

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Oct. 28	151	117	86	\$4449	82	39
Nov. 4	142	107	90	\$4989*	70	40
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4897	130	100%

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Oct. 24 and 31, 2018

**TEAMWORK**

Being a Christian is much like playing a team sport. When we work together we are strong. But if we try to go it alone, we quickly get into trouble. We train together as we study God's Word (Acts 17:11, 2 Tim 2:15). We live together as a team, loving each other (1 John 2:9-11), praying for each other (James 5:16), and encouraging each other (Heb. 10:24-25). But if we try to live life alone, our chances of defeating Satan are greatly diminished. That is the purpose of the Church-so that we can live our lives as a team, supporting each other, and not having to go it alone (Rom. 12:1-8)!

-Via Bulletin Digest, posted July 18, 2014; By Bill Whiteman, East Side Church of Christ, Clarksville, TX.-

**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.

For Transportation to Services  
615-735-0114 or 615-418-6637

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**"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"**



**I AM THANKFUL FOR.....**

- I am thankful for the wife who says, "It's hot dogs for supper tonight," because she is here at home with me, and not with anyone else.
- For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes, because that means she is at home and not on the streets.
- For the taxes that I pay, because that means I am employed.
- For the mess to clean up after the party, because that means I have been surrounded by friends.
- For the clothes that fit a little too snug, because that means I have enough to eat.
- For my shadow that watches me work, because that means I am out in the sunshine.
- For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing, because that means I have a home.
- For all of the complaining I hear about the government, because that means we have freedom of speech.
- For the parking space at the far end of the parking lot, because it means I am capable of walking and that I have been blessed with transportation.
- For my large heating bill, because it means I have been warm this winter.
- For the person behind me at church that sings off key, because that means I can hear.
- For the pile of laundry and ironing, because it means that I have clothes to wear.
- For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day, because it means I was capable of working hard.
- For the alarm that goes off early in the morning, because that means I am alive.

(Tomlinson Run Church of Christ Website, Author Unknown, January 24, 2016)

**Psalm 100:4: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name.**

## **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.

This past Sunday Johnny Law was placed before the church as a prospective elder. If no scriptural reasons or objections are raised, Johnny will begin serving with the present eldership November 18.

The major message of the Old Testament is "Jesus is coming!" Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, in the first four books of the New Testament, tell us: "Jesus is here! He came to die for the sins of mankind; to be buried; to be raised from the dead; and to ascend to heaven triumphantly to rule and reign over His kingdom, the church." The remainder of the New Testament proclaims, "Jesus is coming again! Prepare! Get ready!"

Attendance has been down of late for various reasons. Let's do our best to be accounted for in service to the Lord, which includes being present for worship and Bible study times (Heb. 10:25). Seek to be a positive influence for the Lord and His church (Matt. 6:33).

The contribution, which had been down for a few weeks, was above budget this past week. Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). God will surely bless our from-the-heart generosity (2 Cor. 9:6-9).

We can give above and beyond our regular weekly offering and many do just that. The Hill/Yeaman family asked that memorial donations be made to the Youth Fund in memory of Carolyn in lieu of flowers. Thanks to all who made contributions. So many support the food and commodities needs of Potter Children's Home, Tennessee Children's Home, and Happy Haven Home. TN Prison Ministry, JSCYC, TCC; Run4Don, and many other good works are also supported by so many.

Remember the annual Taylor Christian Camp fundraiser with a BBQ dinner this Saturday, November 10 at 6:30 P.M. in the annex. All are invited. See Joe Reeves if you cannot attend but wish to make a donation.

We are delighted to have you as a part of our mid-week service. Hope to see everyone Sunday morning a little before 9:00 A.M.!

**Edward L. Anderson**

## **NEWS & NOTES:**

**BAPTISM:** Kaitlyn Brennan was baptized into Christ this past Friday morning by Stan Stevenson. Pray for Kaitlyn.

**PRAYER EREQUEST:** Dalisa White requests our prayers as she deals with anxiety about decisions and future plans. She is to graduate from Trevecca in December.

**SICK:** W. A. Gibbs has been able to be with us the past couple of Sundays. Gary Lawrence, W.A.'s son-in-law, has been ill but is doing better. Darlene Hackett has been suffering due to a back injury. She is better. Joe Hensley has not been as well of late. Horace Jones, Peggy Denton's dad, is improving following treatment for a UTI. Jerry Driver, Amanda Hicks' dad, is recuperating at home from recent knee replacement. Bobby King, Lola's husband, is better with his back problems. Chris Martin, nephew of Carol Woodard, is in St. Thomas West due to heart problems. Tootie Anderson, Edward and Barbara's sister-in-law, will undergo hip replacement surgery this Thursday at Cookeville Regional. Since our last issue several have been under the weather: little Cael Gregory; Brittany Hackett; Gaye Yeaman (URI and cough); Aubrey Hicks (flu); Pam Morris (strep); Kristi Hassler (flu); and Michael Hackett. Pray for the following: Debbie Fulton; Louie Gray West; O'Neal Huffines; Taylor and Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn, Emily Brown Allen; Judy Fox 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 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; Wilma Richardson (Local); Loneta Bains (Pavilion). **SHUT-INS:** 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).

**SYMPATHY:** Carolyn Hill passed away Oct. 24 with the funeral October 27. Our deepest sympathy to her family - Scotty and Gaye Yeaman, Brian and Misty Smith, and Jake White; Gary Hardee (age 64), Faye Maberry's nephew, passed away on Monday after a long struggle with cancer. Memorial service will be Friday in Finksburg, Maryland; The Pearl Anderson family in her passing (October 20), with the funeral October 28.

**CHURCHES OF CHRIST DISASTER RELIEF WORK:** The food line will be running tomorrow (Thursday at 10:00 AM), to pack another 1500 boxes for needy victims of recent storms. You may contact them at 615-833-0395 if you can assist.

**THANK YOU:** The church has received and read thank you notes from Gaye Yeaman and family for every act of kindness shown to them in the recent death of her sister, Carolyn Hill; also from Conner Dodson thanking everyone for the cards and prayers during the recent loss of his brother Kade.

**TENNESSEE PRISON MINISTRY NEEDS:** Deodorant and body wash (both in clear bottles), brown jersey gloves, and men's white athletic socks are needed. Bring items to the annex. Pick up is just before Thanksgiving.

**YOUTH NOTES:** *Lock-In* at the Jimmy Floyd Center (Lebanon) Nov. 9, has been postponed.

**ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHER'S:** The monthly meeting will be next Wednesday (November 14) following the mid-week service.

**ANNUAL FUNDRAISER DINNER FOR TCC:** BBQ Dinner, Saturday, November 10, 6:30 P.M., in the annex. Ladies, please bring a dessert.

**LADIES' DAY:** Findlay church of Christ (Sparta), November 10, 8:15- 12:30 with Sameea Collins, "Love in Action."

## **RECEIVED ANY INVITATIONS LATELY?**

Here's one for the ages: *"Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and you shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light"* (Matt. 11:28-30). There you have it! Will you ignore it or will you accept it? Heaven awaits your reply. **ELA**