

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of June 23, 2019

Bible Class	47
Morning Assembly	80
Evening Assembly	34
Wednesday Bible Class	34
Contribution	\$4039.00
Budget	1871.00



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. = THE AFTER PENTECOST EXPERIENCE
(Acts 2:41-42)

P.M. = 5TH SUNDAY NIGHT SINGING

SERMONS NEXT SUNDAY

A.M. = HOW SHALL WE THEN LIVE?
(Acts 2:43-47)

P.M. = THE WORLD IS WATCHING
(Colossians 4:5-6)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE DEVOTIONAL

July 3rd – Ken Stegall
Woodland Oaks

July 10th – Lewis Parker
Sharpstown

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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FREE WILL???

“The Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.’” (Genesis 2:16-17) This is God’s command to Adam and Eve. But you and I know that commands can be broken. And this one clearly was. Adam and Eve clearly could have chosen not to eat of the fruit of the tree. They had everything they needed to live life and that happily. But they chose to eat the fruit that God commanded them not to eat.

James tells us that “each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust (1:14).” The context begins by saying, “Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone (1:13). Since this is true, it leaves us pause to consider what does it mean to be “tempted by the devil”. Flip Wilson used to say, “The devil made me do it!” The devil is the adversary. But we must understand the reality of it all. The devil cannot tempt us to sin but he puts the that in front of us which tempts us. “For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil” (Genesis 3:5). The temptation was to be like God. Their lust was to be like God. Lust conceived caused them to disobey the command of God. Their disobedience is called the first sin. And of course the logical conclusion of their freewill was that they were driven from the garden and from the tree of life. Which then resulted in their separation from God and spiritual death.

God has given us free will. We choose to obey or disobey. God wants us to keep His commands and do His will. The devil wants us to choose to disobey God and reap the results of sin. You get to choose, for you have free will. When will we learn that it truly is our choice! But we must know that we have to live with our choices

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 is scheduled to get the results of recents test on July 1st. **CYNTHIA CAIN JESSICA HAROLD** has asked for prayers to deal with the pain she is experiencing. **PEARLENE JEROME** hopes to be released by the doctor soon to be able to return to our assembles. **BEN MOON, CELIA MOSLEY** is doing better. **JANIE ROCKETT** is waiting for an outpatient procedure to crush the remaining kidney stones. **MICHAEL & ANDREA RUCKER** are still dealing with health issues. **MARIA RUSH** her surgery is being rescheduled. **AARON WALDEN** has Bell’s Palsy which could take up to two months to recover.

REQUESTING OUR PRAYERS

OWEN COBB great-grandson of Linda is in Texas Children’s Hospital due to complications from recent surgery. **DIXIE** (sister of Doris Peavler) will have test to determine if she needs a pacemaker/defibrillator. **JOAN JACKSON** mother of Sharon Bradley. **TAMMIE MILES** was admitted to the hospital due to pain on the 24th. **SHARI OWEN** daughter of Gerald & Judy is very ill with colon issues, is being treated with medication. **DARION “DJ” WILEY,**

grandson of Faith and Lawrence Clemons has stage 4 brain cancer. Please continue to pray fervently for him and for the family.

We have been asked to pray for: Aaron Bishop (grandson of the Aguirre’s), **Mayra Barrera & family** (friends of Sam & Maria Rush, are in London seeking asylum after death threats against their whole family in El Salvador), **Charlene Maxey’s** family, Genell Stuteville (Gerald’s aunt, various health problems), **Gene Womack** (COPD). and **Stephanie Winfrey’s** (family).

Many of our members are suffering due to allergies and various other illnesses.



Take Note

Several of our members are/or will be traveling, please remember them in your prayers that God will shower them with His grace and bring them back to us.



IN JULY

(on the . . .)

2nd – Roydric Flowers; 3rd – Michael Dukes; 5th – Lydia Walden; 6th – Curtis Williams; 12th – Myrtle Jones; 15th – Angela Jones; 19th – Dave Donohoe; 21st – Jessica Harold; 24th – Raymond Williams; 25th – Nylah Barnwell.



July 18th – Lawrence & Faith Clemons



WE ARE TO LIVE AS GOD’S BOND SLAVES IN THE WORLD!

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bond slaves of God. Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.” (1 Peter 2:13-17)

Christians do not change the world! They may be able to influence some in the world to change. My question is how are we doing? And is the way we are doing it working? This question comes because the world is continuing to think less and less of the church and Christians. The Bible says that it is only when we are truly living as God’s bond slaves in the world that we accomplish what God wants us to accomplish. But what we want to accomplish is not always God’s will. So please read the last verse of this quote again. “Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.”

GERALD’S GLEANINGS

It was a good Sunday around 249 last week.

That we had visitors could go without saying, but I will say it anyway Visitors always bless us when they come and we will always try to make them welcome.

Our Wednesday night summer series is going very well. Time is flying by. It is hard to believe that June is over and July is upon us. Dale Foster was our speaker for the last Wednesday in June. He spoke on the parable of the Tares. He is leaving for India on July 30th. And he told us that his daughter, Melissa LeDeoux will be making the trip with him this time. Our next speaker is Ken Stegall from the Woodland Oaks church of Christ. Ken and I went to the school of Biblical studies together. I am looking forward to him being here with us. I know you will be blessed if you are here.

Judy and I want to thank you for your prayers on behalf of our daughter Shari. Judy made the trip to West Monroe to be with her for her procedure. She got back home Thursday evening. We hope that the medication and treatment will help her to recover very soon. Please continue to pray for her.

Summer time is a time for vacations and traveling. So watch the bulletin and pray for our members who are travelling. Thank you.

I love you!

Gerald