

# THE PROCLAIMER



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## Honoring the Dead

It is customary for the human race to honor those who pass from this life. Early in the Biblical record Abraham purchased the cave of Macpelah in order to give a proper burial to his beloved wife Sarah. Today in almost every town, if you are in the right place at the right time, you may have to pull over to allow a funeral procession to pass by. This is done out of respect and honor for the life represented as well as personal sorrow. This is done because it is the right thing to do.

The death of a president serves as another example of how Americans honor their dead. Our 40th president, Ronald Reagan, was honored in death in a manner few on the earth will ever experience. He was honored for his position, service, and character. He was honored because the presidency of the United States has been held as an honorable occupation since its inception. Reagan had weaknesses as any man. He was imperfect as were the 39 before him and every president to follow. But honoring his death was both appropriate and acceptable.

It is amazing to consider the humility of the Son of God when you compare His funeral with the funeral of other men. Almost all His followers had forsaken Him. A few of them stood at a distance (Luke 23:49). Only Joseph of Arimathea, with the help of Nicodemus, made arrangements to prepare His body and lay it in a tomb (John 19:38-42). On the first day of the week some of the women who had been following Him during His ministry came with spices to the place where He was laying (Matt. 28:1ff.). But still, none of His apostles had come to honor Him, and the Jewish and Roman leaders were hoping that the world would forget about the man called "Jesus."

It was a far cry from the commandment Jesus had instituted only a few days prior to His crucifixion - "Do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19). Jesus had required His followers to honor His death. Once He rose from the grave they began to understand and practice the commandment. The New Testament teaches that they honored the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus every first day of the week (Acts 20:7). Their salvation depended upon them doing so in a worthy manner (1 Cor. 11:27-30). In partaking, the Lord's death would be proclaimed to the world until He returned (1 Cor. 11:26).

It is unthinkable that people who know Jesus would ever dishonor His death. Or is it? Do we respect work and social events more in dress and attitude than we do Lord's day worship? Do we honor the death of Jesus in worship as we partake of His supper, or do we talk to our neighbor, become preoccupied with other things, or decide not to partake or even attend at all? Would we miss the assembly that served as the remembrance of a loved one for our child's soccer game? For vacation? What would we be willing to put in second place in order to honor the death of someone we loved - although imperfect, sinful and weak?

This is not really all about the clothes we wear, the activities we engage in, and the honor we give to others as much as it is about the identity of Jesus Christ. He was the perfect example. He is the perfect Redeemer. He will be the blameless Judge. God help us to honor the death of Jesus Christ. His death was unlike all others, because - "He is not here; for He is risen (Matt. 28:6)!"

"He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!" ~ (1 Tim. 6:15)

~ Jeremiah Tatum

**Sermon Topics July 2, 2017**

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum  
"Reasons to Praise God"  
Psalm 103: 8-18  
6:00 p.m. – Summer Series  
John Anderson  
"What About Abortion?"

FOR THE RECORD – JUNE 25, 2017	
9:00 a.m.	465
10:15 a.m.	356
6:00 p.m.	301
Wed 6/21	230

**CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE**

June 25 – July 2 Meditate on these things  
Philippians 4:8-9

8) "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy meditate on these things."

9) *The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.*"

*We extend our sympathy to Ryan Smith in the death of his grandmother, Anna Lee Smith. Services were in Jackson, TN.*

*And we extend our sympathy to Maggie Kent in the death of her grandmother, Joy Stockment. Services were in Denver, CO.*

**Summer Series**

Our Summer Series continues through August 13. Our speaker this Sunday night will be John Anderson speaking on the subject "What About Abortion?" We hope everyone plans to be here.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

*A Special Happy Anniversary to:  
Shelby & Bonnie Forkum – 61 years on June 30  
Dib & Rose Anderson – 68 years on July 2*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

*A Special Happy Birthday to Mary Moss who celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on June 26.*

***Celebrate 100 years!***

*Please join us to celebrate  
Mrs. Olga Szalay's  
100<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
4:00 p.m.*

*Mabry Healthcare  
1340 North Grundy Quarles Highway  
Gainesboro, TN 38562  
RSVP*

*Sophia Birdwell 931-349-0207  
Please join us in wearing her favorite color  
PURPLE!*

**MIKE DYER**

As has been announced, Mike will be stepping down from his full time position at Willow as Involvement Minister. He and Patty plan to do some traveling and just enjoy life together. The office staff would like to express our appreciation for all of his work for the church and his help, encouragement and positive attitude in the office. WE WILL MISS YOU MIKE!

**Ladies Night**

Ladies – your activity for July will be Tuesday, July 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Betty Law hosted by Nola Ethridge, Velva Burch and Betty Law. Special speaker will be Pat Coomer. Refreshments will be served. Please sign up on the bulletin board by July 5<sup>th</sup> so they will know how many to prepare for.

**We Have Moved**



Glenn & Vickie Stockton have a new address.  
1581 Bay View Drive, Cookeville, TN 38506

**PANTRY ITEMS**

**July 2 - 8**

**#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class**

Peanut Butter

**#15 - College Class**

Canned Black Eyed Peas

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

Canned Corn

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

Peanut Butter

**Auditorium Class**

Applesauce



### **CLARENCE DELOACH**

Beginning Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, Clarence DeLoach will begin working with Willow Avenue as Associate minister. The office staff would like to welcome Clarence and we know he will be a positive addition and influence in the office. WELCOME CLARENCE!

**Bible Bowl Kick-Off Party**  
**Thursday night, June 29**  
**6:00**  
**At the building**



### **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**

### **India**

This Sunday, July 2, the auditorium will take up money for the India Mission Work.

### **Holiday**

The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, for the holiday.

### **GoldenAires**

Your monthly lunch will be Tuesday, July 11 (second Tuesday due to the holiday).



### **BUS DRIVER**

Sunday, July 2 and Wednesday, July 5 is: Brian Dudney (931-979-4009).

### **PRAYER LIST**

*It was good to see Yvonne Wheeler, and Gertrude Stewart back at worship Sunday.*

- > *Pat Goodpasture fell and broke her hip. She is in CRMC following surgery. Will be going to rehab soon.*
- > *David Hix is in CRMC Room #422 after suffering a stroke.*
- > *Susan Hood was taken to the ER on Sunday. She is back home dealing with inner ear problems and dehydration.*
- > *Reda Judd is now at home..*
- > *George Reitenour is at NHC for rehab.*
- > *Ashley Chessor is in Cookeville Rehab Center following surgery.*

**Sick or Recuperating at Home:** Estelle Pippin, 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, Belle Butts, Robert Cowan, Florene Davis, Ruth Gentry, Ben Gore, Rick Grimes, 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, Billie Watson

**Senior Lifestyles:** Shelby & Bonnie Forkum

**Signature Healthcare:** Marie Jackson, Juanita Nation, Dixie Helms, Elizabeth Stone, Glenn Webb

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

**Morningside:** Pearl Cockrum, Edith Stewart

**NHC:** Mamie Henry, George Reitenour

**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 - 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 – JULY 02**

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard  
Read Scripture – Dan Evans  
First Prayer – Tim Woodward  
Last Prayer – Jim Loftis  
Announcements – Reed Wilson  
Give Thanks – David Ray Smith

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

Diane Daniels & Debbie Farley

**Serve the Congregation –**

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Allen Richardson	Chuck Wilson
Rick McCurdy	Chris Sparks
L.B. Johnson	Chad Crouch
Chase Fletcher	Bo Briggs

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – David Lancaster  
Rick Ramsey

Usher in the Auditorium – Tom Bumbalough & Mark Thomason

Usher in the Vestibule and Assist with Outside Doors

(Please be here by 8:30 am)

North Door – Bill Bilbrey South Door – Tim Richardson

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday

Songs – Glenn Stockton Sound – Tom Spohnholtz

Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

Keep Nursery – Traci Smith & Myra Walker

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 – Jim Briggs

Door #2 – Julie Aikens & Jessica Aikens

Door #3 – Drew & Luke Caldwell

Door #4 – Annette Bouchard & Sue Neal

Door #5 – Dennis Hood

**SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – July 02**

Lead Singing – Lindon Carwile

Read Scripture – Tom Tomberlin

First Prayer – Dewight Stamps

Last Prayer – Mark Caldwell

Announcements – Reed Wilson

Serve The Lord's Table – Kevin Smith & Hunter Harp

Keep Nursery – Sonya Briggs & Monica Mayer

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

Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – JULY 05**

Lead Singing – Dan Huffines

Invitation – Patrick Kent

Announcements – Reed Wilson

Prayer – Lewis Coomer

Parking Lot Patrol – Barry Chaffin

Pens-Pencils-Pews – Week of July 2 thru July 8  
Youth Group

**IF YOU CANNOT SERVE CALL:**

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