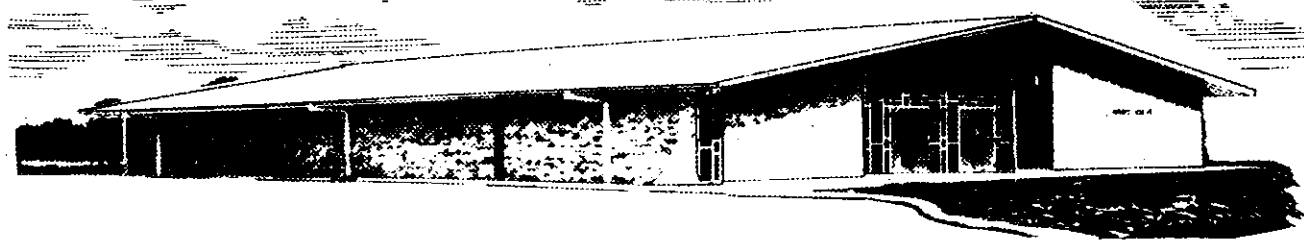


HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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Reaching Out To Others
Is the Key
To Church Growth!

The Visitation/Fellowship groups are meeting Tuesday, Jan. 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the building to reorganize and share this period of time with one another. We need YOUR help! We would like for more people to be involved in this program. I really cannot tell you what you are missing so I hope you will at least consider being with us for this one evening. You'll be glad you decided to come!

NEW CLASS FEBRUARY 1ST

A new class designed to strengthen family support & help cement family relationships will begin the first Sunday in February. Please encourage your friends to attend, and make plans to be a part of it yourself. I believe that you will be the richer as a result of it.

SPECIAL SERMONS TO BEGIN

You will not want to miss these lessons. They will help you be a happier person and a stronger Christian. Please try and be present Sunday!

The holidays are great but don't they make one lazy! Well, it's always hard for me to get back into the swing of things. I hope you enjoyed this special time of the year as much as my family did. We had a great time visiting friends and our families.

Our Christmas party was a success. I really enjoyed the fellowship, and the food is always good. Let me also say that we appreciate so much the cash gift that was presented to us. It was a surprise, and I was caught without words for once. We continue to enjoy the kind way you have received us, and know that our love will continue to grow for one another.

Please try to be here Sunday! I want to share some thoughts with you that are of tremendous importance to us.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, January 4, 1981

Bible Study	129
Morning Worship	164
Evening Worship	114
Contribution	\$ 1275.60

WEDNESDAY, January 7, 1981

Bible Classes	110
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THOSE TO SERVE JANUARY 11, 1981

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
John Inman	Grady King
Elliott Raney	Theo Johnson

NURSERY: Meg Shelton; Dana Johnson

BIBLE HOUR: Bobby & Juanita Higginbotham

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 following the evening service.

RON DUNCAN SPOKE WEDNESDAY

It was great that Ron could come by our way and share with us information about the work in Brazil. Ron is located in Londrina, Parana which has a population of 400,000 and is a trade center for 5.5 million people. The church here has helped in supporting this effort.

AREA WIDE YOUTH CHORUS

The church at Nash is beginning this effort on Jan. 18, and will meet each 3rd Sunday of the month from 2:30-4:00 p.m. This is for all young people age 13 and up. Jerry Monholland will be working with this group.

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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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REFLECTING CHRIST'S LOVE

How do you describe God to someone? How do you show other people the goodness of Christ Jesus? Jesus realized how difficult this could be and therefore shared a principle with us in John 13:35: "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." This is the only successful way that Jesus can be revealed for the world to see . . . by his people truly loving one another. It shows . . . it's revealing . . . it's contagious . . . and it's commanded by our Lord!

A most important word in the above verse is "my." The word "disciple" simply means "learner." There are many disciples in the world, but Jesus says the world should recognize that Christians are "his" disciples. People today need to be disciples of Jesus! Our task then becomes rather obvious . . . reflect the love of God so that people will know who we belong to.

Those who are outside of Christ can see the love of Christ at work in a group of Christians in proper relationship with one another. How else will they see Christ as He is no longer physically present in this world? This is the reason John pleads with us in I John 4:11-12: "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us." People outside of Christ can see Christ when Christians really love one another. However, these people cannot see Christ among a group of people who do not care for nor practice love for one another.

Brethren, we are all (as members of the body) of vital importance to that body. As a "total body" we are to reflect the love of Christ so that a dying world might see something different. God desires that His spiritual body grow in maturity, and this means also growing in love one for another. We can do this, in fact, we must do this!

If we are truly Christians, and care for one another we will attract attention. Why? Simply because this is in such contrast to the world. Satan has always done and will continue to do his best to keep people from loving one another, knowing that no one will be attracted to a "loveless" group. Brethren, let's notify Satan as to just where we stand as we strive to grow in love for God and one another!

-Marvin L. Weir



News & Notes

IN THE HOSPITAL



NEW BOSTON GENERAL: Irene Grider is in 202 after suffering a stroke (this is Juanita Shelton's mother).

Josie Sturgeon is in 203 following a stroke (Juanita Shelton's aunt).

A. C. Williams is in 220 (brother-in-law to Marie Robertson and Bea Williams).

Vesta Cox is in 208 after experiencing heart pains again.

SAN ANTONIO: Gwen Canfield, Lillie Freeman's daughter, remains in critical condition.

HOSPITAL OF THE PINES: Sister Rust, Marlene Watkins' mother, underwent surgery last Wednesday.



Prayer Requests

Let's remember all those listed above and their families as we pray.

James Martin . . . as he undergoes additional treatment at M.D. Anderson.

Bobby Higginbotham . . . as additional tests and x-rays are being checked.

LOGAN FUND DUE

Those who desire to give to this work need to do so at this time.

LADIES! MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Our Ladies Bible Class will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 13th. We hope you can be with us at 10:00 a.m. as we study and enjoy this fellowship.

THANK YOU NOTES

To my brothers and sisters in Christ, I thank you so much for the lovely cards, visits, and prayers. They meant so much to me while in the hospital. God Bless each of you.

-Jim & Winifred Harper

Dear Church Members,

The great amount of food that was brought out to us tonight was so good. We were so thankful and I want to thank each and every one of you; we certainly appreciate it.

We hope you all have a nice Christmas. Thank you again.

-Novalee Yates & family

NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL

We will be meeting at 6:15 p.m. for the singing and devo this Monday. Please try and help us with this service. Your effort and time is always appreciated by these people.



Topics

A.M. "Christ's Example Of Love"

P.M. "The Paradox Of Contentment"

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