

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Nov. 24	147	106	81	\$4267	73	33
Dec. 1	133	87	70	\$4161	69	27
Goals:	155	125	100	\$4756	100	45

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Nov. 20 & 27, 2019

DON'T FOLLOW THE CROWD!

Psalm 1:1: *Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.*

1. Don't listen to what the crowd says: Blessed is the man who doesn't follow the counsel of the ungodly.
2. Don't do what the crowd does: nor stands in the way of sinners.
3. Don't go where the crowd goes: nor sits in the seat of the scoffer.

Old saying, "Misery loves company!" Also, sin loves company! Thus, we must NOT follow the crowd because the crowd is often wrong. (Mark N. Posey, Pulpit Preview, January 7, 2014)

ASK A FRIEND TO ATTEND

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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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9:00 A.M.
6:00 P.M.
12:30 P.M. (5th Sunday)

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Sunday Morning
10:15 A.M.
Wednesday Evening
7:00 P.M.

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

POSITIVE THINKING

A writer was in his study and began writing.....

1. Last year my gallbladder was removed, I was in bed for a long time.
2. The same year I reached the age of 60 and had to leave my favorite job. I spent 30 years with this publishing company.
3. The same year my father died.
4. The same year my son failed his medical exam because he had a car accident. He was hospitalized with a cast on his leg for several days. The destruction of the car was a second loss.

His concluding statement: "Alas! It was a bad year!"

He showed it to his wife and she rewrote it.

1. Last year I finally got rid of my gallbladder which had given me many years of pain.
2. I turned 60 with sound health and retired from my job. I can utilize my time to write with more focus and peace.
3. The same year my father died at 95 without depending on anyone, without critical conditions, and met his Creator.
4. The same year, God blessed my son with life. My car was destroyed but my son was alive and without permanent disability.

Her concluding statement: "This year was an immense blessing!"

Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Philippians 4:8). The Proverbs writer says, "a merry heart doeth good like a medicine" (17:22).

Our attitude can shape how we see things. If your glass is not full, let be half full. Think positive!

Shared in a Facebook post by Dave Hart, preacher for the Winslow (AZ) church of Christ, via Collinsville church of Christ bulletin.

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.

We had good services Sunday morning. Following a night of thunder storms and heavy rain, what a beautiful morning! Some were unable to be with us and for that we were sorry. But we had visitors come our way and for that we rejoiced.

However, our hearts were heavy because we knew our brother Scotty Yeaman, who was on life support at St. Thomas West, was very ill with severe and irreversible brain damage. He had become unresponsive at Riverview Regional last week before being taken to Nashville. Prayers were offered for Scotty, Gaye, Misty, Jake, and Brian during our worship.

While our evening service was in progress we learned that he had passed from this life at 5:30 P.M. Though we were grieved by the news, we remembered the words of Paul: "Sorrow not, even as others who have no hope" (1 Thess. 4:13).

The outpouring of love, concern, and support for the family has been beautiful to behold. "Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above" (John Fawcett, 1782). The expressions of love will only increase in days to come.

Scotty served as a deacon before becoming a bishop in 1990, serving faithfully until his resignation in 2018. He underwent and survived several painful back surgeries and a very serious vehicle accident over the past few years. He always kept his quick smile and remained an encourager of others.

The funeral will be Thursday, December 5 at 1:00 P.M. at Sanderson Funeral Home. Visitation will be Wednesday from 3:00 - 8:00 P.M. and on Thursday from 11:00 A.M. until service time. The family has requested memorials be made to Jackson-Smith County Youth Camp in Scotty's memory. They also covet our prayers as they grieve.

Tim Smith will be with us Sunday evening to speak to us about the mission work in India overseen by the brethren at Willette. This is an exciting work which has accomplished so much good over the years. Come and hear the good news!

I hope to see you Sunday morning.

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: L. T. Jones is in Centennial Hospital (4112), due to infection in his foot. Ruby Fisher, Scarlett Hicks, and Darlene Hackett were not feeling well Sunday. Mary Jo Hackett will undergo knee replacement December 17. Pam Morris and the twins (Julie and Jacie), are at home after a hospital stay. Tim Owens (Rome) is facing kidney surgery. Johnny Hackett, Tony's brother, is now doing rehab. Little Apple Gibbs is at home and growing! Jerry and Mary Phillips are back with us and are feeling better. Judith Apple, Denise Hackett and Kim Gregory's mother, is recuperating from pneumonia. Dana Park, Regina Rowland's daughter, is recuperating from recent surgery. Faye Maberry was with us Sunday, smiling as usual. Barry Cook has been dealing with a severe infection. W. A Gibbs continues kidney dialysis. Janice Anderson recently saw a doctor due to feet and leg issues. Remember Tommy and Linda Ashburn, relatives of Carolyn Harris and neighbors to W. A. Gibbs, in your prayers. Cathy Findley, friend of Regina Rowland, is battling breast cancer. Izella Dotson and her son Carlos, relatives of Dalisa White, are both in the hospital. Our prayers are requested.

PRAYER LIST: Sherrie Pritchett; Jerry Hutchins; Danny Claire; Edna Shoulders; Bill Ross; Scott Bane; Wanda Hailey, 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; 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 (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 – now in the Middle East), Ruby Fisher's grandson-in-law.

SYMPATHY: Sympathy is extended to the following families: Richard and Brenda Bowman in the 11/23 passing of Richard's sister, Ruth Boren of McMinnville; the Scotty Yeaman family (Gaye, Misty, Brian, & Jake), in his passing last Sunday (See "From the Preacher's Heart", Column 1).

OPEN HOUSE & DEDICATION: The Gatlinburg church of Christ (414 Trinity Lane) will have open house and dedication of their new church building December 8. Their building was destroyed in the wildfires. If you are in the area, they would be honored to have you visit with them. Services are at 9:00 and 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Open house will be at 2:00 P.M.

MEETING FOR ELDERS, DEACONS, & PREACHERS: The monthly meeting will be this Sunday, December 8, at 4:30 P.M. Agenda copies are available in foyer.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP: The annual Dinner & ornament exchange is scheduled for Thursday, December 12 in the annex. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board by Sunday.

GREETING CARDS: If you have not already done so, please pick up a packet of cards, sign them, and drop them in the appropriate bag. Deadline is 12/15. Thanks!

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Fifth Sunday Schedule:* December 29, following the morning services, we will have a fellowship meal, followed by the children's class at 12:15 P.M., and the second service led by the young men, at 12:30 P.M. No 6:00 P.M. service. ***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.

AREA EVENTS: *IGNITE Youth Rally*, Willow Avenue (Cookeville), December 7, with Eric Lyons (see posted flyer); ***Young Men's Seminar*,** East Main (Murfreesboro), February 1, with Andy Connelly (see posted flyer).

Do all you can with all your might all the time with whatever you have wherever you are TO THE GLORY OF GOD.