

### EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Oct. 15	140	103	85	\$4943*	101	29
Oct. 22	161	126	104		77	40
Goals	200	160	135	\$4812	130	100%

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stat is for Oct. 11 and 18, 2017

*The hope of the righteous shall be gladness; but the expectation of the wicked shall perish (Proverbs 10:28)*

If we could see the other side – our eternal mansion – what would we do differently? Words in Revelation 21 and John 14 describe an awesome place prepared for the faithful of God. Thus, we press on toward the goal (Philippians 2:12-14), keep on keeping on (Hebrews 6:1) with trust and assurance that God is faithful and will deliver as promised

When heaven becomes a reality - oh, what gladness! What a wonderful homecoming with all the faithful of all ages! Forever to enjoy the paradise of glory!

Yet, Solomon also warns that the wicked will receive their reward – perish in eternal punishment. Compare the two – make your choice.

Daily Lift, 12/28/2015, from the book Meditations Of My Heart which can be ordered from Sain Publications (931-363-6905 or email [psain@sainpublications.com](mailto:psain@sainpublications.com))

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST:** Dennis Hackett, Drake Washer (2); Regina Rowland, Marcus Kemp (7); Makenzi Apple, Brooke Grisham, Opal Agee (8); Justin Mauldin, Josie Beth Morris (11); Jodie Morris (15); Chris Hicks (18) Laura Beth Law (20); Brian Denton; Brian Smith (23); Chris Klamm (27); Courtney Washer (28); Dawson Azbell, Tony Hackett (29); Barbara Jenkins & Joe Hensley (30). Gordon & Barbara Jenkins (11/9/1973); Marcus & Kathy Kemp (11/21/1990); Durell & Sue Walker (11/26/1954); Scotty & Gaye Yeaman (11/28/1964).

### 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”**

### LIVE EXPECTANTLY

By Ronald Bartanen

In Fort Benton, Montana, beside the Great Northern Railroad depot, and looking out across the Missouri River is a memorial-statue of a very special collie dog named Shep. Shep was a herder-dog, owned by an elderly shepherd. He made his first appearance at the depot as a casket was being loaded on a train heading for some place East for burial. He even attempted to board the train, but was restrained, and then followed the train until it was out of sight. The station-attendants thought nothing of it until the dog dug a spot for himself under the depot, from which he was able to keep vigil, awaiting each train. It was obvious that the deceased was the dog's owner, and Shep anxiously looked for his return. Station attendants took it upon themselves to feed and care for the dog. Through six cold, snowy winters and five springs he would, with anticipation, greet the arrival of each train, looking for his master's return. Then in January of 1942 the old dog was hit and killed by a train. Railroaders who had befriended and cared for the dog arranged a funeral for him, which was attended by most of the residents of Fort Benton, and buried him on a nearby hillside, overlooking the town. A sculpture was made as a monument and was placed near the depot, where it remains to this day.

Are we, as Christians, as faithful as was old Shep as we look for the return of our Master, Jesus Christ? Unlike Shep's master, our Master will return. When God's timetable is completed, ***“He that shall come will come, and will not tarry”*** (Hebrews 10:37). Though many years may pass, devoted Christians will continue to be ***“looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior, Jesus Christ”*** (Titus 3:13). Jesus' admonition to His disciples prior to His departure into heaven was, ***“Take ye heed, watch and pray, for ye know not when the time is”*** (Mark 13:33).

The question is: **Are you ready? Are you living expectantly?**

-Ronald Bartanen preaches for the Arthur(IL.) Church of Christ, via BulletinGold, August 2017-

## **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 the Holy Scriptures with us and, as the Lord through Isaiah said, "Come, let us 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 and soon!

We are delighted to have Chad Ramsey with us! He was born here in 1974 and resides currently in Tupelo, MS, where he preaches for the Gloster Street church of Christ. He is also very busy in gospel meetings, lectureships, writing for the Gospel Advocate, and working on his doctorate degree. Chad delivered three excellent sermons on Sunday with three lessons remaining. All lessons are centered on Hebrews 12:3 – "For **consider Him** who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls."

Next Sunday our "Fifth-Sunday Schedule" will be in effect, which means we will have our morning services as usual, then enjoy a meal together in the annex, and conclude our services for the day with a 12:30 P.M. worship period. Justin Mauldin and Teddy Spivey will be speaking Sunday morning and afternoon. Other young men will also lead in the P.M. service.

Justin reminds us of "Trunk or Treat", October 31, in the parking lot. Please sign up if you can assist with food/treats.

The annual Support Day for Taylor Christian Camp, the site for Jackson-Smith County Youth Camp and numerous other Bible camps, retreats, etc. will be Saturday, November 4 at 6:30 P.M. in our annex. A free BBQ dinner will be served. Matthew and Joseph Reeves will speak and Guy Holliman will emcee. We are asked to assist with desserts.

My final meeting of the year was with the wonderful brothers and sisters at Holladay (Cookeville). It came to a close last Wednesday. The meeting was well attended and highly supported by sister churches in the area. There were also visitors from the community. **Thanks to all from here who went with us on Monday evening.** A highlight of the meeting for me was working with my "two-way" brother Roger. He did a superb job leading singing and using songs related to the sermons. It was also good to work with long-time friend and fellow-preacher, Johnny Fox. A special thanks to Barry Cohoon and Justin Mauldin for preaching in my absence October 15.

Hope to see each of you Sunday morning, our Lord willing. Have a great rest of the week! **ELA**

## **NEWS & NOTES:**

**SICK:** It was great to see little Elara Smith and mother Briona able to be with us Sunday! Barry King, Bob and Lola's son, underwent back surgery Monday at Tri-Star Hospital in Smyrna. Kim Bray is dealing with a stress fracture (leg). Janet Young, Kim's mother, is recovering from shoulder surgery and complications. Jason Cohoon, Barry's son, is in rehab at Cookeville and seems to be making progress from a severe spinal infection. Brenda Bowman continues to recuperate at home from recent hip replacement surgery. Keely Phillips is in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. Mary Phillips is improving following wound surgery/treatment. Jerry Phillips received a good report from recent tests. Mike Sircy, Katie Bennett's uncle, has worked some and is undergoing treatments. Remember Sue Walker in your prayers as she continues treatments. It's good to see Scotty and Gaye Yeaman able to be with us. Eddie Ray Thrasher, uncle to Gaye Yeaman and Carolyn Hill, remains under hospice care. Jimmy Craighead, cousin to Barbara Anderson, is now at home. Remember the following in prayer: 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; Jimmy Rigsby; 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); 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).

**THANK YOU:** A "Thank You" note has been received and read publicly from the Jerrell and Briona Smith family for the baby shower gifts.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to Joe and Gayle Reeves' family in the passing of Joe's mother, Imogene Reeves, October 19. Her funeral service was conducted this past Saturday in Hermitage Springs.

**CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR:** *Gospel Meeting:* October 22-25, with Chad Ramsey of Tupelo, MS, Sunday times: 9:00 and 10:15 AM and 1:00 PM; Monday – Wednesday, 7:00 PM.

"The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray" (Proverbs 12:26 – NKJV).

**TN PRISON MINISTRY:** We are presently collecting items for the TN Prison Outreach Ministry, which reaches out to those incarcerated and youth held in juvenile detention centers. There is a need for Bibles, Bible-study material, and other helpful books; regular sized toothbrushes and toothpaste; shampoo in clear plastic bottles; white socks – tube type or ¾ socks; reading glasses; postage stamps; envelopes; greeting cards; batteries; gifts for all ages of children; and gift cards from major retailers (Wal-Mart, etc.). Grant Carey will visit with us November 1 to pick up donated items and to speak during our mid-week service. Please bring any items you wish to donate by November 1.

**BABY SHOWER:** The ladies are invited to a baby shower in honor of Patty (Tommy) Whited and baby Samuel King, Saturday, November 11 from 1:00 until 3:00 P.M. at the Maple Hill building, 102 Maple Hill Road, Lebanon, TN.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Joey Dillard and Maggie Beth Law were united in marriage Friday evening, October 20, We wish for them the very best as they begin their new life together.

**AREA EVENTS:** *Gospel Meetings:* Philadelphia church of Christ (Lebanon), October 27-29 with Ken Thomas preaching, 7:00 P.M.; Willow Ave. church of Christ (Cookeville), October 29-Nov. 1, with Stan Stevenson preaching, 7:00 P.M.; *Youth Rally:* Willow Ave. church of Christ (Cookeville), October 28, with Bobby Rawson; *Ladies Day:* Findlay church of Christ (Sparta), November 11, 8:30 – 12:30, with Shelia Butt on "Recipes for Life"; *Singing:* Bethlehem church of Christ (Lebanon), November 3, 7:00 P.M.; *Fundraiser/BBQ Dinner:* For Taylor Christian Camp, 11/04/17, 6:30 P.M. in the annex. Desserts are needed.

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## **DON'T LET ME DIE UNTIL I'M DEAD**

Many of us don't really start our day – we just get up. For many years, I've believed something a neurosurgeon told me. He said the first five minutes of each day determine our day. Thus from the time I was 16, I've begun each day with this prayer, "O God, don't let me die until I'm dead." I've witnessed people who seem to die long before they're buried. I don't want that to happen to me. So, in the morning, don't just get up - face up, and anticipate what a good day it can be.

"I can do all things through Christ..." (Phil 4:11)

-Via Wesconnett Bulletin