

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
March 17	114	93	77	\$4786*	86	40
March 24	124	95	64	\$4028	73	30
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4756	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for March 13 and 20, 2019

RULES FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

Don't neglect your prayer time. It is the breath of the soul (Luke 18:1)

Don't neglect your Bible. It is your sword for conquest, your hammer for construction, your guiding light for dreary days (Rev. 1:3).

Don't neglect your body. It is the capital on which you are to do business for the rest of your life (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

Don't neglect your mind. It is your channel for reaching up to the very thoughts of God (Phil.4:8).

Don't neglect your laugh. The Bible teaches that "A merry heart does good like medicine" (Prov. 17:22).

Don't neglect your reputation. It is the gold with which you will meet the demands of a complex civilization (Mt. 5:14-16).

Don't neglect your influence. It will point others to the living God whom you serve (Prov. 11:6).

(via Bulletin Digest, Nov. 2007)

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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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Sunday Morning
10:15 A.M.
Wednesday Evening
7:00 P.M.

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

FORGOTTEN? NO WAY!

By Rick Woodall

It becomes hard to believe in yourself when we have been neglected or forgotten. I recall my friends coming back from serving our country during the Vietnam conflict. Many of them were kids when they left our small town to go to another world. They experienced and completed missions one could not imagine. Well, you might be reading this thinking others did that too. They did. There was only one difference. There was no ticker-tape thrown out of skyscrapers, no parades and no hero's welcome home celebrations. It was like this. You go serve and do your job and now you are home. Oh well! Many of these precious souls lost their identity. Many lost faith. Others became passionate and went on with their lives to become great community leaders and examples for you and me to look up to.

What is the difference? How can one continue on when they pour out their heart and make so many sacrifices and those receiving services do not convey appreciation? My gift reminds me that inner strength comes from the objective, not the admiration.

I am sure you have been told by someone to "follow your dreams." That is all well and good. Just make sure if you follow those dreams not to get all tangled up in the web of self-indulgence. Give God the glory for He sees all and knows your heart.

"For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come. Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifice God is pleased" (Hebrews 13:14-16).

In this life there are no permanent dwellings. All is temporary. People who get a grip now are individuals who long for the eternal. They are not looking for appreciation here. They will continue to sacrifice, share and forgo themselves. Why? Because they know God is pleased. That's all they need to continue on. (via The "Sower" 3/27/11)

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.

Some of our families (see "Sympathy" section), have been sorrowing due to the loss of loved ones. While the burden of grief is heavy, it is made lighter when others grieve with us (Rom. 12:15). "Bear(ing) one another's burdens" is an important part of "fulfill(ing) the law of Christ" Gal. 6:2).

Seasonal allergies and other illnesses are taking their toll, too (see "Sick" notes). That and "Spring Break" affected our attendance Sunday. We hope all are better soon. Physical illness does not have to adversely affect one's spiritual health (See 3 John 2). We must keep on keeping on (1 Cor. 15:58).

Remember the Visitation and Adopt-A-Student programs. Thanks to all who are participating. If you are not yet a part, please contact Josh Brown (Visitation), and Justin Mauldin (Adopt-a-Student), to get started.

This week is the "last call" for the commodities (**liquid laundry detergent** and **paper towels**) for Tennessee Children's Home. You may also give \$20 for perishable items. The truck will be here **April 2**.

This Sunday will be the fifth Sunday which means we will have a meal between the morning services and the 12:30 P.M. service. Thanks to Justin Mauldin for preaching Sunday morning and to Allen White for preaching at the afternoon service. Other young men will be leading singing, prayer, etc. in that service. Be here to worship God and to encourage all these young servants of the Lord.

We enjoyed being with Whitson's Chapel March 17-20, for a well-attended meeting with much interest. Thanks to Daniel Webster, whom we support at MSOP, for preaching last Sunday. I will be away this Sunday (31st) to begin a Gospel Meeting at Corinth (near Sparta). The meeting continues through Thursday, April 3, with evening services at 7:00 P.M. I plan to drive the van on Monday (April 1). Please pray for the meeting.

I hope and trust that each one of you will have a great rest of the week!

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Little Casen Dillard saw a cardiologist at Vanderbilt March 15. He and Mom and Dad were with us Sunday. Hattie Branham is now home from rehab. Darlene Hackett is at home after a hospital stay in RRMC due to a mini-stroke. Dennis Hackett was treated at the local ER Saturday due to a rash and temperature. Scotty Yeaman is in RRMC due to a UTI. Gaye Yeaman had a recent scan and biopsy and is awaiting decisions about treatments. Sara Davenport, Patricia Brooks' daughter, has undergone gall bladder surgery and is doing well. Brenda Dillard, Joey's mother, suffered a dislocated shoulder in a recent fall. Mary Massey, known by many of us, underwent surgery for a broken hip on Sunday at RRMC. Billy Halliburton (Montrose) is now at home following a lengthy hospitalization. Linda Cook, Michael Hackett, Joe Hensley (PM), and Mary Cross were unable to be with us Sunday. R. W. Vincent is better after a bout with inner ear. It was good to have Eric Haynie back with us Sunday. Randy Wakefield, Jan Silcox' brother, has suffered another stroke. Elaine Wright is recuperating from cataract surgery. Jerry and Mary Phillips were able to be with us Sunday. Sandy Harris is dealing with neck problems. W. A. Gibbs is doing better and moderated the Friday Night Singing at Montrose last Friday. Keep him and Sherrie Lawrence (his daughter) in your prayers. Faye Maberry continues treatments, but was able to be with us Sunday morning. Barbara Hindsley, sister to Patricia Brooks', is very ill and remains under hospice care.

PRAYER LIST: Pam Donoho; Mike Ruis; Duane Hesson; Billy Woodard; Tammy Bush; Jerry Glenn; Bentley Cowan; David Lipe; 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; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich; and Steve Dowell.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED/LIVING/SHUT-INS: Lovell Chaffin; Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; 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).

SYMPATHY: Deepest sympathy is extended to the following: the family of sister Leslie Alford (64), who passed away Sunday, March 17; the family of sister Opal Agee (96) who passed away March 20; to the family of Michael Hackett in the death of his uncle, Mr. Joe Scruggs (91), who passed away March 18; and to the Charles Reeves' (Murfreesboro) family. He attended services here several times when visiting in Carthage.

THANK YOU: The church received and read a nice "Note of Thanks" from the Richmond/Alford families

WEDDING RECEPTION: Following their private wedding ceremony, Leah Piper and Phillip Sliger and their families extend an invitation to a reception April 6 at 4:30 PM at the Salt Box Inn (537 Hutcheson Road, Cookeville). Please RSVP by March 31, 2019.

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.; Egg Hunt, April 13, Picnic area near Cordell Hull Dam; *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: Corinth church of Christ (near Sparta), March 31 - April 3 with Edward L Anderson; Crossville church of Christ, May 5-8, with Jeff Archey; *Singing: Ladies' Days:* 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. (Check foyer bulletin board for other area events.)

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD LET JESUS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOU!