

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
July 7	136	104	80	\$4204	79	34
July 14	140	103	52	\$4379	84	38
Goals:	155	125	100	\$4756	100	45

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for July 3 and 10, 2019

**I AM A CHRISTIAN!** Read: Acts 11:26

Eusebius, the famous early church historian, told about a believer named Sanctus from Lyons, France, who was tortured for being a follower of Jesus. As they tortured him cruelly, they hoped to get him to say something evil or blasphemous. They asked his name, and he only replied, "I am a Christian." "What nation do you belong to?" He answered, "I am a Christian." "What city do you live in?" "I am a Christian." His questioners began to get angry: "Are you a slave or a free man?" "I am a Christian" was his only reply. No matter what they asked about him, he only answered, "I am a Christian." This made his torturers all the more determined to break him, but they could not, and he died with the words "I am a Christian" on his lips. (Eusebius, Church History). As John records in Revelation 2:10, **"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."** AMEN! (Mark N. Posey, Pulpit Preview)

**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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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:**

**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"**

## WHAT IS JESUS TO YOU?

By: Edd Sterchi

Many people would obviously give many different answers to that question. In the book of John, Jesus gives seven 'I am the' statements. In these, not only do I see what Jesus is, but what He is to me.

\* **"I am the bread of life."** (John 6:35) – Jesus is my satisfaction. He fills my life with His love and blessings. If I crave spiritual growth, He makes sure I find it. If I desire peace, He will grant it. He will never leave me hungry.

\* **"I am the light of the world."** (John 8:12) – Jesus is my enlightenment. When I go to His word for advice, He always shows the right way. I am ever finding great words of truth and wisdom as I search the Scriptures. He will never darken my life.

\* **"I am the door."** (John 10:9) – Jesus is my passageway. He is the doorway from death to life – the transport from uselessness to usefulness. As long as I remain faithful to Him, He will never shut me out of heaven's blessings.

\* **"I am the good shepherd"** (John 10:14) – Jesus is my protector. He watches over my soul and shields me from that which would cause eternal harm. He will never let Satan the wolf get to me if I do not want him to.

\* **"I am the resurrection and the life"** (John 11:25) – Jesus is my life force. He is the one who created me, saved me, and continues to sustain me. He will never let death rule over me.

\* **"I am the way, the truth, and the life."** (John 11:25) – Jesus is my path to righteousness. He desires what is best for me, and I can find all truth and goodness in Him. He will never steer me wrong.

\* **"I am the vine"** (John 15:5) – Jesus is my support. He holds me up when I am weak. He strengthens me when I need it. He gives me power to succeed. He will never let me down.

Jesus is my everything. Without him I am nothing. With Him I have everything. It is as the song states: **"He is my everything, He is my all; He is my everything, both great and small; He gave His life for me, made everything new; He is my everything, now how about you?"** (BulletinGold Extra, 3/31/2014)

## **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.

By the time you read this column Jackson-Smith County Youth Camp will be at the half-way point. About two hundred (campers and staff) have been at beautiful Taylor Christian Camp's facilities for the week. The theme is "The Week that Changed the World". We have a wonderful group of campers again this year. For many of them this will be a week that changed their world! A few of the expected staff had to stay at home due to health and other issues, but we will have a great week I am sure. Remember us in your prayers. We will have a complete report in the next bulletin.

Our booth at the Smith County Fair resulted in a few hundred tracts being distributed, along with pens, note pads, etc. Free bottled water was given in the name of the Lord. The heat and humidity made it a favorite. Several expressed interest in the Bible Museum banner and made inquiries about the August 9-11 display in our annex (see column three and pick up some flyers).

Regarding the above mentioned museum, let me urge everyone to plan to attend this very interesting and informative exhibit. We also need some volunteers to help with greeting guests and other tasks. Please sign up and check with Jeremy Hassler for more information.

Our Summer Series is continuing in a fine fashion. The lessons focus on a very important theme: "The Church We Love". Dan Winkler's book by that title is serving as our outline for the studies. Brother Winkler, like his father before him, is an excellent writer and has an abundance of timely material. Why should we love the church? How can we show our love for Jesus' church? Do we really love the church? All these and other questions will be answered. Come and study with us. You will be blessed!

Let's remember our visitation and adopt-a-student programs. Josh Brown leads the visitation and Justin Mauldin the adopt-a-student programs respectively. Contact them to volunteer and get involved.

Have a great rest of the week. I hope to see each of you Sunday. P.S. The Magi boxes will be coming soon.

*Edward L. Anderson*

## **NEWS & NOTES:**

**SICK:** Steve Harper is back with us and back to work but is still not feeling up to par. Dimple Hicks has been unable to be with us due to a UTI. Scarlett Hicks has had strep. Chloe Reeves, Joe and Gayle's granddaughter (Matt and Ashley's daughter), is doing well after a tonsillectomy. Bobby King, Lola's husband, received a good report concerning recent thyroid biopsy. W. A. Gibbs continues dialysis three times per week. Faye Maberry continues weekly treatments in Nashville. Gaye Yeaman saw her doctor last week after completing radiation. Scotty Yeaman is at home and about the same. Shirley Sadler is now doing rehab after a stress fracture in her leg. Hale Wright continues his rehab.

**PRAYER LIST:** Shirley Henry, Don Blackwell; 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; Horace Jones; Louie Gray West; Taylor & Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn, Emily Allen; Judy Fox Jones; Dycus Carter; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; Debbie 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; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich; and Steve Dowell.

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED/LIVING/SHUT-INS:** Lovell Chaffin; Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Frances Glosser; Ricky Branham (Concordia); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Hattie Branham and Pat Paysinger.

**IN THE MILITARY:** Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (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), Ruby Fisher's grandson-in-law.



**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO OUR ANNUAL SINGING**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 2019, 7:00 P.M.**

**SONGBOOK "PRAISE FOR THE LORD"**

**FOOD SERVED AT 5:30 P.M.**

**MODERATOR: W.A. GIBBS**



## **DON'T MISS IT!**



August 9-11, 2019

(In the annex of our building)

Displays of scale models of ancient cities;

Reproductions of Dead Sea Scrolls;

Roman soldier attire;

Crucifixion display;

Models of Herod's temple and the OT tabernacle;

and much more will prove most interesting and educational.

Pick up a flyer and pass on the information to others.

**SYMPATHY:** To the following: Peggy Faustina and family, in the recent death of an uncle, Bruce Harville; Cathy and Teddy Spivey and Andy Rutherford family in the passing of their aunt, Lanelle Counts of Fayetteville.

**CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR:** *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotionals:* First Sundays of May, August, November, 2:00 PM; *Pavilion Devotionals:* Each Fifth Sunday, 2:00 PM; *JSCYC*, July 14-20; *Fourth Sunday:* July 28, fellowship meal following Bible study, a second service at 12:30 P.M. *Annual Singing*, August 2, 7:00 P.M. (Meal, 5:30 P.M.); *Bible Lands Museum:* August 9-11; *Bible Bowl:* September 7; *Run4Don:* September 21 (in Gainesboro); *Gospel Meeting*, October 13-16, with Ben Flatt; *Retreat*, October 11-13, at TCC.

**AREA EVENTS:** *Gospel Meeting:* Bethlehem church of Christ (Putnam Co.), August 4-8, with Clarence Deloach preaching; 7:00 P.M.; *Elder, Deacon, Preacher Seminar:* East Main church of Christ (Murfreesboro), August 10 (8 AM – 1PM), with Alan Highers, Dan Winkler, and Glenn Colley.