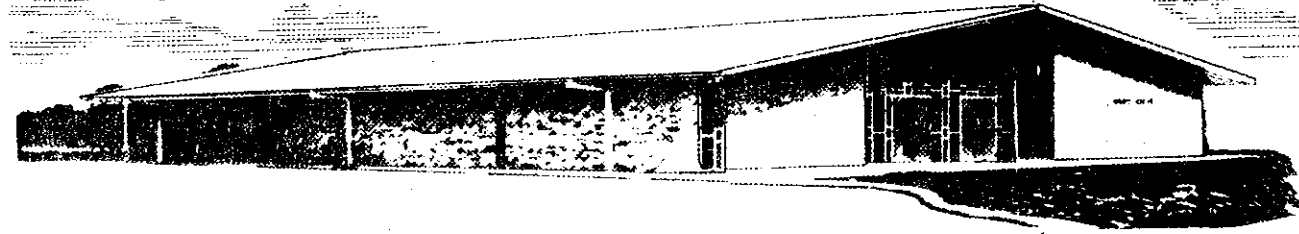


HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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Wasn't it great to have 216 in worship last Sunday! I know we had several visitors in our midst, but with some dedicated work and the Lord's help we can average over 200 each week. Yes, we must **want** to first, and then each one be willing to do their part.

Brethren, you are to be commended for your generous response to the **Paris Disaster Fund** on such short notice. If you can give more, or have not yet given, you may do so the next few Sundays. We have already sent \$1,000 to Paris, and **all** extra money given to this effort will be sent.

This is the last communication with you of this nature before our Gospel Meeting begins. Let's each one of us do our part in making this our best attended meeting yet. The effort we put forth will be **worthwhile** as the cause of Christ will be advanced!



GOSPEL MEETING

PREACHER: Tom Hooten
SONGLEADER: George Stegall
DATE: April 18-22 (Sun-Thur)
All Evening Services at 7:30 p.m.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 1982

Bible Study	167
Morning Worship	216
Evening Worship	113
Contribution	\$ 2009.68

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 1982

Bible Classes

THOSE TO SERVE APRIL 18, 1982

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
Weaver Mills	Grady King
W. Robertson	R. B. Turner

NURSERY: Suzette Tyndell
Tanya Murray

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

OUR VISITORS

Eddie & Syble Moore of Grand Prairie and Pam & Kira Beers of Arlington were guests of the Weir family; Lance & Stephanie Johnson of Texarkana were visiting with Bo and Lou Johnson; Raymond, Judy, Meredith, & Zachary McClung of Wake Village were guests of Blanche McClung; Sue Burnett of Ivan, AR was a guest of Nena Clement; Carol McCright of Duncanville, TX was visiting Bea Williams; Gene White & family of Hearne, TX were guests of Paulette Taylor; Mr. & Mrs. David Boswell & Jim of Bartlett, TN and Mr. & Mrs. James Boswell of New Boston were guests of Jimmy & Janie Boswell; Billy & Peggy Johnson of Irving were guests of Bobby and Juanita Higginbotham; Phil & Pam Mills of Texarkana were visiting with Weaver & Frances Mills; James & Janet Johnson of Hooks were guests of J. D. & Thelma Johnson.

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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

TRUE GREATNESS

"...Whosoever would become great among you, shall be your minister (servant); and whosoever would be first among you, shall be servant (bondservant) of all" (Mark 10:43-44).

James and John came to Jesus requesting positions of honor and power. Evidently they did not understand the Master's words about His death and resurrection, and were obviously concerned with an earthly reign and the glory that would accompany it. The other disciples became indignant when hearing of the request, perhaps because they had not been first to make such a request. It's a disease we call **jealousy** today. Jesus, seeing the harmony and spiritual life of the twelve threatened, proceeds to correct their thinking and misconceptions regarding true greatness. We today need desperately to learn the lesson the Master taught those that would be His followers.

Jesus first sets forth the pagan standard of the world. The Gentiles (pagans) exercise "lordship" (absolute rule) and "authority" (tyranny) over their subjects. This is still the standard of worldly minded people; and every ounce of their energy is spent in "getting to the top!" Their greatness is always determined by the number of people who serve them.

Our Lord emphatically denies such a standard for those who wear the name Christian. Those who are truly great will become servants of all, and those who would be first shall be last (Mark 10:44; 9:35). Brethren, true greatness has always consisted in the outpouring of self in service to others! We have, however, become so independent and busy in our society that we usually **excuse** ourselves from these words of our Lord. You see, Christian greatness consists in the number of people we are willing to serve!

While Christ prepared to die his followers were concerned with rank and position. Jesus was busy giving Himself to save others; the twelve wanted to promote themselves at the expense of others! It is probably true that nothing has hindered the cause of Christ more than this false concern on the part of His people.

It makes for good discussion, and all must agree that our Lord "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. . . (Mk. 10:45). But will we practice what we claim to believe? It would solve many church problems. Many elders would reevaluate their duties and position. Members would seek ways to use their talent, influence, and opportunities for the cause of Christ. People would be visited; genuine care would be evident, and love would abound. Yes, brethren, this is true greatness, and the world would see that we are truly the Lord's people (John 13:35)!

-Marvin L. Weir



News & Notes



Sick List...

WADLEY: Don Bagwell remains in Room 415.

ST. MICHAELS: Becky Pierce is still in Room 659 as her arm has not yet healed enough to be released.

NEW BOSTON: Vesta Cox is suffering from heart pains, and is in Room 208.

AT HOME: James Martin is back home, enduring quite a bit of pain that could not be alleviated; Sarah Jo Vance is still trying to recover from her recent back surgery, and is still experiencing considerable soreness and pain.

CARE GROUPS TO MEET

CARE Groups 3 & 6 will meet in the home of Jimmy & Erma Brookshire on Friday, April 16, at 6:30 p.m.

CARE Groups 1 & 2 will meet in the home of Wyndell & Marie Robertson on Saturday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m.

OUR CO-ORDINATORS

Pre-School -- Sylvia Williams

Grades 1-4 - Virginia Parrish

Grades 5-6 - Russell Tyndell

Grades 7-12- Bobby Higginbotham

We appreciate those who are willing to serve in this capacity as it enables our Bible School to function much more smoothly. All teachers need to contact one of these people for info or changes.

APPRECIATION

We do want to express our gratitude and thanks to **James and Janie Martin** for working so diligently as Bible School Co-ordinators the past few years. It was a job well done, and your service and effort in this area was appreciated.

BIBLE HOUR DISMISSED

Our Bible Hour for grades 1-3 will be dismissed this Sunday as everyone will meet in the auditorium.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Bro. Tom Hooten will be speaking to the adult Bible class this Sunday in conjunction with our Gospel Meeting. Please make every effort to be present for every service.

Response

PRAYERS: Vince Hardage (4-11-82)

Three little letters hold the
key to our success.
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A.M. Guest Speaker: Tom Hooten

P.M. Guest Speaker: Tom Hooten

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