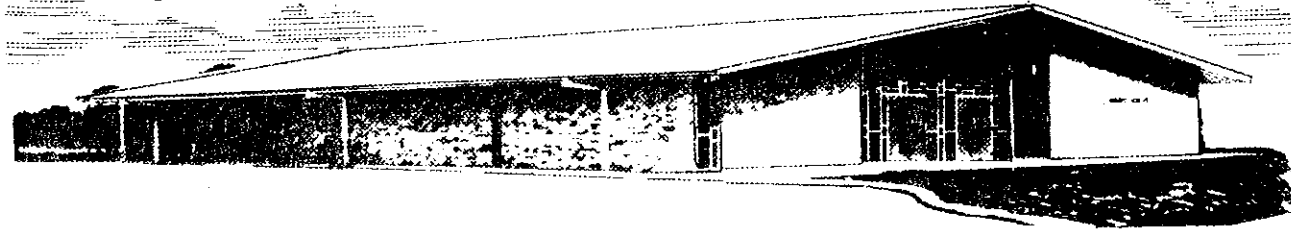


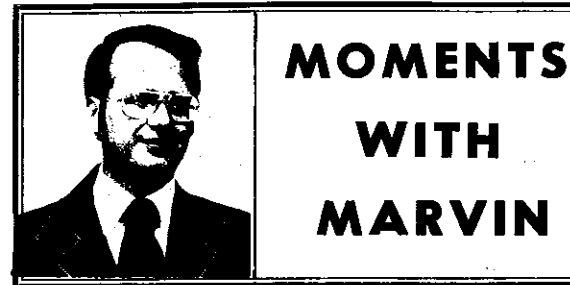
HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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It has been a great week. Bro. McClish did an outstanding job sharing God's truths with us. Our hearts are happy that precious souls were stirred by the power of the gospel. Ida Mills was restored to her Lord; Vince Hardage asked for prayers and desires to be a better example; Marty Watkins was added to the body of Christ. I'm sure many others resolved within their heart to be more fully committed to the cause of the Savior. It was a great week!

More than one mentioned to me that surely we will continue to reap in future weeks from the efforts expended this week. My sentiments exactly. We must never lose sight of the power of God's word nor let our hearts grow weary as we seek to faithfully serve our Lord!

I'll look for each of you Sunday.

BIRTHDAY PARTY HONORING SISTER LILLIE FREEMAN

Everyone is invited to be a part of this happy occasion. It will be on Saturday, November 7th at the Community Center in New Boston. Bring a covered dish and join all of us at 5:00 p.m. By the way, happy 78!



We can help, but we cannot do it for you. YOU must be willing to open the door. Will you take advantage of the opportunity that is yours?

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1981

Bible Study	146
Morning Worship	193
Evening Worship	175
Contribution	\$ 1235.00

WEEKDAY SERVICES FOR MEETING

Monday	115
Tuesday	163
Wednesday	118

THOSE TO SERVE NOVEMBER 8, 1981

A.M. PRAYERS: James Boswell Ben Dooley
P.M. PRAYERS: Allen Freeman Elliott Raney

NURSERY: Jean Jones
Valerie Martin

BIBLE HOUR: Danny & Donna Johnson

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

OUR VISITORS

Brenda Terral of New Boston; Merna Bethany of Stamps, AR was a guest of Dana Duke; Hester Smith of New Boston was a guest of Alta Weeks; Steve Johnson of Hooks was visiting with Danny & Donna Johnson; Mr. & Mrs. A. T. Oliver of Danville, AR and Jay, Suzanne & Alexis Oliver of New Boston were visiting with us; Kelly Hutson of New Boston was a guest of Rhonda Hatfield; Stephanie Vance was visiting with Steve; and James Gooden of New Boston was also our guest this week.

PANTRY ITEM
Soup

Elders:
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Ernest Shelton, Jr. 628-2201

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Marvin L. Weir 628-3295

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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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Russell Tyndell
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Elliott Raney

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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY SHIFT

"...and I cast it into the fire,
and there came out this calf."
(Exodus 32:24)

As Moses was receiving the ten commandments from God, the people were making their wishes known to Aaron. A golden calf to worship was the order of the day, and it left Aaron grasping at the wind in an attempt to explain his conduct. Many today who claim to be religious are walking the road that Aaron once traveled.

Aaron blamed society, and even members of the Lord's body today are using his tactic. Pressure from our world keeps some from living out their highest convictions. Many like to be talked about, but not against. They will soon be in search of a calf!

Aaron also blamed nature. Isn't this the natural thing to do? "I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf." As if it were not his fault! What about the mold he made, and the graving tool he used (v.4)? There are millions today who blame nature for their sins and miseries. Self is conveniently overlooked!

They did it; it did it -- it fell, it broke. How childish! Aaron in a very real sense *was* the calf, and so are we when we shirk our responsibility and speak of *it* and *them*. He was in a position to guide and lead his people in the proper way -- and he failed! He also failed God and self, and no doubt found it very difficult to greet Moses as he returned to camp. But then, yielding to sin never makes things easier, does it?

Elders, preachers, leaders of God's people today need desperately to learn the lesson Aaron learned. His action was foolish and useless. Moses did not buy his innocence and declared, "Thou hast brought a great sin upon them" (v. 21). Sort of personal, wasn't it? Brethren, in judgment our personal responsibility will not be merely an option; it will be insisted upon.

May it not be said, "And I was a faithful member of the Lord's church, but . . ." Brethren, beware of the calf! The Lord takes seriously your responsibility to Him!

-Marvin L. Weir



News & Notes

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

James Martin as he undergoes treatment at M. D. Anderson. . . Roy Johnson, Walter Nunn, Jim Harper, Hall Harmon, Vesta Cox, Jo Harmon, and the Griffins also need to be remembered; Blanche McClung has also been ill.

Our Sympathy

Our sympathy does go to Parks Pitts at the death of his sister, Lucy Mims. Services were conducted in Ft. Worth last week.

NURSING HOME DEVO

All that can are encouraged to be at the Nursing Home at 3:00 this Sunday afternoon for our service there.

RESPONSES

BAPTISM

Marty Watkins 11-2-81

RESTORATION & REQUESTING PRAYERS

Vince Hardage (Prayers) 11-1-81

Ida Mills (Restoration & Prayers -- 11-3-81)

CARE GROUP 1 meets Tuesday, Nov. 10th at 6:30 in the home of Betty Brown.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Josie Megason now resides at 233 Wilson Homes.

LaNell Sweeden is now residing at 237 Wilson Homes.

Neither are served by a phone as of now.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Our Ladies Class received a wonderful lesson on "Forgiveness" from Bro. McClish last Wednesday morning. Then we were treated to a delicious luncheon prepared by the ladies.

Our regular study will continue this coming Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

TAPES ARE AVAILABLE

All lessons during our gospel meeting were recorded. We want all of our members to have an opportunity to hear these lessons if they so desire. Please contact the church office if you want your name on the list.

AREA EVENTS

Nov. 10 -- Preacher's Luncheon will be at Bryces' Cafeteria; Nov. 30 -- Leadership Dinner at Northside.



A.M. "God's Plan For Church Edification"

P.M. "We Want Something Practical"