

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of January 28, 2017

Bible Class	39
Morning Assembly	75
Evening Assembly	52
Wednesday Bible Class	36
Contribution	\$2894.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	1023 .00



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = RENDER HIM POWERLESS
(Hebrews 3:14)

P.M. = THE CONVERSION OF PAUL
(Galatians 1:23)

WEDNESDAY P.M.
DEVOTIONALS



FEBRUARY 7TH – Gerald Bennett

FEBRUARY 14TH - Russell Dukes Sr.

WELCOME VISITORS

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.
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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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February 4, 2018

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY!

“Those who love their dream of a Christian community more than the Christian community itself become destroyers of that Christian community even though their personal intentions may be ever so honest, earnest, and sacrificial.”

Dietrich Bonhoeffer – Life Together

We must remember that the Christian community is the church. The word church comes from the Greek word (ἐκκλησία - assembly). But it is more than just an assembly, it is an assembly in which “...all things be done for edification” (1 Cor. 14:26). It is the church (assembly) in which the figure of the body is pictured.

There are two things to keep in mind.

Number one, the Christian community is made up of people. People who are not perfect, but who are saved by the grace of God. If our desire, our dream for what they become is greater than our desire to show them the love of God then we may become judges of one another. We must remember that Christ shed his blood for them.

Number two, remembering that the church is the assembly is all of these people who have been added to the body come together to be edified. The church is for *THE CHURCH*. Although those who are not members of the body can be blessed by being there, the assembly is primarily for “...those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling,…” (1 Cor. 1:2). The church is “...the church of God which He purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28)

If your dream is to accomplish the edification of your community then you must be present to do it. If it is to be edified by your community then you must be present for it to be done.

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 had a colon scope and MRI last week, she is at home and doing well, continue to pray for her as she deals with the cancer.

Shannon Cobb is now scheduled to have surgery to remove part of her thyroid, March 1st.

Samuel Rush is doing well as he recovers from his recent surgery, he continues to have appointments to determine course of treatment, continue to pray for them. He can have visitors, please call first. Their address: 14142 Champions Village Drive, Houston, 77069, home phone 281-781-7139. His **Dr. Hussain** also asked for our prayers.

Jackie Thomas has the flu.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Sharon Bradley, Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Linda Cobb, Jackie Crawford, Dale Foster, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Carlos Gonzalez (father of Rolando), Stella Hamontree, Jane Moody, Doris Peavler, Robert Winston, Vincent Davis (Ruth’s brother), BettyJo Dennis, Ronald Derks, Ben Jones (brother of Angela) also her daughter Shundrea, son Jeremiah and nieces Clarisa & Lakeisha, Tony & Isabel Mendenza, Pamela Mendonza, Ruthie Guterrez, The Harold Family, Jarvis &

London Hart, Mykel Brown, Waddell Jefferies, Jerry Jefferson, Bob & Billie Johnson, 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), Joyce Randle, Needra Rush (sister of Izzie), Claude Underwood (recovering from additional surgery), 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 very well), Aaron Walden, John Williams, Wayne (friend of Dan Cobb), those suffering with winter illnesses.

DEITRICH BONHOEFFER QUOTES

“We must be ready to allow ourselves to be interrupted by God. God will be constantly crossing our paths and canceling our plans by sending us people with claims and petitions.”

“It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren.”

— Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Life Together

I have told you that I read a lot. I would recommend, if you are interested, that you read books by the author quoted above. His book Life Together is a treasure. And the one entitled The Cost of Discipleship is a classic. I would recommend you read about his background. Do a google search for quotes from his work. I would be interested in hearing what you think.



LADIES - Betty Love has invited you to attend a night of Christian Fellowship at her home February 2nd at 7:00, if you plan to attend please tell her.

The Ladies Bible Class meets on Tuesday mornings at 9:00. They are studying Women of the Bible.

February Family, Food, Fun – February 16th – 7:00 p.m. Menu: Chili Cook-Off

Sunny Glen Children’s Home Grocery Truck will be here March 13th -15th. They are requesting Liquid Laundry Detergent and Kids Snacks.

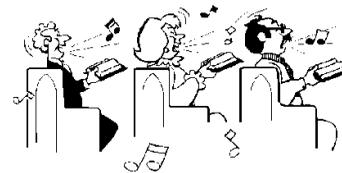


Our Sympathy

Is extended to **Samuel & Maria Rush** at the death of her uncle Lee.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Robert & Peggy Aguirre are Great Grandparents, Joanna arrived Tuesday morning weighing 8 pounds 3 ounces.



We will host the Congregational Singing February 24th 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

GERALD’S GLEANINGS

It was a good day at the 249 church of Christ last Sunday.

I really do continue to be impressed with the number of visitors that we have in both our A.M. our P.M. assembly and our Wednesday P.M. Bible class. And some of them have come back several times. I know I don’t have to remind you of the importance of making them welcome because you do it so well, so I will just thank you.

The parking lot looks very good with the new asphalt and the new stripping for parking places. Also the message on the sign out front has been changed. We will try to do that at least monthly.

We are already into February of 2018. As the song says, “Swiftly we’re turning life’s daily pages.

Many of you know that I email the bulletin on Fridays as a rule. There have been a few exceptions where I did not get it sent until Saturday. If you would like to be on my email list just let me know and be sure I have your email address. But I also put the bulletin on our Web page on Friday and you can go there and read it our download it I am going to try to put some of the outlines and questions for the classes that I am teaching on the Web Page as well. And hopefully very soon we will be putting the audio of the sermons there as well.

I love you

Gerald