

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

| Date: | AM | Bible Study | PM | Cont. | Wed | DBR |
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| Aug. 4 | 132 | 102 | 75 | \$4699 | 79 | 22 |
| Aug. 11 | 160* | 114 | 113* | \$5623* | 87 | 40 |
| Goals: | 155 | 125 | 100 | \$4756 | 100 | 45 |

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for July 31 & Aug. 7, 2019

THE BEAUTY OF JESUS

“Let the beauty of Jesus Be Seen” is the title of a very beautiful song: “Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me, All His wonderful passion and purity; May His spirit divine all my being refine, Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.”

Holiness really amounts to the beauty of Jesus in our lives. “True holiness does not consist of merely believing and feeling, but of doing and hearing, and practical exhibition of active and passive grace. Our tongues, our tempers, our natural passions and inclinations—our conduct as parents and children, masters, and servants, husbands and wives, rulers and subjects—our dress, our employment of time, our behavior in business, our demeanor in sickness and health, in riches and in poverty—all these are matters which are fully treated by inspired writers.”

“When your burden is heavy and hard to bear; When your neighbors refuse all your load to share; When you’re feeling so blue; Don’t know what to do, Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in you.” (Charlie Davis, via BulletinGold Extra)

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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. (5th Sunday)
Bible Study
Sunday Morning
10:15 A.M.
Wednesday Evening
7:00 P.M.

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

ARE YOU AN “ISSER”?

N. B. Hardeman (1874-1965) was often described as “The Prince of Preachers” by others than himself. He excelled as a preacher, teacher, debater, and college administrator. He also had a love for Tennessee Walking Horses, which may account for one of my favorite illustrations used by him on occasion.

It seems that a certain fellow was in dire need of a horse because his had died. He sought out a local horse trader and explained his urgent need to acquire a reliable replacement. The trader assured him that he had “just what he needed”. He brought forth from the stall a fiery, young horse which obviously had never been broken. He assured the concerned customer that the animal was “**gonna be** the best horse money could buy!” The old fellow was not overly impressed and asked what else he had. Next, he brought out a clearly worn out sway-backed nag and continued his slick sales pitch: “Now, sir, this horse right here **has been** a fine and dandy animal. Yes, sir, I’ll make you a real deal!” By this time the frustrated farmer was fuming. He said, “Hear me well! I don’t want a ‘Has Been’ and I don’t want a ‘Gonna Be’! What I’m looking for is an ‘Isser’! I want a horse that I can work right now!” He wanted a horse broken, ready, and willing to work.

Isn’t that what our Lord is looking for in His church? Too often too many talk of what they are “gonna do” or “gonna be”, when they have time, get the children raised, or become financially secure. Their good intentions simply do not fill the pressing needs of the present! On the other hand, some speak of what they “have been” and all they “have done” in the Lord’s service. Might Jesus ask of these, “But what have you done for Me lately?”

Jesus desires disciples who will put their hands to the plough and not look back (Luke 9:62). Each of us needs to soberly reflect on a very basic and fundamental requirement for discipleship: “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me” (Luke 9:23, NKJ).

Where are you spiritually? Are you a “Gonna Be”, a “Has Been”, or an “Isser”? Edward L Anderson

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.

Our Annual Friday Night Singing was excellent. The number may have been down a bit from last year, but a visitor said it was one of our best. Thanks to all our visitors and guests! We are glad you came. Thanks to W. A. Gibbs and Jerry Hicks for coordinating and keeping it moving. Thanks to all the thirty-one song leaders. Thanks also to all who prepared and furnished the food; set up the annex for the meal; served in whatever capacity, and cleaned up afterwards.

The Bible Lands Museum exhibit (August 9-11), with Bob Stancell, who preaches in Sandy, Oregon, has been a huge success. More than 250 people visited the display of ancient artifacts, writings, reproductions and models of Bible cities and buildings, etc. The Persian soldier model startled a few! The Roman centurion/soldier attire and armor were modeled by quite of number! Bob's presentations were very informative and helped all to better understand many biblical events and teachings. We were blessed to have Bob and Erin (his daughter and assistant), with us for the weekend. Pray for them as they travel to Polishing the Pulpit in Sevierville and then back home to Oregon.

We have a few Magi boxes remaining which need to be filled. They may be picked up in the foyer. Some are already being returned. The deadline is August 25. Thanks to all for your generosity and love for the children!

We also need to thank those who have helped with the recent clean-up inside and around the building. Also to those who are so faithful to attend and assist with the devotionals at Smith County Health Care and the Pavilion, we say "Thank You". The residents, some of whom are members here, are grateful, too.

Wayne Pruett's recent report (August 4) on the exciting things happening in Guyana reminds us of "doors" still open and the power of the gospel. Keep that work and the other missions we support in your prayers.

The Summer Series - "The Church We Love" - continues each Wednesday through 9/11/19. Please attend, study, and learn.

I hope to see you bright and early Sunday morning!

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Little Apple Gibbs, infant daughter of Elston and Lori Gibbs, is in Vanderbilt NICU. Jerry Phillips has not felt well for several days and has had tests. Janice Anderson is now at home after a hospital stay. Horace Jones, Peggy Denton's father, is now in NHC (Cookeville). Danny Claire, friend of Michael Hackett, has been diagnosed with cancer. Sara Davenport, Patricia Brooks' daughter, is doing much better after being ill. Shirley Sadler is improved. Chris and Aubrey Hicks are back with us after a bout with the flu. It is good to have Dimple Hicks back with us. Bobby King, Lola's husband, remains about the same. W. A. Gibbs has completed his treatments but continues dialysis. Faye Maberry continues infusion treatments, but was able to be with us Sunday. Scotty and Gaye Yeaman had doctors' visits last week. Scotty may have yet another surgery in coming week. Hale Wright has completed rehab and is back to work. Joyce Jenkins, Edward Anderson's sister, received good reports from recent tests. Shirley Henry, friend of Elaine Wright, underwent surgery on Monday. Duane Hesson has resumed treatments for cancer. Prayers are requested for all.

PRAYER LIST: Brad Wilson; Jack Gallaher; Ren Coker; 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 (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), Ruby Fisher's grandson-in-law.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Dusty Whitaker; Jasmine King (5); Teddy Spivey, David Maberry (6), Lola King (8), Susan Law (9), Mia Whitaker (10), Jessica Grim, (11); Caroline Dillard (12) Alex Richmond, Scotty

Yeaman (13); Taylor Swann, Mary Cross, Nylah Stiltner (19); Jessa Klamm (26); Julie Wright, Aubrey Hicks (27); James Rowland (28).

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotionals:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 PM; *Pavilion Devotionals:* Each Fifth Sunday, 2:00 PM; *Bible Bowl:* September 7; *Run4Don:* September 21 (in Gainesboro); *Gospel Meeting,* October 13-16, with Ben Flatt; Retreat, October 11-13, at TCC.

POLISHING THE PULPIT: Several of our members will be attending Polishing the Pulpit (PTP) over the weekend and into next week. This event takes place each August at the Sevierville Convention Center. It features Bible studies, panel discussions, Bible classes, and something for everyone. Jeremy Hassler will be speaking Saturday and I am scheduled to speak Monday and Tuesday. Barbara and I will be out of town for PTP and perhaps a day of two of relaxation. Andy Rutherford will be speaking this Sunday morning (18th) and the evening service will be devoted to singing.

YOUTH UNITE: The next Youth Unite will be hosted by the Zion church of Christ (Jackson County), August 25 at 5:00 P.M.

FINAL SUNDAY OF THE MONTH SCHEDULE: On August 25 we will have a fellowship meal following our morning worship (9:00 A.M.), and Bible study classes (10:15). Everyone is invited to be present for both and to enjoy a meal together. The meal will be followed by our last service for the day at 12:30. This will be our schedule for the last Sunday of each month until announced otherwise.

"MEDITATE ON THESE THINGS"

*"Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **noble**, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are of **good report**, if there be any virtue and if there is anything praise-worthy - meditate on these things"* (Philippians 4:8, NKJV).

It is obvious to even a casual observer that the above virtuous attributes are not popular "meditation points" for much, if not most, of our culture. Just imagine the transition which would occur if everyone began to concentrate on making things which are true; noble; just; pure; lovely; and of good report their focus. "That's just not going to happen", you say. You may be correct. But, what about YOU? Will you resolve to "think on these things"?

Edward L. Anderson