

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
March 3	121	88	72	\$4402	74	28
March 10	120	97	80	\$4723	90	27
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4756	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Feb. 27 & Mar. 3, 2019

A SAMPLE

A preacher once visited a farmer to talk to him about the church, and to invite him to worship. “Why, I wouldn’t come to church up there,” said the farmer, “I know old so-and-so and his wife and they don’t live any differently from me. I’m as good as they are.” And everywhere the farmer went, he told about the hypocrites in the church.

The months passed and the preacher went to see the farmer again. “I want to buy a hog,” the preacher said. The farmer showed him all his best hogs. Then, they came upon a runt. “That’s the one I want to buy,” the man of God stated, “But...you don’t want to buy a runt, do you?” “Sure I do,” was the reply. So they loaded him into the preacher’s truck.

As the preacher left, he said, “Now I’m going to ride all over this area and tell folks that this is the kind of hogs that you are raising here.” “Hey, that’s not fair,” said the farmer, “I have some nice hogs here and you want to show people the runt!” “If it’s fair for the church, it’s fair for the hogs,” answered the preacher.

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

LIVE NOW TO SECURE FOREVER

*“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow...”
(Matthew 6:34).*

A person’s life can be divided up into four chunks of time: the past, the present, the future and eternity. The devil draws attention to the past and the future; God draws attention to the present and eternity. Therefore, the devil wants to take our focus off of the present and eternity, while God wants us to avoid investing too heavily in the past and the future.

For example, when a person is thinking about becoming a Christian, the devil attacks that thinking in at least two places. First, the past: “I have done too many bad things that God would never forgive me of,” and second, the future: “Even if He could forgive me, once I was baptized, I could never live up to the high standard of the Christian life.”

God, on the other hand, reinforces truthful thinking in the above scenario by coaching a person to do NOW what will secure him or her for ETERNITY. In the process, of course, God does remedy the guilt of sin (PAST) and also gears the new convert up by prayer, worship, Scripture, fellowship, hope, etc. to be faithful in living out the Christian life (FUTURE).

The plea to live in the present saturates Scripture (see Matt. 6:34; 2 Cor. 6:1-2; 2 Pet. 3:11-12).

That does not mean we have no business with the past. There may be a mess to clean up. And it does not mean we have no business in the future, because we must plan (see James 4:13-16).

It does mean that we should not waste life fantasizing, “I wish I could go back to yesterday,” or “I am waiting for things to be different tomorrow.”

Rather, live in the moment. Do what you are supposed to be doing today. Obey God now. Take responsibility for the present. That posture is “Christian” and can secure our eternity.

(Author Unknown. Via Bulletin Digest)

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.

Most remembered to "Spring Forward" this past weekend. With spring beginning officially one week from today (Wednesday), each of us should be challenged to "Spring Forward" spiritually. While "bodily exercise profits a little..., godliness is profitable for all things", both here and hereafter (1 Tim. 4:8). Spring is a time of growth, so "spring" into action; get some "spring" in your step. Don't let your "spring" dry up (See Hosea 13:15).

The Cumberland and the Caney have been out of their banks for days. Backwater abounds in the creeks and low lying areas around Carthage. According to the *Carthage Courier*, at least one fish has been caught in a hay field! Whatever the weather, let's get busy being "fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19)!

Involvement is a primary ingredient in personal and congregational growth. Two excellent opportunities for spiritual enrichment are provided in the Visitation and Adopt-A-Student programs. Both are up and going. Thanks to all involved. If you are not yet participating, please contact Josh Brown (Visitation), and Justin Mauldin (Adopt-a-Student), to get started.

Thanks to those who attended the work day at Taylor Christian Camp March 9. Much of the work was done inside due to the weather, but some was done outside as well. Joe Reeves, Ken Hensley, R. W. Vincent, Barry Cook, Barry Cohoon, and yours truly represented Carthage. Jackson-Smith County Youth Camp will be July 14-20. Information and schedules for planning sessions, dates, etc. will be forthcoming.

I will be away this Sunday to begin a Gospel Meeting with Whitson's Chapel (Cookeville). The meeting continues through March 20, with evening services at 7:00 P.M. I plan to drive the van on Monday (18th). Daniel Webster, a student at Memphis School of Preaching, will be speaking this Sunday morning. I know you will welcome and encourage him.

It is my prayer that each one of you has a great rest of the week!

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

PRAYER REQUEST: Misty Smith recently requested prayer for forgiveness and strength. May God bless her with both! Dalisa White also requested prayers for herself and her family.

SICK: Hattie Branham is rehabbing at Lebanon Rehabilitation Center after breaking her hip in a recent fall at home. Leslie Alford is in Sumner Regional (CCU) after becoming very ill last Saturday. J. T. Jones is suffering from bumps, bruises, and abrasions suffered in a MVA last week. He was with us Sunday. Elaine Wright will undergo cataract surgery March 18. Jenna Harville was ill (strep) this past Sunday. Cheryl Hicks was also ill. Mary Phillips suffered a fall Saturday but no serious injuries. W. A. Gibbs seemed to be doing better on Sunday. He requests prayer for Sherrie Lawrence (his daughter). Tests reveal she has suffered strokes. Ruby Fisher has been under the weather but was able to attend all services Sunday. Scotty Yeaman underwent a heart procedure to get it back in rhythm. He is still weak. Gaye is having tests this week. Please pray for both. Barbara Jenkins was back with us Sunday. Lola King is feeling better and back for all services. Faye Maberry was able to be with us Sunday, but she is continuing treatments. Robert (Buddy) Chaffin had more stents placed recently. Barbara Hindsley, sister to Patricia Brooks, is now under hospice care. Eric Haynie has not been well. Jerry Phillips was not feeling well Sunday. Danny Branham, cousin to Darlene Hackett, suffered an injury to his arm recently. Add the following to your prayer list: Pam Donoho (dear friend to Elaine Wright); Mike Ruis; Duane Hesson (chemo treatments) and Billy Woodard (spinal cancer).

PRAYER LIST: Tammy Bush; Jerry Glenn; Bentley Cowan; 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; Doug Bain; Joey Black; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Tim Smith; Pattie Birdwell; Mark & Mary Ellen Lawrence; Faye Massey; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; 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; Mary Lou Smith (Concordia); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Hattie Branham (Lebanon Rehab); Pat Paysinger.

IN THE MILITARY: Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (Marines); Camron Huff (Marines).

APRIL BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Peggy Faustina (3); Kieran Jax Maberry (4); Faye Maberry, Jonah Mauldin (8); Darlene Hackett, Hale Wright (12); Alexis Dillard (17) Josh Brown (20); Janice Anderson (23); Bridget Austin, (24); John Dallas Hassler, Tammy Harper (28). Brian & Misty Smith (4/10/2010); Barry & Linda Cook 4/22/1996); Steve & Kim Bray (4/23/2009).

SYMPATHY: Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Ogeal Carter - a friend to many of us - in her recent passing. The funeral was Monday, March 4.

THANK YOU: The church received and read a very nice "Note of Thanks" from Rita Apple and all her family.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Concordia Devotionals:* First Sundays of 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: Gospel Meetings: Whitson Chapel church of Christ (Cookeville), March 17-20, with Edward L Anderson, 7:00 P.M.; Crossville church of Christ, May 5-8, with Jeff Archey; *Singing:* Montrose church of Christ, Friday, March 22, 7:00 P.M. (Meal at 5:00); *Ladies' Days:* Crossville church of Christ, March 16, with Donna Faughn, 9:00 – Noon; East Main (Murfreesboro), April 13, with Pam Walker. *Happy Haven's 54th Anniversary Banquet:* March 28, 6:30 P.M. at Leslie Town Center, Cookeville (See posted flyer). *Smith County Drug Coalition Meeting on Addiction:* April 25 at Smith Co. Historic Courthouse, 6:00 P.M.; *Teens 4 Christ:* Willow Ave. church of Christ, May 3, 6:00 P.M. with Luke Tatum speaking.

COMMODITIES FOR TENNESSEE CHILDREN HOME: Please bring Liquid Laundry Detergent and Paper Towels by the first of April. You can also donate \$20.00 for perishable foods. Your contributions will be a blessing.