

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Sept. 2	129	108	102	\$5692*	102	37
Sept. 9	135	98	94	U/A	101	32
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4897	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Aug. 29 & Sept. 5, 2018

RULES FOR GROWING CHRISTIANS

Don't neglect your prayer time. It is the breath of the soul (Luke 18:1).

Don't neglect your Bible. It is your sword for conquest, your hammer for construction, your guiding light for dreary days (Rev. 1:3)

Don't neglect your body. It is the capital on which you are to do business for the rest of your life (1 Cor. 6:19-20).

Don't neglect your mind. It is your channel for reaching up to the very thoughts of God (Phil. 4:8).

Don't neglect your laugh. The Bible teaches that "A merry heart does good like medicine" (Prov. 17:22).

Don't neglect your reputation. It is the gold with which you will meet the demands of the complex civilization (Matt. 5:14-16).

Don't neglect your influence. It will point others to the living God whom you serve (Prov. 11:6).

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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"

A DEBT WE OWE

Among the numerous responsibilities in life, one which demands the attention of every Christian is the responsibility to love one another. Jesus commands it (John 13:34). God said it would become an identifying trait of a Christian (John 13:35).

Brother Marshall Keeble used to tell this story:

"I like those new fangled inventions. One I especially like is the puncture-proof tire. If you're driving along on ordinary tires, and you hit a nail and it goes through the tire, whiss, you loose all the air and you got a flat tire. But the new, puncture-proof tire is different. If you run over a nail, some stuff inside the tire runs around and stops up the hole and the air stays in the tire. An ordinary heart may be filled with love, but when someone does something to puncture that heart, all the love runs out and hatred and hard feelings take its place. But a puncture-proof heart is filled different; it is filled with the spirit of Christ, and if someone, through his words or actions, punctures that heart, immediately the hole is stopped up tight, love stays in."

The resiliency Marshall Keeble describes is important when traveling down the road of life. Paul said love is demonstrated by long-suffering, kindness, a lack of envy or pride, good behavior, unselfishness, and slowness to be provoked to take account of evil. It rejoices in truth, assuming the best until forced to think otherwise (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

Brothers and sisters are forever indebted to one another to treat each other kindly and tenderly (Ephesians 4:31f). Claiming to love God while failing to regularly pay the debt of love we owe to one another is a denial of our commitment to the Author of love. Study 1 John 3:24; 1 John 4:7, 11f, 21. Diligence is required in brotherly kindness and love to avoid being characterized by blindness and jeopardizing our salvation (11 Peter 2:5-10). Mature love is evidence of genuine conversion (1 John 3:14). John states the impossibility of loving God while hating a brother (1 John 4:20). Let's make sure we do not miss any payments on the debt we owe one another. Good credit, if lost, is difficult to regain!

(Mike Tucker, January 1, 1997)

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love. (1 John 4:7-8)

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. 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.

Our much anticipated Gospel Meeting with Allen Webster of Jacksonville, Alabama, begins this Sunday! Allen is very busy and involved in local work with the Jacksonville church of Christ as well as evangelistic meetings, lectureships, editor of House to House/Heart to Heart, writing of tracts, and Polishing the Pulpit. We look forward to the lessons he will deliver. Pray for his safety in travel. Make plans to attend every service. Continue to invite neighbors and friends. Pray daily for the meeting's success. Pray for the lost. Pray that the word may have free course. Let's do all we can to have a great meeting!

Fellowship is a great part of a Gospel Meeting. We will have opportunity to enjoy food and fellowship during the meeting with a meal in the annex on Sunday between Bible study and the 1:00 P.M. service. Evening meals will be served Monday through Wednesday at 5:30 P.M. A sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer.

Sycamore's annual Bible Bowl 2018 is now history. Over three hundred teams participated this past Saturday. Our participants were listed in the last bulletin. We congratulate them again for their study and hard work. Thanks also to all the adults who assisted in the effort.

The Annual Run4Don is scheduled for this Saturday, September 15 in Gainesboro. The 15K begins at 7:30 and the 5K at 8:00 AM. You can sign up on line or the morning of.

The Summer Series continues on Wednesday nights. The lessons are on the general theme of "HOPE" based on the SEIBS 2018 lectureship series. Three lessons remain. Thanks to all the brethren who have taught or will do so.

Our nation remembered "9/11" just yesterday. Many of us recall where we were as the attacks and story unfolded. Thousands of lives were lost and the entire nation was affected. Many gave their lives for others. Remember those who did so and their families. Remember, too, that there was once One who "by the grace of God (tasted) death for every one" (Heb. 2:9, NKJ).

Hope to see each of you Sunday morning!

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Jack Grisham suffered a broken pelvis/hip and wrist in a fall last Saturday. Surgeries were performed at Vanderbilt on Sunday (wrist) and Monday (hip). W. A. Gibbs seems to be feeling better and is able to be with us. Remember Carolyn Hill who has had a reaction to medicine and is unable to be with us. Betty Carter underwent oral surgery on Monday. Horace Jones, Peggy Denton's dad, is not feeling as well of late. G. F. Raines, long-time gospel preacher and writer for the Gospel Advocate and father to Delores West, recently suffered a massive heart attack. O'Neal Huffines is at home under hospice care. Scotty Yeaman expects to go home from Concordia on Saturday. Paulette Blackburn, Debbie Phillips' mother, had surgery Tuesday at RRMC to repair a broken arm suffered in a fall. Please pray for the following: Emily Brown Allen (thirty-five year old friend of Jeff and Sonya Whited dealing with cancer). Gary Hardee; Judy Fox Jones; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; Gene Sykes; Corinne and Karen Woodward; Debbie Flatt; Ken Miller; Lynn Vaden; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; 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 (taking treatments again).

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).

SYMPATHY: To the following families: Hale Wright in the passing of his brother-in-law, Guilford McKay of Franklin; Shirley and Dwight Stamps (former members), in the passing of Shirley's mother, Ruth Gentry, of Cookeville; Casey and Eric Swann in the passing of Casey's grandfather, Mr. Ed Taylor; Dale and Shelia Garrett (friends of Peggy Faustina), who recently lost their son Josh in an auto accident.

REMEMBER: God wants full custody not just a weekend visit!

You are Invited To A Series Of GOSPEL MEETINGS September 16 – 19, 2018

with evangelist
Allen Webster



Jacksonville Church of Christ
Jacksonville, Alabama

Service Times:

Sunday Morning Worship:	9:00 A.M.
Bible Study:	10:15 A.M.
Sunday Afternoon Worship:	1:00 P.M.
Monday – Wednesday Evening Worship:	7:00 P.M.

The location will be the meeting place of:
Carthage Church of Christ
711 North Main Street
Carthage, Tennessee 37030

CONGRATULATIONS: To Morgan Faustina and Conner Dodson who were wed September 8 here at the building.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Jerry Phillips (1); Scarlett Hicks (2); Jerry Hicks (7); Ainsley Hassler (9); Candace Richmond (14); R. W. Vincent (16); Eric Swann (19); John Christopher Klamm, Kaelyn Ward (22); Jeremy Hassler, (24); Rick Blankenship (25); Cathy Spivey (26); Josh & Rebecca Brown (10/20/2007); Joey & Maggie Beth Dillard (10/20/2017).

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: 5th Sunday, Sept. 30: Justin Mauldin will deliver the lesson Sunday morning. Following Bible class there will be a fellowship meal, followed by the second service at 12:30 P.M, which will be led by the young men. **Devotional at Carthage Pavilion:** Sunday, Sept. 30, 2:00 P.M. **Retreat:** October 12-14, at Taylor Christian Camp.

REMEMBER: If God is your co-pilot, you better switch seats!

REMEMBER: Heavenly forecast: God will reign forever!