

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of July 23, 2017

Bible Class	39
Morning Assembly	79
Evening Assembly	45
Wednesday Bible Class	36
Contribution	\$1746.00
Budget	1871.00
Under budget for week	125.00



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)



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = FAITH THAT DON'T WORK
(James 2:14-26)

P.M. = 5TH SUNDAY SINGING

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES



AUGUST 2nd = John Gooch

AUGUST 9th = Paul Jones

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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July 30, 2017

BE CONVERTED!

“Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven” These are the words Jesus spoke in response to the question the disciples asked about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. There are several things that are interesting about this context. I would ask you to read at 18:1-4 of chapter 18 of Matthew. But it probably would be helpful for you to read the last few verses of chapter 17 and the few following verses in chapter 18 as well. Do this to see the true point of what Matthew was trying to teach those to whom He was writing.

Remember when you study the Bible there are several things with which you need to be concerned. First of all you must begin with the text itself. What does it say? So the first rule is Read it! Read it! Read it! In dealing with what is being said, we need to be sure that we understand the meaning of the words that are used. Next you deal with the writer. What did he mean when he wrote what he wrote. Then you deal with those to whom he wrote. What did they understand the meaning of what the writer has written. Another thing to note is that this is a conversation that Matthew is recording. So we find out who the conversants are. We see that it is the disciples who ask the question. And it is Jesus who responds to that question. All of these things are important if we are going to understand it and be able to apply it to ourselves today in the correct way. Now we will not be able to deal with all of this in this one article. I shall depend upon you to go farther with your study. But I will deal with the definition of some words.

1. First we notice that it was the DISCIPLES who asked the question. Now a disciple is a learner who is not only striving to understand the teaching of the teacher, but to apply it to their lives.
2. Second we notice that the Disciples wanted to know who is the greatest in the KINGDOM! The word kingdom means rule or reign. The kingdom of heaven then is that rule or reign that belongs to the realm of heaven.
3. And finally we see that the word CONVERTED means to turn again. Thus to be Converted means to be turned. But from what are they to be turned. They need to be turned from the idea of greatness to the idea of humbleness as a little child.

So who is it that needs to be converted in these verses? To what do they need to be converted? Why?

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

Our 249 Family

Neida Donahoe was ill Wednesday due to heat exhaustion.

Mary Kemp has been diagnosed with the Shingles which is really painful.

Jason Powers asked for our prayers Sunday morning as he deals with situations in his life. He was also hospitalized last week due to low blood sugar.

Truman Brown son of Doris is in Waco recovering from his third surgery on his leg, she is with him.

Continue to Pray For:

Robert Aguirre, Janet Barnwell, Doris Brown, Sharon Bradley, Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Jackie Crawford, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Stella Hamontree, Jane Moody, Luv Moore, Doris Peavler, Lydia Walden, Daniel Williams and Robert Winston.

Friends and Family

Luther Barnes (father of Melissa Bennett), Bill Murry's parents, Norris Sterling (husband of Nancy-Sharon Foster's sister) has lung cancer, Larry & Jessica Harold Family, Tony Mendoza (nephew of Lydia Walden), Ben Moon (son of Mike & Carolyn), Van Webb (Brother-in-law of Mike Moon), Dot, Jerry, Leon & Morris Allee, Roy Allee, Stephen Gillespie, Andre

White (Debra's son), Mrs. George (Shannon Cobb's grandmother), Johnny Atkinson (Shannon's cousin), Doris Dromgoole, Debbie Bachmeyer, Howard (Dixie's husband - Doris Peavler's sister), Terry Peavler, Owen Cobb (great grandson of Linda Cobb), Mike Howsley (Doris Peavler's great nephew), Pam & Leslie Woodley, Charlie Womack, Laura Tullis, Ruthie Guterrez (friend of the Bennett's), surgery scheduled for August 8th. 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), Wade Walker (brother of Mary Lewis) has stage 4 cancer, Brandon Rendon, Lyndon Richardson (Linda Cobb's cousin) has cancer of the blood. Linda & Jenifer Breithaupt, Clarisa Jones is dealing with struggles in her life, her baby is due August 24th, Elizabeth Santee, Glyn Kemp (brother of Mary recovering from pneumonia), Arthur Ray (brother in law of Angela Jones has begun chemo), Bonnie Love (her son Richard called and asked for our prayers for her and the family as they have decisions to make concerning her).

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

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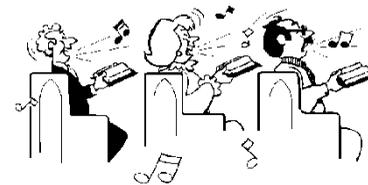
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BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST (on the . . .)

1st – Gerald Bennett, 4th – Carlotta Johnson, 5th – Edward Barnwell, 10th – Judy Bennett, Lawrence Clemons, 12th – Princess Dailey, 17th – Terry Blackwood, 20th – Rolando Gonzalez, 21st – Queen Dailey, 29th – Chris Stafford.

The Ladies are meeting in the fellowship building for Bible class this morning and our sister Betty Love is teaching this class.





FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING

Our evening assembly will be a time of singing favorite songs of praise to God and encouragement to each other. If you can lead a song or two please come prepared to do so. If you have a song you would like to sing Tommy will lead it for you if he knows it. I believe that we really need to work hard to continue the legacy of acapella singing for future generations. "...speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;...." Ephesians 5:19.

GERALD'S GLEANINGS

We had a good day on Sunday around 249 last week.

Attendance was not great but we still had some visitors in our assembly last Sunday for which we are so very thankful.

We had Jim Middleton from the Northwest church of Christ as our guest speaker on Wednesday night. I went to the Northwest church of Christ to speak for them. Jim and I began preaching about the same time. And he went back to Northwest when I went to Lindale in November of 1981. I was well received there. And I know Jim was well received here.

Today, Sunday, is the fifth Sunday of the month and the ladies will have a class in the fellowship building taught by our sister Betty Love and I will teach the men's class in the auditorium. This is a very good program and a blessing to the church.

I truly appreciate the response that you give to the sermons on Sunday and I look forward with great anticipation to being with you and sharing the word of God. If there is any subject which you think needs to be preached or would like to hear please let me know and I will give it my best to do so.

This Sunday night will be singing night. I will not be here for the evening assembly as I am going to make a trip up to the Dallas-Fort Worth area to visit with a friend there.

I love you!

Gerald