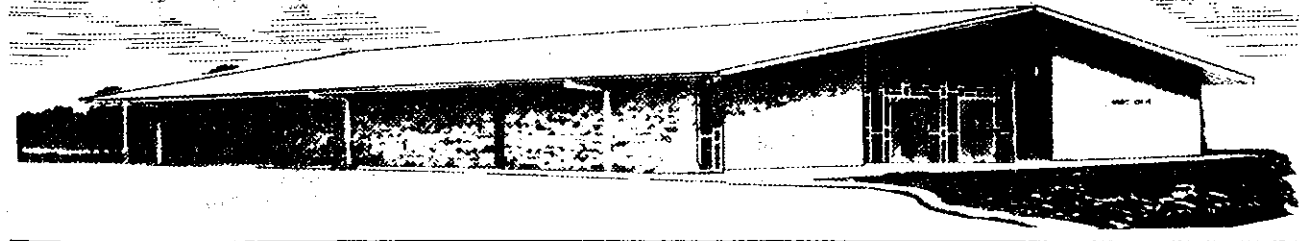


# HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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## MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

I hope to see you at our annual party this Friday. If you need transportation please call and let me know.

Each member of the Lord's church has a responsibility to faithfully serve his God. Please consider carefully the article on the inside. May we always stand in awe and respect of the one before whom we will bow!

This coming year is going to be a good one for us. I just know we will want to commit ourselves to the task of truly being God's people. May we seriously consider our prayers, and pray seriously that God might enable us to work together in reaching numerous souls for Him.

Please try to be in class and at worship this Lord's Day. It's the best way to begin your week.

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Each member of the congregation that can is encouraged to attend the activities that are planned for Friday, December 11, at the Community Center. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish of food or two, and share in the fellowship and fun for this evening.

We plan on beginning the meal at 6:30 p.m. Be sure and get your family to take part in this gathering. Hope to see you Friday night!

### MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

We have a new questionnaire that needs to be filled out by each member so our office information will be current. This info needs to be completed by the end of the year so the secretary can update our records as soon as possible. This information will be considered personal and used only to facilitate our service of the Lord and one another at this congregation.

Please give us your cooperation in returning the form you receive.

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1981

Bible Study . . . . . 112  
Morning Worship . . . . . 159  
Evening Worship . . . . . 102  
Contribution . . . . . \$ 1316.42

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1981

Bible Classes . . . . . 102

### THOSE TO SERVE DECEMBER 13, 1981

A.M. PRAYERS: P.M. PRAYERS:  
John Inman Danny Johnson  
Bo Johnson J. D. Johnson

NURSERY: Sandra Parker  
Glenda Mills

BIBLE HOUR: Bobby Higginbotham  
Juanita Higginbotham

NOTE: If you are unable to serve on this date, please call Jerry Yates at 628-2441.

### OUR VISITORS

Tracy Everett of Nash, TX was a guest of April Upson; Lillian McKee of Mesquite, TX was visiting with Robbie & Gladys McKee.

### Some Strange People I've Met

People who profess to be Christians but who seldom attend services.

People who say God's word is the Bible, but they will not read it, and will not obey its simple commands.

People who follow the devil all of their lives and expect to go to Heaven when they die.

Preachers who profess to be gospel preachers but will preach things that they cannot find in the Bible.

People who will read the passages of scripture that teach that baptism is essential to salvation and then say that it is not.

People who read that there is one body (Eph. 4:4) and then say there are many churches when the Bible plainly teaches that the church is the body of Christ.

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**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

## WHAT IF THEY ARE NOT AFRAID ANYMORE?

"And be not afraid of them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Mt. 10:28).

In preparation for a class I observed a statement that caused me to shudder. The gist of the sentence was simply that Christianity and the church are viewed so casually by most people today that it is very easy for them to lose their awe and respect of God! Brethren, do we believe God's word today? Luke said that "in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:35). It was Paul who reminded us to "...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling..." (Phil. 2:12) It is plain that God expects people to have an earnest anxiety to be obedient to Him in all that they do. But what if people are not afraid anymore?

We all know there is a general disregard for authority in the world, and by minimizing or neglecting adequate punishment for crimes committed, our justice system has contributed to the encouragement of crime. It just naturally happens when one is no longer afraid anymore!

My chief concern is the church of my Lord. In congregations both far and near there are members of the Lord's body in full fellowship who are living openly in sin with no intention of correcting their life. I believe God's word still teaches that part of pure and undefiled religion is keeping oneself unspotted from the world (James 1:27). One must ask, therefore, why are these people not more concerned about the quality of their lives and their worship? I don't claim to have all the answers, but I do offer one -- they simply are not afraid anymore!

Everyone knows what happens to a meddling preacher. Elders learn too. Trying to insure the purity of the church by seeing that proper discipline is exercised is risky business. The members even learn well and say, "Why, we are all sinners!" But the message is extremely clear to those who are seeking sanction while living in sin, and they are just not afraid anymore!

The wise man was right in saying "...by the fear of God men depart from evil" (Prov. 16:6). But what if a church will not insist .... Oh, I see, some congregations just aren't afraid anymore!

-Marvin L. Weir



## News & Notes

### Our Sick

M.D. ANDERSON: James Martin continues to receive treatment, and it has succeeded in shrinking many tumors. He is scheduled to return home before Christmas.

WADLEY: Lola Feazell -- Rm. 570

NEW BOSTON: Bruce Terral -- Rm. 203

CORSICANA: Oda Mae Orrison's niece.

AT HOME: Vesta Cox is recovering from leg injuries received from a fall.

### RECENT HAPPENINGS

The adult outing last Friday was a big success -- all I talked with really enjoyed it. We appreciate the Jones' volunteering their farm for us to use.

Several went to the recent meetings at Hooks and Maud. We always appreciate those who make a special effort to support area meetings.

The CARE Group Leaders and wives dinner and fellowship was a treat to be at. Our thanks to the Boswell's for opening their home and helping make this event a success.

### RESPONSES

Place Membership: Mary Lynn Murphy and Shauna -- (CARE Group 4)

Prayers: Blanche McClung

### ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING

All deacons and elders are encouraged to be present for the meeting this Sunday evening after services.

### GUEST SPEAKER THE 20TH

Bro. Harvey Starling will speak to the adult class on "The Doors Are Open In Asia." He will also preach at the morning service. Make plans to be present.

### ONE MORE BULLETIN

That's right! Only one more bulletin to be published this year. If you have information to share with the congregation, be sure and contact the office before Dec. 16. This policy is in accordance with our permit at the Post Office, and benefits them during the Christmas rush.

### NURSING HOME DEVO

The Nursing Home Devotional will be this Sunday, December 13, from 3:00-3:30 p.m. Can you help?

Three little letters hold the  
key to our success.  
**YOU**



**A.M.** "The Tragedy Of Sin"

**P.M.** "Temptation"

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