

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

| Date: | AM | Bible Study | PM | Cont. | Wed | DBR |
|---------|-----|-------------|-----|---------|-----|------|
| Dec. 10 | 152 | 109 | 90 | \$5270* | 83 | 39 |
| Dec. 17 | 150 | 127 | 95 | \$4845* | 91 | 41 |
| Goals | 200 | 160 | 135 | \$4812 | 130 | 100% |

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stat is for Dec. 6 & 13, 2017

Where There Is.....

Where there is love and generosity, there is joy.
 Where there is sincerity and sacrifice, there is friendship.
 Where there is harmony and simplicity, there is beauty.
 Where there is prayer and forgiveness, there is peace.
 Where there is moderation and patience, there is wisdom.
 Where there are conflicts and crises, there is opportunity.
 Where there is wonder and adventure, there is growth.
 Where there is adoration and confession, there is worship.
 Where there is compassion and concern, there is God
 (By Jesse Wagner, via BulletinGold, February 2014)

12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; 13 Forebearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. 14 And above all these, put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness. 15 And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful. (Colossians 3:12-15)

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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"

PRESSING FORWARD

Paul said in Phil. 3:13, "...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before..."

So, what are you planning on "forgetting" - leaving behind - as you enter the new year? Let me suggest that we should give our cares to God and leave them behind with Him.

When we pray, we often take our needs to God and ask His help in dealing with them. Then what do we do? Instead of leaving them with Him, we take them back with us right after we finish praying.

We need to learn to leave things where they belong. If 2017 really is completed for you, then don't you think you should learn to leave some things behind completely?

What are some of the things we need to leave behind? I think we can sum it up by saying anything in our lives that keeps us from focusing on the Lord should be left behind. Being a Christian means to always be going forward "*pressing toward the mark*" as Paul said (Phil. 3:14).

Image a trapeze artist swinging from one trapeze to another, high above the ground with no net under him. As he reaches out to the next trapeze, what must he do? He must let go of the one he's on. If he refuses to let go of the trapeze he's on, will he ever be able to go to the next one? Of course not, and in the same way, we must let go of the old year before we can go purposefully into the new year.

You have a choice. You can go into the new year, taking everything with you, being dulled to the need of changing some things, or you can go into the new year trying your best to make sure the past is the past and the future is for God.

As we enter 2018, let us leave behind such things as resentment, worries, and failures, and other things which do us no good.

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 God's inspired Scriptures with us. And, as the Lord through Isaiah said, "Come, let us reason together" (Acts 17:11; Isaiah 1:18). If you have religious questions about which you are concerned, please discuss them with us. We will be happy to calmly consider them. We sincerely hope you will visit with us again, and soon!

Our attendance has been steady over the past couple of weeks, but lower than we would like. We have had a seemingly inordinate amount of illness. We trust all will be well soon. Let us remember to pray for all those who are suffering and do what we can to assist.

The first two Sundays have seen our contributions above budget. You are to be commended for your generosity. We should plan and purpose in our giving in keeping with our prosperity which comes from God.

We will be having our P.M. service at 12:30 this Sunday, December 24. Please take note and make plans to be present. Many families will be traveling. May all have safe passages.

Derek Carter, Randy's son and Lacy Crockett's brother, has been deployed to Syria. Please keep Derek and all the family in your prayers.

Thanks to all those who assisted with the card program for our shut-ins. The greeting cards will, no doubt, warm the hearts of those who receive them.

One week from Sunday will be a fifth Sunday and the final one in 2017. Justin Mauldin will be preaching at the A.M. service. Our young men will be leading the P.M. worship with Matthew Jones speaking. We will have a fellowship meal between the Bible study hour and the afternoon assembly.

The family of sister Lovell Wilson Chaffin, whose birthday is this Saturday (23rd), is hosting a celebration time for her at 3:00 P.M. They invite her friends to come by Concordia Nursing sometime around that time to wish her a Happy Birthday!

Volunteers needed! We need of some younger families to assist with communion preparation - contact Gayle Reeves; teachers for age 2 - second grade - contact Michael Hackett or Jeremy Hassler; power point operators - - contact Jeremy Hassler.

Hope to see everyone Sunday morning, our Lord willing. Have a great rest of the week!

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Christine Jones, Peggy Denton's mother, is in Vanderbilt ICU after suffering a stroke. W. A. Gibbs is battling pneumonia. Carolyn Harris underwent recent surgery and is recuperating. Justin Mauldin was ill Sunday. Julie Harville is also sick. Don Carter was back with us Sunday after improving from the flu and pneumonia. Scotty Yeaman is in Tennova Rehab (Old McFarland bldg.) in Lebanon. Durell Walker is in the same facility and is improved. Sue Walker is at home and has family members staying with her. Young Haley Markham is to see specialists at a future date. Little Emma Grace Hicks, daughter of Chris and Amanda, is improving but still not ready to be out. Her big sister Aubrey has been sick, too. Susan Klamm is recuperating from recent surgery and is now able to be in attendance. Shirley Sadler is at home and improving but still weak, after a bout with pneumonia. Howard Bains (Rome), has been in RRMC for placement of a pacemaker and is now in Lebanon Rehab. Amanda Denning, the Anderson's daughter, has had the flu. Steve Harper (rotator cuff surgery), and Dennis Hackett (fractured ankle) are back with us. Kim Bray, Judy Grisham, Betty Carter, Ann Carter, and Barbara Jenkins are able to be back with us. Her granddaughter, Ariel Rowlett saw a heart specialist last week. Ariel's son, Zayden, has improved and feeling better. Jake White went to the ER recently due to allergic reactions to a thorn wound. John Carter, Lola King's brother-in-law, is now at home following a hospital stay, but is still not doing well. Jason Cohoon, Barry's son, is doing much better. Eddie Ray Thrasher, uncle to Gaye Yeaman and Carolyn Hill, remains under hospice care. Prayers are requested for Kristen Burford and young son, Tucker (niece and great-nephew of Carol Woodard). Remember these in prayer: John Carter; Wes Stafford; Charles White (Valdosta, GA); Mike Sircy (continuing treatments); 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 NOTES: The church has received and read notes of gratitude from the Chris and Amanda Hicks family.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to Carolyn Harris in the passing of her brother, Mr. Alf Stewart of the Highland Community (Jackson Co.). Funeral services were December 16. Also, to the family of Sammy Rigsby, known by many of us, whose funeral was December 10, after his sudden passing December 7.

SINGING: Herren's Chapel church of Christ (Putnam County), will host their annual New Year's Eve Singing at 7:00 P.M. Due to construction I-40 East take Exit 276; I-40 West Exit 273 (take Old Baxter Road Detour).

JANUARY BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Carol Woodard (1); Merissa Spivey (4); Jeff Grisham (8); Kathaleen Replogle (10); Makenna Hassler (11); J.T. Jones (14); Johnny Law (17); Brenda Bowman (19); Barbara Anderson, Mary Jo Hackett, Alyssa Kate Crockett (20); Dimple Hicks (21); Jake Azbell (23); Jenna Claire Harville (24); Susan Klamm (29); Sunshine Cothren (30); Don & Betty Carter (1/29).

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The annual breakfast has been scheduled for January 13 at 8:00 A.M. Please plan to bring food and enjoy it and the fellowship. Men, bring your sons and grandsons!

FROM OUR HEARTS TO YOUR'S

With kindest regards,

And with grateful hearts;

We wish for you and yours

Good will, joy, and peace

And a blessed holiday season;

With a very happy New Year!

Edward & Barbara