

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
March 1	119	100	82	\$4775*	80	41
March 8	132	110	89	\$4479	79	34
Goals:	155	125	100	\$4740	100	45

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats for Feb. 26 & Mar. 4, 2020

DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

I remember a book we used in 4-H some years ago titled, “Dare to be Different.” What a challenge this is for Christians today. Dare to speak out for the Lord; dare to do what is right when society says sin is okay; dare to grow in knowledge of God’s Word – and live by it; dare to invite others to attend worship; dare to care about others and about the church of Jesus Christ. One thing is sure, we can’t live like the world and make it to heaven. The world travels the wide road, but it’s the wrong road (Matt. 7:13, 14). Dare to be different!

John K. Wills, Owingsville (KY) church of Christ
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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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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”

HEART ATTACK!

In Bob Benson’s book, *See You at the House*, he recounts the story of a friend who had a heart attack. At first it didn’t seem like the man would live, but eventually he would recover. Months later, Bob asked him:

“Well, how did you like your heart attack?”
“It scared me to death, almost.”
“Would you do it again?”
“No!”
“Would you recommend it?”
“Definitely Not.”
“Does your life mean more to you now than it did before?”
“Well, yes.”
“You and Nell have always had a beautiful marriage, but are you closer now than ever?”
“Yes.”
“How about that new granddaughter?”
“Yes. Did I show you her picture?”
“Do you have a new compassion for people – a deeper understanding and sympathy?”
“Yes.”
“Do you know the Lord in a deeper, richer fellowship than you had ever realized could be possible?”
“Yes.”
“...how’d you like your heart attack?”

I suspect that those of you who have suffered a heart attack or have faced a life-altering challenge can identify with this conversation. Am I saying that I want to have a heart attack or want you to have one? Certainly not. But I would like for all our hearts to be “cut.” How so? The same way the Jews on Pentecost were “cut” to the heart (Acts 2:37). Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Peter and the Apostles preached about Jesus to thousands of Jews in Jerusalem where Jesus had been crucified only 50 days earlier. Peter concluded his sermon with these words: “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you have crucified, both Lord and Christ” (Acts 2:36). They then asked, **“Men and brethren, what shall we do?”** (Acts 2:37). They recognized their grave sin in crucifying the Messiah. They wanted to know, “Is there any hope for us?” Peter gave them wonderful news: **“Then Peter said to them, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit”** (Acts 2:38). **So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls**” (Acts 2:41 ESV).

The knowledge that our sins put Jesus on the cross should cause our hearts to be “cut.” The Good News is that Jesus died on the cross so that we can have forgiveness of our sins and receive the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23).

So, what about your heart? Is it cut? Won’t you accept Jesus offer on His terms? -David A. Sargent, Minister, Creekwood Church of Christ , Mobile, AL.

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.

Our county, along with other counties to the west and east, suffered severe storm damage in the recent tornado outbreak. So far as I know, no lives were lost in Smith County. Neighboring Putnam County suffered the greatest number of fatalities (18). Continue to pray for all the families who suffered loss of lives. A group of our members worked the Baxter/Double Springs area last Saturday along with hundreds of other volunteers. (Another work time is being planned for this Saturday). When viewed up close and personal, the devastation is overwhelming. As discussed in Sunday's sermon, such should serve as a "Wake Up Call!" to each of us. Life is very fragile, but certainly not futile, if we walk by faith.

We are excited about a three-lesson series on "The Bible Lands" planned for the Sunday evenings of May 3, 10, and 17. The speaker will be Duane Gossett of Gainesboro, who recently toured the "Holy Lands" and developed this series complete with pictures, interesting facts, and connections with Scripture. It will be most enlightening and beneficial to all. Please make plans to be present for all sessions.

This Sunday afternoon at 4:30 we will convene for the fifth session of the men's "Training for Service" series. We had our largest group March 1. Come and be with us. Your presence will bless you and will encourage others.

Come by the annex in the morning (Thursday), between 6:30 – 8:00 A.M. for some hot coffee and donuts/pastries along with some good fellowship. Everyone is invited. Bring a friend.

Between 45-50 have indicated an interest in the trip to view "The Ark Encounter", May 29-30. A sign-up sheet is posted for those interested. It's not too late to sign up, but please do so ASAP. If you need more information, contact Justin Mauldin.

I trust you and yours will make plans to be present Sunday morning and evening. Hope to see you then!

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

BAPTISM: Lelani Fasutina was baptized Wednesday, March 4 following services. We rejoice and pray for her a long life in service to the Lord.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Gaye Yeaman and Maggie Beth Dillard recently requested prayers for forgiveness as they seek to please God and be more faithful in His service.

SICK: Jessa Klamm suffered a broken arm last week. Gaye Yeaman is now at home after a stay in Cookeville Regional. Janice Anderson is also back home from rehab. Jerry Hicks is still dealing with an injured (dislocated) shoulder. Beth Fisher, Ruby's daughter-in-law, is being treated for an aneurysm. Mark Lawrence (Gordonsville), has a recurrence of cancer. Benton Bartley, Alexis' grandfather, is recuperating from spinal surgery. Those who have been ill since our last issue include: Steve and Kim Bray family; Jessica Grimm; John Dallas Hassler; Emma Hicks; Jonah Mauldin; Michael Hackett; the Nick and Pam Morris family. It was good to see Faye Maberry able to be with us Sunday. Horace Jones, Peggy Denton's father, is better after several rough days. Patsy Link has not been as well.

PRAYER LIST: Michael Parsons; Laurie Adcock; Wendy Williams; Mai Doris Barrett; Roslyn Fox Stout; Wanda Hailey; Denise Griffin; James Hix; Rylee Winfree; Josh Dillard; Gary Dillard; Rebecca Huffines Thompson; Tommy & Linda Ashburn; Cathy Findley; Jerry Hutchins; Danny Claire; Edna Shoulders; Bill Ross; Scott Bane; Wanda Hailey, Patsy Link; Tyrone Poynter; Mark Manning; Emily Moss and children; Lucas Wakefield; Linda Dennis; Gary Anderson; Brad Wilson; Jack Gallaher; Shirley Henry; Roy Hicks; Ricky Branham; Bob & Donnieta White; John Conditt; 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; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Joey Black; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Tim Smith; Pattie Birdwell; Mark & Mary Ellen Lawrence; Donna Kemp; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Sawyer Cole; Richard Rhoten; Buddy & Jan Chaffin; Troy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Earl Carter; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich.

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.

THANK YOU NOTES: The church has received "Thank You" cards from Dana Parks and The Emmanuel House.

SYMPATHY: Our deepest sympathy to the following families: Sherrie Pritchett (Rome); Clara Jean Way; Wilma McDonald (Liberty/Granville); Irene Yankee (cousin to Edward Anderson); and Betty Edwards (mother of Martha Ramsey).

EVENTS CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 PM; *Pavilion Devotional:* March 29, 2:00 PM; *Youth Unite:* April 19; *Fish Fry:* April 25; *Vacation Bible School:* June 8-12; *Jackson Smith County Youth Camp:* July 19-25; *Annual Singing:* Friday, August 7, 7:00 PM; *Bible Bowl:* September 12; *Run for Don:* September 19; *Retreat:* October 9-11; *Gospel Meeting:* October 4-7, with Clarence DeLoach.

AREA EVENTS: *Friday Night Singing:* Montrose church of Christ, March 27, 7:00 P.M.; *Gospel Meeting:* Lafayette church of Christ, March 15-18, Keith Parker preaching, 7:00 PM; *Ladies' Days 2020:* Crossville church of Christ, March 21, with Celine Sparks, 9:00-Noon; Center Grove church of Christ, April 4, 9:15 AM thru Luncheon, with Shelia Butt as speaker; *Polishing the Pulpit:* August 12-20, 2020.

TENNESSEE CHILDRENS' HOME: We are collecting Cheerios, Paper Towels and Toilet Paper for TCC. The truck will be in our area Tuesday, April 14.

COFFEE & DONUTS: Each 2nd (March 12), and 4th (March 26), Thursday; 6:30-8:00 A.M. in annex. All are invited; See Allen White for more info.

VISITATION: Thanks to all who assist with our visitation program. Josh Brown keeps records of who needs to be visited and visits made. See him if you would like to be involved. "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep one-self unspotted from the world" (James 1:27-NKJ).