

# PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of September 17, 2017

Bible Class	39
Morning Assembly	81
Evening Assembly	34
Wednesday Bible Class	36
Contribution	\$2947.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	1076.00



# 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)



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# RUNNING TO COME IN LAST

“Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win.” (1 Corinthians 9:24)

I heard a comedian one time do a routine about a person who came in last in the marathon. His comments went something like this. Can you imagine the last person looking around as he came into the stadium to realize that he was the last person to cross the finish line? As he realizes this, he thinks “I trained this hard and this long to come in last. I could have not trained at all and came in last.” But we hear that and we say at least he got to run in the Olympics. And that is truly a great honor. But compare that with our comments about the point Paul is making in the verse above. We say that in the race only one can win, but in the Christian race you don't have to win, you just have to finish. Just cross the finish line and you are a winner.

But look at Paul's comment. His statement is that the Christian should run the race in such a way that He may win. Not just finish; WIN! I guess you could say that Paul is speaking of the effort that is put in. You put in the effort like the person who trains to win. No one trains to come in last. No one trains to just finish. Those who train do so with the goal of winning.

Do not make more of the illustration than Paul makes of it. Do not make less of the illustration than Paul makes of it. But be sure to try to make the point that Paul is making of it. We certainly need to understand the principles of how to study the Bible correctly. We need to learn how to make the application to us today for which the Bible calls. Run to WIN!

THINK ABOUT IT!!!

GERALD

# SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = GOD  
(Genesis 1:1)

P.M. = TELL IT TO THE CHURCH  
(Matthew 18:15-18)

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WEDNESDAY P.M.  
DEVOTIONALS



SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> – Gerald Bennett

OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> – Russell Dukes Sr.

# 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 9:30 a.m.

**Wednesday Bible Class** 7:00 p.m.

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

**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**

**Robert Aguirre** has been diagnosed with Diverticulitis, which has been causing his chest pains.

**Janet Barnwell** requested our prayers last Sunday for the back pain she was having.

**Judy Bennett** is continuing her dental work.

**Marissa Bennett** will see the Doctor on Monday at 3:45 p.m. for MRI results.

**Melissa Bennett** will be working in Amarillo for several weeks, she will leave on Sunday afternoons and return on Thursday evenings.

**Dave Donahoe** is recovering from back surgery, he continues to have pain but his legs are ok, he cannot drive while taking pain medication.

**Gary Kittle** is traveling to Indiana this week-end to attend the 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of his father.

**Samuel Rush** is at home recovering from the small stoke he had last week. The doctors are diagnosing a complete recovery.

**CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:**

Doris Brown (is now cancer free), Sharon Bradley, Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Jackie Crawford, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Stella Hamontree, Jane Moody, Luv Moore, Doris Peavler, Jason Powers, Aaron Walden, Daniel Williams and Robert Winston.

**Those having recently requested prayers:**

Ruth Powers for Vincent Davis her brother (liver biopsy), Betty Love for Bob Steach of Bedford, TX (biopsy this week). The Harold Family, The George Lopez Family, Lydia’s daughter Latisha Walden deployed to Dallas. John Williams the minister for the church that Tyrone preaches at is recovering from throat cancer surgery and will be having additional treatments.

**NOTE:** An Additional Prayer Request sheet has been placed in the foyer for you to pick up. Listing the names of those you have indicated need our prayers.



**LADIES BIBLE CLASS** meets each Tuesday morning at 9:30. They are studying Women of The Bible.

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**PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED FOR OUR PANTRY:**

**Beanie Weenies, Crackers, Ramen Noodles, Travel Size Soap**

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY**

**GET THE BIG PICTURE OF THE BIBLE**



As School resumes: Pray for the students, teachers, bus drivers and aides. And remember to drive safely in the school zones!

**Lauren Owen** granddaughter of Gerald & Judy is attending Harding University in Australia, this semester. We request your prayers for her safety during this time.



**Claudia, and Hector Gonzalez** had to be rescued from the waters and their home was flooded. They lost the carpet and some of the furniture. And are in the process of cleaning up and restoring their house. Our prayers are with them.

**Linda Cobb** also had flood damage to her home and must deal with the cleanup as well.

**The Hidden Valley Congregation and nineteen of their members, Doris Droomgoole, Terry Peavler, many of our families and friends** have also had water in their homes, pray for those dealing with the effects of Hurricane Harvey.



**FAMILY FUN, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP – We need a Host for the October fellowship. Please let Jamie know if you can be the host.**



**”PRAY WITHOUT CEASING” 1 Thess. 5:17 Pray as if everything depends upon God and work as if everything depends upon God. Because that is exactly the case!**

**GERALD’S GLEANINGS**

It was a very good day at 249 last Sunday.

We are so thankful to have visitors in our assembly each week. And to see so many returning to be with us again.

As I told you last Sunday morning the sermon on Baptism as Faith was the last in a series of sermons that I called Responses To The Gospel. I believe that we have those sermons recorded if anyone is interested. I am going to try to start getting the sermons uploaded to our Web Page so you can get to them there. You can also get copies of the evening sermons as well. I also am going to try to get some of my outlines of studies on various books of the Bible on the web page as well.

The Bible is an amazing book. The Bible could never have come into existence without God inspiring men to record what it in it. And it is the revelation of God Himself. No man could have invented the God of the Bible. But more importantly, no man would have wanted to invent the God of the Bible. Every time man invents himself a god, he invents himself a god he can sin with. I do not want to belabor the point, but I do want to emphasize the importance of Bible study for the church and for each individual Christian. But remember the Old Testament was written to the Jews and the New Testament to the church. But it was all preserved for us today and generations to come.

I love you!

Gerald