

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Jan. 22	165	124	109	\$4991*	100	41
Jan. 29	168	141	124	\$4205	106	43
Goals	200	160	135	\$4812	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for January 18 & 25, 2017

PEACE IN TURBULENCE

“Peace I leave you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27).

As part of a contest, a number of artists were invited to paint a picture of perfect peace. Eventually, the judges narrowed their choice to two entries. The first contestant created a scene of a quiet lake high in the mountains. The second one depicted a thundering waterfall above which the branch of a birch tree was bending. On the fork of that limb and in the gentle spray, a robin sat undisturbed in her nest. Both paintings were equally beautiful and spoke of tranquility, but the second won the prize. It showed a contrast, and in graphic detail, the absolute calmness that can be found in the midst of turbulent surroundings. *“Be anxious for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus”* (Phil. 4:7).

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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”

DYING TO SELF

Note: The following piece came to me “author unknown.” It is not humorous, but is designed to cause us to reflect. I hope you appreciate the change of pace.

When you are forgotten, or neglected, or purposely set at naught, and you don’t sting and hurt with the insult, or the oversight, but your heart is happy, being counted worthy to suffer for Christ, that is dying to self.

When your good is evil spoken of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart, or even defend yourself, but take in all patient, loving silence, that is dying to self.

When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder, any irregularity, any impunctuality, or any annoyance; when you stand face-to-face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility – and endure it as Jesus endured, that is dying to self.

When you are content with any food, any offering, any climate, any society, any raiment, any interruption by the will of God, that is dying to self.

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation, or to record your own good works, or itch after commendations, when you can truly live to be unknown, that is dying to self.

When you can see your brother prosper and have his needs met and can honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy, nor question God, while your own needs are far greater and in desperate circumstances, that is dying to self.

When you can receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself and can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart, that is dying to self.

“Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.”
(Matthew 16:24-25)

Have a great day!

-Thought-for-the-day, 1/05/2017, Alan Smith, Cruciform Church of Christ, Spring Lake, NC.-

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). Let us investigate the Holy Scriptures and 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!

In spite of threatening weather (rain/snow/sleet), and much sickness, we were blessed with good attendance at all services Sunday. We were honored to have several guests and for that we are most thankful.

Our "Fifth Sunday Schedule" was in effect Sunday. Justin Mauldin spoke at 9:00 A.M. and the young men led the 12:30 P.M. service, with Josh Brown speaking. Both presented excellent lessons from God's Word. Morning worship and Bible study were followed by a wonderful meal. We had a large number to stay for the meal with several visitors remaining. It was a wonderful period of fellowship and food.

The recent Men's Breakfast went well with about twenty-five men, younger and older, in attendance. Some invited friends and family. As usual, the meal was great, putting any breakfast bar to shame! A big "THANK YOU" is expressed to all who prepared food, set up tables, assisted with clean-up, etc.

Our new storage room addition is just about completed. Woodard's Construction "dried it in" and did the drywall. Some of "our own" did electrical work, painting, flooring, etc. We are indebted to all who have given their time and talents to the project. The added storage space will give us much more room in the annex. Having the ramp covered is also a big plus!

The Potter Children's Home truck will be here Friday, February 3 in the afternoon. We are concentrating on Dryer Sheets and Mac & Cheese Mixes for their pantry. Individual families may donate \$15.00 for perishable items needed for one child's dinner meals for a week. You may bring the items by the building until early afternoon on Friday.

Please take a moment to check out the "Congregational Calendar" and "Area Events" under *News & Notes*. This is for your information and convenience in scheduling for the year. It also serves as a reminder of opportunities to attend events at sister churches and to serve, study, and grow personally.

We are so happy you are with us for our mid-week service. Please plan to be back for the services Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M., sharp! Hope to see the entire family.

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

RECENT RESPONSES: Terry Franklin was baptized by Stan Stevenson here at the building last Wednesday. Joseph Law requested prayer for forgiveness this past Sunday morning. We rejoice, along with the angels in heaven (Luke 15:7, 10), in this good news.

SICK: Irene Gregory remains in Quality Care Rehab in Lebanon, but will probably come home later this week. Joe Hensley will undergo surgery at Vanderbilt tomorrow (Thursday). Tony Hackett underwent carpal tunnel surgery last Thursday and is doing well. Ray Harper's (Steve's father), health continues to deteriorate. Our prayers are requested. Mary Phillips is now in Kindred doing rehabilitation. Scotty Yeaman returned home Saturday (28th), after knee surgery and rehab. Jake White received a cut, which required a couple of stitches, in a recent BB game. Troy Spivey, Teddy's grandfather, underwent surgery last week at Cookeville Regional due to an abscess. Judy Spivey is still not doing well. Cheryl Hicks sprained both ankles last week. Gavin Gregory, Cheryl and Jerry Hicks' grandson, has been ill. Sarah Ann Blair, good friend to many here, has been moved from RRMC to another health care facility. Jo Norton, known by many here and at JSCYC, is undergoing radiation treatments. Jennifer Guffey, cousin to Dimple Hicks, underwent hip replacement surgery at Vanderbilt recently. Tim Loftis of Michigan, Edward Anderson's cousin, will undergo colon surgery February 13. Will Anderson, Edward's great-nephew, continues to recuperate from recent surgery and is doing quite well. Rozelle Driver, Amanda Hicks' grandmother, is now in Kindred Rehab after being hospitalized due to a fall. Karen Whited, Jeff's step-mom, is recuperating at home following her surgery and hospital stay. Cobie Sadler's recent sinus surgery was successful. Frank Williams (former member), is now in hospice care. Michael Cook, Barbara Anderson's cousin, is now at home. Our prayers are requested for Jimmy Bean, who is now in a private room at Tennova. Sick since our last bulletin include: Jenna Harville; Caleb Harville; Caroline Law; Hattie Branham; Jeff Grisham; Chris, Amanda, Aubrey, and Scarlett Hicks (stomach virus). Gary Lester has not been feeling as well (Trevecca Rehab). It is good to see Mary Jo Hackett able to be with us more regularly. Remember also the following in prayer: Troy and Judy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Gaye Yeaman; Cathy Stafford; Ray Upchurch; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Gary and Sherry Lester; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Karen Howell; Jimmy Rigsby; Arnold Rich; Mary Phillips (Molly Goolsby's mother); Cathy Harville; Bob Harville; and Steve Dowell.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Phronia Rose; Mary Phillips (Kindred); Irene Gregory (Quality –Lebanon); Imogene Reeves (Palace – RBS); Frank Williams, (Elm Croft in Lebanon).

SHUT-IN AT HOME: Wilma Richardson; Shirley Holmes; James Hall; and Pat Paysinger.

IN MILITARY: Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (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).

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the family of brother Vestle Gentry, who passed away January 21 at age 94, in Spartanburg, SC. The funeral was this past Saturday (28th). We have also been requested to remember the family of Katie Wilson, age 16, who was killed in an accident this past week. We also remember the families of Ira Holland (funeral Sunday), and Anita Sircy (funeral Monday), in their losses.

CONGRATULATIONS: We congratulate Madison Spivey on being named Valedictorian of the 2017 SCHS graduating class.

THANK YOU: The church has received and read a "Thank You" card from Gary and Sherry Lester.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Kindred Service:* Sunday, February 5, 2:00 P.M.; *Youth Unite:* We are to host "Youth Unite", April 9, 5:00 P.M.; *Fish Fry:* April 22, 4:00 P.M.; *Vacation Bible School:* June 5-9, Theme: "Women of Faith"; *Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp:* July 16-22 at Taylor Christian Camp; *Annual Singing:* August 4, 7:00 PM; *Bible Bowl:* TTU's Hooper/Eblen Center, September 9 (Books of Mark, Philippians, and Colossians); *Gospel Meeting:* October 22-25, with Chad Ramsey preaching.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS: *Young Men's Seminar (5th-12th grades):* East Main church of Christ (Murfreesboro), February 4, 2017, "Cultivating My Faith", with Jeff Archey, 8:00 – 12:00 Noon; *Freed-Hardeman Lectures:* February 5-9, Theme: "Identity in Crisis: Daniel's Vision for the Future" (We will do a day-trip on Tuesday, February 7); *Marriage Seminar:* Crossville church of Christ, Theme: "Happily Ever After", March 3-5, 2017, with Jim Dearman, plus Janis Dearman will teach a session for wives (Poster posted); *Polishing the Pulpit:* August 18-24 in Sevierville.

ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS: The monthly meeting will be next Wednesday, February 11 following services.

My Dad thinks it's nice for me to go to Sunday school
To hear the helpful lessons and to hear "The Golden Rule".

If some Sunday morning something else I'd like to do,
Dad looks very stern and says, "I'm surprised at you!"

So I dress up very neatly and I travel off alone,
While Dad hunts up his paper and decides he'll stay at home.

Now I've wondered and wondered, time and time again
Why Bible school is so good for boys and not for grown-up men!