

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of December 31, 2017

Bible Class	35
Morning Assembly	73
Evening Assembly	38
Wednesday Bible Class	42
Contribution	\$1670.00
Budget	1871.00
Under the budget for week	201 .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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I WANT MORE TIME

Have you noticed how everyone who is confronted with the idea that their life is coming to an end want more time. Now that's not necessarily a bad thing. And I am not trying to be negative about that kind of thinking. But if God were to give more time what would we do with that time.

I hope that you will read the account of Hezekiah in Isaiah chapters 35 and 36. There is no room for me to put all the verses in this article. So I will paraphrase it. Hezekiah became mortally ill. God sent Isaiah to tell him that he was going to die and that he was to put his house in order. Hezekiah cried and prayed for God to give him more time. And God turned Isaiah around at the gate and told him to go back and tell Hezekiah that he was giving him fifteen more years. Hezekiah wound up showing his treasures to the Babylonians. And God told him that the Babylonians would end up conquering the kingdom of Judah.

Now I'm not sure I understand all about this situation. But I have some questions. God gave Hezekiah fifteen more years. And then God gives this account of what Hezekiah did.

This is the time of year when we talk about time. If God gives us fifteen more years, what will we do with that time? If God allows us to live throughout the coming year what will be the result of our living it? There is a country song that says, "I need more time. God please just give me more time?" We do want more time, more time to let others see the glory of our God.

THINK ABOUT IT!!!

GERALD

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = PLANNING AHEAD
(James 4:13-17)

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

WEDNESDAY P.M.
DEVOTIONALS



JANUARY 10th – Dave Donohoe

JANUARY 17th – Tom Bennett

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

Robert Aguirre has been ill and taking antibiotics.

Janet Barnwell is at home and having additional test.

Shannon Cobb will have surgery to remove part of her thyroid, February 21st.

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, Linda Cobb, Jackie Crawford, Dan Davidson (friend of the Bennett's is in Hospice Care due to COPD), Dave & Neida Donohoe, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Carlos Gonzalez (father of Rolando), Stella Hamontree, Jane Moody, Doris Peavler, Ebony (Ruth & Tyrone's daughter is ill), Jason Powers, Robert Winston Roy Allee, Jennifer Breithaupt, Vincent Davis (Ruth's brother is very weak and weary from all of his illnesses), BettyJo Dennis, 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 requests prayers for the Therwanger family and her co-workers as they adjust to her death, Needra Rush (sister of Isabella), 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 is gaining weight and doing well), Bob & Billie Johnson, John Williams, Wayne (friend of Dan Cobb), those suffering with winter illnesses.



OUR SYMPATHY

Is extended to the family of Emily's co-worker at the death of her father, December 23rd. Please remember this family in your prayers.

PRAYER LINE

We are getting closer to operating a phone prayer line here at the church. We have a couple things in the works. We will have brochures and business cards available to hand out. 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.

We are excited about this program and looking forward to getting it off the ground in the near future. Thanks for your patience.



DALE FOSTER is scheduled to leave for India on Tuesday, January 9th. Remember him and this work in your prayers.



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 9:00. They are studying Women of the Bible.

READING THE BIBLE



One of the New Year's resolutions that people make each year is to read the Bible all the way through. I think I told you this, but Judy's brother read through the Bible each year in a different translation for years. There are several reading programs around and I'm sure it would be easy to find one if you desire. And if you do start, and miss a day or a time that you set aside just begin where you left off and continue on. Remember that the first rule of how to study the Bible is Read it! Read it! Read it! "All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim. 2:16-17).

GERALD'S GLEANINGS

We had a good day last Sunday at 249 the last day of 2017.

Attendance was good and we had visitors in our assembly as usual. We sent out four visitors letters at the beginning of this week. Please continue to urge our visitors to fill out cards for us so that we can have a record of their attendance and in order to help us acknowledge their visit with us.

Several of our members have been dealing with all the Winter illnesses, flu and the virus that many have had to deal with. We pray that the freezing weather is over and the slight warm up will help with these situations.

Also, the holidays are over and things will be getting back to normal whatever that is. Someone has observed that I am so subnormal that if I became normal it would be abnormal. But I do like consistency and constancy. I like to be in a routine and I look forward to some semblance of that.

Beginning on next Sunday, I am going to preach a series of sermons on the subject of The Schemes of The Devil. It will be a study of the character and work of Satan. Paul tells the Corinthians "... so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes" (2 Cor. 2:11). The first sermon will be entitled "The Deceiver". I look forward to the studying and the sharing of those lessons.

I love you

Gerald