

# THE PROCLAIMER



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## 4 Mistakes Husbands Keep Making

Marriage is not easy. No matter how compatible two people might be, and no matter how much they love each other and are good too each other, marriage is going to initiate challenges that will test the very hearts of the two people who are involved. Having been married for over 18 years and having counseled marriages for about the same amount of time, I can tell you that the struggles in marriage are pretty much the same struggles everywhere. It boils down to the differences between men and women, and how they act and what they individually need. With that being said, and with the realization that I often fail in all of these areas, here are some mistakes we as husbands continually make:

1. Husbands are not as kind to their wives as they should be. It is in little remarks. It is in their body language. Unfortunately for some men it is temper tantrums and foul language. But in any event, women respond better to tenderness and considerate modes of communication. When a woman feels beaten down she is going to shrivel up. She is not going to respond with affection. 1 Peter 3:7 instructs – “Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife...” The word, “honor,” in this passages literally means “understanding the value” of the wife. When we recognize the value of something we treat it with care and protect it. Husbands need to treat their wives better. If they don’t they should not be surprised when she doesn’t want to be close.

2. Husbands are not doing the little things enough. Flowers bought to make up for a blunder are not as effective as a card written on a Tuesday afternoon and left on your wife’s car for no reason at all except to praise her or tell her what she means to you. Major purchases and attempts to quickly fix things that have been broken in the relationship for years are not things that will resonate with her as much as you think. There is no quick fix when trust has been lost, or when feelings have been hurt, or when you have patterned bad behavior. But the little things every day are what she needs in order to feel close to you. Getting up to wash the dishes after supper, putting all your clothes away that she has washed and dried and folded, and taking care of her vehicle’s maintenance before she ever knew it was even time are the little things that make her feel like you are what she can’t do without.

3. Husbands are rarely, if at all romantic. It is amazing how much more romantic boyfriends are than husbands. What a shame! Especially since husbands have rights and boyfriends have none! When you dated you opened doors and planned events that surrounded her favorite things. You daydreamed about her and you texted her all day and told her how much you missed her. You anticipated the very next time you would see her or hear her voice. Stop taking her for granted. Try to win her heart every day. “When you dated” is saying enough in itself. You should never stop courting her. She is the woman you forsook all others for. This means she is special. If she doesn’t make your heart skip a beat then there is something wrong with your heart. Romance is often felt in husbands but it is simply not expressed. If you think she doesn’t need to be told she is pretty, or that you love her, or that you are thankful for her, you are dead wrong. Just because she has heard those things before doesn’t mean she no longer needs to hear them. Chances are that because she hasn’t heard them very often she simply doesn’t feel them anymore.

4. Husbands are not leading spiritually. God gave men the responsibility to lead their families in the Lord. They may work hard and pay the bills. They may be at all the ball games for the kids. They may provide and protect in many areas. But husbands who have no walk with the Lord are not capable of the kind of leadership a family requires. Even if they had no spiritual examples growing up, husbands still need to seek out a relationship with God for themselves and their family. We cannot blame the present and the future on the past. And there is nothing more calming or attractive to a Christian woman than a man who is personally close with God. Prayers should be the norm. He should be a man who studies the Bible for principles by which he will guide the wife and children. When a wife sees a man pray, cry, or be vulnerable to the point that He shows a need for God and for his companion, she will quickly respond to his side and her heart will be involved.

So husbands, there it is. This is not rocket science. Treat her better. Do the little things. Court her hard. And lead her in the Lord. These are not difficult tasks for a man who loves his wife. They are honors and pleasures.

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.” – Ephesians 5:25.

*Jeremiah Tatum*

**SERMON TOPICS AUGUST 7, 2016**

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum  
"Be The Sacrifice"  
Philippians 2:5-8  
6:00 p.m. – Summer Series  
"Wonderful Words of Life"  
Steven Hunter speaking on "Forgiven"



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

Final signups for our Family Retreat will be Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>! Please consider joining the 107 already signed up to go to Indian Creek camp on August 19-21<sup>st</sup>! It's gonna be a great weekend with the theme: New Beginnings! We will have a meeting with all the details on Sunday evening August 14<sup>th</sup> after evening services. Your money will be due at that time.

*We have received "Thank You" cards from:*

*Elaine McCormick  
Dalton Todd  
Rene Wilhoit  
Jimmy & Sandra Sitto*

**NEW MEMBERS**

We are happy to announce that Graham & Kaysha Sells have expressed their desire to be under the eldership here at Willow Avenue. Be sure to meet Graham & Kaysha and their daughter Matilda Kate and let them know we are glad they are here.

Graham, Kaysha & Matilda Kate Sells, 1026 North Plantation Drive, Cookeville, TN 38506.  
Phone:931-267-6533

**CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE**  
**AUGUST 3 - 10**

**Christ Is Preached To The Eunuch**

Acts 8:38 "So he commanded the chariot to stand still. And both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him."

Acts 8:39 "Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Philip away, so that he saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing."



*A Special Happy Birthday to Juanita Nation who will celebrate her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday,*

*August 11.*

**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.

**FOR THE RECORD – July 31, 2016**

9:00 a.m.	534
10:15 a.m.	411
6:00 p.m.	326
Wed 7/27	340

**PANTRY ITEMS**

**August 7 -13**

**#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class**

Peanut Butter

**#15 - College Class**

Vegetable Beef Soup

**#16 - Mike Dyer's Class**

Chicken Noodle Soup

**#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class**

Vegetable Beef Soup

**#19 - Roy Johnson's Class**

Vegetable Beef Soup

**Auditorium Class**

Chicken Noodle Soup



**Elder of the month or contact for the group for August is Jeff Gaw 931-260-2397.**

**SOUND BOOTH**

Sunday, August 7 and Wednesday, August 10

Songs - Todd Hudson

Sound - Dennis Hood

**ADDITIONS**

Please add the following to your August calendar:  
Evelyn Medlin – Birthday – August 9  
Brian & Kristi Challenger – Anniversary – August 16  
Abigail Challenger – Birthday – August 6  
Graham Sells – Birthday – August 25

**BUS DRIVER**



Bus driver for Sunday, August 7 and Wednesday, August 10 is **Mike Smith (931-261-1481).**



### 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.



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



The Kindred Spirits will be meeting at Happy Haven on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. for a "Fun in the Sun" fellowship.

### BIBLE BOWL

We would like to thank our 74 Bible Bowl pals for helping to encourage our students! They were all excited to receive their treats last Sunday. Try to meet them and encourage them along the way! Next "treat" day is Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. We want to thank Suzanne Woods for all her hard work putting the pals program together again this year! This is not an easy task and we appreciate all the time you put into this Suzanne!!!

This week's study group being features is Group 4 being coached by Maxine Stewart. Maxine is a wonderful coach who has been working in Bible Bowl for many years. Her students all love her and Maxine loves them too! Her group this year includes: Mallie Carwile, Ella Dudley, Wes Hudson, Olivia Lykins, Lily Ragland, Cade Smith and Lyssa Beth Tatum who are all old pros at Bible Bowl ☺. New to Bible Bowl this year in Maxine's group are Lizzie Stalnaker and her cousin Elizabeth Edwards. We are so excited to have these sweet young ladies participating this year! This group will do well!

Important date upcoming: Super Sunday is Sunday, August 14<sup>th</sup>. Check next week's bulletin for all the details!

As always, we ask for your continued prayers for our students and coaches.

### MEALS



Just a reminder that the schedule for taking meals to Jere and Sheree has started back. If anyone has lost their schedule, please see Amanda Hudson. Also, if there is anyone

interested in signing up to take them a meal once every 2 or 3 months, please let Amanda know.



Since we have had new locks installed on some of the doors we need to remind everyone that to exit the building from the multipurpose room (main door next to the kitchen), the hallway down the education wing, or the hallway next to the office, you need **PUSH THE BUTTON/BOX ON THE WALL NEXT TO THE DOOR TO OPEN THE DOOR**. The box says "Push to Exit".

### PRAYER LIST

*It was good to see Larry Farley and Traci Smith back at worship.*

- > Nola Judd is now at Bethesda Healthcare.
- > Gary Risley will be having heart valve replacement surgery, August 15th.
- > Anna Yoder is at home recovering from a fall.
- > Mary Brymer (sister of Brenda Williams) is having major surgery.
- > Charles Stroupe is in CRMC.

**Sick or Recuperating at home:** Donna Kinnaird, Roger Rogers, Ann Walker, Rene Wilhoit

**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

### **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:** Nola Judd, 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

**Overtown 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

**CARE LINE: 931-432-6333**

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  
 WLKQ 95.9 FM and WLVV 104.7 FM

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.  
 Office Phone 931-432-2333  
 Fax Line 931-432-2338  
 Care Line 931-432-6333  
 Website [www.willowcofc.net](http://www.willowcofc.net)  
 Email [willowcofc@twlakes.net](mailto:willowcofc@twlakes.net)

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – AUGUST 7**

Lead Singing – Gary Risley  
 Read Scripture – Mike Briggs  
 First Prayer – Toby Russell  
 Last Prayer – Steve Qualls  
 Announcements – Larry Harp

Give Thanks – Dennis Hood

**Serve the Congregation –**

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Charles Bean	Tim Richardson
L.B. Johnson	Jimmy Mackie
Hollis Walker	George Dudney
Hubert Qualls	Ron Johnson

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – David Lancaster  
 Carver Moore

Usher in the Auditorium – Darrell DeLoach  
 Dom DeLuca

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

North Door – Tom Spohnholtz  
 Center Door – Denny Richardson  
 South Door – Don Wagnon

Parking Lot Patrol – Ushers

Keep Nursery – Bridgett Carwile & Lindsey Ford  
 (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 – Reba Barr  
 Door #2 – Austin & Tanner Cagle  
 Door #3 – Amber & Luke Tatum  
 Door #4 – Mark & Kim Thomason  
 Door #5 – Phyllis Cobb

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – AUGUST 7**

Lead Singing – Roy Johnson  
 Read Scripture – Cole Walker  
 First Prayer – Barry Allison  
 Last Prayer – Neil Ashburn  
 Announcements – Larry Harp

Serve At The Lord's Table – Barry Chaffin  
 Lewis Coomer

Keep Nursery – Valerie Kirby & Demetria Pace  
 (If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Charles Cobb

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – AUGUST 10**

Lead Singing – Reed Wilson  
 Invitation – Ryan Smith  
 Announcements – Larry Harp  
 Prayer – Ethan Hammond  
 Parking Lot Patrol – Carver Moore

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