

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Aug. 18	121	87	76	\$3746	86	28
Aug. 28	147	105	83	\$5166*	77	32
Goals:	155	125	100	\$4756	100	45

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Aug. 14 and 21, 2019

Just Flexing His Muscles

Some years back, on “The Merv Griffin Show,” the guest was a body builder. During the interview, Merv asked, “Why do you develop those particular muscles?” The body builder simply stepped forward and flexed a series of well-defined muscles from chest to calf. The audience applauded. “What do you use all those muscles for?” Merv asked. Again, the muscular specimen flexed, and biceps and triceps sprouted to impressive proportions. “But what do you use those muscles for?” Merv persisted. The body builder was bewildered. He didn’t have an answer other than to display his well-developed frame.

I was reminded that our spiritual exercises—Bible study, prayer, reading religious books and magazines, listening to religious radio and music—are also for a purpose. They’re meant to strengthen our ability to build God’s kingdom, not simply to improve our pose before an admiring audience. *“For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come”* (1 Tim. 4:8). (Tomlinson Run Church of Christ, Georgetown, PA, 7/24/16)

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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)

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

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

REMODELING YOUR SPIRITUAL HOUSE

There are tons of television shows centered around the idea of remodeling your home, and most of them operate on the same principle: helping a homeowner improve their living environment. Without proper care, houses deteriorate, or residents simply tire of the old furniture, paint and decorations around, They need a remodel.

Sometimes we need the same thing spiritually! James 1:21-25 gives us a blueprint to do an “extreme makeover” on our spiritual houses, and it all centers around the powerful word of God (James 1:18; 1 Pet. 1:22-25; John 17:15-17; Acts 20:28-32).

MAKE ROOM for the Word! The first thing that happens in a remodeling job is tearing out the old walls, furniture, etc. You can’t bring in the new unless you get rid of some old! Likewise, in order to remodel our spiritual houses, **we have to lay aside “filthiness and overflow of wickedness”** (James 1:21). That means **we have to throw away the sin that is in our lives and put on the “new man”** (Col. 3:1-10). Sin is heavy (Heb. 12:1) and it clutters our environment. Get rid of it!

RECEIVE the Word! The next thing to do is bring in the new, useful material. For our spiritual houses, that useful material is the word of God. James says to **receive with “meekness”** (James 1:21). We should have the same mind as David in Psalm 119:11 and the Christians in 1 Thess. 2:13. **God’s word must be “implanted” or “engrafted” into our hearts, which is God’s plan** (Heb. 8:6-13).

DO the Word! If you are remodeling a home, it doesn’t do any good to have a bunch of lumber and uninstalled fixtures lying around. You have to actually put the stuff to work! The same goes with God’s word (James 1:22). **We can’t be hearers only.** Jesus teaches this same lesson (Luke 6:46; John 14:15).

CONTINUE in the Word! You have to take care of the new remodel! Remember Paul’s word in 1 Cor. 10:1-13.

If you follow God’s blueprint, you can have a successful spiritual home makeover! But make sure your house has a strong foundation first (Matt. 7:24-27; John 8:24; Matt. 10:32-33; Luke 13:3, 5; John 3:3, 5; Mark 16:16).

(Matt Clifton, McCrory (AR) church of Christ, via Bulletin Digest)

FROM THE PREACHER’S HEART:

WELCOME, VISITORS! We are honored by your presence. We seek to worship the one true God in spirit and truth (John 4:24). Study God's inspired Scriptures with us (2 Tim. 2:15). "Come, let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18; Acts 17:11). If you desire a Bible Correspondence Course or home Bible study, please request either on the card in the Visitor's Packet.

Five thousand three hundred and three – that's the official count of the number attending Polishing the Pulpit (PTP) in Sevierville August 16-22. Forty-six states and 14 countries were represented! PTP offers something for everyone (preachers, elders, deacons, teachers, parents, children, etc.). Several of our members were among that record-setting number. Some attended the Spiritual Renewal Weekend, August 16-18. Barbara and I attended Sunday (PM) through the final session on Thursday morning. It was a great period of worship, Bible study, singing, and fellowship. Jeremy Hassler delivered a lesson on Saturday dealing with our Bible school program. I was honored to speak in four sessions about home/family, giving, and preaching. Make plans to attend for whatever time you can next year (August 12-20, 2020), Lord willing.

All the Magi boxes have been filled to the best of my knowledge. The deadline was last Sunday, August 25. If you have not returned yours, please do so as soon as possible. This is a very good work which will prove to be a blessing to many children. Jesus loves children and so should we! Thanks to all for your generosity and benevolent spirit!

Saturday, October 5 is being designated as a brotherhood-wide "Door Knocking Day" in connection with House to House/Heart to Heart mailings. We send this excellent publication into many homes in Smith County and have received several responses. Ben Flatt will be preaching in our Gospel Meeting October 13-16. Let's take advantage of this opportunity to promote both the meeting (which will be advertised in the next mail out), and House to House by knocking doors that day. We can invite strangers, friends, and neighbors to come to the meeting and thank them for reading House to House.

The Summer Series - "The Church We Love" – continues each Wednesday through 9/11/19. We are grateful to those who have taught: Jeremy Hassler; Dusty Whitaker; Johnny Law; Steve Bray; Seth Hackett; R. W. Vincent; Michael Hackett; Eric Swann; Josh Brown; Barry Cohoon; Andy Rutherford; Chris Hicks; and Matthew Jones. Please attend the two final sessions.

I hope to see you Sunday! **Edward L. Anderson**
NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Scotty Yeaman is in RRMC due to a UTI and blood clots. Gaye Yeaman has improved and is able to be out for brief periods. Little Apple Gibbs, infant daughter of Elston and Lori Gibbs, remains in Vanderbilt NICU but is gaining weight. Sherrie Pritchett (Rome) is also in Vanderbilt. Jerry Phillips is awaiting results from recent tests and was unable to be with us Sunday. Horace Jones, Peggy Denton's father, is in NHC (Cookeville), but can take an occasional day trip. Chris, Aubrey and Scarlett Hicks are back with us after a bout with strep. Ainsley and Drake Washer had fevers this past Sunday. Jody Morris, Tammy Harper, and Brittany Wright (Hale and Elaine's granddaughter), have been ill. It was nice to have W. A. Gibbs and daughter Sherrie with us Sunday. Faye Maberry had a port implanted recently which makes her infusion treatments easier. Please pray for Linda Dennis (recent surgery), and Gary Anderson (preventive chemo). They are cousins to Edward.

PRAYER LIST: Danny Claire, Brad Wilson; Jack Gallaher; Ren Coker; Shirley Henry; Don Blackwell; Roy Hicks; Ricky Branham; Bob & Donnieta White; John Conditt; Levi Halliburton; Mike Ruis; Duane Hesson; Billy Woodard; Tammy Bush; Jerry Glenn; Bentley Cowan; David Lipe; Louie Gray West; Taylor & Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn, Emily Allen; Judy Fox Jones; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; Debbie Flatt; Ken Miller; Lynn Vaden; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Faye McKay; Joey Black; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Tim Smith; Pattie Birdwell; Mark & Mary Ellen Lawrence; Donna Kemp; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Sawyer Cole; Patsy Link; Richard Rhoten; Buddy & Jan Chaffin; Troy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Earl Carter; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich; and Steve Dowell.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED/LIVING/SHUT-INS: Lovell Chaffin; Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Frances Glosser; Ricky Branham (SCH&R); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Horace Jones (NHC, Cookeville); Hattie Branham and Pat Paysinger (Shut-ins).

IN THE MILITARY: Jana Watson, Ann Carter's grand-daughter (Army); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (Marines); Camron Huff (Marines); Derek Brothers (Army National Guard), Ruby Fisher's grandson-in-law.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the family of Dycus Carter (Don's father). The funeral was Monday in Cookeville.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Kim Sircy and Wanda Clemons on becoming grandmother and great-grandmother respectively with

the arrival of baby boy Jaden Everette Lattrell (5 lbs. 15 oz., 20 inches).

THANK YOU: The church received a "Thank You" note from Cobie and Shirley Sadler for remembering them during their recent illnesses.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotionals:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 PM; *Pavilion Devotionals:* Each Fifth Sunday, 2:00 PM; *Bible Bowl:* September 7; *Run4Don:* September 21 (in Gainesboro); *Gospel Meeting,* October 13-16, with Ben Flatt; *Retreat,* October 11-13, at TCC.

PROMOTION TIME: September 1 marks the beginning of the new quarter in our Bible study program. This will also be "Promotion Quarter" for all school-age children. Congratulations, girls and boys!

RETURN VISITATION CARDS: Josh Brown reminds us that it is time to return the cards. We urge all who possibly can to take a card, make a visit (or two), and encourage someone who is sick, shut-in, erring, prospect, etc.

RUN FOR DON: We are reminded that the deadline for signing up for the September 21 Run for Don (Don Chaffin, former member here and director of JSCYC), is next weekend. You can sign up on line. If you cannot attend, your donation will assist with scholarships for deserving young men and women and for research for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

CREATION SEMINAR: Tyree Chapel (2271 Tyree Chapel RD, Franklin, KY), will host a Creation vs. Evolution Seminar with Kyle Butt, Sept. 6-8. See posted advertisements.

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

A man reportedly used his butane cigarette lighter one night to see if there was any gas left in the container. There was! He was severely burned. How could he be so....., well....., uninformed?! But what about those who persist in sin and pursue lifestyles to their own destruction in spite of all the warnings? See Rom. 6:23; Rev. 20:11-15; 21:8; 22:14-15. Think about it. **ELA**