

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of February 25, 2017

Bible Class	49
Morning Assembly	92
Evening Assembly	42
Wednesday Bible Class	34
Contribution	\$3930.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	2059.00



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?
(Acts 11:26)

P.M. = BLESSED WITH ABRAHAM
(Galatians 3:6-14)

SERMONS NEXT SUNDAY

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

P.M. = THE PROMISED SEED
(Galatians 3:15-22)

WEDNESDAY P.M. DEVO

MARCH 7TH - Tommy Bennett

MARCH 14TH - Russell Dukes Sr.



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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ON BEING LIKE GOD

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you, and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.” (Eph 4:31-5:22 = NAS).

The heart of God is the heart of a forgiver. God wants to forgive. That's why in eternity, even before the world was created, God planned for Jesus to come and be the means of His forgiving all of our sins. And so in the above verses we are told to imitate God by being forgivers.

Is it as interesting to you as it is to me, that verses 31 and 32 go together in this context? Why are people not so willing to forgive. Is it because they harbor bitterness and wrath toward the one who sins against them. Could it be because we think that if we forgive them, they are getting away with hurting us. I believe one's bitterness and wrath and anger will never allow him or her to be a forgiver. And so we clamor and slander one another to others so that they will know how angry and bitter we are against those who sin against us. These kinds of things just come naturally because by nature we are sinners, not saints.

How much work though does it take to be kind to one who is hurting us? How much work does it take to be tender-hearted toward one who sins against us? This is what God is calling us to. He is calling us to be lovers! He is calling us to be forgivers! And if we are imitating God, then that is exactly what we will be! And when that is what or who we are, then that which is love will come naturally. Because we will be like our Heavenly Father.

And what calls us to this? The sacrifice of Jesus! The Gospel which saves us calls us to live like saved people. God calls us to live the saintly life, the holy life at all times and in all circumstances.

So let's begin to pray and pray fervently that God will transform our lives in such a manner that the first thing we think about when someone does us wrong is forgiveness. Remember God's desire is even for those who wrong us to be saved!

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 is recovering from having part of her thyroid removed, March 1st.

Jackie Crawford will have surgery soon.

Jacqualine Thomas and her daughter were carjacked at gun point at their apartment complex, February 27th, they were not hurt.

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

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Doug & Linda Allee, Joyce Bradley (is in Brookdale Willowbrook Place for more therapy), 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 5th Ward), Larry Powers (Tyrone’s brother), Opal Rush, and those dealing with cancer and all other illnesses.



OUR SYMPATHY

Is extended to Wanda Edwards and her family at the death of a family member last week. She is out of town this weekend for the service.



CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Was well attended with members from Burbank, Candlelight, Conroe, Fifth Ward, Hidden Valley, Highland Heights, Lake Houston and 32 from 249. We want to thank everyone who participated and Tommy for all of his efforts in making it such a success.



CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARD

FOR DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES GOING ON AROUND 249 AND ALSO THE HOUSTON AREA CHURCHES.

WELCOMING THE BROOKDALE BIBLE CLASS

Those who attend the class at Brookdale Assisted Living on Thursday mornings have been invited to attend our morning assembly March 4th and to remain for a meal.

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

QUOTES TO BE HEARD

“It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren.” *(Remember Mr. Bonhoeffer wrote these words while imprisoned with no opportunity to assemble with his brethren.)*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer – Life Together



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

FAMILY, FOOD, FUN – Friday Night March 16th. A sign up list will be posted with details Sunday evening.

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

MARISSA BENNETT received a 1st Place for her vocal solo in UIL Competition in February.

GERALD’S GLEANINGS

Sunday was another good day around the 249 church of Christ.

As you can see from the Proofs of Our Love numbers we had 92 in our assembly last Sunday morning. And as usual we had several visitors. We are thankful to have these visitors. And I continue to be thankful to the way you make our visitors welcome to our assemblies each week.

We will be hosting the class that I teach at Brookdale each Thursday morning. And we will have a fellowship meal after our assembly. I am excited not only to have these people come and visit with us, but also in the way all of you have become excited about it as well.

As you can see, I changed the sermon for Sunday morning from the subject of Mechanical Instruments of Music to the subject What Is A Christian. I had a senior moment when I put this in last week’s bulletin and momentarily about the people from Brookdale being with us. It is not that they do not need this material, but it is that we are trying to influence them with the gospel. I hope you understand.

Can you believe that here we are at the first Sunday in the month of March. Two months have already gone by in this year. And we have so much that needs to be done. And time is flying by.

I love you

Gerald