

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
July 22	150	128	115	\$4956*	89	42
July 29	170	138	123	N/A	120	42
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4897	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for July 18 and 25, 2018

Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.
(Proverbs 4:23)

Many people are poor at guarding their hearts and minds. They will allow any negative thought, emotion, and anxiety inside. But, by doing so, they are making their lives much more miserable for themselves and those around them.

Here is the bottom line. What is in the heart of a person governs the direction they go in life. In the words of the old adage, "We become what we think about" (Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 12:34-35).

Make every effort to put more positive and productive matters in your heart and mind (Philippians 4:8) and then watch sweetness and satisfaction flow through your life. God has guaranteed it.

Daily Lift, July 19, 2018. Taken from the book of Meditations Of My Heart (daily devotional), available/can be ordered from Sain Publications (931-363-6905 or email psain@sainpublications.com).

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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"

WHO IS JESUS?

When the Lone Ranger rode away after defeating the bad guys, invariably someone would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Jesus wore no mask, but due to His unique teaching and behavior, people asked Him who He was.

Are You the Coming One? (Matthew 11:3; Luke 7:19, 20). The imprisoned John the immerser sent messengers to Jesus with this question. The "coming one" refers to the one the prophets foretold (i.e. the Messiah). Rather than give a straight "yes or no" answer, Jesus told the messengers, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: The blind receive their sight and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them" (Matthew 11:4, 5). These were things that the prophets foretold that Messiah would do, Yes, Jesus was the One that the prophets said was coming.

Are You the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? (Mark 14:61). Seeking to condemn Him, the High Priest posed the question at Jesus' first trial before the Sanhedrin. "Christ" (Messiah) means "anointed one." In ancient times, oil was poured upon one's head when he was set into office as a prophet, priest, or king. Jesus is all three. "Son of the Blessed" is equal to "Son of God," which will be covered in the following paragraph. In answer to this two-pronged question, Jesus answered clearly: "I am" (Mark 14:62).

Are You then the Son of God? (Luke 22:70). Again it was the High Priest who confronted Jesus with this question (see Matthew 26:63). Just as "Son of Man" focused on Jesus' humanity, "Son of God" focused on His Deity (i.e. that He is God). All men are generally "sons of God" in that they are made in His image. But Jesus is the "Son of God" in a unique way. By His very nature, He is Deity. Jesus' answer, "Ye say that I am" (Luke 22:70 KJV), certainly did not reflect what the Sanhedrin believed. Rather, it was a polite way of saying, "Yes."

Are You the King of the Jews? (Luke 23:3; Matthew 27:11; Mark 15:2; John 18:33, 37). This time it was Pilate questioning Jesus. The governor was thinking of a political king. Jesus' kingdom, however, "is not of this world" (John 18:36). He rules not over biological Jews, but over the true Jews described in Romans 2:28, 29). He answered the governor, "Thou sayest it" (Luke 23:4 KJV). Jesus was not stating Pilate's view of Him, but giving a polite affirmative, just as He had done before the Sanhedrin.

Jesus is the One the prophets foretold. He is the Christ. He is the Son of God. And He is the King of the Jews. "A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord."

By Joe Slater, minister of the Justin, TX Church of Christ, via BulletinGold 2/2018

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). Study God's inspired Scriptures with us. 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 such on the available attendance cards.

It was a pleasure to have Alan and Sandra Highers with us Sunday and to have brother Alan speak at all three services. He has a "Carthage Connection" because his dad was born here in 1901. His lessons, as always, were biblical and balanced as well as distinctive, powerful, and informative. He continues a very active preaching schedule in meetings and lectureships. He will be at the East Main (Murfreesboro) Elders, Deacons, Preachers' gathering (August 11), along with Jim Dearman and Glenn Colley. He will also speak several times at Polishing the Pulpit August 17-23 in Sevierville. Thanks, brother Highers for coming our way. And, thanks to the young men for leading the afternoon worship

Our ladies came through again this past Sunday, as always, with a wonderful meal between the AM and PM services. Thanks so much for your gracious hospitality! We need your assistance again this week with our Annual Singing on Friday night. The meal will be served at 5:30 prior to the singing. Brethren, it might be a good idea to proclaim August 4 a "No Cook Day" for your wife - breakfast in bed? Take her out? Just a thought.

Jackson-Smith County Youth Camp 2018 is now history. Five were baptized and there were twenty-five prayer requests. The theme - "Change Me from the Inside Out" - was well-designed, delivered, and received by our teachers, staff, and students. A special thanks to all campers, staff, and supporters. Without you there would be no JSCYC.

Our Summer Series is now underway in Wednesday's adult class. Several of our own brethren will be teaching lessons on "HOPE" for the next few weeks. This is an excellent study and we recommend it for your study and meditation.

I begin a Gospel Meeting with the Bethlehem church of Christ in Putnam County this Sunday. It will continue through **Thursday** evening, August 9. Weeknight services are at 7:00 P.M. We will drive the van on Monday and will leave at 5:45. Have a great rest of the week!

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

BAPTISM/RESTORATION: Congratulations to Hannah Rutherford who was baptized Saturday, July 21, by her husband, Andy. We pray for her a long life in the Lord's service. Carolyn Harris recently requested prayer for forgiveness and strength. Continue to pray for both.

SICK: Little Josie Morris underwent same day surgery last Friday. She was with us Sunday. W. A. Gibbs spent a few days in St. Thomas (Murfreesboro), after becoming ill while mowing. He is now at home and was able to be with us Sunday. Gary Lawrence, W. A.'s son-in-law, is better and visited with us Sunday along with Sherry. Ray Harper, Steve's dad, is very ill. Carol Woodard is recovering from recent eye surgery. Carol's mother, Josephine Fitts, has been in the hospital in McMinnville. Scotty Yeaman is now in rehab at Concordia. Darlene Hackett underwent out-patient tests last week at RRMCC. J.T. Jones is back with us. Barry Cook is still in a foot boot. Rick Blankenship remains in rehab at Concordia. Robert (Buddy) Chaffin has been released from a Nashville hospital and is undergoing dialysis. Pat Paysinger has been dismissed from Tennova. Prayers have been requested for the following: Gene Sykes; Hilda McCallum, Steven Gregory's grandmother; Corinne and Karen Woodward; Debbie Flatt; Ken Miller; Lynn Vaden; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Guilford and Faye McKay; Jimmy Merryman; Doug Bain; Joey Black; Debbie Fulton; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Billy Halliburton; Tim Smith; Pattie Birdwell; Jere Andrews; Shelia Glover; Mark and Mary Ellen Lawrence; Faye Massey; Tucker Burford; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Charles White; Mike Sircy; Paul Meacham, Jr.; Sawyer Cole; Patsy Link; Richard Rhoten; Jan Chaffin; Tim Loftis; 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: Scotty Yeaman, Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Phronia Rose (Local); Ray Harper (Hartsville); Howard and Loneta Bains (Pavilion).

SHUT-INS: Hattie Branham; Wilma Richardson; 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 GentryMarines; Camron Huff (Marines).

THANK YOU: We have received and read "Thank You" notes from the following: Jerry and Paula Bates.

NEW BABY: Congratulations to Kenneth Bennett on the birth of his grandson, Camden Bennett, July 23, weighing 6 lbs. and 18 ¾ in. long. Proud parents are Brian and Shelby Bennett. Congratulations also to Aunt Katie.

BRIDAL SHOWER: There will be a bridal shower in honor of Morgan Faustina, bride-elect of Conner Dodson, Saturday, August 11, from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M., in the annex. Registered at Wal-Mart and Amazon.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Annual Singing:* Friday, August 3, 7:00 PM, food served at 5:30 P.M.; *Bible Bowl:* September 8 (Daniel and Ecclesiastes). Practice begins Wednesday, July 25; *Gospel Meeting:* September 16-19 with Allen Webster; *Retreat:* October 12-14 at Taylor Christian Camp.

AREA EVENTS: *Gospel Meeting:* Richmond Chapel church of Christ, July 29- August 2 with Keith Parker preaching, 7:00 P.M.; Rome church of Christ, August 3-5, with Lance Foster preaching, 7:30 P.M.; Bethlehem church of Christ, (Putnam Co.), with Edward L Anderson preaching, August 5-9 (Sunday - Thursday), 7:00 P.M. **Elders/Deacons/Preachers Seminar:** East Main church of Christ (Murfreesboro), August 11 with Alan Highers, Jim Dearman, and Glenn Colley; *Singings:* Carthage church of Christ, July 27 @ 7:00 P.M. *Ladies' Day:* Corinth church of Christ (Portland), with Bailey Sexton, August 18, 9:00 A.M. until Noon; *Men's Day:* Sycamore and Jefferson Ave. churches of Christ (521 Jefferson Ave., Cookeville), will host a Men's Day, August 25 from 7:30 AM (breakfast), until 1:00 PM.

BIBLE BOWL: Saturday, September 8 is the date. Daniel and Ecclesiastes is the material. A sign-up sheet is posted for food preparation for study sessions. Adults may sign up for the mock Bible Bowl Justin has scheduled.

GOOD WORKS: Please bring Peanut Butter Snacks and Pancake Mix for **Potter's Children Home** and Bathroom Tissue and Paper Towels for **Happy Haven Children's Home**. Reminder: Return any **filled coin cans** for Potter or Happy Haven to the building to be picked up. **M.A.G.I.** boxes are available in the annex to be filled with listed items for some children of Honduras. They should be returned by Sunday, August 12. The church will once again pay the \$7.00 shipping cost.