

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Dec. 8	114	90	70	\$4229	71	22
Dec. 15	130	90	66	\$4288	83	32
Goals:	155	125	100	\$4756	100	45

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Dec. 4 and 11, 2019

JESUS IS

My Advocate (1 John 2:1) My Deliverer (Rom. 11:26) Eternal Life (1 John 2:1)

Faithful & True (Rev. 19:11) The Lamb of God (John 1:29) My Protection (2 Thess. 3:3)

My Redemption (1 Cor. 1:30) Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) Savior (Eph.5:23)

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9:00 A.M.
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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

THE GREATEST GIFT

Evangelists of the early first century had the power to perform miracles. According to the New Testament (Acts), they could heal the sick, teach in languages they didn't know, and raise the dead. These powers were used as they spread the Gospel of Christ across the world. We consider these abilities as powerful spiritual gifts, given by God to demonstrate His power, Supreme Being and love. It is hard to visualize these gifts today. Imagine one with the power to raise the dead or heal the terminally ill. Possession of such power would be a great gift. It is hard to understand when first considered, but the Bible says that there are greater gifts. Consider 1 Corinthians 13:13, when Paul says, *“And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love”*. He had just stated that the powerful gifts of the day would cease, vanish, and be done away (1 Corinthians 13:8-11). The greater gifts would remain.

Paul had already discussed the power and greatness of love. Notice the words in 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, *“Though I speak with the tongues of men and angels, but have not love I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophesy, and understanding all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing. Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. But whether there are prophesies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away.”* The greatest gift today is love. Love for God and man is required as the greatest commandment of Christ (Matthew 22:36-40). *God is love* (1 John 4:8). *There is no fear in love* (1 John 4:18). *Nothing* can separate the faithful Christian from the love of God (Romans 8:39).

The gift of love is given to the child of God. Do you have this gift? Because of God's love for all men, all can be saved (John 3:16). We must accept God's invitation to follow Jesus (Matthew 11:28,29), accept salvation from sin (Acts 2:36-38), in order to enjoy the blessings of being a child of God (Ephesians 4:5). Are you a baptized believer?

Via Voice of Truth International, Volume 62 Wayne Barrier lives in Florence, Alabama, USA, and is involved with the World Evangelism team in taking the Gospel throughout the world.

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.

SERVICE NOTE: The elders have announced that next week's mid-week service will be on Thursday (26th). Please take note of this change and make plans to be present.

For the second time this month our hearts are sorrowful. We were all shocked by the sudden passing of our brother J. T. Jones. J. T. was buried last Thursday, December 12, in Davidson County on a hill just across the highway from where he was raised. J. T. was always early and in his foyer pew.

Ben Smith (not Tim as in the last issue), delivered a very interesting and uplifting report on the mission work in India December 8. Some of our youth commented about how grateful we should be for our freedoms and blessings. The church here is a long time supporter of that good work. Continue to pray for and support it.

Thanks to Joey Dillard and R. W. Vincent for installing the new light fixture in the annex. It sure brightens the corner! May we all be a "light" where we are (Matt. 5:16)!!

A "Training for Service" class is planned for the first and third Sundays of the month beginning January 5 at 4:30 P.M. The class will concentrate on leadership in worship and other work. All men - young, middle-aged, seniors - are invited and encouraged to participate.

We again have opportunity to participate in Potter Children's Home Commodities Outreach. Their truck will be in this area the week of January 26. Needed pantry items include White Chocolate Chips; Fruit Loops Cereal; Sweet Pickle Relish; Pancake Mix; and Beef Ravioli. Individual families can also donate \$15.00 for perishable items (make checks to Potter's Children Home).

Barbara and I wish to extend "Season's Greetings" and our love to every individual and family here. We pray for you and yours a very happy holiday season. May God's blessings rest upon you.

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Mary Jo Hackett underwent knee replacement Tuesday at Vanderbilt/Lebanon. Ainsley Hassler had her tonsils and adenoids removed last week. Regina Rowland requests prayers for her great-niece, Rylee Winfree, one-week-old daughter of Ryan and Lindsey, who is in neo-natal ICU at Erlanger (Chattanooga), after surgery (esophagus). Bill Cohoon, Barry's dad, was taken to the ER on Saturday due to dehydration but returned home. Carolyn Harris has the flu. Taner Cook was involved in a recent accident, but no serious injuries. Shirley Sadler is in Summit Hospital with heart and other issues. Rebecca Huffines Thompson (a friend and former member) requests our prayers as she suffers with lung issues. Tim Owens (Rome) was home following kidney surgery, but had additional surgery Saturday (14th) for a blockage. Apple Gibbs has been back in the hospital. Keep her and the family in your prayers. John Dallas Hassler has also been ill. The Chris and Susan Klamm family has been suffering with flu, strep, and ear infections, but were back with us Sunday. Patricia Brooks is also back with us after a bout with bronchitis. Jerry and Mary Phillips are back with us and are feeling better. It was good to see Judith Apple doing much better (she and Jimmy visited with us Sunday PM). Faye Maberry continues treatments but was with us Sunday. Barry Cook is feeling better after dealing with knee and inner ear problems. W. A Gibbs continues kidney dialysis and also has pink eye. Janice Anderson recently saw a doctor due to feet and leg issues. Izella Dotson and her son Carlos are improved.

PRAYER LIST: Tommy and Linda Ashburn; Cathy Findley; 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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAY LIST: Carol Woodard (1); Merissa Spivey (4); Kathaleen Replogle (10); Makenna Hassler (11); Johnny Law (17); Noah Vincent (18); Brenda Bowman (19); Barbara Anderson, Mary Jo Hackett, (20); Dimple Hicks (21); Jake Azbell (23); Jenna Claire Harville (24); Susan Klamm (29).

CONGRATULATIONS: To Makenzi Apple who graduated from Freed-Hardeman University this past Friday. We pray for the very best in her future endeavors.

SYMPATHY: Sympathy is extended to the following families: The family of brother J. T. Jones, who passed away, December 9; to Melissa Vance and family in the recent death of her uncle, Sam Cassey of Gainesboro.

THANK YOU NOTES: We received and read a nice thank you note from the Scotty Yeaman family (Gaye Yeaman & Misty Smith);

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; ***Men's Breakfast:*** Saturday, January 18, 2020, 8:00 a.m.

AREA EVENTS: *Young Men's Seminar*, East Main (Murfreesboro), February 1, with Andy Connelly (see posted flyer). *Polishing the Pulpit:* August 12-20, 2020.

"The Lord is my Shepherd..." (Psalm 23:1) IS HE, REALLY?