

THE PROCLAIMER



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Falling in Love with Jesus Again

I don't know about you, but there is a part of me that wishes I could hear about Jesus for the very first time today. Do you remember the first time you heard about Jesus helping the woman caught in adultery? Do you remember the first time you read about him weeping over Lazarus? Do you remember the first time someone preached to you about him looking out at the multitudes and having compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd? Do you remember the first time you were told about the cross, "Father forgive them...", and "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"

Something happened to me over a period of time the more I learned about Jesus. I was slowly changed from a person who thought about my own needs to a person who began to concentrate on loving others. I was day by day transformed from a person who felt sad and alone to a person who knew someone loved me perfectly and continually. I was progressively falling in love with Jesus every single time I learned more about him and what he had done for my soul.

Is it possible for us to fall out of love with Jesus? I think it is. If we stop appreciating anything, our spouse, our job, our blessings, no matter what it may be – before long we will not be as moved within ourselves by their presence. This is why Christians can actually attend worship for weeks, months and even years and remain totally unmotivated, unproductive, and unashamed.

I want to fall in love with Jesus all over again. I want to cry about the cross. I want to be inspired by his faithful last march into Jerusalem. I want to be empowered by his miraculous works. I want to be encouraged by his constant care and concern. I want to be excited about his return. I want to be humbled by his mercy. I want to be amazed by his wisdom. I want to be enraptured by his heavenly glory. I want to fall in love with him like I did the first time I realized everything about him.

What will it take for us to fall in love with Jesus all over again? I suggest we erase the chalkboard and open up the gospels as if we have never read them before. I suggest we approach listening to the preacher as if we are searching for Jesus in every sermon. I suggest we humble ourselves and see our sinfulness and realize how desperate we are for a Savior. I suggest we understand how lonely we are in this world without perfect love and open ourselves to the idea once more that it does in fact exist and that He is it.

When I think about Jesus, I mean when I really think about him, I can't help but be in love with him. He is all there is. He is the only way, truth, and life both now and forever. He is the love of God manifested toward us. Take the world. Take everything. But give me Jesus!

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4:10

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS OCTOBER 9, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
"The Lord's Supper"
Matthew 26:26-29
6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
"Why Did My Savior Come To Earth?"
John 8:1-11



Congratulation to Justin & Demetria Pace on the birth of Camden Jude on Friday, September 30. Camden weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long. Everyone is doing well.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Sue Ann Hightower who passed away last week. She was the sister of Dillard Johnson and the niece of Morgan Medlin.

And we extend our sympathy to the family of Mae Smith. She was the grandmother of our Sonya Briggs and the great-grandmother of Ty & Bo Briggs. Her funeral services were last Sunday.

**GOSPEL MEETING
WILLOW AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST
OCTOBER 16 – 19
WITH JAY LOCKHART
REGULAR SERVICES SUNDAY
9:00 a.m. 10:15 a.m. 6:00 p.m.
MONDAY – WEDNESDAY 7:00 P.M.**

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

**CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE
October 5 - 12**

Church of Christ

Romans 16:16 "Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you."

No Divisions

1 Corinthians 1:10 "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement."

*A Special Happy Anniversary
to:
Leslie & Ruby Cole
celebrating 61 years on October 8*

FOR THE RECORD – October 2, 2016

9:00 a.m.	441
10:15 a.m.	298
6:00 p.m.	255
Wed 9/28	325



PANTRY ITEMS

October 9 - 15

- #14 - Dewight Stamps' Class
Spaghetti Sauce & Tomato Soup
- #15 - College Class
Mixed Veggies & Jelly
- #16 - Mike Dyer's Class
Spaghetti Sauce & Peaches
- #17/18 - Jeremiah's Class
Mixed Fruit & Peanut Butter
- #19 - Roy Johnson's Class
Tuna & Salmon
- Auditorium Class
Tuna & Green Beans

*We have received "Thank You" cards from:
Cathy & Bobby Whiteaker
The Family of Burch McCormick*

SOUND BOOTH

Sunday, October 9 & Wednesday, October 12
Songs - Todd Hudson
Sound - Brian Dudney

Contact Elder for the month of October beginning Sunday, October 9 is Larry Harp (931-261-7979).



YOUTH

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



GOLDENAIRES

Your activity this month is Thursday, October 20. You will be going to the **2016 Senior Expo** at the Hyder-Burks Pavilion and eating lunch at the Whistle Stop in Baxter. Leave the church building at 8:45 a.m. and return by 1:00 p.m.



On Wednesday, October 19, Flu Shots will be available through the Putnam County Health Department here at the building from 6 – 7 p.m. in the multipurpose room.



DEACONS

Please turn your budgets in to Steve Qualls on or before Sunday, October 30. If new deacons have questions about their budgets, please see Steve.



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 9 and Wednesday, October 12 is Glenn Stockton (931-260-6513).

Child's View

A pediatrician in town always plays a game with some of his young patients to put them at ease and test their knowledge of body parts. One day, while pointing to a little boy's ear, the doctor asked him, "Is this your nose?" Immediately the little boy turned to his mother and said, "Mom, I think we'd better find a new doctor!"

PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Pat Goodpasture at worship.

- > Clarence Gaw is in CRMC.
- > Roger Rogers remains at home under hospice care.
- > Peggy Sparks is still dealing with a lot of back pain.
- > Cheryl Thomas had surgery on Monday and it went well.
- > Anna Rose Vaughn had surgery on Monday and it went well.
- > Mary Brymer (sister of Jerry Williams) is dealing with several health issues.
- > Sheila Glover (friend of Jeaneal Randolph) has been diagnosed with cancer.
- > Garland Robinson (brother of Bonnie Przybylo) is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

Sick at Home: Michael Allison, Lois McCue

Recuperating at home: Dib Anderson, Donna Kinnaird, Ann Walker

Those dealing with cancer: Rosemary Andrews, Roger Rogers, Bud Scott, Saundra Sitto, Brenda Carroll (taking treatments), 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, Virginia McGee, Ressie Pharris, Jean Pitts, Rachel Stafford, Jessie Thomas, Betty Tinch

Bethesda: Nola Judd, Irene McBroom, Jimmy Sitto, Aubrey Stockton

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 9

Lead Singing – Tom Stafford
Read Scripture – Tanner Cagle
First Prayer – David Ray Smith
Last Prayer – Ron Johnson
Announcements – Dan Huffines

Give Thanks – Jared West

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Danny Phillips	Tyler Carr
Jimmy Mackie	Kevin Smith
Mike Flatt	Dominic DeLuca
Johnny Goodwin	Ty Briggs

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Hollis Walker
Cole Walker

Usher in the Auditorium – L.B. Johnson
Don Wagnon

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

North Door – George Dudney
South Door – Hubert Qualls

Parking Lot Patrol – Glenn Stockton

Keep Nursery – Suzanne Woods & Sonya Briggs
(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 – Myra & Randy Walker
Door #3 – Dot Tomberlin & Anna Rose Vaughn
Door #4 – Mark & Kim Thomason
Door #5 – Denny Walker

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – OCTOBER 9

Lead Singing – Roy Johnson
Read Scripture – Kasey Mann
First Prayer – Chayce Gaw
Last Prayer – Jake Harrington
Announcements – Dan Huffines

Serve At The Lord's Table – Art Montgomery
David Lancaster

Keep Nursery – Martha Dyer & Brenda Ramsey
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Glenn Stockton

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – OCTOBER 12

Lead Singing – Lindon Carwile
Invitation – Jacob Howard
Announcements – Dan Huffines
Prayer – Derek Gaw
Parking Lot Patrol – Glenn Stockton

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