

# PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of August 19, 2018

Bible Class	52
Morning Assembly	96
Evening Assembly	58
Wednesday Bible Class	40
Contribution	\$3755.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	1884.00



## SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

**A.M. = YOU CAN'T SERVE TWO**  
(Matthew 6:19-24)

**P.M. = WHAT IS YOUR LIFE**  
(James 4:13-17)

## SERMONS NEXT SUNDAY

**A.M. = SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM**  
(Matthew 6:25-33)

**P.M. = THE JUDGEMENT OF THE RICH**  
(James 5:1-6)

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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES

August 29<sup>th</sup> – Doug Allee  
Burbank

September 5<sup>th</sup> – The Book of Exodus



# 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)

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## 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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## THAT'S WICKED!

The phrase above phase has become a slang for “that’s really good.” Is it as interesting to you as it is to me that the American language and the English dictionary changes the definition of words with use, It is no wonder we are so “wicked”! But we don’t think of ourselves as wicked.

In the context that we call The Parable of The Talents, the slave that had been given one talent and had dug a hole and hidden it in the ground was told, “You wicked, lazy slave,....” The Greek word that is translated wicked is the Greek word πονηρός (pawh nay rawhs) and it has never changed it’s meaning. It means “hurtful, i.e. evil (properly, in effect or influence)”. It has to do with being bad. Get your Strong’s Concordance out and look up the word wicked and then look up the word bad and notice the words that have the same number out beside them. The phrase the Master said to this servant could have been translated, “You bad, and lazy slave.” The word could never be changed to mean something good! It is translated “evil” or “bad”.

Would we have called the servant “wicked”? Probably not, but we would have called him “bad”. But notice what the Master said to him, “But his master answered and said to him, ‘You wicked, lazy slave, you knew that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I scattered no seed. Then you ought to have put my money in the bank, and on my arrival I would have received my money back with interest’ (Matthew 25:26-27).

So what do we learn from all this? Well, not everything that we do is based on what our Master tells us to do. Some of what we do is based on what we know about our Master. We know who our Master is, and we know what He does. And we know what He expects of us. And to do any less is to be wicked. THAT’S WHY WE NEED HIS GRACE!!!

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** is at home and hopes to have the feeding tube removed in three weeks.  
**Janet Barnwell, Marissa Bennett, Sharon Bradley, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Stella Hamontree, Myrtle Jones, Larry Rockett, Maria Rush, Raymond Williams.**

### CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Dorothy Allee, Doug & Linda Allee, Lanell Allee, Mary Clara Barrett, Richard Bautista, Joyce Bradley, Adam Brown (Peggy & Robert’s nephew), Sherlyn & Bill Cartwright, Vincent Davis (Ruth’s brother has a spot on his liver), Kimberly (Doris Dromgoole’s granddaughter), Stacey Farmer, Evelyn Grant (mother of Kevin Moore), Scott Horne (friend of Mary Kemp in Hospice, pray for Horne & Moore families), Howard (Doris Peavler’s brother in law), Dr. Husain, Jerry Jefferson, Linda Johnson (of the Spring Woods congregation has cancer), 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 (Tyroné’s brother), Edith Ramos (friends of Marissa), Rita (Linda Cobb’s friend), Lois & Nathaniel Smith and family (she is in hospice care), Tamara (classmate of Jaelyn), Karlene Vinas (niece of

Maria Rush is recovering from multiple injuries), Judy Bentley Williams, those dealing with cancer and all other illnesses.



**Johnnie & Betty Thomas** are on a nine day trip to Washington D.C.

**T.J. & Kelsey Bennett** traveled to Houston on Thursday and will return to Searcy on Sunday.

**Dale Foster** has concluded his India Mission Trip and plans to be back home on August 30<sup>th</sup>.



### WILLING TO WORK FORMS

**Please fill out the forms you were given to let the elders know in what areas you are willing to serve and if you have not already turned them in, please do so as soon as possible.**



### **Our Sympathy is extended to:**

**The God daughter of Mary Kemp and her family at the recent death of her father.**



**SUNNY GLEN CHILDREN’S HOME  
GROCERY TRUCK WILL BE HERE  
SEPTEMBER 10 – 12**

**They have requested Cooking Oil & Liquid Dish Soap**



## In SEPTEMBER

(on the . . .)

- 6<sup>th</sup> – *Ira & Debbie Goode*
- 14<sup>th</sup> – *Ed & Janet Barnwell*
- 15<sup>th</sup> – *Jamie & Shannon Cobb*
- 16<sup>th</sup> – *Robert & Peggy Aguirre*

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- 1<sup>st</sup> – *Neida Donahoe*; 6<sup>th</sup> – *Curtis Williams*;
- 8<sup>th</sup> – *JaMeka Barnwell*; 10<sup>th</sup> – *Bill Murry*;
- 11<sup>th</sup> – *A’saun King, Gary Kittle, Leah Murry*; 12<sup>th</sup> – *Mary Smith*; 14<sup>th</sup> – *Clarence Love, Jr*;
- 15<sup>th</sup> – *Tammie Dukes*; 18<sup>th</sup> – *Azalee Berry*;
- 19<sup>th</sup> – *Karla Rodriquez*; 20<sup>th</sup> – *Claudia Gonzalez*;
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – *Leroy Flowers, Isabella Moore, Jenifer Woodley*;
- 25<sup>th</sup> – *Hector Gonzalez*;
- 27<sup>th</sup> – *Robert Aguirre*;
- 29<sup>th</sup> – *Russell Dukes, Jr., Leslie Woodley*;
- 30<sup>th</sup> – *Aaliyah Harold, Johnnie Thomas.*



### **MOTIVES FOR BEING SEEN**

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:1)

“Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16).

## GERALD’S GLEANINGS

We are thankful to have had a good week last week around 249.

We were thankful to have had visitors in our assembly as always.

One of the ministries that we need to be doing is that of Greeters. We will be looking at the Work Forms for those who listed this as one of the things they would be willing to do and try to schedule the doing of it. But please continue to greet and welcome all who come to attend with us.

Cruz Hernandez was our speaker this past Wednesday night. He is the preacher for the Hidden Valley church of Christ. His wife Olga was with him and we were glad to have them. Cruz did a really good job preaching on the parable of the Talents. His applications were very good.

We have one more Wednesday night in our Summer Series. Our speaker next week is Doug Allee. Doug is not stranger to 249 and we are looking forward to hearing him.

This has been a long hot summer for me. I am thankful for all those who accepted our invitation to come and preach to us. And we have had some really good lessons. But I am also looking forward to getting back to our Wednesday night Bible studies. We will be studying the book of Exodus. There is some great history and some great lessons to be learned from this good book.

I love you!

Gerald