

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
June 12	161	123	92	\$4600	130*	36
June 19	143	104	94	\$4778*	87	25
Goals	200	160	135	\$4695	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for June 8 and 15, 2016

I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint. – Jer. 31:25

In the overwhelming, hair-raising, and depressing prophecies of Jeremiah, God repeatedly told his people he would destroy them for their obstinate and hardened hearts. Yet in the middle of these powerful and scorching warnings, God also slips in passages that soar with hope and grace. Can you think of anything more reassuring than God’s promise to **“refresh the weary and satisfy the faint”**? For seventy years, that’s all Israel had – God’s promise. But when the time came, God made good on his word. I believe he will do the same with us today!

(Phil Ware, Heartlight - Today’s Verse, 8/22/2015)

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

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

A SAFE LANDING

Steve Higginbotham reports: On the evening of December 29, 1972, Eastern Airlines flight 401 crashed into the Florida Everglades, killing 101 people. Any time a passenger plane crashes, it grabs our attention because so many lives are affected by the tragedy. But what makes this crash even more tragic is that it was completely avoidable.

While preparing to land in Miami, FL, the co-pilot noticed that a light bulb on the instrument panel wasn’t working, and he tried to replace it. Unsuccessful at his attempts to remove the burnt light bulb, the airplane was placed on auto-pilot and the pilot himself left his seat to assist him. Somehow in the process, the auto-pilot was accidentally disengaged and while the pilot and co-pilot worked at replacing a burnt out light bulb, the plane slowly descended, and crashed.

Think of it...101 people died because more attention was given to a burnt out light bulb than flying and landing an airplane.

Sad indeed, but every day, mistakes more monumental than this take place. In fact, someone reading this article right now may unwittingly be in a “descent” that will lead to his destruction if he continues to devote his attention to things of lesser importance.

Some day they will meet God unprepared because they gave their attention to lesser things. Jobs, family, entertainment, social status, schooling, pleasure, wealth, etc. all have their place, but not at the expense of a “safe landing.”

Friends, don’t get so caught up with the distractions of this world (Matthew 13:22), that you fail to “land safely.” Give it some thought.

Our sins place us on a collision course to a dead end (Matthew 7:13-14; Romans 6:23).

But God loves us so much that He gave His one and only Son to die on the cross for our sins so that we may have the forgiveness of our sins and receive the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23; Ephesians 1:7).

God will save us when we place our **faith** and trust in Jesus (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 sins (Acts 2:38). Then as we continue to follow our “Pilot”, He will continue to cleanse us from sin (1 John 1:7) and take us home to Heaven (John 14:1-3).

Jesus is the “Pilot” that will lead us to a “SAFE LANDING” (see John 14:6). Won’t you turn your attention – and your life – to Him (Hebrews 12:2) so that He can take you home?

David A. Sargent, Creekwood Church of Christ, Mobile, AL. *Slightly adapted from “Eastern Airlines Flight 401” in MercEmail, a weekly devotion from Steve Higginbotham, 10/8/2015

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 been steady the past couple of weeks in spite of some families being out of town. Let me urge everyone to be a daily Bible reader and to worship with brethren when you are on vacation. God blesses us with vacation time, too, so we should remember Him during that time.

Vacation Bible School has come and gone. I believe it was one of our best from the standpoint of the material studied. "Growing Our Spiritual Fruit", based on Galatians 5:22-23, was the theme. The innocence and enthusiasm of the children should motivate all of us. Thanks to visiting speakers Larry Cole, David Lipe, Doyle Crawford, and Sammy Webb for their excellent lessons delivered to the adult class. The teenage class was taught by our own Andy Rutherford, Chris Hicks, Jeremy Hassler, and Eric Swann. I do not have a complete list of all the other teachers, helpers, crafters, puppeteers, and refreshment/cleanup personnel so we will just say a big "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped make VBS a big success.

June 12 was the deadline for camper applications for Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp, but we still had room for a few more and so we have received a few more apps over the past week. It appears we will be at full or near full capacity again this year. We appreciate all those who give of their time and themselves to work during camp. Camp week is July 17-23. The important final assignment meeting for staff members will be Friday, July 8, (6:30 P.M.), at the Bagdad building.

The meeting at Buffalo Valley last week was enjoyable and, I trust, profitable to all attending. We were blessed by the many visitors. The work seems to be going well. Brother Dennis Lowe is the preacher. It was good to be associated with him and his family and all the brothers and sisters there, some of whom we had not seen in sometime. Thanks to those from Carthage who attended. It is always good to see familiar faces when away. I wish to express special thanks to Andy Rutherford (AM) and R. W. Vincent (PM) for preaching here on Sunday. We are blessed to have several capable men.

As you read these lines Barbara and I, along with Grandmother Dixon and other family members, are in the mountains for a few days of rest/vacation. Keep us in your prayers as we travel. I am indebted again to Andy Rutherford (AM) and Blake Richmond (PM) for filling in for me this past Sunday (19th).

Glad you came for tonight's mid-week service. I trust we can all be together on Sunday morning. May God bless you in His service.

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Steven Gregory, Denise Hackett's brother-in-law had brain surgery, on Wednesday, June 15, to remove a bleed. Ruby Fisher is doing well following recent cataract surgery. Little Ainsley Washer had a febrile seizure, on Friday, June 17. She is doing better. Betty Carter and Linda Cook have been sick. Narine (Samuel) Khublall, missionary to Guyana, recently had surgery. Leslie Alford spent several days in Sumner Regional, but is now at home. Mary Jo Hackett underwent same day surgery last Thursday. Gary Lester saw his doctors last week and on Monday. Blood work results were good. Remember Gary and Sherry in your prayers. Emogene Dixon is doing better and was able to be back with us. Opal Agee is back at Kindred. Little Campbell Sadler, granddaughter of Cobie and Shirley Sadler, recently had a colonoscopy. Scotty and Gaye Yeaman were able to be present last Sunday. Scotty is scheduled for another knee surgery. Janice Anderson continues to deal with leg/feet problems. W. A. Gibbs is recuperating from the procedure which prepares him for kidney dialysis. Prayers have also been requested for five-year-old Dallas Senseabaugh (stomach), and Karen Howell (non-malignant brain tumor). Bob Harville, Peggy Faustina's uncle, remains in a rehab facility. Prayers are also requested for Karen Howell who is to undergo brain surgery for removal of a non-malignant tumor. Continue to remember Ray Upchurch, Sherry Pritchett, and Emma Hall in your prayers.

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

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

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).

THANK YOU: The church has received thank you expressions and read notes of gratitude from the following: Jacob Craighead; Madison Tongate; Emma Denton; Dusten Holder.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the following families who have lost loved ones: The Tim Bohanan family of Lafayette. Tim recently passed away. He was Gordon Jenkins' brother-in-law.

JULY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Beth Grisham, Alex Hackett (1); Katie Agee, Mike Piper (3); Wanda Clemons (8); Ethan Denton, (9); Risa Triplett (10); Joe Reeves (13); Edward Anderson (14); Leah Piper (16); Jeff Crockett (17); Luke Linder, Sophie Linder, Sheri Cook (21); Sonya Whited (22); Judy Grisham (23); Ken Bennett (26); Frances Kemp (27); Ann Carter (31). Steve & Tammy Harper (7/7/1978); Edward & Barbara Anderson (7/7/1966); Dusty & Mia Whitaker – 7/8/2006; Scotty & Julie Harville (7/10/1999); Barry & Teri Cohoon (7/14/79); Dennis & Darlene Hackett (7/16/1988); Jeff & Beth Grisham (7/18/1998); Jeff & Lacey Crockett (7/18); R. W. & Gail Vincent (7/21/1967); Jimmy & Bridget Austin (7/22/2005).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016: *JSCYC:* July 17-23, 2016; *Annual Singing:* August 5, 7:00 P.M.; *Bible Bowl:* September 10 (Leviticus is the book for study-NKJ); *Gospel Meeting:* November 6-9 with Gary Hampton. *Nashville Sounds Game:* Sign-up sheets are posted in the foyer and basement for a game, July 9. For more details see Justin Mauldin.

AREA EVENTS: *Youth Unite:* McCoinsville church of Christ, Sunday, June 26, 5:00 P.M.. Justin Mauldin will be taking the van which will leave the building promptly at 4:00 P.M. *Friday Night Singing:* Herren's Chapel church of Christ (Putnam Co.), July 1, 7:00 P.M. Refreshments at break.

ON FIRE FOR JESUS

God has never had anything good to say about "bench warming" Christians. To the brethren at Laodicea Jesus said: "because you are lukewarm, and neither cold or hot, I will spew you out of my mouth" (Rev. 3:16). James said that we must be "doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22). Week after week, God challenges us to adapt our lives to become more like Christ. He asks us to give more in the collection, He wants us to attend every service, He begs us to study the Bible more frequently and He desperately tries to motivate us to be more involved in the work of the congregation.

How do we respond? Are we eager to change? Do we see transformation of our character day by day? Let us strive to overcome all differences and be motivated by love we have for our Father in heaven to work for His cause; not lukewarm, but on fire for Jesus and His cause. –Jedremy Sproft, via Bulletin Digest