

THE PROCLAIMER



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KEEP LOOKING

My mother lost her diamond solitaire 30 years ago. It was her engagement ring from my father. She used to take her rings off in the evening and set them on the arm of an expensive chair they had purchased for the house. One night the ring fell down into the chair. They tried to get it out but had no luck retrieving it. They didn't want to tear the chair apart, so they decided to look later. Over the years our family has experienced many unsuccessful attempts in locating the ring.

We moved in 1985 to a different house about five hours north. In the move, we discovered that the bottom of the chair had been torn. This made us lose all hope that we would ever find the ring. My parents moved again across the country twenty years later – still no ring. I remember different times over the years we had searched for the ring in the chair. It was almost like a legend – that maybe one day a diamond ring might appear from a chair that was getting worn out and old. Perhaps a complete destruction of the chair would produce a diamond – or something like that. I think sometimes you just hold on to a false reality because hope is powerful and you desperately need to hope in something.

Four years ago, when my father passed away, my mother decided to sell the house. A yard sale weekend commanded one last examination of the old chair. So my sister and my wife decided to completely tear the chair apart, even if it meant separating every piece of the chair. They tore and they busted and they ripped...and with a final rip an object flew from the chair across the room. It was my mother's engagement ring that my father had given to her many years ago. It was the reappearance of the legend!

My mother said at that time that the immediate reaction of my wife and sister would be likened to that of two 13-year-old girls at a Justin Bieber concert. From a Biblical standpoint, it reminded me of what Jesus said about the reaction of the finder of the lost coin and the lost sheep, or the treasure hidden in the field, or the pearl of great price. Jubilation!

One thing is certain. It is important in life for us to keep looking. If you have a dream, realize it. If you have a goal, reach it. If you have spiritual potential – fulfill it. If you have anything out there that is going to continue to make you work – then go and get it! This is God's will for us. This is hope. This is living. This is Christ in us.

*We sold the chair in the yard sale – price: \$5.00.
"Hey, Dad, you'll never guess what we found..."*

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened." – Matthew 7:7-8

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS September 11, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
"Let's Roll"
Joshua 1:8-9
6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
"God's Desire For His People"
Zechariah 8:1-3

NEW MEMBER

We are happy to announce that Tyler Carr has met with our elders and expressed his desire to work and worship under their guidance. Be sure to meet Tyler and give him a hearty Willow Avenue welcome.
Tyler Carr, 2803 Deerhaven Drive, Cookeville, TN 38506.
Phone: 931-319-2321



A Special Happy Birthday to Florence Wood who will celebrate her 92nd birthday on September 13.

FOR THE RECORD – September 4, 2016

9:00 a.m.	465
10:15 a.m.	329
6:00 p.m.	277
Wed 8/31	348

SOUND BOOTH

Sunday, September 11 and Wednesday, September 14
Songs - Glenn Stockton
Sound - Bryan Kirby

BUS DRIVER



Bus driver for Sunday, September 11 and Wednesday, September 14 is
Mike Smith (931-261-1481).

Elder of the month or contact for the group for September is Dan Huffines (931-704-6342).

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

September 7 - 14

Be Baptized

Acts 22:16 "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

The Name Christian

*Acts 26:27, 28 "King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe."
(v 28) "Then Agrippa said to Paul, 'You almost persuaded me to become a Christian.'"*

*We have received "Thank You" cards from:
Andy & Anna Yoder
Tom Graham*

FLOOD RELIEF



The Benevolence Ministry will be accepting monetary donations until September 11 to send to the flood victims in Louisiana. We have contacted the church in Gonzales, LA and the funds will be sent to them to oversee the distribution to those in need. Please make checks payable to Willow Avenue church of Christ and note in the memo line Flood Relief. You may give your check to Denny, one of the elders, bring it by the church office or drop it in the purple box.

PANTRY ITEMS

September 11 -17

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Pork & Beans

#15 - College Class

Black-Eyed Peas

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Pork & Beans

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Chili

#19 - Roy Johnson's Class

Applesauce

Auditorium Class

Peanut Butter



ALL LADIES



Come and join us for a Cook Out on Tuesday, September 13, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Martha Dyer (1323 Apple Valley Court). There will be hot dogs, hamburgers, fixings and s'mores at Martha's open fire pit. There may be a game or two so put on your thinking caps!!

BIBLE BOWL

It's Bible Bowl Time in Tennessee! This Saturday is the culmination of lots of hard studying and preparation on the book of Leviticus. We are so proud of our 75 students who have participated!

They are all WINNERS already no matter their scores on Saturday. We are so proud of them all! We will be having lunch at our usual spot on Saturday and invite all of our families and supporters to join us.

Bible Bowl Pals remember this Sunday is your final treat Sunday for your pals.

This week's final study group to be featured is Group #9 being coached by Molly Risley, Gwen Mann and Debbie Gaw. This group of young ladies have all been Bible Bowl participants for many years. We are very proud of the willingness to continue studying God's Word thru Bible Bowl in their teenage years. This group includes Chloe Evans, Emmaleah Mayer, Olivia Moore, Kylie Richards, Carley Sparks and Annalee Stafford. This is Olivia's Senior Year!! Olivia has been doing Bible Bowl for 7 years and we are very proud of her! We will miss you Olivia!!!

Please pray for our kids on Saturday!



SCHOOL BACKPACKS

The time has come again for preparing for next year's backpack ministry. The signup sheets were passed around during Sunday's Bible classes. The list for school supplies needed is located on the board near the kitchen. This is a much-needed ministry. This year, thanks to your contributions, we were able to distribute over 50 backpacks to those in need within our community. Each backpack received a Bible as well as the required school supplies. This is a good way to reach out to our community and is made possible by your generosity. Thanks you so much for all your support in keeping this ministry going and remember to sign up.



The Kindred Spirits will be going to Morningside to sing next Sunday. We invite others to come and join us. The residents look forward to us being there.

PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Pat Goodpasture and Bill Maynard able to beat worship Sunday.

- > *Burch McCormick is now at NHC Healthcare in Sparta.*
- > *Lois McCue is sick at home but doing better.*
- > *Roger Rogers had an appointment with his cancer doctor and did not receive a good report.*
- > *Brenda Carrol (daughter of Bonnie Przybylo) recovering from surgery.*
- > *Joy Carter (niece of Pat Grimes) is taking a new treatment for her cancer.*
- > *Ruth Robinson (mother of Bonnie Przybylo) remains in St Joseph Hospital in Mansfield, Wisconsin.*
- > *Serita Stamps (daughter-in-law of Dewight & Shirley Stamps) is now at Signature Healthcare for rehab following her heart surgery.*
- > *Arkley Moore (co-worker of Dan Evans) will be starting radiation treatments for colon cancer.*

Sick or Recuperating at home: Dib Anderson, Donna Kinnaird, Gary Risley, Ann Walker

Those dealing with cancer: Rosemary Andrews, Roger Rogers, Bud Scott, Sandra Sitto, Joy Carter, Janet Craighead, Julie Denny, Darlana Robichaud, Alexis Szymczak (taking treatments)

Those 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 Slinger, 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

Cedar Hills Senior Living: Sara Lewis, Zina Mitchell

Heritage Point Assisted Living: Bud Scott

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

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

NHC Sparta: Burch McCormick

CARE LINE: 931-432-6333

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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

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.
Office Phone 931-432-2333
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Care Line 931-432-6333
Website www.willowcofc.net
Email willowcofc@twlakes.net

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 11

Lead Singing – Lindon Carwile
Read Scripture – Bo Briggs
First Prayer – Roy Johnson
Last Prayer – Tim Woodward
Announcements – Larry Harp

Give Thanks – John Hudson

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Denny Richardson	James Tiensvold
Dan Miller	David Ray Smith
David Lancaster	Tanner Cagle
Dennis Hood	Ralph Bryant

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Carver Moore
Buddy King

Usher in the Auditorium – Ronnie Brown
Danny Phillips

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

North Door – Jim Briggs
South Door – Allen Richardson

Parking Lot Patrol – Ushers

Keep Nursery – Lisa West & Frances Walker
(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 – Bill Brown
Door #2 – Charles & Debbie Bean
Door #3 – Lois Bowman & Tammy Conner
Door #4 – Marion & Carolyn Dudney
Door #5 – Drew Caldwell

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 11

Lead Singing – Tom Stafford
Read Scripture – Ty Briggs
First Prayer – Chase Fletcher
Last Prayer – Tom Spohnholtz
Announcements – Larry Harp

Serve At The Lord's Table – Ryan Smith
Bart Cagle

Keep Nursery – Monica Mayer & Mary Chaffin
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Robert Oakes

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – SEPTEMBER 14

Lead Singing – Jared West
Invitation – Mike Dyer
Announcements – Larry Harp
Prayer – Dewight Stamps
Parking Lot Patrol – Lindon Carwile

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