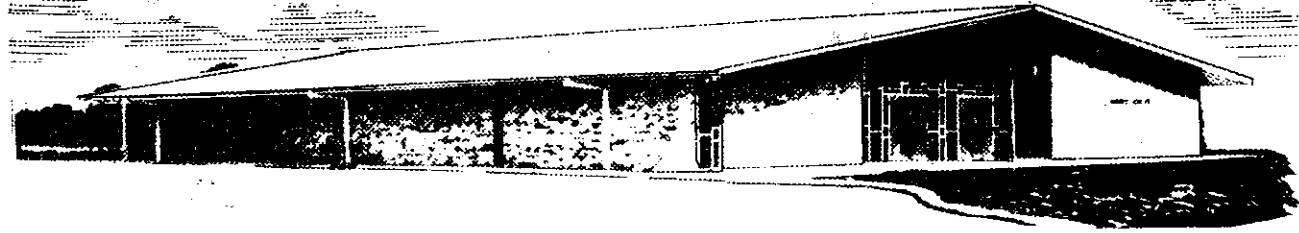


HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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CLASS ON FAMILY BEGINS

The Family will be the topic given special consideration during this period of study. It does not make any difference what type of home or family relationship you now have -- this time that we will spend together is designed to strengthen that relationship. Make plans to attend, and invite your friends to share this class with you. It will begin at 9:30 each Lord's Day morning.

SPECIAL AREA LADIES BIBLE CLASS

There will be a Family Enrichment Presentation on *The Modern Home* at the Church of Christ in Hooks on Thursday, March 5th. It will begin at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. Ladies are requested to bring their favorite salad for the luncheon at noon, and all else will be provided.

Jerry Dickison will speak on "Building Our Homes On Christ"; Dale Stinson will address "Moral Issues Facing The Home"; and Marvin Weir will discuss "The Wife And The Home."

A nursery will be provided. All ladies are encouraged to plan to attend.



I really enjoyed the trip to Panama City but it is good to be back in the States, great to be out of the air and back on the ground, and even greater to be home and with you once again. I'm looking forward to our class and the lesson on honoring one another. I hope you can be here.

The work really looked good in Panama, and the potential some of the congregations have is fantastic. Walter Leonard, director of the school of preaching sends his love to all of you. I am thankful for the opportunity to meet Walter and talk with him about the work there. Bro. D. L. Clowers and Ernie McDaniels of the Geyer Springs congregation in Little Rock were my traveling companions for most of the trip, and we had a great time together. I will be sharing slides of the Panama work with you in the near future.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, February 1, 1981

Bible Study	108
Morning Worship	133
Evening Worship	87
Contribution	\$1042.39

WEDNESDAY, February 4, 1981

Bible Classes	75
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THOSE TO SERVE FEBRUARY 8, 1981

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
Jimmy Boswell	Elliott Raney
Allen Freeman	W. Robertson

NURSERY: Juanita Higginbotham
Tanya Murray

BIBLE HOUR: Danny Johnson
Donna Johnson

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

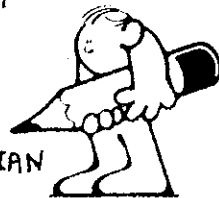
ELDERS MEETING

The elders will meet this Sunday, February 8th, after the evening service.

OUR VISITORS

Mr. & Mrs. H. L. McPherson & family of Waskom, TX; Mrs. Morris W. Johnson of Texarkana, AR; Ashley Whorton of New Boston; and Dana Duke also of New Boston.

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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.

Tuesday:
Ladies Bible
Class 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday:
Bible Classes . . . 7:30 P.M.

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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

CAUSING LOVE TO HAPPEN

"....let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds" (Heb. 10:24)

The Scriptures say it, therefore, as believers, we ought to believe it. Christians are to *cause* love to happen! What we do when *together* is important! One prime objective is to motivate others to develop a greater love. Love is an eternal concept, and it's greatest expression is declared in the New Testament. The command to *love others* is one of the most repeated in God's word, and is found no less than fifty-five times in the New Testament.

"....you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matt. 22:39-NAS) Our neighbors include our fellow Christians as well as those who are outside of the body of Christ. How do we treat our neighbors? Can they easily see the love of Christ in us and quickly discern that we are the Lord's disciples?

"Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Cor. 16:14) Everything a Christian does should be done with an attitude of love. This is the answer to many problems that plague the world, but the world is selfish and hates instead. What about the church, the body, the family of God? If every Christian's motive was directed by a genuine love for his brother or sister in Christ it would remedy so many problems that hurt the body. We are admonished to do all we do out of love. If that's not possible then let's not do it!

"....speaking the truth in love..." (Eph. 4:15) It is imperative that evil and ungodliness be condemned and the faith be contended for, and God expects such from the Christian. However, one must make certain his motivation to do such comes from a heart that is filled with love for the person that may be involved. Brethren, within the church the *stronger* brother must be considerate of the *weaker* one! Let's not win a battle (argument) and lose the war (soul). Always speak the truth -- but in love.

"....let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth." (1 John 3:18) Love that is only spoken is verbal love -- surface love. Love that is pure and deep involves *action*. This type of love will always cause good things to happen. But first Christians must *cause* love to happen. Will you consider how you can thus stimulate others to greater love? You *can*, and you *must* to be Christ-like!

-Marvin L. Weir



News & Notes

IN THE HOSPITAL



WADLEY: Sis. Winifred Harper remains in room 558, recuperating from her recent surgery.

NEW BOSTON GENERAL: Sis. Nancy Shirley, mother of Bea Williams, remains in room 201.

M.D. ANDERSON: James Martin continues to undergo treatment, and is in and out of the hospital. His address is 7217 Cecil, Houston, TX 77030.

AT HOME: Roberta Harmon; Wyndell Robertson; Frances Mills.

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL

There will be a group at the home at 6:15 p.m. this coming Monday. We hope you can help us by being present for the singing and devotional.

ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET

Don't forget! Tuesday, February 10th is the day for grades 7-12 to gather at the Community Center at 6:30 p.m. Please sign the menu list on the foyer bulletin board if you are able to contribute an item for this occasion. Thanks!

TAKE NOTE!

The Area Wide Youth Chorus will meet this Sunday, Feb. 8th, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. at Nash. This is for ages 13 and up. The date was changed since the director, Jerry Monholland, is getting married the next week.

Our Sympathy

We want to express our sincere sympathy to the family of Gladys Steelman, who passed away last Sunday. She was the grandmother of Gladys Ann Murray and Janet Oliver. Our prayer is that God may give them the strength they need during this time of sorrow. Services were conducted Tuesday, February 3, at 2:00 p.m. at Bates-Rolf Funeral Home.

WEDDING SHOWER

You are invited to a wedding shower honoring Jan Kerley on Saturday, February 7th, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the home of Mrs. Bo Johnson at 316 Boston Ave.

GUEST SPEAKER

During Marvin's absence last Sunday, Brother George Montgomery from Maud spoke in his place. I've been told that if you were unable to hear him, you really missed some great lessons from God's word.



Ladies Bible Class will meet Feb. 11 WEDNESDAY, at 10:00 a.m.



A.M. "Honor One Another Above Yourselves"

P.M. "Just How Foolish Is Satan?"

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