

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Sept. 30	144	119	92	\$4535	89	44
Oct. 7	144	110	88	N/A	81	39
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4897	130	100%

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Sept. 26 and Oct. 3, 2018

**WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS!**

Mark 15:39: *“And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so cried out, and gave up the ghost, he said, ‘Truly this man was the Son of God.’”*

1. I see the PERSON on the Cross (Heb. 12:2).
2. I see the PAIN of the Cross (1 Peter 2:22ff.)
3. I see the PURPOSE of the Cross (Matt. 20:28).
4. I see the POWER of the Cross (John 12:32).
5. I see the PROMISE of the Cross (2 Cor. 9:5).

Thank God for Jesus (2 Cor. 9:15).

(Mark N. Posey, Pulpit Preview, February 28, 2016)

**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”**

**WHAT A FRIEND!**

In the mid-1800’s, a young Irishman named Joseph Scriven was engaged to a young lady. On the day before the wedding, he rode out to meet his fiancé at the river. Upon arriving, he was devastated to learn that her horse had been startled and thrown her into the water, where she drowned. He said later, “The bottom of my world seemed to disappear.” He turned to God and leaned upon him for strength.

He moved to Port Hope, Ontario, Canada. In his sorrow, he chose to remain alone and tutor children. He devoted his life to doing good deeds for other people. In fact, he became known as the good Samaritan of Port Hope. A few years later, however, he again found love and was engaged to be married. Within weeks of the wedding, his new love, Eliza, contracted pneumonia and died. A few months later, in sending a message to his mother, who was ill at the time, Joseph wrote a poem in which he poured out his heart about the need to lean upon God in times of trouble. He gave it the title, Pray Without Ceasing. The poem was at first published anonymously and only later did he admit that it was he who had written it. He died several years later, apparently having deliriously wandered into a body of water during the night and drowned.

His words, however, have lived on and have been sung and loved for years. They are found in most songbooks of today. Many who have sung them need little prompting to melodiously declare, “What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!” (Sources: YouTube, The story behind the hymn, “What a Friend We Have In Jesus,” Wikipedia, “Joseph Scrivens.”)

Immediately following the words, “Greater Love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends,” Jesus also said “You are my friends if you do what I command you (John 15:13, 14 ESV). Each Christian has the privilege of being the friend of Jesus.

Though we may not have walked with Him while He was on earth, we can walk with Him today. We can take confidence in knowing that He has also said, “And, behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20). Let us trust the Lord throughout our lives and let us lean upon his promise—“I will never leave you nor forsake you” (Hebrews 13:5).

-via BulletinGold, Oct. 2018, by Lance Cordle, Calvert City (KY) Church of Christ-

**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, please request the BBC on the available attendance cards.

Let's do our best to be present for all services. Worship of our Creator is important (John 4:24). We usually become like what or who we worship, so we should "worship God!" (Rev. 19:10) Bible study enhances our knowledge of the Scriptures, builds our faith, and nurtures hope.

The Wednesday Summer Series on "HOPE: Longing for Jesus" concluded October 3. A special "Thank You" is in order to all those who taught: R. W. Vincent; Seth Hackett; Andy Rutherford; Dusty Whitaker; Derrick Triplett; Michael Hackett; Josh Brown; Steve Bray; Eric Swann; Ken Hensley; Barry Cohoon; and Jeremy Hassler. Thanks brethren for a job well done. We will resume our study of the book of Matthew (The Marvelous Messiah) next Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup>). Make plans to be present.

We are thankful to Thomas Snow for his report on the Tennessee Prison Outreach Ministry for speaking Sunday evening and reporting on that good and challenging work. Phillip Goad is with us tonight to speak and give a report on the work at Heritage Christian. Welcome him!

The truck from Tennessee Children's Home came by last week Thanks to all who generously donated supplies and/or money for perishables for the children.

We are having a problem with mice in some areas of the building, especially the kitchen/annex area and some classrooms where some bags and containers of food are being left open. Please help us by using plastic containers in which to store food items.

The meeting at Bagdad has been characterized by good attendance, interest, and gracious hospitality. It closed with the service tonight (Wed.). Thanks to those of you who attended and to Chris Hicks for preaching Sunday morning. Barbara and I will be taking some time off for a trip to the mountains (Smokies, of course). Keep us in your prayers as we travel. We plan to return next Wednesday (17<sup>th</sup>). Sunday, October 14, Jeremy Hassler will preach that morning; Dale Sadler will be with us that night to give a report on his mission trip. **Edward L. Anderson**

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

**SICK:** Carolyn Hill spent a night in Cookeville Regional and returned home on Saturday. She is continuing chemo. W. A. Gibbs has been in Tennova undergoing tests and was transferred to Quality Care (Lebanon, Room 59b). Wilma Richardson remains in Concordia for rehabilitation. Jack Grisham was able to be at services on Sunday and begins rehab at home this week. Scotty Yeaman suffered a recent fall at home but suffered no serious injuries. Jerry Phillips is better after a bout with inner ear. Prayers are requested for Alyson Petitt, recently diagnosed with a cancerous tumor on a femur and will have radiation. Kitty Cluck, co-worker of Justin Mauldin, suffered a recent heart attack. Cathy Findley, friend of Regina Rowland, is battling breast cancer. Please pray for the following: Debbie Fulton; Louie Gray West; O'Neal Huffines; G. F. Raines; Taylor and Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn, Emily Brown Allen; Gary Hardee; Judy Fox Jones; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; Gene Sykes; Corinne and Karen Woodward; Debbie Flatt; Ken Miller; Lynn Vaden; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Faye McKay; Jimmy Merryman; Doug Bain; Joey Black; Debbie Fulton; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Billy Halliburton; Tim Smith; Pattie Birdwell; Jere Andrews; Shelia Glover; Mark and Mary Ellen Lawrence; Faye Massey; Tucker Burford; 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; 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); Howard and Loneta Bains (Pavilion).

**SHUT-INS:** Hattie Branham; Wilma Richardson; 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:** Cathy Stafford (neuropathy in feet and legs; fall risk), wishes to thank everyone for their continued thoughts and prayers.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Joey and Maggie Beth Dillard on the birth of a big baby boy, Casen Smith Dillard, Friday, October

5. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. and was 20" long! Congrats also to big sister Caroline and grand-parents, Johnny and Susan Law.

**FIFTH SUNDAY:** Thanks to Justin Mauldin and Jeremy Hassler for their lessons on the fifth Sunday and to all the other young men (don't have a schedule of all), who led the afternoon service. Thanks also to all those who assisted with the devotional at the Pavilion. And, last by not least, a special "THANK YOU" to all those who prepared the delicious food for the meal!

**CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR:** *Retreat:* October 12-14, at Taylor Christian Camp with the theme: "M.A.D.E. by Him and for Him". See Justin for more info.

**ELDERS, DEACONS, & PREACHER'S MEETING:** The monthly meeting will be tonight (10<sup>TH</sup>), after services in the annex.

**FOOD PANTRY NEED:** Our canned food supply is low. Please bring canned foods (your choice), to the annex. Food requests usually rise with winter coming on.

**YOUTH NOTE:** The Lock-In at the Jimmy Floyd Center (Lebanon) is scheduled for November 9. See Justin for more info. A sign-up sheet will be posted.

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#### **A FATHER'S PRAYER**

*Last night my little boy confessed to me some childish wrong,  
And kneeling at my knee he prayed with tears,  
"Dear God, make me a man, like Daddy—wise and strong—  
I know you can."*

*Then while he slept, I knelt beside his bed,  
Confessed my sins and prayed with low-bowed head,  
"O God, make me a child, like my child here—  
Pure, open, trusting thee with faith sincere."*

Author Unknown

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision.  
For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of  
decision" (Joel 3:14).