

# *THE PROCLAIMER*



*WILLOW AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST VOL. XXXVII ISSUE #22 MAY 31, 2017*

## ***Hurting People are no Different than Fallen Trees***

***Boom! Whoosh! Clap! Crunch! Crash! These sounds were heard Saturday evening in Cookeville, Tennessee, where I live. Thousands of trees came down all over the county. Many of those trees landed on the tops of houses. I woke up Sunday morning got out early and surveyed the damage. Many roads were still impassable. It looked like bombs had gone off and there was debris everywhere. If you looked right or left you could see the devastation. Powerlines and trees were the biggest casualties. It will take our city a while to recover. It was a "hundred-year-old tree pulled up by the roots once in a lifetime" kind of storm.***

***When something like this happens to a town people usually band together. For the last two days in Cookeville there has been the constant sound of chainsaws buzzing. People are helping their neighbors and friends to recover. A person would have to have blinders on not to notice there was a need. When a huge tree is split three ways down the middle in the center of somebody's yard it's kind of hard to just believe that situation will go away. It needs to be addressed. The problem needs solving. It's not beyond our capacity to solve it so we simply stop what we are doing and get to work.***

***While this seems so simple, I find it rather puzzling that when people are hurting in ways that don't involve trees in their yard we often have a hard time noticing. We drive down the road of life, eyes straight ahead and while people may be in our lives we don't look left or right into their lives enough to see that they have an issue. If we would just pay the slightest bit of attention we would see that people are hurting and they need our compassion and concern.***

***Or maybe the truth is that we CAN see that people are hurting. I recall Jesus telling a parable about a traveler that was robbed and beaten and left for dead on the road. He was passed by two men who claimed to be God's children who saw his condition and did nothing. Maybe it was because they didn't want the trouble. Maybe it was because they simply didn't care. Maybe it was because they were too busy with their own business to pause in their day and lend a hand to a person that had fallen because he was broken by a terrible storm he hadn't anticipated.***

***Hurting people are no different than fallen trees. Storms come. People bend until they break. The results are sometimes life-changing and devastating and there is a lot of debris.***

***Do we notice? Do we care? Will we offer to help? We define ourselves and our real purpose by how we answer these questions.***

***Because people are much more important than houses, yards, and trees.***

***"So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves? And he said, 'He who showed mercy on him.' Then Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'" – Luke 10:36-37***

*Jeremiah Tatum*

**Sermon Topics June 4, 2017**

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum  
"The Value Of Truth"  
2 Thessalonians 2:9-17  
6:00 p.m. – Jeremiah Tatum  
"God's Possession"  
1 Peter 2:4-9



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.

**FOR THE RECORD – MAY 28, 2017**

9:00 a.m.	375
10:15 a.m.	263
6:00 p.m.	269
Wed 5/24	323



**NEW MEMBERS LUNCH**

This 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.

**CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE**

**May 28 – June 4 The Whole Armor of God**  
Ephesians 6:13,14

- 13) "Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."
- 14) "Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness."



We received "Thank You" cards from:

- Linda Baker & the Family of Mildred Jernigan
- Katherine Gaw
- Lois Bowman



Welcome! To Evan Stafford and Ashley Bean, the newest members of our family here at Willow Avenue. Evan and Ashley will be working with our college ministry as well as assisting Chase with W.A.Y. Day. Be sure to meet them and let them know we are glad they are here.

Ashley: 3516 Tolbert Drive, Cookeville, TN 38506  
Phone: 931-267-0791

Evan: 104 Circle Drive, Algood, TN 38506  
Phone: 931-510-6499

**VBS**



Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see everyone here.

**PANTRY ITEMS**

**June 4 - 10**

**#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class**

Tomato Soup

**#15 - College Class**

Mac & Cheese

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

Mixed Veggies

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

Canned Corn

**Auditorium Class**

Vegetable Beef Soup



A Special Happy Anniversary to:

- Lee & Pat Long - 66 years on June 1
- Hubert & Ann Qualls - 56 years on June 3
- David & Jeaneal Randolph - 51 years on June 4
- Tom & Dot Tomberlin - 61 years on June 4



### WILLOW MEALS

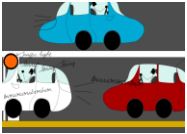
Make a difference in someone's life – sign up to prepare a dish to help with Willow Meals. The menus are posted on the bulletin board at the end of the hall next to the kitchen.

### JUNE MENUS ARE NOW POSTED

### PLEASE SIGN UP TO HELP

### 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.



### ATTENTION MEMBERS

When they begin sealing the parking lot, 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 June is  
**Roy Johnson (931-252-0049)**  
roydjohnson23@gmail.com



### BUS DRIVER

Sunday, June 4 is:  
Gary Risley (931-265-5549) and  
Wednesday, June 7 is:  
Ralph Bryant (931-252-2025).

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

### PRAYER LIST

- > Belle Butts is now at home.
- > Robert Cowan fell and broke his collar bone and his foot.
- > Linda Phillips was taken to the ER Sunday night but released to go home. Will see her doctor on Thursday, June 1.
- > Estelle Pippin is at Life Care in Sparta for rehab following knee surgery. No visits at this time please.
- > Jill Stalnaker is in CRMC with a possible gall bladder attack.
- > Olga Szalay was in ICU at Cookeville Regional for blood transfusions. She is now in a regular room and can have visits.
- > Joy Carter is at home with hospice care. (niece of Pat Grimes)
- > Danny Fox fell and broke his hip. (step-father of Cindy Langley, Suzanne Woods, & Trish Parker).
- > Adilyn Moores (3 yr. old granddaughter of Susan Moores) will have surgery May 31 at Vanderbilt to close a feeding tube hole.
- > Barbara Watts (grandmother of Jeremiah Tatum remains in the hospital in California.
- > Clarence Woolaver (brother-in-law of Reba Barr) had his surgery postponed. He will be taking chemo therapy.
- > Tammy Young (daughter of Doyle & Margaret Way) Is now at home.

**Sick or Recuperating at Home:** Michael Allison, Dean Cobb, 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:** Jimmy Sitto, Aubrey Stockton
- Cedar Hills Senior Living:** Phyllis Julian, Sara Lewis, Zina Mitchell
- Heritage Point Assisted Living:** Bud Scott
- Life Care Center Sparta:** Leslie Cole, Eddie DeLoach, Estelle Pippin, 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 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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Care Line 931-432-6333

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Email [willowcofc@twlakes.net](mailto:willowcofc@twlakes.net)

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – JUNE 4**

Lead Singing – Tom Stafford  
Read Scripture – Ty Briggs  
First Prayer – Ryan Smith  
Last Prayer – Tom Tomberlin  
Announcements – Jeff Gaw  
Give Thanks – Mike Briggs

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

Dennis & Susan Hood and Jim & Linda Loftis

**Serve the Congregation –**

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
David Ragland	Jared West
Jimmy Mackie	Kevin Smith
Ron Johnson	Dan Evans
Barry Allison	Jonah Evans

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Paul Bybee  
Denny Richardson

Usher in the Auditorium – Johnny Goodwin & Greg Loftis

Usher in the Vestibule and Assist with Outside Doors

(Please be here by 8:30 am)

North Door – George Dudney      South Door – Joe Don West

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday

Songs – Glenn Stockton      Sound – Brian Dudney

Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

Keep Nursery – Kelsea Whittenberg & Kylie Richards

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 – Dewight Stamps  
Door #2 – Vickie Stockton & Dot Tomberlin  
Door #3 – Barbara & Jimmy Talley  
Door #4 – Amber & Luke Tatum  
Door #5 – Tara Stephens

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – JUNE 4**

Lead Singing – Lindon Carwile  
Read Scripture – Art Montgomery  
First Prayer – Chayce Gaw  
Last Prayer – David Ray Smith  
Announcements – Jeff Gaw  
Serve The Lord's Table – Garland Wheeler & Dominic DeLuca

Keep Nursery – Valerie Kirby & Tammy Wilson

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

Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – JUNE 7**

Lead Singing – Tyler Carr  
Invitation – Tim Woodward  
Announcements – Jeff Gaw  
Prayer – Cole Walker  
Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

Pens-Pencils-Pews – Week of June 4 - 10

Ron & Sandy Johnson

**IF YOU CANNOT SERVE CALL:**

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