

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Nov. 25	134	103	88	\$5429*	82	28
Dec. 02	126	99	87	U/A	81	34
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4897	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for November. 21 & 28, 2018

A STORY WITH A MORAL

Driving in a dense fog, a motorist decided to play it safe and just follow the taillights of the car in front of him. For a full hour he drove without worry. Suddenly, the taillights disappeared and he plowed into the car ahead. "Hey," he yelled, "Why didn't you put out your hand when you stopped?" "Why should I?" was the calm reply, "I'm home in my own garage."

In matters of faith many people are like the above driver. They blindly follow some man. Jesus said, "If the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch (Matthew 15:14).

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

12:30 P.M. (5th Sunday)

Bible Study

Sunday Morning

10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 P.M.

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

Tychicus: Trustworthy Transporter

Have you ever paid close attention to the ends of especially the epistles? There are a variety of otherwise obscure Bible characters who make their cameos as if in passing. Tychicus is one such early Christian. You find him referenced five times in Holy Writ. He is numbered among the missionaries in Asia (Acts 20:4). Whether or not he preached or taught, he was acting on Kingdom business. In Ephesians 6:21, Paul sends him to Ephesus to make Paul's conditions and circumstances known to them. He did the same thing for the Colossians (4:7). Paul tells Timothy, very simply, that he sent Tychicus to Ephesus (2 Tim. 4:7). Paul contemplated sending Tychicus to Titus on Crete (Tit. 3:12). Paul obviously considered Tychicus a reliable resource for help.

Have you considered the fact that all of us are carriers of something? What are you carrying?

- Bitterness and resentment?
- Gossip and talebearing?
- Negativity and pessimism?
- Filthy, foul, and offensive speech?
- Dishonest, deceptive words?
- A different gospel?
- Harsh, railing verbiage?

Or...?

- Gentle, kind words?
- Faithful counsel?
- Positive, joyful speech?
- Encouragement?
- Thoughtful, considerate messages?
- Meek efforts to restore a fallen soul?
- Courageous, lovingly spoken truth?

What would others entrust you with? Would they trust you? That should convict us, shouldn't it? What traits are we developing? Let's be concerned about that, recognizing that God needs trustworthy transporters today!

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.

R. W. Vincent began serving as an elder this past Sunday. We are grateful for his willingness to serve along with Johnny, Jerry, and Michael. Let us familiarize ourselves with the teachings of scripture concerning their roles as well as our own. Pray for them and their families. Let each of us resolve to be involved in the Lord's work with a deep sense of duty, diligence, and devotion.

The elders and deacons are working on the budget for the coming year. We should all be praying for the many good works we support. Keep our missionaries in your prayers along with all of the other programs (benevolence, youth, etc.), of work. The church has been "ready unto every good work" in the past (Titus 3:1). Let us again rise to the occasion and accept the challenge.

What can you do? Make a phone call to encourage the sick, shut-in, or lonely. Send a card (many already do). Volunteer (now there's a novel idea). Venture out and try something new. Develop a new talent by using one you already have. Be a daily Bible reader. Read other books and periodicals (The Spiritual Sword, House to House, tracts). Avail yourself of the library (be sure to return books after you read them). To adapt President John F. Kennedy's words: "Ask not what the church can do for you, but what you can do for the church."

Another year is winding down and coming to a close. Job observed that we humans are here but a "few days" (Job 14:1). James describes life as but "a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14). With holiday events, family gatherings, food, football, and other sporting events ever before us it is easy to lose sight of the spiritual. Make worshipping with the saints a priority. Attend Bible classes. Have private and family devotionals.

We are delighted to have you as a part of our mid-week service. Plan to be with us next Wednesday! Bring your Bible! Hope to see everyone Sunday morning a little before 9:00 A.M.!

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

BAPTISMS: Rachel Hewitt, Debora Smith, and Romanda Jernigan were baptized into Christ this past Friday (11/30). We congratulate them on their decision. Pray for them in their new life.

SICK: Brittany Hackett will be having thyroid surgery soon to remove a nodule. Little Emma Hicks received a good report from a recent heart test but had a respiratory infection over the weekend. Caleb Harville had tests at Vanderbilt on Tuesday. It was good to see Bridget Austin back with us Sunday along with Kaylee and Taner. Scotty Yeaman is being treated for atrial fibrillation to prepare for a procedure in a few weeks. Randy Wakefield, brother to Jan Silcox, suffered a recent stroke requiring a hospital stay at Vanderbilt. He was to see a cardiologist ASAP. Jack Billington (resident at Pavilion) has suffered a stroke but was improved Sunday. Opal Agee (Concordia) has not been as well. Her daughter, Peggy Kemp, is recuperating from injuries in a wreck. Susie Luster, Eric Haynie's sister, remains in Sumner Regional. W. A. Gibbs' dialysis sessions each Monday, Wednesday, and Friday have been lengthened. Sherrie Lawrence, W. A.'s daughter, saw her doctor Monday. Joe Hensley was not well Sunday evening. Ken stayed with him. Since our last issue Jacob Mauldin, Jenna Harville, and Jerry Phillips (cold/cough) have been ill.

PRAYER LIST: Our prayers have been requested for the following: Horace Jones; Joyce Comstock; Debbie Fulton; Louie Gray West; O'Neal Huffines; Taylor and Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn, Emily Allen; Judy 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; 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/SHUT-INS: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Wilma Richardson (Local); Loneta Bains (Pavilion). 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: Our deepest sympathy is extended to Dennis and Darlene Hackett in the death of Dennis' mother, Mrs. Phronia Hackett (11/23/18).

THANK YOU: The church has received and read publicly thank you notes from the following: Dennis and Darlene Hackett and Joyce Kilgore.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SHUTINS: Please pick up a stack of the supplied cards (on table in foyer), sign them, and deposit them in the provided bags. Deadline is Sunday, December 16.

ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS MEETING: The monthly meeting is scheduled for December 12 following the mid-week assembly. Copies of agenda will be available December 9.

LOST PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH

Sometimes a child or even an adult becomes lost in the church building. One of little ones was upset recently when he could not find his dad after Bible class. Children have been left in the building on occasion much as Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem by Joseph and Mary (See Luke 2:41-52).

The Bible establishes those in the world are lost (Eph. 2:12). They are separated from God by their sins (Isa. 59:1-3). Is it possible for one to be in the church and still be lost? A chart sermon from the late Donnie Barnes (Barnes Bible Charts) lists the following as "Lost People in the Church".

1. Those who WALK AFTER THE FLESH (Rom. 8:1).
2. Those who DO INIQUITY (Matt. 13:41).
3. Those who NEGLECT THEIR DUTY (James 4:17).
4. Those who SURRENDER TO SIN (2 Peter 2:20-21).
5. Those who BEAR NO FRUIT (John 15:1-6).
6. Those who SIN WILLFULLY (Heb. 10:26).

Conversely let us walk after the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23); do good (Gal. 6:10); fulfill our duty (Eccl. 12:13-14); surrender to the Savior (Matt. 11:28-30; 16:24); produce much fruit (Col. 1:9-10); and serve faithfully (Rev. 2:10).

Edward L. Anderson