ashburn

Keep Nursery – Georgia McCurdy & Linda Loftis
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Bumbalough

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – AUGUST 3

Lead Singing – Jared West
Invitation – Tyler Gaw
Announcements – Dewight Stamps
Prayer – Bo Briggs
Parking Lot Patrol – Dan Miller

**IF YOU CANNOT SERVE CALL:
Charles Cobb 526-4337 or Lewis Coomer 252-2051**