

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE						
Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Feb. 2	124	91	70	\$4888*	71	36
Feb. 9	128	94	70	\$4708	50	34
Goals:	155	125	100	\$4740	100	45

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Jan. 29 & Feb. 5, 2020

♥♥♥♥♥ WHAT IS LOVE ♥♥♥♥♥

When we were lost because of our sins, God sent His Son Jesus to die for our sins on the cross. Through Jesus, we can have the forgiveness of our sins and receive the gift of ETERNAL LIFE.

“When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn’t bend over and paint her toenails anymore, so my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That’s love.” – Rebecca, age 8

“When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You know that your name is safe in their mouth.” – Billy, age 4

“Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.” – Chrissy, age 6

“Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day.” – Noelle, age 7

“Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.” – Tommy, age 6

“Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.” – Mary Ann, age 4

“When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.” – Karen, age 7 (Copied)

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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. (5th Sunday)

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

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

Where Are You Going?

“Before beginning a Hunt, it is wise to ask someone what you are looking for before you begin looking for it.”

Winnie the Pooh
Pooh’s Little Instruction Book

Winnie the Pooh, of course, was likely looking for honey in the Hundred Acre Wood. The bear’s advice, however, is on target. People sometimes spend a great deal of time and energy looking for something, but have never quite figured out what, exactly, they are looking for.

“Direction is more important than speed,” so the saying goes, “We are so busy looking at our speedometers that we forget the milestone.”

As a nation, we need a clear direction. Too often we become enmeshed in the details of public policy without answering the basic question, “What sort of country do we want America to be?”

John W. Gardner spoke to this point, “America’s greatness has been the greatness of a free people who shared certain moral commitments. Freedom without moral commitment is aimless and promptly self-destructive.”

We should all worry when our national attention shifts away from values, for without a moral framework everything we love about our nation is in jeopardy.

In the church, as well, we must keep our basic mission in mind.

We must maintain a commitment to the Bible, faithfully following the pattern of work and of worship God has given to us. We must let God guide our lives and direct us in the right way.

Maintaining the proper focus, we can achieve great things in the Lord’s service. Without the proper direction, we will end up in the wrong place altogether.

Gregory Alan Tidwell, Editor, the *Gospel Advocate*
 Gospel Advocate Bulletin Bits, February 19, 2014

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.

The flu season is in full swing. Many of our families have been dealing with flu and other seasonal illnesses. Needless to say, our attendance has been affected. The February 2 devotional at the local nursing facility was cancelled due to a flu outbreak. We trust all will soon be better. Spring can't be too far away because the buttercups are already to bloom!

To God be the glory for the upsurge in contribution averages since the first of the year. We have averaged well above budget the first five Sundays of 2020. Your generosity brings glory to God and supplies support to so many good works. Let us truly "be ready unto every good work" (Titus 3:1).

We were blessed to have Jeff Archey with us Sunday evening to speak and tell us about his work with International Gospel Hour. This broadcast has a long and illustrious history of gospel preaching. It began in 1934 and has had but four speakers – V. E. Howard, Winford Claiborne, Jody Apple, and now Jeff. IGH is aired on the local station (104.1) at 7:00 A.M. each Sunday and is followed by Rome's broadcast at 7:30.

The next session of the men's "Training for Service" series will be this Sunday at 4:30 P.M. Brethren - whatever your age - please come and participate in these sessions. Fathers, bring your sons with you. While the focus is leadership in worship, practical points will also be made about involvement in other areas of the Lord's work.

We have so many events coming up (check the "Events Calendar" in third column), which offer opportunities for fellowship, friendship, and spiritual development. If you are on your way to work between 6:30 – 8:00 A.M. each second and fourth Thursday, stop by the annex for some coffee/donuts/pastries. Tomorrow (13th) is the second Thursday. Invite a friend.

A trip is being planned to visit "The Ark Encounter", May 29-30. A sign-up sheet is posted for those interested. If you have questions, contact Justin Mauldin.

I hope to see everyone Sunday morning.

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

RESPONSES: Eric Haynie was recently restored (2/3). Sunday morning (2/9), Julie Wright requested prayer for forgiveness and strength to be a better example. God bless both of you!

SICK: Little Julie Morris underwent tests Monday at Vanderbilt. Josh Dillard, Joey's brother, was taken to RRMC Monday morning after becoming ill at home. Gary Dillard, Joey's father, has been ill. Dana Rowland Park is at home and improving following surgery last week. Jerry Hicks suffered a dislocated shoulder last week in a fall. Flu victims include: Aubrey, Scarlett, and Emma Hicks; Ainsley and John Dallas Hassler; Haven and Noah Brown; and Kim Gregory. Janice Anderson is in SCHR for therapy. Jacie Morris, Jerry Phillips, Earline White, and Eric Haynie have had colds. Dennis Hackett has been running a temp and has a rash/infection. Gaye Yeaman will undergo surgery Friday at Cookeville Regional. Taylor Kate Swann is improved (collar bone break). Mary Jo Hackett is able to be back with us. Faye Maberry was with us Sunday. Prayers have been requested for Laurie Adcock (Donna Adcock's daughter-in-law); Wendy Williams; Mai Doris Barrett, friend of Elaine Wright; and Roslyn Fox Stout (friend of Edward & Barbara Anderson).

PRAYER LIST: Wanda Hailey; Denise Griffin; Susan Bains Reeder; James Hix; Rylee Winfree; Josh Dillard; Rebecca Huffines Thompson; Tommy & Linda Ashburn; Cathy Findley; Sherry Pritchett; Jerry Hutchins; Danny Claire; Edna Shoulders; Bill Ross; Scott Bane; Wanda Hailey, Patsy Link; Tyrone Poynter; Mark Manning; Emily Moss and children; Jacky King, Lucas Wakefield; Linda Dennis; Gary Anderson; Brad Wilson; Jack Gallaher; 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; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich; and Steve Dowell.

THANK YOU NOTES: Notes of thanks have been received from the following: Mary Jo Hackett family; J. T. Jones family.

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.

MARCH BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Peyton Bray (10); Noah Brown (16); Rebecca Brown, Emmy Vincent (18); Ruby Fisher (19); Michael Hackett (20); Aydan Law (21); Nick Morris (31). Johnny & Susan Law (3/12/1983); Richard & Brenda Bowman (3/20/1965).

SYMPATHY: Deepest sympathy to the following families: Mary Massey, funeral February 4; Dwin Wright, funeral February 8; and Jimmy Morgan, funeral, February 8.

EVENTS CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 PM; *Pavilion Devotional:* Each Fifth Sunday, 2:00 PM; *Fish Fry:* April 25; *Youth Unite:* April 19; *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; *Retreat:* October 9-11.

AREA EVENTS: *Putnam Count 3rd Sunday Singing:* Silver Point church of Christ, February 16, @ 2:00 P.M.; *Youth Unite:* Center Grove church of Christ, Feb. 16, 5:00 P.M.; *Ladies' Day 2020:* Crossville church of Christ, March 21, with Celine Sparks, 9:00-Noon; *Polishing the Pulpit:* August 12-20, 2020.

COFFEE & DONUTS/COME & GO: Second and fourth Thursdays; 6:30-8:00 A.M. in annex. All invited; See Allen White for more info.

VISITATION: If you are not currently involved in the Visitation Program, please get involved! It will do your heart good and bring cheer and encouragement to others. See Josh Brown.

CH__CH means little to you unless U R in it!