

# PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of March 4, 2017

Bible Class	44
Morning Assembly	79
Evening Assembly	39
Wednesday Bible Class	37
Contribution	\$4488.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	2617.00



## SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

**A.M. = WHY NOT USE INSTRUMENTS**  
(Ephesians 5:18-19)

**P.M. = WHY THE LAW?**  
(Galatians 3:19-22)

## SERMONS NEXT SUNDAY

**A.M. = CHRISTIANS ARE DISCIPLES**  
(Acts 11:26)

**P.M. = NOW THAT FAITH HAS COME**  
(Galatians 3:23-29)

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**WEDNESDAY P.M. DEVO**

**MARCH 7<sup>TH</sup> - Russell Dukes Sr.**

**MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup> - Tyrone Powers**



# 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.

<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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**March 11, 2018**

## DISCIPLESHIP

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a slave above his master. It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher...” (Matthew 10:24-45). What is the meaning of this statement? I hope you will read the context of this passage. I'm not sure always how to deal with things as I ought, but just a couple of thoughts concerning what is going on here in thinking about how to study the Bible.

First, go back at least to the beginning of the chapter where Jesus chooses the twelve disciples to be His apostles. And then he sends them out to preach the gospel of the Kingdom. And then in verse 16 he tells them that he is sending them out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Now that is a scary figure. He is sending them out to the lost sheep of the house of Israel and they will be persecuted. See verse 23.

They are disciples of Jesus and they are His apostles. He is sending them out on this mission with the credentials to carry out the mission. They will be able to do miracles, heal the sick, etc. This is exactly what He had done. And all of this in order that people will listen to the message which is the gospel of the kingdom. And when they do that, they will be treated like He himself had been treated. Therefore, they must not back down from their task. They must tell the message. They are not to fear what man can do to them. All that man can do is kill the body. But they are to fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

So, there is the facing of persecution, but there is also the fact that God is with them and that as God takes care of the birds, etc. He will take care of them because they are worth more than sparrows.

Thus, we see that the meaning of the verse in its context is not that disciples are to be like their teacher. But that disciples will be treated like their teacher is treated. So I remind you of an old adage, “A text taken out of context is a pretext.” There are other passages that teach that the disciple is a learner, who is trying to incorporate the teachings and life of their teacher. But this is not that passage. And the application for you and me from this passage would be that when we live our life like our teacher Jesus, we will be received by the kind of people that received Him and persecuted by the same kind of people that persecuted Him.

**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** continues to have treatment and test for cancer and pain.

**Shannon Cobb** continues to recover from having part of her thyroid removed, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Jackie Crawford** will have surgery soon.

**Bill & Leah Murry** have both been ill.

**Sharon Bradley, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Stella Hamontree, Samuel Rush.**

### CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Doug & Linda Allee, Joycelyn Bradley (is in Brookdale Willowbrook Place for more therapy), Shannon’s 8 year old cousin Ryan had open heart surgery on Wednesday, Sherlyn (will be having a biopsy on her leg) & Bill Cartwright, Vincent Davis (Ruth’s brother), Betty Jo Dennis, Ronald Derks, Jonah Dickerson (is weighing over 8 pounds and is expected to be released from the hospital soon), Tony & Isabel Mendenza, Pamela Mendonza, Ruthie Guterrez, The Harold Family and his niece diagnosed with colon cancer), Dr. Hussain, Bob & Billie Johnson, Richard Bautista uncle of Aaron & Lydia (is not doing well) Belinda Otero (friend of Lydia, stage 2 Breast Cancer,) Robert Porter (member of 5<sup>th</sup> Ward), Larry Powers (Tyrone’s brother), Opal Rush, and those dealing with cancer and all other illnesses.



## REQUESTING OUR

### PRAYERS

**Janet Barnwell** for her sister that she may find adequate housing.

**Jessica Harold** for her health and her family.



## CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** will end at **2:00 a.m. Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>**. You will need to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> before you go to bed.

**SUNNY GLEN CHILDREN’S HOME** grocery truck will be here this week, they have requested Liquid Laundry Detergent and Kids snacks. You will need to bring your donations by this Sunday evening, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**FAMILY, FOOD, FUN** – Friday Night March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. A sign up list is posted in the foyer.

**LADIES CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** the next one will be in the home of Neida Donohoe in April. Additional information will be posted soon.

### WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY

**Johnnie & Betty Thomas told us Wednesday night, they want their membership here at 249 with us.**

## DIRECTORY UP-DATE

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Those who made anonymous donations for our meal last Sunday. To the Ladies Bible class for setting the fellowship room up for the dinner. To everyone who picked up the food, cleaned up, served, and participated in anyway, your efforts were greatly appreciated.

### ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY

One year ago on March 12<sup>th</sup> I preached my first sermon as the pulpit preacher for the 249 church of Christ. Just prior to that Tommy began his work as the song leader here at 249. All of the Bennett family are thankful for our relationship with you. We are blessed by you. God is so good!

## GERALD’S GLEANINGS

Wow! We had a great day around the 249 church of Christ last Sunday.

We had several visitors other than the one we had from the Brookdale Bible class for which we are very thankful.

And we were blessed to have six visitors with us from the class which I teach on Thursday mornings at the Brookdale Assisted Living facility. Thanks to our sister Brenda Carr for making this possible. And thanks to you for your reception of them both in our assembly and at the meal afterwards. This was a special occasion also because of the timing. Keith Bradley was responsible for having these people here with us last year very close to this time. The ones from Brookdale were so thankful for this event.

Jamie Cobb began teaching the Sunday morning class this past Sunday on the Old Testament character Elijah the Tishbite. Pick up a book and get in on this good study. Elijah was a major character in the history of the Kings.

I will preach the sermon on Instrumental Music this Sunday. And resume the sermons on “What Is A Christian?” Next Sunday.

As you see elsewhere in this bulletin, the one year anniversary as preacher is March 12<sup>th</sup>. I am thankful for you all here at 249.

I love you

Gerald