

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
July 9	167	131	109	\$4898*	105	39
July 16	170	140	94	\$5144*	114	43
Goals	200	160	135	\$4812	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stat is for July 5 and 12, 2017

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Col. 2:6)

“New and improved!” That’s the key marketing tag to re-introduce an older product that has fallen out of the public perception. Make a few changes, then re-market the old product. Paul wants the Colossians to know that Jesus does not need to be “new and improved.” Instead, they need to follow him as Lord just as they did when they first became Christians. That is our need, too. Our lives need to be rooted and nurtured in Christ Jesus as Lord, full of thankfulness for God’s incredible gift of grace in his Son.

(By: Phil Ware, via Heartlight, 4/10/2015)

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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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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

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

Bible Study

Sunday Morning

10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 P.M.

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

WHAT PETER DIDN'T SAY

The first Gospel sermon contains important information, but what remains unspoken is just as important.

First, in Acts 2 Peter doesn't tell sinners in Jerusalem to “just believe” in order to be saved.

After explaining to the Jewish audience that they had killed their Savior, but that God had raised Him from the dead and set Jesus at His own right hand in heaven, some in the crowd asked what they need to do (Acts 2:37). In verse 38 Peter tells them to repent and be baptized so their sins can be forgiven.

He doesn't tell them to believe because they already believe. Peter already preached Christ to them, and they respond by asking what they need to do. They've accepted Peter's information as true.

According to the popular Protestant doctrine of “faith only,” handed down by 16th century reformer Martin Luther, these people in Acts 2 should have already been saved. They believed in Jesus. By the time Peter opened his lips in verse 38 they had accepted the basic facts of the Gospel. But they weren't saved yet, because Peter goes on in verse 38 to tell them what to do to be saved. A sinner is not saved at the moment he believes.

Second, Peter doesn't tell this group of believing sinners to pray, even though a lot of people today are told to pray for Jesus to save them.

People usually cite Romans 10:13 when telling others to pray for salvation: **“For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”** But they could just as easily cite Acts 2:21, since Peter says the same thing.

At this point in the first recorded Gospel sermon, Peter is explaining that the miraculous sights and sounds the Jews in Jerusalem see and hear are the fulfillment of an Old Testament prophecy. Part of the prophecy is that **“whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved”** (Acts 2:21). In other words, it's time for salvation to be preached and for sinners to be saved.

Yet when believing sinners ask what to do in verse 37, Peter does not tell them to pray. In verse 38 he tells them to repent and be baptized to be forgiven. The salvation that was to come by calling on the name of the Lord in verse 21 is explained in verse 38 as repenting and being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. No one is saved by simply believing or by praying. To contact the blood of Christ and have your sins forgiven, you must believe, then be willing to repent and be baptized, as Jesus commands.

(By: Nathan Brewer, via Gospel Preceptor, May 2008)

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 and soon!

These notes are being written a bit early due to JSCYC. It will continue through the July 22. Please keep us in your prayers while we are away. Pray for the physical safety and for their spiritual growth of all our campers and staff. Visitors' night is Friday (21st) evening. We ask that you eat **before** arrival because we are not able to feed the large crowd and complete the meal before the devotional which will begin around 7:15. The devotional will be followed by talent/skit time and the Run4 Don Scholarship awards presentation.

Vacation time is winding down; a new school year is nearing (Sorry, boys and girls and teachers!); so let's get ready for a "Fall Push". Attendance rebounded and our contribution was also above budget last Sunday. You are commended for your stewardship.

Our "Summer Series" began July 5 and is going well. Some of our own brethren are presenting lessons from the 2017 lectureship book of Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies. The theme of which is "Discipling for Jesus". Plan to be present for each of these studies which will continue through September.

Our "Fifth Sunday Schedule" will be in effect July 30. Justin Mauldin will preach that morning and Seth Hackett at the afternoon (12:30) service. A fellowship meal will follow the morning services.

As noted elsewhere in this bulletin, our Annual Singing is rapidly approaching. **August 4** is the date. We will have the meal prior to the Singing. Serving will begin at 5:30 P.M. Singing will begin at 7:00 or maybe a little before. Plan on being here and invite a friend.

As I mentioned in the last issue, July is always quite busy. I spoke in a Summer Series at Phillippi (Trousdale Co.), last Wednesday. This week is camp. This Sunday through Wednesday I will be in a Gospel Meeting with Science Hill between Woodbury and Murfreesboro. The van will be driven Monday. Please keep me in your prayers.

P.S. Thanks for all the Birthday Cards and well-wishes. As one said, "70 is not that bad!"

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Derrick Triplett will have OP knee surgery tomorrow. Linda Warren's recuperation from knee replacement is progressing nicely and she is back with us. Justin Mauldin is suffering with allergies and a cough. It's great to have Sarah and little Jacob with us! Bobby (Buck) King, Lola's husband, is recuperating from eye surgery. Sue Walker is dealing with leukemia but is able to be with us. Keep Sue, Durell, and family in your prayers. Morgan Faustina has had seasonal allergies and upper respiratory symptoms. Scotty Yeaman underwent another stent procedure (outpatient) last Wednesday. Gaye Yeaman has not been feeling as well. Eddie Ray Thrasher, uncle to Gaye Yeaman and Carolyn Hill, is now in hospice care. Derrick Triplett is dealing with a recent leg injury. Barbara Anderson continues to have issues with a knee and her eyes. Warner (Wally) Kirby was released from a Cookeville rehab this past Saturday. Jeff Farr, cousin to Cheryl Hicks, had his knee replacement delayed due to infection. Another cousin, Deborah Copeland, has suffered injuries to both feet. Richard Woodard, Carol's brother-in-law, is recuperating from knee replacement surgery. Prayers are requested for Marsha Huffines (colon cancer). Remember the following in prayer: Bobby King; Sherry Lester; 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 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 THE 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).

THANK YOU: The church has received and read publicly nice "Thank You" notes from the following families: Cathy and Teddy Spivey and Linda and Barry Cook.

ANNUAL FRIDAY NIGHT SINGING
Carthage Church of Christ
Friday, August 4, 2017, 7:00 P.M. – Until
Using Songbook – "PRAISE FOR THE LORD"
Moderator: W.A. Gibbs
Food will be served beginning at 5:30 P.M.

SYMPATHY: Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following families: The family of Rebecca Brown and family in the recent loss of her dear aunt, sister Pat Hix of the Union Hill community of Clay County; the family of Mr. George Draper, the son of the late Mrs. Cassie Draper, a long-time member here; and the family of Judy McDonald on their recent loss.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: W.A. Gibbs, Jordan Tongate (1); Scott Cook (3); Cheryl Hicks (4); Maggie Beth Law (5); Kenneth Goolsby (8); Gail Vincent (10); Taner Cook; Harper Whitaker (21); Misty Smith, Scott Tongate (22); Le'ani Faustina, Amy Grisham, Jacob Bray (24); Payton Azbell (26); Sarah Mauldin, Laura Piper, Gordon Jenkins, (27); Carolyn Hill (28); Gaye Yeaman, Barry Cohoon (30); Pat Paysinger (31). Chris & Amanda Hicks (8/5/06) Jim & Kathaleen Replogle (8/6/1977); Rick & Melinda Spivey (8/30).

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: "Please join us for a 50th Wedding Anniversary Party for R. W. & Gail Vincent, Sunday, the twenty-third of July from two until four o'clock in the afternoon at the Carthage church of Christ annex, 711 N. Main St. Carthage, TN 37030. Cards and warm wishes only, please no gifts. RSVP Kristi (615-489-5144 or Peggy (931-260-5791).

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS: Gospel Meeting: Science Hill church of Christ (Murfreesboro/Kittrell), July 23-26, 7:00 P.M., with Edward L Anderson preaching; **Singings:** Diana Singings, September 8-9. **Elder, Deacon, Preacher Seminar:** East Main (Murfreesboro), August 5, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM, with Glenn Colley, Alan Highers, and Tom Holland; **Ladies' Day:** Rome church of Christ, August 12, 9:00-12:00, with local ladies speaking (lunch served afterward); **Polishing the Pulpit:** August 18-24 in Sevierville.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp: July 16-22 at Taylor Christian Camp (Holland, KY); **Annual Singing:** August 4, 7:00 PM; **Bible Bowl:** TTU's Hooper/Eblen Center, September 9 (Books of Mark, Philippians, and Colossians); **Family Retreat:** October 13-15 at TCC; **Gospel Meeting:** October 22-25, with Chad Ramsey.

FAIR BOOTH: The Smith County Fair will be July 31 – August 5. We plan to have a booth again this year. We need workers! Come and participate in distributing tracts and information about the Lord's church and His work. A "Sign-Up Sheet" is posted.

M.A.G.I. BOXES: We received our boxes last week. Take as many as you would like. Let's try to fill all of them. Deadline for returning filled boxes is **Sunday, August 13**.

CH_CH: Means nothing to you without and unless U R in it!