

# PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of January 7, 2017

Bible Class	46
Morning Assembly	94
Evening Assembly	40
Wednesday Bible Class	38
Contribution	\$3812.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	1941 .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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## THE BEST TEACHER

**“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”**  
Benjamin Franklin

We have all heard the saying, “Experience is the best teacher.”

Benjamin Franklin said, “Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn.”

God wants to involve us in a relationship with Him. He gives us His grace in order for us to have that experience and learn from Him.

The apostle Paul speaks about this in Romans 5:1-5, “*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*”

Notice how he speaks of experience as a teacher. We rejoice in tribulations. Notice that the experience of tribulations teaches us to rejoice when we are in them. This is because having gone through them we know that they bring about the Christian growth of which Paul is speaking.

I guess we have to ask ourselves if we truly want experience as our teacher.

**THINK ABOUT IT!!!**

**GERALD**

## SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

**A.M. = THE DECEIVER**  
(2 Corinthians 11:3)

**P.M. = PAUL AN APOSTLE OF JESUS**  
(Galatians 1:1-2)

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**WEDNESDAY P.M.**  
**DEVOTIONALS**



**JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup> – Tom Bennett**

**JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup> – Jamie Cobb**

## 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.

<b>Preacher</b>	Gerald Bennett
<b>Song Leader</b>	Tommy Bennett
<b>Elders</b>	Gerald Bennett, Jamie Cobb
<b>Deacons</b>	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 taking a different chemo medication and will have additional test. **Shannon Cobb** will have surgery to remove part of her thyroid, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. **Samuel Rush** is recovering from surgery to remove his tonsil and lymph node on Wednesday. His doctor has requested that he does not have visitors at this time, due to weakened immune system and so much flu going around. His **Dr. Hussain** also asked for our prayers.

## CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Robert & Peggy Aguirre, Gerald & Judy Bennett, Marissa Bennett, Sharon Bradley, Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Linda Cobb, Jackie Crawford, Dan Davidson, Dave & Neida Donohoe (will not be attending evening services for a while due to eye strain in the darkness), Dale Foster, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Carlos Gonzalez (father of Rolando), Stella Hamontree, Jane Moody, Doris Peavler, Robert Winston Roy Allee (not doing well), 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,

Billie Johnson (breast cancer continuing to respond to treatment thankful for prayers and will have surgery in the future), Bob Johnson is recovering from gall bladder surgery is weak and discouraged), 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, Larry Powers (Tyrone's brother), Ed Richard (Judy's step-father is doing much better), Needra Rush (sister of Isabella), Claude Underwood, Mike (Shannon's father), Patti, Miranda & Nicholas (friends of Shannon) are having difficulties and health problems, Maddie, Jonah Dickerson (pre-mature infant is gaining weight and doing well), Aaron Walden, John Williams, Wayne (friend of Dan Cobb), those suffering with winter illnesses.



## OUR SYMPATHY

Is extended Linda Cobb and her family at the death of Leon Allee her first cousin.

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## EVANGELISM

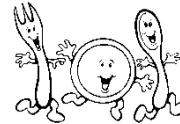
The Prayer Line concerning which we have been talking is just one opportunity to be involved in the lives of people in such a way as to influence them for our God and His eternal purpose. I hope that within the next month we will be operational.

There are other things that we can look into in order to attract people to hear our message and also to our church. If you have any ideas please let us hear from you. And we will be sharing our ideas with the church as well.



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** has resumed. It meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:00. They are studying Women of the Bible.



## FELLOWSHIP, FOOD FUN JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>

(NEEDED: SOMEONE TO HOST)

MENU: SANDWICHES, SOUP, DESSERT

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### WE REMEMBER

- 10% of what we read
- 20% of what we hear
- 30% of what we see
- 50% of what we see and hear
- 70% of what we discuss with others
- 80% of what we personally experience
- 95% or what we teach others

- Edgar Dale

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**Is remembering learning? Has there truly been any teaching done if there has been no learning done?**

## GERALD'S GLEANINGS

It was a really good day last Sunday at 249.

We had 94 in the assembly this past Sunday morning. While we are not concerned with numbers merely for numbers sake, there are blessings that come with more people in attendance. First of all, there are more to be influenced by our assembly. The singing, praying, preaching and all that we do to glorify God and encourage each other there. And secondly the opportunity to meet and influence our visitors for good. We have more opportunity to attract people to the gospel.

I continue to teach the class at the Brookdale Assisted Living facility where Keith and Dale were teaching when we first came to 249. Keith planned a luncheon for a Sunday after the morning assembly and invited the ones who were taking the class to visit our assembly and stay afterward for a fellowship meal. I have mentioned this to them and several of them remember and were thankful. I am suggesting that we do it again very soon. I would love to hear from you concerning this.

As I said in last Sunday's column, I am beginning today with the 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).

I love you

Gerald