

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of May 21, 2017

Bible Class	33
Morning Assembly	83
Evening Assembly	35
Wednesday Bible Class	41
Contribution	\$2146.00
Budget	1871.00
Over budget for week	275.00



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = ELDERS, OVERSEERS,
SHEPHERDS
ACTS 20:17ff)

P.M. = HOLDING GOD IN AWE
(EXODUS 3:1-6)

DEVOTIONAL FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT



MAY 31st - Dave Donohoe

JUNE 4th - Gerald Bennett

WELCOME VISITORS

We want to personally thank you for joining us today. It is our prayer you leave our worship service with an uplifted spirit. Below is what you can expect during our services.

SINGING: Non-instrumental singing plays a great part of our worship services. We hope that you will find this to be an uplifting praise to the Lord. (Eph. 5:19)

LORD'S SUPPER: Each Sunday we observe the Lord's Supper, which reflects on the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, and the hope of everlasting life we now can live through Him. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

CONTRIBUTION: During the service, we as members are given the opportunity to give a portion of what God has given us. This money is used to support the church and to help spread God's Word. (I Cor. 16:2)



Schedule of Services

Sunday:

Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Assembly	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening	6:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class: (Sept-May)

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.
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Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

Preacher	Gerald Bennett
Song Leader	Tommy Bennett
Elders	Gerald Bennett, Jamie Cobb
Deacons	Dave Donohoe, Russell Dukes Jr.



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THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE?

Jesus told his disciples in Matthew 5:14-16, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 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." And this the next paragraph after that which we call The Beatitudes.

In this paragraph we see that Jesus is speaking to his disciples. "When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying..." (Matthew 5:1). And he tells them, "You" (plural) are the light (singular) of the world. He does not say, "You all are lights of the world." He does not say, "You as individuals are each one a light of the world." The nation of the Jews were supposed to be the light of revelation from God to the Gentiles.

This is what the apostle Paul was telling the Ephesian church. "...you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:7-10). Again notice that the word "you" is plural. He is not talking to individual Christians, but to the whole church. Read Ephesians and you will find out that they were a Gentile church. He is telling them that they are they are the light.

And the reason for which they are to let their light shine before men is so that God will be glorified. I know individuals are to live Godly and influence others for God. But it is not "this little light of mine"; it is "this little light of ours."

THINK ABOUT IT!!!

GERALD

PRAYER LIST

”Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16



REQUESTING OUR PRAYERS

Angela Jones has asked for our prayers for her sister Elizabeth Sante and her family. She also asked for our prayers for herself Wednesday night and **Lawrence Clemmons** asked for our prayers for his great aunt who has been diagnosed with cancer. **Jackie Crawford** asked for prayers for her daughter in law Angel safe travels to Mexico.

Our 249 Family

Peggy Aguirre is having severe back pain. **Janet Barnwell** is now at home, she has severe pain. **Sharon Bradley** needs our prayers. **Doris Brown** has an appointment with her oncologist and will begin treatment. **Sherlyn Cartwright** is recovering from having the carcinoma in her leg removed. **Bill Cartwright** continues to have breathing problems. **Alcadio Gonzales** on top of other problems, recovering from surgery on his hand and arm. **Stella Hamontree** has an infection and is scheduled for treatment June 1st. **Luv Moore** born with one kidney.

Also Remember in Prayer

Larry & Jessica Harold & Family, Jackie

Crawford, Jane Moody, Doris Peavler, Willie Collins, Daniel Williams and Robert Winston.

Friends and Family

Tony Mendoza, nephew of Lydia Walden. Ben Moon (Son of Mike & Carolyn) is undergoing therapy and they are hopeful. Van Webb (Brother-in-law of Mike Moon). Richard Ross (Sandra Collins' brother). Darlene Hodges (Sandra's aunt) rehab. Dot, Jerry, Leon & Morris Allee, Roy Allee, Stephen Gillespie, Andre White, (Debra's son). Lendon Richardson (cousin of Linda Cobb and son of Raymond and Vergie Richardson). Mrs. George (Shannon Cobb's grandmother), and Shannon's cousin Johnny Atkinson. Doris Dromgoole, Debbie Bachmeyer, Howard (Dixie's husband - Doris Peavler's sister), Terry Peavler (Doris' son) is recovering from gall bladder surgery at home. Owen Cobb (great grandson of Linda Cobb), Mike Howsley (Doris Peavler's great nephew). Pam & Leslie Woodley. Charlie Womack has received a pacemaker. Laura Tullis (recovering at home from strokes). Ruthie Guterrez (friend of the Bennett's) and Tina Jinks (friend of Shari Owen) have both been diagnosed with cancer. Rose Sanchez (sister of Robert Aguirre) is recovering from spine surgery. Virginia Martin and her 90 year old mother (neighbors of Linda Cobb) need our prayers. Wade Walker, brother of Mary Lewis has stage 4 cancer. Brandon Rendon is recovering from back surgery.

Shut-Ins: Thomas Bailey, Joyce Bradley, and Debbie Goode

AREA CONGREGATIONAL SINGING – June 10th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Deerbrook congregation. Fellowship and Refreshments following the singing.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL

Brother Russell Dukes Sr. brought the devotional message this past Wednesday night. He told us that so many people take salvation for granted. He referenced Romans 5:6, “For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.” And Luke 19:10, “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” And He exhorted us not to take our salvation for granted.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Please remember we are in the process of getting our picture board up-dated. Emily is doing a great job taking the pictures and putting the names on them. If you have not had your picture made or need a new one taken, please see her.

And fill out the family information form for our new church directory. We are requesting that each family fill out this form.



Continue to invite your friends and neighbors to come and visit us. We hope that we will make an impression upon them that they may come back again. Remember John 6:45, “It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught of God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me.”

GERALD'S GLEANINGS

Last Sunday was another good day around 249!

I hope that the sermon on Sunday morning has provoked some real thinking about the role of the church in selecting the men that they want to be leaders, Men that they are willing to follow. The apostles told the congregation to “select from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task (Acts 6:1). And when Paul and Barnabus went to Jerusalem for the meeting to decide if the Gentiles were going to have to keep the law and be circumcised to be saved, Luke tells us, “When they arrived at Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them (Acts 15:4). And after the decision had been reached we read, “Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas— Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren.” (Acts 15:22). We learn from these things that the church was involved with the elders and apostles in making the decision. The apostles gave information to the whole group including the elders and the church. James, an elder of the church in Jerusalem gave scripture to help them understand. They led the church to make the proper decision about this subject. Leaders don't make decisions for the church, they lead the church to make the right one.

I love you!

Gerald