

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Sept. 4	165	134	99	\$4677	99	27
Sept. 11	143	118	109	\$4649	104	31
Goals	200	160	135	\$4695	130	100%

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Aug. 31 & Sept. 7, 2016

**Addendum to Sick List:** Irene Gregory is now in Kindred for rehab. Teddy Spivey's grandmother, Judy Spivey, will have surgery Friday. Mary Phillips remains in Centennial where she is being treated for an intestinal blockage.

**The LORD liveth, and blessed be my rock; and exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation** (2 Samuel 22:47).

The powerful words of David are sacred poetry, and found also in Psalm 18. They are inspiring to us even today as we often sing them together. This is a reminder that the "lord liveth" which literally means, "the Lord continues to live." He is ever-present in our lives. David often wrote using such terms as "my rock, my fortress, my high place," etc. which show the protection of the Lord in his life, especially when he felt alone and on the run for his life.

The rock was symbolic of the strength found in God's salvation and carries us through each day as we face difficulties and trials in our lives.

Daily Lift, September 11, 2016, Daily Devotional – GBN  
The book of Mediations Of My Heart (from which this daily devotional is taken) is available/can be ordered from Sain Publications (931-363-6905 or email psain@sainpublicatons.com).

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# SMITH COUNTY LIGHT

*"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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Sunday Worship  
9:00 A.M.  
6:00 P.M.  
12:30 P.M. (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)  
Bible Study  
Sunday Morning  
10:15 A.M.  
Wednesday Evening  
7:00 P.M.

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7:00 P.M.

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**"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"**

## 7 Wonders Of The Word

We often hear of the "Seven Wonders Of The World." We need to hear about the "Seven Wonders Of The Word."

**The Wonder Of Its INSPIRATION.**

Not just part, but "all" scripture is given by inspiration of God (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

**The Wonder Of Its FORMATION.**

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It is the greatest literature in the world. No additional information is needed for it sufficiently equips man for every good work (2 Tim. 3:17).

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The Bible is tragically the most hated of all books, yet it continues. "The word of the Lord endures forever" (1 Peter 1:25).

-Truth in Love, Volume 21. No. 1, January - March, 2008-

## ***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!

Brooke Grisham, Ava Grisham, Matthew Jones, Mollie Jones, and Jodie Morris competed along with hundreds of other young people (ages 4 thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade), in the annual Bible Bowl directed by the Sycamore congregation at TTU's Hooper-Eblen Center. We are very proud of each one of our participants who spent a lot of time studying the book of Leviticus. Justin presented certificates to each one Sunday morning. Thanks also to all those who taught, coached, furnished food, etc. Three hundred twenty-nine teams participated on Saturday. Thanks to the Sycamore congregation for their labor of love in putting this event together.

The annual "Run 4 Don" will be this Saturday (17<sup>th</sup>), 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.

The Family Retreat, in conjunction with Zion, will be October 14-16 at Taylor Christian Camp. You can attend all or part of the sessions. The cost is \$20 per person or a maximum of \$80 for an entire family. A sign-up sheet is posted. Talk with Justin for more information.

Our Gospel Meeting, with Gary Hampton preaching, will be November 6-9. We will have our usual Sunday morning schedule with a meal following. After the meal we will assemble at 1:00 P.M. for our final service of the day. Monday through Wednesday we will meet at 7:00 P.M. Gary preaches for the Siwell Road church of Christ in Jackson, MS and is much in demand for meetings and lectureships. He writes for the Spiritual Sword and other periodicals. Begin now to invite your family, friends, co-workers, classmates, etc.

We had a number of members out Sunday morning due to sickness. Perhaps some others were out of town. We were blessed with some visitors both morning and evening. We had a brother with us Sunday evening, who found us because of our signs on I-40 and Hwy. 53. I hope to see everyone Sunday morning.

***Edward L Anderson***

## ***NEWS & NOTES:***

**SICK:** Mary Phillips has been returned to Centennial Sunday afternoon after becoming very ill at Kindred where she had been in rehab. Brenda Bowman remains in Saint Thomas Midtown where she is undergoing rehab following back surgery. She could possibly return home later this week. Irene Gregory has not been as well of late. Shirley Sadler recently underwent carpal tunnel surgery on her hand and will have surgery on the other in about six weeks. Gaye Yeaman was not able to be out Sunday. W. A. Gibbs' dialysis is going well. Mary Jo Hackett is still unable to be with us. Ronnie Jones, grandfather of Matthew and Mollie, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. Aubrey and Scarlett Hicks; Michael Hackett; Joe Reeves; Beth Grisham; Charles Thomas; Betty Carter; Judy Grisham; Rita Apple; and Elaine Wright have been ill. Barbara Anderson is to see an orthopedist September 27 (knee). Hattie Branham is again able to assemble with us. Jimmy Rigsby, Melinda Spivey's father, is now in rehab at St. Thomas Mid-town. Cathy Stafford is now at home after rehab at Kindred due to an auto accident. Frances Rollins, Elaine Wright's sister, is now at home after a stay in Kindred's rehab program. Janice Anderson is continues to suffer with her knees and feet. 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 (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).

**NEW DEACON:** Congratulations to Josh Brown, who began serving as a deacon this past Sunday. Pray for Josh and Rebecca, and their children, Haven and Noah. Our prayers should regularly include petitions for all our elders and deacons.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Carol Woodard and family in the passing of her father, Jesse Fitts, age 96, of McMinnville. Funeral services were conducted last Tuesday, September 6.

**THANK YOU:** We have received and read publicly notes of gratitude from the following families: Carol Woodard family; Jimmy Rigsby family.

**BABY GIRL GIFT BRUNCH:** All ladies are invited to a Baby Girl Gift Brunch in honor of Susan Woodard Marvin, Saturday, October 8, 10:30 - 12:30 in the annex.

**OCTOBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST:** Jerry Phillips (1); Scarlett Hicks (2); Jerry Hicks (7); Irene Gregory; Ainsley Hassler (9); Candace Richmond (14); R. W. Vincent (16); Eric Swann (19); John Christopher Klamm, Madison Tongate (21); Kaelyn Ward (22); Jeremy Hassler, Rick Blankenship (25); Cathy Spivey (26); Debbie Tongate (27); Derek & Holly Coblentz (10/12/2013).

**E/D/P'S MEETING:** Monthly meeting tonight after service.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016:** ***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. **FALL**

**FUN DAY:** Come and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship with a devotional, games, s'mores, and more at the Hasslers (533 Rome Road, Riddleton, TN), September 17, 4:00 P.M.

**AREA EVENTS:** ***Singings:*** Pennington Bend (Nashville), Friday Night, September 16 at 7:00 P.M.; ***Gospel Meeting:*** ***Ladies' Days:*** 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:*** 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Dinner, November 10 at Franklin Marriot Cool Springs.

**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**.