

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of December 10, 2017

Bible Class	41
Morning Assembly	65
Evening Assembly	36
Wednesday Bible Class	32
Contribution	\$3185.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	1314.00



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. = HE GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME
(Gal. 2:20-21)

P.M. = WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?
(Acts 11:26)

WEDNESDAY P.M.
DEVOTIONALS



DECEMBER 20th - Gerald Bennett

DECEMBER 27th - 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.



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WHAT DELIGHTS YOU?

Who is a God like Thee, who pardons iniquity and passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in unchanging love” (Micah 7:18 - NAS)

Our God is a forgiver! And Micah tells us that He does this because “He delights in unchanging love.” And that’s what love does, it forgives! There are so many passages in the New Testament which tells us this but I want you to see a couple of them. One of them I have talked about recently in the front page article of this bulletin.

“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 4:32-5:2 - NAS). Notice again how forgiveness and love go together. The motive for forgiveness is always love. This is true because “God is love” and as we have seen above, He delights in it!!

“And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. And beyond all these things {put on} love, which is the perfect bond of unity” (Col 3:12-14 = NAS). Again notice the traits that go together in our being the ones that God has chosen. And please be aware that all of this has to do with our forgiving each other and the traits that make this possible.

Forgiveness is the first thing that we should think of when someone sins against us; especially if it is a brother or sister. This is what a spiritual person does. This is what a person who is like God will do every time. And the reason that we should think this way is because of our love for our brother or sister. Remember, it is the heart of God that all be saved and that not one of His little children perish. It is these qualities that help us in our concern for our brother communicate and confront with great love and all the characteristics that love has to bring them to the place that is always concerned about the spiritual well being of their brothers and sister. How often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him?

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 continues to be in a lot of pain.

Jackie Crawford is recovering at home.

Samuel Rush had test on Monday to find out where the cancer originated.

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.

Doris Peaver's discovered her purse was missing Sunday afternoon.

Tommy, Melissa & Marissa will be traveling to Shreveport Saturday night and returning Sunday night.

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, BettyJo Dennis (friend of the Bennett's is recovering from a stroke), Ronald Derks, Don Jones (brother of Angela), Tony & Isabel Mendenza, Pamela Mendonza, Ruthie Guterrez, The Harold Family, Jarvis & London Hart, Mykel Brown, Waddell Jefferies, Jerry Jefferson, Angela Jones prayers for her co-worker Ms. Barron,

Elizabeth Santee for herself, her daughter Clarisa, 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.



Thank You!

For your many prayers on behalf of Lauren, she safely arrived back home last Sunday evening.

We love and appreciate each of you!
Gerald, Judy and all of her family

We had 50 attend our Holiday Party last Saturday. A special thanks to Jamie, Shannon and Emily for hosting the party this year.



We are collecting mens white socks for the homeless, a box is in the foyer for donations. These will be taken to Impact for distribution.

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 this Sunday, December 17th.

Please give your cash donations for grocery store gift cards to Sharon Bradley by Sunday.



Tyrone, Ruth, Jason and all the Power family at the death of Tyrone's aunt last Sunday.

Paul Jones (minister of North Wayside), his family and the North Wayside church family at the death of his wife Joyce, Monday.

To the family and friends of Waylon Melton (an elder of the Decker Prairie congregation) who was killed by a drunk driver while leaving from the church building Monday evening.

GERALD'S GLEANINGS

We had another good day last Sunday at 249.

Wow! It is just so good to have visitors at every assembly. We are blessed. And we want to continue to be a blessing to those who come to visit with us. Thank you.

We had our annual holiday party Saturday before last at the Spring Creek Barbecue on 1960 at Champions. As usual the food was great and the fellowship was fantastic. Jamie did a great job as Master of Ceremonies. And Shannon and Emily were really good as helpers. As Jamie said, "The memories of Keith Bradley permeated our thinking.

I went to my doctor last Monday for a general check up and was feeling fine. Then on Wednesday night I started getting sick and didn't sleep well. I went back to the doctor and she sent me for chest xrays. It turns out I do not have pneumonia but I have bronchitis and sinus infection.

This is the time of year when so many people are thinking and talking about giving and receiving. The Bible has a great deal to say about helping the weak and helpless. Paul said, 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).

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