

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Sept. 15	128	93	90	\$4847*	86	24
Sept. 22	132	94	87	\$5496*	81	33
Goals:	155	125	100	\$4756	100	45

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Sept. 11 & 18, 2019

TAKING THE HIGH ROAD

“Don’t call me Naomi,” she told them, “Call me Mara, because the Almighty has made my life very bitter” (Ruth 1:20).

Naomi had just returned to Judah from Moab. It had been a bad trip. Her only two sons died there, and now a daughter-in-law named Ruth had returned with her. They had no visible means of support, nor any prospects. In her tribulation, Naomi chose a path of righteous living for her and Ruth over ungodly options. She was repaid richly for her faithfulness. A kinsman-redeemer blessed her life, married Ruth and produced a child that would begin the family of King David. As they placed the child in her lap, the woman said to Naomi, “Blessed is the Lord who has not left you without a redeemer today.” Ruth and this child would bless her in her old age. Naomi took the “high road.”

God has provided a redeemer for us too in Jesus. It is the only right road for us for true blessings.

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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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Sunday Worship
9:00 A.M.
6:00 P.M.
12:30 P.M. (5th Sunday)

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Bible Study
Sunday Morning
10:15 A.M.
Wednesday Evening
7:00 P.M.

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

NEWS & NOTES:

BAPTISM: Jaden Apple-Gibbs was baptized into Christ on Monday (9/6/19). We congratulate Jaden on his decision and rejoice with him and his family.

PRAYER REQUEST: Prayers have been requested by Emily Moss and her two children in the loss of their husband and father, Joshua Moss (massive heart attack, age 35). They attend the Celina church of Christ.

SICK: Scotty Yeaman is in rehab at Vanderbilt/McFarland (Lebanon). Gaye Yeaman has improved, but is unable to be with us. Apple Gibbs remains in Vanderbilt NICU and continues to gain weight. Patsy Link, sister-in-law to Lola King, is now at home. 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, continues treatments for breast cancer. David Cassetty, Melissa Vance’s father, is scheduled for 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 now at home. Horace Jones, Peggy Denton’s father, is now at Mabry’s Assisted Living in Gainesboro. John Dallas Hassler and Eric Swann are back with us. Dayne Swann, Amanda Hicks, Larry Silcox, and Eric Haynie have been sick Sunday. Faye Maberry had a treatment Monday afternoon after an AM doctor’s appointment. Mark Manning, grandfather of Noah and Emmy Lou Vincent, has been hospitalized due to a severe knee infection. He requests our prayers. Tyrone Poynter is now at home.

PRAYER LIST: Jacky King, Lucas Wakefield, Linda Dennis; Gary Anderson; Danny Claire; Brad Wilson; Jack Gallaher; Ren Coker; Shirley Henry; Don Blackwell; Roy Hicks; Ricky Branham; Bob & Donnieta White; John Condit; 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 (Mabry’s, Gainesboro); Hattie Branham and Pat Paysinger (Shut-ins).

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

SERVICE PROJECT: This Saturday (28th), 2:00 PM at the building then to the Mauldin’s for a meal. Contact Justin for more information.

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.

After being away for the Summer Series at Crossville and a Gospel Meeting at Rock Springs (Clay Co.), it was nice to be back in the pulpit here on Sunday. Both engagements were enjoyable and encouraging. There are yet many loyal followers of the Lord, who cherish the opportunities to worship God and study His word. Thanks to Justin Mauldin and Jeremy Hassler for preaching while I was away.

My final meeting for the year will be with the Hartsville church of Christ, just down Highway 25. It begins September 29 (next Lord's Day) and continues through Wednesday, October 2. Evening services will be at 7:00 P.M. I will drive the van Monday evening and plan to leave the parking lot at 6:15. I hope you can go with us. The brethren there would be grateful and so would I.

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 (See next column.) It will be an opportunity to promote both the meeting (which is advertised in the present issue 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!

Speaking of House to House, the new issue can be picked up in the foyer. Secure a copy to read and study and then pass it on to a friend or relative who may not be familiar with it. We also have The Spiritual Sword quarterly publication and lots of other free reading material available to enhance our knowledge of the Scriptures. Please take advantage of the opportunity.

Attendance has varied over the past couple of weeks due to illnesses and some being out of town. Contributions for the past three weeks have averaged a bit below budget. Let's give attention to both (Heb. 10:25; 2 Cor. 9:6-7). Let's accept the challenge of having everyone present October 13 for the beginning of the Gospel Meeting. It would be wonderful to invite your entire family for a "Homecoming"!

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

Edward L. Anderson

You Are Invited To Join Us For A Series of

GOSPEL MEETINGS

WITH



Evangelist: Ben Flatt

(Henderson, Tennessee)

October 13 – 16, 2019

Theme: Do We Have The Evidence?

- Sun., 9:00 a.m.:** Some Things Are Impossible
 - 10:15 a.m.:** The Bible Is God's True Word
 - *1:00 p.m.:** God Is In Charge
Heartfelt Religion Is Needed
 - *Mon., 7:00 p.m.:** The Church Was God's Intent
The Home Was God's Intent
 - *Tues., 7:00 p.m.:** Christ Is Divine
Baptism Is A Vital Part
 - *Wed., 7:00 p.m.:** God Gave General & Specific Commands
Sin Can Be Forgiven
- (* **Two 20 minute sermons each service**)

EVERYONE WELCOME!

**"Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord."
(Isaiah 1:18)**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Jerry Phillips (1); Scarlett Hicks (2); Jerry Hicks (7); Ainsley Hassler, Amanda Canchey (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).

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to the Larry Cole family (Bagdad) in the loss of his mother, Jimmie Faye Cole. Funeral services were Tuesday at the Hood Funeral Home in Crossville.

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; *Gospel Meeting*, October 13-16, with Ben Flatt; *Retreat*, October 11-12, at TCC; Theme: "ABOUND!"; *Polishing the Pulpit:* August 12-20, 2020.

FIFTH SUNDAY – SEPT. 29: Justin Mauldin will deliver the morning lesson. Following Bible study classes, there will be a fellowship meal, followed by the children's class at 12:15 P.M. The second service at 12:30 will be led by the young men. Mathew Jones will deliver the lesson. There will be no six o'clock service.

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 for the beginning of our Gospel Meeting on Sunday.

LEADERSHIP CLASS: A class for men wishing to study leadership and preaching/teaching and other service 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.

"NOT YET!"

A stranger drove into town, pulled up to the curb where sat an old timer, and inquired, "Lived here all your life?" The old fellow didn't even look up from his whittling as he nonchalantly replied, "Not yet." If you are reading this, you have "not yet" lived all your life. Be sure to include God in your plans for the rest of it (James 4:13-15).

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