

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
July 24	154	130	117	\$5275*	64	38
July 31	168	131	104	\$3993	98	31
Goals	200	160	135	\$4695	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for July 20 and 27, 2016

TEN WAYS TO LOVE

1. Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18:13)
2. Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
3. Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
4. Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
5. Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
6. Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
7. Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
8. Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)
9. Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
10. Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)

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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”

WILLING TO DO HIS WILL

Do you have a real hunger for truth? Is there a craving to really understand God’s will? If you answer “yes” to these questions, good. But more is required. A longing to know is important for all of us. But knowledge for the sake of knowledge is not what God is asking of us at all.

Listen to Jesus in John 7:17, ***“If any man is willing to do His will, he shall know the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from Myself.”*** If there is a formula for understanding the will of God, this is it. Please notice, He didn’t offer anything to the ones who just wanted to KNOW. We may want to know so we can win an argument, tell someone what is wrong with them, or just as a novelty so we can boast about our superior understanding of things. These attitudes are not what God desires. The important thing is one’s willingness to DO the Lord’s will.

Do people say, “Well, it doesn’t matter to me what you show me in the Bible, I’m never going to change. My family has always believed this way and I will die believing the same thing.” When I hear this, I don’t go away puzzled that they can’t seem to grasp the teachings of God’s Word even on the most basic of themes. Understanding has to do with the heart as well as intellect.

Listen, God’s Word is not just a reference book to be placed on the shelf and pulled down when I want to look up something of interest. It is about life. It is intended to touch us where we live every day.

It is literally amazing the kind of ideas people can come up with while studying their Bible, when they go to it in order to prove that what they are already doing is the right thing. But it is equally amazing how simple things are in the Word of God when I am looking for teaching on how to live, and I am willing to yield my whole life to His charge. The one willing to do His will truly does come to know that the Bible is from God and is willing to live according to its laws every day.

(By Leon Barnes, Voice of Truth International, Volume 1)

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!

Our Annual Singing is this Friday evening at 7:00 P.M. We will have refreshments beginning at 5:00 P.M. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. (We have ample water and soft drinks.) Be here to welcome our guests and to sing praise to God.

Attendance was up and the contribution down Sunday. We are grateful for the upsurge in attendance. We were blessed with visitors and some of the sick were able to be back with us. Even though the contribution was below budget, we have averaged above budget for the five Sundays in July.

The fifth Sunday schedule was in effect last Sunday with a meal between the morning services and the 12:30 P.M. meeting. Thanks to all who prepared food, served, and cleaned afterward. Justin preached an excellent sermon on service/serving Sunday morning and Matthew Jones followed up with a fine lesson during the afternoon service. The other young men did their usual good job – some participating for the first time. Way to go, guys!

We also conducted the devotional at the Pavilion following our regular services. Most of the residents were in attendance and a good number came to assist with the service. Thanks to all! Note: We are to host the 2:00 P.M. devotional at Kindred this Sunday, August 7.

We had another successful year of Jackson-Smith County Youth Camp. Nine were baptized into Christ and there were twenty-six prayer requests for forgiveness (See next column). Daily devotionals and Bible classes focused on the phrase "The Least of These", with emphasis on developing the heart of a servant. On behalf of the co-directors I express our profound gratitude to all the campers, the volunteer staff, and all those who regularly support JSCYC with your monetary contributions, memorial donations, and prayers.

The meeting at Hillcrest ended last Wednesday night. They are few in number but strong in faith. We were greatly blessed by visitors. I appreciate those of you who went with us Monday evening. My next meeting will be in the same general area, Bush's Chapel, August 28-31. I am grateful to Derrick Triplett for preaching Sunday morning in my absence.

I hope to see everyone Sunday morning. *Edward L. Anderson*

NEWS & NOTES:

RECENT RESPONSES: We rejoice with Jake White and family in his decision to become a Christian. Jake was baptized into Christ on Friday evening at camp. Four of our youth requested prayers for forgiveness and strength while at camp: Taner Cook; Talon Cothorn; Matthew Jones; and Ethan Crockett. Stan Stevenson reports here have been two other baptisms recently via the prison ministry.

SICK: Hale Wright is in Riverview Regional after suffering a stroke Sunday night. Cathy Stafford is in Vanderbilt due to injuries suffered in an auto accident. Risa Triplett's parents, Harry and Camille Reasonover, are improving from their injuries. Troy Spivey, Teddy Spivey's grandfather, is improving following colon surgery. It's good to see Steven Gregory back with us. Emogene Dixon is still unable to be with us. Barbara Anderson is feeling some better. Jack and Judy Grisham have been ill, as have Don and Betty Carter. All are now better. Frances Rollins, Elaine Wright's sister, continues rehab at Kindred. Earl Carter, Frances Kemp's brother, is not as well. Janice Anderson is still unable to be with us. W. A. Gibbs is feeling quite a bit better. Bob Harville, Peggy Faustina's uncle, is not doing well and remains in a rehab facility. Continue to also remember the following in prayer: Ray Upchurch; Leslie Alford; Scotty and Gaye Yeaman; Gary and Sherry Lester; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Brandon Powell; Josh Dillard; Phronia Rose; Karen Howell; and Emma Hall.

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).

THANK YOU: The church has received thank you expressions and notes of gratitude read from the following: the Rick Spivey family; Barbara Anderson and Emogene Dixon.

MAGI BOXES: Several boxes have been picked up and returned. A few more are available. A list of needed items is in each box. Please sign the sheet when taking a box(es) and also when you return it/them. Please fill and return by August 14. The church will pay the \$7.00 per box shipping fee.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016: *Annual Singing:* August 5, 7:00 PM.; *Bible Bowl:* September 10 (Leviticus is the book for study-NKJ); *Retreat:* October 14-16 (with Zion); *Gospel Meeting:* November 6-9 with Gary Hampton.

AREA EVENTS: *Friday Night Singing: Gospel Meetings:* Rome church of Christ, Aug. 5-7, with Eddy Craft preaching, 7:30 P.M.; Bethlehem church of Christ (Putnam Co.), Aug. 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. Lunch will be served with final session following and concluding at 1:00 P.M.; *Singing:* Highland Heights (Lebanon), August 12, 7:00 P.M. *Youth Unite:* Zion church of Christ, August 14 at 5:00 P.M.

FAIR BOOTH: Thanks to all, younger and older, who worked in our booth during last week's Smith County Fair. Numerous tracts, Paul Sain's Ready Reference booklets, and the "Silencing of God" DVD's, along with complimentary note pads, pens, etc. were distributed throughout the event. We also provided bottled water in the name of the Lord. It was indeed refreshing, especially with the hot, humid weather. Thanks again for your assistance in welcoming visitors to the booth.

BIBLE BOWL: The annual Bible Bowl hosted by the Sycamore church of Christ in Cookeville will be September 10 at TTU's Hooper-Eblen Center. All our Bible Bowlers are to be commended and encouraged for their study and participation.

ANNUAL SINGING

Friday, August 5, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

Moderator: W. A. Gibbs

"Praise for the Lord" Hymnal

(Refreshments will be served beginning at 5:00 P.M.)

Everyone Invited!