

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Jan. 20	95	75	71	\$4015	80	28
Jan 27	131	102	81	\$4744	76	30
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4756	130	100%

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for January 16 & 23, 2019

**LET GO OF THE BEE**

"To carry a grudge is like being stung to death by one bee"  
(William H. Walton)

Maybe that person said something very insulting to you. Or maybe they did something to hurt your feelings. It's easy to hold on to those grudges. If we do, all we're really doing is holding on to that furious bee and letting it continue to sting us. The more we hold on, the more it stings. The more it stings, the more miserable we become.

While it's not always easy to do, the solution isn't rocket science: let go of the bee! The Bible is very clear regarding how we should treat each other when it comes to grudges, **"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you"** (Ephesians 4:31-32).

If we still need more motivation, then let's consider Matthew 6:14-15, **"For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions."**

According to these verses, it's impossible to hold on to grudges and still receive God's forgiveness. We want God's forgiveness. Then we need to forgive others. Let go of the bee.

(Copied from Mt. Carmel church of Christ Website)

**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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**Sunday Worship**  
9:00 A.M.  
6:00 P.M.  
12:30 P.M. (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

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10:15 A.M.  
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7:00 P.M.

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**"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"**

**TODAY I CHOOSE...**

**I Choose Love.** No occasion justifies hatred; no injustice warrants bitterness. I choose love. Today, I will love God and what God loves.

**I Choose Joy.** I will invite my God to be the God of circumstance. I will refuse the temptation to be cynical, the tool of the lazy thinker. I will refuse to see people as anything less than human beings created by God. I will refuse to see any problem as anything less than an opportunity to see God.

**I Choose Peace.** I will live forgiven. I will forgive so that I may live.

**I Choose Patience.** I will overlook the inconveniences of the world. Rather than complaining that the wait is too long, I will thank God for a moment to pray. Instead of clenching my fist at new assignments, I will face them with a smile.

**I Choose Kindness.** I will be kind to the poor, for they are alone; kind to the rich, for they are afraid; and kind to the unkind, for so God has treated me.

**I Choose Goodness.** I will go without a dollar before taking a dishonest one. I will see good in others when it is hard to find. I will confess instead of accuse.

**I Choose Faithfulness.** Today, I will keep my promises. My debtors will not regret their trust. My associates will not question my word. My spouse will not doubt my love. My children will never fear that their father or mother will fail to come home.

**I Choose Gentleness.** Nothing worthwhile is won by force. I choose to be gentle. If I raise my voice, may it be only in praise. If I clench my fist, may it be only in prayer. If I make a demand, may it be only of myself.

**I Choose Self-Control.** I am a spiritual being. After this body is dead, my spirit will soar. I refuse to let what will rot rule the eternal. To these I commit my day. If I succeed, I will give thanks. If I fail, I will seek God's face.

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("Family Matters," Augusta Road church of Christ)

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance, against such there is no law. 24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh, with the affections and lusts. (Galatians 5:22-24)

## ***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.

Our attendance rebounded a bit this past Sunday after being way down the Sunday before due to the weather. We also have had an unusual amount of sickness with the stomach virus and respiratory ailments. Several of our little ones have been ill. Pray for them and all others who are sick.

As Americans we are a blessed people. Pause and look around at the many conveniences and "toys" we have. Most in the world are not so blessed. But above and beyond these material and temporal things, consider all the spiritual blessings we enjoy in Christ (Eph. 1:3). A thoughtful and thankful Christian equals a generous and giving Christian!

Your loving response for Potter's Children Home will be helpful to the children and will bring glory to the Lord in whose name they are given. Thanks to everyone who assisted!

Justin is organizing an "Adopt-A-Student" program. This is an excellent opportunity for everyone – younger and older. It will encourage our youth and will be a positive influence for all. Pick up and fill out the provided forms and return them by February 3. For more information, please see or call/text Justin.

We had our first visitation meeting this past Sunday evening. Josh Brown is heading up the program and it will be similar to programs which have been effective in the past. An excellent number showed interest and a willingness to be a part of this good work. I am sure others, who were unable to attend Sunday evening, will want to be involved. Contact Josh to let him know you are willing to assist and to find out what you can do.

Check the "Congregational Calendar" (Column 3), 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.

Have a great rest of the week. Hope to see you Sunday morning a little before nine!

***Edward L. Anderson***

## ***NEWS & NOTES:***

**SICK:** Several of our little ones – Mary Pat Brimm; Emma Grace Hicks; John Dallas Hassler; Jonah and Jacob Mauldin; Jessa Klamm; Drake Washer – as well as some older ones – Jaden Apple; Gordon and Barbara Jenkins; Chris Washer; Misty Smith (gall bladder) – have been ill. Lanette Phillips, Jerry and Mary's daughter, escaped serious physical injury in a traumatic auto accident on I-40. She went to the ER but was released. Mason Sadler, Dale and Malita's son/Cobie and Shirley's grandson, was treated for a severe allergic (peanut) reaction on Saturday. W. A. Gibbs has recovered from the fall and is continuing dialysis three times weekly. Scotty Yeaman remains about the same. It is good to have Gaye able to be with us. Larry Silcox is back with us following surgery. Faye Maberry has been very ill requiring a stay in Vanderbilt, but is now at home and is to do chemo tomorrow (Thursday). Jerry Glenn, Justin Mauldin's grandfather, recently suffered a heart attack. Tammy Bush, known by many of us and neighbor to the Hackett's and Mrs. Hattie, underwent recent emergency surgery at RPMC. Rachel Bush, who has been in Vanderbilt, is now at home. Eric Haynie has been dealing with diabetic issues. Jennifer Wright, Sandy Harris' daughter, came through her surgery well and was with us Sunday. Joyce Kilgore, Dennis Hackett's aunt, is doing well following her surgery. Tommy Duke, friend of Jeff Whited, is recuperating from recent by-pass surgery today.

**PRAYER LIST:** Prayers are requested for: Bentley Cowan; Mary Lou Smith; 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; 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).

**THANK YOU:** The church has received and read a "Thank You" note from Larry Silcox.

**SYMPATHY:** Deepest sympathy is extended to the following: Larry and Vickie Cole in the recent loss of Vickie's mother, Mrs. Gladys Bowling and her aunt (name unavailable).

**DAY TRIP TO FHU LECTURES:** We will be taking the van to the Freed-Hardeman Lectures on Monday, February 4. We will be leaving about 4:30 A.M. and plan to return around 9:00 P.M. Contact R. W. or Edward if you wish to attend.

**ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS' MEETING:** The time for the monthly meeting has been changed from the second Wednesday night to the second Sunday afternoon at 4:30. The next meeting will be February 10, 4:30 P.M. in the annex.

**CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Concordia Devotionals:*** First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 P.M.; ***Pavilion Devotionals:*** Each Fifth Sunday, 2:00 P.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.

**AREA EVENTS: *Young Men's Seminar:*** East Main (Murfreesboro), February 2; ***Ladies' Days:*** Crossville church of Christ, March 16, with Donna Faughn, 9:00 – Noon; East Main (Murfreesboro), April 13, with Pam Walker.

**READING MATERIALS:** Please pick up copies of the Spiritual Sword and other periodicals available on the foyer table. We have a tract rack with excellent selections for study and passing on to a friend.

*"Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can you, except you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches" (John 15:4-5a)*