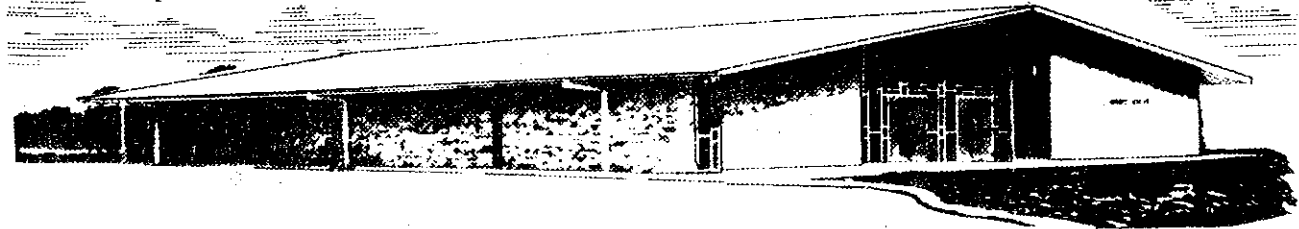


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MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

BRIEF REVIEW OF OUR LAST GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

A ten month financial summary was presented and commented on. The general consensus of those present favored the continuation of present programs. Additional mission efforts were discussed provided necessary money is available. All did agree, however, that the local financial needs of our congregation should not be jeopardized in order to increase our support in other areas. A report was made concerning our benevolent program, and new guidelines were shared for dealing with transients requesting help.

Our goal of 200 was discussed, and it was emphasized that this is not a one-time thing. A religious survey of our city, and newspaper ads were suggested as tools to help accomplish our goal.

Gospel Meetings were discussed, and several recommended names of preachers to be considered for such. A suggestion was made to consider acquiring one to work full-time with our youth and in the area of singing. It was understood that contributions would have to be increased to make this a reality.

Our attendance was not as good as it should have been last Wednesday, but I enjoyed our time together. Your comments in our adult class were appreciated. We can all learn and be uplifted each week in a special way if we will but take the time to attend services.

1981 is almost history. I'm grateful for the attitude that prevails in our church family, and hope that YOU desire to DO your part in making the coming year a tremendous one for the Lord and this congregation.

The proper spirit coupled with God's power will propel us in the right direction. There's nothing as rewarding as placing your obedient faith in God, and zealously living the Christian life! I'm thankful for those doing it; others desperately need to make the decision to begin!

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1981

Bible Study	125
Morning Worship	174
Evening Worship	113
Contribution	\$ 988.98

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1981

Bible Classes	89
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THOSE TO SERVE DECEMBER 6, 1981

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
James Boswell	DeWayne Hardage
Ben Dooley	B. Higginbotham

NURSERY: Virginia Parrish
Danna Johnson

BIBLE HOUR: Janie Boswell
Pam Burleson

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

OUR VISITORS

Nancy Colglazier of Searcy, AR was a guest of Jim Robertson; Don, Jan & Joshua Boswell of Mesquite, TX were visiting with Jimmy and Janie; Mr. & Mrs. D. W. Black of Waldo, AR; Debbie & Kathy Jennings of Henderson, TX.



Our congratulations to William & Jan Dean at the birth of a son, Kevin McCoy, who weighed 8½ pounds. Proud grandparents are Leland and Charlene Kerley. Kevin was born last Monday in Dallas.

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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

WANTED: MORAL CONVICTION

"Enter not into the path of the wicked, And walk not in the way of evil men" (Prov. 4:14).

Why would an individual choose to wallow with the swine and eat of the husks when he could dine sumptuously in a mansion? What is it that causes a person to choose a life of heartache and sin when he could experience peace and happiness? Is it that such a person just doesn't know any better? Can we chalk up the majority of sinful living within this world to lack of knowledge? Thoughts like these must have crossed David's mind as he said, *"Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And call not upon Jehovah?" (Psalms 14:4)*

The people of David's day had access to the Law of Moses, and each individual in America today has access to the Word of God. The problem is not a lack of knowledge, but a lack of moral conviction! Friends and brethren, we might as well be totally honest with one another as we reason together because deceit has never even begun to fool our Lord. You have chosen the way that you are now living, and you continue to choose to live the lifestyle you've selected. Jesus said the thing that sustained Him in life was *"to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work"* (John 4:34). The food and drink of those who do evil is wickedness and violence. They have chosen to dedicate themselves to the prince of the world -- Satan!

The Bible plainly tells us that one who continually sins is the servant of sin (John 8:34). Let me hasten to add that if the basic premise of your life is wrong, nothing you add to it will ever be right! Many people today desire to go west while they are going east, and then try and convince themselves and others it really doesn't make any difference. Who can believe it? One going the wrong way will arrive at the wrong destination every time! There is only one remedy to the situation -- a complete turn-around. One must stop traveling east and start going west in order to reach the place he would really like to be.

This is what the Bible teaches repentance is all about -- a complete change of direction. But more and more find themselves enjoying their ungodly way of life too much to change direction. They attempt to justify their situation, and many even plead lack of knowledge. But it won't work. What one really needs is the moral conviction to do what is godly and right!

-Marvin L. Weir
New Boston, TX



News & Notes

List of the Sick...

NEW BOSTON GENERAL: Tom Steelman is in room 208.

PRESBYTERIAN (Dallas): Theo Johnson entered for treatment.

M.D. ANDERSON: James Martin continues to undergo treatment.

AT HOME: Ernest Shelton, Jr. was ill again early in the week . . . Frances Mills was bothered with her back. . . Edwinna Hardage had a bout with gum surgery . . . Kyle & Todd Dooley have been ill, and Novie Curtis was sick last Sunday.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy goes to Ida Mills and her family at the death of her brother, Virddie Hillis. Services were conducted last Tuesday in Tyler.

CARE GROUP LEADER'S DINNER

All CARE Group leaders and their wives are reminded of the dinner at the Boswell residence at 6:30 this Saturday (5th).

ADULT HAYRIDE

Hope you believe adults can still have fun! Don't forget -- weiner's to roast around the bonfire at 6:00 p.m. and a hayride to follow for those who have survived up to that point!

THANK YOU NOTES

"Just want to thank you for all you have done to help us get set for the new little one!"

-Jerry, Charlene & Melissa Vates

"I want to say thanks to all for the calls, cards, and most of all the prayers while I was sick. They meant so very much to me."

-Blanche McClung

BABY SHOWER

You are invited to a baby shower honoring Robin Harmon Clark, Monday, Dec. 7th from 7-9 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Elliott Raney.

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 4-6 -- Gospel Meeting at Hooks with Eddie Cloer. All evening services at 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 5 -- Area Youth Meeting at Rose Hill for grades 7 thru college. The speaker is Neal Pryor, and activities begin at 11:30 and conclude at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be furnished.

Dec. 6 -- Area-Wide Singing at Hooks from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Dec. 11 -- Our Christmas party!



A.M. "Three Views Of Salvation"

P.M. "Why Send For Peter?"

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