

# THE PROCLAIMER



WILLOW AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST VOL. XXXVII ISSUE #18 MAY 3, 2017

## **Through His Poverty We Were Made Rich**

**On one occasion during his ministry, when the multitudes pressed him, Jesus departed to the other side of Galilee. But one certain scribe didn't give up the chase. He said to Jesus, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever You go. And Jesus said to Him, 'Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head'" (Matt. 8:19-20).**

**Truthfully, Jesus had given up heaven for a human life of poverty and unrest. He was more than the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). His life was one of humility, and his ministry of long dusty roads and tiresome days. His nights were spent in prayer. His time was dedicated to everyone else but himself, and most of that time he spent with the off-scouring of society.**

**Matthew 12 is a testimony to the type of life Jesus led on the earth. One Sabbath day His disciples were weary and hungry. They went into the grain fields to find something to eat (Matt. 12:1). Poor people ate in the grain fields. According to the Law of Moses one could pluck standing grain or eat grapes in a neighbor's vineyard, as long as they put none in their container (Deut. 23:24-25). Jesus had lowered Himself from Creator of all things to one who depended on support from others.**

**The gospel of Luke points out that Jesus received financial help from certain women to keep His ministry going. Women such as Mary Magdelene, whom Jesus had freed from an evil spirit, as well as Joanna, Susanna, and others, "provided for Him from their substance" (Luke 12:2-3). To be in a position in Jewish society that relied on women would have been considered by many as shameful at best. Words from the song Tell Me the Story of Jesus say it well: "Fasting alone in the desert tell of the days that are past. How for our sins he was tempted, yet was triumphant at last; Tell of the years of his labor, tell of the sorrow he bore, he was despised and afflicted, homeless, rejected and poor" (Fanny Crosby – 1880).**

**When Paul wrote to Corinth about their giving, he reminded them of the sacrifices Jesus made for mankind – "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). The point here is not just for Christians to give. It is understanding the degree of the sacrifice which was made by Christ – and that is our motivation to follow his lead.**

**Those who have been so blessed materially have a great need for reflection when it comes to how we think and what we value. Would we walk for miles on hot dirt roads with little or no food or water to a town that wanted to accuse and reject us? Would we continue to help people who didn't want to listen to us, but just wanted our healing power and the miraculous food we had to offer (John 6:26)? Would we give up everything we had to suffer a lonely miserable death at the hands of a people who hated us so much they would let their own children take the blame for our murder (Matt. 27:25)?**

**We have a Savior who did all of these things. He lived in poverty to give us unsearchable riches (Eph. 3:8). He did so because He loved us more than heaven.**

**"He left the splendor of heaven, knowing His destiny, was the lonely hill of Golgotha, there to lay down His life for me..." – Dottie Rambo**

*Jeremiah Tatum*

**Sermon Topics May 7, 2017**

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum  
In His Time  
Ecclesiastes 3:9-11  
6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum  
Things You Will Never Regret  
2 Corinthians 7:10



Thank you to all the ladies who helped make our Ladies Day a huge success; from sending out invitations, decorating, cooking and working in the kitchen you made the day awesome. The young ladies who participated did an outstanding job and our guest speaker, Becky Honeycutt was great. If you didn't come you really missed out on a wonderful morning. Those who attended were given a cupcake and a cookbook as a parting gift. Anticipating those who were unable to come or those wanting extra copies of the book, we have arranged with the printer to print additional copies at his cost of \$5.00 per book. There will be a box on the table with envelopes and order forms. Place your form and money in the envelope and drop it in the office box on the wall. Deadline is May 17 and they should arrive the first week of June. Thank You!

- Ladies Day Committee -

**FOR THE RECORD – APRIL 30, 2017**

9:00 a.m.	453
10:15 a.m.	340
6:00 p.m.	257
Wed 4/26	347

We extend our sympathy to the family of Francis Crossman who passed away on Tuesday. She was the widow of Loren Crossman and the mother of Dale Crossman. (known by several at Willow)

**CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE**

**April 30 – May 7 Singing**

Ephesians 5:19 - 20

19) "Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

20) "Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

**DIRECTORY CHANGE**

Dennis Hood has a new cell phone number and new email address.

Phone: 931-644-3811

Email: [dwh0@outlook.com](mailto:dwh0@outlook.com)

Please make these changes in your directory.

**VBS**



Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**BRIDAL SHOWER**



Ladies – you are invited to a Bridal Shower for Kimberly Miller and Bradley Bynum on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 2:30 in the afternoon here in the multipurpose room.

They are registered at Khols, Belk, Walmart, Borden's, and Bed, Bath & Beyond.

**PRE-TEEN ADOPTION**



There will be a pre-teen adoption for the 3<sup>rd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade after school on May 10<sup>th</sup>. We will be going to The

SK8 behind Arby's and the cost will be \$10.00. There is a sign-up sheet on the youth bulletin board.



A Special Happy Anniversary to Doyle & Margaret Way celebrating 54 years on May 5.

**GRADUATION BANQUET**



Our annual graduation banquet will be on Sunday night, May 7, after evening services. Please bring a finger food as we honor our graduates.



board for details.

**GOLDENAIRES**

Be sure to sign up for your trip to the Alvin C. York home and to eat at the Garden Grill in Jamestown on Thursday, May 18. See the GoldenAire bulletin



**PANTRY ITEMS**

**May 7 - 13**

**#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class**

Chicken Noodle Soup

**#15 - College Class**

Canned Pinto Beans

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

Canned Corn

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

Vegetable Beef Soup

**Auditorium Class**

Canned Chili



The Auditorium Class will take up money for the India mission work this Sunday, May 7.

**Harmony of the Gospels**

Mike Dyer is teaching the class "Harmony of the Gospels" each Wednesday night in classroom #16.

**BUS DRIVER**



Bus driver for Sunday, May 7 and Wednesday, May 10 is: Brent Martin (931-284-1746).

**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.

**MAY MENUS ARE NOW POSTED**

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP**

Contact elder for May is  
Dan Huffines 931-704-6342  
[danh@twlakes.net](mailto:danh@twlakes.net)

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

**PRAYER LIST**

*It was good to see Aileen Alred and Aubrey McGee able to be at worship Sunday.*

- > *Michael Allison is scheduled for surgery on May 8.*
- > *Lois Bowman is at home with the shingles.*
- > *Dean Cobb is at Life Care in Sparta following double knee replacement. No visits at this time please.*
- > *Larry Farley is back home after being in CRMC.*
- > *Vonda Graham is sick at home.*
- > *Linda Phillips will have a stress test on Friday, May 5.*
- > *Gary Risley is still sick at home.*
- > *Barbara Talley's heart is in a-fib again. They changed her medication and will shock her heart in a month is there is no change.*
- > *Anna Rose Vaughn is having a procedure done this Thursday, May 4.*
- > *Carol Allison is now at home. (mother of Amanda Hudson and Sylinia Oakes.*
- > *Jimmy Briggs (brother of Janet Woodward) is having complications from his cancer.*
- > *Rick Hess is having surgery to clear some arteries. (brother-in-law of Lola Wood)*
- > *Brenda Shanks is in ICU at CRMC. (sister of Doug Stewart)*
- > *Glenn Webb (father of Susan Ashburn) has been moved from CRMC to Signature Healthcare..*

**Sick or Recuperating at Home:** Katherine Gaw, 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 & Aileen 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:** Dean Cobb, Leslie Cole, Eddie DeLoach, Billie Watson
- 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

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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  
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  
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**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – MAY 7**

Lead Singing – Gary Risley  
Read Scripture – Dewight Stamps  
First Prayer – Charles Bean  
Last Prayer – Robert Oakes  
Announcements – Danny Phillips  
Give Thanks – Dan Huffines

**Prepare Communion for the month of May:**

Gwen Mann and Frank & Sherri Webb

**Serve the Congregation –**

<b>South Side</b>	<b>North Side</b>
Hubert Qualls	Bobby Whiteaker
Carver Moore	Bradley Challenger
Gurvis Loftis	Wes Delk
Johnny Goodwin	Herb Baugh

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Neil Ashburn  
Rick Ramsey

Usher in the Auditorium – Lewis Coomer & Jimmy Mackie

Usher in the Vestibule and Assist with Outside Doors

(Please be here by 8:30 am)

North Door – Ralph Bryant South Door – Russell Moss

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday

Songs – Glenn Stockton Sound – Brian Dudney

Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

Keep Nursery – Suzanne Woods & Sonya Briggs

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 – Sara Blaylock  
Door #2 – Lindsey Phillips & Tara Stephens  
Door #3 – Dan & Pam Miller  
Door #4 – Mike & Mary Jo Smith  
Door #5 – Tyler Carr

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – MAY 7**

Lead Singing – Tom Stafford  
Read Scripture – Chase Fletcher  
First Prayer – Mike Dyer  
Last Prayer – Chayce Gaw  
Announcements – Danny Phillips  
Serve The Lord's Table – Steve Qualls & Ethan Hammond

Keep Nursery – Lisa West & Traci Smith

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

Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – MAY 10**

Lead Singing – Luke Tatum  
Invitation – Dan Huffines  
Announcements – Danny Phillips  
Prayer – Ron Johnson  
Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

**Pens-Pencils-Pews** – Week of May 7 - 13  
Jennie Huffines

**IF YOU CANNOT SERVE CALL:**

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