

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
May 13	147	127	95	\$4503	96	42
May 20	144	115	101	N/A	102	45
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4897	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for May 9 and 16, 2018

THINK ABOUT IT

What you do not start, you will not have to stop.

If you don't strike the match, you won't have to put out the fire.

If you don't commit the sin, you won't have to suffer the consequences.

"All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today."

(Copied from The "Sower" Arthur (IL.) Church of Christ, 3/27/11)

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SMITH COUNTY LIGHT

"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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FREE Bible Correspondence Courses, Tracts or Home Bible Study/ Videos.
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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

WE MUST LOSE TO GAIN!

On my grandfather's farm was a field he sowed by hand. He would strap on a canvas contraption similar to a kangaroo pouch, fill it with seed, and go out to sow. He would cast seed everywhere.

When a farmer sows seed in his field, it looks like he's throwing the seed away. It seems to be lost, but it isn't really gone. In due time he gets back much more than he started out with.

When we give ourselves to Christ, it may seem to the world as if we're throwing our life away. But the Lord tells us that it is only as we lose our lives in Him that we find true life (Matthew 10:39).

Jesus teaches us to measure our lives by losses rather than gains, by sacrifices rather than self-preservation, by time spent for others rather than time lavished upon ourselves, by love poured out rather than love poured in.

It's the eternal principle of life: God blesses those who give of their lives and resources (2 Corinthians 9:6). If we give out the truth of God's word to others, He'll give us more to give away. If we give of our time, we'll have more time to give. If we set no limit on our love, we'll have more love for others than before.

The Proverb writer tells us, "There is one who scatters, yet increases more" (Proverbs 11:24). It's one of the oldest paradoxes in the world, but it works. The British poet, William Wordsworth (1770-1850), also stated a great truth regarding our giving:

*We lose what on ourselves we spend;
We have a treasure without end
Whatever, Lord, to You we lend,
Who givest all.*

The bottom line is: When we are selfish, we lose; when we give to God by helping others in need, we gain (Matthew 25:31-46).

(By Mike Riley, via GEWatkins.net Bulletin Articles)

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), as directed in His Word. Please investigate God's inspired Scriptures with us. And, as the Lord through Isaiah said, "Come, let us reason together" (Acts 17:11; Isaiah 1:18). If you wish to study the Bible via a Bible Correspondence Course, please request such on the available attendance cards.

Sunday morning attendance was down a bit this past Sunday due to families being out of town and others being away because of illness. With school ending and Memorial Day coming up vacation time is here. Don't forget God and remember to pack your Bible when you travel. You are to be commended for making sure your contribution is "in place". The contribution continues to run right at or above budget even during the summer.

Vacation Bible School is almost here! **June 4-8** is the date. And it promises to be another great one. This year's theme is "**HEAVENLY ARMOR: The Battle Belongs to the Lord**". Classes will include nursery through adult. Sessions will begin at 6:30 P.M. Refreshments will follow. Friday night will be awards night. Contact Jeremy Hassler or Justin Mauldin if you wish to assist. "There is much to do, there's work on every hand...!"

Camper Applications for Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp were distributed this past Sunday afternoon and are now available. Families with children planning to attend JSCYC should pick up an application (available in foyer), complete, and return ASAP. The theme is "Change Me from the Inside Out". It will be a great study! The church will be paying the camp fee (\$60) for children whose families attend here. Camper application deadline will be **Sunday, June 10. July 15-21** is the date for camp. The final assignment meeting for staff only has been changed to **6:30 P.M., Saturday, June 30** at the Bagdad building.

We are excited to have brother **Alan Highers** coming to be with us the fifth Sunday of July. That will be **July 29**. He is editor of the quarterly *Spiritual Sword* publication (available in foyer), which many of us read and study. He speaks several times annually at Polishing the Pulpit and other lectureships. He recently was in Scotland for a gospel meeting. He served as moderator for the Open Forum at the Freed-Hardeman Lectures for many years. He will be speaking at all three services (9:00 and 10:15 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.). Please make plans to be here.

I hope to see all of you Sunday morning. Have a great rest of the week!

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

RESPONSE: Linda Cook responded to the invitation on Sunday morning, May 20 to request prayers for forgiveness and strength to "make it home".

SICK: Alex Driver, Amanda Hicks' grandfather, is in ICU at RRMC. Carolyn Hill is back with us after a bout with pneumonia. Donnie Herd was unable to be with us Sunday due to an allergic reaction requiring an ER visit. Scotty Yeaman is now at home but is still unable to walk. Jerry and Mary Phillips have been sick. Tony Hackett received good news from recent tests. Derrick Triplett is much better (he is *carrying* his cane!). Caleb Harville is back with us. Jack and Judy Grisham and Barry Cook were ill last Wednesday, but are better. Remember these in prayer: Guilford and Faye McKay; Jimmy Dale Merryman; Doug Bain; Joey Black; Debbie Fulton Mary Helen Apple; John Sales; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Billy Halliburton; Tim Smith; Pattie Birdwell; Jere Andrews; Shelia Glover; Mark and Mary Ellen Lawrence; Lena Winfree; Faye Massey; Tucker Burford; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Charles White (Valdosta, GA); Mike Sircy; Paul Meacham, Jr.; Sawyer Cole; Gerrie Dillon; Patsy Link; Richard Rhoten; Jan Chaffin; Tim Loftis; Jo Norton; Jimmy Bean; Troy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Cathy Stafford; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich; and Steve Dowell.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Phronia Rose (Local); Ray Harper (Hartsville); Christine Jones (NHC - Cookeville); Howard and Loneta Bains (Pavilion).

SHUT-INS: Hattie Branham; Wilma Richardson; James Hall; Pat Paysinger.

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).

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Vacation Bible School:* June 4-8, "Heavenly Armor: *The Battle Belongs to the Lord*", 6:30 PM; *Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp:* July 15-21. Theme: "Change Me from the Inside Out"; *Fifth Sunday of July:* Alan Highers will be here to speak at all services; *Annual Singing:* August 3, 7:00 PM, food served at 5:30 P.M.; *Bible Bowl:* September 8 (Daniel and Ecclesiastes); *Gospel Meeting:* September 16-19 with Allen Webster; *Retreat:* October 12-14 at Taylor Christian Camp.

JUNE BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Matthew Jones, Derrick Triplett (5); Dalisa White, Jack Grisham, Jacob Mauldin (7); Miley Thomas (8); Jake White (10); Russell Vincent (12); Gayle Reeves, Kenneth Hensley (13); Denise Hackett (15); Melinda Spivey (17); Cathy Stafford, Jaden Apple (20); Seth Hackett (21); Molly Jones, Patty Piper (22); Kristi Hassler (26); Tanner Austin (28); Barry Cook (29); Janice Silcox (30). Justin & Sarah Mauldin (6/02/2012); Chris & Courtney Washer (6/02/2012); Hale & Elaine Wright (6/5/1964); Jerry & Mary Phillips (6/10/1967); Jeremy & Kristi Hassler (6/16/2007); Joe & Gayle Reeves (6/17/1972); Eric & Casey Swann (6/19/2009); Michael & Denise Hackett (6/25/1994); Chris & Susan Klamm (6/26/2007).

CONGRATULATIONS: To Andy and Hannah McKee Rutherford who were married Saturday, May 19.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

HEAVENLY ARMOR:

"The Battle Belongs to the Lord"

June 4-8, 2018

6:30 P.M. Nightly

Bible Classes for Nursery thru Adult

Adult Speakers: Tim Mitchell (M); Mike Fox (Tues.); Edward L Anderson (W); and Doug Gregory (Thurs.)

Singing, Puppets, Refreshments

(Awards Night on Friday Evening)

Everyone Welcome!

SYMPATHY: To the following: Brian, Peggy Denton and family in the death of Peggy's mother, Christine Jones; Gary and Wanda Clemons in the death of Gary's mother, Norma Clemons; Dennis and Darlene Hackett in the death of Dennis's aunt, Betty Jo Hillis, whose funeral was Sunday in McMinnville; the Mack Holliman family, whose funeral was also May 20; and, the family of Joe Taylor of Gallatin, who had preached at Rome and Montrose in the past. His funeral was May 15.

BABY GIFT BASKET: A Baby Boy Gift Basket will be in the foyer on Sunday for the soon-to-be-born son of Drew and Paige Triplett and grandson of Derrick and Risa Triplett.

AREA EVENTS: *Gospel Meeting:* Montrose church of Christ, June 17-21, with Wayne Lankford preaching, 7:00 P.M.