

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
April 2	151	118	85	\$4299	85	42
April 9	162	132	208*	\$4919*	76	41
Goals	200	160	135	\$4812	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for March 29 & April 5 2017

OVERHEARD IN AN ORCHARD

Said the robin to the sparrow,
 "I should really like to know
 Why these anxious human beings
 Rush about and worry so?"

Said the sparrow to the robin,
 "Friend, I think that it must be
 They have no heavenly Father
 Such as cares for you and me.

(By Elizabeth Cheney, via BulletinGold, April 2014)

"Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life?"
 (Matthew 6:25-27)

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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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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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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

A HOME PREPARED

In the English language some words bring a feeling of sadness. One is "alone." One that evokes such feeling of sympathy and compassion is "homeless." In the wake of disasters, the news media speak of those left homeless. What is even sadder is when there is a home available or prepared and those who need it don't know or don't care.

The Bible speaks of some homes that have been prepared. The Garden of Eden (Genesis 2:8-17) was prepared by God as man's first home. As someone has said, "To Adam, Paradise was home. To the good among his descendents, home is paradise." The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32) had a home prepared, but he left it. George Moore, in *The Brook Kerioth*, wrote, "A man travels the world over in search of what he needs, and returns home to find it." I remember in the military marching to the cadence song, "You had a good home but you left."

Another home that has been prepared is spoken of by Jesus. He invites us to live with Him. "In my Father's house are many mansions..." (John 14:2). The greatest home one can imagine has been prepared for God's children. Paul speaks of being "at home with the Lord" in 2 Corinthians 5:1-9. The phrase "at home" comes from *endemeo* in Greek, and it literally means "to be among one's people." Ecclesiastes 12:5 says that "man goes to his everlasting home." Isn't it great to know there is a home prepared and waiting!

A final word. Jesus says that we must prepare ourselves for this home that has been prepared for us. In Matthew 7:24-27 He tells us to build our lives on the Rock that gives a sure foundation. **On what foundation are you building your house?**

(By Tony Lalli. The Voice of Truth International, Volume 1)

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. (Philippians 3:20-21)

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). Let us investigate the Holy Scriptures and reason together (Acts 17:11; Isaiah 1:18). If you have questions about what you hear or observe, please discuss them with us. We hope you will visit with us again!

Attendance rebounded somewhat this past Sunday. Let's keep the trend going! Make an effort to make preparation before the time and arise early – like Abraham (See Genesis 22). We are studying the theme of worship during April. Please participate with us.

Contribution totals have averaged below the budget over the past six weeks. May each of us examine ourselves (2 Cor. 13:5), and prepare to give cheerfully and as prospered.

Speaking of attendance – two hundred and ten people just about fills our auditorium! That's the number we were blessed by last Sunday night, when we hosted the area-wide Youth Unite event. What a great service! A gracious greeting; thoughtful Bible reading; beautiful singing; humble prayers; and, a superb sermon made for an inspiring period of worship. Thanks to Justin; Teddy; Andy; Eric; Chris; Matthew; and Seth for their leading the service. Many others assisted with greeting, opening doors for those who might be impaired, preparing food, serving, and clean-up. A big "THANK YOU" is extended to all!

The annual **Fish Fry** is scheduled for Saturday, **April 22**, with serving to begin at 4:00 P.M. Invite someone to come and eat with us. Justin and some of our youth plan to deliver food to some shut-ins, but names, addresses, and perhaps phone numbers are needed.

Jeff Hallums will be here **April 23** for the P.M. service to report on the Honduran mission work. **Note: We will move our Sunday Night Singing to April 16 (Third Sunday), to accommodate Jeff's schedule.**

On **April 30** we will have our regular fifth Sunday schedule with Justin Mauldin preaching Sunday morning and the young men leading the 12:30 P.M. worship. We will eat together following the Bible study hour and will be presenting Bibles as we honor our graduating seniors. We will also host the 2:00 P.M. devotional at the Pavilion.

Tennessee Children's Home's commodities truck will be here **April 18**. We are collecting liquid laundry detergent and bar soap. You still have time to donate.

I hope to see you Sunday!

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Irene Gregory is in RRMC and is very ill. Phronia Rose, Dennis Hackett's mother, is in RRMC due to a fall at Kindred. Betty Carter is recovering from extensive oral surgery performed last Friday. Nell Thomas, aunt to Regina Rowland and Charles Thomas, is in St. Thomas M-T due to pneumonia. Jessica Tongate, Scott and Debbie's daughter-in-law, had kidney stone surgery last week and is now at home. James Agee, Opal's son, is very ill at his home. Little Gavin Gregory, grandson of Jerry and Cheryl Hicks, is doing well at home following surgery procedures at Vanderbilt. Ronnie Carter, Ann's son, is recuperating at home from open-heart surgery. Sherrie Lawrence, W. A. Gibbs's daughter, has been diagnosed with Lyme's disease. Larry Cole requests our prayers for his grandson, Sawyer, who is undergoing chemo treatments for leukemia. Scott Mauldin, Justin's father, is at home recuperating from recent surgery at Cookeville Regional. Hattie Branham is still unable to be with us. Scotty Yeaman saw the doctor this past Friday and is having kidney stone issues. He and Gaye have been with us the past few services. Jeffrey and Brooke Grisham were sick last Sunday. Ray Harper, Steve's dad, remains in Kindred. Tony Hackett is still having trouble with his shoulder, but is able to be with us. Hannah and Maisy McKee are doing much better and were with us Sunday. Remember Caleb Harville as he undergoes tests April 18. Cheryl Hicks's is still on crutches due to her broken foot. Patsy Link, Lola King's sister-in-law, underwent surgery Monday at Vanderbilt. Remember the following in prayer: Richard Rhoten; Ethelda Jenkins; Staci Bush; Jan Chaffin; Tim Loftis; Mark Lawrence; Jo Norton; James Agee; Caroline Sales; Jimmy Bean; Troy and Judy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Cathy Stafford; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Jimmy Rigsby; Arnold Rich; Mary Phillips (Molly Goolsby's mother); Cathy Harville; Bob Harville; and Steve Dowell.

NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS: Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Phronia Rose; Ray Harper (Kindred); Imogene Reeves (Palace – RBS); Frank Williams, (Elm Croft in Lebanon).

SHUT-IN AT HOME: Irene Gregory; Hattie Branham; Wilma Richardson; Shirley Holmes; James Hall; and Pat Paysinger.

IN MILITARY: Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Matt West, Linda Dicken's grandson (Marines); Zack Tongate, son of Scott & Debbie Tongate (Marines); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (Marines); Camron Huff (Marines).

SYMPATHY: Our deepest sympathy is extended to the families of Ruth Shoulders (daughter of the late former member, Delno Jones); and young Kaydyn Smith of Buffalo Valley, in their losses.

ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS' MTG: Tonight after services.

THANK YOU: The church has received and read publicly notes of gratitude from the Ray Upchurch and Gary Lester families.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Fry:* April 22, 4:00 P.M.; *5th Sunday, April 30:* Justin Mauldin will be the speaker for the morning worship service. Following the Bible study class hour, there will be a meal. The graduating high school seniors will be honored. The young men will conduct a second service at 12:30 P.M. *Vacation Bible School:* June 5-9, Theme: "CHARACTERS OF FAITH: Godly Women of the Bible"; *Jackson/Smith County Youth Camp:* July 16-22 at Taylor Christian Camp; *Annual Singing:* August 4, 7:00 PM; *Bible Bowl:* TTU's Hooper/Eblen Center, September 9 (Books of Mark, Philippians, and Colossians); *Gospel Meeting:* October 22-25, with Chad Ramsey.

COMMODITIES FOR TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME: There is still time to bring the following items: **Liquid laundry detergent** and **bar soap** are the items we will be collecting. The truck will pick up items Tuesday, April 18. Please place items in annex.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS: *Singing:* Mars Hill church of Christ (Christiana, TN), April 14, meal at 6:00, Singing at 7:00 P.M. Laguardo church of Christ, Friday, April 21, Meal at 6:00 P.M.; Singing begins at 7:00; Bethlehem church of Christ (Baxter), May 12, 7:00 P.M.; DIANA SINGINGS, June 9-10 and September 8-9; *Ladies' Days:* Willow Ave. (Cookeville) church of Christ, April 29, with Becky Honeycutt, 9:00 A.M.; Red Boiling Springs church of Christ, "Letting My Light Shine", May 6, 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.; McCoinsville church of Christ, May 6, with Amy Judd and Miranda Strong, 9:00 A.M. – Lunch; *Lectureship:* Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies (Karns, Knoxville), April 23-26; *Gospel Meetings:* Highland Heights (Lebanon) church of Christ, April 23-27, 7:00P.M. with different speakers (Program posted); Herren's Chapel church of Christ, April 24-27, 7:00 P.M.; Crossville church of Christ, May 7-10, with Derrick Coble, 6:00 P.M.; *Public Religious Discussion:* "The Eternal Security of the Believer", Macon Co. Jr. High, May 26, 27, Participants: B. J. Clarke and Michael Brawner. *Polishing the Pulpit:* August 18-24 in Sevierville.

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON?

One of the perks of growing older and having silver hair is that people will do unexpected nice things for you, even when they aren't necessary. I did appreciate, however, a gentleman holding the door for me allowing me to enter the first of a double-door entrance at Lebanon's Chick-fil-a, after his family went in. What really impressed me, however, was that his young son, without being told to do so, was holding the second door for me! I thanked both of them and complimented the older for rearing such a nice young gentleman.

That encounter triggered this thought: Wouldn't it be nice if all God's children would so mirror our heavenly Father's actions and ways? **"Therefore be imitators of God as dear children"** (Eph. 5:1). **ELA**