

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Sept. 1	136	98	88	\$4101	92	28
Sept. 8	146	106	80	\$4714	84	37
Goals:	155	125	100	\$4756	100	45

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Aug. 28 & Sept. 4, 2019

**STRESSED OUT**

A preacher back in the 1800s was feeling extremely stressed and loaded down with the troubles and pressures that came through his ministry. One day he came home and was greeted by his young daughter, Minnie, whose legs were paralyzed. He was about to carry a package from the mail upstairs when Minnie said, "Daddy, I will carry that package upstairs for you." The preacher replied, "Minnie dear, how can you carry the package?" With a smile on her face, Minnie said, "If you will give me the package, I will hold it while you carry me." This sweet gesture from his daughter reminded him of the way God wants to help us with our own burdens.

God is fully aware of the stresses and burdens we bear. He also wants to help us with them. In the book of Isaiah, God gave Israel a reminder, *"Even to your old age I will be the same, and even to your graying years I will bear you! I have done it, and I will carry you; and I will bear you and I will deliver you"* (46:3-4).

The stresses of life can become extremely heavy and burdensome. We don't have to bear all of this alone. He cares when we are stressed out. Let's remember that God is willing to take the load for us (Matthew 11:28-30; 1 Peter 5:7). What a loving God we serve! (Brett Petrillo, Mt. Carmel Church of Christ, Athens, AL)

**ASK A FRIEND TO ATTEND**

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# SMITH COUNTY *LIGHT*

*"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 Worship**  
9:00 A.M.  
6:00 P.M.  
12:30 P.M. (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

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**"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"**

**WHEN WILL WE EVER LEARN?**

Peter, Paul, and Mary's rendition of Pete Seeger's "Where Have All the Flowers Gone", one of many "protest songs" of the Vietnam War era, was tremendously popular during the sixties and even beyond. The refrain continually asked, "Oh, when will they ever learn?"

That same period saw the rise of the "Free Love" sexual revolution; the breakdown of home and family; and a dramatic increase in illegal drug activity. These paved the way for many of the current cultural problems we face as a nation.

Perhaps one word needs to be changed in Seeger's song. Instead of "When will **they** ever learn", why not personalize it with "When will **we** (or better yet, **I**), ever learn?" So, when will we, as a nation and individuals, ever learn...

**THAT RIGHTEOUSNESS EXALTS A NATION** (Proverbs 14:34a)? It truly does! It is not just the right way, but also "the **good** way" (Jer. 6:16; cf. Rom. 10:3). Check out history – inspired and profane. Ask yourself a simple question: By whom had you rather live, a good man or an evil one; a Christian or a crook? *Think about it!*

**THAT SIN IS A REPROACH TO ANY PEOPLE** (Proverbs 14:34b)? Surely we are not so blind that we cannot see the heartbreak and hurt produced by sin! When people's hearts are turned from God and tuned to evil, that nation's destiny is predictable (Psa. 9:17). The "wages" of sin are simply unaffordable (Rom. 6:23; James 1:15). *Think about it!*

**THAT GOD IS NOT MOCKED** (Gal. 6:7a). The idea is not that men never mock God, for they obviously do. The same Greek word is used in Proverbs 1:30 of the Septuagint (Greek translation of Old Testament): "They would have none of my counsel and despised my every rebuke." However, the mocking of God by men will never alter the attributes of God or His will (Mal. 3:6). He who discerns the thoughts and intents of the hearts of men shall have the last word (Acts 17:31). *Think about it!*

**THAT WHATEVER WE SOW WE WILL REAP** (Gal. 6:7b). "After his kind" is a prominent statement in Genesis 1. This principle became God's permanent law of sowing and reaping. It is still in effect today in plant, animal, and human reproduction. Predictability in these areas is precise – you *will* reap what you sow. It is just as exact spiritually. "For he who **sows to his flesh** will of the flesh **reap corruption**, but he who **sows to the Spirit** will of the Spirit **reap everlasting life**" (Gal. 6:8, Emphasis added). *Think about it!*

*Edward L Anderson*

## ***FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:***

WELCOME, VISITORS! We are honored by your presence. We seek to worship the one true God in spirit and truth (John 4:24). Study God's inspired Scriptures with us (2 Tim. 2:15). "Come, let us reason together" (Isaiah 1:18; Acts 17:11). If you desire a Bible Correspondence Course or home Bible study, please request either on the card in the Visitor's Packet.

Bible Bowl 2019 is now history. Eight of our young ones were among the hundreds participating this past Saturday at TTU's Hooper-Eblen Center in Cookeville. We congratulate them on their commitment in studying the book of Acts and completing the 100 question session Saturday morning. The eight participants were: Haven Brown; Noah Brown; Makenna Hassler; Matthew Jones; Molly Jones; John Christopher Klamm; Jodie Morris; and Mallie Kate Whitaker. Bible Bowlers, we are proud of you! Thanks to all teachers, helpers, and score keepers as well.

Sixty Magi boxes for needy Honduran children were returned to Maple Hill's building a few days ago. The clothing and other items will be a blessing to the children and their families. Thanks to everyone for your generosity and your love for the children and the Lord.

The Summer Series - "The Church We Love" – concludes tonight with the final lesson in the series being taught by Matthew Jones. (Check last week's bulletin for a complete list of those who taught. Gratitude is expressed to all.) Brother Dan Winkler's book has served as the guide for the study. All who have attended have been truly blessed, if we had our "bucket" open and right side up!

Mark your calendar for Saturday, October 5. We will have a "Door Knocking Day" to advertise our October 13-16 Gospel Meeting with Ben Flatt of Henderson, TN and former evangelist here. It will be an opportunity to promote both the meeting (which will be advertised in the next mail out of H/H and H/H), and House to House by knocking doors that day. Let's have a good turn out so we can reach as many as possible with the good news!

Barbara and I are visiting with the Crossville church of Christ tonight for their Summer Series. We will be away Sunday to begin a meeting at Rock Springs in Clay County. Justin Mauldin and Jeremy Hassler will preach in my absence. Please pray for us and for these efforts.

I trust you and yours will have a wonderful week in service to the Lord!

***Edward L. Anderson***

## ***NEWS & NOTES:***

**RESPONSE:** Barbara Jenkins came Sunday requesting prayers for forgiveness and strength that she might better serve the Lord.

**SICK:** Ruby Fisher suffered a recent fall at home but is back with us. Scotty Yeaman remains in RRMC. Gaye Yeaman has improved, but is unable to be with us. Little Apple Gibbs, infant daughter of Elston and Lori Gibbs, remains in Vanderbilt NICU but is gaining ground! Patsy Link, sister-in-law to Lola King, has been in Skyline due to double pneumonia. Little Samuel Bass, premature son of Zack and Brittany Bass and great nephew of our Cathy Spivey, is in the Orlando (FL) Hospital. Wanda Hailey, sister to Patricia Brooks, is undergoing treatments for breast cancer. David Cassetty, Melissa Vance's father, is to undergo hip replacement in October. Cathy Findley, friend of Regina Rowland, is battling breast cancer for a second time (this time a different kind) Sherrie Pritchett (Rome) is in Vanderbilt Rehab (McFarland) in Lebanon. Jerry Phillips has been able to be back with us. Horace Jones, Peggy Denton's father, is now in Mabry HC in Gainesboro. John Dallas Hassler and Eric Swann were sick Sunday. Eric Haynie is able to be back with us. Sherrie Lawrence was not feeling well Sunday. Faye Maberry has been able to be with for most services as she continues treatments. Mark Manning, grandfather of Noah and Emmy Lou Vincent, has been hospitalized due to a severe knee infection. He requests our prayers. Tyrone Poynter, neighbor and friend to many of us, suffered a recent heart attack and is in Quality HC (Lebanon).

**PRAYER LIST:** Linda Dennis; Gary Anderson; Danny Claire; Brad Wilson; Jack Gallaher; Ren Coker; Shirley Henry; Don Blackwell; Roy Hicks; Ricky Branham; Bob & Donnieta White; John Conditt; Levi Halliburton; Mike Ruis; Duane Hesson; Billy Woodard; Tammy Bush; Jerry Glenn; Bentley Cowan; David Lipe; Louie Gray West; Taylor & Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn; Emily Allen; Judy Fox Jones; 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; Donna Kemp; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Sawyer Cole; Patsy Link; Richard Rhoten; Buddy & Jan Chaffin; 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 Frances Glosser; Ricky Branham (SCH&R); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Horace Jones (NHC, Cookeville); Hattie Branham and Pat Paysinger (Shut-ins).

**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); Derek Brothers (Army National Guard), Ruby Fisher's grandson-in-law.

**SYMPATHY:** Our sympathy is extended to the Stark family (relatives of Dalisa White) in their recent loss; to Eric Marvin (Carol Woodard's son-in-law) in the recent passing of his uncle, Wayne Dewhirst.

**BABY BOY SHOWER:** All the ladies are invited to a Baby Boy Shower for Blake and Laci Richmond, Sunday, September 22, 2:00 P.M. at the Gordonsville Nazarene Church building. They are registered at Target, Amazon, and Wal-Mart.

**CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR:** *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotionals:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 PM; *Pavilion Devotionals:* Each Fifth Sunday, 2:00 PM; *Run4Don:* September 21 (in Gainesboro); *Gospel Meeting,* October 13-16, with Ben Flatt; *Retreat,* October 11-13, at TCC; *Polishing the Pulpit:* August 12-20, 2020.

**RETREAT SIGN-UP:** Justin reminds us that a sign-up sheet is posted for the upcoming retreat, October 11-12 at Taylor Christian Camp. This year's theme is "Abound". You can attend Friday night or Saturday or both. Our participants plan to return to be here for the beginning of our Gospel Meeting on Sunday.

**RUN FOR DON:** The annual Run for Don (Don Chaffin, former member here and director of JSCYC), is September 21 in Gainesboro. If you cannot attend, your donation will assist with scholarships for deserving young Christian men and women and for research for ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

**LEADERSHIP CLASS:** A class for men wishing to study leadership and preaching/teaching principles is being planned for later this year or early next year. Let the elders or Edward know if you have interest in being a part of such a class.

In a recent survey involving 40,000 Americans, 93% admitted that they lied regularly on the job. One-third acknowledged that they have lied to their mate about having an extra-marital affair. One-third confessed to telling lies "all the time" in their relationships. The report contributed the rise in dishonesty to "Moms and Dads not teaching their children to tell the truth". What a sad day in America! Truth or Consequences by Dwight Fuqua (Adapted)