

# PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of April 22, 2017

Bible Class	48
Morning Assembly	81
Evening Assembly	48
Wednesday Bible Class	48
Contribution	\$4145.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	2274.00



## SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

**A.M. = DEALING WITH LIBERTIES**  
(1 Corinthians 8:13)

**P.M. = 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY SINGING**

## SERMONS NEXT SUNDAY

**A.M. = THE CHURCH HIS BODY**  
(Ephesians 1:22-23)

**P.M. = WALK AFTER THE SPIRIT**  
(Galatians 5:16)

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**WEDNESDAY P.M. DEVO**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Gerald Bennett**

**May 9<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. (1 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. (1 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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**April 29, 2018**

## WHAT’S THE BIG IDEA?

A statement by Dallas Willard in his book *Hearing God* struck me right where I live and I believe where you live. “There is no avoiding the fact that we live at the mercy of our ideas. This is never more true than with our ideas about God. Meaning well is not enough. Those who operate on the wrong information are likely never to know the reality of God’s presence in the decisions which shape their lives and will miss the constant divine companionship for which their souls were made.” (*Hearing God*, p. 10).

Our ideas about God shape our thinking about God. Our conclusions about how He thinks, how He acts, how He talks. It shapes the way we receive what He says and does. The Bible is God’s revelation of Himself to us. He reveals the way He thinks by what He says and does. He calls us to action based upon Himself and His actions the foundation of which is who He is. The place from which we get the truth about God is in that revelation. Only God could have given us the Bible.

But the Bible is not the only place where we get information about God. And if the information we get is not consistent with that which He gives us, we receive the wrong information. When our ideas about God and what He wants us to do is based on incorrect information we come to the wrong conclusions. If we act on these wrong conclusions then our lives are misshaped. And we find ourselves in all kinds of problems.

When I look at my life, I find that I am in all kinds of problems. They are problems that I have created by the choices that I make based on my idea of what is happening. They are problems because I live among people who make choices based on their ideas. The more my ideas are based on truth the better decisions I can and should make.

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 deal with pain and various health issues.

**Jackie Crawford** has been released by her doctor.

**Stella Hamontree** is taking chemotherapy.

**Myrtle Jones** is being treated for a UTI.

**Sam Rush** hopes to begin his treatment at Methodist Hospita, in about a week.

**Maria Rush** is hoping to get insurance approval for steroid treatment to begin May 4<sup>th</sup>

**Sharon Bradley, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Andrea Rucker.**

**Doris Brown** will travel to Dallas on Friday to attend a funeral, she wants prayers for safe travels.

**Johnnie & Betty Thomas** are in Michigan visiting family and friends, should be back in a week.

### CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Dorothy Allee, Doug & Linda Allee, Mary Clara Barrett (Ira’s sister has stage 2 cancer begins treatment this week), Joycelyn Bradley, Shannon’s 8 year old cousin Ryan, Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Vincent Davis (Ruth’s brother), Betty Jo Dennis, Ronald Derks, Kimberly (Doris Dromgoole’s granddaughter) kidney from a transplant is failing, Stacy

Farmer, Tony Mendoza (is having dialysis four times a week), Ruthie Guterrez, Larry (has high blood pressure) Jessica Harold (test) and their family, his niece Dana (lives in Florida, diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer and heart problems), and he had a niece die, Dr. Husain, Jerry Jefferson (recovering from gout), Bob & Billie Johnson, Rose Kuhn (friend of Debbie White) has cancer, Celia Mosley (recovering from pneumonia), Belinda Otero, Larry Powers (Tyrone’s brother), Edith Ramos (friend of Marissa) is recovering from successful surgery to repair broken ankle, Tamara (classmate of Jaelyn) was hit by a car on her way to school both legs were broken, Judy Bentley Williams is recovering at home from surgery, Richard Zimmer (a friend of Judy’s sister) has cancer of the pancreas, liver & kidneys), and those dealing with cancer and all other illnesses.



**LADIES  
5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY  
MORNING CLASS  
April 9<sup>th</sup>  
In the Fellowship Hall**

**Speaker: Ruth Powers**

**LADIES 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BRUNCH – May  
26<sup>th</sup>**

**Forms will be available to volunteer to fulfill various needs.**



**To Jamie & Shannon for hosting our FFF April 20<sup>th</sup>. Also to Tommy, Melissa, Marissa and Ira for all of their help.**



**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY NIGHT  
SINGING – APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN CHILDREN’S HOME** Has requested “no show” girls socks, they will be here June 7<sup>th</sup> to pick up our donations.

**ONE MORE BIBLE CLASS TEACHER** is needed if you can serve in this area, please let the elders know.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES** will begin soon. A form is available for your input. Please get one and fill it out.

**FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE** for those wanting copies of the Sunday Sermons. These are on the table in the foyer.

**Remember that decisions for the church are made by the church. We need your input consistently and constantly. Thank you.**



*Celebrating their Anniversary*  
**In MAY**  
(on the . . .)  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Tommy & Melissa Bennett  
12<sup>th</sup> – Kevin & Isabella Moore



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**IN MAY**

(on the . . .)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Marissa Bennett; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Doris Peavler; 5<sup>th</sup> – Stella Hamontree; 7<sup>th</sup> – Jacqueline Thomas; 15<sup>th</sup> – Mary Lewis; 24<sup>th</sup> – Jamie Cobb; 27<sup>th</sup> – Pearlina Jerome.

## GERALD’S GLEANINGS

Another good Sunday was enjoyed around 249 last week.

I say this each week and I really mean it. We are always thankful to have visitors in our assembly. Please continue to make them feel welcome as you always do.

We are continuing to work on our web page – [www.249cofc.org](http://www.249cofc.org) – in order to make it more useful to those who visit it and to our members. You may go to the web page and double click on the SERMONS button at the top of the page or on the SERMON ARCHIVE button down the page. We are linking the sermons to that page and you may listen to them there. We also put the bulletin there each week. And you may go there and read the latest bulletin or past bulletins. We will try to keep upcoming events posted there as well. The web page is still a work in progress to make it all that it needs to be.

Also, if you would like a digital copy of a sermon which I have preached, just fill out a request form that you will find on the table in the foyer. If you need to find the topic of past sermons you can look in the past bulletins and check out the title and date that it was preached.

The Wednesday Night Summer Series is being planned right now. I am beginning to contact some of the speakers that you have suggested. I hope the full schedule will be available soon.

I love you

Gerald