

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Feb. 19	162	136	87	\$5043*	90	37
Feb. 26	170	135	104	N/A	106	36
Goals	200	160	135	\$4812	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Feb. 15 and 22, 2017

But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper (2 Kings 5:11).

Naaman was a great man in many ways. He was captain of the host of the king of Syria. However, he had the deadly disease of leprosy (2 Kings 5:1-2). Upon receiving the hopeful news that there was a prophet in Israel who could cure him (by the power of God), he finally arrived at Elisha’s house. However, instead of Elisha personally meeting Naaman, he sent his servant to tell Naaman to go dip seven times in the river Jordan. Naaman became angry. He already had it figured out how he would be healed! He said, ***“Behold, I thought.”***

How many today refuse God’s plan of salvation, because they want to be saved their way? Jesus says, ***“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned”*** (Mark 16:16).

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10:15 A.M.
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7:00 P.M.

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

WHAT I OWE MY HOME CONGREGATION

Unto the church of my Lord in every locality, I am under solemn obligation to the extent of my ability, but unto my home congregation I am under special obligation.

1. I want my home congregation to radiate a wholesome influence in the community. Therefore, I owe it the example of a good life. For it, I must live “soberly”, righteously and godly” (Matt. 5:13-16).

2. I want the strangers who enter the door of the meeting house to feel at home, and learn to love us, and to return from time to time. They are guests; I must greet them. I owe it to them and to the church to show myself friendly. I must not stand back and wait for others to greet them; this I must do (Heb. 13:2)

3. No congregation can make progress without faithful and efficient leaders. To a certain extent, the members of the church make or break their leaders. To the end that our leaders may be stronger and more efficient, I must give them my support. As long as they are true men, I must not embarrass them in their work.

4. My home congregation has financial obligations which are due at regular intervals. Whether I give or do not give, these obligations must be paid. If it is right for my congregation to pay its obligations each week, it is right for me to give each week. Though circumstances may force me to be absent at times, my contributions must find their way into the treasury of the church (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

5. I know that the very existence of any congregation depends upon the attendance of its members. In fact, the attendance is the life of the church. For this reason, I must attend the services – all of the services I can. I will not have it said that my home congregation perished because I would not attend services (Heb. 10:25).

Wishing to be honest, I must meet my obligations to the best of my ability. I must, with the help of God give, play my part in the incomparable work of building the body of Christ which He purchases with His own precious blood.

-Wendell Bennett, Tomlinson Run Church of Christ, Georgetown, PA, Bulletin, 5/24/2009-

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). Let us investigate the Holy Scriptures and reason together (Acts 17:11; Isaiah 1:18). If you have questions about what you hear or observe, please discuss them with us. We hope you will visit with us again!

Attendance was up this past Sunday, for which we are thankful. Some who have been ill were back with us and we were blessed to have several visitors. Some others remain shut-in and require caregivers, so that affects our attendance as well. We look forward to those who have had recent surgeries and various illnesses being back with us soon. Pray for them.

February is now past and signs of spring are everywhere evident – beautiful buttercups, graceful geese, green grass, etc. God's creation is so beautiful and His creative power so evident. His spiritual creation of “new creatures” (2 Cor. 5:17), who make up the “bride” (church) of Christ (John 3:29; Rev. 21:2, 9), are likewise beautiful. Individually and collectively, let us seek to be examples of light and love in a world of darkness and hate. As the psalmist states: “Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us...” (Psalm 90:17). Tom M. Jones wrote the beautiful hymn, “Let the Beauty of Jesus be Seen in Me”. Such a sentiment should characterize each of us.

A big “Thank You” is extended to Jerry Hicks for filling in behind the new concrete wall with top soil. Jackie Grisham and R. W. Vincent also did some repair work around the baptistery. We are blessed to have several talented “handy men”. These and several others save a lot of expense by donating their time and talents to the work of the Lord.

The commodities truck from Tennessee Children's Home will be in our area April 4 to pick up donated items. The two items we will collect are liquid laundry detergent and bar soap. Please bring the items to the annex or, if more convenient, to the foyer and some of us will deliver them to the annex for you.

Please take a moment to check out the “Congregational Calendar” and “Area Events” under *News & Notes*. This is for your information and convenience in scheduling for the year. It also serves as a reminder of opportunities to attend events at sister churches and to serve, study, and grow personally.

We are so happy you are with us for our mid-week service. Please plan to be back for the services Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M., sharp! Hope to see the entire family.

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Gary Lester is now at home with hospice care. Hattie Branham is now at home and doing well following surgery. Bobby (Buck) King, Lola's husband, is feeling better after an ER visit due to blood sugar problems. Judy Grisham is recuperating from eye (lids) surgery last week. It was good to have Gaye Yeaman with us Sunday morning. Scotty has not been able to with us for a few weeks. Irene Gregory is in RRMC's renewal center. Cheryl Hicks is still having trouble with an ankle. Little Gavin Gregory, grandson of Jerry and Cheryl Hicks, is scheduled for surgery, Friday, March 31, at Vanderbilt. Emogene Dixon is still unable to be with us. JulieBeth Flueallen, Hale and Elaine Wright's granddaughter, has mononucleosis. Mark Lawrence is in Vanderbilt Hospital. Mark Denning, Edward and Barbara's son-in-law, suffered injuries (concussion; cut to the head, etc.), in a fall this past Saturday. He saw the doctor Tuesday and has another appointment Friday. Jan Chaffin has been in Summit Hospital. Marcus Kemp and John Christopher Klamm have been ill. Rozelle Driver is now at home. Remember the following in prayer: Tim Loftis; Mark Lawrence; Jo Norton; James Agee; Caroline Sales; Jimmy Bean; Troy and Judy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Gaye Yeaman; Cathy Stafford; Ray Upchurch; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Gary and Sherry Lester; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Jimmy Rigsby; Arnold Rich; Mary Phillips (Molly Goolsby's mother); Cathy Harville; Bob Harville; and Steve Dowell.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Phronia Rose; Ray Harper (Kindred); Imogene Reeves (Palace – RBS); Frank Williams, (Elm Croft in Lebanon).

SHUT-IN AT HOME: Wilma Richardson; Shirley Holmes; James Hall; and Pat Paysinger.

IN MILITARY: Jana Watson, 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 (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (Marines); Camron Huff (Marines).

THANK YOU: The church has received and read a “Thank You” card from Carol Woodard.

RUN4DON SCHOLARSHIPS: Applications for Run4Don scholarship awards are now available for graduating seniors. Seniors may pick them up in the foyer

BABY BOY SHOWER: Barbara Jenkins wants to invite all the ladies to a Baby Boy Shower, in honor of her granddaughter, Ariel Rowlett, Sunday, March 12, from 2- 4 PM, in the annex. Ariel is registered at Walmart and Target.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the family of Tommy Ray (known by several of us), in his recent passing.

MARCH BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Peyton Bray (10); Collin & Owen Davenport (14); Noah Brown (16); Rebecca Brown (18); Ruby Fisher (19); Michael Hackett (20); Aydan Law (21); Blake Richmond (25); Caitlin Gregory (28); Ava Grisham, Nick Morris (31). Johnny & Susan Law (3/12/1983); Richard & Brenda Bowman (3/20/1965); Michael & Caitlin Gregory (3/28/2015).

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Brooke Grisham on winning the state DAR essay competition. Way to go, Brooke!

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Youth Unite:* We are to host “Youth Unite”, April 9, 5:00 P.M.; *Fish Fry:* April 22, 4:00 P.M.; *Vacation Bible School:* June 5-9, Theme: “Women of Faith”; *Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp:* July 16-22 at Taylor Christian Camp; *Annual Singing:* August 4, 7:00 PM; *Bible Bowl:* TTU's Hooper/Eblen Center, September 9 (Books of Mark, Philippians, and Colossians); *Gospel Meeting:* October 22-25, with Chad Ramsey preaching.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS: *Teens for Christ:* Willow Avenue church of Christ, March 5, 6:00 P.M.; *Singings:* Montrose church of Christ, Friday, March 24, 7:00 P.M. *Marriage Seminar:* Crossville church of Christ, Theme: “Happily Ever After”, March 3-5, 2017, with Jim Dearman, plus Janis Dearman will teach a session for wives (Poster posted); *Ladies' Days:* Crossville church of Christ, March 18, with Tricia Thomas; Mt. Gilead church of Christ (Tompkinsville, KY), March 25 with Debi Lyon, 9:00 A.M.; *Lectureships:* Memphis School of Preaching, March 26-30, (Program Posted); Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies (Karns, Knoxville), April 23-26; *Gospel Meetings:* Rome church of Christ, March 3-5, with Tim McHenry preaching, 7:30 P.M.; Willette church of Christ, March 12-15, with B. J. Clarke, 7:00 P.M.; Lafayette church of Christ, March 19-22, with Doyle Farris, 7:00 P.M.; Zion church of Christ, April 2-6 with Jerry Cherry preaching, 7:00 P.M.; *Polishing the Pulpit:* August 18-24 in Sevierville.

TEN TIMES TO PRAY

1. When you are concerned about the lost (Matthew 9:37-38).
2. When you are tempted (Matthew 26:41).
3. When you have enemies (Matthew 5:44).
4. When you sin (Acts 8:22; James 5:16).
5. When doors are closed (Colossians 4:3).
6. When you are afflicted (James 5:13).
7. When you are thankful (Colossians 1:3; 3:15).
8. When you are all alone (Matthew 14:23; 26:36-39; cf. Mark 1:35).
9. When you do a good deed (Acts 10:2).
10. Anytime (1 Thessalonians 5:27; 1 Timothy 2:8).