

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Oct. 30	175	140	101	\$4127	98	35
Nov. 6	174	133	128	\$6315*	83	38
Goals	200	160	135	\$4695	130	100%

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Oct. 26 & Nov. 2, 2016

*And Caleb still the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it (Numbers 13:30).*

God instructed Moses to send twelve spies out to survey the Promised Land and report back with their findings. After forty days they returned and reported it to be a land that “flows with milk and honey” (Numbers 13:27).

However, ten of the spies gave an unfavorable report (Numbers 13:28-29). The text says, “Caleb quieted the people before Moses and said, Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it” (Numbers 13:30). Too many times, like the ten spies, we walk by sight and not by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7)

When it comes to the mighty work of God, we need to have the confidence and faith of Caleb that says, “we are well able” to get it done!

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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. (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”**

**A CHANGE OF HEART**

I’ve heard two stories with a common theme:

Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick tells a story from his childhood days. His father had said to his other, upon leaving the house one Saturday in the morning hours: “Tell Harry that he can cut the grass today, if he feels like it.” Then, halfway down the walk, his father turned once more and added: “And tell Harry that he had better feel like it.”

A similar story:

A new elementary school was raising the American flag for the first time. To make the day special, they invited a Marine Corps color guard to come out and perform the duty for them. The day before the ceremony, the Marine in charge of the unit called to confirm directions to the school. After doing so, he was asked by the school secretary whether he was sending Marines who like children. There was a brief pause on the other end of the line before the man replied, “Ma’am, if I tell them to like children, they will like children.”

Both of these stories emphasize the point that there is a big difference between doing something and wanting (or liking) to do it. And, as much as a father or a Marine sergeant may command someone to enjoy what they’re doing, it’s just not that simple!

I wish that it was! I can make Christians attend worship, but what I really desire is for them to WANT to attend worship. I can make Christians give more, but what I really desire is for them to WANT to give more. I can make Christians serve in a variety of capacities, but what I really desire is for them to WANT to serve more. It’s so much harder to change what people want to do than it is to change what they do.

But it’s not just hard to change it in others – it’s hard to make that change in my own life as well. I often find myself thinking that I need to pray more, study more, visit more, when what I’d really, really like to find such joy in those things that I WANT to do them more.

When you peel away the outer layers of Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount and get to the core of what Jesus was saying, this is the principle you find. Jesus doesn’t just want followers who don’t murder; he wants his followers to WANT to live in love. He doesn’t just want followers who don’t commit adultery; he wants his followers to WANT to be people of commitment and integrity. He doesn’t want followers who merely DO the right thing; he wants followers who WANT to do the right thing. He doesn’t just want the actions; he wants the heart.

*“Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith.” (1 Timothy 1:5)*

I continue to struggle with how to change people’s hearts. I continue to struggle with how to change my own heart. May we seek to submit ourselves to the only One who can shape and mold us into what we were made to be.

-Alan Smith, Cruciform Church of Christ, Spring Lake, North Carolina-

## **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). 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 us again soon!

At this writing (Tuesday), we have but two services remaining in our Gospel Meeting. Attendance has been good. We have been blessed by many visitors from the community and from sister churches. Many of our own have attended every service. Your faithfulness is not unnoticed. Those who have demonstrated Christian hospitality in preparing food, providing meals, doing clean-up, and inviting and greeting guests are to be commended. Barry Cohoon and Jeff Crockett led the singing. Thank you, one and all!

The preaching of the word, however, has been front and center during this effort, just as it should be (Romans 1:16). The lessons have been powerful, informative, and challenging. They have focused on the theme of "Help for Troubled Times". This is truly a timely theme. The first, "Teaching Like Jesus the Master Teacher", from Acts 1:1, was followed by a study of 1 Timothy 4:12, "An Example to the Believers". Sunday afternoon's study was "Things that Made Paul Weep" featuring an examination of passages where Paul is said to have wept. Monday's sermon dealt with "Seeing People Through Jesus' Eyes". Several examples which demonstrate that every soul is valuable and precious in the Lord's eyes were considered. We should see them in the same way. "God's Character and Man's Sin" and "Our Citadel" will be the two final lessons. Any or all of these lessons will be available on either CD or DVD free upon request. You may contact us via e-mail or by phone, if you would like to receive them.

We are deeply indebted to brother Gary Hampton for his labors in proclaiming the glorious gospel of our Lord during this meeting. Gary is dedicated in his service to the Lord and to a study of the Scriptures. He and his wife Teresa have labored together in the kingdom for many years. They presently serve the Siwell Road church of Christ in Jackson, MS. We regret Teresa could not be with us. Gary's love for the Lord, His word, and for souls is apparent. We pray for his continued health and safety in travel as he returns home and to his future endeavors. A big THANK YOU is extended to the Carvers for making the apartment at The Barn available.

Hope to see all of you Sunday morning!

*Edward L Anderson*

## **NEWS & NOTES:**

**SICK:** Gary Lester is in Tennova (UMC) at Lebanon and is undergoing procedures, awaiting others, and dealing with several health issues. Kim Sircy, Wanda Clemons' daughter, was admitted to Vanderbilt last week but expected to return home on Monday. Hattie Branham is back with us following surgery and is healing well. Phronia Rose, Dennis Hackett's mother, remains in Kindred and has not been as well the past few days. Joe Hensley is scheduled for surgery November 17 at Vanderbilt. Troy Spivey, Teddy's grandfather and Rick's uncle, is recuperating from surgery performed last Wednesday at Cookeville Regional. Their grandmother and aunt, Judy Spivey, is scheduled for surgery in a couple of weeks. Ivee Apple is sick with a virus. Little Elizabeth Marvin remains in the hospital, but is progressing. Wilma Richardson is suffering with shingles. Mary Phillips remains in Kindred, but was permitted to go home for a visit yesterday. It is good to see Brenda Bowman able to be with us. W. A. Gibbs' continues his weekly dialysis regimen. Betty Carter is back with us and doing well. Mary Phillips, mother of Mollie Goolsby and known by many of us, is in Centennial due to a brain bleed. Mary Jo Hackett is still not feeling well. Jimmy Rigsby, Melinda Spivey's father, is now back in McFarland Specialty Center. Irene Gregory was unable to be with Sunday. Emogene Dixon is not feeling as well due to UTI. We are happy to report that Bob Harville, Peggy Faustina's uncle, is now at home. Janice Anderson is still not feeling well. Remember the following in prayer: Ray Upchurch; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Gary and Sherry Lester; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Karen Howell; and Arnold Rich.

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:** Mary Phillips; Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Curtis Richards; Phronia Rose (Kindred); Linda Black (Carthage Pavilion); Imogene Reeves (The Palace – RBS); Frank Williams, Elm Croft in Lebanon; Vestle Gentry (White Oak Nursing Facility, Spartanburg, S.C.).

**SHUT-IN AT HOME:** Wilma Richardson; Shirley Holmes; James Hall; and Pat Paysinger.

**IN MILITARY:** Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (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)

**SYMPATHY:** Deepest sympathy to Brian, Misty Smith and family, in the sudden and unexpected death of his father, Jimmy Smith, last Sunday, October 30. The memorial service was conducted last Thursday. Sympathy is also expressed to the family of Peggy Shrum Key, sister to Ann Kirby and relative of Larry Silcox, who passed away Sunday. Funeral services were conducted today (Wednesday); we are also saddened to announce the passing of brother Garland Elkins, faithful preacher of the gospel and soldier of the cross, on October 28, 2016.

**NEW BABY:** Congratulations to Chris and Courtney Washer on the birth of their son, Drake Christopher, last Wednesday, November 2, 2016. Birth weight 7 lbs. 15 oz, length 20 3/4<sup>th</sup> in. Congratulations also to big sister Ainsley and great-grandmother, Linda Dickens. The Washer's have a new address: 18 Sunny View Lane, Carthage, TN 37030

**BABY GIRL SHOWER:** In honor of Jessica Silcox Grim, Sunday night, Nov. 13, in the annex. Ladies please bring finger foods. Jessica is registered at Walmart and Babies R Us.

**THANK YOU:** The church has received and read nice notes of gratitude from Carol Woodard and family and Brian and Misty Smith and family.

**KUDO'S TO OUR YOUNG MEN:** Our young men did a superb job leading our services on the fifth Sunday of October. Thanks to Justin Mauldin (AM), and Jeremy Hassler (PM) for the excellent lessons and to all those who read scripture, led singing and prayers, presided at the Lord's table, etc.

**AREA EVENTS:** *Ladies Day:* Findlay church of Christ (Sparta), November 12, 8:30 – 12:15 with lunch provided with Donna Faughn speaking on "It's a Wonderful Life"; *Friday Night Singing:* Pleasant Knoll church of Christ (Morrison, TN), November 18, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M., with refreshments afterward.

**TAYLOR CHRISTIAN CAMP SUPPORT DINNER:** The annual event will be Saturday, November 12, 6:00 P.M., here, in the annex. Speaker – Glenn Reece, MOC- Guy Holliman. Free BBQ dinner provided by Cartwright Catering. Please bring desserts and soft drinks.

**AGAPE:** The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Dinner, Thursday, November 10 at Franklin Marriot Cool Springs.

**ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS' MEETING:** Rescheduled for Wednesday, November 16 after service. Copies of last month's minutes and the agenda will be available in the foyer on Sunday.

## **WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?**

An elderly Christian gentleman, who was blind, deaf, and could hardly make his way to the church building due to his arthritic condition, was once asked why he put forth such effort to be present for all the gatherings of the church. His response was priceless: "Well, it's true I can't see or hear and my body aches with pain, but I still love the Lord and **want everyone to know whose side I am on.**"

If you were judged by people on the basis of your faithfulness in assembling with the saints (Hebrews 10:25), would they know whose side you are on? (See Exodus 32:26.)