

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
March 31	113	91	90	\$4250	74	29
April 7	131	99	81	N/A	72	35
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4756	130	100%

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

A GENTLEMAN

A middle-aged business executive approached the front entrance of the office building in which he worked. A young feminist came up at the same moment, so he stepped back and held the door for her to pass on through. She looked at him and said with annoyance, "Don't hold the door for me just because I'm a lady!" To her surprise, he looked right back and replied; "Of course not. I'm holding it open because I'm a gentleman."

Likewise, we as Christians must always act toward others on the basis of what we are in Christ Jesus and not on the basis of what they may or may not be. *"Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another, love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous, not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessings, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing"* (1 Peter 3:8-9).

(via Tomlinson Run Church of Christ (Georgetown, PA) Website)

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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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7:00 P.M.

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT THE CROSS

The events surrounding the crucifixion of Jesus hold special meaning for all Christians. Perhaps the following thoughts might add a special dimension to these events.

Simon, a Cyrenian, literally carried the cross of Jesus. When we read this account, can it not serve to remind us to take up our cross and follow Him? Can it not remind us that He depends on our help to carry out His will on earth (Mark 8:34)?

When we picture in our minds the outstretched, nailed hands and arms of Jesus, we can recall His words, "Come unto Me..." His arms are always open to receive us (Matt. 11:28).

The two thieves who were crucified with Jesus were situated, one on His right and one on His left. At the second coming, when He sits upon the throne of His glory, all nations will be separated one from another; the saved on His right and the lost on His left. This can be a reminder to be on the "right" side of Jesus (Matt. 25:33).

The cruel death Jesus suffered is an example to remind us that we too can face whatever type of death is in store for us. He will see us through it (Heb. 4:16).

Jesus had the disciple whom He loved (John) to take His mother into John's own house. This is a lesson to us that, unlike Cain's question to the contrary, we are our brother's keeper. We have a charge to love and take care of the needs of our brethren (1 John 3:17).

The parting of Christ's garments can serve to remind us all not to be concerned about the material aspects of life. We must lay up for ourselves "treasures in heaven" (Matt. 6:19).

The title Pilate wrote and put on the cross, JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS, should remind us daily that Jesus "...is King of kings and Lord of lords" (John 19:19; Rev. 19:16). We must honor Him and acknowledge His power always and in all ways.

By Red Springer, via BulletinDigest

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.

Attendance bounced back a bit this past Sunday. Worship is not merely a ritual or routine, but a God-given opportunity and blessed privilege. Those who fail to fully appreciate it and participate therein are the poorer for their neglect. Don't let the devil deceive you and lead you away.

Contributions were some below our budget for March. Let's "spring" back! The great challenge of the Lord's work is ever before us. We must be a people of love, faith, steadfastness, and commitment. Liberality is a proof of all of the above.

Every member and family is urged to participate in the Visitation and Adopt-A-Student programs. Thanks to all who are already participating, but if you are not yet a part, please contact Josh Brown (Visitation), and Justin Mauldin (Adopt-a-Student). Let's put into practice the things we have learned from recent Sunday evening studies about seeking and reaching out to those lost. Jesus' work (Luke 19:10), is our work (1 Peter 2:21)!

The pickup of commodities (**liquid laundry detergent & paper towels**) for Tennessee Children's Home has been delayed due to a death in the family of the driver. The truck will be here **April 16**. This gives us a little more time to bring items. You may also give \$20 for perishable items. Several have done so.

We have traveled quite a bit over the past few weeks to preach in Gospel Meetings. Last week we enjoyed a well-attended meeting at Corinth (near Sparta). Interest and attendance were excellent with many visitors from sister churches and the community. I will be preaching April 14-17 in a meeting at Cubb Creek (Jackson County). All nightly services are at 7:00 PM. The van will leave Monday evening at 6:00 PM. Hope you can go! A special "Thank You" to Justin for preaching Sunday morning and doing the devotional at the Pavilion Sunday afternoon. Congrats to the young men for leading the PM worship March 31, and especially to Allen White for his first sermon!

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you..." (Num. 6:24-25)

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: J. T. Jones is now at home following a stay in RRMC. Hattie Branham is now at home following a stay in Tennova. Hale Wright is scheduled to have sinus surgery tomorrow (4/11). Darlene Hackett is doing much better and back to work. Scotty Yeaman is at home after a hospitalization. Gaye Yeaman was to have another biopsy on Monday related to determining type of treatments. Dimple Hicks has not been well recently, but was with us Sunday. Little Jacob Mauldin was sick with a temp Sunday PM. Linda Cook, Michael Hackett, Joe Hensley, Mary Cross, and Bobby Cross were back with us Sunday. Barry Cook has been suffering due to a tooth extraction. Jerry and Mary Phillips were able to be with us Sunday. Sandy Harris has been suffering with a neck problem, but was with us Sunday. W. A. Gibbs is dealing with upper respiratory problems, but was with us Sunday PM, along with daughter Sherrie Lawrence. Faye Maberry did not feel well all last week, but was able to be with us Sunday morning. Peggy Faustina requests prayers on behalf of her uncle, Bruce Harville who has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Kita Dickerson has requested prayers for her nephew, Levi Halliburton, who has been very ill.

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 Fox Jones; Dycus Carter; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; Debbie Flatt; Ken Miller; Lynn Vaden; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Faye McKay; Joey Black; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Tim Smith; Pattie Birdwell; Mark & Mary Ellen Lawrence; Faye Massey; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; 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); 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: Patricia Brooks and family in the recent death of her sister, Barbara Hindsley.

THANK YOU: The church received and read nice "Thank You" notes from the Opal Agee Family (Stan Agee, Peggy Kemp, Janice Anderson families); Patricia Brooks (in the loss of her sister, Barbara Hindsley).

MARRIAGE: Congratulations to Leah Piper and Phillip Sliger who were married, Saturday, April 6, 2019. We pray that they will have a long and happy married life.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Concordia Devotionals:* First Sundays of May, August, November, 2:00 PM; *Pavilion Devotionals:* Each Fifth Sunday, 2:00 PM; *Egg Hunt*, April 13, 1:00 PM, Picnic area near Cordell Hull Dam; *Fish Fry*, April 27 (note date change), 4:00 PM (Annex); *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 21 (in Gainesboro); *Gospel Meeting*, October 13-16, with Ben Flatt; *Retreat*, October 11-13, at TCC.

AREA EVENTS: *Ladies' Days:* East Main (Murfreesboro), April 13, with Pam Walker; McCoinsville church of Christ, May 11, "Spiritual Accessories", with Heather Smith, Amanda and Adrianna Scoggins, 8:30-9:00 Registration with lunch provided; *Smith County Drug Coalition Meeting on Addiction:* April 25 at Smith Co. Historic Courthouse, 6:00 P.M.; (Check foyer bulletin board for other area events.) *Taylor Christian Camp:* Spring Fundraiser, BBQ Dinner, May 4, 6:00 PM at Franklin (KY) church of Christ

ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS: The monthly meeting will be Sunday, April 14 (4:30 PM) in the annex. Copies of agenda are available in the foyer.

BE VERY CAREFUL!

The final Old Testament prophet asks, "Will a man rob God?" (Mal. 3:8) The context reveals that it is indeed possible. It further reveals that those who would presume and dare to do so should beware. WARNING! All such shall be apprehended! Conversely, those giving Him his just due shall be rewarded. ELA