

# *THE PROCLAIMER*



*WILLOW AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST VOL. XXXVII ISSUE #8 FEBRUARY 22, 2017*

## *Why Believing in Jesus is not Enough*

*Jesus said at the end of the Sermon on the Mount – “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” – Matthew 7:21-23.*

*Jesus went on to finish His sermon by telling the parable of the wise and foolish builders. The moral explained in the parable is plain. It is not alone enough to hear what Jesus says. It is necessary both to hear His words and do them. What Jesus had just stated previously about calling on His name at the judgment scene was basically addressing this same point. It is simply not enough to merely believe in Jesus.*

*It has always been very hard for me to understand why many in the religious world have taught that the affirmation of Christ’s identity could alone save the sinner. John 7 reveals that many of the Jewish leaders believed in Jesus but did not obey Him, and were thus not His disciples. James 2 also points out that the demons believe in God and tremble, but their works are the works of the devil. During Jesus’ earthly ministry the devil’s angles regularly recognized that Jesus was the Son of God. But this did not ever imply that they were following Him.*

*Christ’s words about those who call on His name are quite the show stopper. Jesus is saying that many people accept His identity as Lord, but few personally make Him Lord. The only way we can prove that Jesus is the Master of our lives is through humble obedience – hence Jesus’ other statement at the end of this same sermon – “Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord’ and do not do the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46).*

*For some reason, when the church today preaches what Jesus preached about obedience we are labeled as those who believe in “works salvation.” Such could not be further from the case. We are saved by grace, through faith, and that not of ourselves it is the gift of God (Eph. 2:8). Doing the will of God does not mean that we don’t believe in grace. It means we DO believe in grace. In doing the will of God we prove our love to God for His grace by submitting to His better and higher will for us. In obeying the words of Jesus we are simply being faithful disciples and by our actions He knows and we know that He is truly the Lord of our lives.*

*It makes absolutely no sense for anyone to think that they can call Jesus, “Lord” – and then live as they want, practice religion as they want, or do anything else for that matter the way that they individually want to do them. If we are not willing to submit to Jesus and obey Him - then the Bible has no true purpose, and the death, burial, and resurrection of God’s only Son hasn’t taught us a thing.*

*Christianity is not that complicated. Love Jesus. Listen to Jesus. Believe in Jesus. Know Jesus. Obey Jesus. Live like Jesus. Don’t do some of these things. Do all of these things. And when you are done at the end of each day doing all of these to the very best of your feeble human ability, give glory to God.*

*“His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’” – Matthew 25:21*

*Jeremiah Tatum*

**Sermon Topics February 26, 2017**

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

“Translating The Sermon On The Mount” (1)  
Matthew 5:1-12

6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

“Translating The Sermon On The Mount” (2)  
Matthew 7:21-27



Willow Avenue will be hosting the next Teens 4 Christ on Sunday night, March 5<sup>th</sup> during our evening service. We will be providing food but we need volunteers to provide dessert. Please sign up on the youth board if you can help.

**FOR THE RECORD – FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

9:00 a.m.	492
10:15 a.m.	357
6:00 p.m.	321
Wed 2/15	352

**WELCOME**

Jimmy, Gina and J.P. Key met with our elders recently and expressed their desire to be a part of the Willow Avenue congregation. Be sure to meet them and give them a warm Willow Avenue Welcome.

Info: 927 Mt. Vernon Road, Cookeville, TN 38501

Phone: Jimmy 931-239-7766

Gina 931-267-3271

J.P. 931-267-2159

**CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE**

**February 19 - 26 Walk In Unity**

Ephesians 4:1-3

- 1) “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,
- 2) “with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing, with one another in love,”
- 3) “endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”

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

*Harper Smith*

*West Side Church of Christ*

*Bud & Cheri Bartlett*

*Garland & Wilma Wheeler*

**CARE LINE: 931-432-6333**

**MEXICO**

The mission bulletin board now has a supply list for needs in Mexico if anyone would like to look over the list and donate some items for us to take with us when we go in the summer.

**PANTRY ITEMS**

**February 26 - March 45**

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Jelly

#15 - College Class

Vegetable Beef Soup

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Applesauce

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Salmon

Auditorium Class

Mixed Veggies



There will be a meeting this Sunday night, February 26, after service in classroom #14 for all ladies who would like to help with a wedding shower for Elissa Longfellow, bride-elect of Brandon Marks.



**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 next to the shelf with the returned dishes in the hallway.

**WE NEED PEOPLE TO SIGN UP TO COOK FOR THE MEALS!**

**LADS TO LEADERS**

No practice this Sunday, February 26.



### **BUS DRIVER**

Bus driver for Sunday, February 19 and Wednesday, February 22 is: Glenn Stockton (931-260-6513).



*Churches of Christ Disaster Relief is an opportunity for service and involvement. We are planning to spend a day at Disaster Relief helping pack boxes.*

*There is a signup sheet on the fellowship bulletin board if you would be interested in going. More details to come. If you have any questions, contact Phil Philips.*



**GoldenAires** - Sign up for your trip in March to eat at the park and go to the Cumberland Playhouse. See the GoldenAire board for details.

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Also, check out the work project for this month. Details on the GoldenAire board.

### **RADIO**

Our Sunday morning radio program is now one hour in length from 10 to 11 a.m. and can be heard at the following places:

Radio station WHUB-AM 1400  
Radio station WHUB-FM 107.7  
WHUB.com

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

Happy Haven Home will have their 52<sup>nd</sup> anniversary banquet on Thursday, March 30 at 6:30 at the Leslie Town Centre. See the bulletin board at church for more details or call Happy Haven at 931-526-2052.

### **REQUEST FROM THE ELDERS**

For the safety of our children – please do not prop open the entrance doors and leave them unattended. We do not want little ones to wander out the door into the traffic in the parking lot. THANK YOU.

### **PRAYER LIST**

*It was good to see Aileen Alred and Pat Goodpasture able to be at worship Sunday.*

- > *Melba Bryant is at home recovering from knee replacement surgery last week.*
- > *Helen Burgess was home following her heart procedure but had to be taken back to St. Thomas.*
- > *Victoria Eschenbacher's daughter, Isabelle, has pneumonia.*
- > *Vonda Graham is sick at home.*
- > *Irene McBroom is not doing well.*
- > *Earl Clack (step-father of Susan Melton) is now at home.*
- > *Marie Cox (grandmother of Candice Peek) is taking cancer treatments.*
- > *Barbara Sims (sister of Dot Tomberlin) suffered a massive stroke and is in a Tallahassee hospital.*
- > *Anna Yoder's daughter-in-law has started chemo.*

**Sick or Recuperating at Home:** Cheryl Brooks, Helen Burgess, Patty Dyer, Katherine Gaw, Faye Jackson, 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:** Bud Bartlett, 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

**Contact elder for March is  
Jeff Gaw 931-260-2397**

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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 Philips - 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 10:00 AM  
WHUB - AM 1400  
WHUB - FM 107.7  
WHUB.com

**"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)  
Email [willowcofc@twlakes.net](mailto:willowcofc@twlakes.net)

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - FEBRUARY 26**

Lead Singing - Tom Stafford  
Read Scripture - David Ragland  
First Prayer - Brian Challenger  
Last Prayer - Buddy King  
Announcements - Tyler Gaw  
Give Thanks - Jared West

**Serve the Congregation -**

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
David Randolph	Joe Don West
Art Montgomery	David Ray Smith
David Lancaster	Mike Dyer
Dennis Hood	Loyd Birdwell

Take Communion to the Shut-ins - Neil Ashburn  
James Tiensvold

Usher in the Auditorium - Herb Baugh & Russell Moss

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

North Door - L.B. Johnson  
South Door - Mark Thomason

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday  
Songs - Todd Hudson  
Sound - Bryan Kirby

Parking Lot Patrol - Glenn Stockton

Keep Nursery - Sue Ann Smith & Lisa West  
(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 - Helen Burgess  
Door #2 - Tom & Lisa Bumbalough  
Door #3 - Mark & Leigh Caldwell  
Door #4 - Ronnie & Belindia Brown  
Door #5 - Judy Bybee

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - FEBRUARY 26**

Lead Singing - Luke Tatum  
Read Scripture - Carver Moore  
First Prayer - Rick Ramsey  
Last Prayer - Don Wagnon  
Announcements - Tyler Gaw

Serve The Lord's Table - Paul Pippin & Mike Briggs

Keep Nursery - Georgia McCurdy & Carolyn Dudney  
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817)

Parking Lot Patrol - Glenn Stockton

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - MARCH 1**

Lead Singing - Reed Wilson  
Invitation - Patrick Kent  
Announcements - Tyler Gaw  
Prayer - Chayce Gaw  
Parking Lot Patrol - Glenn Stockton

Pens-Pencils-Pews - Week of February 26 - March 4  
Jim & Betty Briggs

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