

THE PROCLAIMER



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Have You Said That You Were Sorry?

This past weekend I received a random text from a number that my phone did not recognize. Here's what it said, "I'm sorry for everything that happened. I just wanted to wish you and your family a happy holiday season." This text message literally took my breath away. Who was it from? To what were they referring? I immediately tried to think about anything that had happened that was bad over the last several years. Fortunately I could not come up with anything I personally had done to hurt someone that was so significant that I would have to have a conversation about it.

As I learned of who had texted and the reason for the comment, I was reminded of several truths about life:

1. Sometimes we struggle in relationships. Feelings get hurt. People get mistreated. We can be the giver or the receiver of these troubles. We don't enter into any kind of friendship or relationship because we plan on making mistakes along the way. But we will make mistakes. We will need to forgive and to be forgiven.

2. Decisions we make have long-term consequences. This person was contacting me over something they were sorry about that happened a long time ago and over a period of years. The fact that I did not have their number saved in my phone would indicate that we no longer had a close personal relationship. Sometimes when we have conflicts there is no easy resolution and it may lead to someone we care about just not being as close to us as we would have liked for them to be.

3. It's never too late to ask for forgiveness. This person sent me this message because they had a burden they were carrying they needed to lay down. Jesus taught his disciples to forgive every single time a person asks for forgiveness. This is what God does for us. We should be thankful whenever someone asks for our forgiveness. I was thankful that when I received the message, I couldn't think of anyone I was in conflict with. I couldn't think of anyone I had not already forgiven.

4. We should be sad that wounds happen. Whether we are the one who has caused the wound or not, what overwhelmed me about this text was the very idea that I could ever have a conflict in my life that might cause another person pain and heartache. It should be our aim to love everyone and to get along with them as much as depends on us.

What at first was a random text out of the blue turned into a blessing, because somebody expressed something that they believe needed to be said. Life is short. So tell people what's on your heart. Repent of anything that you may have done to disobey God or to hurt someone else. You will find that there is peace in finding the strength to say you are sorry. Pride solves nothing. A humble and contrite heart is what God is seeking in each and every one of us.

"The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit."

– Psalms 34:18

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS NOVEMBER 27, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

“Our God He Is Alive”

Exodus 3:1-6

6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

“Things I Have Learned About The Church From Local Ministry”

2 Timothy 2:20-26



A Special Happy Anniversary to Bud & Cheri Bartlett celebrating 51 years on November 25.

FOR THE RECORD – November 20, 2016

9:00 a.m.	456
10:15 a.m.	326
6:00 p.m.	153
Wed 11/16	326

We extend our sympathy to the family of James Cunningham. He was the employer of Dan Evans.

We extend our sympathy also to the family of our Roger Rogers who passed away on Monday.

And we extend our sympathy to the family of Pete Vazquez who passed away on Monday. He was the father of Ray & Helga Jensen's daughter-in-law.

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

November 23 - 30

Love

1 Corinthians 13:13

“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

God of Peace

1 Corinthians 14:33

“For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.”

Walk by Faith

2 Corinthians 5:7

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

BUS DRIVER



Bus driver for Sunday, November 27 and Wednesday, November 30 is:
Mike Briggs (931-261-5311).

*We have received “Thank You” cards from:
The Family of Clarence Gaw (Loretta,
Jeff & Debbie, Mike & Kim, and grandchildren)
Doug & Pearlene McCulley
Family members of Shelby & Bonnie
Forkum*



LADS TO LEADERS

All youth from kindergarten through 12th grade, please join Lads to Leaders for cookies and a hot chocolate bar on Sunday night, November 27, after evening worship. This will be a great time to find out more information, get registered, and answer any questions. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



PANTRY ITEMS

November 27 - December 3

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Fruit Cocktail

#15 - College Class

Peanut Butter

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Fruit Cocktail

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Spaghetti Sauce

#19 - Roy Johnson's Class

Tuna

Auditorium Class

Peaches

A ladies or girls purse has been turned in to our office. If you have recently lost a purse, please call the church office at 931-432-2333.

TEACHER'S MEETING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 AT 5 P.M. IN ROOM #14.

This is for anyone currently teaching or desires to teach in the primary children's classes (Cradle Roll – 6th grade). We will be showing our new 4 year curriculum and signing up 2017 teachers. Please attend. Parents are also invited to attend.



The December Ladies Activity will be Monday, December 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Signup sheet and information are on the Ladies bulletin board in the foyer or see Debbie Gaw or Mary Chaffin.



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!**

**Activity for Youth
Kindergarten through 6th Grade
Friday night, December 2
More details available soon
Signup sheet on the Youth Board**



FRUIT BASKETS

The Benevolence Committee will assemble Fruit Baskets on Friday, December 16.



The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

**We wish everyone a Happy
Thanksgiving with family and friends!**

CARE LINE: 931-432-6333

PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Debbie Farley, Lois McCue and Linda Phillips at worship Sunday.

- > *Ricky Sherrell had his stem cell transplant and all went well. If there are no complications he should come home around December 21.*
- > *Mary Jean Burke (wife of Roger Burke) has been diagnosed with bone cancer.*
- > *Larry Cyphers (brother of Judy Bybee) did not receive a good report from his biopsy. Brain tumors cannot be removed. They are waiting on a treatment plan.*
- > *Steven Green (brother of James Green) is in CRMC in serious condition. He is in need of a liver transplant.*
- > *Donald Powell of Adrian, MI (grandfather of Celeste Webb) has been diagnosed with lymphoma cancer.*
- > *Kathleen Ragland (sister of Mary Burgess & Christine Bryant) is now at Mabry Healthcare in Gainesboro.*
- > *Cliff Raney (grandfather of Kayla West and brother-in-law of Johnny Goodwin) is in critical condition in Vanderbilt Hospital.*
- > *Betty Richardson (sister of Rene Wilhoit) is in Mabry Healthcare in Gainesboro.*
- > *Dinisha Smith (friend of Lindsey Slauson) has been diagnosed with two types of breast cancer.*
- > *Carson Vaughn (brother of Charlie Vaughn) has been moved from Signature to Overton County Nursing Home.*

Sick or Recuperating at Home: Michael Allison, Larry Farley, Sandy Johnson, George Reitenour, Peggy Richardson, Edith Stewart, 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, Carl & Aileen Alred, Susan Ashburn, Helen Burgess, Kelly Fletcher, Pat Goodpasture, Sherree Hawkins, Judy Hix, Rose Keith, Harold & Donna Kinnaird, Barbara Loftis, George Reitenour, Billy Slinger, Owen & Maudean Sparks, Peggy Sparks, Amos Spurlock, Jimmy Sitto

Shut-Ins at Home: Dib Anderson, Bud Bartlett, Patti Boyd, Belle Butts, 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, Barbara Loftis, 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,

Mabry Healthcare Gainesboro: Olga Szalay, Kathleen Ragland, Glenn Webb

Morningside: Pearl Cockrum, 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.
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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 27

Lead Singing – Tom Stafford
Read Scripture – Dan Miller
First Prayer – Chase Fletcher
Last Prayer – James Tiensvold
Announcements – Tim Woodward
Give Thanks – David Ray Smith

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
David Randolph	Joe Don West
Art Montgomery	Ryan Smith
David Lancaster	Bradley Challenger
Chayce Gaw	Loyd Birdwell

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Buddy King
Carver Moore

Usher in the Auditorium – Charles Bean & Paul Pippin

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

North Door – Greg Loftis
South Door – Phil Phillips

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday
Songs – John Hoffmeister
Sound – Russell Moss

Parking Lot Patrol – Tyler Gaw

Keep Nursery – Donna Kinnaird & Gina Shockey
(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 – Allen Richardson
Door #2 – Denny & Floy Richardson
Door #3 – David Ray & Sue Ann Smith
Door #4 – Tim & Cynthia Richardson
Door #5 – Susan Moores

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – NOVEMBER 27

Lead Singing – Lindon Carwile
Read Scripture – Toby Russell
First Prayer – Dewight Stamps
Last Prayer – Steve Qualls
Announcements – Tim Woodward

Serve At The Lord's Table – Jared West & Ethan Hammond

Keep Nursery – Valarie Kirby & Traci Smith
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Tyler Gaw

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – NOVEMBER 30

Lead Singing – Dan Huffines
Invitation – Mike Dyer
Announcements – Tim Woodward
Prayer – Danny Phillips
Parking Lot Patrol – Tyler Gaw

Pens-Pencils-Pews – Week of November 27-December 3–
Drew & Luke Caldwell

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