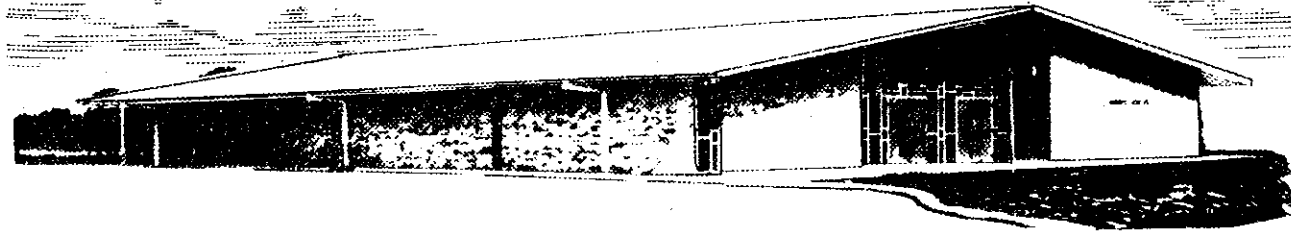


# HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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## MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

It's probably just as well that I am writing this column before leaving for Camp since a week of Camp in July in Texas has a way giving one "writer's cramp." I am looking forward to a tremendously exciting week with all the young people. It's just great to be a part of something that will be so valuable to them.

I look forward to being with you this Sunday for both services! We will continue our thoughts from the 23rd Psalm Sunday Night. What did the Psalmist mean when he said he was made to lie down in green pastures? Come and study with us.

If your family did not receive a new church directory please let us know. We want every family that so desires to have a copy.

Let us continue to be encouragers one of another -- it's God's way!



JULY 27-31

Our VBS will begin this coming Monday night at 7:00 p.m. *Jesus And My Family* is the theme this year, and it is a very important one! We will conclude each evening at 8:30 p.m.

Monday night everyone will assemble in the auditorium at 7:00 and sit with their class and teachers. This will enable everyone to easily find their class the first night. All other nights you should be in your class by 7:00 p.m.

All teachers need to be in their room before the students arrive.

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 1981

Bible Study . . . . .	126
Morning Worship . . . . .	161
Evening Worship . . . . .	103
Contribution . . . . .	\$ 1079.45

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 1981

Bible Classes . . . . .	92
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## THOSE TO SERVE JULY 26, 1981

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
Elliott Raney	E. Shelton, Jr.
W. Robertson	W. Trickler

NURSERY: Sandra Parker  
Valerie Martin

BIBLE HOUR: Elliott & Jean Raney

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



## OUR VISITORS

J. M. Bloxham, Jr. & Virginia from DeSoto, TX; Mr. & Mrs. E. D. Polk of Little Rock, AR; Ken Rust of Longview, TX.

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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

## GUEST EDITORIAL

# THE PADDED CROSS

"Well, here I am, Lord. You said, 'Take up your cross,' and I'm here doing it. It's not easy, you know, this self-denial thing, I mean to go through with it though, yes sir. I'll bet you wish more people were willing to be disciples like me. I've counted the cost and surrendered my life and. . . it's not an easy road.

"You mind if I look over these crosses? I'd kind of like a new one. I'm not fussy you understand, but a disciple has to be revealing these days. I was wondering. . . are there any that are vinyl padded? I'm thinking of attracting others, you see, and if I could show them a comfortable cross I'm sure I could win a lot more. Got to keep up with the population explosion and all. And I need something durable so I can treasure it always. . . oh, there is one that's sort of flat so it would fit under my coat? One shouldn't be too obvious.

"Funny, there doesn't seem to be much choice here. Just coarse, rough wood. I mean, that would hurt! Don't you have something more distinctive, Lord? I can tell you right now, none of my friends are going to be impressed by this shoddy workmanship! They'll think I'm a nut or something! And my family will be just mortified!

"What's that. . . it's either one of these or forget the whole thing? . . . But, Lord, I want to be your disciple! I mean, just being with you is all that counts, but life has a balance, too. . . But you don't understand, nobody lives that way today! Who's going to be attracted by this self-denial bit? I mean, they'll have me off to the funny farm . . . know what I mean?

"I mean, being a disciple is challenging and exciting, and I want to do it, but I do have some rights, you know! Now, let's see. . . No blood, O. K.? I just can't stand the thought of that, Lord...Lord?

Now where do you suppose He went?

—C. L. Saylor



## News & Notes



HOUSTON: Leland Kerley is undergoing surgery this week.

AT HOME: Jo Harmon; Vesta Cox

## SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Josie Megason and family at the loss of her brother-in-law.

### CARE GROUP FELLOWSHIPS

CARE Group 4 will meet at Bobby and Juanita Higginbotham's on Friday, July 24th.

CARE Group 5 will meet at the home of John and Clara Inman this Sunday, July 26th, after the Sunday evening service.

### NURSING HOME DEVOTIONAL

Let's try to have a good group gather at the Nursing Home on Monday, July 27th, at 6:15 p.m.

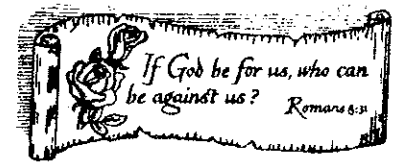
**PANTRY ITEM**  
Peanut Butter



We need you ladies who are willing to bring refreshments for VBS next week. If you are unable to bring cookies or koolaid, a donation would also be appreciated. If you can help out with this effort, please sign the VBS Refreshment Schedule posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Thanks!

## Youth News

George Stegall and some of the youth from Northside will be here with us Sunday evening. George plans to lead our singing and the Northside youth plan to invite you to go to Hot Springs with them. Plan to be here and find out all the details.



**A.M.** "Epistle Of Christ"  
(II Cor. 3:1-5)

**P.M.** "He Makes Me Lie Down In Green Pastures" (Psalms 23:2)

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