

THE PROCLAIMER



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Holding Back

When the church was just beginning, the sin of Ananias and Sapphira served as the ultimate object lesson about the need for faithfulness. Acts 5:1-11 tells all about their great lie. Peter said to Ananias, "You have not lied to men but to God" (Acts 5:4). To Sapphira he replied, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the spirit of the Lord?" (Acts 5:9).

Actually, they had lied to men as well as God. They had deceived the church into thinking they had done all they could. Peter was simply pointing out that nothing is worse than dishonesty to the Creator. To think that one could somehow fool God is ridiculous. To believe that person could justify partial obedience is not in harmony with God's commandment. To "seem religious" is an abomination in the eyes of He who weighs men's hearts (Proverbs 21:2).

Though Ananias and Sapphira committed a great sin before the Lord and His people, perhaps their greatest mistake was in what they did not do. They "held back" (Acts 10:2-3), while making it look like they were giving all. God knows about everything we have. Is there even one physical or spiritual possession, talent, blessing that exists that He did not bestow (James 1:17)? Therefore, when the Master wants to visit concerning our progress, we should realize no hole is deep enough to bury our talent from His eyes (Matthew 25:25-27). There is no excuse at work or play, asleep or awake that will make holding back from God acceptable. God wants all or none, hot or cold, because in between makes Him sick (Revelation 3:15-16).

The biggest barrier to church growth is the church itself. God has given every provision to the church. He has given His word, His Son, and His everlasting promise. He has equipped the saints for the work of ministry and edification (Ephesians 4:12). He has given abundantly that the church may reach "the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13).

Holding back is for the Christian the most dangerous of sins. It attempts to disavow the promise one makes when obeying the gospel. It hurts the church because the world is observing the church's level of dedication. It hurts the individual because they are deceived into thinking partial service is obedience. It weakens faith. It breeds apathy. It gives Satan a place to stay. It is sin punishable by death (James 4:17; Romans 6:23; Acts 5:5, 10).

When Ananias and Sapphira died, "great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things" (Acts 5:11). This fear led to the purification of the church, and to the glory of God. People stopped holding back, at least for a little while.

If God punished today the way He did then, who would be alive? Who would be dead? Who would respectively respond in obedience? Who would dare continue to "test the Spirit of the Lord" (Acts 5:9)?

"By myself I have sword, says the Lord, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son, 'in blessings I will bless you...'" (Genesis 22:16-17).

~ *Jeremiah Tatum*

Sermon Topics July 9, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Clarence DeLoach

“What Is Your Life?”

James 4:13-17

6:00 p.m. – Summer Series

Will Hanstein

“What About Entertainment?”

FOR THE RECORD – JULY 2, 2017

9:00 a.m.	455
10:15 a.m.	329
6:00 p.m.	273
Wed 6/28	312

CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

July 2 - 9 Christ Strengthens Me

Philippians 4:13

13) “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

We extend our sympathy to the family of Larry Welte. He was the father-in-law of Eddie Bilbrey (son of Bill & Angie Bilbrey)

Summer Series

Our Summer Series continues with Will Hanstein as our speaker this Sunday night. His topic will be “What About Entertainment?”

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

*A Special Happy Anniversary to:
Don & Billie Watson - 54 years on July 12*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*A Special Happy Birthday to
Olga Szalay who will celebrate
her 100th birthday on July 12.*

We have received “Thank You” cards from:
Ken & Wilma Loggins (family of Mildred Palk)
Doyle & Margaret Way & family
Estelle Pippin

FELLOWSHIP

The Kindred Spirits will be meeting at the Philips house Saturday, July 8th, at 5:00 for a favorite dish fellowship.

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 5th so they will know how many to prepare for.



If you would like to contribute to a gift card for Ainsley Woodward (new granddaughter of Tim & Janet Woodward) please see Peggy King or Vickie Stockton.



The Kindred Spirits invite everyone to join them Sunday afternoon, July 9, at 1:00 at Morningside to sing with the residents.



PANTRY ITEMS

July 9 - 5

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Canned Cord

#15 - College Class

Canned Corn

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Canned Salmon

Auditorium Class

Canned Black-Eyed Peas

CLARENCE DELOACH - CORRECTION

Clarence DeLoach will actually begin working with Willow Avenue as Associate minister starting August 1st.



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
JULY MENUS ARE POSTED**



GoldenAires

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

BIBLE BOWL

We had a fun kick-off party last Thursday! Thanks to all who attended and helped with various tasks...especially to Jared West for doing our Powerpoint Overview of the books that we are studying – Mark, Philippians and Colossians!

If you were not able to attend, please make sure you get a Bible Bowl Pal Information sheet to fill out and give back to Suzanne Woods or Debbie Gaw. Also the Calendars and their CDs of the text are in Classroom #2 on the desk for you to pick up.

Our practices begin tonight (Wednesday) during Bible Class time and our first Sunday practice is this Sunday, July 9th at 4:30 till 5:45. Parents of the younger children, please make sure you are here at 5:45 to pick them up from their classroom. On Sundays, the kids will be given a snack during practice time. We need parents to bring individual type snacks and juice boxes and leave in Classroom #2 please. There is also a sign up sheet on the Bible Bowl board for a Snack Mom for each of the Sunday practices.

We are so excited to have 78 kids participating this year and studying God's Word. This is our largest group ever! They range from 4 year olds to Seniors in High School. Next week, we will begin featuring one of our nine study groups each week in the bulletin.

Please pray for all of these students and for all of the coaches as they learn some wonderful Biblical stories and principles!



BUS DRIVER

Sunday, July 9 and Wednesday, July 12 is: Mark Caldwell (931-510-3904).

The Church and Legal Challenges

July 22 at Holladay Church of Christ
Presented by Brother Melvin L. Otey

Morning Sessions 8:30 – 11:30 open to all members of the church

Afternoon sessions begin at 1:00 and are for Elders, ministers and deacons (pre-registration required)
See the bulletin board for details.

PRAYER LIST

It was good to see David Hix able to be at worship Sunday.

> Pat Goodpasture remains in CRMC Rehab after her hip surgery.

>Milton Miller was taken to Centennial Hospital in Nashville Tuesday night. (brother of Leda Lancaster)

Sick or Recuperating at Home: Susan Hood, 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, Linda Phillips, 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

CRMC Rehab: Ashley Chessor

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

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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 - 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
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

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PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - JULY 09

Lead Singing - Jacob Howard
Read Scripture - Derek Gaw
First Prayer - Lindon Carwile
Last Prayer - Lewis Coomer
Announcements - Dan Huffines
Give Thanks - Tom Spohnholtz

Prepare Communion for the month of July:

Diane Daniels & Debbie Farley

Serve the Congregation -

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Danny Phillips	Jerry Williams
Russell Moss	Bradley Challenger
Patrick Kent	Alex Delk
George Dudney	Jim Briggs

Take Communion to the Shut-ins - Ronnie Brown
Hubert Qualls

Usher in the Auditorium - Justin Asbury & Joe Don West

Usher in the Vestibule and Assist with Outside Doors

(Please be here by 8:30 am)

North Door - Tom Bumbalough South Door - Carver Moore

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday

Songs - John Hoffmeister Sound - Brian Dudney

Parking Lot Patrol - Brendan Johnson

Keep Nursery - DeAnne Evans & Leigh Caldwell

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 - Herb & Pauletta Baugh
Door #3 - Holly & Allison Dudney
Door #4 - Dean Cobb & Phyllis Cobb
Door #5 - Art Montgomery

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - July 09

Lead Singing - Tom Stafford
Read Scripture - Cole Walker
First Prayer - Dewight Stamps
Last Prayer - Chase Fletcher
Announcements - Dan Huffines
Serve The Lord's Table - Travis Tate & Todd Hudson

Keep Nursery - Jill Stalnaker & Lindsey Ford

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Parking Lot Patrol - Brendan Johnson

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY - JULY 12

Lead Singing - Tyler Carr
Invitation - Rick Ramsey
Announcements - Dan Huffines
Prayer - L.B. Johnson
Parking Lot Patrol - Brendan Johnson

Pens-Pencils-Pews - Week of July 9 thru July 15
Rick & Brenda Ramsey

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE CALL:

Charles Cobb 526-4337 or Lewis Coomer 252-2051