

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
August 21	164	110	98	\$3813	111	28
August 28	169	129	100	\$6134*	102	28
Goals	200	160	135	\$4695	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for August 17 & 24, 2016

When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? (Isaiah 8:19)

We live in an age when people want to mix the contents of many mystical faiths into the boiling pot of their own pseudo-Christian religion. Most do not know that the basic claim of Scripture is simple and clear. Only God, the Almighty Yahweh, is truly God. Only the one true and living God is to be worshiped. Only this Abba Father is to be trusted. Yes, there are other spiritual powers, but these powers lead to despair, death, and destruction. Jesus triumphed over them for us in the cross (Colossians 2:13-15). Seek God, YAHWEH, the great "I AM" of Israel, the Almighty, the righteous Father of Jesus and all who will follow him. Seek God and live. (By Phil Ware, via Heartlight, 8/19/2016)

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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"

JESUS DID NOT QUIT

Raymond C. Kelcy

Jesus did not quit meeting with His disciples because Judas was a thief, nor because Peter was fickle at times. He did not quit preaching and living right because some of His brethren were unforgiving and unkind. He did not quit His post of leadership because he had in His presence the adulterous woman, a gang of Pharisees, or narrow-minded demon-worshippers. Jesus did not quit.

Have you been tempted to quit? Have you quit? What was the reason for it? Any reason you might name, Jesus could have given the same. He had every reason to be discouraged. His own disciples were so slow to learn. His enemies were bent on His destruction. But He did not quit. He said,

"Know ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49)

And when the end of His earthly life was in sight, Jesus said to His Father, ***"I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do"*** (John 17:4).

He did not quit. He finished His task.

When you come to the end of life, will you be able to say, "I have finished the work God has given me to do"? Or, will you be compelled to say, "I started, but quit"? Will you stand before the judgment bar of God and admit that you were a quitter?

Eternal life is promised to those who endure to the end (Matthew 10:22). There will be no consolation on the judgment day to point back at your baptism, unless you can also point back to a life of faithful endurance.

-via The Voice of Truth International, Volume One-

Before his death, Raymond C. Kelcy was a professor of Bible at Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond, Oklahoma, USA.

THE PREACHER'S HEART:

Welcome, VISITORS! The Lord's church at Carthage is so honored to have you visit with us. Your presence indicates an interest in spiritual matters. We, too, have great interest in things divine. We encourage you to study God's Word with us. If you have questions or comments about what you hear and observe, please feel free to approach us. Please come again!

Attendance has been steady over the past five weeks. And though down this past week, our contributions have consistently been above budget. These two important facets of a Christian's life are not unrelated to his or her faith in and love for God, but are a reflection of them. Our interest in things spiritual is closely connected with what we have invested. How much are you investing?

August is almost gone and September is about to begin. Both months are always busy. But then every month will be such, if we are about our Father's business! Bible Bowl is scheduled for a week from Saturday - September 10. Be sure to give our Bible Bowlers a pat on the back. All who have helped or will be helping are to be complimented.

The annual "Run 4 Don" will be the following Saturday (17th), in Gainesboro. This event is in honor and memory of Donald Chaffin, gospel preacher, JSCYC director, and former member/youth minister/elder here. Money raised will go for scholarships for deserving young people and to research for ALS. Contact Joe Reeves for more information.

Two other events scheduled in October and November deserve our attention. The Family Retreat, in conjunction with Zion, will be October 14-16 at Taylor Christian Camp. You can attend all or part. Talk with Justin for more information.

And then our Gospel Meeting, with Gary Hampton preaching, will be November 6-9. Gary is always well prepared and powerful in preaching the gospel. Be sure to **Plan, Prepare, Pray, and Participate!** Don't ignore your spiritual needs.

We say a big "THANK YOU" to Jeff and Sonya Whited who recently donated an enclosed utility trailer to the church. It will serve us well in transporting supplies to Bible camp and, no doubt, for other needs as well. Thanks again, Jeff and Sonya!

I complete the meeting at Bush's Chapel tonight. Thanks to Jeremy Hassler for preaching in my absence last Sunday and to those who went to the meeting on Monday. My final meeting this year will be September 18-21 at Nashville Road (Gallatin).

I hope to see everyone Sunday morning.

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

RECENT RESPONSES: Dalisa White (Sunday morning, August 21); Brenda Bowman (Sunday night, August 21); Scott Cook and Chris Klamm, (Sunday night, August 28), have all requested prayers for forgiveness and strength. Continue to pray for them.

SICK: Mary Phillips remains in Centennial after undergoing emergency surgery last Saturday. She had additional tests Monday. Brenda Bowman remains in Saint Thomas Midtown where she underwent extensive back surgery on Monday. Cameron Spivey has a broken collar bone due to a football injury. W. A. Gibbs' dialysis seems to be going well. Mary Jo Hackett is not feeling well. Scott Cook is feeling much better. Joe Reeves was sick Sunday with fever/sore throat/coughing. Beth, Brooke, and Ava Grisham were also sick and unable to be with us. Hattie Branham is having problems with her knees with an ER trip required this past Friday. Scotty and Gaye Yeaman have been with us the past two Sundays. Jimmy Rigsby, Melinda Spivey's father, is now in rehab. Cathy Stafford remains in Kindred for rehab. Jim Way, Katie Woodard's grandfather, underwent heart valve replacement surgery on Monday. Good to see Emogene Dixon able to be with us the past two Sundays. Frances Rollins, Elaine Wright's sister, continues rehab at Kindred. Frances Kemp's brother, underwent stent (heart) placement last week at Cookeville. Janice Anderson is still unable to be with us. Bob Harville, Peggy Faustina's uncle, is not doing well and remains in a rehab facility. Continue to also remember the following in prayer: Ray Upchurch; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Scotty and Gaye Yeaman; Gary and Sherry Lester; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Brandon Powell; Josh Dillard; Phronia Rose; Karen Howell; and Emma Hall.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Cathy Stafford (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, Charles & 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 (Marines) and Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (Marines).

DEACON CONSIDERATION: Josh Brown has been placed before the congregation for consideration as a deacon. He will begin serving September 11, if no scriptural objections are brought to the elders' attention.

FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE FOR TN CHILDREN'S HOME: The truck is to be in our area Tuesday, October 4. The item we will concentrate on is **liquid laundry detergent**.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the following families: Dimple Hicks and family, in the recent passing of a cousin, Gertrude Hudson, of Lebanon; Elaine Wright, in the recent death of a cousin, J.D. Vaughn, of Sparta; and to Carol Woodard in the loss of her cousin, Dorothy Dow, of Georgia.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016: **Bible Bowl:** September 10 (Leviticus is the book for study-NKJ); **Run 4 Don:** September 17, 8:00 A.M. in Gainesboro; **Family Retreat:** October 14-16 (with Zion); **Gospel Meeting:** November 6-9 with Gary Hampton preaching.

AREA EVENTS: **Singings:** Gladeville church of Christ, September 2, 7:00 P.M. Refreshments served at 5:30; Diana Singing, September 9-10, 7:30 until; **Gospel Meeting:** Red Boiling Springs church of Christ, September 11-14, with Jeff Archey preaching, 7:00 P.M.; **Ladies' Days:** Jamestown church of Christ, September 3, 9:00A.M. - 1:00 P.M., with Becky Honeycutt; Red Boiling Springs church of Christ, September 17, "Rags to Riches", Registration: 9:00 A.M., with Christy Cook and Karen Davis speaking; **Upper Cumberland Men's Conference:** Hosted by Sycamore and Jefferson Ave. churches of Christ (Cookeville) at Jefferson's facilities, September 17, with Aubrey Johnson and Bill Watkins, 8:30 – 12:35; **Marriage/Family Seminar:** Highland Heights (Lebanon), September 23-24, with Glenn Colley; **AGAPE:** 50th Anniversary Annual Dinner, November 10 at Franklin Marriot Cool Springs.

BIBLE BOWL: The annual Bible Bowl hosted by the Sycamore church of Christ in Cookeville will be September 10 at TTU's Hooper-Eblen Center with questions being taken from Leviticus. We salute all our Bible Bowlers. Encourage them in their Bible study and participation.

"He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8).