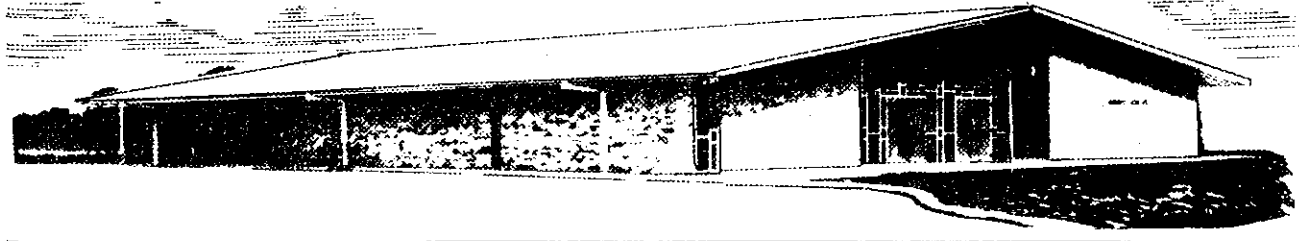


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CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

I'd like to share a few thoughts with you that I discovered while preparing a lesson. It seems that practicality and action are key qualities of the book of James. The author stresses in a simple way how Christians can enrich their lives together. But to do so one must discard certain practices and add others. We find that:

(1) Partiality can destroy an individual's happiness and peace of mind. To be completely free from this evil one must put "self" in proper perspective (see Gal. 2:20).

(2) Misuse of the tongue must be controlled. One cannot bless God and curse his brother at the same time.

(3) Selfish passions will always cause strife, and therefore, must be laid aside.

We need to add to our lives:

(1) Faith in Christ that manifests itself through good works.

(2) Patience that keeps our problems from separating the body.

(3) Prayer one for another and a willingness to confess our sins.

-M.W.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1981

Bible Study	145
Morning Worship	170
Evening Worship	152
Contribution	\$ 1125.66

WEEKDAY SERVICES FOR MEETING

Monday	137
Tuesday	141
Wednesday	133

THOSE TO SERVE APRIL 19, 1981

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
E. Shelton, Jr.	Ben Dooley
Gary Tucker	W. Robertson

NURSERY: Alicia Dooley; D. Parrish

BIBLE HOUR: Charlene Kerley
Grady King

NOTE: If you are unable to serve on this date, please call Haskell Roberts at 628-3954.

OUR VISITORS

Jessie Mae O'Dell and J.D. & Martha Rust and Carla Barnes were guests of Melvin and Marlene Watkins and family; Mark and Thresa Weir were the guests of Marvin and family; Dorothy Holden was a guest of Jean Jones; Martin and Mona Fiedler of Yoakum were visiting with George Hillis; and Carol McCright of Duncanville was visiting with her family.

PANTRY ITEM
Soup

Elders:
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Russell Tyndel
John Inman
Elliott Raney

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:
Bible Classes . . . 9:30 A.M.
A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M.
P.M. Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:
Ladies Bible
Class 10:00 A.M.
Bible Classes . . . 7:30 P.M.

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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

"Yes, There's A Cross For
Everyone, And There's A
Cross For Me."

WHAT GOD REALLY WANTS

"Behold, this only have I found: that God made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions." (Proverbs 7:29)

God doesn't make mistakes, blunders, or bad choices so when He created man it was a work of perfection. Man was even created in the image of God, and that's certainly an image he can be proud of. But man failed to control the one thing that usually gets him into great difficulty today -- his mind and imagination. When he left the forming hand of his Maker his mind failed to be filled with holy images and spiritual thoughts. Man's imagination began to dream about what he could know, and was coaxed by his wife to eat from the forbidden tree in the garden's midst. But it was not God's fault; man was created up-right!

Men have always sought out or invented new ways in which to walk -- ways that are foreign to God! False gods are created, and idols are worshipped. Our Maker's commands no longer seem important to many, and I believe I know why. The "new" rules many follow are more agreeable to their sinful inclinations, and they find it much easier to justify their excuses and conduct.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh to the Father but by me" (John 14:6). He also said "Straight is the way, and narrow is the gate that leadeth to eternal life, and few are they that find it" (Matthew 7:14). However, countless thousands "invent" different ways and seemingly have convinced themselves the "wide gate" will suffice, and that all will be well with their soul in the day of judgment.

Friends and brethren, look at the multitude of "inventions" (devices) people rely on today. "I'm too tired to attend services" -- are you too tired to work all week? "I don't agree with the elder's every decision" -- do you quit your job and withdraw from society because of disagreements? "It's the only day I have for myself" -- it's the day the Lord has set aside for you to worship Him! "I don't really believe it's necessary to go to church to be saved" -- there were thousands who thought it wasn't necessary to get into the ark!

Let's be reasonable and use our senses the Lord gave us. What does God really want from you and me? He certainly doesn't need our "inventions", just our love, obedience, and service. May we all resolve to live for Him, so we can be assured of living with Him!

- Marvin L. Weir



News & Notes

List of the Sick...

Marie McPherson has had a tough time getting over the flu . . . Don Jones is not feeling well . . . Walter Nunn and Paul Talley do not feel well.

We are thankful that the brain scan Steve Higginbotham underwent during the week showed no abnormality.

AREA NEWS

The third annual sing song will be conducted at Hughes Springs this Friday night from 7:00 til midnight.

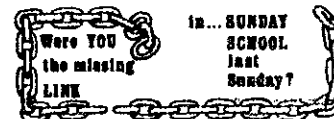
Walnut St. in Texarkana is having a Gospel Meeting with John Davis on April 19-22. Weekday services will begin at 7:00 p.m.



Transportation will be provided for all those who want to attend the Gospel Meeting with Bro. Davis on Tuesday, April 21st. We will leave the church parking lot at 6:15 sharp!

AREA WIDE YOUTH CHORUS

This group will be gathering at Nash this Sunday evening (19th) from 2:30-4:00 p.m.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Loran and Tommy Mocny have moved to Big Spring. Their address is 1508 Main and the zip is 79720. Our best wishes go with these young Christians.

Bro. Theo Johnson will be moving this Friday. His new address will be:

Treemont of Dallas
5550 Harvest Hill Rd.
Apt. # E-318
Dallas, TX 75230

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Christian Friends,

I want to thank you all for the many pretty cards and for the prayers while I was in Wadley Hospital for tests. I want to thank Bro. Marvin for the visits and for being there when I went to the surgery room to put the tube in my heart, and for his prayer before I went in. God bless all of you.

-Vesta Cox

RESTORATION & REQUESTING PRAYERS

Janie Talley (4-12-81)

REQUESTING PRAYERS

Theo Johnson (4-13-81)



A.M. "Were You There?"

P.M. "How Far Is It To Bethlehem?"

"Come . . . let us reason together."
Isa. 1:18