

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

| Date: | AM | Bible Study | PM | Cont. | Wed | DBR |
|---------|-----|-------------|-----|--------|-----|-----|
| Nov. 10 | 129 | 99 | 82 | \$4251 | 77 | 31 |
| Nov. 17 | 132 | 91 | 53 | \$4377 | 75 | 26 |
| Goals: | 155 | 125 | 100 | \$4756 | 100 | 45 |

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Nov. 6 and 13, 2019

TRUE THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is, in the eyes of some, esteemed as the greatest of holidays. When one thinks about the idea of thanksgiving, it is easy to appreciate the holiday as some do — being the greatest of holidays. Those who are truly thankful, however, are those who were once dead, but are now alive. The Lord spoke to the Jews and said that the hour was coming in which the dead would hear His voice and live (John 5:25). The Lord was not referring to the second coming, for that He does in John 5:28-29. The Lord referred to those who heard His voice (orally, and through the written word) and responded to His holy will. They were dead in sin, but applying the truth of God’s word to their individual lives, they are now alive spiritually (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:17). Those who live, but were once dead, were dead in sin (Ephesians 2:1-10), but now are alive in Christ. This is a time for Thanksgiving.

(Ron Thomas, Poplar Bluff, MO, Bulletin Digest, January 23, 2017)

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“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”(Matthew 5:16)



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.
6:00 P.M.
12:30 P.M. (5th Sunday)

Bible Study

Sunday Morning
10:15 A.M.
Wednesday Evening
7:00 P.M.

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

How Can I Increase My Dependence Upon God?

“For the sake of Christ, then I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2

Corinthians 12:10)

I can begin each day with prayer that includes thanks.

I can replace the question, “Why has God done this to me?” with, “How has God helped me in the past?”

I can count my blessings.

I can set aside a favorite Bible verse or a favorite group of verses that can serve as points of reflection in my life—in good times as well as bad.

I can look for ways to be God’s instrument for good in the lives of others.

I can read the Bible daily.

I can insure treasure in heaven by directing some of my money to those who are in need.

I can reflect on what my life would be without Christ.

I can thank God for good health.

I can read and practice the “one another” messages of Scriptures (e.g., John 13:34; Ephesians 4:32).

I can streamline my life by limiting or eliminating luxuries that encourage me to forget God.

I can consider periodic fasting (Matthew 6:16-18).

I can ponder the phrase “daily bread” in the model prayer of Jesus (Matthew 6:9ff) and how I should not take for granted God’s daily provisions.

I can remember, reflect on the fact, and remind others (especially my family) that every good gift comes from God (James 1:17).

I can be constantly aware of how fragile human life really is (James 4:14).

I can remember the fact of Romans 8:31: “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

I can stay connected to God’s people.

I can end each day with prayer that includes thanks.

Lance Cordle, Calvert (KY) City church of Christ
via BulletinGold, February 2019

FROM THE PREACHER’S HEART:

WELCOME, VISITORS! We are honored by your presence. We seek to worship the one true God in spirit and truth (John 4:24). Study God's inspired Scriptures with us (2 Tim. 2:15). "Come, let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18; Acts 17:11). If you desire a Bible Correspondence Course or home Bible study, please request either on the card in the Visitor's Packet.

Thanks to brother Thomas Snow for his recent report (11/10/19 – PM), on the Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministry. He reminded us of what a challenging work TPOM is, but also gave numerous examples of the good that is being done. We are blessed to have opportunity to be a part of changing lives for the better.

Just a reminder that the current edition of House to House **Heart to Heart** arrived last week and may be picked up in the foyer. Excellent articles are to be found throughout. Helpful material for everyone - Christians, non-Christians, homes/families, parents, children, the enquiring, the troubled, etc. – is found in the present issue as in past productions. Pick it up, read it, and pass it on to a friend or acquaintance.

The current and past issues of The Spiritual Sword edited by Alan Highers are also available. Sound Bible-saturated articles by faithful brethren fill its pages. Important issues are dealt with in scriptural detail, firmness of faith, and in love. Be sure to read this quarterly periodical. It would also be good to pass on to others.

While we are talking about reading, let us be reminded that the most important of all books – the Book of all books, the Bible – should be read daily and be our constant companion. Take a moment to consider the following anonymous (author unknown) article entitled "How Much Time" from an exchange bulletin:

"How much time does it take to read from Genesis to Revelation? If you were to read the Bible at standard pulpit speed (slow enough to be heard and understood), reading time would be 71 hours. If you were to break that down into minutes and divide it into 365 days, you could read the entire Bible, cover to cover in only 12 minutes a day. Is that really too much time to spend reading about God? Are you a daily Bible reader?"

Thanks to everyone for your concern and calls regarding my knee injury late Sunday afternoon which prevented us from attending and preaching at the P.M. service. I talked with my M.D. son-in-law Sunday evening, saw an orthopedist Monday, and now feel much better. I hope to see you Sunday.

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Johnny Hackett, Tony's brother, has been in Vanderbilt due to injuries in a recent fall. Little Apple Gibbs is now at home. Mary

Phillips was with us Sunday after a stay in RRM. Judith Apple, Denise Hackett and Kim Gregory's mother, is in RRM due to pneumonia. Dana Park, Regina Rowland's daughter, will undergo surgery Friday (22nd). Mary Pat Grim has had the flu. Michael Hackett was ill over the weekend. Sarah Mauldin was treated late Sunday afternoon for a cut inflicted in an accident at home. Faye Maberry underwent a bone marrow test on Tuesday. Faye's nephew, Keith Spivey, has been in Sumner Regional's CCC Unit. Robert (Buddy) Chaffin has been in the hospital (Lebanon), due to fluid build up. Randy Gull, Susan Klamm's uncle, is facing back surgery (prayers requested). Brenda Copeland, Cheryl Hicks's sister, is in Cookeville Regional for issues related to heart/COPD. Mike Piper underwent tests Tuesday at Cookeville Regional due to chest pains. Good report! Scotty and Gaye Yeaman are about the same. W. A Gibbs continues kidney dialysis. Janice Anderson is not feeling well. Remember Tommy and Linda Ashburn, relatives of Carolyn Harris and neighbors to W. A. Gibbs, in your prayers. Cathy Findley, friend of Regina Rowland, is battling breast cancer. Sherrie Pritchett (Rome) is not doing as well. Prayers are requested for Jerry Hutchins who is dealing with kidney problems.

PRAYER LIST: Danny Claire; Edna Shoulders; Bill Ross; Scott Bane (colon cancer treatments); Wanda Hailey, Patsy Link; Tyrone Poynter; Mark Manning; Emily Moss and children; Jacky King, Lucas Wakefield; Linda Dennis; Gary Anderson; Brad Wilson; Jack Gallaher; Ren Coker; Shirley Henry; Roy Hicks; Ricky Branham; Bob & Donnieta White; John Conditt; Levi Halliburton; Mike Ruis; Duane Hesson; Billy Woodard; Tammy Bush; Jerry Glenn; Bentley Cowan; David Lipe; Louie Gray West; Taylor & Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn, Emily Allen; Judy Fox Jones; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; Debby Flatt; Ken Miller; Lynn Vaden; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Faye McKay; Joey Black; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Tim Smith; Pattie Birdwell; Mark & Mary Ellen Lawrence; Donna Kemp; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Sawyer Cole; Patsy Link; Richard Rhoten; Buddy & Jan Chaffin; Troy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Earl Carter; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich; and Steve Dowell.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED/LIVING/SHUT-INS: Lovell Chaffin; Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith Frances Glosser; Ricky Branham (SCH&R); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Horace Jones (NHC, Cookeville); Hattie Branham and Pat Paysinger (Shut-ins).

IN THE MILITARY: Jana Watson, Ann Carter's grand-daughter (Army); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (Marines); Camron Huff (Marines); Derek Brothers (Army National Guard – now in the Middle East), Ruby Fisher's grandson-in-law.

SYMPATHY: Sympathy is extended to the following: Teddy Spivey and family in the passing (11/12/19), of his great uncle Phillip Evitts; the family of Owen Massey (11/10/19), known by many of us; the family of Mrs. Robbie Carter (11/7/19); and the family of Mrs. Evelyne Hackett (11/12/19).

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Mary Phillips (1); Mary Pat Grim; Debbie Felure, Steve Bray (5); Katie Bennett (18); Jeffrey Maberry (19); Kyle Azbell (21); Andy Rutherford, Lovell Chaffin, Elaine Wright (23); Amy Apple, (29); Madison Spivey (31). Jerry & Cheryl Hicks (12/11/1981); Eddie & Kaylan Linder (12/15/2001); Nick & Pam Morris (12/16/2000); Brian & Peggy Denton (12/21/1991); Mike & Laura Piper (12/27/1988).

CONGRATULATIONS: To Nick and Pam Morris on the birth of their daughters Julieanna (6 lbs., 19 in.) and Jacie (5 lbs. 5 oz., 19 in.) Nov. 8, 2019. Congratulations also to big sisters Jody and Josie and grandpa Ken Hensley.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP: The annual get-together is scheduled for Thursday, December 12 in the annex (Details to follow).

GREETING CARDS: Pick them up from the foyer table, sign them, and drop them in the provided gift bags. Deadline is 12/15.

THANK YOU NOTES: We have received nice thank you notes from Potter's Children Home; Bobby and Mary Cross; and Candace Richmond.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotionals:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 PM; *Pavilion Devotionals:* Each Fifth Sunday, 2:00 PM; *Polishing the Pulpit:* August 12-20, 2020.

AREA EVENTS: IGNITE Youth Rally, Willow Avenue (Cookeville), December 7, with Eric Lyons (see posted flyer); Young Men's Seminar, East Main (Murfreesboro), February 1, with Andy Connelly (see posted flyer).