

THE PROCLAIMER



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You are not Good Enough

I have good news and bad news. What do you want to hear first? Usually people say the good news. That has never made a whole lot of sense to me. I want to hear the good news last. I want to end on a positive note. So let's go against the grain and start with the bad news.

The bad news is that you are not good enough for God. You are not good enough for heaven. You in many ways are not even good enough for the kingdom (church) in the sense that your example is often imperfect and your hypocrisy can at times be more of a detriment to the cause than it is a blessing.

This bad news leaves you in a lost state. There are no good deeds you can perform to make up for the sins you have committed. Sin separates you from God (Isaiah 59:1, 2). And there is not one person who is going to go through adulthood without sinning (Rom. 3:23). Not one is righteous (Rom. 3:10). If we keep the entire covenant and yet stumble even in just one aspect we are guilty of the whole thing (James 2:10). So yes there is bad news – I mean really bad news. Your sin disqualifies you from ever being perfect and good enough to enter heaven. You are in a serious bind.

Ok, on with the good news. The good news is that Jesus is good enough. Before he was even born his parents were told to name him Jesus ("Jehovah is salvation"), "...for He will save the people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). He was tempted in every way a human being can be, and yet did not sin (Heb. 4:15). Knowing no sin he became sin on the cross for us and paid the price of death so that the rest of humanity could become the righteousness of God through him (2 Cor. 5:21). Jesus became the answer to the fact that the human race is not good enough.

At the end of your life you are going to step on the scale. You are going to be judged, weighed, and examined. And this is a very fearful thing because as we have already stated, you are not good enough, and you are not going to measure up, no matter how good of a person you are in this life.

But what if when it was your turn to step on the scale, Jesus stepped on it for you? What if he was the one who was examined, judged, and weighed? What if he took your place? In that moment, you would understand grace. In that moment, you would be thankful that somebody died so that you could live.

All the time I hear people saying they could never be a Christian because of all of the terrible things they have done. They say they could never be forgiven. They say that they could never be good enough for the church or heaven or God. Well guess what? Join the club.

But Jesus is good enough. And this is why he came. He came so that we could understand the grace and love and mercy of Jehovah. He came so that we could rise above our limitations as human beings and experience the joy of being children of God. He came, so that our eternal part, the part he made in his image, could reach its potential, and forever live in heaven with him, the Father of us all.

You are not good enough. As long as you are in the flesh you never will be. But Jesus is good enough.

This being the case, isn't it about time you stop trying to earn you way to heaven? Isn't it about time you stop with the excuses and feelings of inadequacy? Isn't it about time for you to come to Jesus?

"But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens" – Hebrews 7:24-26

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS September 25, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Reed Wilson
“A Pit, A Lion And A Snowy Day”
1 Chronicles 11:22-24
6:00 p.m. – Mike Dyer
“Simplify Your Difficulties”
1 Peter 4:12-13



*Please join us in the celebration
Of the 70th Anniversary
Of Fred & Maudie Farris
On Saturday, October 8th
From 2:00 till 4:00 p.m.
Willow Avenue Church of Christ
Multipurpose Room
No gifts please – just funny, crazy cards!*

We extend our sympathy to the family of our Burch McCormick who passed away Wednesday morning. He was the father-in-law of Elaine McCormick, the grandfather of Scott McCormick and wife Logan, the great-grandfather of Rowen & Darby McCormick, and the brother-in-law of Bud Scott.

*A Special Happy Anniversary to:
Garland & Wilma Wheeler celebrating
52 years on October 2
Aubrey & Virginia McGee celebrating
60 years on October 5
Jim & Nancy Blankenship celebrating
50 years on October 1*

**CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE
September 28- October 5**

Wages of Sin

Romans 6:23 “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Believe and Confess

Romans 10:10, 11,13 (10) “For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

(11) “For the Scripture says, ‘Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.’”

(13) “for whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”



A blue camping chair was left at the Family Retreat. If this is yours, it is located in the hallway by the dishes.

FOR THE RECORD – September 25, 2016	
9:00 a.m.	493
10:15 a.m.	374
6:00 p.m.	343
Wed 9/21	333

*We have received “Thank You” cards from:
Florence Wood
Hunter, Mindy & Sutton Harp*

SOUND BOOTH	
Sunday, October 2 & Wednesday, October 5	
Songs - Glenn Stockton	
Sound - Tom Spohnholtz	



PANTRY ITEMS

October 2 - 8

#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.

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



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.



GOLDENAIRES

Your monthly lunch is Tuesday, October 4 at 12:00 noon in the multipurpose room. Special guest: Mike Webb.



Doyle & Margaret Way have a new address and phone number: 201 South Walnut Avenue, Apt. H-3, Cookeville, TN 38501 (931-651-2322)

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.)



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!** October menus are now posted.

BUS DRIVER

Bus driver for Sunday, October 2 and Wednesday, October 5 is David Lancaster (931-265-5549).



PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Larry Farley back at worship.

- > *Michael Allison is sick at home.*
- > *Lois McCue is still sick at home.*
- > *Roger Rogers remains at home under hospice care.*
- > *Cheryl Thomas will have surgery Monday, October 3 at CRMC.*
- > *Anna Rose Vaughn will have surgery Monday, October 3 to remove a skin cancer.*
- > *Mary Brymer (sister of Jerry Williams) is dealing with several health issues.*
- > *Jamie Garrett (mother of 4) is in Vanderbilt Rehab following a stroke (friend of Ron & Sandy Johnson)*
- > *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.*
- > *Aubrey Stockton (father of Elizabeth Hudson) is now at Bethesda Healthcare for therapy.*

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 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, Jimmy Sitto

Cedar Hills Senior Living: Phyllis Julian, 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

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
Tom Bumbalough - Mark Caldwell
Charles Cobb - Tyler Gaw - Dennis Hood
Todd Hudson - Buddy King
David Lancaster - Phil Phillips - Paul Pippin
Steve Qualls - Rick Ramsey
Denny Richardson - Tim Richardson
David Ray Smith - Ryan Smith
Tom Stafford - Glenn Stockton
Don West - Richard Wood

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 – OCTOBER 2

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard
Read Scripture – Brian Challenger
First Prayer – Ryan Smith
Last Prayer – Ethan Hammond
Announcements – Reed Wilson

Give Thanks – Dan Huffines

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Justin Pace	Don Wagnon
Robert Oakes	Kevin Smith
Jim Loftis	Lewis Coomer
George Dudney	Jim Briggs

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Neil Ashburn
James Tiensvold

Usher in the Auditorium – Charles Bean
Tom Spohnholtz

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

North Door – Barry Chaffin
South Door – Rick Ramsey

Parking Lot Patrol – Ushers

Keep Nursery – Maggie Kent & Carolyn Dudney
(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 – Suzanne Woods
Door #2 – Tammy Wilson & Lisa West
Door #3 – Wilma & Yvonne Wheeler
Door #4 – Brenda & Jerry Williams
Door #5 – Greg Young

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – OCTOBER 2

Lead Singing – Tom Stafford
Read Scripture – Derek Gaw
First Prayer – Bart Cagle
Last Prayer – Chase Fletcher
Announcements – Reed Wilson

Serve At The Lord's Table – Tim Woodward
Buddy King

Keep Nursery – Gwen Mann & Sherri Webb
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Brian Dudney

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – OCTOBER 5

Lead Singing – Carver Moore
Invitation – Tyler Gaw
Announcements – Reed Wilson
Prayer – Mark Caldwell
Parking Lot Patrol – Danny Phillips

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