

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Oct. 2	149	119	104	\$5991*	95	33
Oct. 9	154	125	111	N/A	110	38
Goals	200	160	135	\$4695	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Sept 28 and Oct. 2, 2016

AN ETERNITY IN HELL IS NOT WORTH...

- ...having illicit sex or an unscriptural marriage...
- ...even if it makes me happy for the moment.
- ...consuming alcohol or misusing drugs...
- ...even if it gives me an escape for the moment.
- ...dressing immodestly or being indecent with my body...
- ...even if it gains me attention for the moment.
- ...cheating in business or lying to others...
- ...even if it makes me more wealthy for the moment.
- ...running with the worldly crowd or compromising my Christianity...
- ...even if it makes me feel important for the moment.
- ...getting revenge or giving someone their 'just desserts'...
- ...even if it makes me feel like I have "gotten even" for the moment.
- ...overspending my money or putting my family in financial stress...
- ...even if I get the things I want for the moment.
- ...refusing to obey the gospel or repenting after having done so...
- ...even if I feel saved for the moment.

-Ed Sterchi, via BulletinGold, May 2008-

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6:00 P.M.
12:30 P.M. (5th Sunday)
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Sunday Morning
10:15 A.M.
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7:00 P.M.

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

AND IT CAME TO PASS.....

An older man once sat in on a class in a Bible College. That day the professor asked his students to share a verse that means a great deal to them. The students were eager to oblige. They offered many great verses, rich with theological implications. When the class finished, the professor asked the visiting man if he would like to share his favorite verse. He agreed and said, "My favorite verses in the Bible are the ones that begin with the phrase, "and it came to pass." A few snickers could be heard among the prideful students so the elderly man added an additional comment.

He said, "Young men, allow me to explain why I answered as I did. You see, when I was 32, our first born son was killed by a drunk driver. My wife and I were devastated. We didn't know how we would go on, but we did. At the age of 45, our daughter came home on a break from college, sat her mother and me down, and proceeded to tell us why she no longer believed in God. She told us that God was merely an invention of man intended to be a crutch for the psychologically weak, and that she wanted no part of it. We found this to be more painful than the death of our son. At the age of 55, I lost my job. Due to my age at the time, I couldn't find a job. Everyone wanted to hire someone younger than me. Consequently we lost our home, and for six months we were forced to live in our car. Then at the age of 63, we discovered that my wife had cancer. For three years we fought that cancer as hard as we could, but my wife eventually died three years later. So you see young men, the events that have taken place in my life have caused me to appreciate and love the verses that begin with the words, "and it came to pass," for they are a reminder to me that the horrible circumstances in which we sometimes find ourselves don't "come to stay," they "come to pass."

After the man finished, you could have heard a pin drop. The class was no longer snickering because they learned a valuable lesson. You'll have many things "come to pass," in your life, but thank God they won't "come to stay!"

Steve Higginbotham, preacher for the Karns church of Christ, Knoxville, TN., via BulletinGold, November 2015

And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve.

(Isaiah 14:3)

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

AN AFFAIR

Dear Ann Landers:

I first met her in High School. She was older than I, and exciting. She'd been around. My parents warned me to have nothing to do with her. They claimed no good could come from our relationship.

But I kept meeting her on the sly. She was so sophisticated and worldly. It made me feel grownup just being with here. It was fun to take her to a party in those days. She was almost always the center of attention.

We began seeing more of each other after I started college. When I got a place of my own, she was a frequent guest. It wasn't long before she moved in with me. It may have been common-law, but it was heart-breaking for my parents. I kept reminding myself I was not a kid anymore. Besides it was legal.

We lived together through college and into my early days in business. I seldom went anywhere without her, but I wasn't blind. I knew she was unfaithful to me. What's worse, I didn't care. As long as she was there when I needed her (and she always was), it didn't matter.

The longer we lived together, the more attached I became. But, it wasn't mutual. She began to delight in making me look foolish in front of my friends. But, still I couldn't give her up.

It became a love/hate relationship. I figured out that her glamour was nothing more than a cheap mask to hide her spite and cynicism. I could no longer see her beauty after I came to know her true character.

But old habits are hard to break. We had invested many years in each other. Even though my relationship with her made me lose respect for myself, she had become the center of my life. We didn't go anywhere. We didn't do anything. We didn't have friends over. It was just the two of us. I became deeply depressed and knew that she was responsible for my misery. I finally told her I was leaving for good. It took a lot of guts, but I left.

I still see her around. She's as beautiful as when we met. I still miss her now and then. I'm not boasting when I say she'd take me back in a minute. But by the grace of God, I'll never take up with her again.

If you see her, give her my regards. I don't hate her. I just loved her too much. Chances are you know her family. The name is **Alcohol**.

Robert L. Rodgers

NEWS & NOTES:

RECENT RESPONSES: Darlene Hackett (9/28), responded to request prayer for strength and forgiveness; Dalisa White (10/09), requested prayer for herself and her mom.

SICK: Susan Woodard Marvin, Carol Woodard's daughter, is now at home; however, little Elizabeth will remain in the hospital for a few weeks. Chris Stafford, Cathy's son, was released from Centennial last Friday. Mary Phillips remains in Kindred, but is improving (she requested her knitting last week!). Brenda Bowman continues to recuperate at home. W. A. Gibbs' dialysis is going well. Betty Carter has not been feeling well. Sonya Whited is back with us after a severe kidney stone episode. Shirley Sadler underwent surgery on her hand on Monday. Ann Kirby recently suffered a broken leg. Mary Jo Hackett is still unable to be with us. Jimmy Rigsby, Melinda Spivey's father, is in Centennial CCU due to fluid build-up. Peggy Denton suffered a broken elbow recently. Jack Grisham has been dealing with inner ear issues. Ronnie Jones, Matthew and Molly's grandfather, underwent surgery Monday at Summit Hospital. Dimple Hicks is back with us after being ill. Hattie Branham was ill Sunday evening. Irene Gregory was able to be with us Sunday morning. It was good to see Scotty and Gaye Yeaman able to be with us Sunday morning. Caroline Sales (back surgery), and Janie Carter (stroke), relatives of Lola King, are both slowly improving. Caleb Harville was sick Sunday. Makenna Hassler and Mallie Kate Whitaker have been ill but both were present Sunday. Our prayers have been requested for Kay Whitson (brain tumor), and Brandy Green (stomach), known by many of us. Janice Anderson continues to suffer with her knees and feet. Bob Harville, Peggy Faustina's uncle, remains in a rehab facility. Continue to also remember the following in prayer: Ray Upchurch; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Gary and Sherry Lester; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Phronia Rose; Karen Howell; and Arnold Rich.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS: Mary Phillips; Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Curtis Richards (Kindred); Linda Black (Carthage Pavilion); Imogene Reeves (The Palace – RBS); Frank Williams, Elm Croft in Lebanon; Vestle Gentry (White Oak Nursing Facility, Spartanburg, S.C.).

SHUT-IN AT HOME: Wilma Richardson; Shirley Holmes; James Hall; and Pat Paysinger.

IN MILITARY: Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Matt West, Linda Dicken's grandson (Marines); Zack Tongate, son of Scott & Debbie Tongate (Marines); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (Marines)

NEW BABY: Congratulations to Carol Woodard on the birth of her granddaughter, Elizabeth Caroline Marvin, Monday, Oct. 3. Birth weight 4 lbs. 2 oz., length 17 in. Proud parents are Eric and Susan Marvin. The brunch has been re-scheduled for October 29.

BABY GIRL SHOWER: To be given in honor of Pam Morris, Sunday, October 16, after P.M. service. Please bring finger foods.

THANK YOU: We have received and read publicly a note of gratitude from the following family: Jerry and Mary Phillips.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the following families in the loss of loved ones: The family of Emma Hall, (former member here), passed away Tuesday morning. A celebration of Emma's life will be Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. from the Walnut Street Church of Christ. Her family will be giving personal eulogies. All visitations will be at Taylor Funeral Home, Dickson, TN, beginning on Thursday, October 13th from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m, Friday, October 14th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday October 15th from 10:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Place of rest will be in the Dickson Union Cemetery.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016: *Family Retreat at TCC:* October 14-16, cost is \$20 per person or \$80 maximum cost per family, sign-sup sheets posted in basement and foyer (Can come for all or part); ***Fifth Sunday Service Schedule, Oct. 30:*** Justin Mauldin will be the speaker for the Sunday morning worship service. Following Bible study classes, there will be a fellowship meal. Beginning at 12:30 P.M, the second service will be led by the young men. Jeremy Hassler will be the speaker. No 6:00 P.M. service. ***Trunk or Treat:*** October 31, 6:00 – 7:30 P.M. If you can help provide candy, please leave it in annex. ***Gospel Meeting:*** November 6-9 with Gary Hampton preaching.

AREA EVENTS: *Taylor Christian Camp Fundraiser Dinner:* Saturday, November 12, 6:00 P.M., here, in the annex. Speaker – Glenn Reece; Free BBQ dinner provided by Cartwright Catering. Please bring desserts and soft drinks. ***AGAPE:*** 50th Anniversary Annual Dinner, November 10 at Franklin Marriot Cool Springs.

THANK YOU: We concluded our Summer Series this past Wednesday. Thanks to all the brethren who taught a lesson during the series on the theme: GROW: Becoming Like Jesus.