

<u>EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE</u>					
Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed DBR
April 17	139	109	109	\$4144	109 33
April 24	166	130	101	\$5400*	101 33
Goals	200	160	135	\$4695	130 100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for April, 13 and 20, 2016

Christ, Our Dear Lord!

Hebrews 7:25: *Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.*

1. Christ saves to the uttermost.
2. Christ lives eternally.
3. Christ pleads incessantly.

-Mark N. Posey, Pulpit Preview, 2/14/2015-

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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"

DO RIGHT ANYWAY

Kent Keith penned the following words:

"People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered; love them anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you; be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight; build anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway. Give the world the best you can, and it may never be good enough; give the world the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it never was between you and them anyway."

For some reason we tend to live our lives based on what others think. We keep our eyes on other people, and we'll do what's right to them as long as they do what's right to us. But Jesus calls us away from that mindset. He never asks us to live our lives as a reaction to others. We must determine to do what is right regardless.

John 21:21-22 says, "*When Peter saw him [John], he asked, "Lord, what about him?" Jesus answered, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me."*"

If there are others around you making it difficult to do what is right, do not allow yourself to be distracted. Keep doing what is right anyway.

-William Eudy, Southside Church of Christ, Mineral Wells, TX, September 24, 2005-

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

Welcome, VISITORS! The Lord's church at Carthage is so honored to have you visit with us. Your presence indicates an interest in spiritual matters. We, too, have great interest in things divine. We encourage you to study God's Word with us. If you have questions or comments about what you hear and observe, please feel free to approach us. Please come again!

We say "So long" to Cobie and Shirley Sadler who are moving to Lebanon. They have been faithful members of the church here for a long time and very involved in the work, with Cobie serving as a deacon. He and Shirley have been involved in the Honduran work and many other good works. They will be attending Maple Hill. We will miss them!

Attendance bounced back this past Sunday even with some still being ill and a couple of families out of town. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all were present and together every week?! Let's put forth every effort to bring that hope to fruition.

Our contribution rebounded as well. Our giving is a "gauge" of our love for the Lord and His church (2 Cor. 8:24). It also provides opportunities for the church to do good in the areas of evangelism/mission work, benevolence, and edification. We are admonished "to be ready to every good work" (Titus 3:1; cf. 2 Tim. 3:17)/

The annual fish fry went well. I am not sure of the total number served, but the food and fellowship were great. We were blessed to have several guests, friends, and family members. A large number of meals were delivered to shut-in and sick folks. All those who assisted with delivery are to be thanked, especially our youth, who were very helpful. Those who prepared the annex and cleaned up afterward did a great job. Others picked up supplies, cut up and battered fish and chicken, etc. The desserts and side dishes were great. Thanks to all who brought them. And, last, but certainly not least, our hats are off to the cooks and helpers! They did their usual great job.

We enjoyed a safe and pleasurable day trip to the SEIBS lectures at the Karns' building (Knoxville), on Monday. We heard a number of excellent lessons and enjoyed the fellowship as well seeing a number of friends and fellow-gospel preachers.

We will be doing the devotional at Kindred this Sunday afternoon. The time is 2:00 P.M. We congregate in the up stairs dining area with those residents who are able and desire to attend. Please come and bring a hymn book with you.

I hope to see you Sunday morning, our Lord willing.

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

RESPONSES: Kimberly Lyles, Nancy Berry, and Ashley Randall were baptized into Christ Monday, April 18. Donna Hays requested prayer for forgiveness and strength April 19. Scotty and Gaye Yeaman requested our prayers this past Sunday for forgiveness and strength. Scotty beautifully expressed their gratitude for everyone's support, prayers, and encouragement during their illness and long confinement and lovingly reminded us of just how uncertain life is.

SICK: Irene Gregory remains in Skyline after suffering broken ribs and a collapsed lung in a fall last Wednesday. We all rejoice that Scotty and Gaye Yeaman were with us Sunday. Dimple Hicks was also with us Sunday. She has shingles. Donna Hays, Scott Cook's aunt, is very ill at her home. Rozelle Driver, grandmother of Amanda Hicks, is undergoing rehab at Kindred due to injuries in an auto accident. Janice Anderson is still not feeling well. Phronia Rose, Dennis Hackett's mom, is now rehabbing at Kindred. Barbara Jenkins was back with us Sunday after being ill with UTI. Cathy Stafford is now at home after a hospitalization. Brittany Wright, Hale and Elaine's grand-daughter, underwent an appendectomy April 14. Shirley Holmes was to have a scope test of her abdomen this week. Bob Harville, Peggy Faustina's uncle, has been battling pneumonia. Little Gavin Gregory, Jerry and Cheryl Hicks' grandson, underwent a blockage removal procedure (bladder), Monday morning. Faye Massey, friend of Carol Woodard, underwent recent colon surgery at St. Thomas Mid-Town. Continue to remember Gary Lester in prayer. Jean Whitaker, grandmother of Pam Morris and Sarah Mauldin, is recovering from recent colon surgery. Jean Long, Ann Carter's sister, has been in Cookeville Regional due to blood pressure after hip and arterial (neck) surgery. Ray Upchurch is undergoing rehab at Kindred. Sherry Pritchett is undergoing a new round of treatments. Josh Dillard is also doing chemo treatments in preparation for a stem-cell transplant. Several have been sick with seasonal allergies/ailments: Judy Grisham; Beth Grisham; Derrick and Risa Triplett; Michael Gregory; R. W. Vincent; Steve Harper; Barry Cook. Prayers have been requested for the following: Judy Harris; Jennie Burnett; Angela Haynes, David's granddaughter; Pat Dixon's young grandson, Jay; Dick Marvin; Lisa Agee; Bob Harville; Walter Vanatta; Lisa Decker; Patsy Link; Jan Chaffin; Bob White; Brandon Powell; Glenda Hicks.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Huey Smith; Imogene Reeves and Jackie Spivey (The Palace – RBS); Shelton Marty (Huntsville, AL); Frank Williams (former member), Elm Croft in Lebanon; Vestle Gentry (White Oak Nursing Facility, Spartanburg, S.C.).

IN MILITARY: Jana Watson, Charles & 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 (Marines) and Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (Marines).

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

MAY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Joseph Law (2); Kailee Austin (5); Melanie Hassell (9); Candice Harper, Holly Coblenz (12); Mallie Kate Whitaker (13); Pam Morris (16); Brittany Hackett (19); Cameron Spivey (22); Linda Dickens; Sherry Lester (23); Carolyn Harris (25); Emma Denton, Rick Spivey, (27); Addison Grace Maberry (28); Chris Washer (29) Morgan Faustina, Hattie Branham (30). Gerald & Patty Piper (5/3/1958); Joseph & Laura Beth Law (5/14/2011); James & Regina Rowland (5/23/1974); Jeff & Sonya Whited (5/25/1982).

THANK YOU: The church has received thank you expressions and read a note of gratitude from the following: Gary & Sherry Lester.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the following families who have lost loved ones: Amanda Hicks, whose great-uncle, Gerald Shoemake recently passed away; Debbie Felure in the passing of her uncle, Jimmy McKinney, this past week; and the Jody Apple family in the loss of his father in late March.

YOUTH EVENTS: 5th Sunday, May 29: Justin Mauldin will be speaking during the morning service. Following Bible study, there will be a meal to honor our graduates. A gift bag for each one will be available for cards and gifts. A second service led by the young men will begin at 12:30. For info, see Justin Mauldin.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Blake Richmond and Laci Culberson on their recent marriage. They returned safely from their trip and will be making their home here in Carthage.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016: *Vacation Bible School:* June 6-10, 7:00 P.M.; Theme: "Fruit of the Spirit: Growing Our Spiritual Fruit"; *JSCYC:* July 17-23, 2016; *Annual Singing:* August 5, 7:00 PM.; *Bible Bowl:* September 10 (Leviticus is the book for study-NKJ); *Gospel Meeting:* November 6-9 with Gary Hampton.

CRAFTERS NEEDED: We need more crafters for VBS. See Jeremy Hessler or Justin Mauldin, if you are willing to assist.

AREA EVENTS: *Gospel Meetings:* Herren's Chapel (Putnam Co.), May 1-4, 7:00 P.M., with Ronald Strong preaching; Adams Avenue (Lebanon), May 1-4, 7:00 P.M., with Jody Apple preaching; Crossville, May 1-4, with Jack Honeycutt preaching, 6:00 P.M.; *Ladies' Days:* East Main (Murfreesboro), April 30, registration begins at 8:15 AM; Lori Boyd will speak of "Roots and Wings: Paul's Prayer for the Church";

Religious Discussion: A religious debate on "Water Baptism" will be conducted at Macon County Junior High School, May 27-28, 6:00 P.M. nightly with Michael Brawner and Jack Honeycutt participating.