

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Dec.23	154	110	96	\$5325*	101	28
Dec. 30	139	109	113	\$8282*	93	35
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4756	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for December 19 & 26 2018

ARE YOU HITTING THE MARK?

An old evangelist was telling another man how he might improve his lifestyle.

“You know,” answered the fellow, “I’ve been aiming to do that.”

“Well,” said the preacher, “quit aiming and start shooting.”

The Bible says, *“Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness”* (1 John 3:4). This literally means to miss the mark. Honestly now, are you hitting the mark of righteousness? The life you are living today, how close are you to what God desires? Good intentions are good but no matter how good the intention is it will never replace the act itself. Good intentions will not get us to heaven! Read Matthew 7:21: *Not everyone that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.*

-Matt Richardson, via Bulletin Digest 4/18/2014-

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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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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

SPIRITUAL RESOLUTIONS

At the beginning of a new year, it is very common to make resolutions. We look back over the previous year, assess our successes and our failures, and set goals to improve over the course of the new year. For many people, these resolutions are all of a material nature. For example, they resolve to loose weight, to quit smoking, or to get out of debt.

All of these are indeed worthy goals, but let me challenge you to make some spiritual resolutions this year as well. For example, resolve to be a daily student of the Bible and to read through God’s word in 2019. Resolve to attend the church of Christ this year with your family and to be more involved in the activities. Resolve to help the poor and the needy more this year. Resolve to pray to God every day. Resolve to be a more loving and patient spouse, parent, or child. Resolve to share the gospel of Christ with at least one lost soul in 2019.

Of course, we have all heard the old saying that resolutions are made in January and forgotten in March. This brings to mind another old, but true saying: “If we fail to plan, then we plan to fail.” The reason so many resolutions go unrealized is because we make no plans on how to succeed or else have unrealized expectations to begin with. Take being a daily Bible student, for example. If one will read three chapters a day from the Old Testament, one can read through it in a year. Nine chapters a day in the New Testament will enable one to read through it once a month. That, it seems to me, is a very reachable schedule and goal.

Above all, let us resolve to live out the wise words of King Solomon: *“Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man”* (Eccl. 12”13).

-Travis L. Quertermous, Dexter, MO., via BulletinGold 12/2018-

THE GRAND ESSENTIALS IN THIS LIFE ARE:

- 1) SOMETHING TO DO.
- 2) SOMETHING TO LOVE.
- 3) SOMETHING TO HOPE FOR. –Addison

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

WELCOME, VISITORS! We are so honored by your presence. Our desire is to worship the one true God in spirit and truth (John 4:24). Study God's inspired Scriptures with us (2 Tim. 2:15). As the Lord through Isaiah said, "Come, let us reason together" (Acts 17:11; Isaiah 1:18). If you wish to study the Bible via a Bible Correspondence Course or home Bible study, please request either on the available attendance cards.

We were really blessed by visitors (many were "our own" returning), during the holiday season. Some were in town several days and attended with their families. It is always great to have our "college-agers" home for an extended stay! Some will be with us until mid-January. We wish them well as they return to their respective schools.

The elders presented the 2019 budget this past Sunday. It is slightly lower (\$141), than last year's, but still represents a great body of work and countless opportunities for good. Let us accept the challenge by responding positively and doing all we can to bring honor and glory to the Lord who blesses us abundantly.

We thank Justin Mauldin for a very challenging and timely lesson from Hebrews 12:1-3 on Sunday morning. As we begin the New Year, let us resolve to run the race; to run it well, laying aside any and all sin; and to complete (finish) the race. Well done, Justin!

We enjoyed a wonderful meal and period of fellowship following our A.M. worship and Bible study. A number of visitors ate with us and it was good to get to know them better. A special thanks to all who prepared and brought food. It was delightful in taste and appearance!

Our younger men led the 12:30 worship as they read scripture, led singing, and led prayers. Seth Hackett delivered an interesting, instructive, and very practical sermon entitled "Lessons Learned While Waiting in Traffic". Good job, Seth!

Barbara and I extend a special "Thank You" for your kindness during the past couple of weeks as well as throughout the year. Every greeting card, especially those with pictures of your family, children, and grandchildren; the gift cards; the special ordered fruit and other goodies; and the "bonus" – all are deeply appreciated. Above all we thank God for your love, faithfulness, and prayers as we work together for His cause.

Hope to see you Sunday morning a little before nine!

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Brittany Hackett underwent thyroid surgery last week with no cancer found and is recuperating nicely. Peggy Faustina is back with us after her surgery. Faye Maberry is to begin a series of chemo treatments soon. Remember Faye and family in prayer. Mary Cross has been ill for several weeks. Joe Hensley has not been well for sometime but was with us Sunday. Continue to remember Jennifer Hackett Wright, niece to Debbie Felure and Sandy Harris, in prayer. Scott Cook is doing well in his recovery after double partial knee replacement. Dalisa White has requested prayer for her uncle Billy Davis and her aunt Lottie who has been in the hospital. James Thomas Fisher, Ruby's grandson, is at home for a few weeks for rehab after being injured. Scotty Yeaman is being treated for atrial fibrillation to prepare for a procedure in a few weeks. It is good to see Gaye Yeaman back with us. W. A. Gibbs' was with us Sunday but did not feel well. Since our last bulletin Drake Washer (flu); Jacob Mauldin; and Sandy Harris (back issues) have been ill.

PRAYER LIST: Prayers are requested for the following: David Lipe (broken leg); Randy Wakefield; Horace Jones; Louie Gray West; O'Neal Huffines; Taylor and Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn, Emily Allen; Judy Jones; Dycus Carter; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; Gene Sykes; Debbie Flatt; Ken Miller; Lynn Vaden; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Faye McKay; Jimmy Merryman; Doug Bain; Joey Black; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Tim Smith; Pattie Birdwell; Jere Andrews; Mark & Mary Ellen Lawrence; Faye Massey; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Charles White; Mike Sircy; Paul Meacham, Jr.; Sawyer Cole; Patsy Link; Richard Rhoten; Buddy & Jan Chaffin; Tim Loftis; Jimmy Bean; Troy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich; and Steve Dowell.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED/LIVING/SHUT-INS: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Wilma Richardson (Concordia); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Hattie Branham; Pat Paysinger.

IN THE MILITARY: James Thomas Fisher, grandson of Ruby Fisher (Army); 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).

JANUARY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Carol Woodard (1); Merissa Spivey (4); Jeff Grisham (8); Kathaleen Replogle (10); Makenna Hassler (11); J.T. Jones (14); Johnny Law (17); Noah Vincent (18); Brenda Bowman (19); Barbara Anderson, Mary Jo Hackett, (20); Dimple Hicks (21); Jake Azbell (23); Jenna Claire Harville (24); Susan Klamm (29).

SYMPATHY: Our deepest sympathy is extended to Eric Haney in the recent death of his sister, Susie Luster; to the family of Debbie Fulton who recently passed away.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Ethan Denton on his recent graduation from TTU. All the best, Ethan!

THANK YOU: The church has received and read "Thank You" messages from W. A. Gibbs; Mary Cross; the Cathy Stafford family; and Mr. & Mrs. Jack Billington.

NEED A RIDE: Barry Cook volunteered to drive the van and pick up those who might need a ride on Wednesday evening's. If you need a ride, please contact him. Thanks, Barry!

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The annual Men's Breakfast has been scheduled for Saturday, January 19, at 8:00 A.M. This is for all our men – young and old. Invite a friend, too!

COMMODITIES FOR POTTER'S: The truck from Potter's Children Home will be here January 27. We need **Canned Black Beans** and **Pop Tarts**.

AREA EVENTS: *Nashville School of Preaching:* Spring Term 2019, January 7 – April 4 (See Posted Schedule); *Gospel Meeting:* Willow Avenue church of Christ (Cookeville), January 20-23, with B. J. Clarke, 7:00 PM.; *Ladies' Day:* Crossville church of Christ, March 16, with Donna Faughn, 9:00 – Noon.

"GIVE ATTENDANCE TO READING"

Paul's inspired advice to Timothy in 1 Timothy 4:13 should be applied by all. Batsell Barrett Baxter urged his students to read widely. Read first the Scriptures, then other good books (study helps of various kinds), religious periodicals, etc., even current events. Today's events will be tomorrow's history. By all means, search the Scriptures daily (Acts 17:11)! **ELA**