

THE PROCLAIMER



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The Consequences of Lacking Integrity

A wealthy man had a friend who was a good contractor but had been down on his luck. Wanting to do him a favor, the rich man hired his friend with the following stipulations: "Here is \$200,000.00, build me a new home. If you do a good job, I will pay you very well."

Excited, the contractor went to work. A \$200,000.00 fund was a bountiful resource. But the more he thought about it, the more he wanted a part of the money for himself. He began to cut corners – cheap lumber, shoddy plumbing, watered-down cement, and so on. He tried to hide the poorly constructed house with a great paint job. On the outside everything looked good. He was ready to present the house. When he was all finished, he saved \$40,000.00. After putting the extra money in his pocket, he went to drop off the keys to the new homeowner.

When the wealthy man greeted him, a smile of great charity came across his face. He said to the contractor, "Thank you so much for all of your time and effort. You have done a wonderful job! Now it's my turn to do something for you. I really don't need a new house, the one I have is fine. My payment is to give you the house. After all, you built it."

Proverbs 11:3 says – "The integrity of the upright will guide them, but the perversity of the unfaithful will destroy them." Integrity is defined as "honesty, sincerity, completeness, unimpaired condition." Acting with integrity implies being truthful, thorough, and displaying righteousness which comes from the heart.

Concerning his ministering and teaching Paul wrote by the Spirit to Titus saying, "In all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you" (Titus 2:7).

Notice that integrity is expected "in all things." People who will cheat for a dime will also cheat for more. Therefore, Jesus said, "He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is also unjust in much. Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?" (Luke 16:10-11).

Consider the contractor. He was willing to sacrifice integrity for a \$40,000.00. It was going to cost much more to fix the house than the money he was able to save. If he would have only built it properly, he could have moved right in. The consequences were simple. He built a house not fit for living in. He built a house that needed to be condemned.

Each and every day you and I are building an eternal home. One day the Lord will come with keys in hand, saying, "Enter into your eternal abode. My payment is to give you this house. After all, you built it!" Makes a person think about how they're building...

– "As for me, You uphold me in my integrity, and set me before Your face forever" – Psalm 41:12

Jeremiah Tatum

Sermon Topics May 28, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

“Here Am I, Send Me!”

Isaiah 6: 1-8

6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum

“Characteristics of a Strong Faith”

2 Timothy 2:1 & 1 John 2:14



NEW MEMBERS LUNCH

On Sunday, June 4, we will have a congregational pot luck meal after our morning Bible classes to honor and welcome our new members. Drinks will be furnished. Ladies – please cut your desserts.

FOR THE RECORD – MAY 21, 2017

9:00 a.m.	451
10:15 a.m.	372
6:00 p.m.	303
Wed 5/17	382

We extend our sympathy to:

Elizabeth Hudson in the death of her aunt, Dimple Wright, on Saturday, May 20 in Lanier GA.

The family of Irene McBroom who passed away on Saturday, May 20. She was the sister of Ressie Pharris, the sister-in-law of Juanita Nation, and the aunt of Joanne Longfellow and Vickie Stockton.

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

May 21 - 28 The Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6:10,11,12

10) *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.”*

11) *“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”*

12) *“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”*



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, May 31.

REQUESTING PRAYERS

Kristi Challenger requested the prayers of her church family on her behalf for strength in overcoming poor attitude and discouragement. Let's keep Kristi in our prayers and offer her our love and support.



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.

BIBLE BOWL

It is time for Bible Bowl sign-up! Please sign up on the sheet on the Bible Bowl bulletin board as you start down the education wing.



PANTRY ITEMS

May 28 - June 3

#14 - Dewart Stamps' Class

Vegetable Beef Soup

#15 - College Class

Canned Corn

#16 - Mike Dyer's Class

Saltine Crackers

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Vegetable Beef Soup

Auditorium Class

Saltine Crackers

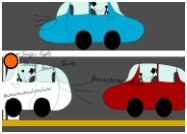
WILLOW MEALS

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



ATTENTION MEMBERS

The Parking Lot will in the next few weeks. 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.

REQUEST FROM THE ELDERS

For the safety of our children – please do not prop the doors open after services. We do not want a little one to be able to dart out into the parking lot and get hurt.

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



BUS DRIVER

Sunday, May 28 and Wednesday, May 31 is
Danny Phillips (931-316-0002).



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



The church office will be closed
Monday, May 29 for the Memorial
Day holiday.

PRAYER LIST

It was good to see Larry Farley and Vonda Graham able to be at worship Sunday.

- > Michael Allison is recovering at home.
- > Linda Phillips received a good report from her tests.
- > Estelle Pippin had double knee replacement surgery on Monday, May 22 at St. Thomas Mid-Town.
- > Joy Carter is at home with hospice care. (niece of Pat Grimes)
- > Linda Flatt is now at home. (sister of Glenn Stockton)
- > Bonnie Hannah (friend of Mike Flatt) broke her hip and is now in rehab.
- > Barbara Watts (grandmother of Jeremiah Tatum remains in the hospital in California.
- > Clarence Woolaver (brother-in-law of Reba Barr) will have surgery for cancer on June 2.
- > Tammy Young (daughter of Doyle & Margaret Way) Remains in Cookeville Hospital. .

Sick or Recuperating at Home: Ann Walker, Doyle & Margaret Way

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 Sliger, 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, 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, Dixie Helms, Brenda Shanks, Glenn Webb

Mabry Healthcare Gainesboro: Olga Szalay, Kathleen Ragland, Betty Richardson

Morningside: Pearl Cockrum, Edith Stewart

NHC: Mamie Henry, 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 WLV 104.7 FM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.
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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – MAY 28

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard
Read Scripture – Bo Briggs
First Prayer – Buddy King
Last Prayer – Toby Russell
Announcements – Barry Allison
Give Thanks – Charles Bean

Prepare Communion for the month of May:

Gwen Mann and Frank & Sherri Webb

Serve the Congregation –

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
David Randolph	Cole Walker
Robert Oakes	Joe Temples
Derek Gaw	Ryan Smith
Mike Flatt	Loyd Birdwell

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Todd Hudson
Glen Dunn

Usher in the Auditorium – George Dudney & Don West

Usher in the Vestibule and Assist with Outside Doors

(Please be here by 8:30 am)

North Door – Dominic DeLuca South Door – Phil Phillips

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday

Songs – Ethan Hammond Sound – Tom Spohnholtz

Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

Keep Nursery – Sue Ann Smith & Maggie Kent

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 Brown
Door #2 – Annette Bouchard & Lois Bowman
Door #3 – Ralph & Melba Bryant
Door #4 – Tom & Lisa Bumbalough
Door #5 – Helen Burgess

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – MAY 28

Lead Singing – Gary Risley
Read Scripture – Dan Miller
First Prayer – Mike Briggs
Last Prayer – Carver Moore
Announcements – Barry Allison
Serve The Lord's Table – Jared West & Lewis Coomer

Keep Nursery – Sylinia Oakes & Laney Oakes

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

Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – MAY 31

Lead Singing – Kasey Mann
Invitation – Dewight Stamps
Announcements – Barry Allison
Prayer – Steve Qualls
Parking Lot Patrol – Tom Stafford

Pens-Pencils-Pews – Week of May 28 – June 3

Tom & Patty Spohnholtz

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE CALL:

Charles Cobb 526-4337 or Lewis Coomer 252-2051