

# PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of December 3, 2017

Bible Class	40
Morning Assembly	80
Evening Assembly	36
Wednesday Bible Class	29
Contribution	\$3700.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	1829.00



## SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

**A.M. = GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD**  
(John 3:15)

**P.M. = STANDING ON THE PROMISES**  
(2 Corinthians 1:20)

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**WEDNESDAY P.M.**  
**DEVOTIONALS**



**DECEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> - Tom Bennett**

**DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> - 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	9:30 a.m.
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**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.



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**December 10, 2017**

### A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

After Saul had disobeyed God Samuel was sent to him to say, "But now your kingdom shall not endure. The Lord has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the Lord has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." (1 Samuel 13:14)

The apostle Paul in a sermon recorded by Luke in Acts chapter 13 spoke of the time of Saul and said, "After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, A man after MY heart, who will do all My will.'" (Acts 13:22)

And when Samuel went to anoint David as king, the prophet saw "Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is before Him.' But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'" (1 Samuel 16:6-7)

God saw something in David that man would not see. And God recorded for us much of the life of David. David made some poor and unwise choices in his life. He committed adultery with Bathsheba. He had her husband, Uriah, killed. His family was terribly dysfunctional. One son raped his sister. One son wanted to take his throne away from him. In all this David understood His sin. He had a heart for God and fellowshiping Him. He wrote. "How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, (Psalm 32:1-2). He also wrote, "For You do not delight in sacrifice, otherwise I would give it; You are not pleased with burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise." (Psalm 51:16-17)

**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 having test and continues to be in a lot of pain.

**Jackie Crawford** is recovering at her son Darrell’s home.

**Samuel Rush** the results of the biopsy Tuesday is that he has lymph node cancer.

**Emily** has requested our prayers for the father of her co-worker and their family as the doctors have said he has two months to live.

**Peggy** asked for our prayers for Ronald Derks her daughter in laws father, he turned 80 on Friday of last week and had a heart attack on Saturday.

### 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, Stella Hamontree, Jane Moody, Doris Peavler, Jason Powers, Robert Winston. Roy Allee, Kelsey Bennett, Jennifer Breithaupt, Vincent Davis, Don Jones (brother of Angela), Tony & Isabel Mendenza, Pamela Mendonza, Lauren Owen (is scheduled to fly from Singapore to West Monroe, this Sunday), Ruthie Guterrez, The Harold Family, Jarvis & London Hart, Mykel Brown, Waddell Jefferies, Jerry Jefferson, Angela Jones prayers

for her co-worker Ms. McPeters, Elizabeth Santee for herself, her daughter Clarisa (as she interviews for a new job), and her son DeMartus, Betty Love requesting prayers for the Therwanger family and her co-workers as they adjust to her death, 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, Maddie, Pam Deats, Jonah Dickerson (premature infant), Bob & Billie Johnson, Latisha Walden, John Williams, Wayne (friend of Dan Cobb), those suffering with winter illnesses and all of those who continue to deal 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. It looks like it will be after the first of the year. More information will follow. There is a sign up list in the foyer if you are interested in helping.



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 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please give your cash donations for grocery store gift cards to Sharon Bradley by December 17<sup>th</sup>.



**ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**  
**December 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**Spring Creek Bar-B-Q**  
**4:00 – 7:00 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. If you are unable to pay for your meal, please tell Jamie, we want everyone to be able to enjoy this time. Please let Jamie or Shannon know if you plan to attend.

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“In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20:35)



## GERALD’S GLEANINGS

We really did have a good day last Sunday at 249.

We are very consistent in our attending the assemblies. And we generally have visitors at every assembly. We even had visitors at our Wednesday evening assembly. I am so very thankful for you all here at 249. I also believe it speaks volumes when we have visitors who come back often. And I am thankful for the way you make them feel welcome.

Here we are in the middle of the month of December. And we woke up to snow in Houston this past Friday morning. When I came downstairs about 6:30 a.m., I heard voices in front of my house. When I looked out it was the children from next door walking across my yard in the snow in total ecstasy. Like so many others I went outside and took pictures of the snow on our yard and our neighbors. I know that it does not take snow to make a winter and we seldom have snow in Houston; but again we are reminded that God’s word can always be counted on as in Genesis 8:22 – we read

“While the earth remains,  
Seedtime and harvest,  
And cold and heat,  
And summer and winter,  
And day and night  
Shall not cease.”

I love you and I look forward to seeing you on Sunday  
Gerald