

THE PROCLAIMER



WILLOW AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST VOL. XXXVII ISSUE #2 JANUARY 11, 2017

Streep, Trump or the Holy Bible

This week the buzz was actress Meryl Streep's speech at the Golden Globes. Her obvious disdain for the president-elect sounded out in a quiet room of actors and actresses and rumbled across the landscape of America. In response came a few tweets from Donald Trump, discounting the comments and defending himself. I know for myself personally it was no fun to watch from either side, and nothing was accomplished that made for peace and tranquility in a nation already divided.

There was one thing, however, that immediately crossed my mind. As this was all being digested by Americans I wondered to myself just how much, really, do people let public figures influence what they think? Do we side with one person's view over another because they have a political stance that is closer to our own? Do we believe in them because they are rich and famous, or because we like them, or because they have social acceptance or political clout?

People are fallible. Even if they have good intentions we need to be very careful about ever putting our trust in people. If you are like me, you have been burned on several occasions when you really liked someone and admired them and even championed them in some fashion, only to have them do something that was so overly horrendous that you were embarrassed to admit that you had ever even been a fan.

I am reminded that the only person we can ever imitate completely and without reservation is Jesus. The only communicated code we can allow to influence and shape our views is the Holy Bible. The words of the Lord are pure words, they are righteous, true, holy, and without partiality. God's message is love and grace and mercy to all, balanced with perfect discipline and judgment. Morality begins and ends with God, as does absolute truth and the peace which can only be found in complete obedience and surrender to His perfect will.

Let Hollywood and government and the media and every other realm of social order say what they want to say. We will continue to live within our society, obey the laws of the land, and respect the authority under which we have been placed. But let the record show that God my Father reigns in heaven, that Jesus the Son is my only example and my Savior, and that the blessed Holy Spirit dwells in me and will be the ultimate influence on what I think and believe as I read the Holy Word He has delivered.

"What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, 'That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged'" – Romans 3:3-4

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS January 15, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
"Righteousness, Self-Control, And The Judgment To
Come"
Acts 24:22-25
6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
"Who May Abide In Your Tabernacle?"
Psalm 15

FOR THE RECORD, – January 8, 2017

9:00 a.m.	460
10:15 a.m.	399
6:00 p.m.	288
Wed 1/4	320

We extend our sympathy to the family of our Wilma Lambert. Her funeral services were this past Sunday.

We extend our sympathy also to Judy Bybee in the death of her brother, Larry Cyphers. His funeral services were Saturday.

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

January 8 – 15 Walking In The Spirit

Galatians 5:25-26

25) "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."
26) "Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another."

Attention: If you are interested in working on Centurion of Scripture, young or old, please let Donna Johnson or Monica Mayer know to receive memory cards.

We have received "Thank You" cards from: Doyle White & Family, Helen & Jeff Moss, Mary Moss, Tara Stephens & Family, Mildred Carter, Leslie & Ruby Cole, Family of Henry Richardson, Margie Wall, Marion Dudney, Jewell Bowman, Mary Pruett, Helen Burgess, Jessie Thomas, Joyce Madewell, Shelby Johnson

LADIES

If you are looking for a way to be involved we would love to have your help on Wednesdays in the Sewing Room. Please see Betty Hood for details.



BUS DRIVER

Bus driver for Sunday, January 15 and Wednesday, January 18 is: Brent Martin (931-284-1746).



Debra Wittenberg and Ashley Wittenberg Cass have a new address. It is 2235 Mine Lick Creek Road, Cookeville, TN 38501. Please make this change in your directories.

BULLETIN BOARDS

Willow Meals Board

Has been moved down the hall beside the returned dish shelves

Back Pack List

Moved just outside the teachers workroom

PANTRY ITEMS

January 15 - 21

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Pork & Beans

#15 - College Class

Jelly

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Bagged Dried Beans

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Salmon

Auditorium Class

Beanee Weenees



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!**



The annual Young at Heart Banquet will be on Sunday morning, February 12th after Bible class. Please sign up on the Goldenaire bulletin board if you plan on attending. There is also a sign-up sheet for anyone who is NOT a Goldenaire that would like to help prepare food for the meal. If you sign up to bring a particular item that has a recipe posted beside the sign-up sheet, please use that particular recipe so that all the dishes are the same.



LOVE-LY EVENING

Saturday, February 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the Willow Avenue multipurpose room

Please come and join us for Food, Entertainment and Fellowship

Cost is \$7.50 per person.

Sign up sheet is on the Fellowship bulletin board.

Please see Phil Philips, Ralph Bryant, or Jim Briggs for more details and to turn in your money.

Deadline to sign up is Jan. 29.

Child care will be provided, with pizza.



There will be an IMPORTANT Mexico meeting Sunday evening on January 22nd at 5 pm for anyone interested in going on the Mexico mission trip this summer. The dates for the trip are July 15-21.



Please add Victoria Eschenbacher to your January calendar. Her birthday is January 12.

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.



All ladies who would like to help with the Ladies Day that we will have at Willow in April, please meet in classroom 14 Sunday evening, January 15, at 5:15.

PRAYER LIST

> Aileen Alred – CRMC following back surgery.

> Harold Kinnaird is in CRMC.

> Hollis Walker had heart surgery last Friday. He is recuperating at home

> Jimmy Briggs has been diagnosed with cancer. He is the brother of Janet Woodward..

> Marty Smith has been diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer. He begins radiation and chemo on Jan. 17. He is a friend of Sharon Womack.

Sick or Recuperating at Home: Ricky Sherrell, Peggy Sparks, Gertrude Stewart

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), James Staggs

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, Doug & Pearlene McCulley, 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

**BIBLE BOWL 2017 BOOKS
MARK – PHILIPPIANS - COLOSSIANS**

Willow Avenue Church of Christ
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
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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – JANUARY 15

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard
Read Scripture – Cole Walker
First Prayer – James Tiensvold
Last Prayer – Barry Allison
Announcements – Tim Richardson
Give Thanks – Dan Miller

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Steve Qualls	Don West
Rick McCurdy	Travis Tate
L.B. Johnson	Bradley Challenger
Matt Garrett	Bill Brown

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Jim Grimes
Don Wagnon

Usher in the Auditorium – Dom DeLuca & Jimmy Mackie

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

North Door – Tom Bumbalough
South Door – Rick Ramsey

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday
Songs – Glenn Stockton
Sound – Brian Dudley

Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

Keep Nursery – DeAnn & Brooke Alred
(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 – Bill Bilbrey
Door #2 – Debbie Gaw & Mary Chaffin
Door #3 – Mark & Leigh Caldwell
Door #4 – Tanner & Seth Cagle
Door #5 – Drew Caldwell

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – JANUARY 15

Lead Singing – Tom Stafford
Read Scripture – James Green
First Prayer – Danny Phillips
Last Prayer – Chase Fletcher
Announcements – Tim Richardson

Serve The Lord's Table – Joe Paul Tackett & Johnny Goodwin

Keep Nursery – Amanda Hudson & Madison Rice
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – JANUARY 18

Lead Singing – Kasey Mann
Invitation – David Ray Smith
Announcements – Tim Richardson
Prayer – Hubert Qualls
Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

Pens-Pencils-Pews – Week of January 15-21
Cathy Whiteaker

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