

# PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of June 3, 2018

Bible Class	63
Morning Assembly	110
Evening Assembly	60
Wednesday Bible Class	56
Contribution	\$3,880.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	2009.00



## SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

**A.M. = GOD IS FOR US!**  
(Romans 8:31-39)

**P.M. = THE TESTING OF YOUR FAITH**  
(James 1:2-4)

## SERMONS NEXT SUNDAY

**A.M. = FULFILLING THE LAW**  
(Romans 13:8-10)

**P.M. = WISDOM FOR TRIALS**  
(James 1:5-11)

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES



June 13<sup>th</sup> - Ken Stegall  
Woodland Oaks  
June 20<sup>th</sup> - Anthony Fletcher  
Barrett's Station Crosby

# 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.

**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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June 10, 2018

## BAPTISM IS FAITH!

“For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Galatians 3:26-27).

“...having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead” (Colossians 2:12).

When the Jailor asked Paul and Silas, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They said, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household” (Acts 16:30-31). After they spoke the word of the Lord to him, “...he took them that very hour of the night and washed their wounds, and immediately he was baptized, he and all his household. And he brought them into his house and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, having believed in God with his whole household” (Acts 16:33-34).

I have told you this story before; but listen carefully, I want to hear it again. We were involved in a campaign to knock on every door in the West Monroe, Monroe, LA area in order to teach the gospel to as many people as would receive us. A lot of people were saved as they responded in faith to the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I was in the building one evening when two of our brothers brought a man in to be baptized. As they were in the baptistry the one who was baptizing him gave him instructions as to how to relax and let him put him under the water. Then the one who was being baptized told the preacher, “When you put me under the water, please do not jerk me back up, this is the only time that I am going to be buried with my Lord in baptism.”

Please read Romans 6:3-4. Because that's what we did when we obeyed the gospel.

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

**Marissa Bennett** should be recovering from surgery to repair her left ACL as you read this. **Shannon Cobb** received the report of recent blood test from her Lupus specialist, she does not have Lupus, we are thankful for the good news, she is also being treated for a thyroid disease.

**Stella Hamontree** is taking chemotherapy. **Larrinique Harold** is having health problems. **Myrtle Jones** is slowing gaining strength. **Barbara Marsh** continues to recover from a fall, Sunday evening May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Larry Rocket** is recovering from successful hernia surgery and has been in a lot of pain. **Sam Rush** is completing his third week of radiation. He is weak and unable to eat solid food.

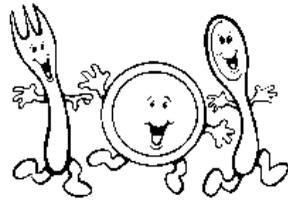
**Maria Rush** the new medication seems to be helping her.

**Janet Barnwell, Melissa Bennett (is doing better), Jackie Crawford, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, the Harold family.**

### CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Dorothy Allee, Doug & Linda Allee, Lanell Allee, Mary Clara Barrett (Ira’s sister), Shannon’s 8 year old cousin Ryan, Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Vincent Davis (Ruth’s brother), Betty Jo Dennis, Ronald Derks,

Hector Diaz (father of Claudia Gonzalez needs our prayers), Kimberly (Doris Dromgoole’s granddaughter) kidney from a transplant is failing, Stacy Farmer, Evelyn Grant (mother of Kevin Moore has heart problems may need a stint), Dr. Husain, Jerry Jefferson, Rose Kuhn (friend of Debbie White) has cancer, Tony Mendoza, Belinda Otero, Larry Powers (Tyrone’s brother) is doing much better, Edith Ramos (friend of Marissa), Tamara (classmate of Jaelyn), Judy Bentley Williams and those dealing with cancer and all other illnesses.



**FAMILY,  
FOOD, FUN  
JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup>  
7:00 P.M.**

**IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**MENU: ICE CREAM & SANDWICHES**

**A sign up list is posted in the foyer.**

**A volunteer is needed to host this one.**



## OUR SYMPATHY

*Is extended to Tommy & Melissa Bennett and their family at the recent death of his Aunt Martha Gates Crabtree.*

*Is extended to Christopher Stafford and his family at the recent death of his father.*

## ⇒ WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES ⇐

The schedule of speakers for this series is on the table in the foyer. And we will list the speakers in the bulletin each week throughout the summer.

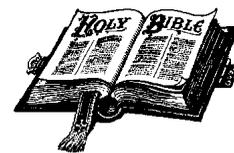
## GOOD NEWS!!!

**There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God.**



Marissa Bennett was baptized into Christ last Sunday afternoon here at the 249 building. Her confession was taken by her grandfather, Gerald Bennett and she was immersed into Christ by her father, Tommy Bennett. The baptism was broadcast live on Facebook so family members and friends in other places could witness it. We thank God and rejoice with Him over our new sister.

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**We always read this scripture after baptisms to remind ourselves that we too responded in this way.**



### ROMANS 6:3-4

“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.”

## GERALD’S GLEANINGS

Last Sunday was a good day around 249.

We had 110 people in attendance last Sunday. And we had several visitors. The Powers had family visiting with them and we were glad to have them visit with us at both services. We had other visitors also for which we are thankful.

As you have seen Marissa Bennett was baptized into Christ last Sunday evening. I have always taught and continue to teach my family and others that salvation is “by grace through faith” in God through Jesus as the Christ. And that it is your faith and no one else’s faith. When you believe, when it is your faith, you will know and decide to respond in obedience to the gospel. You cannot force people to obey, you cannot scare them into having faith. It is our responsibility to teach and make disciples of them. It is their responsibility to believe and respond.

I finished preaching through the book of Galatians last Sunday evening. I will begin preaching through the book of James this Sunday evening.

I want to encourage you to be in attendance this coming Wednesday evening for the second of our Summer Series Speakers. My good friend and brother Ken Stegall will be our speaker. We went to preacher school together. I preached in Delhi, LA where his grandparents attended. I know you will be blessed by his lesson.

I love you

Gerald