

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of November 12, 2017

Bible Class	32
Morning Assembly	80
Evening Assembly	34
Wednesday Bible Class	36
Contribution	\$2971.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	1100.00



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = THE HOLY SPIRIT AND SALVATION

P.M. = ALIENS IN THE WORLD

WEDNESDAY P.M.
DEVOTIONALS



NOVEMBER 22nd - Tyrone Powers

NOVEMBER 29th - Jamie Cobb

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	9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday Bible Class

	7:00 p.m.
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Preacher	Gerald Bennett
Song Leader	Tommy Bennett
Elders	Gerald Bennett, Jamie Cobb
Deacons	Dave Donohoe, Russell Dukes Jr.



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FORGIVENESS!

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.” (Eph 4:31-5:22 = NAS).

Remember the heart of God is the heart of a forgiver. God wants to forgive. That's why in eternity, even before the world was created, God planned for Jesus to come and be the means of His forgiving all of our sins. And so in the above verses we are told to imitate God by being forgivers.

Is it as interesting to you as it is to me, that verses 31 and 32 go together in this context. Why are people not so willing to forgive. Is it because they harbor bitterness and wrath toward the one who sins against them. Could it be because we think that if we forgive them, they are getting away with hurting us. I believe one's bitterness and wrath and anger will never allow him or her to be a forgiver. And so we clamor and slander one another to others so that they will know how angry and bitter we are against those who sin against us. These kind of things just come naturally because by nature we are sinners, not saints.

How much work though does it take to be kind to one who is hurting us? How much work does it take to be tender-hearted toward one who sins against us? This is what God is calling us to. He is calling us to be lovers! He is calling us to be forgivers! And if we are imitating God, then that is exactly what we will be! And when that is what or who we are, then that which is love will come naturally. Because we will be like our Heavenly Father.

And what calls us to this? The sacrifice of Jesus! The Gospel which saves us calls us to live like saved people. God calls us to live the saintly life, the holy life at all times and in all circumstances.

So let's begin to pray and pray fervently that God will transform our lives in such a manner that the first thing we think about when someone does us wrong is forgiveness. Remember God's desire is even for those who wrong us to be saved!

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

Janet Barnwell is doing better. **Nylah Barnwell** is doing better. **Jackie Crawford** is now recovering at her son Darrell’s home. **Dale Cates** will be seeing a cardiologist. **Stella Hamontree** has been treated for an infected ear and sinus infection. **Jackie Thomas** is doing better. Many of our members are suffering due to winter illnesses.

TRAVELING: **Dave & Neida** are ub California to visit family and friends, they will return after Thanksgiving. **Russell, Sr., Lynda, Russell, Jr., Tammie, Brian, Michael Dukes** and **Mary Smith** are out of town this weekend.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Peggy Aguirre, Judy Bennett, Marissa Bennett continues to take physical therapy 3 days a week, Sharon Bradley, Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Dave & Neida Donahoe, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Jane Moody, Doris Peavler, Jason Powers, Samuel Rush, Robert Winston. Roy Allee, Kelsey Bennett, Sharon Bradley’s mother had a difficult time finding her way home Wednesday night, Jennifer Breithaupt, Vincent Davis, Don Jones (brother of Angela), Tony & Isabel Mendenza (kidney failure) please continue to pray for them and their family, Pamela Mendonza, Lauren Owen (as she studies in Australia), Ruthie Guterrez,

The Harold Family, Jerry Jefferson will be having By-Pass heart surgery, Elizabeth Santee for herself, her daughter Clarisa, and her son DeMartus, Claude Underwood had to have half of his foot removed due to diabetes, Mike (Shannon’s father) is having problems adjusting his medications and suffering with leg pain, Patti, Miranda & Nicholas (friends of Shannon) are having difficulties and health problems, Curtis has requested prayers for two of his aunts (they are doing better), 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.



OUR SYMPATHY

Is extended to Sherlyn & Alcadio Gonzalez and their family at the death of her brother, Anthony Loville. Services will be Saturday, November 18th at the North Wayside Congregation. Wake at 10:00 and Funeral at 12:00.



We are now collecting socks for the homeless, a box is in the foyer for donations.

HOLIDAY BASKETS

The Ladies Bible Class will be preparing our annual baskets for the needy and shut-ins of our 249 family. Please bring your homemade treats for 10 baskets on Sunday, December 17th.

Please give your cash donations to Sharon Bradley by the 17th. These are used for grocery gift cards.

DIRECTORY UP-DATE

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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY
December 9th
Spring Creek Bar-B-Q
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

You will go through the serving line, select and pay for your meal and then go to the room that has been reserved for us. A map to Spring Creek is available on the table in the foyer. Please let Jamie or Shannon know if you plan to attend.

BE THANKFUL

Colossians 3:17 - Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

GERALD’S GLEANINGS

We had a good day last Sunday at 249/

We again had several visitors in our assembly on Sunday morning. However, I did not greet our visitors when I got up to preach and I am so sorry. Please, please help me to do this each week.

I really appreciated the response to the sermon last Sunday morning. We even had a couple of the visitors to ask for copies of that sermon. However, I forgot to turn on the microphone and while everyone could hear me plainly, the first part of the sermon did not record well.

I guess I will blame it on being gone on vacation. Or maybe it was just old age. But I was really glad to be back in the pulpit here at 249. I love you and I am so thankful for our relationship as a church.

Remember that we are studying the book of Genesis on Wednesday nights. We will be studying chapter four this coming Wednesday. Remember that “whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope (Romans 15:4).

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving Day and we have so much for which to be thankful.

I do love you and I look forward to seeing you Sunday . Gerald