

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Oct. 29	172	140	112	\$4595	123	45
Nov. 5	157	116	103	\$5100*	118	37
Goals	200	160	135	\$4812	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stat is for Oct. 25 & Nov. 1, 2017

A Clean Heart

How does a worm get inside an apple? Perhaps you think the worm burrows in from the outside. No, the worm comes from the inside. But how does he get in there? Simple! An insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Sometime later, the worm hatches in the heart of the apple, then eats his way out.

Sin, like the worm, begins in the heart and works through the person's thoughts, words, and actions. For this reason, David once wrote, "Create in me a clean heart, O God" (Psalm 51:10b).

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9:00 A.M.
6:00 P.M.
12:30 P.M. (5th Sunday)
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Sunday Morning
10:15 A.M.
Wednesday Evening
7:00 P.M.

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THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is, in the eyes of some, esteemed as the greatest of holidays. When one thinks about the idea of thanksgiving, it is easy to appreciate the holiday as some do being the greatest of holidays. Those who are truly thankful, however, are those who were once dead, but are now alive. The Lord spoke to the Jews and said that the hour was coming in which the dead would hear His voice and live (John 5:25). The Lord was not referring to the second coming, for that He does in 5:28-29. The Lord referred to those who heard His voice (orally, and through the written word) and responded to His holy will. They were dead in sin, but applying the truth of God's word to their individual lives, they are now alive spiritually (cf. 2 Corinthians 5:17). Those who live, but were once dead, were dead in sin (Ephesians 2:1-10), but now are alive in Christ. This is a time for Thanksgiving.

-Ron Thomas, Highway church of Christ, Sullivan, IL. via BulletinGold, 11/2009-

THE LORD HAS BEEN GOOD TO ME

When blessings are flowing, and burdens are growing,
The Lord has been good to me.

When my years are sailing, and my health is failing,
The Lord has been good to me.

When losing one dear, and no other is near,
The Lord has been good to me.

When not on my knees, and sinning He sees,
The Lord has been good to me.

Yes, when times are bad, and even my heart is sad,
Still, the Lord has been good to me.

For, he gave me life, and warned of the strife,
Yes, the Lord has been good to me.

For, He gave His Word, and the best Song ever heard,
O, yes, the Lord has been good to me.

For my soul, is He caring, and he, his Son not sparing,
The Lord has been good to me.

He cares for you too, and wants to help you through,
The Lord has been good to me.

His goodness never fails, no matter what life avails,
The Lord has been good to me.

I opened His Pages, and read of the price sin wages,
The Lord has been good to me.

He made it very possible, for us all to obey the Gospel,
The Lord has been good to me.

Perhaps, you will read through, the Book He's given you,
And see, too, the Lord has been good to you.

-Clifton Angel, Coldwater(MS) church of Christ, via BulletinGold, 1/2013-

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!

Our hearts are again troubled due to yet another "church shooting", this time in a small Texas community. We should pray for the community, the nation, and especially the families of the victims and the perpetrator. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

Our Gospel Meeting is now history. One was restored during the meeting. Chad Ramsey did a superb job in presenting the gospel of Christ. The lessons were timely and true. God's word and the authority of Christ were front and center. The theme of the meeting was "CONSIDER HIM": "For **consider Him** who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls" (Hebrews 12:3). We express our gratitude to Chad for coming our way. Jeff Crockett did an excellent job leading our singing. We are grateful for all the visitors who came. All of our own who invited others, prepared food, and in many other ways supported the effort are to be thanked as well.

The "Fifth-Sunday Schedule" was in effect October 29. Justin preached the A.M. sermon and we enjoyed a wonderful meal together following the Bible Study period. We concluded our services for the day with a 12:30 P.M. worship period. Teddy Spivey delivered the lesson. Other young men very capably led singing, prayer, etc. in the P.M. service. Thanks to all!

A big "THANK YOU" is also extended to all those who assisted with food and in other ways for the recent "Trunk or Treat" and Support Day for Taylor Christian Camp. TCC is the camp facility near Holland, KY, which serves as the site for the annual Jackson-Smith County Youth Camp as well as for numerous other camps and retreats. More than eighteen thousand dollars was given for the upkeep and improvements of the facility.

Let's work on improving attendance at all services. Fall break is over. DST has ended. What better way to spend Sunday and Wednesday evenings than to assemble with brothers and sisters in Christ to sing, pray, study, and fellowship? Hope to see everyone Sunday morning, our Lord willing.

Have a great rest of the week! **ELA**

NEWS & NOTES:

RESPONSE: Allen White requested prayers for forgiveness during the recent Gospel Meeting. Allen is commended for his desire to please God and to walk more closely to Him.

SICK: Sue Walker remains in Tennova (Lebanon), having spent time in ICU due to pneumonia and low oxygen levels, but is now back in a regular room. Steve Harper will undergo rotator cuff surgery this Friday at Centennial. Scotty Yeaman will be undergoing yet another back surgery in the near future. Peggy Denton is feeling much better after becoming ill and being taken to the ER during a service of our meeting. Denton Ramsey, know by many of us, is in Vanderbilt Hospital suffering with several health issues. Carolyn Harris has been under the weather, but is back with us. Her husband, Milton, is not feeling well. Barry King, Bob and Lola's son, is recuperating from recent back surgery. Kim Bray, who has been dealing with a stress fracture (leg), has now laid the crutches aside. Janet Young, Kim's mother, is recuperating from shoulder surgery and complications. Jason Cohoon, Barry's son, is now at home but still rehabbing. Brenda Bowman (hip replacement surgery), was able to be with us Sunday morning. Keely Phillips is now improved and at home after a stay in Vanderbilt. Mary Phillips is improving following wound surgery/treatment. Mike Sircy, Katie Bennett's uncle, is undergoing treatments. Eddie Ray Thrasher, uncle to Gaye Yeaman and Carolyn Hill, remains under hospice care. Ben Smith and son Blake, known by many of us, were recently hospitalized in Florida after being overcome by powerful waves. Prayers have been requested for Wes Stafford of Jackson County, who is suffering with cancer. Remember the following in prayer: Charles White (Valdosta, GA); 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: "Thank You" notes have been received and read publicly from Joe and Gayle Reeves and Brenda Bowman.

ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS' MEETING: The monthly meeting will be conducted in the annex tonight (November 8), following the service.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Frances Kemp in the recent death of her brother-in-law, Donald Pharris, of the Granville community, whose funeral was last Friday (November 3).

GUEST SPEAKER: Grant Carey, who is a co-worker with Thomas Snow in the Tennessee Prison Ministry, spoke about that good work last Wednesday evening. We learned of the importance of reaching out to those in prison. Grant was converted to Christ because of reading a New Testament given to him while in prison and others teaching him later. Everyone who helped with needed items (Bibles, tooth brushes, tooth paste, socks, etc.), is thanked for your support.

MED SUPPLIES TO GUYANA: Wayne Pruett and a couple of co-workers picked up some donated medical supplies for the South American mission fields recently. Thanks to Alex and Candace Richmond for making this possible.

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.

AREA EVENTS: Ladies Day: Findlay church of Christ (Sparta), November 11, 8:30 – 12:30, with Shelia Butt on "Recipes for Life".

RUNNING TO GOD

In case those who know them haven't noticed, Jonah Mauldin is ve-r-r-y attached to his dad. When Justin concluded a recent sermon, Jonah simply could not restrain himself. As soon as his dad beckoned him to come - and perhaps before - Jonah was on his way down the isle to be taken into his father's arms, where he remained during the singing of the invitation hymn. What a beautiful and instructive moment in a culture where many young boys do not have a dad to whom to run! Others, out of fear, would run from their fathers, not to them!!

In Jesus' parable of the prodigal, we see a loving and longing father running to meet his returning wayward son (Luke 15:20). This is a powerful depiction of God's desire for us to be saved (See 2 Peter 3:9). But we also see a son, perhaps too weak to run, but with penitent resolve to return home, wearily making his way back to his father's house from that "far country" of sin. It is consoling to know "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

It is also important to know that His "strong consolation" is for those "who have fled (*to Him*) for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us" (Hebrews 6:18).

Edward L Anderson