

# PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of November 4, 2018

Bible Class	57
Morning Assembly	104
Evening Assembly	50
Wednesday Bible Class	42
Contribution	\$4372.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	2501.00



## SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

**A.M. = THE MEANING OF CHURCH**  
(I Corinthians 11:18)

**P.M. = WORD HIDDEN IN MY HEART**  
(Psalm 119:11)

## SERMONS NEXT SUNDAY

**A.M. = WHAT DO WE DO IN CHURCH**  
(Hebrews 2:12)

**P.M. = TEACH US TO PRAY**  
(Luke 11:1)

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**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE  
DEVOTIONAL**



**November 14<sup>th</sup> – Russell Dukes, Sr.**

**November 21<sup>st</sup> – Johnny Thomas**

# 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.

<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.



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**November 11, 2018**

## WE CANNOT SAVE THE CHURCH

There is but one Savior of the church. I am not the savior. But neither are you. The church is not saved by ideas and inventions which arise out of human ingenuity. Neither is the church saved by carefully-planned classes or programs designed to meet the felt-needs of its members. Jesus is the Savior of His church (Eph. 5:23). While He is, potentially, the Savior of the world; He is, at this moment, the Savior of His body, the church (Jn. 4:42; Eph. 1:22-23).

Well-intentioned people will, at times, step in to “save” the church. To save it from itself. To save it from its lethargy. To save it from its leadership. Often these self-appointed saviors take on the form of preachers. But not always. We have seen it many times. Those who think they have the answers—that they can save the church, if only the church will follow their counsel. What often begins with good and honest motives can develop into a savior complex where attention is drawn to the one who has become, at least in their own mind, the indispensable rescuer of the church. Instead, our constant focus must be on becoming a Christ-centered church. For He is Savior of the church and to Him belong all praise and glory (Eph. 3:21).

There is much to be done to advance the cause of Christ. But, we do not save the church. Christ is our Savior. God adds the saved to His church (Acts 2:47). We work together with God in our own salvation as well as in the salvation of others (Acts 2:40; 2 Cor. 6:1-2). We “encourage one another” (1 Th. 5:11). We “stimulate one another to love and good deeds” (Hb. 10:24). There are many things we must do for the sake of the body. But, regardless of how much we do, we cannot save the church. We are no more important than anyone else in the body of Christ. Jesus alone holds His place of “honor and glory and dominion forever and ever” and we are but unworthy slaves who have been granted the blessing of serving in His kingdom (Rev. 5:13; Lk.17:10). (This article was written by Glen Elliot but it s worth sharing.)

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, Gerald Bennett, Sharon Bradley, Cynthia Cain, Shannon Cobb, Sherlyn Gonzalez, Stella Hamontree, Jessica Harold, Jerry Jefferson, Clarence Love, Jr., Jane Moody, Larry Rockett, Maria & Sam Rush, Raymond Williams.**

### CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Dorothy Allee, Doug Allee, Lanell Allee, Morris Allee, Mary Clara Barrett, Richard Bautista, Brian Bilbo, Joyce Bradley, Adam Brown, Crystal Brown, Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Beatriz Cruz (in hospice), Liz Davis, Vincent Davis, Kimberly (Doris Dromgoole’s grand-daughter), Stacey Farmer, Dana Harold, Scott Horne (friend of Mary Kemp in Hospice, pray for Horne & Moore families), Howard (Doris Peavler’s brother in law), Dr. Husain, Joan Jackson, Rose Kuhn, Emleigh Marsh, Jonathan McCall, Tony Mendoza, Lynette Mendoza, Tammy Miles, Bobby Mize, Belinda Otero, DeWanda Price, Larry Powers, Edith Ramos, Rita (Linda Cobb’s friend), Tony Richards, Judy Richardson, Lois & Nathaniel Smith and family, Tamara (classmate of Jaelyn), Karlene Vinas, Judy Bentley Williams, nephew of Tammie Miles, Gene (now at home) & Ronnie friends of Johnnie Thomas, Leslie Woodley,

those dealing with cancer and all other illnesses.



## *Please Note Change*

Services will be held at the Progressive Missionary Baptist Church located at 944 Rev. B. J. Lewis Dr. on this Saturday November 10, 2018 at 10 a.m. for the viewing and 11 a.m. for the regular service.



**Alcadio Gonzales** continues to recover from knee surgery.

**Myrtle Jones** is being treated for a bad cough.

**Andrea Rucker** is scheduled for back surgery on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Sam Rush** had his feeding tube removed on Monday, scope indicated some swelling and he still as some difficulty swallowing food.

**Jackie Thomas** has asked for prayers for her family as they go through difficult times.

**Lydia Walden** has requested our prayers for strength to handle a difficult situation.

**Pam Woodley** continues to be in pain from her recent fall and cracked rib.

**Dale Foster** continues to take radiation treatments five days a week.

**Evelyn Grant** (mother of Kevin Moore) will be coming to Houston on Monday to see a brain specialist.

**Linda** (sister of Curtis) has large lymph nodes (no cancer) on her side.

Many of our members are suffering due to various winter illnesses.



**A Sign-up list is on the table in the foyer to get T Shirts the cost is \$7.00 each. A picture of the design is on the bulletin board.**



### **PICTURE BOARD TO BE UP-DATED**

If your picture is not on the board, please come prepared to have your picture taken Sunday.



**LADIES BREAKFAST – November 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Rudy’s Barbecue – 8:30 a.m.**  
**24503 State Highway 249**  
**Tomball, TX 77375**  
**Hostess: Claudia Gonzalez**



### **ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY** **DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**At Spring Creek Bar-B-Que**  
**4220 FM 1960 Rd W**  
**Houston, TX 77068**  
**12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**



### **THINK ABOUT THIS!**

Jim McGuiggan spoke of the fact that a Jewish mother could have pointed to Jesus and said, “Look there goes God.” And she would have been right. Today people ought to be able to look at the church and say, “Look there goes Jesus.” The church is the body of Christ on earth today.

## GERALD’S GLEANINGS

Wasn’t it a good day on Sunday last week?

Again we had several visitors in our assembly for which we are thankful.

We have had a lot of rain in the Houston area this year and more is coming. But our attendance has continued to hold up very well. And people are commenting about it. We have a lot for which to be thankful.

If you haven’t gotten your new church directory please do so. Just check with someone in the office. Also, we are updating the picture board and if you haven’t had your picture taken or need an update please see Emily Cobb. She does such a good job in keeping up with the picture taking. Also, after the new pictures are taken, I will make a copy of the digital picture directory for anyone who would like to have it.

I did get to teach the class at Brookdale this past Thursday. The class was small. I found that one of our regulars was moved to another facility. I also had one of the class to ask us to pray for her family. So I am asking you now, not just to pray for this request, but for all of the class as well.

Don’t forget to check the web page for updates on the sermons uploaded there. And tell others about it. Check and use our Facebook page. I know everyone is not into all the technology, but I believe that there is so much good that can be done.

I love you!

Gerald