

THE PROCLAIMER



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"Not My Jesus!"

I saw the sign. It said plainly, "Not my president!" Before you think this is a political commentary please understand that this sign could have been used in a march this week against Trump or last week against Obama. This sign is nothing new. You see, depending on the situation there are going to be some people who don't want to submit to the existing authority. There are going to be people who don't like who is in charge, especially if that authority figure doesn't stand for or profess what they want to be doing.

But you know what? I am not concerned about the people who are saying, "Not my president!" I am concerned about the people who are saying about Jesus, "Not my Savior!" "Not my Lord!"

First, I am concerned about the people who reject Jesus as Savior. They do this by not believing in Him as the Son of God. They do this by not accepting the covenant He initiated by His sinless, sacrificial blood. They do this by not adhering to the purpose and plan of the gospel. They do this by following a religion other than Christianity. They do this by believing in evolution. They do this by following a culture that is humanistic and hedonistic.

I am concerned about these people because whether they choose to accept Him or not, Jesus IS, in fact a Savior and more specifically, the only Savior of mankind (Acts 4:12). His future parents were even told, "And you shall call His name 'Jesus,' for He will save the people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). Jesus' very purpose in coming was to be the Savior, and that is exactly who He is (Luke 19:10).

Second, I am concerned the people who reject Jesus as Lord. They may be believers and followers of Jesus. They may even be "baptized Christians." But just because a person has followed the plan of salvation does not automatically mean that Jesus has become the Lord of their lives. There are people who claim to be Christians who reject Jesus as Lord every day. They do this by not keeping His word. They do this by being their own masters. They do this by stubbornly following their own will, rather than accept His greater and higher will. Such is the sincerest form of hypocrisy. Jesus Himself said at the end of the Sermon on the Mount, "Why do you call Me, 'Lord! Lord!', and do not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46).

People can protest against the government and hold up signs all they want. It's a democracy. Let their actions proclaim their motives and let their political agendas speak for themselves. But woe to the people who protest against Jesus! Because in the spiritual realm it's a monarchy. And Jesus is Savior and Lord forever! Those who reject Him are ultimately sentencing their souls eternally to a devil's hell.

"Not my president!?" That's a political statement. No big deal. It doesn't make the president not the president. The laws still apply. If followed by actions this statement will have legal consequences. But it only concerns a temporary kingdom with a temporary leader.

"Not my Jesus!?" That's a rejection of the love of God. It doesn't change the fact that "God made this same Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). And its concern is greater, because Jesus' is the eternal King of the everlasting kingdom. And the actions that follow such words will have eternal consequences. He has all authority (Matt. 28:18). He is coming to judge the world (2 Tim. 4:1).

"For it is written: 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God.' So then each of us shall give account of himself to God." – Romans 14:11-12

Jeremiah Tatum

SERMON TOPICS January 29, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

“Standing In The Gap”

Ezekiel 22:30-31

6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

“Rediscovering Your Servant Heart”

Psalm 85:1-13

FOR THE RECORD – January 22, 2017

9:00 a.m.	472
10:15 a.m.	376
6:00 p.m.	315
Wed 1/18	298

NEW MEMBERS

Brandon & Emily Kerley met with our elders and expressed their desire to be a part of the Willow Avenue congregation. Be sure to meet Brandon & Emily and their son Talon and make them feel at home.

Brandon, Emily & Talon Kerley, 246 Old Country Lane, Gainesboro, TN 38562

Brandon: 931-337-6597 Emily 931-267-4535

We have received “Thank You” cards from: Katherine Gaw, Yvonne Wheeler, Peggy Sparks, Kim & Shane Palk and the Family of Wilma Lambert, Reba Barr, Charlie & Anna Rose Vaughn

Letter from Great Smoky Mountain Church of Christ
Dear Willow Avenue Church of Christ,

We would like to thank you for your very generous donation. Your gift will go towards helping the people of the Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg area, who have been displaced or affected in general by this tragedy.

We cannot begin to express how much your gift means to this community after the devastating wildfire. The Great Smoky Mountains Church of Christ has partnered with the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief to provide food, clothing, and personal hygiene items. We are also able to provide pet food and carriers for those families with pets.

This has been a very difficult time, but knowing we have the love and support of wonderful Christians like you, the community and Great Smoky Mountains will recover.

If you have any questions regarding your donation, how it will be used, or other concerns, please contact us at (865) 428-9749.

Yours in Christ,

Elders James Anderson, Rick Cliett, Dan Elkins, Marc Hayes

BUS DRIVER

Bus driver for Sunday, January 29
and Wednesday, February 1 is:
Robert Oakes (931-510-8018).



IT'S A BOY

Richard & Iola Wood are the proud grandparents of their second grandchild, Nathan Vincent Wood, born on January 20th. He weighed 8 pounds and was 19 inches long.

The proud great-grandmother is Florence Wood.



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.

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

January 22-29 Do Good

Galatians 6:7-10

9) “*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*”

10) “*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*”



PANTRY ITEMS

January 29 - February 4

#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.

MENUS FOR FEBRUARY ARE NOW POSTED.

WE NEED COOKS!

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.

LADS TO LEADERS

There will be practice Sunday at 4:30 for speech, 5:15 GIRLS only songs of praise, and 5:30 Bible reading for boys and girls.

An update to the directory is being planned for the near future. If your picture isn't in our current directory and you would like to be included, please see Mike Dyer before Feb. 1.



The 2017 budget Summary will be presented to the congregation Sunday, January 29 at 5:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

PRAYER LIST

- > *Bud Bartlett is back home after being in the ICU*
- > *Melba Bryant will have knee surgery on Thursday, Jan 26.*
- > *Patty Dyer is at home with the flu.*
- > *Linda Phillips had to go to the ER last week.*
- > *Cynthia Tate is recovering from recent back surgery*
- > *Joe Gebbia (father of Tara Stephens) will have total spinal reconstruction on Jan. 26 at St. Thomas Middle Hospital in Nashville*
- > *Nunzie Marchiafava (son of Joe Buras) will have surgery Thursday, Jan 26 in New Orleans.*

Sick or Recuperating at Home: Aileen Alred, Ricky Sherrell, Peggy Sparks, Barbara Talley

Our Members dealing with cancer: Rosemary Andrews, Harold Kinnaird, Bud Scott

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

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

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

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.
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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - JANUARY 29

Lead Singing - Roy Johnson
Read Scripture - Garland Wheeler
First Prayer - Jared West
Last Prayer - Mike Briggs
Announcements - Mike Dyer
Give Thanks - Danny Phillips

Serve the Congregation -

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Rick Ramsey	Jerry Williams
Rick McCurdy	Mark Thomason
Greg Loftis	Alex Delk
Jonah Evans	Neil Ashburn

Take Communion to the Shut-ins - Chase Gaw
Denny Richardson

Usher in the Auditorium - George Dudney & Kevin Smith

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

North Door - Brian Dudney
South Door - Hubert Qualls

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday
Songs - Todd Hudson
Sound - Dennis Hood

Parking Lot Patrol - Glenn Stockton

Keep Nursery - Maggie Kent & Georgia McCurdy
(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 - Martha Dyer
Door #2 - Dominic & Bettie DeLuca
Door #3 - Allison & Susan Dudney
Door #4 - Carolyn Dudney & Marion Dudney
Door #5 - Dan Evans

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - JANUARY 29

Lead Singing - Gary Risley
Read Scripture - Hunter Harp
First Prayer - Tom Spohnholtz
Last Prayer - Chase Fletcher
Announcements - Mike Dyer

Serve The Lord's Table - Kasey Mann & Bradley Challenger

Keep Nursery - Gina Shockey & Brenda Ramsey
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol - Glenn Stockton

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - FEBRUARY 1

Lead Singing - Reed Wilson
Invitation - Dennis Hood
Announcements - Mike Dyer
Prayer - Patrick Kent
Parking Lot Patrol - Glenn Stockton

Pens-Pencils-Pews - Week of January 29 - February 4
Carolyn Mayberry

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