

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of September 16, 2018

Bible Class	57
Morning Assembly	111
Evening Assembly	45
Wednesday Bible Class	48
Contribution	\$3545.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	1674.00



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

**A.M. = THE WISE MAN BUILT HIS HOUSE UPON THE ROCK
(Matthew 7:24-28)**

**P.M. = SIN IS NOT IMPUTED
(Psalm 32)**

SERMONS NEXT SUNDAY

A.M. = by Jamie Cobb

P.M. = 5th Sunday Night Singing

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE DEVOTIONAL

September 26th – Clarence Love, Jr.

October 3rd – Curtis Williams



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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September 23, 2018

THE SUBJECT OF BAPTISM

“Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:3-4).

Early in my preaching life, I went to my grandfather to tell him that as I studied the Bible I was concerned that I had been baptized for the right reason. He told me to read the passage that I have quoted to begin this article. And he said, “Those early Christians had to be reminded of why they were baptized.” They did not need to be baptized again, they just needed to be reminded of what they had done when they were baptized. This is the reason why at every baptism we have in our assemblies, I read these verses out loud to remind us that that is why we were baptized,

I have often wondered why those who have already been baptized into Jesus Christ want us to preach baptism to those who have already been baptized. I believe that they desire for people to understand the need and the purpose of baptism to those who are still lost. But my thinking has been, and continues to be, why preach baptism to the church. Because the church understands “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit” (1 Cor. 10:13).

But sometimes we need to be reminded of what took place when we were baptized. “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be! How shall we who died to sin still live in it?” (Romans 6:1-2). We were not baptized so we could keep on sinning. We were baptized so that we could be forgiven of our sins. We were baptized so that we could begin a new life!

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

Stephanie Allan, Janet Barnwell, Marissa Bennett, Sharon Bradley, Cynthia Cain (injured her hip), Shannon Cobb, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Stella Hamontree, Myrtle Jones, Larry Rockett, Andrea Rucker (back surgery scheduled for November 13th), Maria & Sam Rush (was able to be in our assembly again last Sunday evening), Raymond Williams, Pam Woodley.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Dorothy Allee (is much better), Doug Allee, Jerry Allee (colon cancer), Lanell Allee (cancer in her blood and kidneys), Morris Allee (hip replacement surgery), Mary Clara Barrett (a lump has been discovered), Richard Bautista, Brian Bilbo (friend of the Bennett’s stage 4 colon cancer), Joyce Bradley (hospitalized with pneumonia), Adam Brown (Peggy & Robert’s nephew), Crystal Brown (Doris’ niece stage 2 breast cancer), Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Lisa Cates (Dale’s daughter will be having back surgery), Vincent Davis (Ruth’s brother has a spot on his liver), Kimberly (Doris Dromgoole’s granddaughter), Stacey Farmer, Evelyn Grant (mother of Kevin Moore), Dana Harold (niece of Larry Stage 4 colon cancer), Scott Horne (friend of Mary Kemp in Hospice, pray for Horne & Moore families), Howard (Doris

Peavler’s brother in law), Dr. Husain, Joan Jackson (Sharon’s mother), Jerry Jefferson (has major pain in his hip), Linda Johnson (of the Spring Woods congregation has cancer), Rose Kuhn (friend of Debbie White) has cancer, Erin Cobb Ledoux (scheduled for surgery on the 25th), Jonathan McCall (son of Betty & Johnnie has CTE), Tony Mendoza, Lynette Mendoza, Tammy Miles, Sylvia Mize (Sharon’s aunt), Belinda Otero, DeWanda Price (breast cancer), Larry Powers (Tyrone’s brother), Edith Ramos (friend of Marissa), Rita (Linda Cobb’s friend), Judy Richardson (recovering from virus that affected her brain), Lois & Nathaniel Smith and family (she is in hospice care), Tamara (classmate of Jaelyn), Karlene Vinas (niece of Maria Rush is recovering from multiple injuries), Judy Bentley Williams, nephew of Tammie Miles, nephew of Debbie White, those dealing with cancer and all other illnesses.



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE TRAVELING

Gerald & Judy plan to leave on vacation September 28th. **Rolando, Claudia & Hector** plan to be in Mexico this weekend.



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

George & Stephanie Winfrey let it be known Sunday morning that they want their membership here at 249. Their 2 year old daughter is Cynthia.

AND THE LORD ADDED ...

JOSEPH (JOE) CHAMBERS has been visiting with us recently, he came as a guest of Isabel and was baptized into Christ Wednesday night.



SUNDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 30TH is the 5th Sunday and the Ladies will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a lesson by Betty Thomas, the Men will meet in the Auditorium for a lesson by Johnnie Thomas.

SUNDAY EVENING – Will be Singing



SELF TALK

“People don’t just get upset. They contribute to their upsetness.”

It’s not the events in our lives that upset us. It’s how we think about them. If something bad happens, we may complain and fear we’ll never feel better again.

But someone else in the same situation might say, “Gee, that’s too bad, but I know I can handle it.” The same event, two different perspectives. We cannot control many of the things that happen to us, but we can control how we react to them.”

“...for we walk by faith, not by sight—....” (2 Cor. 5:7)

GERALD’S GLEANINGS

Another good day was enjoyed around 249 last Sunday!

When I sat down to get ready to begin our service, I thought we would not have very many in our assembly. But when I got up to preach we had a full house. And of course we had several visitors for which we are so thankful.

We have a long prayer list of our 249 family members. I certainly hope that you are reading your bulletin and keeping up with the prayer needs of your 249 church family.

The Bible study on Wednesday of the book of Exodus is going very well. We are now in chapter 7 of the book and are beginning the study of the 10 plagues. And have you noticed the attendance for our Wednesday evening Bible classes. I am so thankful for the response that you are giving to this great study.

Also, we have several men who involved in bringing our devotionals on Wednesday evenings. Brother Russell Dukes Sr. brought us or devotional thoughts this past Wednesday evening with the title of A Question No Man Can Answer. We look forward to our brethren bringing us these devotional thoughts.

As you have seen, Judy and I will be on vacation next week. And yes, you guessed it, we are going to Branson, MO. I am looking forward to this very much.

I love you!

Gerald