

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
June 4	138	100	100	\$4520	101	33
June 11	140	122	100	\$5252*	119	43
June 18	150	119	87	\$4807	96	35
Goals	200	160	135	\$4812	130	100%

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stat is for May 31, June 7 & 14, 2017

**From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.** –John 6:66

This verse haunts me. Not just because of the three numbers in the reference, but because it is a great reminder that many folks simply gave up following Jesus when things became hard to understand. When he shattered their preconceived notions of religious things, when he confronted them about their motives, they went away. What will I do when things get difficult in my discipleship and I can't figure out all the answers to what is going on? I hope, I pray, I trust that I will follow until the way and the will of the Lord become more clear!

(via Heartlight, by Phil Ware, August 24, 2015)

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*"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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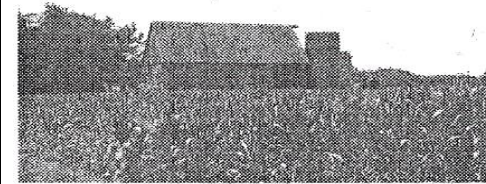
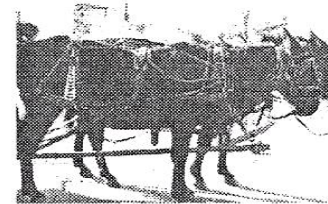
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## Oh, For The "Good Ole Days"

Sadly, the number who immediately remember the conditions that existed in "the good ole days" are quickly decreasing. Most of the younger ones today do not have a clue of the lifestyle enjoyed a mere few decades ago.

May I briefly describe those "good ole days"? It was a time: If one gave their word, it was their bond (better than a signed contract). Hard work was respected. The school room was a safe haven for young ones. One felt safe in their home, even with the



doors unlocked. Money was tight, each dollar earned was appreciated. Divorce was not

a thing to be desired, laughed at or glorified. Neighbors were friends and willing to help and sacrifice as the need arose. Smoking tobacco was a temptation, but alcohol and drug use was largely avoided as evil.

I may NOT be able to change the whole world, but I can be ONE who is determined to be right, do right, live right, and one day, die right.

As an American I can do all within my power to be righteous, obey the laws of the land, a godly citizen, an excellent employee or employer, a friend to those in need, a strong supporter of our educational system (especially our teachers), work passionately to raise our children and grandchildren in "the way they should go" (Prov. 22:6).

(via Truth in Love, Vol. 21, No. 3, July-August, 2008)

**Seek good, not evil that you may live. Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you, just as you say he is.- Amos 5:14**

### **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), as directed in His Word. 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 VBS is now history. It was an enjoyable week of study regarding women of faith from both the Old and New Testaments. Our gratitude goes out to all those who planned, prepared, set up and took down, and worked hard before, during, and after. The teachers, helpers, crafters, puppets, and refreshment team did great jobs. The precious children from nursery through teenage were a delight. Those who taught the teenage and adult classes are due our thanks, too.

JSCYC (July 16-22) preparation is taking shape. We will be finalizing the staff and assigning cabins this coming Sunday (25<sup>th</sup>). We have received a couple of camper apps since the deadline (June 14). We will probably have room for them, but the cabins are just about at capacity. A gracious "THANK YOU" is extended to all those who assist with camp. Many of our all-volunteer staff takes vacation time to work at camp. We are also indebted to the individuals and families who support the work financially with memorial donations throughout the year as well as the churches who send contributions to help with costs.

Friday night (July 21), at camp will be "Visitor's Night". This year "Run4Don" scholarships will be awarded with the winners being recognized and honored as an added activity on that night. Many of the recipients have attended camp for many years. Don Chaffin was a long-time director of Jackson-Smith County Youth Camp.

On a personal note, Barbara and I, along with Amanda and Aletha and their families, have been deeply touched by the out-pouring of love and kindness during the loss of Barbara's sweet mother. We knew she was in declining health. However, we were not quite prepared for the sudden downturn. She passed peacefully from this life with Barbara at her bedside. Your love, support, and prayers have helped tremendously. The visits, cards, calls, texts, food, memorials, floral tributes, and other gestures of sympathy mean so much and are very comforting. We thank you from the depths of our hearts. May God bless each one of you.

A "Thank You" is due Andy Rutherford and Josh Brown for preaching June 11. Thanks, brethren!

*Edward L. Anderson*

### **NEWS & NOTES:**

**RESPONSES:** Dalisa White (June 4), and Justin Mauldin (18<sup>th</sup>) recently responded to the invitation to request prayers for forgiveness and greater strength in the Lord's service.

**SICK:** Jodie Morris is feeling much better after being diagnosed with viral meningitis and spending a couple of days in Vanderbilt. Linda Warren is recuperating nicely from knee replacement last Friday at RRCM. Sue Walker is able to be back with us after a hospital stay in Livingston Regional and awaiting test results. Scotty Yeaman underwent another kidney stone procedure (outpatient) last Friday. Gaye Yeaman has not felt as well the past few days. Gail Vincent is doing well following recent surgery. Dick Marvin, Susan Woodard Marvin's father-in-law, underwent stent placement June 9 at Vanderbilt. Darlene Hackett has not been feeling well. Bill Cohoon, Barry's dad, is doing much better after a stay in St. Thomas West due to infection and heart issues. Jeff Carr, cousin to Cheryl Hicks, underwent recent knee replacement at UT Hospital (Knoxville). Judy Spivey, Teddy's grandmother, is now in Kindred Health Care. Remember the following in prayer: Dick Marvin; Claire Owen 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; Phronia Rose; Judy Spivey (Kindred); Ray Harper (Hartsville); Imogene Reeves (Palace - RBS); and Frank Williams, (Elm Croft in Lebanon).

**SHUT-IN AT HOME:** Hattie Branham; Wilma Richardson; James Hall; and Pat Paysinger.

**IN MILITARY:** Jana Watson, Ann Carter's grand-daughter (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).

**UPCOMING AREA EVENTS:** **Singings:** Herren's Chapel (Putnam Co.), July 7m 7:00 P.M.; Diana Singings, September 8-9. **Polishing the Pulpit:** August 18-24 in Sevierville.

**SYMPATHY:** Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following families: Edward and Barbara Anderson and family in the death of Barbara's mother, Emogene Dixon June 8 with her funeral services conducted June 11; the family of Joe Boze who died June 9 with the funeral June 12.

**THANK YOU:** The church has received and read publicly notes of gratitude from the following: Dorothy Draper, Marcus Kemp family, and the Gregory family; Nick, Pam, Jodie, and Josie Morris; Barbara and Edward Anderson, Amanda, Mark, and Andrew Denning; Aletha, Michael, Jackson, Nancy Caroline, and Sadie Emogene Thomas.

**JULY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST:** Beth Grisham, Alex Hackett (1); Mike Piper (3); Wanda Clemons (8); Ethan Denton, (9); Risa Triplett (10); Joe Reeves (13); Edward Anderson (14); Leah Piper (16); Jeff Crockett (17); Luke Linder, Sophie Linder, Sheri Cook (21); Sonya Whited (22); Judy Grisham (23); Ken Bennett (26); Frances Kemp (27); Ann Carter (31). Steve & Tammy Harper (7/7/1978); Edward & Barbara Anderson (7/7/1966); Dusty & Mia Whitaker (7/8/2006); Scotty & Julie Harville (7/10/1999); Dennis & Darlene Hackett (7/16/1988); Jeff & Beth Grisham (7/18/1998); Jeff & Lacey Crockett (7/18); R. W. & Gail Vincent (7/21/1967); Jimmy & Bridget Austin (7/22/2005).

**YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** **Youth Unite** will be Sunday, June 25, at McCoinsville (Jackson Co.). The van will leave at 4:00 P.M. **Sounds Baseball** trip, Saturday, July 1. Sign up sheet is posted. See Justin for more info.

**CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR:** **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.

### **GOD NOT LIMITED BY MAN, TIME, OR SPACE**

"Lord thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men. For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night." (Psalm 90:1-4)