

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
June 10	164	132	102	\$4799*	101	38
July 17	163	132	93	N/A	100	38
Goals	200	160	135	\$4695	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for July 6 and 13, 2016

THE HOLY BIBLE

Two Major Divisions **40 Writers – 1500 + Years**
 Old Testament - 39 books Inspired of God – 2 Timothy 3:16F
 New Testament - 27 books All things needed – 2 Peter 1:3

The New Testament

Eight writers
 The law under which we live today
 Perfect law – James 1:25

The Life Of Christ

Matthew – Mark – Luke – John

The History Of The Church

Acts

How To Live As A Christian

Romans through Jude

How To Die As A Christian

Revelation
 -via Truth in Love, June-December, 2007-

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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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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”

KEEP SWINGING

Henry (Hank) Aaron is a baseball legend. He has hit more home runs than anyone else in baseball, even more than Babe Ruth. Aaron holds the record, and has for many years. So such achievement requires many qualities, including talent, time, good health, persistence, focus, adaptability, and the ability to overcome obstacles. Regarding this last quality Aaron once said, “My motto was always to keep swinging. Whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having trouble off the field, the only thing to do was to keep swinging,” That’s pretty good advice for baseball players. It’s also pretty good advice for Christians, keep swinging. No matter what’s going on around you keep doing the things you do best, keep doing the things that are most important to you, keep focusing on the positive.

Sometimes in your personal life there are a lot of distractions and difficulties to overcome. You may not feel your best physically or emotionally. Keep swinging. You may have financial or employment problems. Keep swinging. You may be struggling with a particularly strong temptation. Keep praying. Keep reading the Bible. Keep attending church. Keep in touch with those who want to help. You may feel like you have given everything you have to give and those around you are still asking for more. Don’t give up. Christians keep swinging.

Or it may be broader in scope. It may be your family is having difficulties. Good relationships with your spouse and children are always challenging. Your spouse is selfish and doesn’t understand you, and your children aren’t listening. But don’t give up. Keep swinging. Or maybe it’s your in-laws who are troublesome. I don’t recommend that you swing at them, but do try to work toward positive solutions. Great Christian relationships require long-term commitment and effort.

Sometimes there are even distractions and difficulties in the church. The one place where things ought to be the best often is not. Satan knows how to use our human weaknesses to achieve his purposes. You can bet he never stops swinging. He encourages in-house fighting; he promotes discouragement and discontentment. He wants us to tolerate sin. To counter his attacks, we **must** keep swinging ourselves. We **must** take on the Christian armor, study the scriptures, pray without ceasing, draw near to God, and maintain a pro-active, aggressive advance against Satan. In the words of Hank Aaron, we must keep swinging! In the words of Paul, **“Stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord...”** (1 Cor. 15:58).

-Joe Chesser, Fruitland (MO) Church of Christ, via BulletinGold-

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 up well the past few Sundays even with "Vacation Time" in full swing. Some who have been ill are able to be back with us, but we always seem to have several away due to illness. Remember to pray for the sick and suffering.

We have averaged over budget for the past six weeks. Contributions were slightly under budget for only a couple of weeks, with the others exceeding our goal. It is always good to leave our contribution behind when we go on vacation or to make it up when we return. Paul describes giving as "proof of our love" (2 Cor. 8:8, 24).

When many of you read this we will be, Lord willing, mid-way through Jackson-Smith County Youth Camp. Camp is conducted at the Taylor Christian Camp facilities at Holland, KY. We are to depart the grounds by 10:00 A.M. Saturday. If you are picking up your child Saturday morning, be sure to arrive early. We were expecting to have approximately 190 individuals – campers, pre-campers, and staff. Thanks to all who assist with camp and support financially this annual good work. Visitors are welcome at camp. However, camp activities must be kept on schedule. Friday night is the official "Visitor's Night". Light refreshments may be available after the devotional and talent/skit time. Please pray for God's blessings for safety and success for the remainder of the week.

July 31 is a fifth Sunday. Our schedule is a bit different with the P.M. service at 12:30, following a fellowship meal. Morning services are, as usual, at 9:00 (worship), and 10:15 (Bible classes). Justin Mauldin will preach at the 9:00 A.M. assembly and the young men will lead the afternoon service. We are to conduct a 2:00 P.M. devotional at the Pavilion.

Our Annual Friday Night Singing is rapidly approaching. The date is August 5. The Singing will officially begin at 7:00 P.M., but some early arrivers may be singing prior to that time. We need your help with food, water, and soft drinks/water to be served beginning at 5:00 P.M.

Lord willing, I will be with the Hillcrest church of Christ near Gallatin, July 24-27, for a Gospel Meeting. The van will be driven Monday night. ***Edward L. Anderson***

NEWS & NOTES:

BAPTISMS: Stan Stevenson reports there were five baptisms recently here at the building. These resulted from Bible studies done by the prison ministry. We rejoice in this good news.

SICK: Risa Triplett's parents, Harry and Camille Reasonover, have been dealing with injuries (shoulder and broken upper arm, respectively), which occurred during or due to the recent storms. Troy Spivey, Teddy Spivey's grandfather, is now at home following recent colon surgery. Scotty and Gaye Yeaman have not felt as well the past few days. Steven Gregory, Denise Hackett's brother-in-law, is improving from surgery. Emogene Dixon is somewhat improved in mobility (the fracture is knitting), but is still not feeling well. Barbara Anderson was ill last week with infection/temp/stomach issues. Frances Rollins, Elaine Wright's sister, suffered a stroke last week and is now in Kindred for rehab. It is great to see Mary Jo Hackett able to be back with us. Charles Williamson, friend to several here, is back at home after a hospital stay in Murfreesboro. Keep Gary and Sherry Lester in your prayers. Janice Anderson is still unable to be with us due leg/feet problems. W. A. Gibbs is still awaiting dialysis. He says he is feeling a little better. He requests prayer for his neighbor, Wayne Harris. Josh Dillard is now at home following an extended stay in the hospital. Earl Carter, brother to Frances Kemp, is reported to be feeling much better. Prayers have also been requested for five-year-old Dallas Senseabaugh (stomach). Bob Harville, Peggy Faustina's uncle, is not doing well and 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; (Kindred); Imogene Reeves (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).

MISSION TRIP: Makenzi Apple is with a mission team in Guyana. We pray for a successful work and a safe return trip home.

FAIR BOOTH: We are hosting a booth at the Smith County Fair next week. We need workers to greet fair goers who come by the booth. We have free bottled water for them, a fan, and a packet of tracts with information about the church. Please sign up on the posted sheet.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the following families who have lost loved ones: The family of Rick Spivey and family, Courtney Washer and family, and Teddy Spivey, in the recent death of their father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great uncle, Jackie Spivey. The memorial service was conducted last Sunday at Anderson & Son Funeral Home, in Red Boiling Springs; Frances Kemp in the recent death of a sister-in-law, Gloria Kemp. The memorial service was conducted today at the Anthony Funeral Home, in Hartsville.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: W.A. Gibbs, Jordan Tongate (1); Scott Cook (3); Cheryl Hicks (4); Maggie Beth Law (5); Dustin Washer (6); Gail Vincent (10); Taner Cook; Harper Whitaker (21); Misty Smith, Scott Tongate (22); Le'ani Faustina, Amy Grisham, Jacob Bray (24); Payton Azbell (26); Sarah Mauldin, Laura Piper, Gordon Jenkins, (27); Carolyn Hill (28); Gaye Yeaman, Barry Cohoon (30); Pat Paysinger (31). Chris & Amanda Hicks (8/5/06) Jim & Kathaleen Replogle (8/6/1977); Mike & Melanie Hassell (8/30/80); Rick & Melinda Spivey (8/30).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016: **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.

AREA EVENTS: **Friday Night Singing:** Trinity Lane (Nashville), July 22, 7:00 P.M.. **Gospel Meetings:** Hillcrest church of Christ (Sumner Co.), July 24-27, with Edward L. Anderson preaching, 7:00 P.M.; McCoinsville church of Christ, July 24-29, with Brant Stubblefield preaching, 7:00 P.M.; Rome church of Christ, August 5-7, with Eddy Craft preaching, 7:30 P.M.; Bethlehem church of Christ (Putnam Co.), August 7-11, with Phil Loftis preaching, 7:00 P.M. **Elders/Deacons/Preachers' Seminar:** East Main (Murfreesboro) August 6, with Glenn Colley, Alan Highers, and Tom Holland on "Responsibilities of Christians", with Registration from 8:00 – 8:30 A.M. Dismissal at 1:00 P.M.