

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Jan. 6	134	95	81	\$4738	82	35
Jan 13	141	107	84	\$5115*	82	35
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4756	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for January 2 and 9, 2019

What to DO in Church?

(James 1:21-22)

1. What to do BEFORE the Sermon (v. 21a): **“lay aside all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness.”**
2. What to do DURING the Sermon (v.21B): **“receive with meekness the engrafted word.”**
3. What to do AFTER the Sermon (v. 22): **“be ye doers of the word and not hearers only.”**

(Mark N. Posey, Pulpit Preview, January 5, 2018)

ASK A FRIEND TO ATTEND

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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”

OUR INFLUENCE

We all have influence over others that we come in contact every day. As a parent, teacher, and youth minister, I have influence over the many youth that I work with each day. I must take this task seriously. I must think of the words that I use and the actions that I take because there is many that watch each day. The words and actions that I use have an influence over those that are around me. Who is watching you? Who do you have an influence over?

Our influence must be one that is influencing people to see and obey Christ. Our Christian influence should be leading people to God. The top priority is our lives should be to get to Heaven and to help as many others get to Heaven as well. One way we can do that is through our influence.

The Christian influence we display should reflect good and not evil. We must be displaying good things in our lives. We must be doers of the work of the church and not of the world. The world is full of evil. We need to distinguish ourselves from the world and stand out against what is evil in the world.

Our Christian influence should be seen through our words, actions, and friends. The words that we say can have a major impact on those we speak to. Mean, discouraging, and hateful words said to others is not going to bring them to God. Lying, cheating, rude/disrespectful behavior will not encourage one to obey the Gospel. Often we become who we hang around. We must be watchful of the words we say, actions we do, and company that we keep.

Our Christian influence should be obvious for everyone to see. Here is where we need to stand out. Not standing out in a “I’m better than everyone else” manner. But everyone you come into contact with should be able to tell by your life that you are a follower of Christ. You have committed your life to God and are going to live life serving Him.

Our influence is very important because it can have an effect on our salvation. If you aren’t influencing for Christ, then you will be tossed out just as the salt that had lost its saltiness was in Matthew 5:13. So, what are you influencing for? Christ? The world?

Nick Pace
 Glasgow, KY
 Via BulletinDigest

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.

Attendance was good this past Sunday in spite of inclement weather and several being absent due to surgery, respiratory ailments, and stomach viruses. We trust all will soon be feeling better and back with us. Pray for them.

Contributions continue to average above budget for December (\$5227), and January (\$4926). Commendation is due those who give so faithfully and generously. Such giving grows out of a love for God (2 Cor. 9:24); an appreciation for the grace of God (2 Cor. 8:1, 9); thanksgiving for all God's blessings – material and spiritual (2 Cor. 9:11-12); and especially for God's "unspeakable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15). God will not forget, for He loves "cheerful" givers (2 Cor. 9:6-7)!

We can also give in other ways. There are Happy Haven coin cans available in the foyer. Take one, drop your change in it, and bring it back when full. We will get it to their office in Cookeville.

We are collecting commodities for Potter's Children Home. Canned black beans and Pop Tarts are the two items to bring. Many of you have already brought a good supply. Thanks! The children will be blessed.

We are beginning to fill in our calendar of events for this year. Check the "Congregational Calendar" and circle the dates on your personal calendar. Our Gospel Meeting, VBS, Bible camp, etc. provide exciting and excellent opportunities for learning and growth. We will try to add events as dates and info become available. Please help us with that information if you are coordinating an event.

I appreciate your comments and encouragement regarding recent lessons. If there are topics or scriptures you would like for us to study, please let me know. It is challenging, humbling, and rewarding to study God's Word. Be a daily Bible reader. Complete a Bible Correspondence Course. Grow; Grow; Grow!

Hope to see you Sunday morning a little before nine!

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

PRAYER REQUEST: Dalisa White responded 1/6 to request prayer for strength and peace. Keep Dalisa in your prayers.

SICK: W. A. Gibbs has six stitches on his forehead following a fall at home. Larry Silcox underwent emergency surgery last Wednesday at RPMC. He is now at home. Mary Lou Smith, known to many of us, is in RPMC due to a fall. Faye Maberry will begin chemo this week (Thursday). Kathy Kemp has been very ill with pneumonia. Three-year-old Bentley Cowan, friend of Darlene Hackett, has double-pneumonia and needs our prayers. Good to see Mary Cross back with us. Joe Hensley was also back with us Sunday. Jennifer Wright, Sandy Harris' daughter and Debbie Felure's niece, is to undergo surgery next Wednesday. Joyce Kilgore, Dennis Hackett's aunt, is to undergo pacemaker placement Friday (18th). Tommy Duke, friends of Jeff Whited, underwent by-pass surgery today (16th) at Vanderbilt. James Thomas Fisher, Ruby's grandson, is better. Scotty Yeaman continues treatment for atrial fibrillation. It is good to have Gaye able to be with us. Since the last bulletin Eric Haynie; Jerry Phillips; Peggy Faustina; Barbara Jenkins; Barbara Anderson; Steve Harper; Don Apple; and Alex Richmond have been ill.

PRAYER LIST: Prayers are requested for: David Lipe (broken leg); Randy Wakefield; Horace Jones; Louie Gray West; 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.

THANK YOU: The church has received and read a "Thank You" note from Peggy Faustina.

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).

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Peggy Denton, Allen White (5); Amanda Hicks, Kim Bray (7); Steve Harper (8); Haven Brown (15); Linda Cook; Ainsley Washer (19); Caleb Harville, Cason Chael Maberry (22); Wilma Richardson (23); Alex & Candace Richmond (2/19/1974).

SYMPATHY: Deepest sympathy is extended to the following: Dalisa White in the recent passing of her uncle, Mr. Billy Davis; to Kyle, Jake, Payton, and Dawson Azbell in the death of their grandmother Azbell, on January 13; and to the family of O'Neal Huffines, long-time gospel preacher and known by many of us.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Concordia Devotionals:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 P.M.; ***Pavilion Devotionals:*** Each Fifth Sunday, 2:00 P.M.; ***Men' Breakfast,*** January 19, 8:00 A.M.; ***Fish Fry,*** April 20, 4:00 P.M.; ***Youth Unite,*** April 28, 5:00 P.M.; ***VBS,*** June 3-7, 6:30 P.M.; ***JSCYC,*** July 14-20; ***Annual Singing,*** August 2, 7:00 P.M. (Meal, 5:30 P.M.); ***Bible Bowl,*** September 7; ***Run4Don,*** September 14; ***Gospel Meeting,*** October 13-16, with Ben Flatt; ***Retreat,*** October 11-13, at TCC.

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

AREA EVENTS: *Gospel Meeting:* Willow Avenue church of Christ (Cookeville), January 20-23, with B. J. Clarke, 7:00 PM.; ***Young Men's Seminar:*** East Main (Murfreesboro), February 2; ***Ladies' Day:*** Crossville church of Christ, March 16, with Donna Faughn, 9:00 – Noon.

GOD'S INFALLIBLE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING: "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Gal. 6:7-9, NKJ).