

THE PROCLAIMER



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Persistence

The former U.S. President Calvin Coolidge once said, “Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan “press on” has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.”

Persistence is defined as, “the quality of continuing steadfastly in spite of obstacles.” Synonyms for persistence include endurance, perseverance, and adherence. In our walk with God, Satan is going to try to do everything he can to stop us. We will also, in our weaknesses, put some of our own problems in the way. Persistence is the necessary tool we need to overcome the obstacles of Satan and self.

The Old Testament paints a great picture of what life is really like. The Jew’s Egyptian bondage can be compared to the slavery of sin. Moses serves as a type of Christ, a savior and deliverer appointed by God. The Red Sea is a foreshadowing of the salvation experience later realized in the new covenant. And the wilderness is just life – the reality of our dependence on God! Even though we have been set free in Jesus, we still have a need to mature and choose God every day.

The Hebrew writer, therefore, wrote to the church, “Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end” ([Hebrews 3:12-14](#)).

We may think it would sure be nice if we had no worries once we became Christians. But a relationship with Christ is not a guarantee that worldly struggles will cease. Instead, being a Christian means that we now have what it takes to overcome the world through faith. We have the cleansing blood of Christ to take away our sins. We have the motivation of heaven to endure hardship. We have the good news which God has commanded us to share with others in order to make a difference along the way.

There may not be a more important word for the Christian than “persistence.” In the end, it will be the difference between eternal life and eternal condemnation.

“For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise” ~ [Hebrews 10:36](#)

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS AUGUST 14, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
“Do Christians Really Ever Need to be Restored?”
Galatians 6:1-2
6:00 p.m. – Summer Series
“Wonderful Words of Life”
Bryan McCalister speaking on “Family”

*We have received “Thank You” cards from:
Nathan & Samantha Hood
James & Patsy Gentry
Larry & Debbie Farley
Brian, Kristi, Bradley & Aby Challenger*

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to announce that Sara Blaylock, and Mike & Judy Flatt have expressed their desire to be under the eldership here at Willow Avenue. Be sure to meet them and let them know we are glad they are here.
Sara Blaylock - 1108 N. Washington Ave., Cookeville TN 38501. Phone # 931-349-7998
Mike & Judy Flatt – 600 E. Bangham Rd., Cookeville, Tn 38501. Phone# 931-528-2520.



*A Special Happy Birthday to
Thelma Cole who will celebrate
her 91st birthday, August 17.*

FOR THE RECORD – August 7, 2016

9:00 a.m.	489
10:15 a.m.	377
6:00 p.m.	355
Wed 8/03	260

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 - Glenn Stockton
Sound - Ethan Hammond



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

Final signups for our Family Retreat will be Sunday, August 14th! Please consider joining the 107 already signed up to go to Indian Creek camp on August 19-21st! It's gonna be a great weekend with the theme:

New Beginnings!

We will have a Retreat Meeting this Sunday evening after services, upfront. We will be handing out directions and information and collecting your fees. Please try to attend.

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE
AUGUST 10-17

Christ Is Preached To The Eunuch

Acts 10:34 *Then Peter opened his mouth and said; “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.*

Acts 10:35 *“But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.*



A future Volunteer is on his way!

Join us for a couples “Baby Shower” celebrating Justin & Demetria Pace & Baby, Camden Jude, Sunday, August 28 at 4pm @ Willow Ave Church of Christ. They are Registered & BabieRUs & Walmart.

PANTRY ITEMS

August 14-20

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Vegetable Beef Soup

#15 - College Class

Blackeyed Peas

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Beanie Weenees

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Vegetable Beef Spoup

#19 - Roy Johnson's Class

Baked Beans

Auditorium Class

Oatmeal



BUS DRIVER



Bus driver for Sunday, August 14 and Wednesday, August 17 is Bryan Kirby (931-267-2222).



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.



A Special "Happy Anniversary" to Jimmy & Shirley Mackie who will celebrate 62 years on August 12th, and to Jim & Pat Grimes 57 years on August 14th.

BIBLE BOWL

This Sunday is Super Sunday for Bible Bowlers. Bible Bowlers and their families and coaches should bring a sack lunch/drink and stay after morning services to eat together in the multipurpose room. We will be having a "group" practice together after lunch in the auditorium and then leave at 12:45 for Bowling World. All the kids need for Bowling World is "vending machine" money if they want a snack/drink and bring a pair of socks! We ask that parents of children 2nd grade and below go with them to Bowling World to help supervise. ALL students need to be picked up at Bowling World at 2 p.m. There will be NO afternoon practice at 4:30.

This week's featured study group is Group # 5 being coached by Kim and Tom Stafford. Kim said this is a very good group of students and they ask a lot of questions and are enjoying studying. They are emphasizing the importance of following God's instructions exactly, showing reverence and being holy, and always offering the best to God and trying to make application to today's world. This group of enthusiastic students include veteran Bible Bowlers Sydney Mayer, Amelia Piercy, Claire Richardson and Jared Stafford. They are happy (especially Jared) to have added another young man to their group this year: Luke Stalnaker. We are so proud of all of you for studying God's Word!

We would like to express our sympathy to the family of Ann Rose Vaught in the death of her aunt Clemma Rose Gentry Welch on Sunday. Visitation will be Wednesday 4-8pm with services Thursday 2:00pm at Whitson Funeral Home.

Gospel Meeting

Monterey Church of Christ

308 W Crawford Ave., Monterey, TN 38574

August 14-17

Speaker: Ben Smith

See bulletin board for scheduled services.



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 Pat Goodpasture back at worship.

>Robert Cowan has pneumonia he is home.

> Gary Risley will be having heart valve replacement surgery, August 15th.

> Anna Yoder is at home recovering from a fall.

> Alex Szymczal (niece of Brian Challenger) diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, is having Chemo treatments.

>Amos Spurlock fell and broke his arm.

> Charles Stroupe is in CRMC ICU.

>Lyndsey Phillips(daughter of Danny & Teresa) is having knee surgery.

>Linda Phillips is sick at home.

>Micah Hart(son of Jason & Jennifer Hart) has been diagnosed with leukemia will be starting treatments.

>Brenda Carrol (daughter of Bonnie Przbalo) has a mass on her brain, seeing a surgeon 8/9.

>Aubrey Stockton(father of Elizabeth Hudson) in Bethesda for therapy.

Sick or Recuperating at home: Donna Kinnaird, 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: Aubrey 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

CARE LINE: 931-432-6333

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1150 South Willow Avenue
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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 WLIV 104.7 FM

OFFICE HOURS

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – AUGUST 14

Lead Singing – Lindon Carwile
Read Scripture – Mark Caldwell
First Prayer – Dewight Stamps
Last Prayer – Loyd Birdwell
Announcements – Barry Allison

Give Thanks – Ray Smith

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Brian Dudney	Neal Ashburn
Lewis Coomer	Todd Hudson
Bill Maynard	Bryan Kirby
Karl Nye	Brendan Johnson

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Ronnie Brown
Paul Bybee

Usher in the Auditorium – Buddy King
Jim Loftis

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

North Door – Carver Moore
Center Door – Phil Philips
South Door – Paul Pippin

Parking Lot Patrol – Ushers

Keep Nursery – Sara Blaylock & Michelle Sherfield
(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 – Todd & Heather Kinniard
Door #2 – Dom & Bettie DeLuca
Door #3 – Hollis & Frances Walker
Door #4 – Barry & Mary Chaffin
Door #5 – Jim & Pat Grimes

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – AUGUST 14

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard
Read Scripture – Charles Bean
First Prayer – Chase Fletcher
Last Prayer – Chayce Gaw
Announcements – Barry Allison

Serve At The Lord's Table – Ralph Bryant
Rick Ramsey

Keep Nursery – Elayne Montgomery & Traci Smith
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Clarence Gaw

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – AUGUST 17

Lead Singing – Harold Kinnaird
Invitation – Tom Spohnholtz
Announcements – Barry Allison
Prayer – Jim Briggs
Parking Lot Patrol – David Lancaster

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