

THE PROCLAIMER



WILLOW AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST VOL. XXXVI ISSUE #38 SEPTEMBER 21, 2016

A World War II Veteran and the National Anthem

Last Monday evening I was given the opportunity to speak at a small congregation during their series of gospel meetings. At the end of the service, as we were exiting the building the local preacher introduced me to an elderly gentleman who was walking out. I noticed he was using a cane to steady himself. The preacher informed me that this man had fought in the battle of the bulge. This immediately encouraged me to have a conversation about the man's work and sacrifice in that effort.

He was still fairly light on his feet and his eyes had not dimmed. He was mentally intact and well-spoken, yet humble, quiet, and kind. I thanked him for his service to our country. His words were few, but he told me that he was not drafted for the cause, but that he volunteered for it because he believed in it so completely. He also said he was so thankful for the home front. He said if it had not been for all of the support the armed forces had been receiving from home they would have never been able to have success in the battle overseas. For three and half years this man, now mid-nineties, had fought and sacrificed and given his life to his country. As he passed me and headed down the church steps I could have no other feelings than appreciation, thanksgiving, and respect.

Imagine believing in something so strongly that you would be able to offer up your life for it voluntarily! There was a time in the history of our nation when what we were doing and why was entirely more clear. With all of the recent controversy and media hype over the Kaepernick kneel at the playing of the national anthem, I am reminded that those who are now choosing to kneel have been given that freedom by none other than the people who once bled and died for its existence.

If there is any kneeling to be done, let us kneel at the feet of those who made our country great! If there is any kneeling to be done, let it be out of respect and sadness and humility rather than out of protest! If there is any kneeling to be done, let it not be for our personal, divisive, political agenda but rather let be for no other purpose than to serve and protect and sacrifice and pay honor to the colors of freedom and the unity of the hearts of the people who still live in the greatest country in the world!

There is another emblem of freedom that was first raised at Golgotha. It stands today as a symbol of international and eternal freedom for all those who come to terms with its meaning. When its song calls to us, will we hear it? Will we obey it? Will we respond to it? Those who sit in church buildings and refuse to observe its anthem are no different in some respects than those who declare citizenship and yet refuse to observe the very call that makes them free.

But you cannot be drafted. You have to volunteer. You have to believe in the cause so completely that you would lay down your life for it. That's the only way true freedom has or ever will be gained.

"For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it." – Mark 8:35

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS September 25, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
“Why People Need The Church”
Acts 14:21-23
6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
“Do Not Add To His Words”
Proverbs 30:5-6

New Christians

We are happy to announce three new brothers and a new sister. Last Sunday, Doug & Linda Baker, Carson Ragland and Nathan Carwile were all baptized for the remission of their sins. Be sure to see Doug, Linda, Carson & Nathan and let them know we are proud of them and their decision to obey the gospel.

REQUESTING PRAYERS

Also last Sunday, Drew Caldwell, Emmaleah Mayer and Kasey Mann all requested the prayers of their brothers and sisters for forgiveness and strength. They are an example to all of us with their courage and desire to be right with God. Please keep them in your prayers in the coming weeks.

We extend our sympathy to the family of our Reggie Richards. His funeral services were Tuesday. He was the husband of Angie Richards, the father of Jake Richards, the step-father of Jason Robinson, the son of Bobby & Cathy Whiteaker, the uncle of Kelsea Whittenberg & Kylie Richards, and the nephew of Charles & Phyllis Cobb.

We extend our sympathy also to the family of Sam Greenwood. His funeral services were Tuesday. He was the nephew of Bobby & Jewell McCaleb.

And we extend our sympathy to Cynthia Richardson in the death of her uncle David Leon “Boxie” Foutch. His funeral services were also on Tuesday.

CARE LINE: 931-432-6333

FOR THE RECORD – September 18, 2016

9:00 a.m. 447
10:15 a.m. (no classes-installed deacons)
6:00 p.m. 327
Wed 9/14 318

*We have received “Thank You” cards from:
Justin & Demetria Pace
Roger & Phyllis Rogers
Gertrude Stewart*

SOUND BOOTH

Sunday, September 25 & Wednesday, September 28
Songs - Todd Hudson
Sound - Russell Moss

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

**September 21 - 28
Baptized**

Romans 6:3 “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?”

Romans 6:4 “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”



PANTRY ITEMS

September 25 - October 1

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Mac & Cheese

#15 - College Class

Mac & Cheese

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Canned Pinto Beans

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Spam

#19 - Roy Johnson's Class

Vegetable Beef Soup

Auditorium Class

Oatmeal

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



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.**

Be making plans to be here for every service and invite you family and friends.

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



EMAIL

Lately when we send out the bulletin by email we have received several back. If your email has changed and you would like to continue receiving the bulletin by email, please call the office and give us your new email address (or you can write it on a card and drop it in the purple box.)



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 25 and Wednesday, September 28 is Mike Smith (931-261-1481).



PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Karen Dyer able to be at worship Sunday.

- > *Dib Anderson is now able to receive visitors.*
- > *Larry Farley was taken to the ER last Sunday and admitted to CRMC. He had a stint put in and was going home on Tuesday.*
- > *John Hoffmeister is sick at home.*
- > *Phyllis Julian is now at Cedar Hills Senior Living. (would love cards and visits)*
- > *Lois McCue is still sick at home.*
- > *Roger Rogers remains at home under hospice care.*
- > *Mary Brymer (sister of Jerry Williams) is dealing with several health issues.*
- > *Bill Harrison (brother of Glenn Stockton) is at the CRMC Rehab Center for therapy following back surgery last week.*
- > *Joe Peek (father of Candice Peek) is now in a regular room at CRMC.*
- > *Alice Wheaton-Powell (mother of Rachael Howard) is recovering from back surgery..*
- > *Ruth Robinson (mother of Bonnie Przybylo) is now at NHC for therapy.*
- > *Carl Sims is sick at home.*
- > *Aubrey Stockton (father of Elizabeth Hudson) is back in CRMC.*
- > *Glenn Webb (father of Susan Ashburn) is now back at Mabry Healthcare.*

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 (taking treatments), 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, Jimmy Sitto

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

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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

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 25

Lead Singing – Lindon Carwile
Read Scripture – Bill Brown
First Prayer – Buddy King
Last Prayer – Chase Fletcher
Announcements – Roy Johnson

Give Thanks – Reed Wilson

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Allen Richardson	Jared West
Karl Nye	Dewight Stamps
Patrick Kent	Barry Chaffin
Ethan Hammond	Bo Briggs

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Ronnie Brown
Danny Phillips

Usher in the Auditorium – Lewis Coomer
Rick Ramsey

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

North Door – Jim Loftis
South Door – James Tiensvold

Parking Lot Patrol – Ushers

Keep Nursery – Patty Bowman & Annalee Stafford
(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 – Shirl Allen
Door #2 – Ralph & Melba Bryant
Door #3 – Clarence & Loretta Gaw
Door #4 – Johnny & Teresa Goodwin
Door #5 – Seth Cagle

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – SEPTEMBER 25

Lead Singing – Tony Maxwell
Read Scripture – Tanner Cagle
First Prayer – Mike Briggs
Last Prayer – Mark Caldwell
Announcements – Roy Johnson

Serve At The Lord's Table –Ttom Spohnholtz
Dennis Hood

Keep Nursery – Sylinia & Laney Oakes
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Dom DeLuca

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – SEPTEMBER 28

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard
Invitation – Charles Bean
Announcements – Roy Johnson
Prayer – Jim Briggs
Parking Lot Patrol – Robert Oakes

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