

# PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of July 8, 2018

Bible Class	60
Morning Assembly	116
Evening Assembly	58
Wednesday Bible Class	50
Contribution	\$3834.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	1963.00



## SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

**A.M. = CERTIFICATE OF DIVORCE**  
(Matthew 5:31-32)

**P.M. = FAITH AND WORKS**  
(James 2:12-26)

## SERMONS NEXT SUNDAY

**A.M. = DO NOT MAKE OATHS**  
(Matthew 5:33-37)

**P.M. = TEACHERS AND TEACHING**  
(James 3:1-12)

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES



July 18<sup>th</sup> – James Roberson  
Huffsmith  
July 25<sup>th</sup> – Clarence Ross  
Garden Oaks

# 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.

**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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## THE IMPORTANCE OF MARRIAGE

God created man for marriage. And God created marriage for man. "Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him'" (Genesis 2:18). I believe the inference is that God caused all of the animals to pass in pairs of male and female in order to teach man that he was alone and therefore make him lonely. So, God created woman and presented her to the man. "The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones, And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man'" Genesis 2:23). And Moses then gave commentary to this event when he said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). Jesus then gave commentary to what Moses said in Matthew 19:6, "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate." I must hasten to remind you that Jesus did not say that man could not separate what God had joined together. He said "let no man separate." God intended marriage to be a covenant between one man and one woman for one lifetime. There is more to be said about this subject!!! But we should understand that

But man has separated marriages for a long time. And I want to remind you that we should understand that MARRIAGE SHOULD NEVER BE THOUGHT OF AS DISPOSABLE! And it seems so often today that is exactly the case. But it had been the case with those Jews concerning whom Jesus was speaking. "'For I hate divorce,' says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'and him who covers his garment with wrong,' says the Lord of hosts" (Malachi 2:16). God hates divorce as He hates all sin. Read Proverbs 6:16-19! If the Lord hates sin, then we must hate sin. Therefore, we must hate divorce. Anytime there is a divorce, there has been sin involved by one or even both parties. God speaking of divorce in Malachi 2 concerning which we have already referred says that "she is your companion and your wife by covenant." Divorce therefore is the breaking of that covenant. Don't think of it as disposable!

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

**Sam Rush** has finished his chemo and radiation treatments, he has been ill, the doctor said to expect that for a couple of weeks. Please no visits, at this time.

**Stella Hamontree** has been ill, due to upper respiratory problems.

**Stephanie Allen, Janet Barnwell, Marissa & Melissa Bennett, Shannon Cobb, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, the Harold family, Myrtle Jones, Larry Rockett, Maria Rush, Raymond Williams’.**

### CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Dorothy Allee, Doug & Linda Allee, Lanell Allee, Mary Clara Barrett (Ira’s sister), Richard Bautista (Lydia’s uncle), Adam Brown (Peggy & Robert’s nephew), Brenda Carr, Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Vincent Davis (Ruth’s brother), Kimberly (Doris Dromgoole’s granddaughter), Stacey Farmer, Evelyn Grant (mother of Kevin Moore has heart problems), Dr. Husain, Jerry Jefferson, Rose Kuhn (friend of Debbie White) has cancer, Erin Cobb Ledoux, Tony Mendoza, Lynette Mendoza, Tammy Miles, Sylvia Mize (Sharon’s aunt), Belinda Otero, Larry Powers (Tyrone’s brother), Edith Ramos (friend of Marissa), Tamara (classmate of Jaelyn), Judy Bentley

Williams, those dealing with cancer and all other illnesses.



**Summer is in full swing and many of our members are on vacations and traveling, etc.**



Please let us know when you are going to be traveling in order that we may have you in our prayers for safety on you travels and in your activities. We love you.

**Tommy, Melissa & Marissa** are planning to return from vacation Friday.

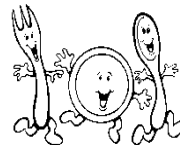
**Terry Blackwood’s family** and **Jackie Thomas** have been on a medical mission in Jamaica. While there **Chester & Terry** celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

**Doris Brown** will be driving to Florida, on Wednesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Artie & LaTanya** have been on vacation.



**FAMILY, FOOD, FUN  
JULY 20<sup>TH</sup> @ 7:00 P.M.  
IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



**MENU: ITALIAN FOOD**

A signup list is posted in the foyer.



**MEN’S 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE  
CLASS** in the auditorium – **July 29<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Speaker: Johnnie Thomas**

## 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER LADIES FELLOWSHIP

July 28<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral  
13145 Northwest Freeway  
Houston, TX 77040

Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Dutch Treat

Hostess: Isabella Moore – 281-509-0416

A signup list is posted in the foyer.



**LADIES 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE  
CLASS** in the fellowship hall – **July 29<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Speaker: Melissa Bennett**



**Area congregation events are posted in the foyer.**



### CHURCH GROWTH!!!



We always want people to feel welcome at the 249 church of Christ. We have a great family relationship here. I know and I believe that you know, that church growth is not necessarily measured in numbers. But know that church growth people tell us that when a building gets around 75 to 80 percent full it will stop growing numerically. People just do not like to be crowded in church. Let’s make a special effort to make people be comfortable with us. Sit closer to the front when you can and leave room for late comers and visitors. Thank you.

## GERALD’S GLEANINGS

We always have good Sundays around 249.

We had visitors last Sunday as we always do. But we had a family of visitors come in late and they stood in the foyer because they did not want to come in and interrupt. We had a pretty full house. Please let’s remember to try and make room on the pews for visitors to be able to come in and have a place to sit.

I know that you enjoyed hearing Paul Jones this past Wednesday night. Judy and I were at the Hidden Valley church of Christ. We had a great reception from them. There are several of their members that used to attend the Lindale church of Christ when I preached there. We got to see and visit with them. We also took a picture of the group before we left. We had some great times and memories with them in the past.

I am finally getting some of my books and materials put in the preacher’s office at the church building. I am getting things set up so that I will be doing more and more work there. I will generally be in the office on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and many Friday mornings. I will make myself available for counseling or studying, etcetera.

Thank you so much for the way that you are responding to my preaching. Remember we record all sermons and make them available.

I love you

Gerald