

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

| Date:   | AM  | Bible Study | PM  | Cont.   | Wed | DBR  |
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| Jan. 21 | 149 | 123         | 100 | \$5722* | 51  | 47   |
| Jan. 28 | 164 | 124         | 85  | \$4737  | 96  | 45   |
| Goals   | 200 | 160         | 135 | \$4897  | 130 | 100% |

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stat is for Jan. 17 & 24, 2018

**A VERY IMPORTANT TWO-LETTER WORD**

It's found in each of the following Scriptures. What is it?

\* *Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine."* (John 8:31)

\* *Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.* (1 Corinthians 15:1-2)

\* *What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him?* (James 2:14)

\* *And as they went along the road they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look! Water! What prevents me from being baptized?" And Phillip said, "If you believe with all your heart, you may." And he answered and said, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." And he ordered the chariot to stop: and they both went down into the water, Philip as well as the eunuch; and he baptized him.* (Acts 8:36-38)

\* *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.* (Matthew 6:14-15)

ANSWER: IF; on the condition that; in the event that.

(Ron Adams, via BulletinGold, December 2017)

**ASK A FRIEND TO ATTEND**

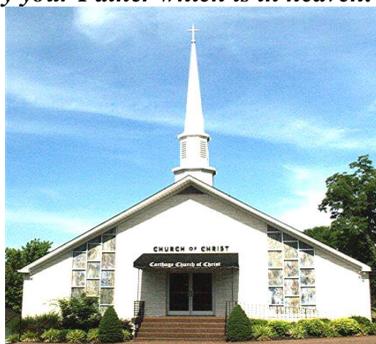
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*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."*(Matthew 5:16)



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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:**

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

12:30 P.M. (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

Bible Study

Sunday Morning

10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 P.M.

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**"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"**

## WHATEVER IS INSIDE THE HEART

I heard this analogy recently, and I absolutely love it:

You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you and shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

"Well because someone bumped into me, of course!"

Wrong answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup.

Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.

**Whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out.**

I believe that's true, and it's such an important principle.

Solomon said in Proverbs 4:23 (NV), *"Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."*

And Jesus said *"For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."* (Matthew 12:34).

This is important because so much of what we do is the reaction of the moment. Most of us would manage fairly well if we could be given a situation and we had an hour to think about how we would handle it.

But rarely do we have the luxury. In most situations, we have only a few seconds to decide how we will react, and how we react will be determined by what's in our heart. **Whatever is inside our heart, is what will spill out.**

A driver cuts us off in traffic. **Whatever is inside the heart, is what will spill out.**

A schoolmate makes fun of us. **Whatever is inside the heart, is what will spill out.**

The person in front of us in the grocery store line is causing a tremendous delay. **Whatever is inside the heart, is what will spill out.**

A heart filled with grace, joy and gratitude will respond one way. A heart filled with anger, bitterness and ingratitude will respond another. **Whatever is inside the heart, is what will spill out.** May we fill our heart with all of those Christ-like qualities so that whenever we are "bumped", that's what spills out!

(Alan Smith, Cruciform Church of Christ, Spring Lake, N.C)

***Psalm 19:14: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.***

***Colossians 4:6: Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.***

## **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, stomach, etc.), our attendance was excellent on Sunday. Some of the previously sick were back with us, but we now have several others who are dealing with "it". I heard and saw geese on Monday as the weather was changing and just before the snow. Some were flying north, but I think they turned back toward the south!

Five tubs of microwave popcorn and sandwich bags were given to Potter's Children Home this past Monday morning. The staff and house-parents there are very grateful for our support. A big "Thank You" to all those who made generous donations to this good work.

New tile has been installed in two basement classrooms where we had water and moisture issues. There is still some work to be done on the walls before the classrooms will be available for use. They will be much nicer when completed. Thanks to all who have worked on this project and for the patience and cooperation of everyone.

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. Several individuals support JSCYC via regular monetary contributions and by memorial donations in lieu of flowers. Several congregations also send support on a regular basis. We are very grateful for your support, which allows us to keep our tuition down and to purchase supplies necessary for camp. Thanks to all who assist with camp. **Note: The church will be paying tuition for camp this year for all our campers.**

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

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

*Edward L Anderson*

## **NEWS & NOTES:**

**SICK:** Emma Grace Hicks received a good report from recent heart tests and was with us for the first time Sunday! Another beautiful baby in our "babies bouquet" with more on the way! Durell Walker is in Tennova ICU (Lebanon) and is on a ventilator. Sue Walker has been to the ER and is staying home to avoid infections. Mary Helen Apple, Don's mother and Hale Wright's aunt, is in Livingston's hospital. Christine Jones, Peggy Denton's mother, is Cookeville Regional's ICU. Joe Hensley has pneumonia. Betty Carter is recovering from oral surgery performed last Friday. Caleb Harville is awaiting results from biopsies done last week. Scotty Yeaman remains in the local nursing facility (Concordia). He suffered a fall last week with no serious injuries. Conner Dodson suffered a hand injury in a recent fall. Susanne Martin Tisdale (Montrose), is now in rehab at Sumner Regional. Jerry and Mary Phillips are much improved and are back with us. The following have been sick since the last bulletin: Beth and Ava Grisham; Barry Cook; Judy Grisham; Frances Kemp (flu); Sandy Harris (stomach); Derrick Triplett; and Marcus Kemp (pneumonia). Shirley Sadler is at home and improving. She did not have to undergo a recently scheduled test. Howard Bains (Rome), remains in Lebanon Rehab. Remember these in prayer: Tucker Burford; Ray Hobbs; John Carter; Wes Stafford; Charles White (Valdosta, GA); Eddie Ray Thrasher; Mike Sircy (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 NOTE:** The church has received and read a note of gratitude from Jeff and Sonya Whited

**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](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle).

**SYMPATHY:** Deepest sympathy to the following: To Faye Maberry and family, in the death of a sister-in-law, Dorothy Maberry, last Wednesday night. The memorial service will be conducted this Sunday, the Highland View church of Christ building, Oak Ridge, TN; also, to Amanda Hicks and family in the death of her grandfather, Mr. James Dickens, early last Friday morning with the funeral service being conducted Sunday at Sanderson's Funeral Home; and to the Goldna Clay and Joe Harper families in their recent losses.

**MOVING:** We miss Dana, Thomas, and William Parks. They recently moved to Murfreesboro, after being with us for several months while completing the move from Knoxville. We expect to see them again, when they visit with grandmother Regina!

**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.

**SERVICE AT CONCORDIA:** We are scheduled to do the devotional at Concordia's nursing facility this Sunday at 2:00 PM in the upstairs dining hall/activity room. Bring a hymn book with you.

**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.

**AREA EVENTS:** *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); *Friday Night Singing:* Findlay church of Christ (Sparta), February 16, 7:00 PM; *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".

**"WHEN JESUS CAME..."**

Sprinkled generously throughout the book of John are phrases such as "Jesus went up"; "Jesus came again"; "Jesus went out"; "Jesus came out"; and "When Jesus came". The last one is in John 11:17 in connection with Jesus' trip to Bethany and Lazarus' death and subsequent resurrection. Jesus was active, up and going - a Doer! **Are you?** Jesus made a difference. **Do you?** Whenever and wherever He arrived, things changed for the better. **Is that the case with you?** Jesus is coming again (John 14:3). **Are you ready?**

*Edward L Anderson*