

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Feb. 3	132	113	83	\$5024*	75	36
Feb. 10	122	94	52	\$5158*	52	31
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4756	130	100%

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Jan.30 and Feb. 6, 2019

**COMMIT TO SUBMIT**

The word for “submit” (in some cases, “be subject”) in the New Testament comes from a military term meaning to arrange troops under the command of a leader. The word is defined by Thayer’s Greek-English Lexicon as, “to subject one’s self, to yield to one’s admonition or advice, to obey.”

Of course, this word is used in specific cases (as in the case of wives, servants, and young folks, cf. Eph. 5:22; 1 Pet. 2:18; 1 Pet. 5:5), but it is mostly used in the general sense for all Christians. Take note for what we are to subject and be subject to:

- We are to fully submit to God and His will (Jas. 4:7).
- We should submit to the government ordinances (1 Pet. 2:13-14).
- We must submit to and encourage fellow Christians (Eph. 5:21).
- We are even to submit in ministering to others (1 Cor. 16:15-16).

Christians, let’s submit and commit ourselves to these things, knowing that a better world results from them.

(Via BulletinGold 2/2019; By Ed Sterchi, preacher for the Broadway Church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY)

**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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 9:00 A.M.  
 6:00 P.M.  
 12:30 P.M. (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

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 10:15 A.M.  
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 7:00 P.M.

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**“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”**

**HAVE YOU EARNED YOUR PLACE IN HEAVEN?**

After making a whopping \$50 million donation to a gun control initiative and because of his work against obesity and smoking, former New York City mayor, Michael Bloomberg, was quoted as saying: “I am telling you, if there is a God, when I get to heaven I’m not stopping to be interviewed, I am heading straight in....I have earned my place in heaven. It’s not even close.”

How does that sound to you? Presumptuous? Arrogant? The very idea that Mr. Bloomberg would think he could “buy” his way into heaven must be offensive to God. How less offensive is it when we believe and act like we can earn our way into heaven by:

- Going to church three times a week.
- Reading our Bibles daily.
- Giving generously each first day of the week.
- Helping the poor.
- Being a good father/mother/husband/wife/son/daughter.

The above list could go on and on. Do we, along with Mr. Bloomberg need to be reminded that after all we could possibly do, we are still unprofitable servants (Luke 17:10)? Do we also need to be reminded that our righteousness, the best we can offer, is as filthy rags to God (Isaiah 64:6)?

You see heaven isn’t a matter of attainment, it’s a matter of atonement. If we’re in heaven some day, it won’t be because we earned it. It won’t be because we wowed God with our own morality and righteousness. And it won’t be because God’s indebted to us. On the contrary, it will be because we’re indebted to him!

(Steve Higginbotham, via Bulletin Digest)

*James 1:25-27: 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. 26 If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man’s religion is vain. 27 Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.*

## ***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.

Our church family was deeply grieved at the sudden and unexpected passing of brother Donnie Apple last Monday (2/4/19). We all hurt with Rita, the three daughters (Lori, Amy, Makenzi), the grandchildren, and the entire Apple-Wright family. Keep them in your prayers. Also remember the family of Charles White, a longtime faithful preacher of the gospel, loved and respected by so many of us. He preached in this area in the 60's.

We rejoice with two of our families (Cook and Phillips), in recent "new births". Sheri Cook (she, Scott, and Taner attend Montrose) was baptized into Christ 1/29/19 (Barry and Linda's daughter-in-law). Gelsey Phillips (granddaughter of Jerry and Mary Phillips), was baptized 2/10/19. Congratulations to both!

Rain, Rain, Rain! This area has received several inches over the past few days, with tremendous downpours last Wednesday. Some of our families were unable to get to the building being forced to turn and go back home due to high water. Thankfully, no one was injured by flooding or wind as in other areas of the mid-state. The weather was also a factor in attendance this past Sunday.

Don't forget the "Adopt-A-Student" program Justin is organizing. Return the sign-up/involvement form ASAP. The deadline for returning the forms was February 3. If you were unable to get it to him, please see or call/text Justin.

Also remember the Visitation Program with Josh Brown as the deacon in charge. If you were unable to attend the initial meeting, see Josh and let him know you are willing to assist and to find out what you can do. I am planning some lessons in the near future to emphasize the importance of this work

Check the "Congregational Calendar" (Column 3). Circle the dates on your calendar. Please note the addition of the Bible Lands Museum which will be very interesting and exciting. We will have more information coming soon.

Have a great rest of the week. Hope to see you Sunday morning a little before nine!

***Edward L. Anderson***

## ***NEWS & NOTES:***

**SICK:** Joe and Gayle Reeves have been ill with the flu. Brittany Hackett was back with us Sunday after suffering with a severe cold. Maisy Rutherford is doing well after an illness. Mary Jo Hackett recently required a steroid injection. Sandy Harris was able to be with us Sunday after suffering a broken foot. Patricia Brooks is back with after being ill. W. A. Gibbs continues dialysis three times weekly. Scotty Yeaman has not felt as well the past few days. It is good to have Gaye with us. Faye Maberry has been with us for recent services. She has once-a-week chemo for three weeks followed by a week's break. Lottie Hearn, Dalisa White's aunt, is in Skyline. Barbara Hindsley, sister to Patricia Brooks, has not been doing well. Rachel Bush is reported to be improving. It is good to see Eric Haynie able to be back with us.

**PRAYER LIST:** Tammy Bush; Jerry Glenn; Bentley Cowan; Mary Lou Smith; David Lipe (broken leg); Horace Jones; Louie Gray West; Taylor and Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn, Emily Allen; Judy Jones; Dycus Carter; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; 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 & 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; Troy Spivey; Janice Anderson; 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 (Concordia); 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).

**MARCH BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST:** Peyton Bray (10); Noah Brown (16); Rebecca Brown, Emmy Vincent (18); Ruby Fisher (19); Michael Hackett (20); Aydan Law (21); Nick Morris (31). Johnny & Susan Law (3/12/1983); Richard & Brenda Bowman (3/20/1965).

**CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY:** We plan to develop a new pictorial directory soon. Joe Reeves will be the deacon leading this project with help from others. Announcements will be made concerning scheduling, etc. Everyone is urged to participate. This will not involve purchasing family pictures.

**THANK YOU:** The church has received and read "Thank You" notes from Faye Maberry; Brittany Hackett; Elkton (KY) church of Christ; and Agape.

**SYMPATHY:** Deepest sympathy is extended to the following: Rita Apple and family in the death of Donnie, Feb. 4; Yvonne White and family in the January 24 passing of brother Charles, known and loved by so many here.

**BRIDAL TEA:** Ladies, you are invited to a Bridal Teac for Leah Piper, bride elect of Phillip Sliger, Sunday, February 24 from 1 until 3 PM at Smith County Chamber of Commerce (9339 Upper Ferry Road). Leah and Phillip are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond, Amazon, and Belk.

**CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Concordia Devotionals:*** First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 P.M.; ***Pavilion Devotionals:*** Each Fifth Sunday, 2:00 P.M.; ***Fish Fry,*** April 20, 4:00 P.M.; ***Youth Unite,*** April 28, 5:00 P.M.; ***VBS,*** June 3-7, 6:30 P.M.; ***JSCYC,*** July 14-20; ***Annual Singing,*** August 2, 7:00 P.M. (Meal, 5:30 P.M.); ***Bible Lands Museum:*** August 9-11; ***Bible Bowl,*** September 7; ***Run4Don,*** September 14; ***Gospel Meeting,*** October 13-16, with Ben Flatt; ***Retreat,*** October 11-13, at TCC.

**AREA EVENTS: *Ladies' Days:*** Crossville church of Christ, March 16, with Donna Faughn, 9:00 – Noon; East Main (Murfreesboro), April 13, with Pam Walker. Singing: Silver Point church of Christ, 2/17/19 at 2:00 P.M.

**READING MATERIALS:** Please pick up copies of the Spiritual Sword and other periodicals available on the foyer table. We have a tract rack with excellent selections for study and passing on to a friend.

**COMMODITIES FOR TENNESSEE CHILDREN HOME:** We are collecting Liquid Laundry Detergent and Paper Towels to be picked up the first of April. Your contributions will be a blessing.