

**EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE**

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Sept. 16	149	128	117	\$4638	101	36
Sept. 23	150	119	88	\$4164	105	40
Goals:	200	160	135	\$4897	130	100%

\* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stats are for Sept. 12 & 19, 2018

*Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many* (Matthew 20:28)

Too many people in the world today must think that the word “service” is spelled “serve us.” Society trains us from an early age that we should be served, but Jesus wants us to follow His example and look for opportunities to serve others.

Two verses earlier, Jesus told His apostles (and us) the greatest thing that one can do is to serve someone in some way. Are you not glad Jesus has served your needs? Then take that thought and serve someone else’s needs in His name. Today, be on the lookout to help someone. See the need, then see to the need. There is much satisfaction in service.

Daily Lift, July 20, 2018, The book Meditations Of My Heart (from which this daily devotional is taken) is available/can be ordered from Sain Publications (931-363-6905 or email psain@sainpublications.com).

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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”**

**A MESSAGE TO WRITE ON EVERY MEMBER’S HEART**

If the following seven statements could be written on every member’s heart, then each congregation would flourish as a rose alternately kissed by sun and rain.

How to take these thoughts from these pages and attach to a soul, I know not. I only know that you who lead God’s people will be totally successful if you can influence the congregation to commit these pages to memory.

1.) The church must radiate a righteous and wholesome influence in the community. “I” must live the example of a good Christ-like life. “I” must live soberly, righteously, and godly. (Matthew 5:13-16).

2.) The church, to be successful, must have faithful and courageous leaders. “I” along with other members can make or break the leadership. Therefore, “I” must pray for the elders. “I” must remember that the leadership is made up of mortals like myself, seeking immortality. “I” must help them be stronger and more efficient. (1 Timothy 5:17-18).

3.) The church has financial obligations which must be paid at regular intervals. “I” must give my fair share! Though “I” may be away from home on several Lord’s days during the year, yet “I” must leave my gift that the program of the local church not be hindered (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).

4.) The church, like a delicate flower, cannot thrive in a frigid atmosphere. “I” must love the brethren. (John 13:34-35).

5.) The church just offer to strangers the same warmth and love a mother offers to her children. “I” must seek out visitors, welcoming them, and encouraging them to come again. “I” owe it to Christ to show myself friendly. (John 3:16).

6.) The existence of the church depends on its members. “I” must support 100% the assembly of the saints. “I” will never have it said that the church suffered because “I” did not support the times set aside for worship and spiritual training. (Hebrews 10:25).

7.) The church must grow! This is God’s will!!!! “I” must use my ability and talents to win souls for Christ. “I” can only do this by living a good example. “I” must study God’s word and then “I” must go forward to the people and share my experiences and common salvation which is in Christ. (11 Timothy 3:14-17; 11 Timothy 1:13-14; 1 Timothy 4:12). -Author Unknown, EmoryChristians.org-

## **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 (2 Tim. 2:15). 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 the BBC on the available attendance cards.

One precious soul responded publicly during the meeting to request prayers (See next column). We are all so indebted and thankful to Allen Webster for his labor with us last week during the Gospel Meeting. Allen proclaimed the glorious gospel with power, grace, and love (Rom. 1:16; Eph. 4:15). The Sunday morning sermons on "Grace" were exceptional. The illustrations used throughout were wonderful and applicable. The lessons should be available on U-Tube. We were blessed to have Allen's son David and a family friend, Caleb, with us as well. Our song leaders did an excellent job as well.

Many visitors came during the meeting though there were several other area meetings/lectureships last week. We are thankful for every visitor and to our own members who attended faithfully. Those who prepared food for the meals throughout the meeting are certainly due our gratitude. Other furnished meals for the visiting preacher and yours truly. To adapt Al Purnell's line a bit: "It was g-o-o-o-o-d!"

The Summer Series continues and concludes with just two more lessons on Wednesday nights – Sept. 26 and Oct. 3. Phillip Goad (Heritage Christian) will be with us Wednesday, October 10 to speak and give a report.

A trip to Amaze-n-Corn is planned for this Saturday (29<sup>th</sup>), at 2:00 P.M. See Justin Mauldin for information. He can also give you more info on the October 12-14 Retreat at Taylor Christian Camp, with the theme being: M.A.D.E by Him and for Him. Registration deadline is October 3.

I will be in a series of Gospel Meetings with the Bagdad brethren October 7-10. This is where I did my first "full-time" preaching. Barbara and I were married in their building on July 7, 1966. They will host a "Homecoming" on Sunday morning (10 and 11 o'clock), with a meal following those services. The evening services will be at 7:00 P.M. Please attend!

Hope to see each of you Sunday morning!

*Edward L Anderson*

## **NEWS & NOTES:**

**RESPONSES/BAPTISMS:** Since our last issue Denise Hackett (9/18), and Judy Grisham (9/23), have responded to the invitation requesting prayers for forgiveness. Two baptisms on Monday, Sept. 24, Philip Parker and Sarah Eden. May God bless you all.

**SICK:** Conner Dodson suffered bumps and bruises in an auto accident last Friday. Wilma Richardson underwent surgery last Friday at RRMC to repair a fractured hip. She was transferred to Concordia for rehab on Monday, Sept. 24. Jack Grisham is now in McFarland Rehab in Lebanon and is improving. W. A. Gibbs is recuperating from a broken rib and a stay in Tennova (Lebanon). Carolyn Hill has begun treatments and is not feeling well at all. Remember her in prayer and with a card. Scotty Yeaman is now at home after a long stay in rehab at Concordia. Louie Gray West, known by many of us, suffered a head injury in a recent fall and is in Concordia for rehab. Debbie Fulton, known by many of us, underwent surgery Monday at Sarah Cannon in Nashville. James Kemp, friend to Josh Brown and others of us, underwent carotid surgery on Tuesday. Betty Carter is improving after oral surgery and is back with us. Horace Jones, Peggy Denton's dad, is doing better. Mary Cross and Rebecca Brown were ill Sunday evening. Please pray for the following: O'Neal Huffines; G. F. Raines; Taylor and Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn, Emily Brown Allen; 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:** Opal Agee; Lovell Chaffin; Phronia Rose (Local); Howard and Loneta Bains (Pavilion).

**SHUT-INS:** Hattie Branham; Wilma Richardson; Pat Paysinger.

**SYMPATHY:** To the following family: Gayle Reeves and family in the recent death of her brother Windell Biles, of Columbus, Indiana;

**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); James Thomas Fisher, grandson of Ruby Fisher (Army).

**THANK YOU NOTES:** The church has received a "Thank You" note from Carolyn Hill and family for the cards, calls, food, and prayers.

**RED CROSS WORK:** After a stint with the Red Cross in Hawaii, David Maberry is now in North Carolina cleaning up after hurricane Florence. Keep David, other crew members, and the people of the Carolinas in your prayers.

**CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**AREA EVENTS: Gospel Meetings:** Bagdad church of Christ, October 7-10 with Edward L Anderson preaching, 7:00 P.M.; Center Grove church of Christ, October 7-10, with Don Blackwell preaching, 7:00 P.M.; Smithville church of Christ, October 7-10, with different speakers, 7:00 P.M. (see posted flyer); **Lectureship:** Zion church of Christ (Jackson Co.), September 28-30, with Dave Miller (See posted flyer for times); **Friday Night Singing:** Highland Heights church of Christ (Lebanon), September 28, 7:00 – 9:00 P.M. Finger foods served at 5:30.

**COMMODITIES FOR TCH:** The truck from Tennessee Children's Home will be here **Tuesday, October 2** to pick up **liquid laundry detergent, paper towels, and filled coin cans.** Please bring the supplies to the annex by this weekend.

## **QUICK QUOTES:**

Two Great Truths: 1) There is a God... 2) You're not Him!  
Why pay for GPS? Jesus gives directions for free.  
Tomorrow's forecast: God reigns and the Son shines!  
God will accept and heal broken hearts – but you must give Him all the pieces.  
When temptation knocks, let Jesus get the door.  
God expects spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.