

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of January 20, 2019

Bible Class	51
Morning Assembly	93
Evening Assembly	50
Wednesday Bible Class	33
Contribution	\$4516.00
Budget	1871.00
Over the budget for week	2645.00



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = GOD AT WORK IN YOU
(Philippians 2:12-13)

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

SERMONS NEXT SUNDAY

A.M. = REPENT AND BELIEVE
(Mark 1:14-15)

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

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE DEVOTIONAL

January 30th – Clarence Love

February 6th – Tom Bennett

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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WITH WHAT ARE WE CONTENT?

“As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?”

Psalm 32:1-2

I am reading a book by A. W. Tozer entitled The Pursuit Of God in which he gives the following exhortation. “The doctrine of justification by faith— a Biblical truth, and a blessed relief from sterile legalism and unavailing self-effort— has in our time fallen into evil company and been interpreted by many in such manner as actually to bar men from the knowledge of God. The whole transaction of religious conversion has been made mechanical and spiritless. Faith may now be exercised without a jar to the moral life and without embarrassment to the Adamic ego. Christ may be ‘received’ without creating any special love for Him in the soul of the receiver. The man is ‘saved,’ but he is not hungry nor thirsty after God. In fact he is specifically taught to be satisfied and encouraged to be content with little.”

I read things like this and when I look at my history with so many people I think that it is so very true. But I am not God and I do not know how people think and feel All I can do is listen to the words that they say and look at the actions that they perform.

But I also know the Bible teaches us that justification is by faith in God through Jesus Christ. So I have to ask myself, “What does this faith look like as we live our life?” And what does a life that has faith in God through Jesus Christ do?” Can we be content with a life that is but little as to what faith looks like?”

It is very easy to quote scripture! It takes a lot more effort to truly live a life that is faith in God knowing that Jesus is motivated by real, true love for Him. Love that is truly expressed by faith in Him. Love for God that is expressed with no faith in God is not true love. Faith that is spoken with no actual trust is not faith. We cannot be content with this. We want more!

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



JANET BARNWELL began chemotherapy on January 22nd.

LAWRENCE CLEMONS will enter the hospital on Monday January 28th for test.

LEROY FLOWERS was in our assemblies Sunday and Wednesday.

JANIE ROCKETT will be treated with injections and therapy for the pain in her legs.

LARRY ROCKETT is recovering from successful surgery on January 23rd.

MICHAEL RUCKER was in our assembly Sunday morning, he will have additional procedures.

MARIA RUSH is scheduled for a MRI on her head January 28th.

DALE FOSTER is in India, he will be gone most of the month of January, pray for him and the success of this trip.

SANDRA GONZALEZ cousin of Lydia is not doing well following surgery.

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

BEN JONES, brother of Angela recovering from a mini-stroke.

TERRY PEAVLER continues to recover at home from having a kidney removed.

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



PRAYER LIST

We have printed a prayer list of those for whom we have been asked to pray by our members and friends of our members. You may pick yours up from the table in the foyer.



PRAYERS REQUESTED

CLARENCE LOVE requested our prayers Wednesday evening for his son and the mother of his son who is affected by the government shut down. And for himself as he has gotten off track in his Christian walk.

Please continue to pray for all of those who are affected by the government shut down.



Our Sympathy and prayers are extended to family and friends of Dorothy Allee, she departed this life on January 23rd. Memorial services will be held on February 1st.



FEBRUARY

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4th – Chester Blackwood, Jaelyn Blackwood, Jeremiah Jones, Aaron Walden; 7th – Alcadio Gonzalez; 8th – Lonnie Berry, Mary Smith; 10th – John Mosley; 15th – Rodane Blackwood; 25th – Barbara Marsh; 27th – Doris Brown, Cynthia Cain, Brian Dukes; 28th – Janet Barnwell, Gerald Johnson, Betty Love.



THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATION

“Communication (from Latin *communicare*, meaning ‘to share’). Generally speaking when we are talking about communication, it is the sharing of information and ideas. Remember also that the Greek word translated “fellowship” is also translated “to share”. Communication is a two way street. There has to be the giving of information and there has to be the receiving of information. If the receiving of the information is not understanding the meaning of the information given then there is what we call miscommunication. There is always a great need for correct and true communication in religion and church. And there are several ways to dispense information. There is verbal and written. The danger of verbal is the body language of the one speaking. The danger of written is the lack of emotion in the one writing. It takes work to truly communicate. It takes the giving of the information the way it should be given. And it takes the reception of the information the way it is intended. True fellowship demands good communication.

GERALD’S GLEANINGS

We were thankful to have had another good day around 249 last week.

It seems that we have visitors at every service. We have several in our Sunday morning assemblies each week. We have some on Sunday evenings. And then on Wednesday evening we also have visitors. I really try to meet them and remember names but I turn around and forget. So I must depend on you to help with this. That’s why I come to you and ask about them. I thank you for your response to these visitors and to give me help in getting to know them.

I know that we have a lot going on here at 249. We are trying to build an atmosphere of consistent spiritual growth, both individually and collectively. Remember that the next step after ripe is rotten. That is why I want to be green and growing right up until pickin’ time. There are good things being planned and I want to encourage you to be involved as your abilities and gifts from God lead you.

As I told you last week, we are printing a separate prayer list that includes prayers for family members and friends of our church family. We even get prayer requests from our guests from time to time and they are included. We give a brief description of the need and who is requesting it. In the bulletin we will be putting prayer requests of our church family and their needs. Thank you!

I love you!

Gerald