

# THE PROCLAIMER



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## Who are Our Real Heroes?

Ask a 10 year old boy who they want to be when they grow up. They may say Tom Brady, Lebron James, or maybe some musician or movie star. The reason why youths admire these people is because they can do special things with their talents, and because they appear on the world's stage and compete or perform at such a high level. To win the greatest prize, to have the most talent, and to make good on all of your dreams is what is touted as being a true success. People think such fame is what makes a person's life of value, as if they had not wasted their life on earth. They determine that in these endeavors certain people have perhaps made more of their lives than everyone else.

Yesterday I was asked to do a funeral for a friend. He was not a movie star or a well-known athlete. He was a simple man from Lawrence County, Tennessee. He was kind and compassionate. He was daring and bold. He was courageous and sacrificial. He was a family man. He was a Christian man.

Robert Belew fought in World War II at the age of 17. He went on to fight in the battle of Heartbreak Ridge in the Korean Conflict. Later he fought in Vietnam. He served for over 20 years in the military and then he came home and served his family, community, and most of all, his Lord. As a young man he sent half of his military pay back to his mother to help take care of her needs. He volunteered for all of the difficult things that everyone else usually finds an excuse to abandon.

My friend Robert (we all called him Bob) was one of the most decorated war veterans of our day. As I looked at his bronze star, next to a host of other medals he had been awarded, I was reminded that he never really wanted to talk about them or display them. I wish he had spoken about them more, because these are the stories I want to hear. But he was just too humble to do so. By his casket there was also a letter from the president of Korea. It was a thank you letter for the service Bob rendered to help insure freedom in that country. It was an invitation to return to Korea to be honored. In the letter the Korean president called Robert Belew a true "hero."

Our real heroes are not people who are good at sports, or music, or acting. They are not the people with the most talent. They are not the people who everyone knows by just one name like "Brady" or "Lebron." Our true heroes are the people who love us and sacrifice for us daily. They are: The mother who selflessly raised us, the grandfather who took us fishing, and the neighbor who fought in three consecutive wars so that we can live in a free society without terror.

Our real heroes are ordinary people with extraordinary faith, "...who through faith subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. Women received their dead raised to life again. Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. Still others had trials of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth" (Hebrews 11:33-38).

It doesn't take much to be a hero. It just takes knowing what really matters, and a willingness to sacrifice accordingly. It just takes being like Jesus. It just takes a man like Robert Belew, who was willing to do what others were somehow unwilling or unable to do. It just takes a faith that is not merely a belief in something, but which is willing to go to work - a faith that wears army boots...

"Greater love hath no man than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" – John 15:13

*Jeremiah Tatum*

**Sermon Topics February 12, 2017**

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum  
“The End Of The Conflict”  
James 4:1-10  
6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum  
“Love Never Fails”  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE**

**February 5 - 12 Grace**

Ephesians 2:8-10

8) “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,”

9) “not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

10) “For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

*We have received “Thank You” cards from:*

*Barbara Talley*

*Hollis Walker*

*Tim & Janet Woodward*

*The Family of Carson Vaughn*

*Kathleen Ragland*

**FOR THE RECORD – FEBRUARY 5, 2017**

9:00 a.m.	490
10:15 a.m.	403
6:00 p.m.	268
Wed 2/1	337



*A Special Happy Birthday to Irene McBroom who will*

*celebrate her 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday on February 10.*



*Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Nola Judd on February 8. Nola and her family began*

*attending Willow Avenue in 1948. Her late husband, John Judd, served as a deacon.*



**PANTRY ITEMS**

**February 12 - 18**

**#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class**

Peanut Butter

**#15 - College Class**

Tomato Soup

**#16 - Mike Dyer's Class**

Vegetable Beef Soup

**#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class**

Chicken Noodle Soup

Auditorium Class

Boxed Spaghetti

**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 and have them turned in by February 12.



Sara Blaylock is the proud grandmother of Xavier James Farrell born Monday, February 6 to Linda & Travis Farrell.

Xavier weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces and was 20 ¼ inches long.

**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!**

**BUS DRIVER**

Bus driver for Sunday, February 12 and Wednesday, February 15 is: Gary Risley (931-265-5549).



We will be taking up money the first Sunday of each month in the auditorium class for the mission work in India.



Remember 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.



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, February 12 -

4:30 Speech

5:15 Song of Praise (girls only)

5:30 Bible Reading



GoldenAire Lunch - Tuesday -

February 14 - 12:00 Noon -

Multipurpose room.

Bring a covered dish and join us!

## BIBLE BOWL 2017 BOOKS MARK – PHILIPPIANS - COLOSSIANS

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

### PRAYER LIST

*It was good to see Owen & Maudean Sparks and Peggy Sparks able to be at worship Sunday.*

> *Bud Bartlett is now at Signature Healthcare..*

> *Katherine Gaw is sick at home and was not able to have the tests on her heart.*

> *Faye Jackson had eye surgery Wednesday, February 8 in Crossville.*

> *Brenda Williams will be having back surgery at some point.*

> *Charles & Evelyn Dyer are both dealing with health problems. (friends of Margaret Allison)*

> *Daryl Randolph is in CRMC in a coma (nephew of David Randolph).*

**Sick or Recuperating at Home:** Aileen Alred, Patty Dyer, Ricky Sherrell, 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, Aubrey Stockton

**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**

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  
 Fax Line 931-432-2338  
 Care Line 931-432-6333  
 Website [www.willowcofc.net](http://www.willowcofc.net)  
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**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – FEBRUARY 12**

Lead Singing – Roy Johnson  
 Read Scripture – Hunter Harp  
 First Prayer – Jim Loftis  
 Last Prayer – Tyler Gaw  
 Announcements – Reed Wilson  
 Give Thanks – Toby Russell

**Serve the Congregation –**

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Justin Pace	Denny Walker
Carver Moore	Bradley Challenger
Gurvis Loftis	Brian Challenger
Chayce Gaw	Tom Bumbalough

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – David Lancaster  
 Allen Richardson

Usher in the Auditorium – Todd Hudson & Greg Loftis

Usher in the Vestibule and Assist with Outside Doors  
(Please be here by 8:30 am)  
 North Door – Johnny Goodwin  
 South Door – Don West

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday  
 Songs – Glenn Stockton  
 Sound – Tom Spohnholtz

Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

Keep Nursery – Lucinda Moss & Susan Melton  
 (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 – Charles & Debbie Bean  
 Door #3 – Ralph & Melba Bryant  
 Door #4 – Ed & Monica Mayer  
 Door #5 – Reba Barr

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – FEBRUARY 12**

Lead Singing – Roy Johnson  
 Read Scripture – Ethan Hammond  
 First Prayer – Tom Tomberlin  
 Last Prayer – Paul Pippin  
 Announcements – Reed Wilson

Serve The Lord's Table – Tim Woodward & Barry Allison

Keep Nursery – Karen Lykins & Bridgett Carwile  
 (If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – FEBRUARY 15**

Lead Singing – Kasey Mann  
 Invitation – Chase Fletcher  
 Announcements – Reed Wilson  
 Prayer – Luke Tatum  
 Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

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

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