

THE PROCLAIMER



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Can Anything Good Come from 9/11?

Fifteen years ago this past Sunday our nation was devastated by the worst act of terrorism we have ever witnessed. 2996 people died, over 6000 more people were injured, and the economic effects of the 9/11 attacks were estimated in the trillions of dollars. Of course the main thing was that innocent people were murdered by evil Al Quaeda operatives. These attacks shook us to the core and we won't ever forget what happened on that day. In truth the people who were directly affected by this terrible tragedy are in a different category when it comes to grieving. And so I tread lightly as I ask the question, "With all of the heartache of what happened fifteen years ago, can anything good come from 9/11?" I think we all know that the answer is a resounding, "Yes!"

Hundreds of articles have been written addressing how our nation changed because of the 9/11 attacks. There was a revival of patriotism. There were heroes. There was an awareness of the length at which terrorists will go to try to destroy the fabric of our country. There was an appreciation for those who daily work to defend us. There was a renewed sense of comradery among races and diverse cultures who are all in reality just Americans. There was a pause from bi-partisan politics at least long enough to sing in unison, "God Bless America!" There was increased respect for the flag, the national anthem, and the military. There was a rise in charity and sharing. We could go on and on. But above all of the possible good things, there were the spiritual blessings. This spiritual awakening came directly from our people having to look evil and death in the face and discover how to properly deal with it all.

There were individuals who had not darkened the door of a church building for decades who were found worshipping the following Sunday morning. There were people who were rededicating themselves to God and family and country. There were those who were unsaved who immediately decided to embrace Christ and get right with God. There were atheists who chose to renounce their stubborn will and believe in God. There were entire churches who responded with spiritual efforts in their communities to reach out to people who were hurting and lost. And individually, for every person, there was an awareness of morality and the judgment and an understood need to be ready to meet the Lord.

Good things can come from terrible things. Think about some of the worst things that have ever happened to you personally. How did you respond to them in the long run? Didn't they help you prioritize your life and build your character? Didn't they shape you into the person you are today? Aren't you better and stronger because of the challenges that were created by those experiences? The worst days for us in this physical world are in reality the days that will lead us victoriously into eternity. Jesus, while on the cross, made the worst day in history our moment of everlasting redemption.

Can anything good really come from something like 9/11? I seem to remember a man named Nathaneal once asking the question, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" I think we all know how that turned out.

It all depends on how we choose to respond.

"For to this end we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of those who believe." – 1 Timothy 4:10

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS September 18, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
“the Fate Of Those Who Do Not Obey The Gospel”
1 Peter 4:16-19
6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
“Turn My Heart, O God”
Malachi 4:5-6

New Brother

Congratulations to Luke Caldwell who was baptized Tuesday night for the remission of his sins. Luke is the son of Mark & Leigh Caldwell. Be sure to see Luke and let him know we are proud of him and his decision to obey the gospel.



1966 - 2016
50 Years Together
Please join us as we honor
Jim & Nancy Blankenship
Saturday, October 1, 2016
2 - 4 p.m.
Algood Church of Christ
395 West Main Street
Algood, TN

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

September 14 - 21

The Gospel

Romans 1:16: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

Romans 3:23: “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

FOR THE RECORD – September 11, 2016	
9:00 a.m.	455
10:15 a.m.	304
6:00 p.m.	283
Wed 9/7	355



We are sad to say good-bye to Freeda Bailey. She has moved to Mt. Juliet. We hope she will come back and visit with us often. Her new address is: 8206 North North Creek Drive, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122. Her phone number will be the same.



PANTRY ITEMS

September 18 - 24

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Bagged Dried Beans

#15 - College Class

Vegetable Soup

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Crackers

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Chili

#19 - Roy Johnson's Class

Black-Eyed Peas

Auditorium Class

Applesauce

Our pantry is really low on these items so let's try to bring extra.

SOUND BOOTH
Sunday, September 18 and Wednesday, September 21
Songs - Ethan Hammond
Sound - Dennis Hood

We have received “Thank You” cards from:

Lindsey Phillips
Ann Walker
Gary & Angie Risley
Bill Maynard



YOUTH

Willow Avenue Youth (WAY) shirts are in stock and on sale for only \$6. Please see Chase if you would like one.

**GOSPEL MEETING
WILLOW AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST
OCTOBER 16 – 19
WITH JAY LOCKHART
REGULAR SERVICES SUNDAY
MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 7:00 P.M.**

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



SCHOOL BACKPACKS

It is once again time to sign up for our backpack program. This program helps children of Putnam County that are in need of school supplies. It is an excellent outreach to our community as each backpack is full of school supplies, a Bible and information about Willow Avenue church of Christ. How can you help? There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board outside of the multipurpose room. Sign up to purchase a backpack, take a copy of the supply list, purchase those items, put them inside the backpack along with the list, and return the filled backpack to the same location outside the multipurpose room and then check your name off the signup sheet. Thank you for helping the children in our community!

BUS DRIVER



Bus driver for Sunday, September 18 and Wednesday, September 21 is
Danny Phillips (931-316-0002).

TWO REQUESTS

An elderly woman decided to prepare her will and told her preacher she had two final requests.

First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Wal-Mart.

"Wal-Mart!" the preacher exclaimed. "Why Wal-Mart?"

The woman replied, "Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."

PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Shirley Stamps able to be at worship Sunday.

- > Roger Rogers is at home under hospice care.
- > Glenn Webb (father of Susan Ashburn) had two stints put in this week.
- > Joy Carter (niece of Pat Grimes) is taking a new treatment for her cancer.
- > Arkley Moore (co-worker of Dan Evans) who was supposed to start radiation had a scan done and there is no cancer. He will be having surgery but will not have to take treatments.
- > Joe Peek (father of Candice Peek) had surgery on Tuesday, Sept. 13.
- > Alice Wheaton-Powell (mother of Rachael Howard) is having back surgery.
- > Ruth Robinson (mother of Bonnie Przybylo) remains in St Joseph's Hospital in Mansfield, Wisconsin.
- > Jimmy Sitto (father of Tarina Miller) had brain surgery on Friday at CRMC. He is now at Bethesda Healthcare in Room 205B.
- > Serita Stamps (daughter-in-law of Dewight & Shirley Stamps) is now at Signature Healthcare for rehab following her heart surgery.

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 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

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, Serita Stamps

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

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 WLIV 104.7 FM

OFFICE HOURS

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

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 18

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard
Read Scripture – Ty Briggs
First Prayer – Reed Wilson
Last Prayer – Tony Maxwell
Announcements – John Hudson

Give Thanks – Roy Johnson

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Tim Richardson	Cole Walker
Art Montgomery	Tom Spohnholtz
Ron Johnson	Mark Caldwell
Chase Fletcher	Mike Briggs

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – David Lancaster
Allen Richardson

Usher in the Auditorium – Barry Chaffin
James Tiensvold

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

North Door – Ronnie Brown
South Door – Danny Phillips

Parking Lot Patrol – Ushers

Keep Nursery – Brooke & DeAnn Alred
(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 – Michael Dodgen
Door #2 – Brian & Holly Dudney
Door #3 – George & Susan Dudney
Door #4 – Jeff & Debbie Gaw
Door #5 – Patty Dyer

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 18

Lead Singing – Lindon Carwile
Read Scripture – Bill Brown
First Prayer – Charles Bean
Last Prayer – Jim Briggs
Announcements – John Hudson

Serve At The Lord's Table – David Ray Smith
Tyler Gaw

Keep Nursery – Amanda Hudson & Madison Rice
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Rick Ramsey

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – SEPTEMBER 21

Lead Singing – Kasey Mann
Invitation – Luke Tatum
Announcements John Hudson
Prayer – Tim Woodward
Parking Lot Patrol – Dan Miller

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