

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
August 20	163	122	111	\$4319	121	40
August 27	155	117	99	\$5434*	95	42
Goals	200	160	135	\$4812	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stat is for August 16 & 23, 2017

JESUS CHRIST PERSONIFIED

Inspired men **prophesied**.
 He came to earth and **complied**,
 and on God's will totally **relied**.
 But by men He was **denied**,
 unjustly **tried**,
 and horribly **crucified**.
 He **cried**,
 and **died**.
 Blood poured from His **side**.
 But death could not **preside**,
 and was **nullified**.
 Now in heaven **glorified**,
 He is our eternal **guide**,
 Through whom we are **sanctified**,
 Forever with Him **identified**,
 Our eternal salvation **supplied**,
 And our blessings **multiplied**.
 And now you must **decide** -
 Do you want His blood **applied**?
 (By Edd Sterchi, Bridgeport Proclaimer, 1/26/2005)

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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"

THE EMPTY NEST

A robin built a nest and laid some eggs in our willow tree. Her nest was low to the ground which made it very convenient for us to observe. In fact, we made a picture every day of the progress of the hatchings and growth of her chicks. We started with pictures of eggs. We documented the birds hatching. We saw them grow from ugly, naked, pink creatures into full-feathered birds that filled up the nest.

This morning I went out to take my bird picture of the day. All I found was an empty nest. Although I knew this day was coming, somehow I was surprised when it actually occurred. I was also sad, an emotion that I had not anticipated at all.

Drs. Cloud and Townsend have a chapter on parenting in their book, *God Will Make a Way*: What to do when you don't know what to do. They note that the parent/child relationship is unique in that every other relationship (marriage, friends, etc.) the goal is to deepen the relationship connection, while in this one relationship the goal is separation. This is the God-ordained path for the parent/child relationship. Genesis 1:26 presents the leave and cleave law of the parental experience.

Hear Drs. Cloud and Townsend on the subject:
 Some parents have a hard time with this, because they do not want to experience the pain of their childs leaving them and they unknowingly resist helping their kids grow up so that they will always be dependent and nearby. Some parents blame their child, causing him or her to feel guilty and conflicted about leaving the nest. Others withdraw emotionally, so as not to feel the pain, which then communicates to the child that he or she is hurting them by following Gods path. We hope that you can accept the reality of your childrens goals and destiny, feel all the love and sadness you have for each one, and help each one leave successfully and well, with all your support and help.

I felt sorry when I discovered that empty nest this morning. I looked around for young birds on the ground and saw nothing. I guess they are flying high somewhere, exploring the sky and tops of trees.

(By Cecil May III, via BulletinGold, July 2011)

May God bless all the parents and children who are beginning this new chapter of their lives.

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. Investigate the Holy Scriptures with us and, as the Lord through Isaiah said, "Come, let us 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!

Our eyes have been riveted and our hearts touched by the effects of hurricane "Harvey" in the Houston and other coastal areas of Texas and Louisiana. One of our own (David Maberry), is there as a Red Cross volunteer. Regina Goolsby, who visits with us on occasion, has requested prayers for her son (Jesse Presley), who lives in Houston. Let's pray for all those affected by the results of the storm.

Attendance was down a bit this past Sunday morning with several being ill. The late summer allergy season seems to be in full swing. Several families are dealing with it. Let's get ready for a "Fall Push" in attendance! We have been blessed by the addition of new families. Be sure to welcome them!

Most of our college-age students are now back to their respective institutions of higher learning. Some make it back just about every weekend. Others come home less often. Remember them in your prayers and send them a note from time to time.

Contributions averaged just above budget for August (\$4853). Faithfulness in giving is an indication of one's love for, and commitment to, the Lord. You will be blessed; souls will be saved; and God will be glorified! All are good reasons to give.

We have other opportunities to assist with good works. We are collecting liquid laundry detergent and paper towels for TN Children's Home as well as items for the TN Prison Ministry Outreach (check posted list). Bring supplies to the annex by October 3 (TCH), and October 15 (TPM), respectively.

Our "Summer Series" continues through September. Various brethren are presenting lessons from the 2017 lectureship book of Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies, the theme of which is "Discipling for Jesus". Put forth an effort to be present.

Our Gospel Meeting is only seven weeks away! Clear your calendar for October 22-25, 2017. Chad Ramsey, a native of Smith County, will do the preaching. He presently preaches for the Gloster St. church of Christ in Tupelo, MS. He also writes for the Gospel Advocate and has authored some books.

We hope to see everyone Sunday morning at 9:00!

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

RESPONSES: Joe Hensley requested prayers Sunday morning, August 20, for forgiveness and strength in dealing with Parkinson's. Tori Lankford was baptized following the Sunday morning services, August 20. Tori is the daughter of Tracy Haskin. Seth Hackett was baptized Wednesday night, August 23. Dalisa White and Donnie Apple requested prayers for forgiveness and strength Wednesday night, August 23. Let us rejoice with all these.

SICK: Sue Walker had her first treatment Monday in Lebanon. Gail Vincent is recuperating from recent oral surgery. She saw her doctor on Tuesday. Mary Phillips had a vein procedure (left leg), today and will have another in two weeks. Scotty Yeaman has not been feeling as well and has been unable to be with us. Faye McKay, Hale Wright's sister, is now at home following recent knee replacement surgery. We are thankful Gaye Yeaman has been with us the past few services. Eddie Ray Thrasher, uncle to Gaye Yeaman and Carolyn Hill, is now under hospice care. Jimmy Craighead, cousin to Barbara Anderson, remains in Vanderbilt, recuperating from serious lower body injuries after being run over by a fertilizer truck. Judy Grisham, Debbie Felure, Mallie Kate Whitaker, and Jeff, Brooke, and Ava Grisham have all been under the weather. Paul Meacham, Jr., a friend of W. A. Gibbs, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. Andy Rutherford's aunt, Elaine Nabors, is to undergo open-heart surgery in the next few weeks. Remember the following in prayer: Marsha Huffines; Dick Marvin; Claire Owen; Sawyer Cole; Gerrie Dillon; Patsy Link; Richard Rhoten; Staci Bush; Jan Chaffin; Tim Loftis; Mark Lawrence; Jo Norton; 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; Ray Harper (Hartsville); Imogene Reeves (Palace – RBS).

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).

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Blake Tongate (3); Dusty Whitaker; Jasmine King (5); Teddy Spivey, David Maberry (6); Lola King (8); Amanda Piper, Susan Law (9); Talon Cothren, Mia Whitaker (10); Jessica Grim, (11); Caroline Law (12); Alex Richmond, Scotty Yeaman, Jeff Whited (13); Conner Warren (21); Jessa Klamm, Durell Walker (26); Julie Harville, Aubrey Hicks (27); James Rowland (28); Scott & Sheri Cook (9/06/02); Scott & Debbie Tongate (9/07) Jack & Judy Grisham (9/14/68).

SYMPATHY: Our deepest sympathy is extended to Allen White and family in the recent death of his great-grandmother, Annie Massey of the Rome/Hiwassee community; to Carol Woodard and family in the recent death of an aunt, Dorothy Fitts, of McMinnville. Let us always remember to "weep with those who weep" (Rom. 12:15).

THANK YOU: Thank You notes from the families of J. T. Jones and Allen White have been received and read.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS: Singings: Gladeville church of Christ, September 1, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.; Diana Singing, September 8-9; Highland Heights church of Christ (Lebanon), September 22, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.; **Gospel Meetings:** Flat Rock church of Christ, September 10-13, with Edward L Anderson, 7:30 P.M.; Red Boiling Springs church of Christ, September 10-13, with Don Myers, 7:00 P.M.; Crossville church of Christ, October 1-4, with Gary Hampton; **Youth Rally:** Willow Ave. church of Christ (Cookeville), October 28, with Bobby Rawson. **Fall Seminar:** Highland Heights (Lebanon), September 10-12, 7:00 P.M., with Wayne Miller and Brad Harrub; **Run4Don:** September 16, Gainesboro, TN 15K @ 7:30 A.M., 5K @ 8:00 A.M.; **Young Ladies Seminar:** (5th – 12th grades) East Main (Murfreesboro), Ashley Edwards speaking, September 23, 9:00 – 11:30 A.M. (Lunch to follow).

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: Family Retreat: October 13-15 at TCC; **Gospel Meeting:** October 22-25, with Chad Ramsey of Tupelo, MS,

COMMODITIES FOR TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME: The truck from TCH will be in the area October 3, 2017. We will collect Laundry Detergent (Liquid HE) and Paper Towels. Leave your items in the annex.

The world's largest cemetery is where unused talents are buried.