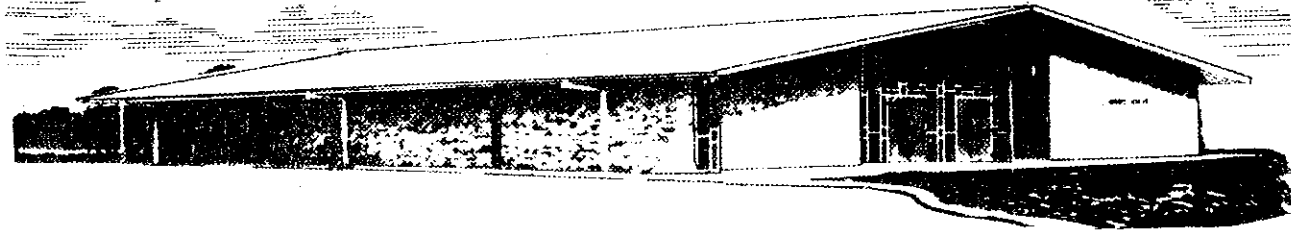


# HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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**MOMENTS  
WITH  
MARVIN**

## ATTENDANCE ENCOURAGED

We worship the Lord God because of our love for Him. We meditate and study the Bible because of our desire to better know this one we so love. We take advantage of our opportunities to learn more of God's truths because of this deep love.

I suppose if the above is true the Lord can count on my regular attendance at every service. After all, He is my first love and not too many things could happen to separate me from Him!

Brethren, I pray that you will make every effort to faithfully serve God each day. Plan to attend Bible study and grow in the knowledge of God's Word. Purpose within your heart to be in attendance each Lord's Day provided your health will let you!

Making God first within your life is not the easiest thing in the world to do. But then Heaven is not of this world; it's worth the extra effort!

-Marvin L. Weir

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 1981

Bible Study . . . . . 129  
 Morning Worship . . . . . 163  
 Evening Worship . . . . . 112  
 Contribution . . . . . \$ 930.34

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1981

Bible Classes . . . . . 75

## THOSE TO SERVE AUGUST 16, 1981

A.M. PRAYERS: Weaver Mills Haskell Roberts  
 Elliott Raney E. Shelton, Jr.

NURSERY: Janie Martin; D. Parrish

BIBLE HOUR: Lou Johnson; W. Mills

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

## OUR VISITORS

*Robby Osburn* was a guest of Robbie and Gladys McKee; *Mrs. W. T. Glazener* of Dallas was visiting Ernest & Meg Shelton; *Ruth Calvin* of DeKalb was visiting Pearl Whitten; *Stacy Melton* of Ozark, AR was a guest of Kelli Dees; *Jim Johnson* of Hooks was visiting with Danny and Donna Johnson; *Mr. & Mrs. N. H. Berry & Tena Young* of Ivan, Arkansas were guests of Nena, Jason and Shanne Clement; and *Johnny & Connie Ponder* were visiting with Wyndell & Marie Robertson.

## CARE GROUP FELLOWSHIP

CARE Group 1, Group Leader Elliott Raney, will meet in the home of Marvin and Cathy Weir Tuesday, Aug. 18th, at 7:00 p.m.

**Elders:**  
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 Ben Doolley  
 DeWayne Hardage  
 Russell Tyndell  
 John Inman  
 Elliott Raney

## 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.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

WHERE YOU ARE  
 ALWAYS WELCOME

## GUEST EDITORIAL

### THE BIRD WHO FOUGHT HIMSELF

I watched a funny sight a few days ago. A large black male grackle had sauntered onto a neighbor's front porch and was staring at his reflected image in the glass storm door. Suddenly, he flew up and into his mirrored image and began to flog the door with his wings and scratch with his feet. He thought his reflection was another male grackle encroaching on his turf! I watched with hilarity at the foolish bird as he scuffled unsuccessfully against his "rival".

It seems to me that the grackle aptly illustrates why most men fail. Most men fail at life's most important tasks: being a faithful Christian, father, employee, friend, wife, husband, etc., because we are our own worst enemies. We have character flaws, bad habits, wrong-headedness; we stubbornly refuse to repent, change, grow -- all of which severely limit our ability to do well. Paul speaks of those who "oppose themselves" (II Tim. 2:25). Such people, said Paul, need to be talked to "in meekness" because if we oppose such people abruptly, they tend to become hardened in their already wrong-headed ways. People of this disposition have a very hard time in life because they make enemies. And they have the most severe enemy of all in themselves!

Stubbornness, intractability -- these are negative qualities which keep an otherwise competent, gifted person from becoming all he can before the Lord. As Solomon said, "He who is often reproved, yet stiffens his neck, will suddenly be broken beyond healing," (Prov. 29:1).

Too Bad.

- Bert Mercer

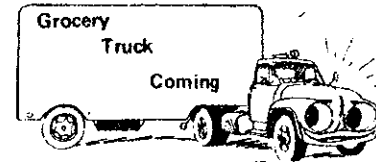


## News & Notes

### Our Sick

NEW BOSTON GENERAL: Bobby Higginbotham, room 220; and Melvin Watkins, room 215.

AT HOME: Vesta Cox; Julie Griffin; Jo Harmon; Alta Weeks; Lisa & Roger Murray; Kevin and Jamie Oliver; also Tom Steelman has been dismissed from the hospital.



Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of August 17-21. Below is a list of items needed in operating Boles Home. They really do appreciate our willingness to be of help.

Peanut Butter    Canned Meat  
Trash Bags        Toothpaste  
Jello

### Baptized

Shelly Williams and Carol McCright, granddaughters of Sis. Bea Williams, were baptized into Christ on Sunday, August 9th. Our prayer is that they might always be obedient to His every will.



**A.M.** "Guest Speaker: James Long (Medina Children's Home)"  
**P.M.** "Guest Speaker: Wesley O'Donnell"

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

## Youth News

The teenagers have planned a get-together for Sammy Johnson. It will be Sunday night, August 16th, after services in the home of James and Sylvia Williams.

The AREA-WIDE YOUTH CHORUS will meet Sunday, August 16th, at Nash from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

### THANK-YOU NOTE

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards and visits during my stay in the hospital, and a very special thanks to the Vacation Bible School children for all those beautiful little cards they made for me.

Love all,  
Mrs. Ben Griffin



You are invited to the annual area-wide singing at DeQueen Church of Christ, August 29th, at 7:00 p.m. For more details, check the bulletin board in the foyer.