

THE PROCLAIMER



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Which Commandments Should We Keep?

Many lessons and sermons have been taught and preached concerning the rich young ruler (Mt. 19:16-22; Mk. 10:17-22; Lk. 18:18-23). No matter how many times we have read these passages, there is always something new we can learn.

After this young man had come to Jesus asking him what he must do to inherit eternal life, Jesus responded about the goodness of God, and that one should keep the commandments (Mt. 19:17). In Matthew's account the rich young ruler responds this way – "Which ones?" (Mt. 19:18).

"Which ones?" What an interesting question! It sounds so similar to our culture and what many call "supermarket Christianity." Can we pick and choose pick from the Bible? Can we keep only some commandments, binding some and disregarding others, almost like a person picking out the best tomato in the grocery aisle?

People who are afraid of being totally committed to Christ are very much like this young ruler. They might pick certain worship assemblies while blatantly disregard others. They might consider the elements of worship as very important, but are not interested in being evangelistic. They might love personal Bible study at home, but feel like fellowship meals and gathering with the saints outside of worship is not for them.

The rich young ruler claimed that he had kept all the commandments from his youth, and yet when Jesus told him to keep the commandments it is obvious that he was hoping he could get by with just a few. This is the "easy way out" method or the "just get by with it" approach. Trying to do as little as possible and hoping that it will be enough to please God is not the attitude of Christ. It is not the attitude of genuine discipleship.

If we are going to belong to God, we need to stop looking for what we think is essential, and embrace the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:26). There should be nothing that we aren't willing to learn and do for the cause of Christ. We should call no time or earthly thing "ours," but consider it God's possession to be used to His glory.

The Bible says this man, when challenged to sacrifice the one thing that meant the most to him, "went away sorrowful because he had great possessions." How tragic! In reality we all know we own nothing. Everything is His, even our own souls, which he purchased with the blood of His Son.

Let's not ask, "Which ones?" After we have kept all the commandments, let's ask, "What else can I do?"

'Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!' – Deuteronomy 5:29

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS January 22, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Mike Dyer

“Who Is In The Body Of Christ?”

“Romans 10:14-15”

6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

“Why God Chose Freewill Offerings”

Exodus 25:1-9

FOR THE RECORD – January 15, 2017

9:00 a.m.	484
10:15 a.m.	389
6:00 p.m.	313
Wed 1/11	348

We extend our sympathy to Zina Mitchell in the death of his brother, Harvey Mitchell. Funeral services were last week in California.

We extend our sympathy to Charlie Vaughn in the death of his brother, Carson Vaughn.

And we extend our sympathy to Janet Woodward in the death of her mother, Mildred Briggs, in Kentucky.

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

January 15-22 Do Good

Galatians 6:7-10

7) “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.”

8) “For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

*We have received “Thank You” cards from:
Carl & Aileen Alred; Mike & Judy Flatt;
Dorothy Thomas; Clara McDonald; Dean Cobb;
The Tatum Family; Mary Burgess; Rose Keith;
The Family of Larry Cyphers*



LADIES

For our Ladies Day that will be in April, we have decided to do a Dessert Recipe Book. We would like for you to give us your favorite dessert recipes. There is a red & white basket on the table in the foyer for you to drop them off.

Please include your name.



A Special Happy Anniversary to Jerry & Barbara Bumbalough celebrating 55 years on January 21.

BUS DRIVER

Bus driver for Sunday, January 22 and Wednesday, January 25 is: Karl Nye (423-322-8971).



NEW PHONE NUMBERS

Rebekah Bauman: 412-303-0183

Linda Phillips: 931-214-1411



LADIES ACTIVITY

All ladies of the congregation - mark your calendar for Tuesday night, January 24 at 6:45 and come join us at Carmike Cinemas for a movie night. Check the bulletin board for the signup sheet. If you have any questions please see Louise Miniard or Teresa Sparks.

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 22 - 28

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Bag of Dried Beans

#15 - College Class

Canned Salmon

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Peanut Butter

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Applesauce

Auditorium Class

Bag of Dried Beans



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 be sure to sign up for your activity on January 28 from 6-8 p.m. here at the building. Signup sheet is on the Fellowship board.

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

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



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.

Signup 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.

LADS TO LEADERS

This year's theme is "all you say to me, I will do." Ruth 3:5. What a great theme and it is time to start practicing this Sunday, Jan. 22, in the gym. Speech will be at 4:30 (come to speech with a couple of ideas for your speech) and Song Leading/Song of Praise at 5:15 (come with 3 songs that you would like to lead). It isn't too late to be part of Lads to Leaders, just show up and we will help you find your place. Parents....please continue to encourage your children to be learning their Bible verses that are given to them each week in Bible class. At the end of the quarter, we will have a popsicle party for all kids, not just L2L, that have learned ALL their verses. If you have any questions, please let the Mayers know.

PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Bill Halfacre and Gertrude Stewart back at worship Sunday.

> *Aileen Alred is now at home..*

> *Harold Kinnaird is now at home.*

> *Barbara Talley is at home recovering from a light stroke.*

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

> *Ralph Gentry has been moved from a hospital in Florida to a rehab center. (brother of Rose Vaughn)*

> *Linda Maxwell is dealing with several health problems. (sister of Carol Halfacre)*

> *Jane Wilmoth is having back surgery. (friend of Patty Spohnholtz)*

Sick or Recuperating at Home: Ricky Sherrell, Peggy Sparks, Hollis Walker

Those dealing with cancer: Rosemary Andrews, Harold Kinnaird, Bud Scott, Sandra Sitto, Brenda Carroll (taking treatments), Joy Carter (taking treatments), Janet Craighead, Julie Denny, Darlana Robichaud, Alexis Szymczak (taking treatments), James Staggs, Jimmy Briggs

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, 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

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 22

Lead Singing – Tom Stafford
Read Scripture – Jared West
First Prayer – Tom Tomberlin
Last Prayer – Tim Richardson
Announcements – Mike Briggs
Give Thanks – Robert Oakes

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Toby Russell	Chuck Wilson
Russell Moss	Mark Thomason
Brendan Johnson	Chad Crouch
Mike Flatt	Ronnie Brown

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Mike Smith
Glen Dunn

Usher in the Auditorium – Brian Dudney & Hubert Qualls

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

North Door – Dominic DeLuca
South Door – Jimmy Mackie

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday
Songs – John Hoffmeister
Sound – Bryan Kirby

Parking Lot Patrol – Tyler Gaw

Keep Nursery – Patty Bowman & Annalee Stafford
(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 – Austin Cagle
Door #2 – Helen Burgess & Judy Bybee
Door #3 – Phyllis Cobb & Tammy Conner
Door #4 – Alex & Wes Delk
Door #5 – Karen DeLoach

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – JANUARY 22

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard
Read Scripture – Brian challenger
First Prayer – Steve Qualls
Last Prayer – Jake Harrington
Announcements – Mike Briggs

Serve The Lord's Table – Travis Tate & Hunter Harp

Keep Nursery – Sylinia & Laney Oakes
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Tyler Gaw

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – JANUARY 25

Lead Singing – Jared West
Invitation – Tom Spohnholtz
Announcements – Mike Briggs
Prayer – Drew Caldwell
Parking Lot Patrol – Tyler Gaw

Pens-Pencils-Pews – Week of January 22-28
Youth Group

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