

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Feb. 18	169	120	81	\$5321*	79	43
Feb. 25	130	88	100	N/A	104	43
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4897	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Feb. 14 & 21, 2018

REDECORATING A MOTEL ROOM

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal” - Matt. 6:19-20

When one is staying in a motel overnight, he doesn't go into the room, frown at the décor, and start redecorating. Why? Because he doesn't live there. He has a permanent home in another place. While he is away, he will manage only on what he needs, and will save his money to furnish his permanent home. Likewise, let us not work at trying to make our lives more comfortable in this world, but let us spend our time and energy in enhancing our eternal home. (Thomson Run Church of Christ, Georgetown, PA., 3/16/2016)

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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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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Sunday Services broadcast on YouTube

FREE Bible Correspondence Courses, Tracts or Home Bible Study/ Videos.
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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

EAGLES IN A STORM

Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the wind to come. When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it.

The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher. It rises on the winds that bring the storm.

When the storms of life come upon us – and all of us will experience them – we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief toward God

The storms do not have to overcome us. We can allow God's power to lift us above them. God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy, failure and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above the storm.

The wise man wrote, *“When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, a man cannot discover anything about his future”* (Eccl. 7:14). Solomon fairly well summarized life. There are good and bad days that attend our lives. Make the best of both. When things go well, rejoice and praise God; when they go wrong, and adversity attacks the soul, rest on the assurance that God is there and he cares. His goodness is shown in the providential help he offers in time of need.

“Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help (us) in time of need” (Heb. 4:16).

Remember, it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we handle them. The Bible says, *“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.”* (Isaiah 40:31)

(Valley Station Church of Christ, (Bulletin Fodder)

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 wish to study the Bible via a Bible Correspondence Course, please request it on the available attendance cards.

"OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES"

In Matthew 21:12-17 (NKJ) we read of Jesus cleansing "the temple of God" in Jerusalem. Its purpose was being profaned and perverted by the moneychangers. The "house of prayer" had become "a den of thieves" (13). In the aftermath of His driving out the offenders, many blind and lame came to the temple and were healed (14). These "wonderful things" were accompanied by "the **children** crying out in the temple and saying, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!'" (15) As they observed this, the chief priests and scribes became indignant.

They inquired, "Do You hear what these are saying?" In response to their indignation, Jesus answered, "Yes. Have you never read, '*Out of the mouths of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise*'?" (16) This quotation is from Psalm 8:2.

It is difficult to imagine someone being incensed by children paying tribute to Jesus. We know that Jesus loved children (Matt. 18:1-5; 19:13-15) and, it is apparent from this happening, that children loved Him. From this we may surmise there were parents who were teaching their children properly in spite of opposition.

A couple of recent heart-warming events made this preacher proud: (1) The 4 & 5's Sunday morning Bible class had 100% Daily Bible Readers; (2) A six-year-old quoted the entire twenty-third Psalm. Are we learning from the children??? Remember: "Out of the mouths of babes".

A Barnes Bible Chart asks "Why Attend Bible Class?" (1) We are commanded to study the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15); (2) To gain knowledge with which to teach others (Heb. 5:12); (3) That we may be ready to give answer for our hope (1 Peter 3:15); (4) That we may be prepared to defend the faith (1 Peter 2:2); (5) To be with the Lord (Matt. 18:20); and (6) To help us prepare for judgment (John 12:48). I hope to see **you** and **your children** in Bible class Sundays and Wednesdays. **Edward L Anderson**

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Tim Smith (Willette India mission team member) suffered a stroke while in India. He is now in Skyline. Faye Maberry was back with us Sunday after a long battle with flu and pneumonia. Sue Walker is eating better. She saw a wound doctor last week. Little Josie Morris is back with us. Kristi Hassler has been sick the past couple of weeks. She is better. Brooke Grisham has been ill (flu). Russell Vincent has had the flu. Derrick Triplett is back with us after several days with the flu. Judy Grisham is better after a severe reaction to poison ivy/oak. Jerry Hicks was sick this past Sunday. Tony Hackett is dealing with shingles. Barry Cook received a good report from a recent test. Little Kennedy Farris, Darlene's granddaughter, is feeling much better. Young Ayden Sapp, great grandson of Linda Dickens, has had the flu. The Crockett and Washer families are back with us after a visit from the flu bug. Mary Helen Apple, Don's mother and Hale Wright's aunt, is now at home. Christine Jones, Peggy Denton's mother, seems to be better. Pattie Birdwell, Steve Smith's sister, has been diagnosed with cancer. Good to see Joe Hensley back with us. Shirley Sadler is doing well after a cardioversion procedure. Cobie Sadler has had the flu. Caleb Harville's tests revealed duodenal ulcers and inflammation. Scotty Yeaman (Concordia), is improving somewhat and is able to walk better. Conner Dodson is still suffering with his hand injured in a fall. Susanne Martin Tisdale remains in rehab at Sumner Regional and is improving. Joey Shockney, Susan Klamm's cousin, has improved. Joe Kemp is also reported to be improving. Howard Bains (Rome) has returned to the Pavilion (Assisted Living) in South Carthage. Remember these in prayer: Jere Andrews; Mary Ellen Lawrence; Faye Massey (neighbor/friend of Carol Woodard); Tucker Burford; Ray Hobbs; John Carter; Wes Stafford; Charles White (Valdosta, GA); Eddie Ray Thrasher; Mike Sircy; Paul Meacham, Jr.; 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; Arnold Rich; and Steve Dowell.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Phronia Rose (Local); Ray Harper (Hartsville).

SHUT-INS: Hattie Branham; Wilma Richardson; James Hall; Pat Paysinger.

IN THE MILITARY: Jana Watson, Ann Carter's grand-daughter (Army); Matt West, Linda Dicken's grandson (Marines); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (Marines); Camron Huff (Marines).

THANK YOU NOTE: The church has received and read a note of gratitude from the Durell Walker family.

CONGRATULATIONS: Joe and Gayle Reeves are grandparents again! Levi Dunn Reeves (7 lbs 14 oz and 20 & 3/4") was born 2/13/18 to Matthew and Ashley Reeves and big sister, Chloe. Congrats to all!

BABY BOY SHOWER: For Kristi Hassler, Saturday, March 24, 2:00 – 4:00 P.M., in the annex. Kristi is registered at Walmart and Amazon.

BRIDAL TEA: A Bridal Tea is planned for Hannah McKee and Andy Rutherford April 8 in the annex. They are registered at Amazon and Target.

TRIP TO CRACKER BARREL: Cracker Barrel for breakfast! A trip is planned to the Lebanon Cracker Barrel tomorrow (Thursday) morning for breakfast. The van will leave the parking lot at 8:30 A.M.

TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME COMMODITIES: We will be collecting **liquid laundry detergent** and **paper towels** for the home's food and commodities drive between now and April 3.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Youth Unite:* Sunday, April 15, 5 P.M. *Fish Fry:* Saturday, April 21, 4:00 PM. *Vacation Bible School:* June 4-8; *Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp:* July 15-21. Theme: "Change Me from the Inside Out"; *Annual Singing:* August 3, 7:00 PM; *Bible Bowl:* September 8 (Daniel and Ecclesiastes); *Gospel Meeting:* September 16-19 with Allen Webster; *Retreat:* October 12-14 at TCC.

AREA EVENTS: *TEENS FOR CHRIST:* Willow Ave. church of Christ (Cookeville), March 4, 6:00 PM; *The 52nd Annual MSOP Lectureship:* "Faith Under Fire (A Study of 1 & 2 Peter), March 25-29, 2018 at Memphis School of Preaching; *Ladies' Days:* Crossville church of Christ, March 17, 8:30 – Noon, with Evelyn Apple speaking on "Intentional Spiritual Growth"; East Main church of Christ (Murfreesboro), April 7 with Denise Martin, "Stitched with Love", 8:15 – 12:00 Noon (Lunch); Charlotte Heights church of Christ (Nashville), with Laura Sewell, "Courage: A Recipe for Life"; April 21, 8:30 – 12:00 Noon (Lunch).

HAPPY HAVEN'S 53RD ANNIVERSARY BANQUET: The date is March 22 at 6:30 PM at the Leslie Town Center, One West First Street, Cookeville. See posted flyers for more information.

LIFE LINE SCREENING: This leading provider of community based preventive health screening will utilize our annex **Friday, April 27, 2018** to make available five different screenings related to cardiovascular diseases. You may register online now for your "Community Circle" discount and your Preferred Appointment. The website is www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle. You may also call **888-653-6441** and speak with a live person to schedule an appointment.

"If you were to be arrested and tried for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"