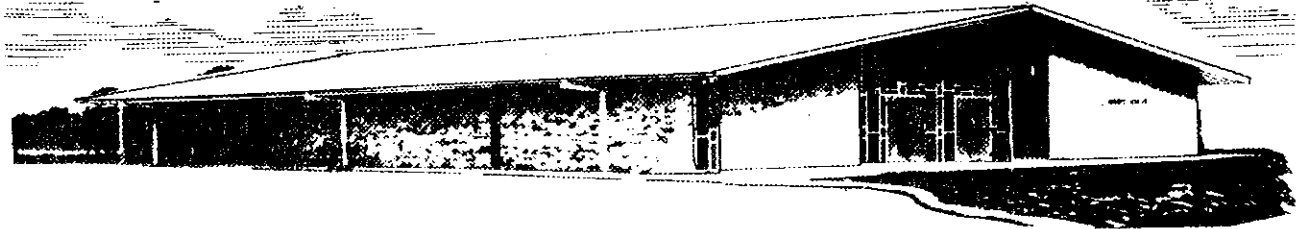


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HERALD OF TRUTH TV PROGRAM

The program for this Sunday is entitled "I Don't Know What To Do", and the speaker will be Joe Barnett. This program will discuss the four steps to effective decision making and the importance of consulting God before you make all decisions.

We encourage all those who are confined to their home to tune in to Channel 6 at 9:30 a.m. and watch this program.

CARE GROUP 4 TO MEET

CARE Group 4 will meet Sunday evening after services at the home of Don & Jean Jones. All members are encouraged to attend if possible.

A GOAL OF 200

The church is in the "people business." People are important because of the value of their soul. There is really no reason why we cannot have 200 people in our services each Sunday morning. We are not speaking of a "one-time" type thing, but 200 who meet together each Lord's Day. Let's pray that we will be able to accomplish this. We can do it!



I hope that several are planning on attending the meetings this Saturday and coming Monday. Please be at the building by 5:45 Saturday if you can go to Talco. You will enjoy the fellowship, and I know we will all profit from the lesson that is shared.

I'll be saying more about our goal that is mentioned in the opposite column. The elders and I have discussed ways in which we can influence others to attend services, and all agreed that a goal of 200 is one which is very reasonable. Let's make sure that all of us who are members of the body of Christ take seriously our obligation and responsibility to live each day in such a way that would cause one to desire to share our Christianity.

See you at worship this Sunday!

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1981

Bible Study	138
Morning Worship	170
Evening Worship	109
Contribution	\$1045.88

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1981

Bible Classes	106
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THOSE TO SERVE SEPTEMBER 20, 1981

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

NURSERY: Meg Shelton
Karen Tucker

BIBLE HOUR: Bobby & Juanita
Higginbotham

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

OUR VISITORS

Kerry and Sherry Johnson of Bagwell, Texas were guests of Tammy Crockett; Loy, Sue and Keri Reynolds of Lake Jackson, Texas; Steven and Jim Johnson of Hooks, TX were visiting with Danny and Donna Johnson.

PANTRY ITEM
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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.

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible
Class 10:00 A.M.
Bible Classes . . . 7:30 P.M.

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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

WONDER WHY GOD DIDN'T THINK
OF A CONDENSED BIBLE?

*"You shall not add to the word
which I am commanding you, nor
take away from it that you may
keep the commandments of the
Lord your God which I command
you" (Deut. 4:2).*

Reader's Digest is planning to publish a condensed version of the Bible. It's scheduled for publication about a year from now, and will be a reduced version of the RSV. Jack Walsh, editor of this project, said he expected "great interest" in the condensation. He also stated that "many people want to read the Bible but never have because of its length and complexity." Mr. Walsh continues by saying "it will sound exactly like the RSV, but 40 percent shorter," and then assures everyone that "true condensation never interferes with the essential substance of a text." The executive editor of condensed books for Reader's Digest, Herbert Lieberman, says this work will contain all 66 books, but will be the result of "line-by-line cutting."

Can one believe it? Fallible man assumes the task of editing and deleting what an infallible God has revealed to us through inspired writers! Could it be that an "all knowing" God was not able to know that modern man would become so busy that he would not have ample time to read the Book of Books? Are we to believe that the so-called "complexity" in God's Word will be made less complex by man's condensation? One who believes such must also believe that gasoline will fall below 30 cents per gallon before the year ends.

Why not read Eph. 5:22-33 and then try and practice "line-by-line cutting!" I can envision what "true condensation" might consist of as I think of Mark 16:16 reading "He that believeth shall be saved"; Eph. 5:19 simply saying "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and songs"; or Acts 2:41 being condensed to read, "Then they that gladly received his word were about three thousand souls."

The book of Revelation warns of "adding to" or "taking from" God's prophecy contained within that letter. The principle has always been true for all of God's Word. Solomon recorded, "Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him. Do not add to His words lest He reprove you, and you be proved a liar" (Prov. 30:5-6). Of course, these passages could be condensed so that warning would disappear. May God spare us from the wisdom of man!

-Marvin L. Weir



News & Notes

Hospitalized

NEW BOSTON: Vesta Cox entered Wednesday, and is in Room 212.

WADLEY: Jim Harper is in Room 571 but is scheduled for major surgery early Friday morning.

DOCTOR'S (Dallas): J. D. Roach continues to receive treatment.

AREA MEETING

TALCO: Clayton Pepper will be the speaker, and Saturday night "Church Growth" will be the topic that will be discussed from 7-9 p.m. The van will leave at 5:45 p.m. for those who desire to make the trip.

ROSE HILL: Bro. L. L. Gieger is the speaker for this meeting which runs from Sept. 20-23. All evening services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Let's make Monday "New Boston night", and have a van load make the trip. The van will leave at 6:45 p.m.



New Baby

Congratulations to Bruce and Joy Terral at the birth of a daughter, Joy Denise. She was born Friday, September 11, and weighed 7 lbs. DeWayne & Edwinna Hardage are the proud grandparents. Both mother and daughter are doing fine.



Many of you saw the slides of the work at Medina Children's Home. It is a worthy work, and an excellent job is being done in this ministry. The church in New Boston has sent a check for \$ 500 to assist in this ministry. Medina was not included in our present budget, but it was felt that we could help with this amount for now.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH CHORUS

This chorus will meet this coming Lord's Day in Nash at 2:30 p.m. All are invited that desire to attend.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Our new book for Ladies Bible Class is entitled, "What Do You Communicate?" What do you communicate to your husband, children, fellow brethren, the community, your neighbor, in your work, through your old age, and to God will be some of the lessons we will study.

This will be an excellent study. Be with us each Wednesday at ten a.m.



A.M. "Christians As Examples"
(I Tim. 4:12)

P.M. "Thou Anointest My Head With Oil"
(Psalms 23:5)

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