

THE PROCLAIMER



WILLOW AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST VOL. XXXVI ISSUE #41 OCTOBER 12, 2016

How to Vote as a Christian in the Upcoming Presidential Election

Yes, I just went there. There is a right way and a wrong way to do anything, including voting for President. There is the way a Christian is to do it, and there is the other way. So here we go...

1. Do NOT abstain from voting altogether. I know elections are tough for Christians because we can't find a candidate who lines up with us on every subject. But if you think about it, Jesus wouldn't line up with us perfectly because we are all so weak and in need of continual guidance ourselves. And since we are commanded to submit to the authority of the government (Romans 13:1), we should do our part in selecting who will govern. If you do not vote at all you really have no right to disagree with those who rule over you.

2. Pick the candidate that best represents the God of the Bible. There has never been a person who ran for any office that could stand in God's place as far as righteousness is concerned. But there has always been one candidate that stood for morality to some degree more than the others. Issues about the economy or other peripheral matters are not as important as issues about morality. We are not taking material possessions with us. But we will stand before God on the Day of Judgment and have to answer for what we believed and practiced morally.

3. Do not compartmentalize your faith. You can't be a Christian part-time. It is inconsistent to decide that we can put our faith aside in order to support a certain candidate or political party. Some people would vote for the devil himself if he happened to be running under the political ticket to which they have traditionally ascribed. How can we say we love God and His word if we are willing to give up what we believe when we go behind a curtain?

4. Pray. Pray earnestly and fervently. Pray for the country. Pray for every elected official. Pray that God will lead them and that they will lean on Him for answers. Pray that we will be a nation that follows the Lord and respects Him as the supreme authority in everything. Be thou not unbelieving but believing. The ship has not sunk. The war is not over. There are still opportunities to serve the Lord. In every generation there have been those who have been faithful to the Lord. No matter what happens with the election it will still be our job to love God and be His people. We can do this and God will help us if we are willing repent and seek His face.

With these thoughts I wish each of you who read this the very best. I love you. The God of heaven loves you. May we all in love and unity do our very best to serve Him and bless others together.

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." – 2 Chronicles 7:14

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS OCTOBER 16 - 19, 2016
Gospel Meeting with Jay Lockhart

9:00 a.m. – “The True Church”
10:15 a.m. – “The Evils Of Social Drinking And
Recreational Drugs”
(All adult Bible classes will remain in the auditorium)

6:00 p.m. – “The Competition For Our Children”
Monday 7:00 p.m. – “Encouragement To The
Faithful”
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. – “Evangelism”
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. – “Membership Involvement”

We are happy to announce that Sunday night David Hix was baptized into Christ for the remission of his sins. David is the son of Judy and the late Hugh Hix. Be sure to see David and congratulate him on his decision to obey the gospel.

FOR THE RECORD – October 9, 2016

9:00 a.m.	477
10:15 a.m.	361
6:00 p.m.	305
Wed 10/5	256

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

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE
October 12- 19

God Gives The Increase

1 Corinthians 3:6-7

6) “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.”

7) “So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.”

Foundation

1 Corinthians 3:11

“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

SOUND BOOTH

Sunday, October 16 & Wednesday, October 19
Songs - Ethan Hammond
Sound - Bryan Kirby



PANTRY ITEMS

October 16 - 22

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Peanut Butter

#15 - College Class

Jelly

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Fruit Cocktail

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Canned Salmon

#19 - Roy Johnson's Class

Vienna Sausage

Auditorium Class

Canned Peaches

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.



Danny & Teresa Phillips have a new address. It is 2530 Jerry Parker Road, Sparta, TN 38583. Please make this change in your directory.

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.



ATTENTION NEW DEACONS

You have a “mail slot” (or shelf) in the island in the teacher’s workroom. Please check it regularly for news and information that you need to receive.



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!**



BUS DRIVER

Bus driver for Sunday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 19 is Jerry Williams (931-261-7607).



TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat will be Sunday night, October 30, following our evening worship. If you plan to hand out “treats” please park around the perimeter of the parking lot, decorate your vehicle if you wish. Kids, bring your costumes to church and you can change into them after worship. If you do not plan on staying – please be extra careful when leaving – we want everyone to be safe and have fun.

PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Marie Chaffin, Barbara Loftis and Ann Walker able to be at worship Sunday.

- > *Michael Allison was in CRMC but was supposed to go to Vanderbilt on Wednesday.*
- > *Clarence Gaw is now home from the hospital.*
- > *Shelby Forkum is back home after being in the hospital.*
- > *Roger Rogers remains at home under hospice care.*
- > *Peggy Sparks is still dealing with a lot of back pain.*
- > *Patty Spohnholtz is sick at home.*
- > *Rene Wilhoit was scheduled to have surgery this past week.*
- > *Mary Brymer (sister of Jerry Williams) is dealing with several health issues.*

Sick at Home: Michael Allison, Lois McCue

Recuperating at home: Cheryl Thomas, Anna Rose Vaughn

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, Donna Kinnaird, 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 16

Lead Singing – Gary Risley
Read Scripture – Mark Caldwell
First Prayer – Tom Spohnholtz
Last Prayer – Dan Miller
Announcements – Mike Dyer

Give Thanks – Charles Bean

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Steve Qualls	Don West
Randy Mann	Joe Paul Tackett
L.B. Johnson	Alex Delk
Hunter Harp	Bill Brown

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – George Dudney
Rick Ramsey

Usher in the Auditorium – Herb Baugh
Hollis Walker

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

North Door – Johnny Goodwin
South Door – Don Wagnon

Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

Keep Nursery – Lucinda Moss & Susan Melton
(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 – Vickie Stockton
Door #2 – Frances & Cole Walker
Door #3 – Jimmy & Barbara Talley
Door #4 – Amber & Luke Tatum
Door #5 – Dewight Stamps

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – OCTOBER 16

Lead Singing – Roy Johnson
Read Scripture – Ron Johnson
First Prayer – Tyler Gaw
Last Prayer – Danny Phillips
Announcements – Mike Dyer

Serve At The Lord's Table – Karl Nye
Bo Briggs

Keep Nursery – Georgia McCurdy & Carolyn Dudney
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – OCTOBER 19

Lead Singing – Dan Huffines
Invitation – Jay Lockhart
Announcements – Mike Dyer
Prayer – James Tiensvold
Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

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