

THE PROCLAIMER



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The Power of the Word

Sydney Harris, once said, "I am tired of hearing about men with the 'courage of their convictions.' Nero and Caligula and Attila and Hitler had the courage of their convictions--but not one had the courage to examine his convictions, or to change them, which is the true test of character."

There are people in this world, however, who do have the courage to examine their convictions, and even to change them. This being the case, Christians need not be too concerned about the long term spiritual status of people with an open mind. Our concern instead should be about getting the Bible into the hands of people who have not fully studied the will of God.

When I was a younger preacher, I used to worry about my Bible studies. I would concern myself with whether or not someone would obey the truth, and when it would happen. If it was not soon enough for me, I might find myself being pushy with the progress of the person who had already humbled themselves enough to study.

As time has passed, I have let that go. The reason is simple. The word is powerful. It will not return to God void. What we need to do is enjoy reading it, and teach it, and simply let the Bible do the work. What will eventually happen is exactly what needs to happen. People will be converted to Christ by the teachings of the Lord, rather than being converted to us.

When you study with someone, avoid being confrontational. The Bible will confront a person plenty. Assist and guide with patience. Show how the word of God is changing you. Allow the plan of salvation to unveil itself before the reader's eyes. The time will come when you will not have to ask the student about baptism. God's holy word will have them coming to you pleading, "Here is water, what hinders me from being baptized?" (Acts 8:36)

"But the word of God grew and multiplied." ~ Acts 12:24

Jeremiah Tatum

Sermon Topics April 23, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
Possessing The Promised Land – Samson
Hebrews 11:32-40
6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
Teaching In The Kingdom Of God
1 Timothy 4:11-16



BRIDAL SHOWER

Ladies – you are invited to a Bridal Shower for Kimberly Miller and Bradley Bynum on Sunday, May 7th, from 1:00 to 2:30 in the afternoon here in the multipurpose room. They are registered at Khol's, Belk, Walmart, Borden's, and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

<u>FOR THE RECORD – APRIL 16, 2017</u>	
9:00 a.m.	482
10:15 a.m.	309
6:00 p.m.	299
Wed 4/12	321



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.

We extend our sympathy to Patty Dyer and family in the death of her mother, Polly Ragland. Her funeral services were Saturday.

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.

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE
April 16 - 23 Walk In The Light
Ephesians 5:8, 9

- 8) "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light."
- 9) "(for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth)."



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.

We have received "Thank You" cards from:

Hollis Walker
Debbie & Charles Bean
Danny, Teresa & Lindsey Phillips



PANTRY ITEMS

April 23 - 29

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Oatmeal

#15 - College Class

Oatmeal

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Saltine Crackers

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Spam

Auditorium Class

Canned Peaches

REQUESTING PRAYERS

We appreciate the courage and faith of Mary Chaffin and Mary Jo Smith who came before their church family asking for your prayers and support. Please keep these ladies in your prayers and encourage them in the coming weeks.

DIRECTORY ROSTER

There is an add-in directory roster page (that goes along with the last picture update) available on the table in the foyer.

BIBLE BOWL 2017 BOOKS
MARK – PHILIPPIANS – COLOSSIANS

LADS TO LEADERS

We had a great weekend at Lads to Leaders. We are so proud of all the participants. We had 90 people to spend the night Friday at Opryland Hotel. Overall we had 45 kids this year to participate in Lads. We are very thankful to our Willow family that encouraged, coached and helped provide food for the weekend, the people who drove down to watch the participants, the elders for their support and parents and grandparents who got each child to practice for the last several weeks. The awards that were received at convention were Lizzie Stalnaker, finalist in 4th grade song of praise; Nathan Carwile, finalist in 8th grade song leading; Luke Tatum, 3rd place in 10th grade song leading; Ellie Kirby, 3rd grade, Mallie Carwile, 4th grade and Kiley Smith, 6th grade, all finalists in speech; Hannah Smith, 1st place in 8th grade speech; Lane Garrett, 1st place in 3rd grade speech; Cade Smith, 1st place in 4th grade speech; Luke Caldwell, 7th grade and Luke Tatum, 10th grade, both finalists in speech.

BUS DRIVER



Bus driver for Sunday, April 23 and Wednesday, April 26 is:
Bryan Kirby (931-267-2222).



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.

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.

HAPPY HAVEN HOME

There is an opening for house parents at Happy Haven. This would be a wonderful opportunity for a Christian couple: the wife would be salaried as the house mother and the husband could either work off campus or preach locally. Please contact Houston Bynum, Administrator. Office: 931-526-2052 Email: hbbynum@yahoo.com Employment applications are available at the web site: <http://www.happyhaven.org/> (click on "media" then click on "forms")

PRAYER LIST

> *Michael Allison remains in Vanderbilt Hospital.*
> *Bud Bartlett is now at home and doing better.*
> *Billie Watson remains in Cookeville Hospital but has been moved from ICU to Room 645.*

Sick or Recuperating at Home: Aileen Alred, Robert Cowan, Pat Grimes, 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

Our Shut-Ins: 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

Those in Nursing Homes or Assisted Living:
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: 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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1150 South Willow Avenue
Cookeville, TN 38506

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – APRIL 23

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard
Read Scripture – David Ray Smith
First Prayer – Gary Risley
Last Prayer – Ron Johnson
Announcements – Tim Woodward
Give Thanks – John Hudson

Prepare Communion in April:

Jim & Betty Briggs with Phil & Carol Phillips

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Toby Russell	Randy Walker
Rick McCurdy	Ray Stalnaker
Greg Loftis	Dan Evans
Jonah Evans	Ronnie Brown

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

Usher in the Auditorium – Johnny Goodwin & Don Wagnon

Usher in the Vestibule and Assist with Outside Doors

(Please be here by 8:30 am)

North Door – Buddy King South Door – Mark Thomason

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday

Songs – Todd Hudson Sound – Tom Spohnholtz

Parking Lot Patrol – Glenn Stockton

Keep Nursery – Marr Temples & Kelsea Whittenberg
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 – Suzanne Woods
Door #2 – Amber & Luke Tatum
Door #3 – Dan & Pam Miller
Door #4 – Valerie & Bryan Kirby
Door #5 – Frank Webb

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – APRIL 23

Lead Singing – Tom Stafford
Read Scripture – Mark Caldwell
First Prayer – Dan Huffines
Last Prayer – Luke Tatum
Announcements – Tim Woodward
Serve The Lord's Table – Art Montgomery & Chase Fletcher

Keep Nursery – Amanda Hudson & Madison Rice

If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817.

Parking Lot Patrol – Glenn Stockton

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – APRIL 26

Lead Singing – Reed Wilson
Invitation – Tyler Gaw
Announcements – Tim Woodward
Prayer – Derek Gaw
Parking Lot Patrol – Glenn Stockton

Pens-Pencils-Pews – Week of April 23 - 29
Youth Group

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 WLV 104.7 FM

OFFICE HOURS

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