

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of July 29, 2018

Bible Class	56
Morning Assembly	100
Evening Assembly	43
Wednesday Bible Class	56
Contribution	\$3617.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	1746.00



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = TURN THE OTHER CHEEK
(Matthew 5:38-42)

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

SERMONS NEXT SUNDAY

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

P.M. = ENMITY WITH GOD
(James 4:1-6)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUMMER SERIES



August 8th – John Gooch
Jersey Village

August 15th – Ray Wilkerson
Fifth Ward

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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August 5, 2018

HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE – DESIRE!

When Jesus started teaching his disciples in the Sermon on the Mount He began with what we call The Beatitudes. One of those beatitudes is, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied” (Matt 5:6). One of the most fundamental desires of those who are followers of Jesus Christ is a desire for righteousness. Also, the foundation for understanding the text of the Bible and the text that we are using right now. Remember the first thing we do is ask our questions of it. Who is speaking? When is He speaking it? To whom is He speaking? Why is He saying what He says? The answer to these questions are that Jesus is speaking to the Jewish people of His day trying to get them to understand that He is the Messiah. When Jesus spoke the statement, there was no such thing as a Christian, so He was not speaking to Christians. Now don’t misunderstand me, I know that Matthew was writing the book to Christians and we must take that into account also. But Jesus is telling these Jews that it is those who hunger and thirst for righteousness that will be filled. Application wise we must know that those who are hungering and thirsting for righteousness are the one who will receive it. Those who hunger and thirst for it even as one would hunger and thirst for food and water. This is desire!

Now as we do not get to hear Jesus personally today, we hear Him through the words that He spoke; the words that are recorded for us in the Bible which is the record of what He said. The desire then will lead us to read, to contemplate, to hear the words of Jesus. And for us to do that, we must be students of the Bible, which is the word of God himself as spoken by Jesus Christ. One who desires righteousness to the degree that they realize that they are starving, they are hungering and thirsting for it will have a great desire to study the word of God. Thus we see that desire is the foundation for How To Study the Bible.

How about you? What is your desire?

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 had a chemo treatment and additional test.

Mary Rush has a slipped disk on her lower back, she is on pain medication, and will begin Physical Therapy on August 10th.

Sam Rush is able to drink some water he still has problems drinking boost, he can have short visits, please call first.

Stephanie Allen, Marissa & Melissa Bennett, Shannon Cobb, Alcadio & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Stella Hamontree, the Harold family, Myrtle Jones, Larry Rockett, 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 (is undergoing test), Tony Mendoza, Lynette

Mendoza, Tammy Miles, Sylvia Mize (Sharon’s aunt), Belinda Otero, Larry Powers (Tyrone’s brother), Alisha (scheduled for surgery August 3rd 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.



Russell, Tammie, Brian & Michael are planning another traveling trip. 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.



A Special Thank you to Isabella Moore for hosting our 3rd Quarter Ladies Fellowship, sixteen ladies attended.

A Special Thank you to Melissa Bennett for teaching our 5th Sunday Morning Ladies Bible Class and **to Marissa Bennett** for leading the singing.

A Special Thank you to Johnnie Thomas for teaching our 5th Sunday Men’s Bible Class.

Thank you for your willingness to serve.



QUARTERLY - AREA CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

At the **Deerbrook Church of Christ**

Saturday, August 11th from 5 to 7 p.m.

Information is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

I hope that you will plan to support this event as other churches supported ours.



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



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.



“You have heard that it was said, ‘AN eye for an eye, and A tooth for A tooth.’ 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 5:38-42).

GERALD’S GLEANINGS

It was another good week around 249 last week.

We had visitors again this past week. And of those who filled out visitors’ cards, we had 1 who checked 2nd visit and 1 who checked 3rd visit. We has several who checked 1st visit. We send letters each week to thank them for coming and acknowledge their visit with us. We are always thankful to have visitors who come the first time and who come back again.

It was really good to have Allen Bradley as our speaker for this past Wednesday night in our Summer Series of guest speakers. He did an outstanding job of encouraging us from the book of James. I know that Sharon was booming with pride. Nest Wednesday night John Gooch from Jersey Village will be our speaker.

I celebrated my 75th birthday on Wednesday. Our daughter Shari, and her children, Lauren and MacAaron came in on Sunday night and we got to spend a couple of days with family. Tommy, Marissa and Melissa were part of our family time together and it was really a good time. We ate breakfast at Cracker Barrel on Wednesday morning and Shari and the kids left to go home to West Monroe, LA. Then Judy and I ate the evening meal at Saltgrass Steakhouse. And finally we had cake and punch after church on Wednesday evening. All in all it was a great day. Thank you.

I love you

Gerald