

# THE PROCLAIMER



WILLOW AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST VOL. XXXVII ISSUE #13 MARCH 29, 2017

## ***The Preacher Doesn't Want to Tell you to go to Church***

***There are some interesting things that go with the job of being a preacher. Some people act differently around you when they find out what you do for a living. There are also some assumptions about your vocation. People think you are different than them. They expect you to say and do certain things that they believe naturally coincide with your position. One of the things they expect is for you to ask them why they haven't been to church lately. (I could go on a tangent here and talk about how it's not "go to church, it's "go to worship" and how the people are the church, et cetera, which is what you would expect the preacher to do – but I will refrain for the moment).***

***I would like to clue everybody in on something about church attendance. The preacher doesn't really want to talk about it. He also doesn't want to ask you where you have been, as if you were reporting to your college professor. He also doesn't want to make you feel guilty for not coming. You see, it's not that the preacher doesn't care. He cares about you a great deal. And he cares about the church, and every person in the world. That's why he's preaching. But the preacher just knows that his job is not to help you check a box by filling a pew. His job is to preach the gospel so that you will fall in love with God.***

***In a church family, we are going to have our ups and downs. People are going to have struggles that will cause them to miss worship. Sometimes these are physical struggles and sometimes they are spiritual. These struggles may last for extended periods of time. When this occurs, it would be natural for the members of a local congregation to have enough concern or care for each other to notice when people are missing. In that context, it is often a blessing when people ask us where we have been.***

***But I never look forward to that awkward moment when I run into a member who has been out of services for a long time. It's as if they wished I hadn't seen them. We both know they haven't been there, so I try not to mention it at all. Instead I ask them about their life. It makes me wonder how many people have seen me coming and quickly walked around the corner. I don't want to be one of those people others hide from. I don't want folks to say in their heart when we make eye contact, "Oh, no, it's the preacher."***

***Individual Christianity has absolutely nothing to do with the preacher. While the preacher must proclaim the message it is only the message that carries weight. I want people to disassociate me from the message as much as possible. I want them to see me as a regular guy, just like them. I want them to realize that I don't think anyone answers to me. To be considered an authority figure is in reality the very last thing I would ever want.***

***If we are doing our job as preachers, when we have finished our sermons the only person people will see is Jesus. When we talk about worship, it will not be considered a chore but rather a privilege. When we check up on missing people, it will be determined that we are loving, not scolding. When we talk of righteous living, we will be encouraging, not judging.***

***Take my word for it. The last thing the preacher wants to do is to tell you to go to church. He just wants to tell you about a love that is so transcending, and so wonderful, that you will never want to miss.***

***"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." – Psalm 122:1***

*Jeremiah Tatum*

**Sermon Topics April 2, 2017**

9:00 a.m. – Mike Dyer  
“Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross”  
John 19:25-30  
6:00 p.m. – Youth Group  
Ruth 3:5

**FOR THE RECORD – MARCH 26, 2017**

9:00 a.m. 457  
10:15 a.m. 387  
6:00 p.m. 345  
Wed 3/22 349



**LADIES DAY**

Willow Avenue is hosting a Ladies Day on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. here at the building. All ladies are encouraged to attend. The theme is “So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” with Becky Honeycutt. Please sign up on the Ladies bulletin board if you plan to attend. Also there is a signup sheet if you can help with food that day.



There will be a “Baby Boy Shower” for Lindsey Phillips on Sunday afternoon, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 5:30 in the multipurpose room. Both men and women are invited. Lindsey is registered at Walmart.



Claudia & Tom Browning have a new address: PO Box 345, Cookeville, TN 38503. Please make this change in your directory.



*A Special Happy Anniversary to:  
L.B. & Jo Kathryn Johnson  
celebrating 54 years on March 31.*

**CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE**

**March 26 – April 2 Be Kind To One Another**  
Ephesians 4:31, 32

- 31) “Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.”
- 32) “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another; even as God in Christ forgave you.”

We want to thank all of our first quarter children’s education teachers for your hard work and dedication to teaching our new curriculum. We want to remind all the second quarter teachers that this Sunday begins our new quarter. If you would like to teach or assist with a class for the third and fourth quarters of this year, please come by the workroom to sign up.

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

*Lois Bowman  
Rose Keith  
Ricky & Tammy Sherrell*



**PANTRY ITEMS**

**April 2 - 8**

**#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class**

Spaghetti Sauce

**#15 - College Class**

Tuna

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

Salmon

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

Oatmeal

**Auditorium Class**

Spaghetti Sauce



An Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be Saturday, April 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the multipurpose room. This is for children ages 0 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade. There is a sign up sheet for food on the youth board. We also need hide-able eggs or candy to stuff into plastic eggs. Please bring eggs and candy and place them in the tote near the youth board.

**LADS TO LEADERS**

We would like everyone to join us Sunday after morning services for a potluck meal. Please bring your favorite dishes, and join the Lads to Leaders families. After the meal, the youth will divide into boys and girls and will demonstrate for you what they have been working on. Please stay and encourage our future leaders. There will be no practice Sunday evening.



There will be a planning meeting this Sunday evening in classroom 14 after worship services for any ladies who are interested in helping with a bridal shower for Kimberly Miller and Bradley Bynum.



### 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 at the end of the hall next to the kitchen.

**APRIL MENUS ARE POSTED**  
**PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP**



If anyone has work that the youth could do to raise money for the Mexico Mission Trip, please contact Chase.



### BUS DRIVER

Bus driver for Sunday, April 2 and Wednesday, April 5 is: David Lancaster

### INDIA



This Sunday, the auditorium class will be taking up money for the India mission work. We will do this the first Sunday each month.

**Contact elder for April is**  
**Gary Risley 931-265-5549**

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

**GOLDENAIRES** – Remember your luncheon Tuesday, April 4 at 12:00 noon in the multipurpose room. Special guests: The Fox Family. Also, deadline to sign up for your trip to Rugby is April 5.



This Sunday, April 2, is the first Sunday of the month so we will be singing before our evening worship from 5:15 till 5:45. Please come early and join us.

### Disaster Relief Trip

We will be going on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. We will leave the building at 8:30 a.m. Our group will be working from 10:00 till 2:00 with a lunch break. We will be arriving back here at the building between 3:30 to 4:00. If you have any questions, call Phil Philips

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

### PRAYER LIST

*It was good to see Joe Buras, Katherine Gaw and Ricky & Tammy Sherrell back at worship.*

- > *Pat Grimes had double knee replacement Thursday in Nashville.*
- > *Harold Kinnaird remains at St. Thomas West in Nashville following surgery last week.*
- > *Clara McDonald has been moved from ICU to Room 401. Prayers please but no calls or visits.*
- > *Sherri Webb will have hip replacement surgery March 30 at Centennial in Nashville.*
- > *Tammy Wilson will have surgery Friday in Knoxville.*
- > *Andy Yoder had his annual checkup Tuesday and received a good report.*
- > *Ashley Chessor's surgery was postponed. (granddaughter of Denny & Ann Walker) .*
- > *Daniel Hood had surgery Monday in Colorado to remove a malignant brain tumor. (son of Dennis & Susan Hood)*
- > *Kathy Smith has been diagnosed with cancer. (mother of Myra Carwile)*
- > *Glen Webb (father of Susan Ashburn) is sick.*
- > *Pat West ( mother of Lisa Bumbalough) is still in the Sarah Cannon Center in Nashville.*

**Sick or Recuperating at Home:** Melba Bryant, Bettie DeLuca, Katherine Gaw, Vonda Graham, Ricky Sherrell, Cynthia Tate, Hollis Walker, Margaret Way, Brenda Williams

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

**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:** Irene McBroom, Jimmy Sitto

**Cedar Hills Senior Living:** Phyllis Julian, Sara Lewis, Zina Mitchell

**CRMC Rehab Center:** Belle Butts, Sue Clack

**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

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## **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – APRIL 2**

Lead Singing – Roy Johnson  
Read Scripture – Dennis Hood  
First Prayer – Ron Johnson  
Last Prayer – Tim Woodward  
Announcements – Jeff Gaw  
Give Thanks – Gary Risley

Prepare Communion in April:  
Jim & Betty Briggs with Phil & Carol Phillips

### **Serve the Congregation –**

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Allen Richardson	Don West
David Mayberry	Dewight Stamps
Ethan Hammond	Lewis Coomer
Hunter Harp	Jim Briggs

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Jim Grimes  
Glen Dunn

Usher in the Auditorium – Charles Bean & Paul Pippin

Usher in the Vestibule and Assist with Outside Doors

(Please be here by 8:30 am)

North Door – Justin Asbury South Door – Denny Richardson

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

Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

Keep Nursery – Traci Smith & Myra Walker  
(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 – Vickie Stockton  
Door #2 – Barbara & Jimmy Talley  
Door #3 – Bobby & Cathy Whiteaker  
Door #4 – David Ray & Sue Ann Smith  
Door #5 – Don Wagnon

### **SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – APRIL 2**

Lead Singing – Youth Group  
Read Scripture – Youth Group  
First Prayer – Youth Group  
Last Prayer – Youth Group  
Announcements – Jeff Gaw  
Serve The Lord's Table – Ryan Smith & David Lancaster

Keep Nursery – Demetria Pace & Holly Dudney  
(If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817.

Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – APRIL 5**

Lead Singing – Kasey Mann  
Invitation – Dan Huffines  
Announcements – Jeff Gaw  
Prayer – Dewight Stamps  
Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

Pens-Pencils-Pews – Week of April 2 - 8  
Don & Lisa West

**IF YOU CANNOT SERVE CALL:**

**Charles Cobb 526-4337 or Lewis Coomer 252-2051**

#### **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 10:00 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**

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