

THE PROCLAIMER



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What If I am Wrong?

I may be wrong about my religion. It's hard to grasp or even fathom seeing as how I pray every day. I read the Bible. I worship faithfully. I've been raised to know Jesus. I have always wanted to please God. I believe I love Him with all of my heart. Yet, at the end of the day it is possible that I might be wrong about some things.

Now if you ask my friends they will all say that as long as I mean well and I am trying my best that is all that God requires. The preacher on television keeps telling me that as long as I am a good person and I believe in Jesus and I give to charity and I am kind to my fellow man that God will bless me. I read the paper and watch the news and I am involved in social media and they are all saying that really nothing anybody does is wrong: It's just up to personal choices. So maybe my concern about my wrongness has no merit...maybe it's just something I've concocted in my brain.

But here is the problem. I have been wrong before. I know so much more now than I once knew. In studying God's word I have seen where I have been wrong about doctrine. In studying church history I have learned about the origins of some Christian groups and their teachings. In looking at what I have been exposed to, I have seen inconsistencies in what I have been taught. I have discovered that some of what I have been doing is more human tradition than holy commandment. I have also learned that on some very core issues different teachings exist and everyone cannot be right.

And then there are the examples I read about from some of the most outstanding people in the Bible. Moses, David, Peter, Paul – all at times were wrong. Moses let pride get the best of him. David allowed a temptation to nearly ruin his life. Peter, as an apostle, was a hypocrite in front of the Gentiles. And Paul, well before he became an apostle his religion was just completely wrong altogether! But I know these men loved God. They were just mistaken and needed to change. They learned the hard way until they learned the right way. I am confident that I am no better than these great men.

So here is where I find myself: Determined to have an open mind every day about my relationship with God. Determined to know God's word and obey it, even if it is in conflict with my current beliefs and practices. Determined to listen to others concerning what they understand and practice themselves and why so that I might learn from them. Determined not to allow my family's religious tradition and practice define who I am and what I believe. Determined to have a heart for God that is equally balanced with a knowledge and adherence to the truth. Determined not to be troubled by a new discovery of God's will that conflicts with the one I am currently following. Determined that this journey will be not one of fear but of power and love and of a sound mind. Determined to please God and God alone.

I am learning because of God's grace that everyone is wrong, and regularly so. We are human. We are weak. Therefore we are all wrong at times. God has allowed for it because He knows our frame. But God has also overcome it through the cross. The cross is what reminds me that I am often wrong. But it also reminds me that I don't have to stay that way.

It is only when I see the cross that I truly see Jesus. I see Him hanging there. I see the consequences of my wrongness. And I am ready now to change.

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." – Romans

Jeremiah Tatum

Sermon Topics March 19, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
“A Way That Cannot Be Wrong”
1 John 1:5-7
6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
“The Consequences Of A False Gospel”
Galatians 1:6-9

We have received “Thank You” cards from:
Florence Wood
Vonda Graham
Martha Gentry Smith
Bettie DeLuca
Dora Freed

<u>FOR THE RECORD – MARCH 12, 2017</u>	
9:00 a.m.	441
10:15 a.m.	367
6:00 p.m.	308
Wed 3/8	337

We extend our sympathy to the family of our Doris Haile. She was the mother of Maudine Flatt and related to others in the congregation.



A Special Happy Birthday to Edith Stewart who will celebrate her 97th birthday on March 20.



A Special Happy Anniversary to: Bill & Connie Maynard Celebrating 50 years on March 21.

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

March 12-19 Angry
Ephesians 4:26-27

26) “Be angry and do not sin, do not let the sun go down on your wrath.”
27 “nor give place to the devil.”

REQUESTING PRAYERS

Tammy Wilson requested the prayers of her church family. She was recently diagnosed with cancer and she would like prayers for her health as well as to make sure she is in the right relationship with God.

Linda Phillips also requested prayers from her church family. Linda deals with several health issues and she asked for forgiveness of anything she may have said or done that was not right.

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

SAVE THE DATE
6/17/17 – VBS – ONE DAY ONLY



All ladies are invited to a Bridal Shower honoring Elissa Longfellow, bride-elect of Brandon Marks, on Sunday afternoon, March 26 from 1:00 - 2:30 in the multipurpose room. They are registered at Target, Kohls, and Amazon.

TEACHER APPRECIATION



Our annual Teacher Appreciation Banquet will be held on Tuesday, March 21, at 6:00 p.m. All teachers and their spouses are invited to attend if you taught anytime in 2016 or will be teaching in 2017. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we can plan for the meal.

LADIES ACTIVITY



Thursday – March 23 – 6:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

Come for GAME NIGHT and bring desserts or snacks. See the sign-up sheet on the board in the foyer.

LADIES DAY

The ladies day committee members will NOT be meeting Sunday afternoon, March 19. We will meet at 5:30 on Sunday, March 26 in room #14. Please have your budgets prepared and any receipts ready to turn in to Vickie. Please see Martha Dyer if you have any questions.

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



PANTRY ITEMS

March 12 - 18

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Applesauce

#15 - College Class

Salmon

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Green Peas

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Spaghetti Sauce

Auditorium Class

Fruit Cocktail

LADS TO LEADERS

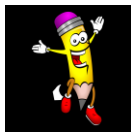
All the L2L participants have been working hard. Speeches are written, being perfected and now they are working on the deliverance of them. Songs have been picked out and learning how to lead them. Scripture reading is coming along too. We have 48 kids...kindergarten to 11th graders participating and working hard. Please mark your calendar for April 2. There will be a covered dish meal after morning services, with the boys and girls dividing up and showing their talents they have been working on. Please join us to encourage them, encourage their coaches who have faithfully and patiently been working with them too. There will also be a sign up sheet to help with bringing in tiems/food for the weekend at L2L. Practice for Sunday, March 19: 4:30 Speech, 5:15 Song Leading for boys and girls.



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!



We are getting ready to put together a list of volunteers to take care of the pens, pencils and pews for the year. Please consider volunteering to help keep our auditorium looking its best. When it is your turn, make sure that each pew has pens, sharpened pencils, cards, 3 song books and a Bible. Our goal is to get enough volunteers that you would only have to do this one week a year. This is a great opportunity to get children involved. Please sign up on the bulletin board near the bus driver schedule. If you have any questions, please see Rick Ramsey.

BUS DRIVER

Bus driver for Sunday, March 19 and Wednesday, March 22 is: Brian Dudney (931-979-4009).



CARE LINE: 931-432-6333

Happy Haven Home will have their 52nd 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.

PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Dora Freed & Rose Keith able to be at worship Sunday.

- > *Belle Butts fell at home on Sunday and broke her hip. She is now at CRMC Rehab Center.*
- > *Robert Cowan had surgery March 13 at Vanderbilt. The surgery went well and he is at home.*
- > *Hollis Walker will have total shoulder replacement surgery Thursday, March 16 at St. Thomas West.*
- > *Brenda Williams is back home after being in the hospital in Nashville.*
- > *Adam Witt (son-in-law of Sara Blaylock) remains in a hospital in Knoxville.*

Sick or Recuperating at Home: Melba Bryant, Margaret Chaffin, Bettie DeLuca, Katherine Gaw, Vonda Graham, Estelle Pippin, Ricky Sherrell, Cynthia Tate, Margaret Way

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 Slinger, 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: 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: Bud Bartlett, 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



We have accumulated several jackets and umbrellas and Bibles that have been left at the building. Please check the coat rack and table at the end of the hallway by the kitchen and pick up anything that belongs to you.

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 1150 South Willow Avenue
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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.
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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - MARCH 19

Lead Singing - Jacob Howard
 Read Scripture - Chayce Gaw
 First Prayer - Larry Harp
 Last Prayer - David Ray Smith
 Announcements - Buddy King
 Give Thanks - Rick Ramsey

Serve the Congregation -

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Denny Richardson	Cole Walker
Jimmy Mackie	Joe Temples
Patrick Kent	Dan Evans
Jonah Evans	Bill Brown

Take Communion to the Shut-ins - Todd Hudson
 Hubert Qualls

Usher in the Auditorium - David Hix & Jerry Williams

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

North Door - Paul Bybee
 South Door - Carver Moore

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday
 Songs - John Hoffmeister
 Sound - Tom Spohnholtz

Parking Lot Patrol - Tyler Gaw

Keep Nursery - Monica Mayer & Brenda Ramsey
 (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 - Willene Fox
 Door #2 - Mike & Judy Flatt
 Door #3 - Jeff & Debbie Gaw
 Door #4 - Johnny & Teresa Goodwin
 Door #5 - Faye Jackson

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - MARCH 19

Lead Singing - Tom Stafford
 Read Scripture - Phil Philips
 First Prayer - Barry Allison
 Last Prayer - Tyler Carr
 Announcements - Buddy King

Serve The Lord's Table - Luke Tatum & Dennis Hood

Keep Nursery - Wanda King & Mary Chaffin
 (If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817.

Parking Lot Patrol - Tyler Gaw

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - MARCH 22

Lead Singing - Carver Moore
 Invitation - Roy Johnson
 Announcements - Buddy King
 Prayer - Ryan Smith
 Parking Lot Patrol - Tyler Gaw

Pens-Pencils-Pews - Week of March 19 - 25
 Susan Moores

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