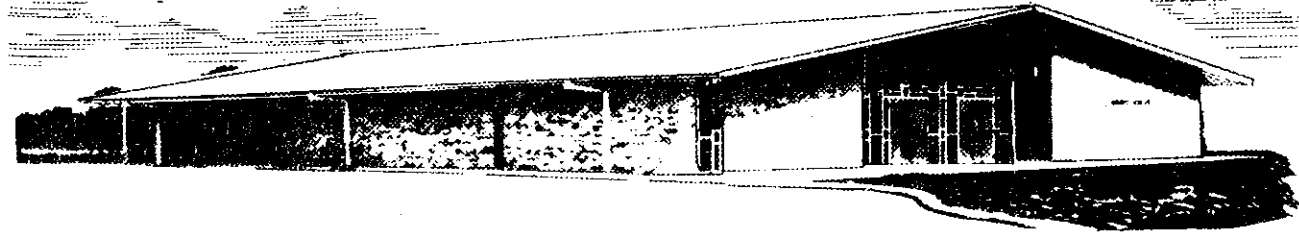


# HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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## ASK THEM A QUESTION

Did you know the world ended in 1975? It did. How do I know? A publication of the Jehovah Witnesses, The Watch-Tower, May 1, 1968, p. 271 states: "Thus eight years remain to account for a full 6,000 years of the Seventh day. Eight years from the autumn of 1967 would bring us to the autumn of 1975, fully 6,000 years into God's Seventh day, his rest day...." This statement is based on their belief that the 6 days of creation were actually 6,000 years of God dealing with man. If so, 6,000 years from the creation would usher in the final 1,000 years, or the millennial era of the earth with Christ reigning as King.

Autumn, 1975 has come and gone along with many other witness predictions. They selected 1874, 1878, 1914, and 1925 as "the time." In 1975 we saw no Armageddon, no millennial reign, no utopia on earth. Why not, if their religion is true?

The next time a witness knocks on your door ask him how he can be so sure when they have been so wrong. It is their prophecy that sheds lots of light for those who desire to see!

If all goes as planned we should be in Pearsall, TX as you are reading this. We have looked forward to this trip as we visit with friends and see sights that the kids do not remember. I imagine they will remember the Alamo this time! We hope to be back home sometime Monday (13th).

We will think of you as we worship this Lord's Day! It is nice to be away, but we will miss not sharing this period of time with you. Please continue to remember us in your prayers as we travel.

Did you hear about the fellow who had this thought -- it's becoming more and more difficult to support the government in the style to which it has become accustomed!

We will look forward to being with you for services on Wednesday evening.

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 1981

Bible Study . . . . .	118
Morning Worship . . . . .	151
Evening Worship . . . . .	99
Contribution . . . . .	\$ 955.53

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 1981

Bible Classes . . . . .	67
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### THOSE TO SERVE JULY 12, 1981

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
B. Higginbotham	Danny Johnson
John Irman	J.D. Johnson

NURSERY: Meg Shelton; Dana Johnson

BIBLE HOUR: Bobby Higginbotham  
Juanita Higginbotham

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

### OUR VISITORS

Wayne and Billy McKee from Mesquite, TX were visiting Robbie and Gladys McKee; Anna Lois Green and family of Searcy, AR were guests of Parks and Clara Fern Pitts; Scott Bagwell of Clarksville, TX was visiting Don Bagwell; Loran, Thomas, & Denise Mocny are visiting with Loran and Marie McPherson; Raymond & Barbara Hosey of Haworth, Okla. and Mr. and Mrs. James C. Herod of Ft. Worth, TX also worshipped with us last Sunday. Steve Fillingame was a guest of the Pitts also.

PANTRY ITEM  
Soup

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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

WHERE YOU ARE  
ALWAYS WELCOME

## GUEST EDITORIAL

# RELIGIOUS SINNERS

--Wendell Winkler

To many the caption of this article will be a misnomer, since they believe that if a person is religious it is impossible for that one to be a sinner. But as we study this subject and continue the article you will see that it is possible to be sincere, but sincerely in error; honest, but honestly mistaken; religious, but religiously wrong. Men may be religious, yet sinners, by:

1. **WORSHIPPING THE WRONG GOD.** The fact that the subject worships, makes him religious, but worshipping the wrong thing makes him a sinner. In I Kings 18:17-40 we read of the Israelites worshipping the idol, Baal. The Athenians worshipped a multitude of idols, to the extent that, fearing they had omitted one, they erected an altar to the "unknown god." (Acts 17:22-31) The Ephesians worshipped the great goddess Diane. (Acts 19:27) These were all religious sinners since they were worshippers of the wrong God. The true object of worship is Jehovah in heaven. "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God..." (Matt. 4:10). "...worship God..." (Rev. 19:10).

2. **WORSHIPPING THE RIGHT GOD IN THE WRONG WAY.** This is done by omitting, substituting or adding to what God has said. There is a divine prohibition against such in Rev. 22:18, 19, which states that God will add the plagues unto the man who adds to his word, and take away his part from the book of life and the holy city if he takes away from his word. The curse of heaven rests upon the man or group of men who preach any other gospel than the one taught by Paul! (Gal. 1:6-9) Cain is an example of the principle under discussion, substituting the fruit of the ground for an animal sacrifice. (Gen. 4:1-15; Heb. 11:4; Rom. 10:17) Also, Nadab and Abihu. (Lev. 10:1-7; Ex. 30:9) **FROM THESE EXAMPLES WE KNOW THAT IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE HOW A MAN WORSHIPS GOD!** In application of this principle to our own times, we observe, that the use of mechanical instruments of music is an addition to what God has said, for he said to "sing." (Eph. 5:19) In some circles washing of feet has been removed out of the realm of service and hospitality, the place where the Lord put it, and it has been added to the Lord's Supper. Others, great in number, have omitted the weekly observance of the Lord's Supper as the Lord instructed. (Acts 20:7; I Cor. 11:20; 16:2)

3. **BEING WORSHIPPERS OF THE TRUE GOD, BUT NEVER HAVING OBEYED THE GOSPEL.** Examples of this thought are numerous in the book of Acts, the book of conversions. In fact, almost all the thousands of conversions recorded in the book of Acts are conversions of religious people, worshipping people! This indicates that it is possible to be religious and still need conversion to the right way, and that it is possible to be a worshipper of God and still be in error. Otherwise, why would those in Acts who worshipped God need conversion? Here are the examples: Cornelius (Acts 10:1-11:14); Eunuch (Acts 8:26-40); Lydia (Acts 16:14-15) etc. To obey the gospel one must believe (Heb. 11:6), repent (Lk. 13:3), confess (Rom. 10:8-10), and be baptized. (Acts 2:38)

4. **BEING A WORSHIPPER OF THE TRUE GOD, HAVING OBEYED THE GOSPEL, YET NOT LIVING RIGHT.** Examples of this are Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11), Simon (Acts 8:13-24), Demas (II Tim. 4:10), etc. Christians should live sober, righteous and godly lives, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts. (Titus 2:11, 12)



## News & Notes

### KNOWN HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Join us in praying for them . . . send a card.

SCOTT & WHITE - Vesta Cox

DOCTOR'S HOSPITAL (Dallas) - J. D. Roach, Jean Raney's brother, is in serious condition.

### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jo Harmon  
Betty Brown

Juanita Shelton  
Jim Harper

### ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING

The elders and deacons will meet this Sunday, July 12th, after the evening service.

### 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.

### CARE GROUP FELLOWSHIPS

CARE Group 3, Ernest Shelton (Group Leader), is invited to the home of Russell & Suzette Tyndell Tuesday, July 14, at 7:00 p.m.

CARE Group 4, Weaver Mills (Group Leader), will meet in the home of Bobby and Juanita Higginbotham next Saturday, July 25.

## Thank-You!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,  
I would like to thank you for the beautiful cards, delicious food, calls, and wonderful visits. May God bless you all for the prayers given in my behalf. Thank you Bro. Weir for the special prayer before my surgery. It will always be remembered.

In Christian love,  
Betty Brown

Dear Christian Brothers & Sisters,  
I would like to thank each of you for the food--for sharing my sorrow and for just being there. You are a great group of people, and I love you.

In Christian love,  
Bea Williams

Thank you for sharing our sorrow. Your kindness and thoughtfulness at this time is sincerely appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by --

The family of  
Nancy A. Shirley



**A.M.** "Guest Speaker"

**P.M.** "Guest Speaker"

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