

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
March 4	165	136	116	\$5914*	94	49
March 11	161	131	106	\$5489*	93	50
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4897	130	100%

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Feb. 28 & Mar.7, 2018

**STANDING STILL ON THE NARROW WAY**

*Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.*

(Matt. 7:13-14)

Whether or not you reach your chosen destination depends on two things: 1) moving toward; 2) keeping on the right path. You cannot stand still on the right path. Neither will it avail to be the swiftest horse on the wrong race track! The entire book of Hebrews warns that standing still leads to drifting away (Hebrews 2:1). Obviously, if you are on the broad way, it doesn't matter how fast or efficiently you are working, you are headed toward destruction. (From Oscar C. Miles)

-via Tomlinson Run Church of Christ Bulletin Articles, 1/03/2016-

**ASK A FRIEND TO ATTEND**

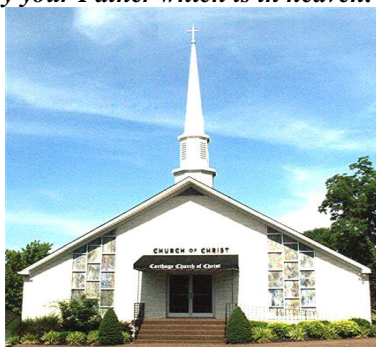
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*"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."(Matthew 5:16)*



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**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:**

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

12:30 P.M. (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

Bible Study

Sunday Morning

10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 P.M.

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**"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"**

**WHERE ONLY YOU FIT!**

There are times in our lives when we are overwhelmed with the magnitude of the universe and, in contrast, with our own insignificance. Do you remember being in the country away from the city lights staring up at the stars on one of those cool, crisp, cloudless nights? Awesome, wasn't it? There is nothing to inhibit the brilliancy of the stars millions of miles away shining against the pitch black sky from once again confirming the vastness of God's universe. This must have been the very same experience David had before writing: *When I consider your heavens, The work of your fingers, The moon and the stars, Which you have set in place, What is man that you are mindful of him.* (Psalm 8:3-4)

Sometimes, though, we allow these kinds of feelings of unimportance to dominate our thinking so much that we fail to realize our place in the mind of God. We may be but a speck of dust, yet that speck of dust has more value and importance to God than all of the stars and planets and galaxies combined! Of all of God's creation, man is supreme. And not just mankind in general, but each person as an individual is most valuable to God. For the love of a mere speck of dust God sent His only Son to give us eternal life (John 3:16).

Yet, that's not all. For those who accept by faith and obedience God's gift of salvation, there is a special place. When we are baptized into Christ we become part of the church, and it's within this church that we have a special place. It's not like a drop of water falling into the ocean, losing all sense of distinctiveness. No, it's more like a new rose blossom – similar to all the others, yet unique in its own way.

Each of us has a place in the body of Christ that no one else can fill. *Just as each of us has one body and many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.* (Romans 12:4-5)

You are unique in Christ! You have a function to fulfill that no one else can duplicate, which of course, is both a blessing and a responsibility. So, examine yourself closely and discover what it is that God has in mind for you. Then praise God as you function within the body of Christ. There is a place where only you belong!

Joe Chesser, Fruitland Church of Christ, Fruitland, MO,  
via BulletinGold 11/03/2017.

## **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.

### **WHERE'S YOUR UMBRELLA?**

Rain, snow, sleet, hail; warm days, cold days; frosts and freezes; warm winds from the south and cold winds from the north have all been experienced in the last few days. "If you don't like Tennessee weather, just stick around because it will change – and SOON!" is often repeated. This is especially true in March, as evidenced just this past weekend.

Have you noticed that when the rain comes our umbrella is usually somewhere else? If you are in the house or church building, it is usually in the car or truck. If you are in a particular vehicle, it is probably in the "other" one. Or it may be in the house, the church building, or the restaurant where you last ate.

At a recent funeral in another state, a hard rain was falling when Barbara and I arrived. Luckily we had stowed a large umbrella behind the seat. It sheltered us as we entered the funeral home. Following the service I offered to escort my sister and two sisters-in-law to their vehicle. (It wasn't raining when they came in.) My brother suggested, "Just take me to the car and I'll send them an umbrella by you." He found three – just the right number – "extra's" in the back seat! (Note: I located 16 in the building on Monday during a break from this article.)

As a people we are prone to forget to make sufficient and necessary preparation. We procrastinate. We put off. We fail to prioritize. Two of Jesus' most precious parables (the virgins and the talent men), emphasize preparation and the foolishness of not making it (Matt. 25:1-30).

Amos, the Tekoan seer, warns, "Prepare to meet your God" (4:12). Paul's message is captivating and challenging: "Behold, **now** is the accepted time; behold, **now** is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). Jesus reminds us, "The **night** is coming **when no one can work**" (John 9:4, emphasis added).

Please don't neglect your soul and your greatest need - the "umbrella" of salvation (Heb. 2:1-4)!

*Edward L Anderson*

## **NEWS & NOTES:**

**BAPTISM:** Holly Burton was baptized into Christ last Wednesday here at building. We wish Holly the very best in her new life.

**SICK:** Young Ainsley Washer underwent a tonsillectomy on Tuesday in Cookeville. Gaye Yeaman was taken to St. Thomas Mid-Town late Monday, for an angiogram Tuesday. Opal Agee has not been feeling as well. Jerry Phillips is being treated for infection. Christine Jones, Peggy Denton's mother, was in Cookeville Regional last week due to congestive heart failure, but is now back in NHC. Continue to remember Sue Walker in your prayers. John Sales, brother-in-law to Lola King, is in Skyline Medical Center following a stroke. Lola's sister-in-law, Patsy Link, had surgery last week to correct the dialysis port. Tony Hackett is improving from shingles. Barry Cook, Hale Wright, Jack Grisham, and Amy Grisham were all sick last Wednesday, but were with us Sunday. Mary Helen Apple, Don's mother and Hale Wright's aunt, is now at home. Pattie Birdwell, Steve Smith's sister, has been diagnosed with cancer. Scotty Yeaman (Concordia), is making some progress in his rehab. Conner Dodson is still suffering with his hand injured in a fall. Susanne Martin Tisdale improving. Joe Kemp has returned home after rehabbing from a stroke. Howard Bains (Rome) has returned to the Pavilion (Assisted Living) in South Carthage. Our prayers are requested Lena Winfree (husband Tommy), who has been diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer. Remember these in prayer: Tim Smith; Jere Andrews; Mary Ellen Lawrence; Faye Massey (neighbor/friend of Carol Woodard); Tucker Burford; Ray Hobbs; 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); Christine Jones (NHC – Cookeville).

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

**IN THE MILITARY:** 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). Congratulations (and THANKS!) to Matt West, Linda Dicken's grandson, on his completion of four years of service in the USMC. He plans to attend college.

**THANK YOU NOTE:** The church has received and read a note of gratitude from Anthony Colwell.

**APRIL BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST:** Peggy Faustina (3); Kieran Jax Maberry (4); Betty Carter, Faye Maberry, Jonah Mauldin (8); Darlene Hackett, Hale Wright (12); Alexis Dillard (17); Josh Brown (20); Janice Anderson (23); Bridget Austin, James Hall (24); Michael Gregory (26); Don Carter (27); Tammy Harper (28). Brian & Misty Smith (4/10/2010); Blake & Laci Richmond (4/16/2016); Barry & Linda Cook (4/22/1996); Steve & Kim Bray (4/23/2009).

**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.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to the following: Dalisa White and family in the passing of her uncle, David Starks, of Lebanon.; also, to Bobby and Lola King, in the passing of Bobby's brother-in-law, John Carter, of Watertown.

**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:** *Gospel Meeting:* Highland Heights (Lebaon) March 25-28 with Keith Parker, 7:00 PM; *The 52<sup>nd</sup> 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 53<sup>RD</sup> 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](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle). You may also call **888-653-6441** and speak with a live person to schedule an appointment.