

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
March 15	117	96	81	\$4484	90	34
March 22	51	-0-	-0-	\$3200	60	N/A
Goals:	155	125	100	\$4740	100	45

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats for March 11 and 18, 2020

**Sharing God’s Word**

God’s desire is that everyone be saved (1 Tim. 2:4) but that does not mean that all will be saved. Why not? Well, Paul wrote and said God also desires all to come to a knowledge of the truth. Have you ever met someone who does not care about learning the truth?

So, how does God expect people to come to a knowledge of the truth? The answer is that God gave his disciples instructions to share the message of salvation to others (Matt. 28:16-20).

There are numerous opportunities to tell others the good news of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection (1 Cor. 15:1-4). Sharing with others the word of God is like planting seed into the heart of another (Luke 8:4-15). It is important to understand that not everyone will accept the truth. But, that does not relieve us of the responsibility to share the message.

-Rob Albright, one of the ministers of Northwest church of Christ, Greensboro, NC-  
- via BulletinGold-

**ASK A FRIEND TO ATTEND**

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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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**“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”**

**WEAK AND BROKEN**

“In 1846 former president John Quincy Adams suffered a stroke. Although he returned to Congress the following year, his health was clearly failing. A friend of his came in and made particular inquiry of his health. Adams answered, “I inhabit a weak, frail, decayed tenement; battered by winds and broken in upon by the storms, and from all I can learn, the landlord does not intend to repair” (Today in the Word, April 11, 1992).

The sad reality of life is the inevitability of death. All our bodies will break down, some sooner than others. Cultures throughout time have tried to slow down and even beat the aging process, but all have failed. Death is one battle we will all eventually lose unless the Lord comes first. John Adams had the right perspective on life. He realized that (1) God is the owner, the landlord, of our bodies, and (2) He is in control of how long we live.

This is sad and discouraging, but there is good news! As 2 Corinthians 4:16 says, ...Though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.”

Just because we are breaking down physically, doesn’t mean we have to let it happen spiritually. We may get old physically, but we can remain young spiritually. We may get sick physically, but we can stay spiritually healthy. We may get physically weak and frail, but we can remain spiritually strong. We may be persecuted and beaten down, but our spiritual bodies can be renewed and protected. Being a Christian comes with so much hope and reassurance!

It is important to keep ourselves physically healthy for as long as God allows us to live. However, there is nothing more important than remaining spiritually healthy and “renewing our inner man day by day” (2 Corinthians 4:16).

*(Via Mt Carmen church of Christ website, Athens, AL, Author Not Known)*

*1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. 3 Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise up against me, in this will I be confident. 4 One thing have I desired of the LORD, that I will seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. 5 For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me upon a rock.*

(Psalm 27:1-5)

## ***FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:***

NOTICE: Due to the Coronavirus pandemic precautions, our shepherds have decided to cease our public gatherings for the present. We will be having on-line services/lessons (face book), on Sunday at 9:00 A.M., Sunday 6:00 P.M., and Wednesdays at 7:00 P.M. We will be giving updates on events, scheduling, sick, etc. as well at those times and viewings. Those with keys to the building may come **to the annex** and pick up communion supplies Saturday afternoon from 2:00 – 4:00 P.M. If you do not have a key, someone will probably be here to assist you, but if not call one of the elders or preachers. There will also be a basket for your contribution. Or, you can mail it to the church at P.O. Box 88, Carthage, TN. 37030. Current copies of the bulletins (Sunday and bi-weekly), and other reading materials will be available.

As for future events in April and beyond we will keep you posted via the bulletins, the web site, and face book. The devotional at the Pavilion will not be conducted March 29. The men's "Training for Service" series is also on hold. The three-lesson series on "The Bible Lands" planned for the Sunday evenings of May 3, 10, and 17 by Duane Gossett of Gainesboro, is still scheduled. The same is true with "The Ark Encounter", May 29-30. If you need more information, contact Justin Mauldin. We will take a wait and see and week by week approach. Feel free to call if you have questions.

In the last issue we spoke of the deaths and destruction from the tornadoes which tore through this area the first week of March. Now we are faced with the uncertainties associated with the Coronavirus. What are we to do? As Christians we must remain calm and look unto the Master (Heb. 12:2). We would do well to picture Jesus sleeping in the boat while the storm raged (Luke 8:22-25). There's a lesson for us there. "My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary!"

Storms do come, but we must be a people of faith. At least four times in Scripture we are reminded: "The just shall live by faith" (Hab. 2:4; Rom. 1:17; 2 Cor. 5:7; Gal. 3:11). Yes, our faith will be tried, but those trials produce patience (James 1:3; 1 Peter 1:7, 9). An ancient prophet wrote, "Blessed is the man who **trusts in the Lord**, and whose **hope the Lord is**" (Jer. 17:7).

Let us be courteous, kind, and considerate. Do what you can to assist others. Encourage one another. Call and check on the elderly and shutins. Send a card or note to uplift. Bad times will bring out the bad in bad people and they will bring out the good in good people.

*Edward L. Anderson*

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

**SICK:** Jessa Klamm is doing well after breaking her arm. Gaye Yeaman is suffering with pneumonia and feeding tube issues. Jerry Hicks seems to be improving with his previously dislocated shoulder. Beth Fisher, Ruby's daughter-in-law, is to undergo tests tomorrow (3/26). Faye Maberry had an MRI last Monday (3/16). Gary Dillard, Joey's dad, is dealing with several health issues. Prayers requested. Those who have been ill since our last issue include Julie Wright (sinus); John Dallas Hassler (flu); Makenna Hassler; Bobby Cross; Edward Anderson (sinus). Barbara Anderson Williams (lung cancer), requests our prayers.

**PRAYER LIST:** Michael Parsons; Laurie Adcock; Wendy Williams; Mai Doris Barrett; Roslyn Fox Stout; Wanda Hailey; Denise Griffin; James Hix; Rylee Winfree; Josh Dillard; Gary Dillard; Rebecca Huffines Thompson; Tommy & Linda Ashburn; Cathy Findley; Jerry Hutchins; Danny Claire; Edna Shoulders; Bill Ross; Scott Bane; Wanda Hailey; Patsy Link; Tyrone Poynter; Mark Manning; Emily Moss and children; Lucas Wakefield; Linda Dennis; Gary Anderson; Brad Wilson; Jack Gallaher; Shirley Henry; Roy Hicks; Ricky Branham; Bob & Donnieta White; John Conditt; 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; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Joey Black; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Tim Smith; Pattie Birdwell; Mary Ellen Lawrence; Donna Kemp; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Sawyer Cole; Richard Rhoten; Buddy & Jan Chaffin; Troy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Earl Carter; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich.

**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.

"Study to show yourself approved unto God" (2 Tim. 2:15).

**APRIL BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST:** Peggy Faustina (3); Kieran Jax Maberry (4); Faye Maberry, Jonah Mauldin (8); Darlene Hackett, Hale Wright (12); Alexis Dillard (17) Josh Brown (20); Janice Anderson (23); Bridget Austin, (24); Sandy Harris (25); John Dallas Hassler (26); Tammy Harper (28). Brian & Misty Smith (4/10/2010); Barry & Linda Cook 4/22/1996); Steve & Kim Bray (4/23/2009).

**THANK YOU NOTES:** The church has received "Thank You" cards/notes from Carol Woodard, Peggy Denton, and the family of Sherry Pritchett.

**SYMPATHY:** Our deepest sympathy to the following families: Peggy Denton and family in the loss of her father, Horace Jones; Mark Lawrence family (Gordonsville); and the Billy Halliburton family, in the recent death of his brother Royce Halliburton.

**SHE'S HERE!** Congratulations to Jayce and Amanda Piper Cowan on the arrival (3/19/20), of Eliza June (8 lbs. 10 oz). Mike and Laura Piper and Gerald and Patty Piper are the proud grandparents and great-grandparents respectively.

**EVENTS CALENDAR:** *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 PM; *Youth Unite:* April 19; *Fish Fry:* April 25; *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; *Run for Don:* September 19; *Retreat:* October 9-11; *Gospel Meeting:* October 4-7, with Clarence DeLoach.

**AREA EVENTS:** *Ladies Day:* Center Grove church of Christ, April 4, 9:15 AM thru Luncheon, with Shelia Butt as speaker; *Polishing the Pulpit:* August 12-20, 2020.

**TENNESSEE CHILDRENS' HOME:** We are collecting Cheerios, Paper Towels and Toilet Paper (if you can find any!) for TCC. The truck will be in our area Tuesday, April 14.

**VISITATION:** Thanks to all who assist with our visitation program. We may not be able to visit in person but call and check on the one you are assigned. Contact Josh Brown if you have questions.

"But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Hebrews 13:16 – NKJ).