

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

| Date: | AM | Bible Study | PM | Cont. | Wed | DBR |
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| Sept 18 | 156 | 120 | 97 | \$4762* | 118 | 31 |
| Sept. 25 | 145 | 122 | 97 | N/A | 95 | 29 |
| Goals | 200 | 160 | 135 | \$4695 | 130 | 100% |

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Sept 14 and 21, 2016

Addendum to News & Notes: David Maberry would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, kind words and most of all for the prayers during his recent trip to work with the Red Cross in Louisiana..

“...I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,: declares the LORD. --Jeremiah 9:24

Two truths are equally crucial for us to understand in this passage. First, God is kind, just and righteous. Second, he delights in these things when he sees them in us. So what does your life stand for? Let’s be like our Father and take on the lifestyle of loving kindness, the cause of justice for all, and the character of righteousness. Why? Because we should have no greater joy than to bring delight to the Father!

(Heartlight, Today’s Verse for 09/24/2016, by Phil Ware)

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

APPOINTED FOR MEN TO DIE ONCE

After buying her kids a pet hamster, after they PROMISED they would take care of it, the mother, as usual, ended up with the responsibility.

One evening, exasperated, she asked her children, “How many times do you think that hamster would have died if I hadn’t looked after it?”

After a moment, her youngest son replied quizzically, “Once?”

Well, that didn’t help make the mother’s point but, technically, his answer was correct – not only for hamsters, but for us as well. The Hebrew writer said, “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment...” (Hebrews 9:27)

The fact that we are appointed to die once is both sobering and promising. On the one hand, it means that there is no way that we can escape death (“it is appointed for man to die”), but on the other hand it is something that we will have to experience only once. While there are a few notable exceptions in the Bible, everyone who has ever lived on the face of this earth has died, but only once.

But the real point of this passage in Hebrews has nothing to do with us. It has everything to do with Jesus Christ. The Hebrew writer says that once was enough. Unlike the sacrifices of the Jews which had to be offered over and over, one sacrifice was sufficient to take away all of our sins – forever! With that knowledge comes this beautiful promise:

“...so Christ was offered as a sacrifice one time to take away the sins of many people. And he will come a second time, not to offer himself for sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.” (Hebrews 9:28, NCV).

Praise be to Jesus Christ for the effectiveness of his death and for the promise of his return!

Alan Smith, “Thought For The Day”, June 16, 2016
Cruciform church of Christ, Spring Lake, NC

THE PREACHER'S HEART:

In view of the upcoming local (Carthage and South Carthage) liquor referendums on the ballot for the November election, there are some important points to consider about the increased availability and consumption of alcohol. "Liquor by the drink" is seldom singular. One drink leads to two, three, four, and maybe more. It is invariably the case that increased accessibility increases consumption by addicts, "social" drinkers, and underage drinkers. Sadly, many of the latter two groups join the millions who are already addicted. Alcohol is still America's Number One drug problem. Legalizing a vice never ever makes it a virtue.

The deceptions of alcohol are easily established from the Scriptures as well as by personal observation. A very wise man has written, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whoever is **deceived** thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1). The number one deception of alcohol is that once taken up it is easily laid aside. Those who boast, "I can take it or leave it", usually have a difficult time leaving it. Inspiration's vivid description of the woes of addiction in Proverbs 23:29-35 accurately ends with the sad refrain, "I will seek it yet again."

Another deception of alcohol is that it is harmless. Most have forgotten or ignored the fact that alcohol is a poison. Bartenders have been known to say, "Pick your poison." Perhaps they know something the customer doesn't! Webster defines alcohol as "a colorless volatile flammable liquid C₂H₅OH that is the intoxicating agent in fermented and distilled liquors" (p 21). "Alcoholism" is defined as the state of being **poisoned** by alcohol. That's the same alcohol found in beer, wine, and distilled spirits.

Alcohol as a beverage really has no defense. Where is the good it has produced? What societal problems has it solved? In contrast just think of the evil it brings. Consider all the problems it creates in homes, families, and communities. The problems associated with alcohol are social, domestic, economic, religious, physical, and mental. Some say it will do wonders for the community, but what about the horror it brings to accident victims, abused spouses, and neglected children? It may be that it will bring some revenue into the tax coffers, but what about the coffins which are filled with the bodies of those killed by drunk drivers? The costs of alcohol (crime, health costs, damage to property, etc.), always exceed the tax revenue from its sales.

If we are to judge a tree by its fruit, as the Judge of all men declared (Matthew 7:20), the "Alcohol Tree" needs to be cut down.

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

RECENT RESPONSES: Two precious souls have responded since our last bulletin to request prayers for strength and forgiveness: Lola King (9/14/16); David Maberry (9/18/16).

SICK: Susan Woodard Marvin, Carol Woodard's daughter, has improved remains in St. Thomas Mid-Town for complete bed-rest. Mary Phillips has been returned to Kindred following a couple of days in Centennial. Judy Spivey, Teddy's grandmother, is recuperating from recent gall bladder surgery. Brenda Bowman is now recuperating at home after back surgery and rehab at St. Thomas Mid-Town. Dianne Williams, wife of Charles Williams, underwent back surgery September 20. Irene Gregory is back at home after a short stay in Kindred. Gaye Yeaman has not been as well and suffered a fall last week. W. A. Gibbs' dialysis is going well. Mary Jo Hackett is still unable to be with us. Rick Spivey's mother has been hospitalized due to pneumonia. Barbara Anderson saw the orthopedist September 27 for knee problems. Jimmy Rigsby, Melinda Spivey's father, has been moved to McFarland Rehab in Lebanon. Frances Rollins, Elaine Wright's sister, is now at home after a stay in Kindred's rehab program. It is good to see James Hall able to be back with us. Janice Anderson is continues to suffer with her knees and feet. Bob Harville, Peggy Faustina's uncle, is not doing well and remains in a rehab facility. Arnold Rich, known by many here, has been diagnosed with cancer and our prayers are requested. Continue to also remember the following in prayer: Ray Upchurch; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Scotty and Gaye Yeaman; Gary and Sherry Lester; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Ronnie Jones; Josh Dillard; Phronia Rose; Karen Howell; and Emma Hall.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Curtis Richards (Kindred); Linda Black (Carthage Pavilion); Imogene Reeves (The Palace – RBS); Frank Williams, Elm Croft in Lebanon; Vestle Gentry (White Oak Nursing Facility, Spartanburg, S.C.).

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

IN MILITARY: Jana Watson, 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 (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (Marines).

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the following families in the loss of loved ones: The family of Kenneth Merryman (formerly attended here); the Brian Smith family in the death of his grandfather, Mr. Bob Dillehay; the family of Pat Dyer (former member here), whose celebration of life was Sunday at Macon County High School; and the family of Brandon Powell whose funeral was yesterday (Tuesday).

BABY GIRL SHOWER: To be given in honor of Pam Morris, Sunday, October 16, after P.M. service. Please bring finger foods.

THANK YOU: We have received and read publicly a note of gratitude from the following family: The Bob Dillehay family.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Jerry Phillips (1); Scarlett Hicks (2); Jerry Hicks (7); Irene Gregory; Ainsley Hassler (9); Candace Richmond (14); R. W. Vincent (16); Eric Swann (19); John Christopher Klamm, Madison Tongate (21); Kaelyn Ward (22); Jeremy Hassler (24); Rick Blankenship (25); Cathy Spivey (26); Debbie Tongate (27); Derek & Holly Coblentz (10/12/2013).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2016: *Trip to Pumpkin Patch:* October 1, 3:00 P.M. (See Justin for directions or to car pool); *Family Retreat at TCC:* October 14-16, cost is \$20 per person or \$80 maximum cost per family, sign-up sheets posted in basement and foyer (Can come for all or part); *Gospel Meeting:* November 6-9 with Gary Hampton preaching.

AREA EVENTS: Gospel Meetings: Bagdad church of Christ, October 2-5, with Ben Flatt preaching, 7:00 P.M.; Brush Creek church of Christ, October 2-5, with Kerry Duke preaching, 7:00 P.M.; Carthage church of Christ, November 6-9, with Gary Hampton preaching, Sunday at 9:00 and 10:15, and 1:00 P.M.; Mon. – Wed. 7:00 P.M.; Center Grove church of Christ, October 2-5, with Phil Sanders preaching, 7:00 P.M.; **AGAPE:** 50th Anniversary Annual Dinner, November 10 at Franklin Marriot Cool Springs.

FOOD/SUPPLIES DRIVE FOR TN CHILDREN'S HOME: The truck is to be in our area Tuesday, October 4. The item we are collecting is **liquid laundry detergent**.

"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honest, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and any praise, think on these things."