

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
August 7	171	127	118	\$4998*	101	33
August 14	166	133	100	\$5012*	100	37
Goals	200	160	135	\$4695	130	100%

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for August 3 and 10, 2016

Daily Lift – July 31, 2016, Daily Devotional – GBN

*Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you* (Deuteronomy 4:2).

The practice of man since the beginning is the changing of God’s Word. Think about it. How did the serpent tempt Eve to sin? He did so by changing God’s Word. The effect of such is still felt today.

Man never improves things by changing the Word of God. The confusion in religion today is largely based upon man’s unwillingness to accept God’s Word as it is.

One wants things to be this way, another wants things to be that way. Thankfully, we can go to the Scriptures each day and choose to accept them as they are. Thus our lives will be as God would have them to be...Scriptural.

The book of Meditations Of My Heart (from which this daily devotional is taken) is available /can be ordered from Sain Publications (931-363-6905 or email psain@sainpublications.com).

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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 Morning  
10:15 A.M.  
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7:00 P.M.

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**“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”**

**It’s YOU!**

Mary Branson was driving the new family car and inadvertently made a wrong turn and sideswiped another automobile. In tears, she began fumbling through the glove compartment in an effort to locate the appropriate insurance papers. When she finally found the documents, she also discovered a small note attached in her husband’s handwriting. It read simply:

**Dear Mary,**

**When you read these papers, remember That it is YOU I love, and not the CAR.” \***

Now THAT is a loving husband! That loving husband reminds us of an attribute of the Heavenly Father: “God is love” (1 John 4:8).

It is vitally important for us to remember that God loves us because we make many “wrong turns” (we sin!) and make a mess of our lives, “For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23).

**But as we open our “letter” from God (the Bible), we read:**

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” - John 3:16*

*“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us,” - Romans 5:8*

*9 “This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. 10 This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.” – 1 John 4:9-10*

*“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” – Ephesians 1:7*

**God is saying, “When you make a wrong turn and wreck your life, remember it’s YOU that I love and not the SIN.**

In the message that God has given us through His Word, we learn that God loves us so much that He sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. He loves us so much that He wants to save us from sin, add us to His family, and give us the gift of eternal life!

God will save those who put their **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). He will continue to cleanse those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7).

**There’s not ONE of us that hasn’t made a wrong turn and suffered because of it.**

But to each of us, God says, **“Remember, it’s YOU that I love and not the SIN.”** And through the blood of Jesus, He’ll wash that sin away!

**What a wonderful, loving Heavenly Father!**

**Won’t YOU accept His offer of forgiveness and life on His terms?**

(David A. Sargent, Minister, Church of Christ at Creekwood, Mobile, Alabama, 2/15/2015)

\*House to House/Heart to Heart

## ***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 and contribution were good this past Sunday. Both are indications of the state of our love for the Lord and His church. It is easy to take either or both for granted. Make no mistake about it, both are important in the eyes of the Lord! Faithful attendance at all services is a very visible display of putting God first. It has been known to lead others to Christ.

Justin and Sarah and a group of our young folks attended Youth Unite at Zion (Jackson County), this past Sunday. Our youth are also involved in Bible Bowl preparation. Parents, your children desperately need to be involved in spiritual pursuits. The window of opportunity to instill a good foundation early in life is open for such a short time (Eccl. 12:1). Note: Makenzi Apple recently returned from a mission trip and Dalisa White is away this week with a group from Crieve Hall (she attends there when in college). We're proud of both for their involvement in such good works.

Our Annual Singing has come and gone. While attendance was down somewhat from previous years, the singing was great! We had many guests, some who have been attending for many years and others who came for the first time. We were blessed by all. The singing was recorded and is available on CD and DVD. Several have been mailed to those requesting a copy. Thanks to those who did the recording, duplication, etc. And, a BIG "Thank You" to all who prepared the annex, provided food, served, did clean up, etc.

The devotional at Kindred August 7 was attended by several residents. Thanks to those who came and assisted with the singing. We are scheduled for the first Sunday of November, with Rome and Montrose doing September and October.

We filled 80 MAGI boxes for the children in Honduras. Your participation in this good work is appreciated. It will be a great blessing to so many lives. Thanks again!

I will be away for the Summer Series at Smithville next Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup>), and will be in a Gospel Meeting with Bush's Chapel (Sumner Co.), August 28-31. Remember me in prayer.

I hope to see everyone Sunday morning.

*Edward L. Anderson*

## ***NEWS & NOTES:***

**RECENT RESPONSES:** We rejoice with Briona Smith and family in her decision to become a Christian. Briona was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning, Aug. 7. Donnie Herd requested prayers for forgiveness and strength on Sunday evening, Aug. 7. Dalisa Whited requested prayers for forgiveness and strength on Wednesday evening, Aug. 10.

**SICK:** W. A. Gibbs began dialysis on Monday. Hale Wright is back with us and back to work after a stay in RRMC due to a stroke. R. W. Vincent and Don Carter underwent eye surgery recently. Both are doing well. Wilma Richardson is now at home after a short stay in RRMC. Jimmy Rigsby, Melinda Spivey's father, is in Centennial ICU. Her mother, Carolyn, is suffering from an insect (spider?) bite. Cathy Stafford is in Kindred for rehab. James Hall was able to be with us Sunday. Carol Woodard is recovering from an eye injury. Mary Phillips is in RRMC due to a stomach ailment. Emogene Dixon is still not able to be with us. She saw the cardiologist last week. Gayle Reeves was ill this past Sunday. Amanda Hicks has been ill since the last bulletin. Frances Rollins, Elaine Wright's sister, continues rehab at Kindred. Earl Carter, Frances Kemp's brother, underwent stent (heart) placement last week at Cookeville. Janice Anderson is still unable to be with us. 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; Cathy Stafford (Kindred); Imogene Reeves (The Palace – RBS); Frank Williams, 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: Hale and Elaine Wright.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to the following families: Eugene Hunt (father of Wayne, who preaches at Flat Rock), whose funeral was last Thursday; Sylvia White (known by many here who were former students, colleagues, and friends), whose funeral was Sunday; Jason Bridgewater, also known by some here, whose funeral was today.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST:** Blake Tongate (3); Dusty Whitaker; Jasmine King (5); Teddy Spivey, David Maberry (6), Lola King (8), Amanda Cowan, Susan Law (9), Talon Cothren, Mia Whitaker (10), Jessica Grim, (11); Caroline Law (12) Alex Richmond, Scotty Yeaman, Jeff Whited (13); Zach Tongate (17); Conner Warren (21); Jessa Klammm (26); Julie Harville, Aubrey Hicks (27); James Rowland (28); Emogene Dixon (29); Scott & Sheri Cook (9/06/02); Scott & Debbie Tongate (9/07) Jack & Judy Grisham (9/14/68).

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016:** *Bible Bowl:* September 10 (Leviticus is the book for study-NKJ); *Run 4 Don:* September 17, 8:00 A.M. in Gainesboro; *Family Retreat:* October 14-16 (with Zion); *Gospel Meeting:* November 6-9 with Gary Hampton.

**AREA EVENTS:** *Polishing the Pulpit:* Sevierville Convention Center, August 19-25 (a couple of our families are attending); *Gospel Meetings:* Bush's Chapel church of Christ (Sumner Co.), August 28-31, with Edward L Anderson preaching, 7:00 P.M. *Singings:* Lebanon Road church of Christ, August 19, 7:00 P.M.; Stewart's Creek church of Christ (Smyrna), August 26, 7:00 P.M.; Diana Singing, September 9-10, 7:30 until. *Ladies' Days:* Jamestown church of Christ, September 3, 9:00A.M. - 1:00 P.M., with Becky Honeycutt; Red Boiling Springs church of Christ, September 17, "Rags to Riches", Registration: 9:00 A.M., with Christy Cook and Karen Davis speaking; *AGAPE:* 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Dinner, November 10 at Franklin Marriot Cool Springs.

**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 with questions being taken from Leviticus. All our Bible Bowlers are to be commended and encouraged for their study and participation.