

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Oct. 13	142	109	104	\$4881*	90	34
Oct. 20	128	80	62	\$3825	101	33
Goals:	155	125	100	\$4756	100	45

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Oct. 9 and 16, 2019

EASE?

It is easier to COMPROMISE the truth than to STAND for it.
 It is easier to IGNORE sin, than EXPOSE it.
 It is easier to JUSTIFY the sinner than to DEMAND repentance.
 It is easier to CRITICIZE the preaching of the truth than ENDORSE it.
 It is easier to be SILENT than to CONTEND for the faith.
 It is easier to REFUSE an admonition than to RECEIVE it.
 It is easier to be WORLDLY than to be GODLY.
 It is easier to COMMIT SIN than AVOID it.
 It is easier to NEGLECT than to TAKE HEED.
 It is easier to MAKE EXCUSES than to BE FAITHFUL.
 Why is this true? Simply because it is easier to travel the BROAD WAY than to travel the NARROW WAY (Matthew 7:13-14)!

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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 HAPPENED DURING THE GOSPEL MEETING?

As noted elsewhere in the bulletin, our Gospel Meeting concluded last Wednesday evening. Think with me about some things which happened during the meeting.

First, the gospel was preached. No news is better than the “good news” of the gospel. This old sin-sick world sorely needs the gospel because it hears very little good news. The gospel reveals the only remedy for the sin which is the source of all our problems (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Acts 4:12).

Second, God’s truth was delivered in love. God’s word is truth (John 17:17). His word must be preached (2 Tim. 4:2). Only God’s truth can set us free (John 8:32). All people - sinners and saints - should give attention to His truth. His truth reveals what we must do to be saved and to keep saved.

Third, the God of heaven and earth was praised. How great and glorious is His name! Hymns of praise were sung at every service (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). Such singing not only praises God, but also serves to teach, admonish, comfort, encourage, and strengthen one another.

Fourth, prayers were offered to our heavenly Father. This was done in the first century church (Acts 2:42). Jesus teaches us to pray (Matt. 6:9-13; Luke 18:1). Petitions were offered for the lost; the erring; the sick; the sorrowing; the suffering; the grieving; the nation; and the home. Thanksgivings were also expressed for God’s bountiful blessings (Eph. 1:3; James 1:17).

Fifth, the “Great Commission” (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:46-47), was applied. Many invited friends and neighbors who came to hear the Word. Not only did those assembled hear the glorious gospel, but more than three hundred who watched and listened via the internet were also blessed by the messages. The gospel is truly for all!!

Sixth, there were numerous responses. No, there were no “public responses” in the form of baptisms and restorations. However, every person who hears “The Old Jerusalem Gospel” responds to it. It will either be received or rejected (Acts 2:41; John 12:48). May each of us receive it in faith with appreciation, application (obedience), and anticipation of that which is yet to be.

We live in a very busy, but confused world. Values have been dramatically altered to reflect the secular trends of the present culture. It is reminiscent of the first century world (See Romans 1). The gospel of Christ was the answer then and it is the answer NOW!

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 Gospel Meeting is now history. It was a blessing to have Ben and Debby Flatt with us. Most of us have known Ben for many years and some have known Debby just as long. Ben worked with the church here in the sixties and did located work in several locales, the latest being in Henderson and Jackson Tennessee. The lessons presented were scriptural, simple, easily understood, direct, and to the point. We are grateful for Ben and Debby's coming to be with us.

We were blessed by many visitors from sister churches and from the community. Thanks to all who invited and brought guests with you. Many of you assisted with various tasks during the meeting. Thanks to Andy Rutherford and Johnny Law for leading singing and to all who led in other areas of worship.

A very special "Thank You" is extended to those who prepared food for the Sunday morning/afternoon meal and the evening meals. Others furnished mid-day meals for Ben and Debby. Your hospitality is refreshing.

More than a dozen of our number attended the Retreat at Taylor Christian Camp October 11-12, along with Christians from other congregations. The theme was "Abound". Justin Mauldin spoke at one of the sessions and others assisted in various areas.

We will have our usual "Last Sunday of the Month" schedule this Lord's Day. Sunday morning services will be at the regular times (Worship – 9:00 A.M.; Bible Study – 10:15 A.M.). Following morning services we will enjoy a meal and fellowship. We hope each and every family will prepare some food and come and enjoy that time with brothers and sisters in Christ. Invite a friend! The final service of the day will be at 12:30 P.M. and will be devoted primarily to singing praises to the Almighty God.

Having "trouble"? "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble" (Job 14:1). Christians are not exempt from "trouble" (See 2 Cor. 1:4-8; 2 Thess. 1:6-7; Gal. 1:7). Jesus also experienced "trouble" (John 11:33; 12:27; 13:21). Why not allow Him to help you deal with it (John 14:1-3; Matt. 11:28-30)?

I trust you and yours have a great rest of the week in service to the Lord.

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Ashley Reeves, Joe and Gayle's daughter-in-law, underwent gall bladder surgery last week. Caleb Harville is doing well following lung surgery at Vanderbilt. Jaden Apple-Gibbs is recuperating from a broken collar bone. Danny Claire, friend of Michael Hackett, underwent colon surgery last week. Scotty Yeaman suffered another fall last Wednesday evening with no major injuries. We rejoice that Gaye Yeaman received a positive report from her latest tests and doctor's visit. W. A Gibbs continues kidney dialysis. Following Sunday morning's services, Faye Maberry was taken to Vanderbilt's clinic, but returned home. Little Apple Gibbs remains in Vanderbilt NICU, but is expected to come home soon! Galen Fish, Matthew Jones' assistant baseball coach, underwent by-pass surgery last week. Wanda Hailey, Patricia Brooks' sister, continues treatments. David Cassetty, Melissa Vance's father, was scheduled for hip replacement this month. Cathy Findley, friend of Regina Rowland, is battling breast cancer for a second time. Sherrie Pritchett (Rome) is not doing as well. Horace Jones, Peggy Denton's father, remains in Cookeville Regional. Jerry and Mary Phillips were with us Sunday. Sarah, Jonah, and Jacob Mauldin had the stomach "bug" on Sunday. Barry Cook is dealing with knee issues and received a shot last week. Edna Shoulders, Donna Adcock's aunt, is in Skyline Medical Center due to head injuries received in a fall.

PRAYER LIST: Patsy Link; Tyrone Poynter; Mark Manning; Emily Moss and children; Jacky King, Lucas Wakefield, Linda Dennis; Gary Anderson; 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; Louie Gray West; Taylor & Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn, Emily Allen; Judy Fox Jones; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; Debby 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 (Mabry's, Gainesboro); 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 – now in the Middle East), Ruby Fisher's grandson-in-law.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Dennis Hackett, Drake Washer (2); Bobby Cross (5), Regina Rowland (7); Makenzi Apple (8); Justin Mauldin, Josie Beth Morris (11); Jodie Morris (15); Emma Hicks (17); Chris Hicks (18); Brian Denton, Brian Smith (23); David Cross (24); Chris Klamm (27); Courtney Washer (28); Dawson Azbell, Tony Hackett (29); Barbara Jenkins, Joe Hensley (30). Gordon & Barbara Jenkins (11/9/1973); Scotty & Gaye Yeaman (11/28/1964).

BABIES' GIFT BASKET: There is a Gift Basket in the foyer for the forthcoming Morris twins, who are due to arrive soon. Gift cards, gift certificates, or congratulatory cards may be placed in the basket.

THANK YOU NOTES: We received a breath-taking picture of Mt. Hood in Oregon (check bulletin board), along with a nice note of thanks from Bob Stancell and daughter Erin, who were with us in August with their Bible Lands Museum.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the family of Robert Hackett (member and elder at Montrose; former member here) who passed away last Thursday. The funeral was Saturday. Sympathy is also extended to Steve Harper in the passing of his uncle, Bobby Angel of Clarksville. The funeral was Sunday.

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; *Polishing the Pulpit:* August 12-20, 2020.

LEADERSHIP CLASS: A class for men wishing to study leadership/preaching/teaching and other service principles (leading prayer; serving at the Lord's table; etc.), is being planned for later this year or early next year. Let the elders or Edward know if you have interest in being a part of such a class.

LADIES' DAY: Findlay church of Christ (Sparta), November 9, 8:00 – 12:30. with Donna Faughn speaking on "This Patchwork Heart of Mine: God Uses Remnants".