

# THE PROCLAIMER



WILLOW AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST VOL. XXXVII ISSUE #28 JULY 12, 2017

## "What Hinders Me from Being Baptized?"

When Philip was called by the Lord to overtake a chariot headed to Gaza, there was more to overcome than just the chariot. A man was reading God's word, but he did not understand it. He needed guidance and encouragement from an evangelist. He needed knowledge. He needed a change of heart.

As they came upon some water, this man asked the question, "See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptized?" (Acts 8:36). One obvious conclusion from this passage is that baptism is necessary for salvation. If not the case, there would be no reason for the Ethiopian to request it. But in an even more practical sense, we should also see that some things might hinder a person from obeying the gospel.

Whatever might hinder needs to be removed! So what does hinder people from being baptized?

1. A lack of CONNECTION. (Hosea 4:6; Rom. 10:17; Rom. 10:1-3).
  - We need to abide in the word. We need to preach Jesus (John 8:31-32; Acts 8:35).
2. A lack of CONVICTION (Acts 16:31; Acts 8:37).
  - Faith is not just believing in something, it is fully trusting and relying upon it (Heb. 11:6)
3. A lack of CORRECTION (Matt. 19:16-26).
  - We must count the cost, leave everything, and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23-26, 57-62).
4. A lack of CONFESSION (Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10; Matt. 32-33).
  - We are to speak for Him. We are to show Jesus to the world (Matt. 5:14-16).
5. A lack of COMPULSION (Acts 22:16; John 14:15).
  - There should never be anything - if it has been commanded, that we are not willing to do for our God and our Savior (Luke 17:10).

So what is hindering us? What often hinders us from becoming Christians is also what hinders us from continuing to please God. Connecting with His word, being convicted by what it teaches, correcting where we have strayed, confessing Him in the world, and being compelled to obey Him completely.

Let nothing stand between you and God. If you are not a Christian, remove whatever is keeping that from becoming a reality. If you are a Christian, but Satan is keeping you from being what God wants you to be - then it is time to make things right with God and be ready to meet Jesus when He comes again.

~ Jeremiah Tatum

### Sermon Topics July 16, 2017

9:00 a.m. – Jeremiah Tatum  
"The King and His Kingdom"  
Dan. 2:44 & Matt. 4:12-17

6:00 p.m. – Sunday Singing

#### FOR THE RECORD – JULY 9, 2017

9:00 a.m.	469
10:15 a.m.	356
6:00 p.m.	333
Wed 7/5	346


### CENTURION OF SCRIPTURE

July 9-16 By Him all Things were Created  
Col. 1:16-17


16) "For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

17) And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist."

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

 A Special Happy Anniversary to:  
Stan & Betty Hood - 51 years on July 24

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

 A Special Happy Birthday to  
Mamie Henry who will  
celebrate her 94th birthday on July 24.

We have received "Thank You" cards from:  
Yvonne Wheeler and Mike & Patty Dyer.

### New Fellowship Group

The Salt Shakers will meet Sunday July 16th after evening service for an Ice Cream Social. Come for fun & fellowship. Ice cream and toppings provided. For more details see Dan & Pam Miller or Danny & Teresa Phillips.

The Tween-Ager Fellowship Group will be having a Cookout/Outdoor Movie night on Friday, July 21st, 6:30p.m. at the home of Martha Dyer.

### Good News!

We are happy to announce that we had two people to obey the gospel and put on Christ in baptism, Mary Eldridge and Heath Moore. Be sure to see both of these new Christians and let them know we are happy for them and proud of their decision.

Please welcome our new members to the family, Don & Karen Britt and also, Jonathan & Jenna, Avery, Tucker & Ellie Medley, who placed membership here at Willow Avenue last week.

Emmaleah Mayer and Chloe Evans asked for payers from their church family at Horizons this past week. Let them know we are proud of them and encourage them whenever we can.



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.



### PANTRY ITEMS

July 12-17

#14 - Dewight Stamps' Class

Chicken Noodle Soup

#15 - College Class

Potted Meat

#17/18 - Jeremiah's Class

Spam

Auditorium Class

Canned Corn

### CLARENCE DELOACH

Clarence DeLoach will begin working with Willow Avenue as Associate minister starting August 1<sup>st</sup>.



### 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**

### Family Retreat

"Don't Worry Be Faithful"

Sign up sheet on board in foyer, information table  
will be set up July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please come you will be blessed!

## BIBLE BOWL

Practice Sunday at 4:30 to 5:45. Parents remember to bring a few individual wrapped snacks and juice boxes for us to use for Sunday snack time. Leave in classroom 2 please. Thanks for your help!

Our nine study groups are well into the book of Mark! There are so many good stories to learn and the students are really studying hard! Parents you can help at home by letting them listen to the CD and helping them answer questions in their notebooks. Remember for the younger children, we just will be focusing on teaching some of the main stories in these books.

Bible Bowl Pals remember this Sunday, July 16 is your first day to bring a treat to your pal. There will be a table set up in the education hallway to leave them on. Thanks to Suzanne Woods for all her work coordinating the pals! If you haven't picked up your pals info sheet from her yet, please see her tonight.

Our youngest group this year is a group of sweet little girls who has named themselves "The Princesses". They are being coached by Emilee Wilson and Kayla West. Emilee has coached for several years and we welcome Kayla for her first year. Emilee says they are having fun learning the stories and making crafts with each story to help them learn and remember. The princesses favorite part of class is answering questions at the end of each class time for a piece of candy! They ask to play the review game! This group is primarily 4 and 5 year olds....you will be amazed at how much they will learn! Included in this group are Chloe Frazier, Josie Ford, Ellie Medley, Rowan McCormick, Harper Smith, Heidi Stalnaker, Addison Stephens and Maddie Tinch! We are so proud of all these sweet girls!

Just a reminder we will be bowling on Sunday, July 23rd at 3p.m. More details next week!



### BUS DRIVER

Sunday, July 16 and Wednesday, July 19 is:  
George Dudney (931-979-5500).

### The Church and Legal Challenges

July 22 at Holladay Church of Christ

Presented by Brother Melvin L. Otey

Morning Sessions are from 8:30-11:30 and are open to all members of the church. Afternoon sessions begin at 1:00 and are for elders, ministers and deacons (pre-registration required) (931-510-4912). See the bulletin board for details.

### PRAYER LIST

- > Pat Grimes in CRMC after car accident.
- > Jim Grimes is home with broken rib.
- > *Brenda Williams was taken to St. Thomas West for test Tuesday.*
- > *Pat Goodpasture remains in CRMC Rehab after her hip surgery.*
- > *Milton Miller is recovering at home (brother of Leda Lancaster).*
- > *Ralp Gentry (brother of Anna Rose Vaughn ) is recovering at home.*
- > *Linda Maxwell (sister of Carol Halfacre) will have surgery August 8<sup>th</sup> for heart valve problems.*

Sick or Recuperating at Home: Jim Grimes, 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, 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, Ruth Gentry

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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## **PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**

### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP – JULY 16**

Lead Singing – Jacob Howard  
Read Scripture – Ron Johnson  
First Prayer – Jim Briggs  
Last Prayer – Mark Thomason  
Announcements – Mike Dyer  
Give Thanks – Dwight Stamps

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

Diane Daniels & Debbie Farley

### **Serve the Congregation –**

<u>South Side</u>	<u>North Side</u>
Rick McCurdy	Buck Parsons
Greg Loftis	Mike Briggs
Johnny Goodwin	Bo Briggs
Randy Walker	Ty Briggs

Take Communion to the Shut-ins – Neil Ashburn  
Don Wagnon

Usher in the Auditorium – David Hix & Paul Pippin

Usher in the Vestibule and Assist with Outside Doors

(Please be here by 8:30 am)

North Door – Paul Bybee South Door – Allen Richardson

Sound Booth: Sunday & Wednesday

Songs – Todd Hudson Sound – Bryan Kirby

Parking Lot Patrol – Glenn Stockton

Keep Nursery – Cynthia Richardson & Lisa Bumbalough  
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 – Dan Evans  
Door #2 – Charles & Debbie Bean  
Door #3 – Brian & Holly Dudney  
Door #4 – John & Miranda Ford  
Door #5 – Hubert Qualls

### **SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP – July 09**

Lead Singing – Roy Johnson  
Read Scripture – Jared West  
First Prayer – Tim Woodward  
Last Prayer – Derek Gaw  
Announcements – Mike Dyer  
Serve The Lord's Table – L.B. Johnson

Keep Nursery – Bridget Carwile & Elayne Montgomery  
If you cannot serve call Lisa Bumbalough at 931-260-8817.

Parking Lot Patrol – Brendan Johnson

### **WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – JULY 19**

Lead Singing – Carver Moore  
Invitation – Frank Webb  
Announcements – Mike Dyer  
Prayer – Chuck Wilson  
Parking Lot Patrol – Glenn Stockton

Pens-Pencils-Pews – Week of July 16 thru July 22  
Alex & Wes Delk

**IF YOU CANNOT SERVE CALL:**

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

#### **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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