

THE PROCLAIMER



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"Behold, I make all things new..."

Our God is a God of do-overs, second chances, and try agains. He is a God of forgiveness, mercy, and grace. And aren't we thankful? This year the new year begins on the first day of the week. If there is ever a time that reminds us of God's longsuffering and goodness it is when we surround the Lord's table and consider Jesus and the cross.

The start of every new year causes a genuine feeling of hope for what lies ahead. Even if we have had a rough year, or even if we have no prospects of seeing any change in a difficult situation we are currently experiencing, there is something about the calendar turning over that gives us a sense of release from the past.

One of the most powerful things in the universe is hope. Psalm 43:5 says, "Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." Hope is the desire for something coupled with the expectation of it becoming a reality. Hope is being able to see something out in the distance beyond time and space. It is anticipating. It is believing. It is wishing and investing in what could be.

Because we have a God who is forgiving and patient with us there is never a moment of our lives that is truly destitute of hope. As someone once said, "There are no hopeless situations. There are only people who have become hopeless about them." If we really think about it, every day is a new day of hope, not just every year. And every moment of our lives is an opportunity to take courage, renew our strength, and place all of our faith in God while laying every burden and care at His feet.

Once more we read in Psalms, "O Israel, hope in the Lord; For with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is abundant redemption. He Himself will redeem Israel from all their sins" (Psalm 130:7-8). Let me encourage you as we begin 2017 to set your hope in God. He is the only true hope for mankind. And the future that exists alone in Him is as bright as His promises, as sure as His love, and as awesome as His glory and power.

He makes everything new! This gives us the peace that yesterday doesn't matter anymore. Let it go. Remember what you have learned. Consider the place to which it has carried you. Forgive every person who has offended you along the way. Resolve to be better. Revive your heart and soul and mind in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Anticipate the beauty of heaven and the realization of all of the promises of God!

2017 has arrived. It's another reminder of the grace of our God – the God of do-overs, second chances, and try again. And aren't we thankful? Beyond thankful. Beyond blessed.

"Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are true and faithful.'" – Revelation 21:5

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS January 1, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

‘The God Of Second Chances’

Revelation 21:5-7

6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

“By What Authority Do You Do this?”

Acts 4:1-7

We have received “Thank You” cards from:

Rachel Stafford

Peggy Richardson

Ryan & Lindsey Slauson

Florence Wood

Pam Miller

FOR THE RECORD – DECEMBER 25, 2016

9:00 a.m.	426
10:15 a.m.	257
6:00 p.m.	179
Wed 12/21	308

NEW MEMBERS

On Saturday, December 24, Jim Irey of Ohio was baptized into Christ. Jim attended Willow as a child with his grandparents Merl & Lucy Kurtz. Jim will be worshipping at a congregation in his home town.

On Sunday, December 25, Lindsey Phillips, had met with our elders and expressed her desire to be a working part of the congregation at Willow. She is the daughter of Dan & Teresa Phillips. Be sure to see her and welcome her to the family at Willow Avenue.

Lindsey Phillips – 2530 Jerry Parker Road, Sparta, TN 38583. Phone: 931-316-1747

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

December 28 – January 4

Works Of The Flesh

Galatians 5:19-20

19) “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,”

20) “idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambition, dissensions, heresies,”



A Special Happy Anniversary to:

J.C. & Debbie Fox celebrating 53 years on January 6



PANTRY ITEMS

January 1 - 7

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Oatmeal

#15 - College Class

Vegetable Beef Soup

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Mixed Veggies

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Tomato Soup

#19 - Roy Johnson's Class

Salmon

Auditorium Class

Tuna



BUS DRIVER

Bus driver for Sunday, January 1 and Wednesday, January 4 is: Bryan Kirby (931-267-2222).

Ladies

Concert

Your activity for February will be attending the Dailey and Vincent concert here in Cookeville. We need to purchase the tickets by Jan. 1st. If you would like to go please sign up on the bulletin board and see Susan Moores or Martha Dyer to pay your \$20.00. More details later.



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!**

TEACHERS

If you signed up to teach in the Cradle Roll through 6th grade for the winter quarter – remember the winter quarter starts this Sunday, January 1.

Contact elder for January is John Hudson
931-319-1602

DEACONS – REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR MAILBOX IN THE TEACHERS' WORKROOM.

ELDERS – DEACONS – PREACHERS BREAKFAST

Saturday, January 14

8:00 a.m. at Maddies Restaurant

Please respond to John Hudson to let him know if you will be attending.

IMMEDIATE NEED FOR HOUSEPARENTS

Do you have a heart of service for helping children? Happy Haven Children's Home, sponsored by Churches of Christ and individuals has a need for additional houseparents. We provide residential child care for girls. For additional information, see the flyer on the bulletin board or contact Houston Bynum at 931-526-2052 or happyhaven@frontiernet.net. Applications are available at the web site: <http://www.happyhaven.org/>



The church office will be closed Monday, January 2. The staff would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement during the past year and we wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!



PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Larry Farley and Pam Miller back at worship.

- > *Michael Allison was supposed to come home on Sunday. The doctors decided not to do surgery.*
- > *Robert Cowan did not have surgery. He had some skin cancers removed from his head and face.*
- > *Isaac Fletcher spent a few days in the Cookeville hospital.*
- > *Dora Freed had her surgery December 21 and is at home.*
- > *Wilma Lambert is in CRMC.*
- > *Larry Cyphers (brother of Judy Bybee) – they have discontinued his treatments. He is in Livingston Hospital under hospice care.*
- > *James Staggs has been diagnosed with lymphoma. He is a friend and known by several at Willow.*
- > *Pam Wimberly was taken to CRMC Sunday morning with symptoms of a heart attack. She was released to go home Sunday afternoon.*

Sick or Recuperating at Home: Ricky Sherrell

Those dealing with cancer: Rosemary Andrews, Harold Kinnaird, Bud Scott, Sandra Sitto, Brenda Carroll (taking treatments), Joy Carter (taking treatments), Janet Craighead, Larry Cyphers, 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 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, Doug & Pearlene McCulley, Virginia McGee, Ressie Pharris, Jean Pitts, Rachel Stafford, Betty Tinch

Bethesda: Nola Judd, Wilma Lambert, 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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1150 South Willow Avenue
Cookeville, TN 38506

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 – JANUARY 1

Lead Singing – Roy Johnson
Read Scripture – Toby Russell
First Prayer – Steve Qualls
Last Prayer – Mark Thomason
Announcements – Larry Harp
Give Thanks – Chase Fletcher

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Allen Richardson	Don Wagnon
Kasey Mann	Kevin Smith
Jim Loftis	Lewis Coomer
Dennis Hood	Jim Briggs

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Buddy King
Rick Ramsey

Usher in the Auditorium – Ron Johnson & James Tiensvold

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

North Door – Dan Evans
South Door – Danny Phillips

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday
Songs – Todd Hudson
Sound – Tom Spohnholtz

Parking Lot Patrol – Glenn Stockton

Keep Nursery – DeAnn & Chloe Evans
(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 – Justin Asbury
Door #2 – Julie & Jessica Aikens
Door #3 – Herb & Pauletta Baugh
Door #4 – Charles & Debbie Bean
Door #5 – Reba Barr

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – JANUARY 1

Lead Singing – Gary Risley
Read Scripture – Phil Phillips
First Prayer – Dan Miller
Last Prayer – Chuck Wilson
Announcements – Larry Harp

Serve At The Lord's Table – Hubert Qualls & Dominic DeLuca

Keep Nursery – Susan & Holly Dudley
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Glenn Stockton

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – JANUARY 4

Lead Singing – Reed Wilson
Invitation – Carver Moore
Announcements – Larry Harp
Prayer – L.B. Johnson
Parking Lot Patrol – Glenn Stockton

Pens-Pencils-Pews – Week of January 1 - 7
Suzanne Woods

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