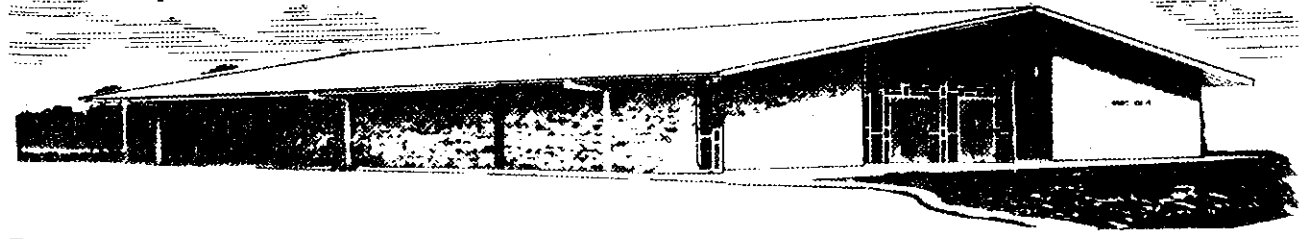


HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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Daylight Savings
Time Begins This
Sunday. Be sure
and run your clock
forward one hour
before going to
bed Saturday
night!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 29 -- Panama Slides Shown In Auditorium (All classes are dismissed)
- July 12-17 -- MFCC Senior Camp
- July 19-24 -- MFCC Junior Camp
- July 27-31 -- Our VBS (Nights)
- July 19-25 -- Camp Ida Senior Camp
- Aug. 2-8 -- Camp Ida Junior Camp
- Nov. 1-4 -- Our Fall Gospel Meeting with Bro. Dub McClish (Please make plans now so you can attend).

We missed those of our family who were gone last Lord's day. But we had lots of visitors, and many of our own members were able to be present. Did you know that we went over the 200 mark? Wouldn't it be great to average 200 each Sunday? We can, and will, but it will require a renewed purpose and dedication within the hearts of all of us.

There were thirteen of us who attended the meeting at Walnut St. last Tuesday night. Several also went on other nights. Yes, it requires some extra effort but it surely does make one feel better!

Our family will not be with you on May 3rd. We will miss you, and will be thinking of you. I will be participating in the graduation exercises at ACU in honor of the Master's Degree I completed last year.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1981

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Bible Study | 150 |
| Morning Worship | 202 |
| Evening Worship | 78 |
| Contribution | \$ 1029.53 |

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 1981

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| Bible Classes | 70 |
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THOSE TO SERVE APRIL 26, 1981

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| A.M. PRAYERS: | P.M. PRAYERS: |
| H.L. Vance | Jerry Yates |
| R.B. Turner | James Williams |

NURSERY: Virginia Parrish
Andrea Taylor

BIBLE HOUR: Weaver Mills
Sylvia Williams

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

OUR VISITORS

Frank Richardson and Billy Howe of Houston; Madge Wilson of De Kalb; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilson of Grapevine; Mr. & Mrs. Elton Weeks of Grapevine and Brenda Stone of Mesquite were guests of Alta Weeks; Lloyd and Mary Lynn Hall of Tyler; Susie Hobbs of Beaumont; Alvin, Ellen, and Beth Jennings of Hurst; Mrs. Calvin Seale and Robin of Medina were guests of Sandra Parker; Tim & Cathy Lutes from Texarkana; Mr. & Mrs. James Boswell of New Boston were guests of Jimmy and Janie Boswell; Eddie & Syble Moore of Grand Prairie were guests of the Weir family.

PANTRY ITEM
Canned Meat

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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

THE PRIVILEGES OF
GOD'S PEOPLE

"God is not a man, that
he should lie"
(Numbers 23:19)

James Smith said that "It is rather a puzzle to grasp the character of Balaam; his moral character looks like a tangled skein. He reminds one of Bunyan's Mr. Face-both-ways. He seems to be typical of those who have a great deal of spiritual knowledge, but who are more of a hindrance than a help in the Lord's work; large-headed but cold-hearted professors, who talk much religion, but who keep company with the ungodly (Numbers 31:8)."

We see God's power over the donkey as He causes it to speak, so we should not wonder that this same God can cause Balaam, a false prophet, to speak things that are true. Balaam thus begins this second parable speaking of the faithfulness of God. "God is not a man, that He should lie . . ."; therefore, he sees God's people as:

A DELIVERED PEOPLE! Balaam knows this is the same God who brought his people out of Egyptian captivity (Num. 23:22). We know the Lord today has the power to save us from the wrath to come (I Thess. 1:10); from the power of darkness (Gal. 1:13); and from this present evil world (Gal. 1:4). We can truly be "a delivered people" today if we have a willing, dedicated, obedient heart!

A JOYFUL PEOPLE! One might wonder how this can be? You may recall that John was "beheaded" for teaching God's truth (Mark 6:28). Stephen was stoned to death because of his convictions (Acts 7). Paul was cast into prison, stoned and left for dead, and finally killed for his service to his Lord and King. But remember that the Scriptures declare that "all authority hath been given the Lord in heaven and on earth" (Matt. 28:18). Christians can indeed rejoice in the Lord's power and righteousness. The power of the gospel (Rom. 1:16) will be victorious!

A COURAGEOUS PEOPLE! Balaam saw God's people rising up "as a great lion" (Num. 23:24). This fearless king of beasts seems to be the chosen symbol of Christian courage. There may be many who crouch as does the lion, but perhaps few who rise up for the truth as it is in Jesus, "and spring upon those evils which are robbing the church of her life and power" (James Smith). Christians can be courageous because God, their leader, is courageous. Not only is He courageous -- He is able! Those who follow Christ can truly be "more than conquerors" (Romans 8:37).

Brethren, it would indeed be sad to stand before the living God having lived beneath our privileges. May such never be said of us!

-Marvin L. Weir



News & Notes

List of the Sick...

Marie McPherson is recovering at home but is very limited concerning her activities. . . . Jean Raney underwent tests at Scott & White Janie Talley was not feeling well on Wednesday Marvin's aunt, Murlene Hill, will undergo major surgery Friday at Greenville.

Please remember these and all our people who are confined to homes and Nursing Homes in your prayers.

LOCAL NURSING HOME

Sis. Nancy Shirley is back in New Boston, and we are happy that she is.

On Monday night (27th) we will gather at the home for the devotional and singing. Please come and be with us if you possibly can.

PANAMA SLIDES SHOWN

On Wednesday, April 29, the slides from Marvin's recent Panama trip will be shown to the congregation. All the classes will be dismissed, and everyone will assemble in the auditorium. The congregation here has supported this work for several years.



We will try again! Let's plan on going bowling immediately after the evening service this Sunday. We will have a good time, and hope you will plan to be a part of this activity.

THANK YOU NOTE

To Our Brethren In New Boston,

You cannot imagine how much you mean to us. The generosity and love that is shown each time we are with you overwhelms our hearts and strengthens our faith in God's children.

We would like to thank you for every kind act and just let you know that we love all of you. Hope we can see you again soon but in the mean time may our Lord continually bless all of you in His riches daily.

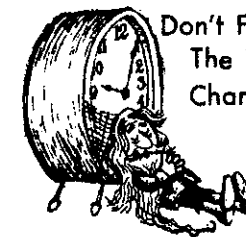
Love,

The George Stegalls

GROCERY TRUCK TO RUN

The truck from Boles Home will be in our area the week of May 4-8. Items that they need most are as follows:

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|-----------------|--------------|
| Instant Pudding | Paper Towels |
| Canned Meats | Sugar |
| Toilet Tissue | Chili |



Don't Forget You lose this time. Run your clock forward one hour this Saturday night and you will be on time Sunday!



A.M. "Bearing With One Another"
(Eph. 4:2)

P.M. "A Safe Place"
(Matt. 6:19-22)

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