

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of December 17, 2017

Bible Class	26
Morning Assembly	57
Evening Assembly	37
Wednesday Bible Class	35
Contribution	\$2976.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	1105 .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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YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT TOO!

I usually sit in my recliner with the remote in my hand so that when a commercial comes on I can change the channel. I am a man of the modern generation. I don't want to waste my time watching commercials. I want to control what I watch. The business world knows that so they make their commercials more entertaining. They make their ads appeal to their audience. And one of the newer commercials which speaks to the way our society thinks and acts is one for a phone contract in which uses the opposite of the title of this article for their punchline. The character says, "I want to have my cake and eat it too."

That's what those who are sinners do. As I have often said, "The middle word of sin is "I" and the middle word of pride is "I". Not only do I want to be able to enjoy what I want, I want to be able to do that all the time. Sinners sin! Sinners are selfish, egotistical rascals. Therefore, living in a world of sinners means that we are living in a world in which everyone wants his own way. Not only this, but everyone wants their own way first. Therefore, they sin against everyone and everything that keeps them from getting what they want.

Is it any wonder that people treat each other the way they do? It certainly is not "loving your neighbor as yourself." But why do we get so angry when we are abused by sinners when we know that's what they do? Is it because we want to "have our cake and eat it too"?

THINK ABOUT IT!!!

GERALD

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = MARY DID YOU KNOW?
(Luke 1:26-38)

P.M. = WHY SPEAK IN PARABLES?
(Matthew 13:1-3)

WEDNESDAY P.M.
DEVOTIONALS



DECEMBER 27th - Russell Dukes Sr.

JANUARY 3rd - Tyrone Powers

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.

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

Janet Barnwell continues to be in a lot of pain.

Gerald & Judy are recovering from viral infections.

Doris Brown requested prayers for safe travels for her family and herself.

Shannon Cobb will have surgery to remove part of her thyroid soon.

Jackie Crawford is recovering at home.

Samuel Rush test indicate he has cancer in his tonsil and lymph node, only. He is scheduled for surgery on the 10th of January. His **Dr. Hussain** also asked for our prayers.

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.

Rolando's dad has been ill.

Larry Harold is having some health issues.

Angela Jones requested prayers for a co-worker.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Peggy Aguirre, Marissa Bennett completes three days a week physical therapy this week, Sharon Bradley, Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Dave & Neida Donahoe, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Stella Hamontree, Jane Moody, Doris Peavler, Jason Powers, Robert Winston.

Roy Allee, 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, 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, calls, cards and concern for us during our recent illness. We pray for you daily and ask for God's blessings on our 249 church family.

We love and appreciate each of you!
Gerald, Judy



We are collecting men's white socks for the homeless, a box is in the foyer for donations. These will be taken to the Impact church of Christ for distribution.

HOLIDAY BASKETS

The Ladies Bible Class completed their Holiday task of preparing ten baskets for the needy and shut-ins of our 249 church family. We want to thank them for providing this service and thank everyone who helped them reach their goal.

Thank You

To Dale Foster for being available last Sunday to fill the pulpit. I know that you appreciated His report on the India work and also his sermon in the evening assembly. I know it was good having him back in the pulpit at 249. I am so thankful

GERALD'S GLEANINGS

I hope that you had a good day last Sunday at 249.

Attendance was down. It is the holidays and some were traveling. And some will be traveling this weekend as well. But some will have family and friends visiting with them. And of course, some were sick and unable to be in the assembly like Judy and me.

It has been quite a while since I have had to miss being in the assembly. And when I say miss, I mean it in the truest sense of the word. I really missed being with you all last Sunday. And I have really gotten tired of the walls of our house. Being cooped up inside really gets old. And even though it is pretty good, I think one can only take so much of Hallmark holiday movies.

I was so thankful to be able to get out and teach the class Wednesday night. Genesis is a great book and we studied chapters 12 and 13 the beginning of the promise to Abraham. And it is right at the core of our hope in the Messiah, Jesus. I love to teach and would like to see you in class.

This weekend more people will be thinking about Jesus than any other time of the year. And though we have not idea of the time of year Jesus was born, I will be preaching about His birth – Mary Did You Know?

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