

# PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of July 22, 2018

Bible Class	55
Morning Assembly	100
Evening Assembly	50
Wednesday Bible Class	40
Contribution	\$4685.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	2814.00



## SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

**A.M. = AN EYE FOR AN EYE**  
(Matthew 5:38-42)

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

## SERMONS NEXT SUNDAY

**A.M. = LOVE YOUR ENEMIES**  
(Matthew 5:43-48)

**P.M. = WISDOM FROM ABOVE**  
(James 3:13-18)

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES



**August 1<sup>st</sup> – Allen Bradley**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> – John Gooch**  
Jersey Village

# 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.

**Preacher** Gerald Bennett  
**Song Leader** Tommy Bennett  
**Elders** Gerald Bennett, Jamie Cobb  
**Deacons** Dave Donohoe, Russell Dukes Jr.



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**July 29, 2018**

## AN EYE FOR AN EYE!

God is a God of justice. He cannot be less. Paul said about God’s grace in saving us through Jesus Christ, “This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Romans 3:25 and 26). God could not save us without showing himself to be exactly who He is. God is totally and wholly righteous.

The phrase “eye for an eye” is used three times in the Old Testament. In Exodus 21:24, Leviticus 24:20 and Deuteronomy 19:21. Please read those verses in their context. I will be using these verses in my sermon this morning.

God’s law is always just. But it does not always seem so to us. But what is interesting to me is that in our modern and greedy world we don’t want justice. Instead of “an eye for an eye” we want “an arm, and a leg, and a house, and a boat for an eye.” Law demands justice.

But grace is so very different from Law. Grace is based of love. And love says that you do no wrong to a neighbor. Law says that justice must prevail. Grace says that love must prevail.

“But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, let him have your coat also. Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you” Matthew 5:39-42).

Love always goes the extra mile. Love always desires justice, but it turns the other cheek. It does this because it always desires the best for it’s object. If you love someone, you always desire the best for them. That is what God does for us. He had to be just in order to save us.

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** had an appointment Tuesday with his oncologist who was pleased with his progress, he is taking antibiotics due to the redness around the tube, please no visits, at this time.

**Stephanie Allen, Janet Barnwell, Marissa & Melissa Bennett, Shannon Cobb, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Stella Hamontree, 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), Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Vincent Davis (Ruth’s brother is now at home), Kimberly (Doris Dromgoole’s granddaughter), Stacey Farmer, Evelyn Grant (mother of Kevin Moore has heart problems), Mike & Micah Hanna, Howard (Doris Peavler’s brother in law has Parkinson), 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), Alisha (scheduled for surgery August 3<sup>rd</sup> and Edith

Ramos (friends of Marissa), Rita (Linda Cobb’s friend), Edna Ross (Debbie White’s mother is doing better); Lois & Nathaniel Smith and family (she is in hospice care), 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.**



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



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



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



**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY SINGING**  
**THIS EVENING - July 29<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 p.m.**  
Those men who would lead a song please come prepared to do so. And if there is a song that you would like to have sung please come with your requests and song numbers.



## QUARTERLY - AREA CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

At the  
**Deerbrook Church of Christ**

**Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 p.m.**

**Information is on the bulletin board in the foyer.**



**Area congregation events are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.**



*Celebrating their Anniversary* **IN AUGUST**  
(on the . . .)

**2<sup>nd</sup> – Mike & Carolyn Moon**  
**31<sup>st</sup> – Artie & LaTanya Roston**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
**IN AUGUST**

(on the . . .)

**1<sup>st</sup> – Gerald Bennett; 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bella Berry; 4<sup>th</sup> Charlotta Johnson; 5<sup>th</sup> – Edward Barnwell; 10<sup>th</sup> – Judy Bennett, Lawrence Clemons; 12<sup>th</sup> – Nubian-Princess Dailey; 17<sup>th</sup> – Terry Blackwood; 20<sup>th</sup> – Rolando Gonzalez; 21<sup>st</sup> – Queen Dailey; 28<sup>th</sup> – Stephanie Allen; 29<sup>th</sup> – Christopher Stafford.**

## GERALD’S GLEANINGS

Wow! We did have a good week around 249 this past week.

It began on Sunday with several visitors in our assembly on Sunday morning. We are blessed to have visitors each week. And some of those visitors come because you have spoken to them about the church at 249. Some come because they are in the area. Thank you for welcoming them and encouraging them to fill out a visitors’ card.

We had our brother Clarence Ross from the Garden Oaks church of Christ with us this past Wednesday night in our Wednesday Night Summer series. He spoke from the text of James 1:2-4. The subject was Count It All Joy When You Next Wednesday night we will have Allen Bradley as our speaker. As most of you know Allen is Sharon Bradley’s son. I know you will want to be here.

I don’t know if you noticed or not, but we have new speakers for the audio system in the auditorium. We want to encourage those who lead prayers to stand behind the microphone at the communion table. Thank you.

I am teaching the book of James on Thursday mornings at the Brookdale Assisted Living Center. They are so appreciative of the class. And I have had three or four of the administrative people come by to thank me for teaching the class.

I love you

Gerald