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Restraint

When Moses came down from Sinai with the Ten Commandments, written by the hand of God, he saw something that left him angry and disappointed (Ex. 32:19). As Jehovah God through His mercy and grace was delivering his law to Israel, they played the harlot with a golden calf of their own creation.

As Aaron was questioned about this idolatry by Moses he passed the buck. He said, "Do not let the anger of my lord become hot. You know the people, that they are set on evil. For they said to me, 'Make us gods that shall go before us; as for Moses, the man who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' And I said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, let them break it off.' So they gave it to me, and I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out" (Ex. 32:22-24).

Aaron fell short with his excuses. The real reason for Israel's sin was apparent – "Now when Moses saw that the people were unrestrained (for Aaron had not restrained them, to their shame among their enemies), then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp and said, 'Whoever is on the Lord's side, let him come to me'" (Ex. 32:25, 26).

Restraint is defined as "The act of holding back, putting under control, or repressing." It means being free from excess, guarded by a sensible rule of activity. Lack of restraint leads man to sin. Imagine what happens when mankind is set free of any law or rule. Base emotions and physical desires for pleasure take over, chaos ensues, and the devil is more successful than ever (Judges 21:25).

The majority of humanity in this century continues to live unrestrained. Homosexuality is excused as something that can't be helped. "Do what feels good" is a motto for many, regardless of the consequences such behavior has on others. People even feel that they have "the right to be free to do what they please" without sacrifice, although true freedom has never been and will never be available apart from cost.

Christians should see the value in being restrained by Almighty God. Self-control is to be added to faith (2 Pet. 1:6). There is true value for God's child to have, as the song says, "each thought and each motive, beneath his control." As the King James Version puts it, "temperance" is a fruit of the Spirit, and "against such there is no law" (Gal. 5:23).

But there is another reason to show Godly restraint. The Scripture points out that the Israelites were unrestrained "to their shame among their enemies" (Ex. 32:25). God's people shame themselves and His holy name when they do not live under His guidance. Consider what enemies of the cross can do with Christians who drink, smoke, and forbid only the word "no" to anything they want to do with their time or their money. It is obvious that no dedication to the Lord is real for these people, and the Lord and His church suffer.

A good example of this is found in the Old Testament concerning the wicked sons of Eli, the priest. God promised to judge Eli's house forever for the iniquity he knew, because he made his sons vile and did not restrain them (1 Sam. 3:13). The sin of Eli's house corrupted God's holy priesthood. Within a chapter, we read of the death of Eli and His sons, Hophni and Phinehas (1 Sam. 4:11-18).

It is important for everyone to know when to hold back, and when not to. God in His infinite mercy showed restraint in not destroying Israel the day Moses came down from the mountain, though they deserved it. Yet, because of His great love for mankind there came a time when he held nothing back, but freely gave us His Son

Jeremiah Tatum

Sermon Topics April 16, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Roy Johnson

“Shall We Assemble?”

Hebrews 5:12-14

6:00 p.m. – Mike Dyer

“Paul’s Exercise Program”

Philippians 4:4-9

LADIES DAY



Willow Avenue is hosting a Ladies Day on Saturday, April 29th 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.

FOR THE RECORD – APRIL 9, 2017

9:00 a.m.	425
10:15 a.m.	335
6:00 p.m.	326
Wed 4/5	258



The April Ladies Activity will be Tuesday, April 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room. Please bring a finger food or dessert and join us for a Greeting Card Making class. Please sign up on the ladies bulletin board so we know how many supplies we need.

We extend our sympathy to Linda Baker in the death of her mother, Mildred Jernigan. Funeral services were Monday in Chattanooga.

We extend our sympathy also to Donna Kinnaird and family in the death of her husband, Harold Kinnaird on Sunday, April 9. No funeral arrangements were available at time of printing.

And we extend our sympathy to Rebekah Bauman in the death of her grandmother. Her funeral services were in Michigan.

VBS



Coming Saturday, June 17th. Reserve your “Ticket to Adventure”, Mark your calendar, Pack your bags, Grab your passport, Be ready to travel. This is a day for both Kids and Adults. Think about how you want to assist the travelers: teaching, props, crafts, transportation or meals. There is a place for everyone to help. Signup will be coming soon.

Short Mountain Bible Camp



Registration will be Sunday afternoon, April 23 from 2:30 – 4:30 at Jefferson Avenue. There is a sheet posted on the youth board with all the details. We will also need sponsors to help kids with the cost of camp. Please see Chase if you have any questions.

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

April 9 - 16 Let No One Deceive You

Ephesians 5:6-7

6) “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.”

7) “Therefore, do not be partakers with them.”

BUS DRIVER



Bus driver for Sunday, April 16 and Wednesday, April 19 is: Buddy King (931-510-1281).

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

We have received “Thank You” cards from:

Katherine Gaw

Melba Bryant

Susan & George, Brian & Holly,

Garrett, Ella, and Allison Dudney

LADS TO LEADERS

We are so proud of all the Lads to Leaders! We have 90 people attending convention with us this year. The kids have learned to serve and be a leader. We would like to thank the elders for supporting the program, all the parents for bringing their children, for the coaches who have encouraged and led the children, and all the members who have encouraged the kids and provided food and snacks for the weekend. We are very blessed here at Willow and we want to thank all of you. Please keep all the families in your prayers as we travel to the convention and return home.



PANTRY ITEMS

April 16 - 22

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Peanut Butter / Saltine Crackers

#15 - College Class

Canned Pinto Beans

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Canned Peaches

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Canned Salmon

Auditorium Class

Canned Baked Beans



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

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

South East Institute of Biblical Studies Lectureship

We will be taking a bus to the Lectureship on Monday, April 24. We will leave at 7:30 a.m. and return by 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in going please see David Lancaster or call the church office.

PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Karen Dyer, Carol Halfacre, Lindsey Phillips, Danny Phillips and Tammy Wilson all back at worship.

- > Michael Allison was taken to Vanderbilt on Monday.
- > Belle Butts is now at Bethesda Healthcare.
- > Robert Cowan is sick at home – dealing with several health issues.
- > Pat Grimes is at home. (no visits right now please)
- > Billie Watson was taken to CRMC on Monday and is in ICU.
- > Sue Clack is now at her daughter's home. (mother of Susan Melton)
- > Mary Eldridge had surgery on her wrist & elbow. (Mary has been visiting with us recently)
- > Debbie Sparks has been diagnosed with Hashimoto, Sciatica. (daughter of Lester & Peggy Sparks)
- > Pat West is now at home doing outpatient therapy with Signature Healthcare. (mother of Lisa Bumbalough)

Sick or Recuperating at Home: Aileen Alred, Cynthia Tate, Margaret Way, Sherri Webb

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

Those dealing with ongoing health problems: Michael Allison, Carl Alred, Susan Ashburn, Angie Bilbrey, 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, 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: Belle Butts, 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

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, Edith Stewart

NHC: Ann McWaters, Mildred Palk

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 10:00 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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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - APRIL 16

Lead Singing - Jacob Howard
Read Scripture - Ryan Smith
First Prayer - Dan Huffines
Last Prayer - Chase Fletcher
Announcements - Dewight Stamps
Give Thanks - Larry Harp

Prepare Communion in April:

Jim & Betty Briggs with Phil & Carol Phillips

Serve the Congregation -

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Steve Qualls	Jerry Williams
Robert Oakes	Mark Thomason
Patrick Kent	Brian Dudney
Mike Flatt	Bill Brown

Take Communion to the Shut-ins - Buddy King
Carver Moore

Usher in the Auditorium - Jim Briggs & Danny Phillips

Usher in the Vestibule and Assist with Outside Doors

(Please be here by 8:30 am)

North Door - Dennis Hood South Door - Allen Richardson

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday

Songs - John Hoffmeister Sound - Russell Moss

Parking Lot Patrol - Tyler Gaw

Keep Nursery - Cynthia Richardson & Lisa Bumbalough
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 - Greg Young
Door #2 - Traci & Hannah Smith
Door #3 - Tom & Kim Stafford
Door #4 - Tom & Patty Spohnholtz
Door #5 - Annalee Stafford

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - APRIL 16

Lead Singing - Lindon Carwile
Read Scripture - Ronnie Brown
First Prayer - Roy Johnson
Last Prayer - Tim Richardson
Announcements - Dewight Stamps
Serve The Lord's Table - Tim Woodward & Ty Briggs

Keep Nursery - Elayne Montgomery & Michelle Sherfield
If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817.

Parking Lot Patrol - Tyler Gaw

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - APRIL 19

Lead Singing - Tom Dyer
Invitation - Luke Tatum
Announcements - Dewight Stamps
Prayer - Mark Caldwell
Parking Lot Patrol - Tyler Gaw

Pens-Pencils-Pews - Week of April 16 -22
Amber Tatum

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE CALL:

Charles Cobb 526-4337 or Lewis Coomer 252-2051