

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE

Date:	AM	Bible Study	PM	Cont.	Wed	DBR
Sept. 17	148	123	103	\$4813*	91	42
Sept. 24	187	132	103	\$5414*	119	41
Goals	200	160	135	\$4812	130	100%

* Denotes goals reached. Mid-week stat is for September 13 & 20, 2017

Are You A Lighthouse?

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven”
(Matthew 5:16).

Before radar and global positioning satellites, lighthouses were positioned to guide sailors past dangers to safe haven. Lighthouses go back to ancient times. Being a lighthouse keeper was a very responsible position and it required a trustworthy man to serve as one.

In the darkness, light serves as a guide and also reveals reality. Even during the day, we live in a world of darkness. The vast majority stumble about in darkness, not seeing the reality of God and sin.

Jesus tells us that those who follow Him are the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). We serve to point out the dangers of unbelief in God and disobedience to God. We also serve as guides to leading people to God.

Jesus says that if your light is hidden, it serves no purpose. If the lighthouse keepers had covered their lights, lives would have perished. We must be active in this dark world. People need to see that God is real and is shown to be what He is through our behavior and words. People need to learn that God is loving and that He cares. But they also must learn that God has standards that will not be put aside.

(By Ed Wittlif, via BulletinGold, Sept. 2017)

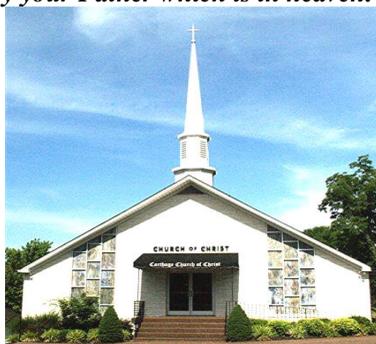
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SMITH COUNTY LIGHT

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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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THE VALUE IS IN THE OWNER

The story is told of an American tourist in Paris who picked up an amber necklace in a trinket shop. When he arrived at New York and went through customs he was shocked at the high duty he had to pay for the necklace. So when he came home, he spoke with a jeweler and the jeweler told him he would give \$25,000 for the necklace. The man was stunned and suspected that there was a reason for the offer. So he took the necklace to an expert who appraised it at an astronomical amount.

When he asked the appraiser what made the necklace so valuable, he told him to look into the magnifying glass and see for himself. When he placed his eye next to the glass, he saw an inscription which read: “From Napoleon Bonaparte to Josephine.” It was the name on the necklace that gave it extraordinary worth.

We have no intrinsic value – that is to say, we are not of great value because of who we are or what we’ve accomplished. Our value is determined by the One who bought us and owns us. Those of us who are Christians have the name Christ “stamped” on our lives to remind us who we are and whose we are. Knowledge of this truth causes us to rethink what we do with our lives.

For example, if you have an old pair of ragged tennis shoes, you may think nothing of getting out in the muddy garden to do some work. But if you’re wearing an expensive pair of dress shoes, you’ll be hesitant to wear them in the mud. The value of what you’ve wearing will keep you from going certain places and doing certain things.

Paul says that’s why we as Christians should avoid sexual immorality (as well as other misuses of the body). If our bodies were of little value (as some believe), we would think nothing of “dragging them through the mud.” But knowing the value of our bodies, we’re forced to think twice about where we go and what we do.

“For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.” (1 Cor. 6:20)

Look closely at the inscription on your life. You’ll notice the name of the One who bought you and owns you. Your value just went up! (Allen Smith, Cruciform Church of Christ, Spring Lake, NC, 8/31/17)

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!

Sunday morning attendance was excellent last Lord's Day. We were blessed by an unusually large number of visitors from our community as well as Oak Ridge, Anderson, Indiana, and Uganda. Be sure to seek out, meet, and greet our visitors!

The countdown is underway for our Gospel Meeting with Chad Ramsey preaching. October 22-25, 2017 is the date. Chad is a Smith Countian by birth. He and his family currently reside in Tupelo, MS where he preaches for the Gloster Street church of Christ. He writes for the Gospel Advocate, authoring both Bible class material and books. He also speaks on various lectureships in addition to his local and evangelistic meeting work.

Here are a few things we can do to have a successful meeting. *First*, clear your calendar and attend every service. *Second*, invite your friends and even strangers (use flyers and invitation cards; make calls; etc.). *Third*, pray fervently for the meeting (the preacher; the lost; the erring; etc.). *Fourth*, be hospitable and friendly. Help with a meal and make others feel welcome. *Fifth*, bring your Bible, study, sing – be involved.

We are to "be ready unto every good work" (Titus 3:1). Don't forget to bring 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). Deadlines are October 3 (TCH), and October 15 (TPM), respectively. Leave supplies in annex. Thanks!

Our "Summer Series" concludes tonight. We have studied thirteen (13), lessons on the theme "SEEK: Discipling for Jesus", from the 2017 lectureship book of Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies. Gratitude is expressed to those who have taught: Johnny Law; Barry Cohoon; Steve Bray; Eric Swann; Andy Rutherford; Josh Brown; R. W. Vincent; Justin Mauldin; Jackie Grisham; Jeremy Hassler; Chris Hicks; Derrick Triplett; and yours truly. The lessons have been a blessing to all who received them.

I hope everyone has a good rest of the week. We hope to see everyone Sunday morning at 9:00!

Edward L Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

RESPONSES: Martha Silcox was baptized into Christ Friday morning (9/22/17). Congratulations! Tori Lankford placed membership with us this Wednesday, September 13. Welcome, Tori!

SICK: Brenda Bowman will have hip replacement October 2 at St. Thomas Mid-Town. Lanette Phillips, daughter of Jerry and Mary, is now at home. Keely Phillips, their grand-daughter was discharged from Skyline on Tuesday. Mary Phillips underwent surgery on her leg at the Wound Center in Cookeville today (Wed.). Wanda Fisher, Ruby's daughter-in-law, was injured in an accident last week. Noah Brown was taken to the ER last Wednesday with an injury to his arm (not broken). Michael Hackett underwent outpatient sinus surgery last Thursday at Summit. Justin Mauldin was sick Sunday with a stomach disorder. Darlene Hackett, underwent tests on Monday, with a good report. Mike Sircy, Katie Bennett's uncle, is recovering from colon surgery and will be undergoing treatments. Elaine Nabors, Andy Rutherford's aunt, is doing well after open-heart surgery at Cookeville Regional. Sue Walker was with us Sunday though not feeling well. She is continuing treatments. Scotty (yet another knee surgery), and Gaye Yeaman (ear infection), were with us Sunday. Eddie Ray Thrasher, uncle to Gaye Yeaman and Carolyn Hill, remains under hospice care. Billy Fitts, brother to Carol Woodard, underwent surgery Saturday due to a cat bite. Jimmy Craighead, cousin to Barbara Anderson, is now doing rehab. 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 – Red Boiling Springs).

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).

IT'S A GIRL!: Congratulations to Eric and Casey Swann and big brother, Dayne, on the September 19 birth of Taylor Kate (6 lbs. 12 oz. 191/4 inches)

How come we never hear about "grunted" employees?

THANK YOU: A "Thank You" note has been received and read publicly from Mary Jo Hackett and family.

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.

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, Madison Tongate (21); Kaelyn Ward (22); Jeremy Hassler (24); Rick Blankenship (25); Cathy Spivey (26); Debbie Tongate (27); Derek & Holly Coblentz (10/12/2013); Josh & Rebecca Brown (10/20/2007).

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS: *Gospel Meetings:* Brush Creek church of Christ, September 29-October 1, with Ken Miller preaching and Wayne Hunt leading singing, 7:00 P.M.; Bagdad church of Christ, October 1-4, with Ben Smith preaching, 7:00 P.M.; Center Grove church of Christ, October 1-4, with David Powell preaching, 7:00 P.M.; 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 L Anderson preaching, 7:00 PM; *Youth Rally:* Willow Ave. church of Christ (Cookeville), October 28, with Bobby Rawson. *Young Ladies Seminar:* Jamestown church of Christ, September 30, 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM, with Stacy Grooms.

CONGREGATIONAL CALENDAR: *Friday Night 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.

DAILY BREAD

Jesus teaches us to pray for our "daily bread" (Matt. 6:9-13). We should be acutely aware of the fact that our "food chain" begins and ends with God (Gen. 1:1; Matt. 5:45; James 1:17). Someone has astutely observed that in today's world cleaning up the dining area usually means getting the fast food bags out of the back seat and/or floorboard of your car! Whether it's fast food (which may be slowly delivered), or a home-cooked meal prepared by loving, deliberate hands, "be thankful" (Col. 3:15).

Edward L Anderson