

THE PROCLAIMER



WILLOW AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST VOL. XXXVI ISSUE #48 DECEMBER 7, 2016

"You're a Preacher, Right?"

As I was leaving a local business a man at the counter stopped me and said, "Hey, you're a preacher, right?" I said, "Yes." He then went on to tell me about a homeless person he knew about and how they needed help. He was wanting to know if I could help or if the church could help. He believed that he could ask me about it and something could be done.

This moment helped me to realize that what we claim to be needs to be the exact same thing as who we actually are. You're an elder, a deacon, a preacher, a teacher, a Christian, a mother, a father, a friend, right? If so, then certain things are expected. Otherwise there is no point in having any of these roles or being known as any of these things.

If you are Christian, then you need to be as much like Jesus as possible at all times. You are not only called to do this, but the church and our Lord and even regular people need you to be this way. If we are Christians we are Christ's ambassadors to the world.

The same is true about being a parent. Your kids are depending on you to love them and instruct them and guide them and be examples for them. If you have a specific role in your job or in the church – live up to whatever title you have been given for the work that has been delegated to you. The success of the whole organization depends on every person fulfilling the responsibilities that have been placed under their care.

Sometimes in life we are going to have to act directly according to our title. We are going to have to do something we have not planned to do on a given day or week because we have been asked to do it at a moment's notice. I thought about this man saying to me, "You're a preacher, right?" I thought, what if I said yes and then he asked me to act the way a preacher would act but I decided to do otherwise. What would my title mean?

But it is not about the title. That doesn't matter. We all have some responsibility and because of it we all have a name that is properly attached to that burden. What matters is whether or not we are who we claim to be. We may be able to persuade others we are who we say we are – but God alone knows what's in our hearts, and He knows every move we make.

In the end, I hope He finds us faithful. I hope He judges us to be exactly what we claim to be.

"Therefore, imitate me, as I also imitate Christ" – 1 Corinthians 11:1

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS DECEMBER 11, 2016

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
“Abiding In The Doctrine Of Christ”
2 John 7-11
6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
“How To Help Without Hindering”
John 8:1-11

FOR THE RECORD – DECEMBER 4, 2016

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| 9:00 a.m. | 485 |
| 10:15 a.m. | 369 |
| 6:00 p.m. | 294 |
| Wed 11/30 | 336 |

We extend our sympathy to Ryan Slauson in the death of his grandfather, Donald Slauson last week. His funeral services were in Wisconsin.

We extend our sympathy also to Gurvis Loftis in the death of his wife, Barbara last Friday. Her funeral services were Sunday.

And we extend our sympathy to the family of Cliff Raney who passed away December 2. His funeral services were Tuesday. He was the grandfather of Kayla West and the brother-in-law of Johnny Goodwin.

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

December 7 - 14

Cheerful Giver – 1 Corinthians 9:6-7

1 Corinthians 9:6

“But this I say; He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”

1 Corinthians 9:7

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.”

BUS DRIVER

Bus driver for Sunday, December 11
And Wednesday, December 14 is:
Tyler Gaw (931-854-7913).



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ralph & Margaret Chaffin and Paula Hayes have met with our elders and expressed their desire to be a part of the Willow Avenue congregation. Be sure to meet them, welcome them and make them feel at home.

Ralph & Margaret Chaffin live at 419 Bob Johnson Lane, Cookeville, TN 38501. Phone: 931-268-0065

Paula Hayes & her son Bryant live at 549 P Brewington Road, Cookeville, TN 38501. Phone: 931-644-9484

*We have received “Thank You” cards from:
The Family of Clarence Gaw
Doug & Pearlene McCulley*



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.



All are invited to come join the Kindred Spirits Sunday afternoon, December 11 at Morningside to sing “Songs of the Season” starting at 1:15.



PANTRY ITEMS

December 11-17

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Pork & Beans

#15 - College Class

Applesauce

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Peanut Butter

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Spaghetti Sauce

#19 - Roy Johnson's Class

Peanut Butter

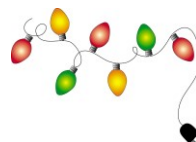
Auditorium Class

Spaghetti Sauce

Rick & Brenda would like to thank everyone for their continued support in bringing the pantry items each week. It makes their job easier and they appreciate the support.

GOLDENAIRES

Remember your trip this month “Free Christmas Lights Bus Tour” on December 15. You will need money to eat at Demos. See details and sign up on the GoldenAire bulletin board.





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!**

TWEEN-AGERS

Remember your December activity is Sunday, December 11.



FRUIT BASKETS

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

Short Mountain Bible Camp

If anyone is interested in having seats reserved for the Short Mountain Bible Camp fundraising dinner on December 10th, please see Chase Fletcher.

YOUTH



There will be a preteen adoption after school on Wednesday, December 14th for grades K-6th. There is a signup sheet on the

youth bulletin board.

COLLECTION FOR FIRE VICTIMS



The Benevolence Ministry will be accepting monetary donations through December 21 to send to the fire victims in Gatlinburg. The funds will be sent to the Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ to help the members of the Gatlinburg Church of Christ who lost their building and some of the members lost their homes. Please make checks to Willow Avenue Church of Christ and note in the memo line Gatlinburg Fire. You may give your donation to Denny Richardson, one of the elders, drop it in the purple box or bring it by the church office Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Contact elder for December is Roy Johnson
931-252-0049
royjohnson23@gmail.com

PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Larry Farley, Judy Hix, Faye Jackson, Ryan Smith, Peggy Sparks and Peggy Richardson all able to be back at worship.

- > *Mike Flatt will be having a cochlear implant surgery at Vanderbilt on Thursday, December 8. It is scheduled to be outpatient surgery.*
- > *Harold Kinnaird has inoperable lung cancer. They have requested no visits at this time please.*
- > *Wilma Lambert is sick at home.*
- > *Pam Miller will be having surgery in Nashville on Thursday, December 8 and should come home on Saturday.*
- > *Ricky Sherrell is recuperating and waiting to come home following his stem cell transplant.*
- > *Polly Ragland (mother of Patty Dyer) is home after being in CRMC.*
- > *Jerry Smith (former family member of Rachel Welch) has colon cancer and heart problems.*
- > *Jackie Stearsman (friend of Ron & Sandy Johnson) is now under hospice care at Signature Healthcare. (member at Livingston church of Christ)*

Sick or Recuperating at Home: Ann Walker

Those dealing with cancer: Rosemary Andrews, Harold Kinnaird, Bud Scott, Sandra Sitto, Brenda Carroll (taking treatments), Joy Carter (taking treatments), Janet Craighead, Larry Cyphers (taking treatments), 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, Donna Kinnaird, George Reitenour, Billy Sliger, 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, 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,
Mabry Healthcare Gainesboro: Olga Szalay, Kathleen Ragland, Betty Richardson, Glenn Webb

Morningside: Pearl Cockrum, Mildred Palk, Edith Stewart

NHC: Ann McWaters, Rebecca Brown

Overton County Nursing Home: Carson Vaughn

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.
Office Phone 931-432-2333
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Website www.willowcofc.net
Email willowcofc@twlakes.net

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – DECEMBER 11

Lead Singing – Gary Risley
Read Scripture – Karl Nye
First Prayer – Ron Johnson
Last Prayer – Jared West
Announcements – Steve Qualls
Give Thanks – Dewight Stamps

Serve the Congregation –

| <u>South Side</u> | <u>North Side</u> |
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| Paul Pippin | James Tiensvold |
| Robert Oakes | Tom Spohnholtz |
| Derek Gaw | Tanner Cagle |
| Chase Fletcher | Ralph Bryant |

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Ronnie Brown
Danny Phillips

Usher in the Auditorium – Jim Briggs & Tim Richardson

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

North Door – Buddy King
South Door – Denny Richardson

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday
Songs – Ethan Hammond
Sound – Bryan Kirby

Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

Keep Nursery – Brenda Williams & Michelle Sheffield
(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 – Toby Russell
Door #2 – Cynthia & Allen Richardson
Door #3 – Hollis & Frances Walker
Door #4 – Mark & Kim Thomason
Door #5 – Frankie Scott

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – DECEMBER 11

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard
Read Scripture – Garland Wheeler
First Prayer – Mark Caldwell
Last Prayer – Tom Tomberlin
Announcements – Steve Qualls

Serve At The Lord's Table – Rick Ramsey & Neil Ashburn

Keep Nursery – Cynthia Richardson & Karen Lykins
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – DECEMBER 14

Lead Singing – Carver Moore
Invitation – Tyler Gaw
Announcements – Steve Qualls
Prayer – Cole Walker
Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

Pens-Pencils-Pews – Week of December 11-17 Pat & Jim
Grimes

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