

THE PROCLAIMER



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How to Enjoy Work without Getting Paid

Why do you go to work each week? Is it because you like your job? If so, that makes the job somewhat easier. Hopefully we can all find a vocation that we enjoy. Is the fact that you like your job enough to satisfy you? Do you work because you want to keep busy and you don't want to be lazy or bored? Or do you work to get paid? Ah, there it is! The truth comes out! We might like our job and we may be glad that we have something to do but at the end of the week we need a paycheck because that is how the world works. We work to earn a wage. We need the money so that we can provide for ourselves and our families.

Well guess what? I have good news! There is work out there for you to do that you can enjoy without getting paid. In fact, we might not even call it work at all. No, it's not volunteering, like we might do through some type of community service. We all know that being involved in an effort like that can be rewarding because we are serving others and helping those who are in need. But in a sense we are still working to get paid when we volunteer to do community service – we are paid with the feeling we get when others are encouraged or blessed by our activity.

But there is a work that you can enjoy knowing that you are not going to receive anything at all. I am talking about doing something in the name of Christ. Some people might refer to this as Christians doing "good works." In the Sermon on the Mount, for example, Jesus discussed being salt and light in the world so that people might see our good works and glorify the Father (Matt. 5:14-16). There are works to do in the kingdom of God. They are works that build up the church, spread the gospel to the world, and show obedience to the Lord. Throughout the New Testament we can see the church was involved in these kinds of works (Eph. 2:10).

But here is what I want to point out about the work you do for Christ. It doesn't pay anything. If it did, then we could be saved by works. But we are NOT saved by works (Eph. 2:9). We are saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8). We are saved when we access God's grace by obedience to the gospel as we repent and are immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of our sins (Acts 2:38). But there is absolutely no work involved in our salvation. The work we do comes on the other side of the cross. And God is not dependent on our works as if He needed anything (Acts 17:25). But we serve Him regardless because we are motivated by what he has already done for us.

You see, when you understand what Christ did for you on the cross you will never again work in the kingdom to get paid. You will work because you love God. You will enjoy the work because when work is motivated by love it ceases to feel like work – instead it is simply an act of celebration for the way the love of Christ makes you feel. And with that type of motivation – any act of service becomes a blessing – but it is still absent of being a wage. Salvation was given at no cost to humanity. Loving obedience to Christ is simply the natural response to the perfect love and will of God.

So Christian, get out there and work for the Lord (Col. 3:17)! And remember, when it comes to being a part of the church, we are not working to get paid. We are working because Jesus paid.

"For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." – 1 Corinthians 6:20

Jeremiah Tatum

Sermon Topics May 21, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
No, You're Not!
1 Peter 1:17-21
6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum
Satan's Newest Arrow
2 Corinthians 2:9-11

FOR THE RECORD – MAY 14, 2017

9:00 a.m.	497
10:15 a.m.	357
6:00 p.m.	320
Wed 5/10	333

We extend our sympathy to:

Steve Edwards in the death of his mother, Linda Edwards. (Steve is the son-in-law of Hubert & Ann Qualls).

Marie Jackson in the death of her sister-in-law, Georgia Kosty.

Anna Rose Vaughn in the death of her uncle, Burch Gentry.

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

May 14 - 21 Children & Parents

Ephesians 6:3-4

3) "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."

4) "And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord."



Andrews.

Congratulations to Jessica & Jordan Burgess on the birth of Lennox Lee. Proud grandparents are David & Rosemary



May 31.

If you would like to contribute to a gift card for Samuel Wilson (new grandson of Reed & Tammy Wilson), please see Peggy King or Vickie Stockton by Wednesday,

REQUESTING PRAYERS

Mindy Harp came before her church family and requested prayers for strength and to have a better attitude. We commend Mindy on her example and desire to be right with God.

**Contact elder for May is
Dan Huffines 931-704-6342
danh@twlakes.net**

We have received "Thank You" cards from:

*Larry & Debbie Farley
Clara McDonald
Richard & Iola Wood*

VBS



Saturday, June 17th. Sign-up sheets for help (teachers, prop builders, lunch, cleanup, etc.) are out on tables in various locations.

Also, there are sign-up sheets to pre-register to attend. Please sign up so we can better prepare for crafts and lunch.



Tween-Agers, please sign up for your activity on Saturday, May 20 at 5:00 at Timberloft.

PANTRY ITEMS

May 21 - 27

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Spam

#15 - College Class

Potted Meat

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Peanut Butter

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Vegetable Beef Soup

Auditorium Class

Salmon





*Join us for a wedding in celebration of
Kimberly Miller
And
Bradley Bynum
June tenth, twenty seventeen
At one o'clock in the afternoon
Jefferson Ave Church of Christ
Reception to follow
Willow Ave Church of Christ
Please RSVP on the sheet on the bulletin board*



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

PRAYER LIST

- It was good to see Katherine Gaw and Faye Jackson able to be at worship Sunday.
- > Michael Allison is still in Vanderbilt following surgery.
 - > Kelly Fletcher had tests on Wednesday, May 16.
 - > Linda Phillips is scheduled for another stress test on Monday, May 22.
 - > Estelle Pippin will have double knee replacement surgery on Monday, May 22 at St. Thomas Mid-Town.
 - > Ladelle Randolph had eye surgery last Monday. It was good to see her at worship Sunday.
 - > Ann Walker fell and sprained her foot.
 - > Doyle Way is home after being in CRMC.
 - > Margaret Way had tests on Monday at CRMC.
 - > Joy Carter is now at home with hospice care. (niece of Pat Grimes)
 - > Dixie Helms is now at Signature Healthcare. (mother of Connie Maynard)
 - > Rick Hess is recovering from his surgery (brother-in-law of Lola Wood)
 - > Linda Flatt has been moved from ICU to Room 409 at CRMC. (sister of Glenn Stockton)
 - > Brenda Shanks is now at Signature Healthcare (sister of Doug Stewart)
 - > Barbara Watts (grandmother of Jeremiah Tatum) is in the hospital in California and is having a pacemaker put in today (Wednesday).
 - > Larry Welte (father-in-law of Eddie Bilbrey) has been diagnosed with cancer. Eddie is the son of Bill & Angie Bilbrey.
 - > Tammy Young (daughter of Doyle & Margaret Way) is in CRMC – don't know what's wrong at this time.

Sick or Recuperating at Home: Vonda Graham

Those dealing with cancer or 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, Bud Scott, Billy Slinger, Owen & Maudean Sparks, Peggy Sparks, Amos Spurlock, Tammy Wilson

Our Shut-Ins: Dib Anderson, Bud Bartlett, Patti Boyd, Robert Cowan, Florene Davis, Ruth Gentry, Ben Gore, Rick Grimes, 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, Glenn Webb
Mabry Healthcare Gainesboro: Olga Szalay, Kathleen Ragland, Betty Richardson

Morningside: Pearl Cockrum, Edith Stewart
NHC: Mamie Henry, Mildred Palk



ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Parking Lot will start to be sealed by mid-May. They will be sealing it in sections. Please avoid driving over the areas as they are roped off. Thank you for your co-operation in this effort.



BUS DRIVER

Sunday, May 21 and Wednesday, May 24 is Robert Oakes (931-510-8018).

CAMP



Final registration money for Short Mt. Bible Camp is due Sunday, May 28th. We are also still in need of counselors.

CARE LINE: 931-432-6333

Willow Avenue Church of Christ
1150 South Willow Avenue
Cookeville, TN 38506

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 WLV 104.7 FM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.
Office Phone 931-432-2333
Fax Line 931-432-2338
Care Line 931-432-6333

Website www.willowcofc.net

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – MAY 21

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard
Read Scripture – Lindon Carwile
First Prayer – Tyler Gaw
Last Prayer – Steve Qualls
Announcements – Toby Russell
Give Thanks – Mike Dyer

Prepare Communion for the month of May:

Gwen Mann and Frank & Sherri Webb

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Phil Phillips	Tim Woodward
Art Montgomery	Dewight Stamps
David Lancaster	J.P. Key
Matt Garrett	Justin Asbury

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – George Dudney
Don Wagnon

Usher in the Auditorium – Brian Dudney & Hollis Walker

Usher in the Vestibule and Assist with Outside Doors

(Please be here by 8:30 am)

North Door – Jim Loftis South Door – Jerry Williams

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday

Songs – Todd Hudson Sound – Russell Moss

Parking Lot Patrol – Glenn Stockton

Keep Nursery – Jill Stalaker & Bridget Carwile

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 – Bill Bilbrey
Door #2 – Debbie Birdwell & Marcia Borys
Door #3 – Bo Briggs & Jim Briggs
Door #4 – Ronnie & Belindia Brown
Door #5 – Ty Briggs

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – MAY 21

Lead Singing – Roy Johnson
Read Scripture – Ron Johnson
First Prayer – Charles Bean
Last Prayer – Buddy King
Announcements – Toby Russell
Serve The Lord's Table – Cole Walker & Neil Ashburn

Keep Nursery – Elayne Montgomery & Michelle Sherfield

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

Parking Lot Patrol – Glenn Stockton

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – MAY 24

Lead Singing – Jared West
Invitation – David Ray Smith
Announcements – Toby Russell
Prayer – Danny Phillips
Parking Lot Patrol – Glenn Stockton

Pens-Pencils-Pews – Week of May 21 - 27

Hollis & Frances Walker

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE CALL:

Charles Cobb 526-4337 or Lewis Coomer 252-2051