

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
April 29	146	127	120	\$4721	100	42
May 6	152	123	107	N/A	91	40
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4897	130	100%

*Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for April 25 and May 2, 2018

“It is better to be faithful than famous.”

-Theodore Roosevelt-

20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and are overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. 21 For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. (II Peter 2:20-22)

Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. (Jude 21)

Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life. (Rev. 2:10)

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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”

MOTHER’S DAY IS A WASTE

Mother’s Day is a waste of time and money. It is just a day to sell cards and flowers, candy and lunch. Everybody knows that the greatest promotion for Mother’s day comes from Hallmark, AT&T. and FTD...and Wal-Mart.

Now that I have your attention, you need to know that I don’t believe the sentiments of the above paragraph. Some may view Mother’s Day like that, but I’m not one of them. Yet, I do believe that for many people Mother’s Day is a wasted opportunity.

I was blessed with a great Christian mother, and am a Christian today due largely to her influence. But, sadly, I know first-hand about how to make Mother’s day a waste; I have made more than my share of mistakes on Mother’s day (you can’t ask my mom, but you can ask my kids about the messes I have made on Mother’s day). So, from my experience and observation, I know that for many people, Mother’s day is a day of wasted opportunities.

Mothers are such special people. The pains of childbirth alone make them so. The love, devotion and care a mother gives her children are legendary. The hours of physical and emotional labor, the sacrificial spirit, and the sleepless nights so often go unnoticed and unappreciated. God gave mothers a special role, and He expects them to be honored and appreciated (Deut. 5:16; Lev. 19:3; Eph. 6:2).

Mother’s Day is a special time to honor your mother, but you can waste that opportunity if you are content to give only a card or gift or phone call. Mother’s appreciate gifts and cards, but what they truly want is your genuine attention. They don’t care about the cost or quality of the gift; what they care about is that you express to them the sincere affection you have for them in a way that most appropriately comes from you. To say, “I love you, mom,” is far more valuable than a steak dinner or diamond earrings...or a McDonald’s gift card.

Mother’s day is an opportunity for you to genuinely express your love and appreciation to your mother. Don’t waste it with inferior substitutions or token gifts. Don’t waste another minute. Take advantage of the time you have left to tell your mother that she is special to you, that you love her, and tell her so with genuine affection. She will be honored, and you will be blessed, and the Lord will be glorified. (But you’d still better not forget the cards and gifts!) –Joe Chesser, Fruitland, MO Church of Christ, via BulletinGold 5/18

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

WELCOME, VISITORS! We are so honored by your presence. It is our desire to worship the one true God in spirit and truth (John 4:24), as directed in His Word. Please investigate God's inspired Scriptures with us. And, as the Lord through Isaiah said, "Come, let us reason together" (Acts 17:11; Isaiah 1:18). If you wish to study the Bible via a Bible Correspondence Course, please request such on the available attendance cards.

The last bulletin recognized our graduates. High school graduates are counting down the days. Some of our college students have already graduated while others will soon. We wish all of you the very best as you either continue your education or enter the work force.

Sunday morning attendance has fluctuated over the past few weeks. We have had quite a number of illnesses. We have been blessed by visitors for which we are thankful. Let's put forth every effort to meet together "every time the doors are open"!

Contributions for April averaged approximately two hundred fifty dollars over budget. Giving is a "gauge" of love (See 2 Cor. 8:8, 24). As our love for the Lord grows so will our giving.

Vacation Bible School is less than a month away! **June 4-8** is the date. This year's theme is "HEAVENLY ARMOR: The Battle Belongs to the Lord". Classes include nursery through adult. Sessions will begin at 6:30 P.M. Friday night will be awards night. Teachers, helpers, crafters, etc. are needed. Contact Jeremy Hassler and/or Justin Mauldin if you can assist.

Bible Camp week is not that far away either! The theme is "Change Me from the Inside Out". **July 15-21** is the date. **Counselor** applications are due today – Wednesday, May 9. **Camper** applications will be distributed Sunday, **May 20** at 3:00 P.M. at the Bagdad building. Camper application deadline will be Sunday, June 10. The final assignment meeting for staff only will be at **6:30 P.M., Friday, June 29** at the Bagdad building.

Thanks to all who assisted with the fifth Sunday services and meal. To those who set up/arranged tables and chairs, prepared food, and cleaned up afterward, we say, "THANK YOU!" I missed being here due to preaching at Whitson's Chapel in Cookeville. They, too, were very encouraging concerning the lessons presented and most hospitable in preparing and serving a delicious meal.

I hope to see all of you Sunday morning. Have a great rest of the week!

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

BAPTISMS: Four were recently baptized by Stan Stevenson including Stephanie Alford, Travis Pinkerton, Aaron Woods, and Tyler Anderson. We rejoice with these in their new lives.

OTHER RECENT RESPONSES: Since our last issue of "News & Notes" the following have requested prayers for forgiveness and strength: Darlene Hackett and Susan Klamm, Sunday morning, April 22; Peggy and Lelani Faustina, Sunday morning, April 29; and Donnie Herd, Sunday evening, May 6.

SICK: Little Maisy McKee had tonsil/adenoid surgery last Wednesday at Cookeville Regional. Scotty Yeaman has been in Cookeville Regional due to a very serious infection and also had kidney/stent surgery while there. He was to transfer to Concordia today (Tuesday). Tony Hackett had a procedure at Tennova on Tuesday. Derrick Triplett is back with us after knee replacement. Caleb Harville has been very ill, but was back with us Sunday. Alex Driver, Amanda Hicks' grandfather, is now at home. Christine Jones, Peggy Denton's mother, is very ill in NHC (Cookeville). Mack Holliman has been critically ill in Skyline Medical but is expected to be transferred to a nursing facility. Johnny Law's aunt, Mae Smith (stroke) and uncle, Jack Johnson, both of Cookeville, are ill. Others who have been ill of whom we have notes and knowledge include: Aubrey and Scarlett Hicks; Jerry Phillips (leg); Rozelle Driver; Patricia Brooks; Ariel Rowlett; Cathy Stafford; W. A. Gibbs; Debbie Felure; Sandy Harris; Mark, Amanda, and Andrew Denning. Remember these in prayer: Jimmy Dale Merryman; Doug Bain; Joey Black; Debbie Fulton Mary Helen Apple; John Sales; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Billy Halliburton; Tim Smith; Pattie Birdwell; Jere Andrews; Shelia Glover; Mark and Mary Ellen Lawrence; Lena Winfree; Faye Massey (neighbor/friend of Carol Woodard); Tucker Burford; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Charles White (Valdosta, GA); Mike Sircy; Paul Meacham, Jr.; Sawyer Cole; Gerrie Dillon; Patsy Link; Richard Rhoten; Jan Chaffin; Tim Loftis; Jo Norton; Jimmy Bean; Troy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Cathy Stafford; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich; and Steve Dowell.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Phronia Rose (Local); Ray Harper (Hartsville); Christine Jones (NHC – Cookeville); Howard and Loneta Bains (Pavilion).

SHUT-INS: Hattie Branham; Wilma Richardson; James Hall; Pat Paysinger.

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).

SYMPATHY: To the following: J. T. Jones in the passing of his sister, Nora Ruth Jones Orman; Jeff and Sonya Whited and family, in the recent death of Jeff's uncle, Thomas Partlow, of Lebanon; Marcus and Kathy Kemp and family, in the recent death of Kathy's brother, Luke Gregory, of Nashville; the family of Sue Walker in her recent death; Dalisa White and family in the recent death of her grandmother, Ethel Starks..

THANK YOU: We have received and read "Thank You" notes from the following families: Derrick Triplett; Will Hainstein (SEIBS); Muriel Meador; the Whited/Partlow family; and the Dalisa, Earline, and Angela White family.

BOOK TO LIBRARY: In memory of Thomas Partlow the book *Your Best Marriage* by Dale Sadler has been donated to the church library by Cobie and Shirley Sadler.

AREA EVENTS: *Friday Night Singing:* Bethlehem (Putnam Co.), May 11, 7:00 P.M.; *Ladies' Days:* McCoinsville church of Christ, May 12, 8:30 A.M. – Lunch, with Becky Honeycutt and Amanda and Adrianna Scoggins; Red Boiling Springs church of Christ, May 19 from 10 AM – 2 PM – Theme: "If the Shoe Fits".

ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS' MEETING: Monthly meeting is scheduled tonight (Wednesday) following services.

THE BIBLE ON BAPTISM

"Go... make disciples... **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).

"He who believes and is **baptized** will be saved..." (Mark 16:16; See also 1 Peter 3:21).

"Repent, and let every one of you and be **baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins..." (Acts 2:38).

"Or do you not know that as many of us as were **baptized** into Christ Jesus were **baptized** into His death?" (Romans 6:4; See also Galatians 3:26, 27).