

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of November 26, 2017

Bible Class	37
Morning Assembly	75
Evening Assembly	40
Wednesday Bible Class	36
Contribution	\$2941.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	1070.00



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = OVERCOMING THE WORLD
(1 John 5:4)

P.M. = THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD
(Matt. 5:14-16)

WEDNESDAY P.M.
DEVOTIONALS



DECEMBER 6th - Jamie Cobb

DECEMBER 13th - Tom 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.

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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CHRIST IN YOU THE HOPE OF GLORY

“...to whom God willed to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col 1:27 - NAS).

This passage is written to the Colossian saints to encourage them in their faithfulness to Christ in order that they not be confused by the Judaizing teachers who are trying to get them to go back to the law. And there are several passages in Colossians that are parallel passages to the book of Ephesians. And both of them are showing that there is only one gospel which saves and it saves all. And so in this verse there is an explanation made about the mystery that the gospel is for the Gentiles also. And so we have this great statement – “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” Here is the core of the gospel. Here is the question that we must be asking to those who are lost. Are you in Christ? And is Christ in you?

So many people believe that they are saved! And they think that are spiritual because they know many of the teachings of the Bible. As a matter of fact I have heard many people who are not truly Christian talk more spiritual than some of those who are. They understand the statements made in the Bible better than some of my brothers and sisters. And they may even pursue the doing of things that they read and understand from the scriptures. But they are doing what they are doing by themselves. And they are desirous of God and they are pursuing God. This being so, God may be working on them. He may be working on them to bring them to Himself. But He is not in them and it is Christ in them that is the hope of glory.

If I am understanding the scriptures of God correctly, and I believe that I am, then one must have Christ in them in order to be truly Christian. And that must be done according to faith in God Himself. And God through Christ tells us how one may get Christ to come and dwell in him. In John 14 through 16 Jesus speaks about these things. I will give you this passage and a little about its context. “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and make Our abode with him’” (John 14:23 - NAS). And in all of this context, he is speaking of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit is in you, both the Father and the son have come to make their abode in you.

What I am saying is that people need to be taught and challenged to hear God and His will for their lives. That can only be done by reading and understanding the Bible. That is what the Bible says about the gospel of salvation.

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 test indicate a small spot on both of her lungs, she is in a lot of pain. **Jackie Crawford** is recovering at her son Darrell's home. **Dale Cates** will be seeing a cardiologist. **Maddie** a young girl friend of the Cobb's is having seizures, the doctors hope she will outgrow these. **Billie Johnson** had 3 treatments and the breast cancer is shrinking. Bob Johnson will have surgery when has recovered from his recent illness. **Pam Deats** (Judy's sister) is having health problems. **Jim Hallworth** and an **infant boy** born recently weighing 2 pounds 6 ounces continues to have good and bad days.

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, Samuel Rush, Robert Winston. Roy Allee, Kelsey Bennett, 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, Jarvis & London Hart, Mykel Brown,

Waddell Jefferies, Jerry Jefferson does not need By-Pass heart surgery at this time, 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 her co-worker (killed by her son), 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, 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 17th.

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



ANNUAL
HOLIDAY PARTY
December 9th
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.



Celebrating
their
Anniversary December 27th

Gerald & Judy Bennett
Gem & Mary Ann Scorp

DECEMBER

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3rd – Tommy Taylor; 16th – Larry Rockett;
19th – Mike Moon; 27th – Samuel Rush.

GERALD'S GLEANINGS

I know I say this often but we did have a good day last Sunday at 249

I have sent out eight visitors letters to people who filled out visitors' cards recently. We continue to have visitors at every service. If a visitor sits close to you, please continue to get them to fill out a card for us. We want to continue to make them feel welcome. Thank you!

It is hard to believe that here we are right at December, the last month of 2017. The holiday party is just a little over a week away.

The Wednesday night study of the book of Genesis is going well. We just finished chapters 4 and 5. We will be studying the chapters which have to do with the flood next week. Please continue to read, read, read!

I have told you that Judy loves all things Christmas, so we are watching all the Hallmark Christmas movies. I saw a movie last week which was a rerun. And I got a quote from it in 2011 which I will repeat here. One of the characters said something about being concerned about what people thought about her. Her friend told her, “Don't worry about what people think, they don't do it very often.” This is very true when it comes to thinking and criticizing others. Think before you criticize.

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