

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Aug. 5	144	115	102	\$4833	96	31
Aug. 12	158	127	120	\$4881	92	48
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4897	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for August 1 and 8, 2018

YOU NEVER ASKED ME

When Henry Ford purchased a large insurance policy, the newspapers carried a story about it, since the amount was so large and the man so prominent.

An old friend of Ford's who was in the insurance business was surprised by the report since he had not heard that Ford was in the market for insurance.

The next time he saw Mr. Ford he asked him if the report was true. Ford replied that it was. The friend then asked why he had not purchased the policy from him since they had been friends for many years. Mr. Ford's reply was, "You never asked me."

This lesson is needed in Christianity. Many of our friends are not attending our services because we are not asking them. Sometimes our reasoning is that since we asked someone once and were refused, no one else need be asked. No reasoning could be more wrong.

Here is something that every member of the congregation can do. Ask your friends to attend services with you, especially on Sunday evening. If you ask your friends, you will come yourself and that will help. If you keep on asking your friends in the right way, they will come, and that will help even more. (Bulletin Digest, November 2010)

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. (5th Sunday)
Bible Study
Sunday Morning
10:15 A.M.
Wednesday Evening
7:00 P.M.

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

ONLY ONE CHANCE TO DO RIGHT

Golfers call it a "mulligan." Kids call it a "do-over."

Whenever we make a mistake, we want the opportunity to make it right. Sometimes, in this life, we get second and even third changes.

But one day---and no one knows when that day will be---the opportunity for "do-overs" will be gone. One day, it will be too late to make things right.

Jesus makes this point in Luke chapter 19 in the story of the rich man and Lazarus. Both men die and go to Hades to await final Judgment. Lazarus had been a beggar living a miserable life. The rich man lived as the rich often do, in comfort and luxury.

But when they die, their roles are reversed. The rich man is in agony, **"tormented in this flame"** (v.24). Lazarus the beggar is now comforted, resting at last in Abraham's bosom.

The rich man sees Abraham in the distance and asks him to send Lazarus over with a drop of water to relieve his suffering. Abraham says no. **"Between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence"** (v. 26).

It is not that Abraham, the father of the Jews, doesn't want to help relieve the rich man's suffering. He can't. When death comes and our spirits travel to Hades, it's too late for us to change our condition.

Here's a wake-up call: The one suffering in flames in Luke 19 isn't an atheist or a cultist. He's one of the Israelites God had separated to be His special people.

Are you religious? Do you think that you are right with God? The Bible is full of religious people who think they are living, worshipping and serving God acceptably, yet they aren't.

Study your New Testament with an open mind. Preachers, relatives and friends might counsel you, but the words of Christ are the only roadmap to heaven (John 8:31-32). They are the standard by which our lives will be judged (John 12:48).

Once you die, that's it---no "mulligans," no "do-overs," no second chances. It won't do any good for your relatives to pray for your sins to be purged. And no one can obey the Gospel for you. Death seals your fate. Like the rich man in Luke 19, whatever spiritual condition you are in when you die is the condition you will be in forever. Are you ready?

-Nathan Brewer, Gospel Preceptor, May 2008-

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.

The Elder, Deacon, Preacher Seminar at East Main (Murfreesboro) August 11, with Jim Dearman, Alan Highers, and Glenn Colley speaking, was enjoyable, informative, and challenging. Wayne Lankford, a friend and Smith County native, continues a good work with the church there.

Brother Don Carter resigned recently (8/5/18), from the role of elder. We thank him for his long tenure of service over the past twenty-eight years. Keep Don and Betty in your prayers.

Our Gospel Meeting with Allen Webster (Jacksonville, AL), editor of House to House, is only one month away, September 16-19. Prepare your entire family for the event. Pray every day for the meeting, the preacher, and the lost. Invite ten people outside your family. Let's have a great meeting!

Thanks to everyone who assisted with filling the MAGI boxes which will be sent to Honduran children and to those who donated commodities and/or money for perishables as well as filled coin cans for Potter's Children Home. All were picked up Monday, August 6.

Our Summer Series is well underway in the Wednesday Adult Bible class. Several brethren are delivering lessons on the general theme of "HOPE" and based on the SEIBS 2018 lectureship series. Thanks to all the teachers! This is an excellent study and we recommend it for your study and meditation. Copies of the book are available in the foyer for further personal study and research.

The Gospel Meeting with the Bethlehem church of Christ in Putnam County ended last Thursday evening. Though small in number they are very faithful in attendance. We were blessed with many visitors during the meeting. It was good to be associated with their preacher, Charles West, a long-time dear friend, along with his wife Delores and son David. I extend a special "Thank You" to all who visited from Carthage (three different nights!), and to Andy Rutherford (AM), and Josh Brown (PM) for preaching August 5 in my absence.

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

BAPTISMS/RESTORATIONS: Quincy Dowell; Jacob Givens; Steven King; John Russell; and Amy Barnes were recently baptized as a result of the local jail ministry. Darlene Hackett; Mary Jo Hackett; and Don Carter recently requested prayer for forgiveness and strength. Note: I apologize for failing to list in the last issue Kennedy Warren; Jodie Morris; and Matthew Jones, who requested prayers while we were at JSCYC.

SICK: W. A. Gibbs continues to be able to be with us. Gary Lawrence, W. A.'s son-in-law, is much improved. Carolyn Hill is in need of our prayers as she is to see her oncologist. Faye Maberry's nephew, Gary Hardee, has been diagnosed with stomach cancer. Josephine Fitts, Carol Woodard's mom, is now at home. Carol's granddaughter, Grace Lindol Marvin, was returned to Vanderbilt for observation, antibiotics, and fluids. O'Neal Huffines, gospel preacher and known by many here, is at home under hospice care. Scotty Yeaman remains in rehab at Concordia. Rick Blankenship is at home. Tests have revealed a broken wrist in addition to other injuries from the fall. Eric Swann has been ill. Jack Grisham was unable to be present Sunday night. Robert (Buddy) Chaffin is undergoing dialysis. Pat Paysinger is now at home. Please pray for the following: Will Gregory (friend of Justin Mauldin); 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; Buddy & 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); 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 Gentry (Marines); Camron Huff (Marines).

THANK YOU: We have received and read "Thank You" notes from the following: Alan and Sandra Highers; Bobby and Lola King and the family of Mattie Smith; and W. A. Gibbs and family.

NEW BABIES: Congratulations to Michael and Caitlin Gregory on the birth of their son, Cael Douglas Gregory, August 1, 2018, Birth weight 8 lbs 9 oz., length 18.5 in. Congratulations also to proud grandparents, Derrick and Risa Triplett. Congratulations to Carol Woodard on the birth of her granddaughter, Grace Lindol Marvin, August 8, 2018, to Eric and Susan Woodard Marvin and big sister Elizabeth. Birth weight 7 lbs, length 18.5 in.

SYMPATHY: To Steve, Tammy Harper and family in the recent death of Steve's dad, Ray Harper; to Bobby and Lola King and family in the recent death of Bobby's sister, Mattie Lucy Smith; to Justin Mauldin and family in the sudden passing of his uncle, John Susi, Monday evening.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Dusty Whitaker; Jasmine King (5); Teddy Spivey; David Maberry (6), Lola King (8); Susan Law (9); Mia Whitaker (10), Jessica Grim, (11); Caroline Dillard (12) Alex Richmond; Scotty Yeaman; Jeff Whited (13); Taylor Swann (19); Jessa Klamm (26); Julie Harville; Aubrey Hicks (27); James Rowland (28); Scott & Sheri Cook (9/06/02); Jack & Judy Grisham (9/14/68).

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Bible Bowl:* September 8 (Daniel and Ecclesiastes). Practice continues on Sunday and Wednesday. *Gospel Meeting:* September 16-19 with Allen Webster; *Retreat:* October 12-14 at Taylor Christian Camp.

AREA EVENTS: *Ladies' Days:* Corinth church of Christ (Portland), with Bailey Sexton, August 18, 9:00 A.M. until Noon; Bakerton (Macon Co.), August 25, 9:00 AM with Cathy Stafford and Tina Yokley; *Men's Day:* Sycamore and Jefferson Ave. churches of Christ (521 Jefferson Ave., Cookeville), August 25 from 7:30 AM (breakfast), until 1:00 PM.; *Girls' Day:* East Main (Murfreesboro), September 8, 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon, with Lori Boyd (See posted ad).

BIBLE BOWL: The day is rapidly approaching! 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.

ELDERS/DEACONS/PREACHERS' MEETING TONIGHT.