

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Sept. 3	160	118	104	\$5461*	94	36
Sept. 10	161	127	113	-U/A-	103	45
Goals	200	160	135	\$4812	130	100%

\*Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stat is for Aug. 30 & Sept. 6, 2017

**God’s Ten Most Wanted**

- The one who...**puts God’s business above any other business (Matthew 6:33).
- The one who...**brings his/her spouse and children to worship rather than sending them (Hebrews 10:25).
- The one who...**is willing to be the right example to every person he/she meets (1 Corinthians 11:1).
- The one who...**thinks more of Sunday school than of Sunday sleep (1 Peter 2:1).
- The one who...**gives what he/she should to the Lord’s work and lives on what is left (2 Corinthians 9: 6,7)
- The one who...**goes to church for Christ’s sake rather than to be helped him/herself or someone else (John 4:24).
- The one who...**has a passion to help others rather than be helped him/herself (Philippians 2:4).
- The one who...**has a willing mind rather than just a brilliant one (2 Corinthians 8:12).
- The one who...**can see his/her own faults before seeing the faults of others (Matthew 7:1).
- The one who...**is more concerned about winning a person to Christ than about winning personal honors (Proverbs 11:30).  
(via The Bridgeport Proclaimer, 5/04/2003)

**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. (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)

**Bible Study**

Sunday Morning

10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 P.M.

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**“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”**

**After Death, What’s Next?**

Many people assume that they go directly to heaven or hell as soon as they die. According to the Bible this isn’t true, but where do we go when we die *does* depend on how we live.

Jesus gives us a glimpse of what we can expect in Luke 16:19-31. There are two men. One is rich and lives like a king, the other a beggar named Lazarus – his body riddled with sores-who hopes to eat the crumbs that fall from the rich man’s table.

Both men die. Although the King James Version renders it “hell” in verse 23, the men do not go immediately to either heaven or hell. The Greek word Jesus uses to describe their destination is **Hades**, the place where spirits go when death comes. This is where all departed spirits wait for Judgment Day.

But **Hades** is composed of two parts. The beggar is carried to a place Jesus calls “Abraham’s bosom.” Abraham was the father of the Jews, and he lived a righteous life. Jews of the first century could hope for nothing better than to be with Abraham when they died.

The rich man isn’t so fortunate. He ends up in **Hades** too, but his destination is a place of “torments” (vs. 23). The rich man looks up in agony and sees Abraham in the distance with Lazarus. He cries for mercy and begs Abraham to send Lazarus with just a drop of water to cool his tongue, *“For I am tormented in this flame”* (vs. 24).

Here is what we know so far. Two men have died and are in **Hades**, but one is resting comfortably with Abraham, while the other is in misery. Judgment Day is still in the future when Jesus comes again. Lazarus the beggar is in the part of **Hades** that provides rest, while the rich man is in that part where the unrighteous go—a place of torment.

When the rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus over to bring him some relief, Abraham explains that the two have swapped roles. When they were alive, the rich man lived well while the beggar suffered, but now on the other side it is the beggar who is comforted (vs. 25). Why the reversal?

The answer comes in vs. 29. While he was alive, the rich man did not “listen to” Moses and the prophets—he didn’t heed the word of God. Apparently, the beggar did. And now, after death has come, two await the Judgment, but in very different circumstances.

**If death comes to you before Jesus returns, which of these men will you join when you leave this world? Your destination will be based on whether you listen to the words of Jesus Christ (John 12:48)**

(By Nathan Brewer, via 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), as directed in His Word. Investigate the Holy Scriptures with us and, as the Lord through Isaiah said, "Come, let us 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 and soon!

Congratulations to our Bible Bowl team for participating in the annual Bible Bowl at Hooper-Eblen Center (TTU), this past Saturday. Team members included Haven Brown; Matthew Jones; Mollie Jones; and Jodie Morris. We are proud of you! Thanks to all the adults who taught, coached, chaperoned, or assisted.

Attendance has been consistent over the past several weeks. Let's keep it up and even raise it! We can accomplish this by every member giving extra effort to be present for every service; by inviting a friend to attend; and personally seeking out our visitors, welcoming them, and inviting them to return. Summer is winding down and our Gospel Meeting is approaching, so let's begin now to build attendance and enthusiasm.

The afore-mentioned Gospel Meeting is only five weeks away! October 22-25, 2017 is the date. Chad Ramsey, a Smith Countian by birth, will do the preaching. He preaches for the Gloster St. church of Christ in Tupelo, MS. He writes for the Gospel Advocate and has authored some books.

We have many opportunities to assist with good works. Hurricane relief work is being done at the Disaster Relief warehouse in Nashville. Volunteers are needed. We are also collecting liquid laundry detergent and paper towels for TN Children's Home as well as items for the TN Prison Ministry Outreach (tooth brushes, tooth paste, toys for small children, and batteries for the toys). Bring supplies to the annex by October 3 (TCH), and October 15 (TPM), respectively. Thanks!

Our "Summer Series" continues through September. Various brethren are presenting lessons from the 2017 lectureship book of Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies, the theme of which is "Discipling for Jesus". Put forth an effort to be present.

The meeting at Flat Rock ends tonight. We have had good attendance and interest, with many visitors. My final meeting of the year will be at Holladay (Cookeville), October 15-18. Please pray for the success of such efforts.

We hope to see everyone Sunday morning at 9:00!

*Edward L Anderson*

## **NEWS & NOTES:**

**RESPONSES:** Tracy Haskin placed membership with us this past Sunday. Welcome, Tracy!

**SICK:** Lanette Phillips, daughter of Jerry and Mary, is in Vanderbilt since Sunday. Keely Phillips, their grand-daughter, is in Centennial. Mike Sircy, Katie Bennett's uncle, underwent colon surgery last Thursday at Centennial where he remains. Elaine Nabors, Andy Rutherford's aunt, underwent open-heart surgery Monday at Cookeville Regional. Sue Walker has been able to be back with us, but is continuing treatments. Gail Vincent continues her recuperation after oral surgery. Mary Phillips had another procedure on her leg today (Wed.). Scotty and Gaye Yeaman have not been feeling as well the past few weeks. Eddie Ray Thrasher, uncle to Gaye Yeaman and Carolyn Hill, remains under hospice care. Jimmy Craighead, cousin to Barbara Anderson, remains in Vanderbilt, and has had multiple surgeries on his injured legs. Judy Grisham recently spent two nights in Summit. An MRI revealed a disc problem. Jeff Farr, cousin of Cheryl Hicks, is recovering from recent knee surgery. Remember the following in prayer: Paul Meacham, Jr.; Faye McKay; Marsha Huffines; Dick Marvin; Claire Owen; Sawyer Cole; Gerrie Dillon; Patsy Link; Richard Rhoten; Staci Bush; Jan Chaffin; Tim Loftis; Mark Lawrence; Jo Norton; Jimmy Bean; Troy Spivey; Janice Anderson; Cathy Stafford; Earl Carter; Leslie Alford; Sherry Pritchett; Jennie Burnett; Jimmy Rigsby; Arnold Rich; and Steve Dowell.

**NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING:** Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Phronia Rose (Local); Ray Harper (Hartsville); Imogene Reeves (Palace – RBS).

**SHUT-IN AT HOME:** Hattie Branham; Wilma Richardson; James Hall; and Pat Paysinger.

**IN THE MILITARY:** Jana Watson, Ann Carter's grand-daughter (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 R.W. and Gail Vincent in the passing of Norman Vincent, R. W.'s oldest brother. The funeral service was last Saturday in Ohio; to the family of Jackie Martin, of Defeated, who died in a farm accident Monday (services not complete at print time).

**THANK YOU:** A "Thank You" note has been received and read publicly from Judy Grisham.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Jerrell and Briona Smith on the arrival of daughter Elara, Friday September 8. Charles and Julie Thomas are the proud grand-parents and Miley Thomas the proud aunt.

**BRIDAL TEA:** Ladies of the congregation are invited to a bridal tea honoring Maggie Beth Law, bride-elect of Joey Dillard, Sunday, October 1, 2017 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM in the annex. Maggie and Joey are registered at Belk and Target.

**UPCOMING AREA EVENTS: Singings:** Highland Heights church of Christ (Lebanon), September 22, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.; **Gospel Meetings:** Crossville church of Christ, October 1-4, with Gary Hampton; Jamestown church of Christ, October 1-4, with Michael Grooms preaching; Holladay church of Christ (Cookeville), October 15-18, Edward Anderson preaching, 7:00 PM; **Youth Rally:** Willow Ave. church of Christ (Cookeville), October 28, with Bobby Rawson. **Run4Don:** September 16, Gainesboro, TN 15K @ 7:30 A.M., 5K @ 8:00 A.M.; **Young Ladies Seminar:** (5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades) East Main (Murfreesboro), Ashley Edwards speaking, September 23, 9:00 – 11:30 A.M. (Lunch to follow); Jamestown church of Christ, September 30, 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM, with Stacy Grooms.

**CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: Amaze-N-Corn Trip:** September 23, Children free; parents \$10 (\$8 if at least 20 attend; sign-up sheet posted); **Friday Nights Fellowship:** September 29, SCHS vs. Sequatchie County; **Family Retreat:** October 13-15 at TCC, Theme – "Foundations: Standing Firm on the Truth of God's Word" (Sign-up Sheet posted); **Gospel Meeting:** October 22-25, with Chad Ramsey of Tupelo, MS, Sunday times: 9:00 and 10:15 AM and 1:00 PM; Monday – Wednesday, 7:00 PM.

**COMMODITIES FOR TENNESSEE CHILDREN'S HOME:** The truck from TCH will be in the area October 3, 2017. We will collect Laundry Detergent (Liquid HE) and Paper Towels. Leave your items in the annex.

## **ARE YOU DISPLACED?**

Lots of people have been "displaced" due to hurricanes "Harvey" and "Irma". This powerful dynamic duo has wrought havoc, driving thousands from their homes causing them to seek shelter and housing elsewhere. Much aid and many prayers continue to be raised and offered on behalf of victims.

An even sadder situation exists with the multitudes which are displaced spiritually. They are away from God, outside of Christ, and without hope (Ephesians 2:11-13)! Think about it.

*Edward L Anderson*