

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of December 24, 2017

Bible Class	38
Morning Assembly	90
Evening Assembly	33
Wednesday Bible Class	20
Contribution	\$3244.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	1373 .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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THAT'S NOT FAIR!

Abraham argued from God's nature to be just or righteous when he pleaded with God about Sodom and Gomorrah. "Far be it from Thee to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are {treated} alike. Far be it from Thee! Shall not the Judge of all the earth deal justly (or "do right")? (Genesis 18:25). He knew something about God and He tried to use that knowledge to get God to spare Sodom and Gomorrah because Lot and his family were living there.

We have all heard children say, "That's not fair." And we have probably even said it ourselves at times. Now admittedly, sometimes we abuse the statement. And not everything we call unfair is unfair. But there are things that are unfair. Because not all people want to do what is right. And we have not always done what is right for our health and physical well being. So sometimes people get sick and have health problems. These problems create physical problems with our bodies that do not seem fair but they are the result of our own choices. Accidents cause physical infirmities that do not seem fair. So sometimes life is not fair.

So the statement speaks to our desire for justice. That is, we desire things to be just, fair and right. Remember that the word just and the word righteous are translated from only one Greek word. Therefore, they are truly synonymous. But also remember that as we desire things to be fair so do others and that speaks to our need to treat people fairly all the time.

Mister N. T. Wright in his little book Simply Christian thinks that our innate desire for justice speaks of the fact that there is a God and we come from Him.

This is an interesting proposition. I have no doubt that our desire for fairness, rightness, justice, comes from God. This should give us pause for thought.

THINK ABOUT IT!!!

GERALD

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = HE GAVE HIMSELF FOR ME
(Galatians 2:20)

P.M. = BE READY TO GIVE AN ANSWER
(1 Peter 3:15)

WEDNESDAY P.M.
DEVOTIONALS



JANUARY 3rd – Tyrone Powers

JANUARY 10th – Dave Donohoe

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 is at home and will have additional test.

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

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.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Peggy Aguirre, Gerald & Judy Bennett, Marissa Bennett, Sharon Bradley, Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Emily’s (co-worker’s father), Jackie Crawford, Dave & Neida Donahoe, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Carlos Gonzalez (father of Rolando), Stella Hamontree, Jane Moody, Doris Peavler, Jason Powers, Robert Winston. Roy Allee, Jennifer Breithaupt, Vincent Davis, BettyJo Dennis, Ronald Derks, Don Jones (brother of Angela), Tony & Isabel Mendenza, Pamela Mendonza, Ruthie Guterrez, The Harold Family (Harold is having health issues), 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 (pre-mature infant), Bob & Billie Johnson, 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 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.

The Ladies Bible Class will resume their Tuesday morning class, January 9th at 10:00. They are studying Women of the Bible.

Dale Foster is scheduled to leave for his next trip to India on January 9th, please remember him and this work in your prayers.



*Celebrating
their
Anniversary*

In January

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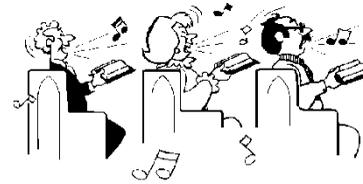
1st – Gerald & Carlotta Johnson
17th – Larry & Janie Rockett

**January
Birthday’s**

(on the . . .)



1st – Maria Rush; 4th – Shundrea Jones; 7th – Carolyn Moon, Joseph Rockett; 9th – Melissa Bennett; 11th – Linda Cobb; 20th – Sherlyn Gonzalez.



FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING

Sunday evening, December 31st at the P.M. assembly. Our evening assembly will be devoted to singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. If you have a song that you would like for us to sing please let Tommy know so that he can prepare to do so. Some of our men will be asked to lead singing as well.

GERALD’S GLEANINGS

We had a very good day last Sunday at 249.

Attendance was up. We had quite a few visitors for which we are very thankful. When holidays fall on weekends we don’t always know how that will affect attendance in our assembly. But Sunday morning was really good while Sunday evening was down.

I know that this time of year is a time when families get together and share their lives and love with each other. Our daughter, Shari, and her children Lauren and MacAaron came in on Tuesday and left to go back to Louisiana Friday morning. We were glad to have them with us on Wednesday evening at Bible Study.

And Judy and I want to thank you so very much for the love and well wishes given to us by all of you because of our wedding anniversary celebration on Wednesday. We have been married for 54 years and are so thankful and blessed for this.

This Sunday will be the last day of the year 2017. Monday will be the first day of 2018. It is a time for reflection and also a time for looking forward and planning for the future if the Lord wills that we have a future. I am thankful to God for bringing me to 249 and feel very blessed in being here. I am looking forward to continuing our labor together as the Lord blesses us to that end.

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