

THE PROCLAIMER



WILLOW AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST VOL. XXXVII ISSUE #5 FEBRUARY 1, 2017

Praying With Your Family

Yesterday something happened that gave my wife and children cause to celebrate. We had a late day – two hours late to school due to bad weather. I decided to take advantage of the extra hours in the morning.

We went out to breakfast together. It was a prayer breakfast. We used the time we never have on a Monday in which we are usually in a rush to get ready. We talked. We ate a sit-down meal together. We discussed the week ahead. Then I asked them all to tell me something specifically they wanted to pray about. It was a great morning for our family. It was also a very humbling moment for me as a father.

How often do you pray together as a family? I am not talking about a quick prayer before a meal or a brief nighttime prayer you may have with your spouse or your kids. I am talking about an organized gathering where you share your thoughts and anxieties and spend some quality time together with every member of the family present in unified supplication to Jehovah God.

We need to pray more together. The family at home needs to communicate and then pray. The local congregation that constitutes your spiritual family needs to communicate and then pray. But we don't! We are in too much of a hurry!

And just as we go too fast in praying before a meal at home, we often rush through every instance in prayer with the church. There seems to be a time limit on the Lord's Supper. I mean, after all, we have got to get the preacher up there ASAP so we don't go over! If old man Jones leads the closing prayer and he gets long winded the people begin to fidget! And when is the last time you heard a prayer in the assembly that was more than five minutes long?

Slow down to pray. Whatever is going on can wait. Your work for the day will hang out and still be ready for you until you are done praying.

We need to repent about our prayer lives! We have robbed ourselves, our families, and our Father from prayer time by simply not making it a priority. We think we are doing a great job as parents because we are making every practice, getting all the homework done, and being on task for each and every responsibility. I would rather have a child who wasn't as good at basketball as the other kids, if my child knew how to pray. I would rather have a child that gets B's than a kid who gets A's if my child was one who walked and talked with God. I'd rather have the laundry backed up and the kitchen not as tidy as long as I had a spouse who was allowed the time to have a healthy prayer life with me and my children.

It just hit me yesterday. In doing the right thing about prayer for once I realized I had been doing the wrong thing most of the time. Families MUST share quality spiritual time together and pray. This is true for the church and it's true for the home.

If you are an elder and you are reading this I ask that you consider making 2017 a year of prayer for your church family. If you are a parent I suggest you do the same thing for your home. You will not regret it. I left breakfast for once feeling like a pretty good husband and father. Not because I am good, but because my family had together just talked to the One who alone IS good, and that is God. We left everything at His feet. We trusted Him and His will and it gave us peace. We came together in love and care for one another in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And it was wonderful.

"Father, forgive me for not praying as I should. Forgive me for not leading my family in prayer as I should. Forgive me for all the times I didn't make time for a conversation with You. Because You are what I need the most. And You are who I love the most. I am looking forward to talking to You more. Thank You for always being there to listen and help me. In Jesus name, Amen."

Whatever you are doing, you have not done as much as you can do...until at first you have prayed.

"I desire then that in every place the men should pray..." – 1 Timothy 2:8

Jeremiah Tatum

Sermon Topics February 5, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

“Praying Together With Your Church Family”
(A Special Format to the Worship Service)

6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

“Rediscovering Your Servant Heart”
Psalm 85:1-13

FOR THE RECORD – January 29, 2017

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| 9:00 a.m. | 451 |
| 10:15 a.m. | 366 |
| 6:00 p.m. | 281 |
| Wed 1/25 | 333 |

NEW MEMBERS

Zachery & Haley Gore have met with our elders and expressed their desire to be a part of the Willow Avenue congregation. Be sure to meet Zachery & Haley and give them a warm Willow Avenue welcome.

Address: 202 Crescent Avenue, Gainesboro, TN 38562

Zachery: 931-644-7055

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Haley: 931-644-6953

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A Special Happy Birthday to Ressie Pharris who will celebrate her 94th Birthday on February 3.



A Special Happy Anniversary to Marvin & Pat Goodpasture who celebrate 53 years on February 2.

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.



BUS DRIVER

Bus driver for Sunday, February 5 and Wednesday, February 8 is: Danny Phillips (931-316-0002).

Contact elder for February is
Reed Wilson 931-265-2752



IT'S A BOY

Congratulations to Adam & Sophia Birdwell on the birth of Aiden Loyd Birdwell on Wednesday, January 18. He weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches long. Proud big brothers are William & Asher. Proud grandparents are Loyd & Debbie Birdwell. Proud great-grandmothers are Lois McCue and Olga Szalay.

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

January 29 – February 5 Grace

Ephesians 1:7

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”



PANTRY ITEMS

February 5 - 11

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Applesauce

#15 - College Class

Chicken Noodle Soup

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Mixed Veggies

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Boxed Spaghetti

Auditorium Class

Tomato Soup

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!**



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

Practice for Sunday will be Speech for boys and girls at 4:30; song Leading and Song of Praise at 5:15. Please turn in your Good Samaritan participation by Sunday. If you want to add a hotel room or make any last minute changes in your event participation, please let the Mayers know by Sunday, February 5.



GoldenAire Lunch - Tuesday -
February 14

12:00 Noon - Multipurpose room

Bring a covered dish and join us!

BIBLE BOWL 2017 BOOKS
MARK – PHILIPPIANS - COLOSSIANS

PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Barbara Talley and Hollis Walker back at worship.

- > *Bud Bartlett is in Room 440 at CRMC.*
- > *Katherine Gaw is scheduled for tests for heart blockage today, February 1, at St. Thomas in Nashville.*
- > *Brenda Williams had an MRI on Monday to see if back surgery is needed.*
- > *Matthew Hudson (son of John & Elizabeth Hudson) had surgery on Monday in Knoxville.*
- > *Aubrey Stockton (father of Elizabeth Hudson) is in Bethesda Healthcare.*

Sick or Recuperating at Home: Aileen Alred, Patty Dyer, Ricky Sherrell, Peggy Sparks, Cynthia Tate

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

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.
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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – FEBRUARY 5

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard
Read Scripture –
First Prayer –
Last Prayer –
Announcements – Charles Bean
Give Thanks – Steve Qualls

Serve the Congregation –

| <u>South Side</u> | <u>North Side</u> |
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| Hubert Qualls | Randy Walker |
| Kris Mann | Ray Stalnaker |
| Bryan Kirby | Wes Delk |
| Mike Flatt | Herb Baugh |

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

Usher in the Auditorium – Johnny Goodwin & Hollis Walker

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

North Door – George Dudney
South Door – Don Wagnon

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday
Songs – Ethan Hammond
Sound – Russell Moss

Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

Keep Nursery – Suzanne Woods & Sonya Briggs
(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 – Tyler Carr
Door #2 – Annette Bouchard & Lois Bowman
Door #3 – Julie & Jessica Aikens
Door #4 – Herb & Pauletta Baugh
Door #5 – David Hix

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – FEBRUARY 5

Lead Singing – Gary Risley
Read Scripture – Luke Tatum
First Prayer – James Tiensvold
Last Prayer – Barry Allison
Announcements – Charles Bean

Serve The Lord's Table – Don West & Bradley Challenger

Keep Nursery – Lisa West & Jo Ann Herron
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – FEBRUARY 8

Lead Singing – Jared West
Invitation – Tim Woodward
Announcements – Charles Bean
Prayer – Tim Richardson
Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

Pens-Pencils-Pews – Week of February 5 - 11
DeAnne Evans

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