

## SHUT-INS

Madeline Clark  
 Phoebe Dycus  
 Ed Goolsby  
 Mary Judd  
 Phil and Faye Kernell  
 Lois Key, Bobbie Lynn  
 Vicki Weisner  
 Roy Woodard  
 Shirley Tayse  
 Jimmy Gentry

## NURSING HOME: 2:00 PM

Singing: Keith Newberry  
 Prayer: Hugh Wayne Clark\*  
 Serve: Caleb Newberry, Nick Jones  
 Preach: Tim  
 \*Bring the Lord's Supper

## OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH

Sun. Morning Tim  
 Sun. Evening Singing  
 Wed. Evening Tim

## RECORDS FOR DEC. 8

Sun. Bible Study 230  
 Sun. Morning 286  
 Sun. Evening 187  
 Wed. Study 221

Offering \$9439.90

## WEEKLY BIBLE READING

Begin at Galatians and read all those small epistles down to 2 Thessalonians, 1 a day.

## MISSION WORKS

India: preachers (50), orphans (11), orphans' homes (9), widows' homes (8), - (www.indiamissionwork.org)  
 Thaddus Duncan, Jamaica  
 - (duncanthaddus09@gmail.com)  
 George Jensen, Hawesville, Kentucky  
 (gjensen6@yahoo.com)  
 Memphis School of Preaching (MSOP):  
 Garrett Young – Jason Halcomb  
 Jakes Small – Josh Smith  
 Zackery Holmes (rooster2628@gmail.com)  
 Daniel Webster (danielwebster66@gmail.com)  
 Omaha, Neb. Mission: Jonny Royal & Houston McClure  
 World Video Bible School -(school.wvbs.org)  
 Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies  
 House to House/Heart to Heart: Jonathan Smith - (qb2000\_37150@yahoo.com)  
 The Palace (nursing home)  
 Macon County Prison  
 Local Radio: 102.1 FM @ 12:15  
 Gospel Broadcasting Network  
 (NCTC-37, TwinLakes-16)

# THE WORD FROM WILLETTE

WILLETTE CHURCH OF CHRIST

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort..." (II Timothy 4:2)  
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## DECEMBER WORKERS

Care for communion trays:	Laura Hooten, Celine Hooten, & Marilyn Rhoads
Care for baptismal cloths:	Patricia West
Cut out teacher material:	Sarah Street & Michelle Jones
Lock church buildings:	Tim McHenry
Change church sign:	Jayln Lankford

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Entrance Greeters (Sunday is for next week)

Wed Eve. Tim, Josh Smith, Rickie Hagan  
 Sun. Mor. Donald and Rosie Moss, Richard and Daisy Pratt

PM Dorothy Stafford, Pat Powers

### Announcements

Sunday AM: Elders  
 Sunday PM: Chandler Hudson  
 Wed: Tim

### Lord's Supper and Offering: Presiding

Lynn Newberry

### Lord's Supper and Offering: Serving

Morning: Hayden Allen TBD  
 Joseph Draper Chester Hix  
 Doug Fleming TBD  
 Evening: Drew Stafford, Austin West

### Song Leaders

Sunday: Luke Jones, Randy Allen, Misc.  
 Wed: Hayden Allen

### Scripture Reading

Morning: Jalyln Lankford (1Cor. 2:1-2)

### Prayers

Morning: Stone Copas, Mark West, Nick Jones  
 Evening: Jeff Hackett, Darren Brockett  
 Wed: Christian Meador, William Smith

### Prison Ministry

Men's (1:00): David Anderson, Mark McCarter  
 Women's (2:00): Betty McCarter, Barbara Frye

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome, visitors! Please give us time to greet you and get to know you better!
- Pew Packer is on! Right after BBowl practice.
- Is there a visitor today? Greet them! Visitor cards are on the table out front and on back tract rack.
- Keep up the good work with Meals on Wheels! Meet Monday at 9:45 prep or 10:15am distribute.
- Benevolence needs:* We could use some furniture(beds) and meaty soups.
- Visitation **team 6** will meet this evening in the library. Cards and stamps are provided.
- Check your mailbox for Christmas and birthday cards! If we are missing a box, let us know.

## CONTACTS

Church Building: 699-2251  
 Preacher's Office: 699-3768

## SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Bible Class 9:00  
 Worship AM 10:00  
 Worship PM 6:00  
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00

## ELDERS

Alvin Allen 699-3315  
 Hugh Clark 699-2393  
 Hugh W. Clark 699-3199  
 Steve Draper (931) 678-4616  
 Terry Jones 699-3081  
 Joe Lynn 699-3613  
 Benny Tuck 477-5000

## DEACONS

Randy Allen Jeff Hackett  
 Don Birdwell Donald Moss  
 Nick Jones Tim Smith  
 Brandon Clark  
 Harold Clark Phillip Stafford  
 Donnie Gammons Mark West  
 Joseph Draper Jonathon Royal

## PREACHER

Tim McHenry 655-7311  
[webmaster@willettecoc.com](mailto:webmaster@willettecoc.com)

## ASSOCIATE PREACHERS

Mark West 699-3650  
 Hatton Allen 615-888-7420

## PRISON COORDINATORS

David Anderson, Jonathon Royal

## INDIA COORDINATOR

Jack Honeycutt 655-2524

## A WARM WELCOME FOR ALL

Welcome to the Willette church of Christ, where you will find the Bible as our only rule for faith and practice. We seek to speak where the Bible speaks and to be silent where the Bible is silent. We want to call Bible things by Bible names and do Bible things in Bible ways.

Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" (Matthew 28:18-20). Our evangelistic efforts include several local and foreign mission works listed on the back of this bulletin. The home congregation is the most important work. Therefore, every month, we spend time door knocking, visiting, and helping our local community. We have a large benevolent building that operates every Tuesday from 8:30-12:30, which offers free clothes and other items to anyone in need. Our primary foreign work is found in Andhra Pradesh, India, where Brother *Jack Honeycutt* serves as our full time mission coordinator. We are also blessed to have a full time prison ministry with services conducted each Sunday from 1:00-3:00. Brother *Tim McHenry* is our regular preacher. In addition to preaching, he teaches classes, works with youth events and community outreach. Our associate preacher *Mark West*, preaches, teaches classes, ministers in the nursing home, coordinates our visitation teams, and work with our Bible camp and youth in general. In addition, we have a radio program on 102.1 FM that airs each weekday around 12:15. If anyone has special needs our Christian Counselor, Dale Sadler, is ready to help by calling 615-513-3642

We are a Bible centered, mission minded, and family oriented church. Thank you for coming, and please return at every opportunity.

## *Tidings from Timothy*

We are excited today to have Daniel Webster with us. Brother Webster has been supported by us in his education and we look forward to the fruit of his studies as he shares the word with us this morning.

**New Mail System:** In the Bible, Barnabas was an encourager, that is what his name means. We use cards, notes and items of communication along with little gifts to encourage others as well. We now have at the church building “Barnabas Boxes.” This will be the in-church mail system to stay in touch with our brothers and sisters and cut down on postage costs. These are now ready to use and you can put all your holiday cards in them. If a name is missing on the holiday name list, they can still get a card if they have a box. If a name is missing on the boxes, please tell me so I can fix it – we still have extra boxes.

**Today** After Morning service and Jail service and Nursing Home, tonight we have Bible Bowl practice, Pew Packer, singing, then the Holiday youth devotionals.

**Details on this month’s activities:** Don’t forget some important dates –  
December 15<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Youth Devo, if you want to play the “dirty Christmas” game then bring a \$5 gift. Please help us have enough food for both groups of children: teens and pre-teens.  
Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – children get presents donated by us! All children’s names have been taken – Thank you! Prepared presents are due today. There are large bags in the fellowship hall.  
December 18<sup>th</sup> – Fruit basket preparation, please submit names for baskets **in writing** to Brandon Clark.

**Remind:** This is simply a text system for updates to your phone with church news and such. Just text @tmchenr to 81010 and you will get our abbreviated email updates as texts on your phone! Please be patient as we work out any kinks in this new system. Those getting email will still get it just like normal. We now have about a dozen in this system.

**Peru trip:** We have had some great contact concerning those that want to go with us to the Peru trip next year. Brethren with experience that can help guide us will work with us to go spread the Word to South America. If you are interested in this trip, we need a firm commitment by the end of the year.

## **Backbone or Yellow Streak?**

Following the death of Moses, God spoke to Joshua and gave instructions concerning leading the children of Israel into the promised land. Four times in the first chapter and many times thereafter, Joshua and the people are told to, “Be strong and of good courage.” Strength and courage were qualities that were essential if they were to defeat the enemy and take the land.

Today is no different. God still seeks men of strength and courage to direct His church. Our adversary, the devil, still walks about, seeking whom he may devour (I Pet. 5:8). We are not ignorant of his devices (II Cor. 2:11). If the church is to grow and be the force in the world she ought to be, we must have men who are willing to “contend earnestly for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints” (Jude 3). We must have men who, like Paul, are “set for the defense of the gospel” (Phil. 1:17). Knowing that the gospel is God’s power to save, Paul never failed to proclaim the whole counsel of God.

Preaching the gospel is not always an easy or pleasant task. At times a man’s own family will oppose him (Matt. 10:36); friends will turn against him. It takes a man with a strong “backbone” to stay balanced. Preachers are sometimes victims of harsh and unjust criticism, character attacks and hypocritical judgments. Even though everybody seems to “know” just how the preacher should preach, we march under the direct orders of Jesus. “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (II Tim. 4:2). Brethren, we must not let up for one moment! Satan loves to sit and watch as we try to find ways to make the gospel more popular, and as we seek ways to take the sting out of the truth.

The Lord, like the advertisement for the Marines, is still “looking for a few good men;” men of courage; men of strength – strong moral strength; men who will draw the “sword of the Spirit” and never put it back! Sad to say, some have deserted the army of the Lord and have gone over to the “other side.” Some do not have the moral courage of convictions that it takes to be a preacher of God’s word. Some would rather “switch than fight” and have done so in alarming numbers! Preachers who in by-gone days stood solidly on the Rock and boldly proclaimed Jesus Christ and Him crucified found that to be unpopular. Thus, they have softened their position.

In Joshua’s day, there were the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites and the Jebusites to contend with. As long as they were strong and courageous and followed God’s commands, they were victorious. How easily they defeated the mighty walled city of Jericho. But due to sin, they were defeated at Ai. The Bible informs us: “Wherefore the hearts of the people melted, and became as water” (Joshua 6:5). What caused the people of Israel to change from a group of strong, courageous men to a group whose heart melted and became as water? Sin! What is responsible for some of our mighty men of valor changing to a watered-down version of the Gospel? Sin! Our enemies today may have different names from those of Joshua’s day, but we still need the same type of courage, strength, and dedication to doing the will of the Lord that they needed to be successful. Instead of the Canaanites, Hittites, etc., we face instrumental music advocates, marriage-divorce position, women’s role in the church, denominationalism, lukewarmness, anti-ism, liberalism, modernism, etc. We must with courageous convictions continue to use the sword of the Spirit against Satan and all of his ministers who have transformed themselves into ministers of righteousness (II Cor. 11:13-15).

Preacher, is that a strong backbone I see or is it a yellow streak??? -Paul Wilmoth

<b>WILLETTE CALENDAR</b>	<b>RESPONSES</b>	<b>ANNUAL RECORDS</b>
<b>Prison Ministry</b> (Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup> , 1:00, 2:00) <b>Nursing Home</b> (Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2pm) <b>Benevolence Building</b> (Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup> , 8:30-12:30) Meals on Wheels: Monday at 9:45 & 10:15am Youth Devos tonight!	<b>Restorations:</b> <b>Baptism &amp;/or New Member:</b>	Confessed Faults: 4 Baptisms: 1 Membership: 0