

THE PROCLAIMER



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Get in the Game

I grew up a Los Angeles Dodgers fan. When I was a child we lived in L.A. and I had the opportunity to attend many games. The Dodgers had some good teams in the 70's and 80's, and I remember World Series victories and some of players and personalities of those teams.

One player in particular that comes to mind is Pedro Guerrero. He was a Latin player who was a talented hitter, but who lacked a little bit in the field. Sometimes he played third base, and other times he played outfield. One thing that the managers noticed was that his batting average went down significantly when he was playing third. They found out later that he was hoping that the ball would not be hit to him when he was in the infield. He had no confidence at third base. He later admitted that he could never concentrate on hitting unless he was in the outfield.

It occurs to me that many Christians try to live their life this way in the church. They would rather be away from the line of fire, somewhere in the outfield. They do not want the ball hit to them. They want to be able to concentrate on other things. They do not want to be challenged. They do not want to get in the game.

We need to get in the game because Christianity is not a spectator sport. If we believe that God truly has the power to take away our sins, we should also believe, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." We can do great work in the kingdom if we will just trust in God to help us.

We need to get in the game because Christianity is about effort, not perfection. People avoid church work because they are afraid they will not do it right. We need to remember God used fisherman to preach the gospel, and He usually used the lowest, most untrained people to change the world. Every person who comes to Christ is a sinner. Every person who works in the church is a sinner. It is guaranteed that elders, deacons, preachers, teachers, are going to commit some errors in their work. I am so thankful for those who will do the Lord's work, knowing that they are imperfect.

We need to get in the game because we are in a win or lose situation. People are depending on us. We should want the ball to come to us, because we can change the outcome. Too many people are playing another game on the wrong field. In the meantime, the majority of the world is going to spend eternity in hell. If we get in the game we will make a difference. If we do not get on the game, we will not get to share in the final victory.

"So he called him and said to him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship...' – Luke 16:2

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS AUGUST 28, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
"What Version Of The Bible Should I Use?"
2 Peter 1:19-21
6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
"Cross Words"
John 19:28-30

REQUESTING PRAYERS

Heather Fletcher requested the prayers of her Christian family on her behalf and for her family as they are facing daily struggles. Please keep Heather and her family in your prayers in the coming weeks.

We extend our sympathy to Doug & Earl Baker Jr. in the death of their mother, our Juanita Baker. She was also the sister of our Gertrude Stewart.

We extend our sympathy also to Monica Mayer in the death of her aunt, Louise Wilmoth.

And we extend our sympathy to Charlie Vaughn in the death of his niece, Chris Slagle.

*A Special Happy Anniversary to:
Truman & Willene Fox celebrating
63 years on August 28
Charles & Phyllis Cobb celebrating
53 years on August 30.*

FOR THE RECORD – August 21, 2016	
9:00 a.m.	412
10:15 a.m.	270
6:00 p.m.	321
Wed 8/17	341

SOUND BOOTH
 Sunday, August 28 and Wednesday, August 31
 Songs - Glenn Stockton
 Sound - Tom Spohnholtz



Congratulations to Cynthia Medley & Travis Tate who were married August 13. We wish them many happy years together.

BUS DRIVER



Bus driver for Sunday, August 28 and Wednesday, August 31 is **Brent Martin (931-284-1746).**

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

AUGUST 24 - 31

Believe

Acts 16:31 "So they said, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved, you and your household.'"

Acts 16:33 "And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized."



Congratulations to Hunter & Mindy Harp on the birth of Sutton Avery Harp on Thursday, August 18. Sutton weighed 7 pounds 11 ounces and was 19 ¼ inches long. Proud grandparents: Larry & Gina Harp and Reed & Tammy Wilson. Proud aunt & uncle: Emilee & Chuck Wilson. Proud cousin: Ben Wilson.



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 @ Babies R Us & Walmart.

*We have received "Thank You" cards from:
Charlie & Anna Rose Vaughn
Brad & Donna McFaul*



PANTRY ITEMS

August 28 - September 4

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Spam

#15 - College Class

Canned Black-Eyed Peas

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Canned Baked Beans

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Beanee Weenee

#19 - Roy Johnson's Class

Pork & Beans

Auditorium Class

Canned Great Northern Beans



PLEASE CHECK THE SHELF AND TABLE NEXT TO THE KITCHEN AND PICK UP ANY DISHES THAT BELONG TO YOU.

BIBLE BOWL

Remember this Sunday will be our final Sunday Bible Bowl Practice at 4:30 – 5:45. Let's try to have 100% attendance! Be making plans to attend our final week of practices "Bible Bowl" Style on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Sept. 6th, 7th and 8th. Bible Bowl Day is Sat. Sept. 10th at Hooper Eblen Center!

This week's featured Study Group is Group #7 being coached by Jared West and he is being assisted by Chayce Gaw. This is Jared and Chayce's first year coaching at Willow. Jared brings a unique style of teaching Leviticus to this group of boys. They are learning the material so well.

Included in this group is Bo Briggs, Luke Caldwell, Garrett Dudney, Jonah Evans, Drew Kirby, Blake Maxwell, Nick Piercy, Carson Ragland and Daniel Tatum. These boys are all repeaters of Bible Bowl. Some of these boys will participate in the Jr. Division and some in the Sr. Division at Bible Bowl. We are very proud of you all!

FAMILY RETREAT

For over 20 years, our church family has been having a "retreat" in August of each year. Through the years, we had always made the long trip to Kentucky to Taylor Christian Camp where we've made lots of wonderful memories throughout those many years! This year we changed to a closer camp – Indian Creek – and had an appropriate theme of "New Beginnings". The weekend was attended by around 115 members of our church family. We all enjoyed wonderful fellowship together. We began on Friday afternoon (or Friday evening for those "men" who couldn't follow directions...but I'm not naming any names).☺ After dinner, Jeremiah started us off with a devo on "A New Place". The remainder of the evening was filled with laughter and games that let us get to know each other better. We had a lot of "first-timers" this year and are so grateful that they all came and enjoyed! On Saturday morning, we were treated by a BIG Breakfast prepared by the men! Our first lesson on Saturday was delivered by Chase Fletcher. Chase did a wonderful job with his topic: "A New Plan". He challenged us to always have a plan for our life which includes God. Later that morning, we enjoyed either participating in or watching the "Willow Olympic Games". Lots of smiles and laughter! Thanks to Amanda Hudson and her crew for organizing these fun games! After lunch, we had our second lesson of the day delivered by Ryan Smith on "A New Purpose". Ryan got us all to think about what our purpose is as Christians and had us all write down a personal "purpose statement" with verses from the Bible which would help us each day focus on that purpose. On Saturday afternoon, we had kids jumping off the dock into the lake, we had people napping, we had groups playing cards and groups playing volleyball in the gym! Everyone was enjoying the day. After a wonderful dinner, we had the annual "Willow's Got Talen" show with several participating and most of us watching and amazed by the talents...from Jared Stafford giving an outstanding performance on a snare drum...to "John Travolta and Olivia Newton John" (a.k.a. Tom and Karen Dyer) singing a song for us...to Tex with the Ten Gallon hat and his Phillies featuring Ben Wilson on the drum! (Tex sure did look a lot like Roy Johnson though) and we all enjoyed Kirklyn Moores singing a beautiful "Carrie Underwood" song for us (she's really got talent!). We had another talent that was to be performed by Elizabeth Gaw and friends (had some technical difficulties) but EJ did get to show off her "spirited" nature by ordering Kasey Mann around! And who can forget "Blue Suede Shoes" performed by Cade "Elvis" Smith??? Jeremiah sang a sweet special song to Lyssa Beth for her birthday! There was a lot of talent showcased by our own talented host, Tim Woodward. Tim led the audience in many rounds of "Happy Birthday" to birthday girls, Brooklyn

Crouch, Hilary West and Lyssa Beth. Saturday night was finished off with lots of good accapella singing around the tables, enjoyed by the ones who sang and the ones who just listened! Our Sunday morning worship lesson was delivered by Tim Woodward on "A New Promise". Tim's lesson from God's Word challenged us all to rededicate our lives to living for God. Thank you Tim for the inspiring lesson. We want to thank EVERYONE... from the youngest to the oldest...for coming this weekend and helping make our 2016 Family Retreat a success. Without all of your hard work and participation, this weekend wouldn't have been possible. We want everyone to mark your calendars for the 3rd weekend in August for 2017!

PRAYER LIST

It was good to see George Reitenour & Ricky Sherrell able to be at worship Sunday.

- > *Dib Anderson fell and was taken to the Vanderbilt Trauma Unit. He has a fractured pelvis and a blood clot in his lung.*
- > *Joe & Bev Buras are both sick at home.*
- > *Robert Cowan is at home with pneumonia.*
- > *Gary Risley is now at home recovering from surgery.*
- > *Roger Rogers will have throat surgery on August 29.*
- > *Ann Walker will have surgery Thursday, August 25 to remove bone spurs from her spine.*
- > *Alexis Szymczak (niece of Brian Challenger) is having chemo treatments.*
- > *Lyndsey Phillips (daughter of Danny & Teresa) is Recovering from knee surgery.*
- > *Brenda Carrol (daughter of Bonnie Przybylo) will be having surgery on Sept. 7 for a mass on her brain.*
- > *Serita Stamps (daughter-in-law of Dewight & Shirley Stamps) had surgery August 18. They replaced a heart valve. She is doing well.*
- > *Tom Graham (husband of Vonda Graham) received a good report following his surgery.*

CARE LINE: 931-432-6333

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

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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 WLVV 104.7 FM

OFFICE HOURS

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – AUGUST 28

Lead Singing – Tony Maxwell
Read Scripture – Hubert Qualls
First Prayer – David Ray Smith
Last Prayer – Ethan Hammond
Announcements – Reed Wilson

Give Thanks – Roy Johnson

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
John Hudson	Jacob Howard
Kasey Mann	Chris Sparks
Randy Mann	Bobby Whiteaker
Kris Mann	Matt Garrett

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Don Wagnon
Hollis Walker

Usher in the Auditorium – L.B. Johnson
Jerry Williams

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

North Door – Jimmy Mackie
Center Door – Tom Bumbalough
South Door – Shirl Allen

Parking Lot Patrol – Ushers

Keep Nursery – Demetria Pace Leigh Caldwell
(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 – Martha Dyer
Door #2 – Marcia Borys & Clara McDonald
Door #3 – David & Leda Lancaster
Door #4 – L.B. Jo Kathryn Johnson
Door #5 – Mary Pruett

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – AUGUST 28

Lead Singing – Tom Stafford
Read Scripture – Ronnie Brown
First Prayer – Tony Maxwell
Last Prayer – Paul Pippin
Announcements – Reed Wilson

Serve At The Lord's Table – Jeff Gaw
Chayce Gaw

Keep Nursery – Summer Maxwell & Heather Kinniard
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Dom DeLuca

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – AUGUST 31

Lead Singing – Tony Maxwell
Invitation – Tyler Gaw
Announcements – Reed Wilson
Prayer – Mike Dyer
Parking Lot Patrol – Tim Melton

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