

# PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of October 29, 2017

Bible Class	40
Morning Assembly	83
Evening Assembly	30
Wednesday Bible Class	32
Contribution	\$3413.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	1542.00



# 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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## WE ARE FAR TOO EASILY PLEASED

“One of the most important things I ever read on my pilgrimage toward Christian Hedonism was from a sermon preached by C. S. Lewis in 1941. He said,

If there lurks in most modern minds the notion that to desire our own good and earnestly to hope for the enjoyment of it is a bad thing, I submit that this notion has crept in from Kant and the Stoics and is no part of the Christian faith. Indeed, if we consider the unblushing promises of reward and the staggering nature of the rewards promised in the Gospels, it would seem that our Lord finds our desires, not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.

That’s it! The enemy of worship is not that our desire for pleasure is too strong but too weak! We have settled for a home, a family, a few friends, a job, a television, a microwave oven, an occasional night out, a yearly vacation, and perhaps a new personal computer. We have accustomed ourselves to such meager, short-lived pleasures that our capacity for joy has shriveled. And so our worship has shriveled. Many can scarcely imagine what is meant by “a holiday at the sea” - worshipping the living God!”

The above is a quote from John Piper’s book *Desiring God*. One of the things that I have often said is that us moderns are more concerned about loving things and using people. I don’t think that we would say it that way, we just do it that way. Well, I want to say that things are not necessarily evil, that is things that are basically neutral! But when we place a value upon them that they don’t deserve and we give them more importance than they deserve then they become evil for us.

But the great danger in what goes on is that we value the things which are truly given to us by God and we devalue God. And by doing so, we dishonor Him. God cannot be worshipped as He ought if we do not understand the value of God. We should never be pleased with anything less than giving to God the honor and praise which is rightly His. And sin is falling short of the glory of God – see Romans 3:23.

THINK ABOUT IT!!!

GERALD

## SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = by Jamie Cobb

P.M. = by Jamie Cobb

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WEDNESDAY P.M.  
DEVOTIONALS



NOVEMBER 8<sup>th</sup> - Dave Donohoe

NOVEMBER 15<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.
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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.

## 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

**Jackie Crawford** is now recovering at her son Darrell’s home. **Dale Cates** will be seeing a cardiologist. **Russell Dukes, Sr.**, is recovering from walking pneumonia. **Stella Hamontree** has an infected ear and sinus infection. **Myrtle Jones** test turned out good. She will make some dietary changes. We are thankful. **Isabella Moore** had a high fever last weekend. **Jackie Thomas** has been ill with chest congestion.

**TRAVELING:** Gerald & Judy Bennett, Doris Brown, Wanda Edwards, Stella Hamontree, plan to be out of town this week-end.

**Jerry Jefferson** had two stints put in last Tuesday that went well, however he will have to have By Pass Surgery in the future. **Pamela Mendonza** has stage 3 Cancer and will be having chemo and radiation treatments. **Jennifer Breithaupt** is hospitalized with a bladder infection.

### CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Peggy Aguirre, Janet Barnwell, Judy Bennett, Marissa Bennett, Sharon Bradley, Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Shannon Cobb, Dave & Neida Donahoe, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Jane Moody, Doris Peavler, Jason Powers, Samuel Rush, Robert Winston. Doug Allee, Roy Allee,

Martha Barnes, Kelsey Bennett, Vincent Davis, Mollie Hanna, Don Jones (brother of Angela), Tony & Isabel Mendenza (kidney failure) please continue to pray for them and their family, Lauren Owen (as she studies in Australia), Ruthie Guterrez, The Harold Family, Elizabeth Santee for herself, her daughter Clarisa, and her son DeMartus, Claude Underwood, Latisha Walden, John Williams, Wayne (friend of Dan Cobb), those suffering with winter illnesses and all of those who are dealing with effects of loss due to Earthquakes, Fires, Hurricanes etcetera.

## PRAYER LINE

We are working to organize a phone prayer line here at the church. We want to advertise by word of mouth and other ways to let people know that they can call the number at certain times and there will be someone there to answer their call and pray with them.

This is a program in the making and we are working to get it off the ground. More information will follow. There is a sign up list in the foyer if you are interested in helping.



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

will end at 2:00 a.m. this Sunday morning. You will need to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION!!!** We are now collecting socks for the homeless a box is in the foyer.

2017 Biennial City Wide Ladies Day Program – November 11<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 p.m. – 5:00

p.m. at Garden Oaks. Ladies we have been asked to help provide vegetable trays for this event.



### OUR SYMPATHY

Is extended to Myrtle Jones and her family at the passing of her sister in law on October 27<sup>th</sup>.

Is extended to the family (former members) of Lendon Richardson. Memorial service Friday at 9:00 a.m., at the VA.

To the family and friends of Bobby Holddorf ex brother in law of Doris Peavler.



### THANK YOU

Your willingness to serve is greatly appreciated.

**Janie Rockett** for hosting our FFF last Friday night, the fall theme decorations were beautiful, there was an abundance of food (we want to thank those who provided the food), and prizes for The Name 5 Game which was fun. **Emily Cobb** for making the beautiful floral arrangements. **Linda Cobb** for the floral arrangements in the auditorium each week. **Sherlyn Gonzalez** for bringing the lesson for our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ladies Class on The Tongue. **Tommy Bennett** for directing our singing last Sunday evening and the information on some of the authors of the hymns. **Gerald, Tommy, Melissa, Shannon, Emily and Ruth** for teaching our Bible Classes. **Jamie** for keeping our building operational and so many other tasks. **Ira** for keeping our attendance records.

## GERALD’S GLEANINGS

We had a good day again last Sunday at 249.

Attendance was better because we had quite a few visitors. I would like to encourage you to look around and see our visitors, introduce yourselves to them, and please give them a visitors card to fill out. Thank you.

But we continued to have several people out. Whatever the sickness that is going around we have several people who are going through it. We want you to know that we miss you when you are not with us. We pray fervently for you all.

We began our study in the book of Genesis last Wednesday night. We must remember that the book of Genesis like the other four books of the Law were written to the Jews. One of the evidences we get is that at the end of every day the scriptures say, “there was evening and there was morning” one day. Notice it does not say morning and evening as we would say it today.

Judy and I are in Branson, MO this week on vacation. We will be back next Sunday. Jamie will be preaching and Tommy will be teaching the Wednesday night class on Genesis 2 and the creation of Adam and Eve. I hope ya’ll have a great week this week. We are having a ball.

I do love you and I look forward to seeing you when we get back. Gerald