

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed
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May 14	159	118	98	\$4954*	103 36
May 21	166	133	119	N/A	109 43
Goals	200	160	135	\$4812	130 100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for May 10 and 17, 2017

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. (2 Peter 3:18)

How indescribable to hold a newborn babe! So precious, innocent, a marvel to see and feel the new life as a blessing from God.

To become a child of God, a Christian, is to be born again (John 3:3), a new life (2 Corinthians 5:17).

In the same manner that a newborn babe must grow to live – we must not remain a spiritual babe. 1 Peter 2:2 encourages milk for the babe to “grow thereby.” Hebrews 5:12FF points us toward being “full age.” So, our text points us toward growing in grace and knowledge. From our becoming a Christian to the time of life on earth ceasing for us – let us grow, mature, become more like Christ and press toward the goal (Philippians 2:12-16).

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6:00 P.M.
12:30 P.M. (5th Sunday)

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

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW

There are two days in every week that we should not worry about, two days that should be kept free from fear and apprehension.

One of them is YESTERDAY, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot undo a single act we performed. Nor can we erase a single word we’ve said—yesterday is gone (Psalms 90:4).

The other day we shouldn’t worry about is TOMORROW, with its impossible adversaries, its burden, its hopeful promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is beyond our control. If God wills, tomorrows sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds—but it will rise. And until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn. For you do not know what a day may bring forth (Proverbs 27:1; Matthew 6:34; James 4:14).

This leaves only one day—TODAY. A person can fight battles of just one day. It is only when we add the burdens of yesterday and tomorrow that we break down. It is not the experience of today that drives people mad—it is the remorse of bitterness for something which happened yesterday, and the dread of what tomorrow may bring. Let us, therefore live but one day at a time! Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says: Today if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts...(Hebrews 3:7-8).

(Author Unknown, via BulletinGold, July, 2009)

ANCHORS

When sailing through the storms of doubt,
Discouragement, or pain,
I shall not fear the lashing wind,
Nor fury of the rain.
Three anchors hold my little craft;
I tested them with care;
There’s one of faith, and one of hope,
And one of daily prayer.
With these to hold my ship secure,
What danger can betide,
I know that I shall reach at last
A harbor safe and wide.

(By Bess Samuel Ayres, via BulletinGold, July, 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!

Our attendance showed an increase this past week. Let's keep the trend going. Contributions have fluctuated somewhat over the past couple of weeks. For the past couple of months we have averaged just below our budget. Let's all work hard to reach the goals for attendance and contribution. You will find them on the back page of this bulletin.

Our VBS is rapidly approaching (See opposite column.). June 5 – 9 is the date. Sessions will begin at 6:30 P.M. Our theme is a good one: "Characters of Faith" (Godly Women of the Bible). Ruth; Esther; Mary; and Mary & Martha will be studied in that order Monday through Thursday. Adult class speakers will include Jeremiah Tatum, Alan Judd, Edward Anderson, and Dan Gulley, in that order. Friday will be devoted to presentation of awards and refreshments (pizza). Invite friends and family to come with you.

JSCYC camper applications were distributed this past Sunday. Several registered at the distribution meeting and others have been received since. Camper application deadline is Sunday, June 11. We anticipate another great camp at full capacity, so get your application in ASAP. A gracious "THANK YOU" is extended to all those who assist with camp and the large number of those who support the work financially through memorial donations and contributions.

We will have a live stream at the building of the public discussion on "Eternal Security" taking place in Lafayette May 26, 27. Friday's beginning time is 6:00 P.M. and Saturday's is 2:00 P.M. Participants are Michael Brawner and B. J. Clark.

The Gospel Meeting at Liberty (Granville) church of Christ will conclude this evening. Good attendance and interest have prevailed throughout. I appreciate all those who traveled with us and attended the meeting on Monday evening. Your presence was an encouragement to the brothers and sisters at Liberty and to me. I appreciate Jeremy Hassler and Eric Swann preaching here this past Sunday in my absence. We are blessed to have them and several others who will be speaking at later dates.

I hope to see you Sunday!

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

BAPTISMS: Two precious souls, Kenneth Goolsby (5/18/17), and Jonathan Thomas (5/19-17), were recently baptized into Christ. We pray for both long lives in service to the Lord.

SICK: Gail Vincent is doing well following surgery May 16. Scotty Yeman is recuperating from kidney stone surgery May 12. Gave Yeaman has had an infected ear lobe. Joe Hensley was released from the hospital last Sunday after a bout with pneumonia. Kenneth Goolsby has been diagnosed with a retinal cyst. Emogene Dixon suffered a fall Tuesday morning injuring her right leg. Carolyn Hill and Barbara Anderson have been suffering with eye problems. Darlene Hackett has been suffering with a UTI. Claire Owen, friend to Lelani Faustina, is suffering with an eye injury. Remember the following in prayer: Sawyer Cole, Gerrie Dillon, Patsy Link, Richard Rhoten, Staci Bush, Jan Chaffin, Tim Loftis, Mark Lawrence, Jo Norton, Caroline Sales, Jimmy Bean, Troy and Judy Spivey; Janice Anderson, Cathy Stafford, Earl Carter, Leslie Alford, Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett, Jimmy Rigsby; Arnold Rich; and Steve Dowell.

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

SHUT-IN AT HOME: Hattie Branham, Emogene Dixon, Wilma Richardson; 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).


JUNE BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Matthew Jones, Derrick Triplett (5); Dalisa White, Jack Grisham (7); Miley Thomas (8); Jake White (10); Gayle Reeves, Kenneth Hensley (13); Denise Hackett (15); Melinda Spivey (17); Cathy Stafford, Jaden Apple (20); Seth Hackett (21); Molly Jones, Patty Piper (22); Kristi Hassler (26); Tanner Austin (28); Barry Cook (29); Janice Silcox (30); Justin & Sarah Mauldin (6/02/2012); Chris & Courtney Washer – 6/02/12; Hale & Elaine Wright (6/5/1964); Jerry & Mary Phillips (6/10/1967); Richard & Sara Davenport (6/13/2009); Jeremy & Kristi Hassler – 6/16/2007; Joe & Gayle Reeves (6/17/1972); Eric & Casey Swann (6/19/2009); Michael & Denise Hackett (6/25/1994); Chris & Susan Klamm (6/26/2007).

THANK YOU: The church has received and read publicly notes of gratitude from the following: Scotty & Julie Harville and Alex Hackett and family.

Come Join Us!

June 5-9 2017

Vacation Bible School
Theme: "Characters of Faith"
(Godly Women of the Bible)



6:30 p.m. each evening
Games, snacks, crafts, and more!
Classes for nursery-12th grade and adults.

Monday: Ruth (Loyalty) Ruth 1 & 2
Tuesday: Esther (Courage) Esther 3 & 4
Wednesday: Mary (Obedience) Luke 1:26-56
Thursday: Mary & Martha (Focus) Luke 10:38-42
Friday: Awards Night

Refreshments will be served each night following classes. A Bible will be given to the boy and girl who bring the most children to Vacation Bible School.

Bring your family and let them increase their Bible knowledge while making new friends!

CONGRATS! To Alex Hackett and Madison Spivey who graduated from SCSHS Saturday, May 20.

SYMPATHY: Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following families: The family of Kathy Harville who passed away Sunday, May 14; the family of Tony Goolsby, brother of Kenneth Goolsby, who passed away May 20; and the family of Christine Gwaltney (former member here), of Lebanon, who passed away Tuesday, with the funeral tomorrow (Thursday), at Ligon-Bobo at 11:00 A.M.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: Vacation Bible School: June 5-9, Theme: "CHARACTERS OF FAITH: Godly Women of the Bible"; 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.