

PROOFS OF OUR LOVE

Week of June 30, 2019

Bible Class	41
Morning Assembly	90
Evening Assembly	42
Wednesday Bible Class	48
Contribution	\$4095.00
Budget	1871.00



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

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

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

SERMONS NEXT SUNDAY

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

P.M. = HAVING MADE PEACE
Colossians 1:20

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE DEVOTIONAL

July 10th – Lewis Parker
Sharpstown

July 17th – Winfred Frazier
Kashmere Gardens

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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INDEPENDENCE?

“The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.”

We revolted and won our freedom in war and declared our independence on the basis of the vote. And though much is said about America being founded upon Christian principles, our history is that we are less and less dependent upon those principles as a nation. But we must remember that it was not God who delivered us from the oppression of England as He delivered Israel from Egypt. And I know that God is sovereign over all things and that He sets up Kings and He takes down Kings.

It is in our freedom from sin that we must rejoice. “But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of sin, you became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed, and having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness” (Romans 6:17-18). And notice that we were freed from sin to be slaves of righteousness! Righteousness is our master. And if we understand it as we ought, to be free from sin is true freedom. And I am not sure that we comprehend all that means for our lives.

“It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1). We go back to being subject to the yoke of the slavery of sin when we believe that we are independent to do our own thing. When for the Christian there is no such thing as independence. We are dependent up God and each other.

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, CYNTHIA CAIN, JESSICA HAROLD, PEARLENE JEROME, BEN MOON, CELIA MOSLEY, JANIE ROCKETT, MICHAEL & ANDREA RUCKER, MARIA RUSH, AARON WALDEN has Bell’s Palsy which could take up to two months to recover, (he would enjoy phone calls, texts, cards).

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), **GLADYS HORTON** mother of Ruth Power has internal bleeding, rare blood which has not been able to cross match and 20% heart function. **JOAN JACKSON** mother of Sharon Bradley. **ANGELA JONES** for herself and her great niece **TIANNA**. **TAMMIE MILES** is the Rehab Hospital at 19601 Kuykendahl (across from Bammel Road church of Christ), **SHARI OWEN** daughter of Gerald & Judy is slowly recovering from her infection, thank you for your prayers on her behalf. **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), **Kathy Pena Kent** (friend of Aaron Walden – Stage 4 cancer. **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.



To Stephanie Allen, her family and friends at the death of her mother, June 30th.



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY!

BRENDA FREEMAN let it be known June 30th that she wants to have her membership here at 249 with us.



PEACE! PEACE! GOD’S PEACE!

“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful” (John 14:27).

First of all, notice that it is the peace of Jesus that is given. The definition of peace must be taken from its’ context. On the one hand there is peace between enemies. And that is what Paul speaks about in Romans 5:10, “For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.” We are no longer enemies of God because of Jesus. And God is no longer our enemy because we have put our trust in Him. “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,…” (Romans 5:1). And it is because we believe this that we can have, “...the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is.” It we are living in worry, and anger, and insufficiency always wanting more from everything, then that is not peace from Jesus. That is what the peace of the world brings.

GERALD’S GLEANINGS

I hope you all had a good Sunday around 249 last week.

I am confident that you had visitors in our assembly as we do each week And I am CONFIDENT that you made them to feel very welcome. Thank you.

Judy and I left on Friday, June 28th and went to West Monroe, LA. Where our daughter was in the hospital in Monroe for five days. And as a parent watching their child be terribly sick, it was very hard because you are helpless and cannot do anything physically to help. But we were there and supportive and we did the best thing we could do. We prayed without ceasing. And we are so thankful for the prayers of all of you on her behalf. She got to come home Tuesday, and we came home Wednesday in order to be at the mid-week assembly.

I want to thank Jamie for preaching Sunday on such short notice. And I want to thank Tommy for teaching my class. I know that you had a good singing assembly on Sunday night.

I am looking forward to being back in the assembly and in the pulpit on Sunday. I hope to see you there.

As I write this article it is the morning of the 4th of July. I hope your day is memorable. I hope you read the front page article about Independence.

I love you!

Gerald