

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

| Date: | AM | Bible Study | PM | Cont. | Wed | DBR |
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| May 15 | 156 | 111 | 102 | \$6252* | 98 | 33 |
| May 22 | 155 | 113 | 92 | \$4505 | 107 | 35 |
| Goals | 200 | 160 | 135 | \$4695 | 130 | 100% |

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for May 11 and 18, 2016

A NECESSARY NOTE ABOUT THE USE OF THE BUILDING, MATERIALS AND FACILITIES

1. If you open it, close it.
2. If you turn it on, turn it off.
3. If you unlock it, lock it back.
4. If you break it, repair it if you can.
5. If you can't fix it, report it.
6. If you borrow it, return it.
7. When you use it don't abuse it.
8. If you make a mess, clean it up.
9. If you move it, put it back where you found it.
10. If you don't know what it is for and don't know how to operate it, leave it alone.

-Gerald Cowan, Dongola(IL) church of Christ, via BulletinGold, Sept. 2012-

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men. - Colossians 3:23

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest. -Ecclesiastes 9:10

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

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BROKEN NO MORE

One of the greatest ambitions of any violinist is to play a Stradivarius. Meticulously handcrafted by Antonio Stradivari, these very rare violins produce an unrivalled sound. So you can imagine the excitement of acclaimed British violinist Peter Cropper when, in 1981 London's Royal Academy of Music offered him a 258-year-old Stradivarius for a series of concerts.

But then the unimaginable happened. As Peter entered the stage he tripped, landed on top of the violin, and snapped the neck off. I can't even begin to imagine how Peter Cropper felt at that moment. A priceless masterpiece destroyed!

Cropper was inconsolable. He took the violin to a master craftsman in the vain hope he might be able to repair it. And repair it he did. So perfect was the repair that the break was undetectable, and, more importantly, the sound was exquisite.

The Academy was most gracious and allowed him to continue using the Stradivarius. And so night after night, as Peter drew his bow across those strings, he was reminded of the fact that what he once thought was irreparably damaged had been fully restored by the hand of a Master craftsman.*

Created in the image of our Creator (Genesis 1:26-27), **each of us has become marred and broken by our sin.** “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,” and “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 3:23; 6:23).

But Jesus, the Master Craftsman, can make us whole again. He died on the cross for our sins so that we can be cleansed from sin and receive the gift of eternal life (Ephesians 1:7; Romans 6:23B).

Jesus will cleanse and make whole those who place their **faith** and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31)), turn from their sins in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), **confess** Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

Bring Christ your broken life,
So marred by sin,
He will create anew,
He will create anew,
Make whole again.
Your empty wasted years
He will restore,
And your iniquities,
Remember no more.
--T.O. Chisholm--

Broken by sin, won't YOU come to Christ in trusting obedience so that He can make you whole?

-David A. Sargent, Creekwood Church of Christ, Mobile, AL. * “A Broken Stradivarius” in www.storiesforpreaching.com

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!

Attendance has held steady the past couple of weeks with contributions averaging above budget over the past four weeks. Let's all strive to be faithful in attendance and in our giving as well as in all other areas of our lives.

This Sunday, like every first day of the week, is a special day. We will have an early afternoon service at 12:30 instead of the usual 6:00 P.M. The P.M. service will be preceded by a potluck meal, which will follow our morning worship and Bible study. We will recognize our graduates and their families. Make plans to be present for all services. Justin Mauldin will preach Sunday morning and Chris Hicks the afternoon. We are also to host the devotional at The Pavilion at 2:00 P.M.

Our Vacation Bible School is June 6-10. Please circle the date on your calendar. The evening sessions begin at 6:30 P.M. "Growing Our Spiritual Fruit" is our theme. Begin now to invite others – especially the little ones, middle-schoolers, and teenagers. Classes for adults are scheduled as well. So invite them, too! We have excellent speakers to address a grand theme Monday through Thursday in the following order: Larry Cole (Love/Faithfulness); David Lipe (Joy/Kindness); Doyle Crawford (Peace/Patience); and Sammy Webb (Gentleness/Goodness). We will study "Self-control" (Temperance) on Sunday.

If you requested one of the tables from the annex, please pick it up tonight (Wednesday). We need them removed because of setting up for the meal on Sunday. We will be using the new tables and chairs. Thanks to those who assembled the carts/racks for the tables and chairs.

A public discussion of "Water Baptism" will take place this Friday and Saturday (27th and 28th) evenings at Macon County Junior High in Lafayette. Jack Honeycutt and Michael Brawner will be the disputants discussing two propositions. It can be viewed on the internet via the Gospel Broadcasting Network (GBN) site.

It is good for us to be together for the mid-week service. I personally appreciate your being here. Have a great rest of the week. I hope to see you Sunday morning, our Lord willing.

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Irene Gregory is still unable to be with us but she is improving at Gail and R. W.'s home. We all rejoice that Scotty and Gaye Yeaman have been able to be with on Sunday mornings. Scotty is to have an outpatient procedure done on Tuesday, May 31. W. A Gibbs will begin kidney dialysis in the near future. Keep him in your prayers. Ruby Fisher will have cataract surgery June 7. Dimple Hicks is doing better after a UTI. Janice Anderson is still suffering from the effects of a fall. Phronia Rose, Dennis Hackett's mom, is now back at home. Cathy Stafford is dealing with gout and other health issues. Julie Harville is better after a bout with the flu. Justin and Jonah Mauldin were sick over the weekend. Judy Grisham has been ill since our last bulletin report, but is feeling much better. David Tucker, Susan Law's brother, is doing well after open heart surgery. Shelton Marty, uncle to Cathy and Teddy Spivey, is very ill in Alabama. Our prayers are requested. Richard Marvin, Susan Woodard Marvin's father-in-law, recently had a heart defibrillator implanted. Bob Harville, Peggy Faustina's uncle, has been moved to a rehab facility. Prayers have been requested for Jane Whitley, who is having back problems. Prayers are also requested for Karen Howell who is to undergo brain surgery for removal of a non-malignant tumor. Continue to remember Gary Lester in prayer. Ray Upchurch came home from rehab on Tuesday. Sherry Pritchett is undergoing a new round of treatments. Joe Boze, known by many of us, has been in Summer Regional due to a fluid build up.

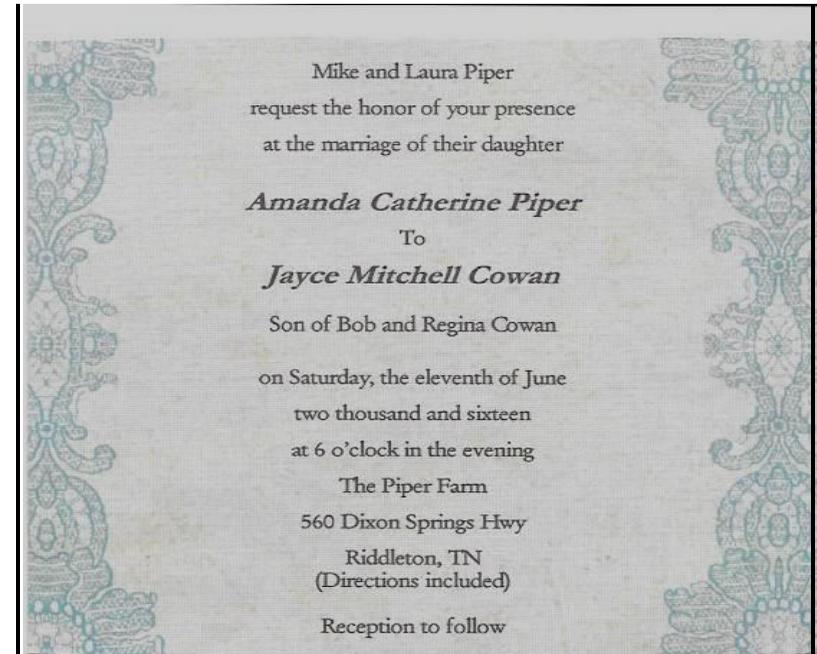
NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Huey Smith; Imogene Reeves and Jackie Spivey (The Palace – RBS); Shelton Marty (Huntsville, AL); Frank Williams (former member), Elm Croft in Lebanon; Vestle Gentry (White Oak Nursing Facility, Spartanburg, S.C.).

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; James Hall; and Pat Paysinger.

THANK YOU: The church has received thank you expressions and read a note of gratitude from the following: Tony Hackett family; residents of South Carthage Manor Apartments; Amanda Piper and Jayce Cowan.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the following families who have lost loved ones: Debbie Felure and family in the passing of her uncle, Jerry McKinney; the family of Mike Morgan, relative of Cobie and Shirley Sadler and Jeff and Sonya Whited; Scott Cook and family in the passing of his aunt, Donna Hays, who funeral was Tuesday.



JUNE BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Matthew Jones, Derrick Triplett (5); Dalisa White, Jack Grisham (7); Jake White (10); 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); Barry Cook (29); Janice Silcox, Gary Lester (30). Justin & Sarah Mauldin (6/02/2012); Chris & Courtney Washer – 6/2/12; Hale & Elaine Wright (6/5/1964); Jerry & Mary Phillips (6/10/1967); Richard & Sara Davenport (6/13/2009); 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); Gary & Sherry Lester (6/27/1968).

YOUTH EVENTS: *Lock-in:* Friday, May 27, Jimmy Floyd Center, Lebanon. *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 high school senior will be available for cards and gifts. A second service led by the young men will begin at 12:30. Chris Hicks will be the speaker. For info, see Justin Mauldin.

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 Hassler or Justin Mauldin, if you are willing to assist.