

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of December 30, 2018

Bible Class	37
Morning Assembly	90
Evening Assembly	30
Wednesday Bible Class	22
Contribution	\$4130.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	2259.00



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = GOD LOVES THE WEAK
(1 Corinthians 1:26-30)

P.M. = FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE
(Galatians 5:22)

SERMONS NEXT SUNDAY

A.M. = WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED
(Acts 16:30)

P.M. = FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS JOY
(Galatians 5:22)

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE
DEVOTIONAL**



January 9th – Russell Dukes, Sr.

January 16th – Johnnie Thomas

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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GOD LOVES THE UNLOVELY!

“We had just finished a lovely meal, and the conversation turned to the garden, the trees, and the bird feeders. Our gracious host confessed with some hesitancy that she worked at chasing off the sparrows and encouraging the other birds to feed. “I just don’t like sparrows,” she said slowly, “they’re dull and plain, and I’d rather not have them around.” I have no judgment to render on that disposition, especially since I have similar feelings about certain kinds of people—on a social level, I mean. Besides, I’m not theologian enough to know if preferring jays, bluebirds, and cardinals over sparrows is an issue on which a judgment needs to be made. But I recall Jesus assuring humans that if God cared for sparrows, which were sold for so little, he cares for humans who were of more value than sparrows. I find that comforting.” Jim McGuiggan, The God of The Towel)

“Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows” (Matthew 10:29-31).

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).

“It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost of all” (1 Timothy 1:15).

The old King James version of the Bible gives this translation of (Philippians 2:7). “But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:”

We know all these things. But we don’t want to be like Jesus in these ways. We want a reputation. We want to pander to the strong. We want to make people do what we want them to do. Jesus loves the unlovable. He gave himself for sinners. For whom do we give ourselves. It is the ones who are thankful who will give and do the most.

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

Sharon Bradley, Neida Donohoe, Alcadio Gonzalez & Sherlyn Gonzalez, Harold Family, Jerry Jefferson, Myrtle Jones, Jane Moody, Larry Rockett, Lindsey Rockett, Andrea Rucker, Maria & Sam Rush, Johnnie & Betty Thomas, Lydia Walden, Raymond Williams, Pam Woodley. Many of our members are suffering due to various winter illnesses

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Dorothy Allee (is not doing well), Doug Allee, Lanell Allee (has to be in quarantine during treatments for cancer), Morris Allee, Mary Clara Barrett, Richard Bautista, Miranda Blackburn, Joyce Bradley, Adam Brown, Crystal Brown, Tomeka Burgess (niece of Janet Barnwell), Sherlyn Cartwright, Lisa Cates (Dale’s daughter is not doing well), Beatriz Cruz (in hospice), Danielle (Emily’s manager), Liz Davis, Vincent Davis, Kimberly (Doris Dromgoole’s granddaughter), Stacey Farmer, Kelly Gage (test indicate she does not have cancer), Evelyn Grant, Dana Harold, Scott Horne (friend of Mary Kemp in Hospice, pray for Horne & Moore families), Jaqueline Hughey (niece of Wanda Edwards), Howard

(Doris Peavler’s brother in law), Dr. Husain, Joan Jackson, Janet (Jenifer Woodley’s cousin battling breast cancer), Rose Kuhn, Emleigh Marsh, Kimmie Martin, Jonathan McCall, Tony Mendoza, Lynette Mendoza, Tammy Miles, Belinda Otero, DeWanda Price, Larry Powers, Edith Ramos, Tony Richards, Judy Richardson, Lois & Nathaniel Smith and family, Cotton & Karlene Vinas, Judy Bentley Williams, nephew of Tammie Miles, Karlene Vinas, Cynthia Gary (mother), Rosay Winfrey (grandmother), Larry (uncle of Stephanie Winfrey Leslie Woodley, those dealing with cancer and all other illnesses.



JANET BARNWELL has been in Cy-Fair Hospital for a procedure.

LEROY FLOWERS is in St. Luke’s Hospital Vintage for tests and treatment.

DALE FOSTER leaves Tuesday for a Mission Trip to India, he will be gone most of the month of January, pray for him and the success of this trip.

SANDRA GONZALES cousin of Lydia Walden, had a stroke and will have heart surgery for a clogged artery.

DONALD JOHNSON, friend of Mary Kemp has a Blood Infection and is in ICU.

TERRY PEAVLER is recovering from having a kidney removed at home.

ANNA WHITING has asked for our prayers for her brother Kevin who recovering from throat cancer surgery (he now has a voice box).

HOMER WILEY brother of Faith Clemons he’s on dialysis and has renal failure.



LET GOD’S GLORY BE SEEN IN 2019!



TEACHER’S MEETING THIS SUNDAY MORNING

JANUARY 6TH

Teachers please make every effort to attend this meeting. And we will be talking to the church about the educational program on Sunday also.



OUR SISTER STELLA HAMMON-TREE

departed this life Tuesday, January 1st at 9:10 p.m. We extend our love, prayers and sympathy to her Physical and Spiritual Families. She had such a sweet spirit and will be missed.

Services will be Monday morning at The Woodlawn Funeral Home and Cemetery, 1101 Antoine Drive , Houston, TX 77055.. Visitation at 10:00 and Memorial Service at 11:00. After which everyone is invited to a meal at the 249 Congregation.



GOD IS LOVE

“The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love” (1 John 4:8)

God can only act is love! I sound dumb. But is it not true that if one is love they can only act in love. Everything that God does He does based on His Character. Who He is. Everything we believe about God must be consistent with this.

GERALD’S GLEANINGS

We had a good day Around 249 last Sunday?

We are continuing to be thankful when we have visitors with us in our assembly. I am thankful that you continue to make them welcome.

Last Sunday was the last Sunday of 2018. This Sunday is the first Sunday of 2019. If God allows the year to continue and come to pass we want to continue to strive to bring Him glory and honor even as we have tried to in the past. “LET GOD’S GLORY BE SEEN IN 2019”.

As you all are aware our beloved sister Stella Hamontree passed from this life on the first day of this year. I know that many of you know Stella a whole lot better than I do. I have only known her for these last few years that I have been associated with 249. Stella was a lovely, kind, and encouraging Christian as she lived in this world. She encouraged me as much as anyone here at 249. And she humbled me as much or more than anyone I have ever known. She will be missed by our 249 family. I know you have too, but I have wept for her loss to my life.

Our hope is in God through Jesus Christ! Jesus told Martha at the death of Lazarus, “...I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?” (John 11:25-26).

I love you! Gerald