

# THE PROCLAIMER



WILLOW AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST VOL. XXXVI ISSUE #42 OCTOBER 19, 2016

## *Why Evangelism is Hard*

*Something has happened. There was a time when a vast majority of the people in our lives could be changed by Scripture. But in the 21st Century it is very difficult to have any success among the masses with the gospel. Think about it. Search your heart and ask yourself if you really believe you can influence a large number of people through your personal evangelistic efforts. See? You know exactly what I am talking about. You have not produced much in this area of your spiritual life recently.*

*There are several reasons why evangelism has become so difficult.*

*1. You are not allowed to tell anybody they are wrong anymore. Whip your kids and go to jail. Tell someone their lifestyle is sinful and lose your employment. Take a stand for God and be taken to court. Besides all of the legal implications of being a true Christian, the media has impressed upon the minds of our society that we are to clap for everyone in every situation and give everyone a participation trophy. Well guess what? John came preaching repentance. So did Jesus (Matt. 3:2; 4:17). They told people they were wrong. Thousands came confessing their sins and were baptized.*

*2. There is too much confusion concerning the Bible. The Bible is no longer held with the same esteem it once was in our country. Even among those who claim Christianity, a respect for the absolute authority of the Bible is seldom found. Worship the way the church did in the First Century and you will be labeled a fundamentalist. Seek to be the church of the Bible and you will be called judgmental to those who want the church of consumerism. Everybody has been drinking from the punchbowl of postmodernism for so long that people literally believe that the Bible is open to individual interpretation. If this is the case, unity is impossible and there is no standard by which we must live.*

*3. People are too busy for God. It's time for practice and your kids are expected to be there. Weekends in good weather are spent in recreation and God often has to wait for a convenient Sunday to receive worship. You might make it to one night of your own congregation's gospel meeting or VBS – it's the playoffs. I would ask when you last conducted a Bible study with someone, but that would be a moot point. Because the reality is that it has probably been a while since you even studied on your own. And you may have never even studied with anyone before and it seems too late to start that now. That's the preacher's job. And what about social media? When you have Facebook, and Instagram, and Twitter, and Snapchat, it's hard to find time for God.*

*Maybe these words seem blunt, even harsh. But they are true words. Evangelism is not easy. But it is even harder when we won't do it. If the church of tomorrow were up to you, would it have a fighting chance?*

*Study. Believe. Work. Care. The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. And you will give account of your stewardship.*

*"Proclaim the message; persist in it whether convenient or not; rebuke, correct, and encourage with great patience and teaching." – 2 Timothy 4:2*

*Jeremiah Tatum*

## SERMON TOPICS OCTOBER 23, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum  
“Things He Did We would Not Do”  
Luke 19:45-48  
6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum  
“Where Is Your Heart?”  
Matthew 15:10-20

### RESPONSES

This week Allison West requested prayers that she might be a better wife, mother and Christian. Linda Phillips requested prayers for her family that have not obeyed the gospel that something could be said or done with them to change their hearts. Cheryl Brooks (sister of Sherri Webb) asked for prayers for forgiveness and to be restored to faithful service in the Lord's church. David Lancaster asked for prayers that he might be the deacon that God expects him to be. Please keep these in your prayers in the coming weeks.

*We extend our sympathy to the family of Dorothy Jewett who passed away on October 11. She was the mother of Roger Jewett (brother-in-law of Deanna Brown). Funeral services were in Michigan.*



*A Special Happy Birthday to Ann McWaters who will celebrate her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday on October 23.*

### FOR THE RECORD – October 16, 2016

9:00 a.m.	466
10:15 a.m.	340
6:00 p.m.	328
Wed 10/12	277



Bettina, Garrett & Rawley Dawson have a new address. It is 9022 Medlin Road, Baxter, TN 38544. Please make this change in your directory.

### BUS DRIVER



Bus driver for Sunday, October 23 and Wednesday, October 26 is  
Ralph Bryant (931-252-2025)

## CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

October 19 - 26

### The Body a Temple

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

19) “Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?”

20) “For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.”

### SOUND BOOTH

Sunday, October 23 & Wednesday, October 26

Songs - Glenn Stockton

Sound - Dennis Hood



### PANTRY ITEMS

October 23 - 29

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Canned Salmon

#15 - College Class

Fruit Cocktail

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Vienna Sausage

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Canned Salmon

#19 - Roy Johnson's Class

Jelly

Auditorium Class

Vienna Sausage

### WE NEED HELP

Every Sunday morning we take the Lord's Supper to several sick and shut-ins. We are in need of men to assist in this ministry. You will be teamed with someone who is experienced in this work. If you can help please see Mike Dyer or call the church office.



### VOLUNTEERS

We need some volunteers to work in the auditorium replenishing the attendance cards and pencils and making sure there are songbooks and Bibles in the racks. If you can help with this please see Rick or Brenda Ramsey.

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

## 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.

## 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!**



## 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.

**CARE LINE: 931-432-6333**

## PRAYER LIST

*It was good to see Karen Dyer, Clarence Gaw, Cheryl Thomas, Patty Spohnholtz and Anna Rose Vaughn back at worship.*

- > *Michael Allison did not go to Vanderbilt – he is at home.*
- > *Shelby Forkum is back in the hospital.*
- > *Roger Rogers remains at home under hospice care.*
- > *Peggy Sparks is still dealing with a lot of back pain.*
- > *Randy Walker had bypass surgery on Wednesday at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville.*
- > *Lanny Bartlett (son of Bud & Cheri Bartlett) was scheduled to come home Sunday from St. Thomas following heart surgery.*
- > *Ruth Robinson (mother of Bonnie Przybylo) is now at home.*
- > *Brenda Carol (daughter of Bonnie Przybylo) has finished her radiation – still has to do chemo.*
- > *Kay Whitson (known by several at Willow) is in St. Thomas Hospital. She had a tumor removed from her brain and is awaiting the pathology report.*
- > *Aubrey Stockton (father of Elizabeth Hudson) is now at home.*

**Sick at Home:** Michael Allison, Lois McCue

**Recuperating at home:** Rene Wilhoit

**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,  
**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

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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.  
Office Phone 931-432-2333  
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**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – OCTOBER 23**

Lead Singing – Lindon Carwile  
Read Scripture – Chayce Gaw  
First Prayer – Dewight Stamps  
Last Prayer – Karl Nye  
Announcements – Barry Allison

Give Thanks – Mike Briggs

**Serve the Congregation –**

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Toby Russell	Chuck Wilson
Kasey Mann	Travis Tate
Brendan Johnson	Paul Bybee
Clarence Gaw	Ronnie Brown

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Buddy King  
Hubert Qualls

Usher in the Auditorium – Bill Bilbrey  
Greg Loftis

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

North Door – L.B. Johnson  
South Door – Don West

Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

Keep Nursery – Jill Stalnaker & Tammy Wilson  
(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 – Don Wagnon  
Door #2 – Cathy Whiteaker & Kylie Richards  
Door #3 – Annalee & Kim Stafford  
Door #4 – Tom & Patty Spohnholtz  
Door #5 – Belle Spurlock

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – OCTOBER 23**

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard  
Read Scripture – Dan Miller  
First Prayer – Austin Thomas  
Last Prayer – Ron Johnson  
Announcements – Barry Allison

Serve At The Lord's Table – Robert Oakes  
Jim Briggs

Keep Nursery – Peggy King & Brenda Williams  
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – OCTOBER 26**

Lead Singing – Jared West  
Invitation – Carver Moore  
Announcements – Barry Allison  
Prayer – Ethan Hammond  
Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

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