

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Jan. 7	156	126	109	\$5255*	99	46
Jan. 14	144	119	87	NA	77	29
Goals	200	160	135	\$4897	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stat is for Jan. 3 and 10, 2018

A DARK PASSAGE

One of the darkest passages in the New Testament is found in John 6:66—*“From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.”*

However, it serves as an introduction to one of the most inspiring statements in the Bible. Jesus asked the twelve, *“Do you also want to go away?”* The reply of Simon Peter will live forever: *“Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”*

In that day, in our day, and in all time to come, Jesus our Savior is the only one who possesses the words of life—not Mohammed, not Joseph Smith, not someone known as “the pope”—but Jesus ONLY!

Are you listening to HIS words? Have you obeyed them? Are you living by them? You WILL be judged by them.

--Johnny Polk, via The Sower, 11/26/2017

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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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CHRISTIANITY

To some people, Christianity is little more than ritualism, pageantry, pomp, ceremony. Such was the attitude of the Pharisees concerning the religion established by the law of Moses. For them, ritualism, ceremony, pageantry and show were everything; character and conduct were nothing.

Christianity is not pageantry, pomp, ritualism and ceremony. You may be sure that the people who parade their Christianity as pageantry and pomp, and by wearing gorgeous robes and sparkling jewelry have failed completely to understand what Christianity is.

- * Christianity is right living in the various relationships of life.
- * In the home, Christianity is love, kindness, and training of children in the way they should go.
- * In business, Christianity is diligence, honesty and fairness.
- * In society, Christianity is courtesy and helpfulness.
- * In the church, Christianity is faithfulness, humility, love, soberness, righteousness and godliness.
- * Toward God, Christianity is reverence and obedience.
- * Toward the poor, Christianity is helpfulness.
- * Concerning self, Christianity is glorifying God with the body and spirit.

-via Sound Words, 11/11/2017, Tomlinson Run Church of Christ website-+

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him. – Colossians 3:17

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

WELCOME, VISITORS! We are so honored by your presence. It is our desire to worship the one true God in spirit and truth (John 4:24), as directed in His Word. Investigate God's inspired Scriptures with us. And, 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, please request it on the available attendance cards.

Considering the weather, the flu bug, and other "bugs" (respiratory infections, etc.), our attendance was good on Sunday. Winter usually means more sickness. With the cold, ice, and snow of the past few days there is increased difficulty with travel and mobility, especially for our senior saints. Pray for them.

Jerry and Paula Bates were to be with us for a mission report this past Sunday (PM), but cancelled their visit due to the inclement weather. We will reschedule their visit at a later date. Our prayers are requested for their upcoming mission trip in February.

This Saturday (20th), the Youth Group will meet at the building at 12:00 Noon to visit shut-ins and those in Concordia (the local nursing facility). Check with Justin for more info.

In other Youth News, Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp will be July 15-21, 2018. This year's theme: "Change Me from the Inside Out". Lessons on "Anger"; "Fear"; "Disgust"; "Sadness"; and "Joy" are being prepared by Alan and Amy Judd. Thanks to all who assist with camp. **Note: The church will be paying tuition for camp this year for all our campers.**

Saturday's (13th) annual men's breakfast was enjoyable and "hit the spot" on a frigid day! Twelve hardy *and* hungry souls enjoyed the food and fellowship. Thanks to all who prepared and provided food and assisted with clean-up, etc. Note: Some of those also spread salt on the parking lot to melt the ice and snow in preparation for Sunday. Thanks!

A day-trip is planned to the Freed-Hardeman Lectures Monday, February 5. We will leave early (time announced later), and will return following the Open Forum. We usually eat at Dickson going and coming.

Potter's Children Home commodities truck is to be in our area the week of January 28. We are collecting microwave popcorn and Zip Lock sandwich bags. Please bring the items you wish to donate to the annex in the next few days.

Hope to see everyone Sunday morning, our Lord willing. Have a great rest of the week!

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

BAPTISMS: Joshua Barr, Brandon Hutchins, and Mark Green were baptized into Christ this past Friday morning here at the building. Pray for these young men as they begin their new life in Christ.

SICK: Lelani Faustina is recuperating nicely from gall bladder surgery. Christine Jones, Peggy Denton's mother, is now in NHC in Cookeville. She became ill (virus) Sunday morning during our services. Joe Hensley was unable to be with us and has not been feeling as well. Caleb Harville is scheduled for a procedure January 22. Jimmy Rigsby is in Tennova Rehab due to a back injury. Scotty Yeaman remains in the local nursing facility (Concordia), continuing rehab and is improving. Susanne Martin Tisdale (Montrose), suffered a stroke Saturday and was taken to Vanderbilt, where she remains. Roy Hicks, Dimple's brother-in-law, has been in ICU at Tennova. Durell and Sue Walker are now at home. Remember them in prayer. Jerry and Mary Phillips suffered a fall while shopping and were assisted by an M.D. and several other "Good Samaritans". The following have been sick since the last bulletin: Mary Pat Grimm; Noah Vincent; Aubrey and Scarlett Hicks; Ruby Fisher; Kim Gregory; Jan Silcox; Candace Richmond; Johnny and Susan Law; Gerald and Patty Piper; Steve Bray; Maggie Beth and Caroline Dillard; Joe and Gayle Reeves; and Susan Klamm. Barry Cook and Barbara Anderson received good reports from recent biopsy/procedures. Little Emma Grace Hicks is not yet able to be with us, but is gaining. Shirley Sadler is now at home after a hospital stay at St. Thomas Mid-town. Howard Bains (Rome), remains in Lebanon Rehab. Amanda Hicks' grandfather, James Dickens, is recuperating from a stroke suffered January 3. He has been in Vanderbilt. Ariel Rowlett and little Zayden were able to be with us recently. John Carter, Lola King's brother-in-law, is still not doing well. Eddie Ray Thrasher, uncle to Gaye Yeaman and Carolyn Hill, remains under hospice care. Tucker Burford (great-nephew of Carol Woodard), is now at home. Remember these in prayer: Ray Hobbs; John Carter; Wes Stafford; Charles White (Valdosta, GA); Mike Sirey (continuing treatments); Paul Meacham, Jr.; Marsha Huffines; Claire Owen; Sawyer Cole; Gerrie Dillon; Patsy Link; Richard Rhoten; Staci Bush; Jan Chaffin; Tim Loftis; Mark Lawrence; Jo Norton; Jimmy Bean; Troy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Cathy Stafford; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich; and Steve Dowell.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Phronia Rose (Local); Ray Harper (Hartsville).

SHUT-IN AT HOME: Hattie Branham; Wilma Richardson; James Hall; and Pat Paysinger.

IN THE MILITARY: Jana Watson, Ann Carter's grand-daughter (Army); Matt West, Linda Dicken's grandson (Marines); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (Marines); Camron Huff (Marines).

THANK YOU NOTES: The church has received and read notes of gratitude from Sue and Durell Walker; Susan Klamm and family; and Pat Paysinger

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Peggy Denton, Allen White (5); Amanda Hicks, Kim Bray (7); Steve Harper (8); Haven Brown (15); Sue Walker (18); Linda Cook; Ainsley Washer (19); Caleb Harville, Cason Chael Maberry (22); Wilma Richardson (23); Alex & Candace Richmond (2/19/1974).

NEW BABY: Congratulations to Jeff and Sonya Whited on the birth of their grandson, Samuel King Whited, on Thursday, January 4, at Tennova, to Tommy and Patty Whited. Birth weight was 7 lbs. 5 oz. and length 20 in.

SYMPATHY: We extend to sympathy to the families of L. C. Grisham and John Leftwich, Jr., known by many of us, in their recent losses.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Nursing Home Service:* Sunday, February 4, 2:00 P.M.; *FHU Lectures:* Monday, February 5; *Vacation Bible School:* June 4-8; *Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp:* July 15-21; *Annual Singing:* August 3, 7:00 PM; *Bible Bowl:* September 8 (Daniel and Ecclesiastes); *Gospel Meeting:* September 16-19 with Allen Webster; *Retreat:* October 12-14 at TCC.

AGAPE REPORT: Some of our families, and as a result all of us, have been blessed by adoption services provided by Agape. Chandler Means, Agape's director, will give us a report on their work and services, February 4 at the 6:00 PM service.

LIFE LINE SCREENING: This leading provider of community-based preventive health screening will utilize our annex Friday, April 27, 2018 to make available five different screenings related to Cardiovascular diseases. You may register online now for your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment. The website is www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle.

AREA EVENTS: Science Lectureship: Center Grove church of Christ, January 19-21, with Jeff Miller (Program posted); *Gospel Meeting:* Willow Avenue church of Christ (Cookeville), January 28-31 with Don Blackwell, 7:00 PM; *Young Men's Seminar:* East Main church of Christ (Murfreesboro), February 3, with Lonnie Jones; "Faithfulness Across the Generations"; (Breakfast/Registration 8:00 A.M., Lunch at Noon in the annex); *Youth Unite:* Center Grove church of Christ, February 18, 5:00 PM, with Adrian Judd (speaker), and Anderson Judd (song leader); *Ladies' Day:* Crossville church of Christ, March 17, 8:30 – Noon, with Evelyn Apple speaking on "Intentional Spiritual Growth".

DEFINITION OF A CHRISTIAN: UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT.