

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Jan 8	145	123	78	\$4613	100	44
Jan. 15	168	125	99	\$4773	103	39
Goals	200	160	135	\$4812	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for January 4 and 11, 2017

Grandma’s Glasses

Two small boys were discussing eye glasses. “Wouldn’t you hate to wear glasses?” one asked. “No,” answered the other one, “not if I could have the kind my Grandma wears! My Mother says she can always see when folks are tired or discouraged or sad. She sees when somebody is in need and she can always recognize when you have something on your mind that you need to talk over. But best of all she can always see something good in everybody!” The little fellow continued: “I asked my Grandma one day how it was that she could see that way. She said it was because of the way she’s learned to look at things since she’s gotten older. So I’m sure it must be those glasses of hers!” Wouldn’t it be wonderful if all of us could see others through Grandma’s glasses? (Author Unknown)

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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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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”

DO NOT BE AFRAID

One summer night during a severe thunderstorm, a mother was tucking her small son into bed. She was about to turn the light off when he asked in a trembling voice “Mommy, will you stay with me all night?”

Smiling, the mother gave him a warm, reassuring hug and said tenderly, “I can’t, Dear. I have to sleep in Daddy’s room.”

A long silence followed. At last it was broken by a shaky voice saying, “The big sissy!” *

Of what are you afraid? Truth be told, we’re all “sissies” about something.

Yet, the most often repeated command in Scripture is “Do not be afraid,” or “Do not fear.”

“So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” -Matthew 10:31

“Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?” -Matthew 8:26

“Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said. “I will never leave you nor forsake you.” So we may boldly say: The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?” -Hebrews 13:5-6. God doesn’t want us to live our lives in fear.

A man, as he was walking on the street, saw a black cat crossing the road. He thought to himself that he was going to have bad luck on that day. Worried, he asked his friend what would be his fate because of the black cat that had crossed his path in the morning. His friend replied, “That will depend on whether you are a rat or not.” *

Know who you are in Christ and you will not fear.

In Christ, you are: a child of God (Galatians 3:26-27), an heir of God and a joint heir with Christ (Romans 8:16-17), saved by the Savior (Matthew 1:21), redeemed by the Rescuer (Ephesians 1:7), justified by the Justifier (Romans 3:23-26), and forgiven by the Great Forgiver (1 John 1:7-9).

To be found “in Christ” in whom are found all spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3), you must place your **faith** and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from your sins in **repentance** (Acts 17:30-31), **confess** Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and be **baptized** (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Then, as you continue to walk in the light of His Word, the blood of Jesus will continue to cleanse you from sin (1 John 1:7).

In Christ, there is salvation, security, strength, and hope. There is no reason to fear.

Won’t **YOU** trust and obey Christ so that you may be found in Him? -Living Waters 12/17/2016, By David A Sargent, Minister for the Creekwood Church of Christ, Mobile, AL. * From sermon illustrations at www.bible.org.

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). Let us investigate the Holy Scriptures and reason together (Acts 17:11; Isaiah 1:18). If you have questions about what you hear or observe, please discuss them with us. We hope you will visit with us again!

It seems attendance is always erratic during the winter months due to the weather and illnesses. With the warmer weather and some of the sick back with us, our attendance rebounded somewhat on Sunday morning. We were still below par Sunday night. Of course we have some who have to work some Sunday's. You are missed. We were richly blessed with visitors this past Sunday. Thanks to all who are so good to greet our guests!

This Saturday morning (January 21; 8:00 A.M.) is the date for our annual Men's Breakfast. A nice breakfast will be served in the annex for fathers, sons, grandfathers, grandsons – younger and older! This is always an enjoyable time. Men, make plans to attend.

Our "Fifth Sunday Schedule" will be in effect January 29. Morning services will be the same as usual with the P.M. service at 12:30 instead of 6:00. Justin Mauldin will preach Sunday morning and Josh Brown at the 12:30 service, with other young men leading in other parts of that service. A meal will be served following Bible classes and prior to the 12:30 gathering. Prepare some food, bring the entire family, and let's enjoy a wonderful time of worship, Bible study and fellowship.

Potter Children's Home is having their "Commodities Outreach". The truck will be in our area January 29-February 4. Let's concentrate on Dryer Sheets and Mac & Cheese Mixes for their pantry. Also, individual families may donate \$15.00 for perishable items needed for one child's dinner meals for a week.

Please take note of the "Congregational Calendar" and "Area Events" in the N&N section. We will be adding other events, dates, times, etc. as they are finalized or we are aware of them. This is for your information and convenience in scheduling for the year. It also serves as a reminder of opportunities to visit events at sister churches and to serve, study, and grow personally.

We are so happy you have put forth the effort to be with us on Wednesday evening. The mid-week service on "hump day" is a good time to refresh your spiritual vigor and recharge your spiritual battery. Please plan to be back for the services Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M. sharp! Hope to see your entire family.

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Irene Gregory remains in Quality Care Rehab in Lebanon. Joe Hensley is now at home. Mary Phillips underwent surgery Monday at Centennial and is doing well. Scotty Yeaman underwent knee surgery Monday at Saint Thomas Mid-Town on Monday. Vestle Gentry is very ill in South Carolina. Sarah Ann Blair, good friend to many here, has been in Riverview Regional Medical Center. Jennifer Guffey, cousin to Dimple Hicks, underwent hip-replacement surgery at Vanderbilt on Monday. Tim Loftis of Michigan, Edward Anderson's cousin, will be undergoing colon surgery in the near future. Will Anderson, Edward's great-nephew, has undergone more surgery due to the earlier reported auto accident. Rozelle Driver, Amanda Hicks' grandmother, is now in Kindred Rehab after being hospitalized due to a fall. Karen Whited, Jeff's step-mom, is now at home following her surgery and hospital stay. Cobie Sadler is scheduled for outpatient sinus surgery Thursday (19th), at Summit. Frank Williams (former member), has been in St. Thomas Mid-Town for tests. Michael Cook, Barbara Anderson's cousin, is in Vanderbilt and is much improved. Our prayers have been requested for Collin McDonald, who was injured in the recent plane crash in South Carthage. Sick since our last bulletin include: Little Josie Morris; Joe Hensley; Ava Grisham; Jess Klamm; Denise Hackett; Debbie Felure; Hale Wright; and Jerry Phillips. Prayers have been requested for little two-year old Owen Reed who has been in Vanderbilt due to a stroke and blood clots. Gary Lester remains in Trevecca's Health & Rehab facility in Nashville. Leslie Alford is at home, but is still unable to be with us. W. A. Gibbs' continues his weekly dialysis regimen and is doing well. Good to see Mary Jo Hackett able to be with us more regularly. Remember also the following in prayer: Troy and Judy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Gaye Yeaman; Cathy Stafford; Ray Upchurch; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Gary and Sherry Lester; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Karen Howell; Jimmy Rigsby; Arnold Rich; Mary Phillips (Molly Goolsby's mother); Cathy Harville; Bob Harville; and Steve Dowell.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Curtis Richards; Phronia Rose (Kindred); Irene Gregory (Quality –Lebanon); Imogene Reeves (Palace – RBS); Frank Williams, Elm Croft in Lebanon; Vestle Gentry (White Oak Nursing Facility, Spartanburg, S.C.).

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); Camron Huff (Marines).

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Ken Bennett and family in the recent death of his brother, Larry Bennett; and to Jerry Phillips and family in the passing of his cousin, Jack Kirby, of Nashville.

THANK YOU: The church has received and read a "Thank You" card from the Larry Bennett (Ken and Katie), family.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Peggy Denton (5); Amanda Hicks, Kim Bray (7); Steve Harper (8); Derek Coblentz (13); Linda Cook; Ainsley Washer (19); Caleb Harville, Cason Chael Maberry (22); Wilma Richardson (23); Alex & Candace Richmond (2/19/1974).

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Men's Breakfast:* Saturday, January 21, 8:00 AM; *5th Sunday Services:* January 29 Justin Mauldin will speak at the 9:00 A.M. service and Josh Brown at the 12:30 P.M. service. Lunch will be served in the annex after Bible classes (NOTE: We will also host the devotional at the Pavilion at 2:00 PM); *Fish Fry:* April 22, 4:00 P.M.; *Youth Unite:* Youth Unite, April 9, 5:00 P.M.; *Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp:* July 16-22 at Taylor Christian Camp; *Annual Singing:* August 4, 7:00 PM; *Bible Bowl:* TTU's Hooper/Eblen Center, September 9 (Books of Mark, Philippians, and Colossians); *Gospel Meeting:* Chad Ramsey will be preaching – Date to be announced.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS: *Apologetics Lectureship:* Center Grove church of Christ, January 20-22 with Eric Lyons speaking (Program Posted); *Young Men's Seminar (5th-12th grades):* East Main church of Christ (Murfreesboro), February 4, 2017, "Cultivating My Faith", with Jeff Archey, 8:00 – 12:00 Noon; *Freed-Hardeman Lectures:* February 5-9, Theme: "Identify in Crisis: Daniel's Vision for the Future" (We will do a day-trip on Tuesday, February 7); *Marriage Seminar:* Crossville church of Christ, Theme: "Happily Ever After", March 3-5, 2017, with Jim Dearman, plus Janis Dearman will teach a session for wives (Poster posted).

"WHEN JESUS CAME"

(John 11:17)

Just about everyone knows the John 11 account of Jesus coming to comfort Mary and Martha as they mourned their brother Lazarus', who had been "in the grave four days already" (v. 17). He wept with them and their friends (vs. 33-35). Both sisters believed Lazarus would not have died had the Lord been there (vs. 21, 32). When Jesus came He provided great comfort by raising their deceased brother from the dead after He had prayed to His heavenly Father (vs. 41-44). The result of the miracle was that "many...believed on Him" (v. 45).

Jesus will come again (John 14:3). When He comes again, He will raise all the dead (John 5:28-29). Be ready!

Edward L Anderson