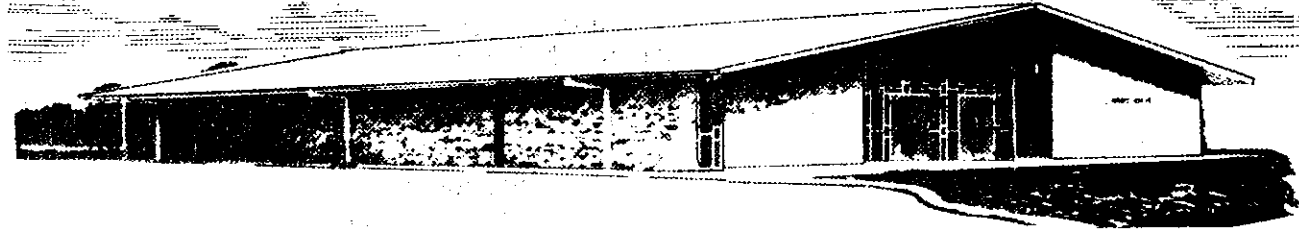


# HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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## MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

It's hard to believe that this July will mark the end of our second year with you. I continue to be impressed with how quickly our precious time slips from us. May we learn to use it wisely on things that really matter!

Let me also say that our ministry here has been an enjoyable one. I believe we have all grown spiritually, and hopefully we will continue to do so. May I say again that my family is indeed grateful for the kindness and encouragement you have so graciously shown to us.

Sunday morning we will discuss "The Unprofitable Servant." The evening lesson will attempt to answer a question I received asking about "John's Baptism."

Brethren, God wants us to be dedicated if we are really Christians! Please plan to be present for all our services. It will be another great day Sunday!

## OUR GOSPEL MEETING

We are looking forward to a great gospel meeting that will begin on April 18, and continue through the 22nd. Tom Hooten will challenge all to respond to God's truths as he shares the gospel with us. George Stegall will be leading our singing, and it will be a great week of worship. We want all our members to be present each service, and be sure and try to persuade others to come with you. Be sure and remember this effort in your daily prayers.

## CARE GROUP MEETINGS

The month of April will be busy for us with the holidays and our meeting. We do not want to forget our CARE meetings, however, and we do want to encourage every member that can to participate in this fellowship. It will be something that will get to be very meaningful to you. Let's all work together in this effort!

## YOU ARE IMPORTANT

Think about it! Every member of this congregation can contribute toward our growth and success for the Lord.

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 1982

Bible Study . . . . .	128
Morning Worship . . . . .	166
Evening Worship . . . . .	125
Contribution . . . . .	\$ 1037.04

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1982

Bible Classes . . . . .	74
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## THOSE TO SERVE APRIL 4, 1982

A.M. PRAYERS	P.M. PRAYERS:
James Boswell	Rickey Burleson
Allen Freeman	Haskel Roberts

SCRIPTURE READING: David Tuck  
(Lk. 17:5-10)

NURSERY: Juanita Higginbotham  
Karen Tucker

BIBLE HOUR: Charlene Yates

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

## OUR VISITORS

Ruth Packwood of Dallas was visiting with Eva Nunn; Shelly Carter of New Boston was a guest of Melissa Yates; Mr. & Mrs. James Bloxham, Jr. of De Soto, TX were also our guests.

PANTRY ITEM  
Macaroni Dinners

Some are wise, and some are otherwise.



And unto man he said, behold,  
the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;  
and to depart from evil is understanding.

- Job 28:28

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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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## WANTED: A SHIP TO REACH HER DESTINATION

"that we be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind or doctrine ... after the wiles of error" (Eph. 4:14).

When a ship leaves port today and embarks on her journey all aboard are confident she will reach her destination. Why? I would imagine the reasons are at least twofold. First, the vessel is understood to be seaworthy; second, those coming aboard have trust in the crew to properly guide them. If either or both of these expectations are not true those aboard will find themselves drifting aimlessly, at a location they did not desire, or doomed. All passengers want the ship to reach her proper destination!

Brethren, my concern is for the church! The "ship of Zion" has a perfect head or captain (Christ), and He certainly allows her to be properly guided today by the unerring and never-failing word of God. This is fine and as it should be, but my concern is that an ever-growing number of passengers (members) are no longer willing to be guided by the captain (Christ's word; Bible). In the spiritual realm, aimless drifting that is never corrected will always result in eternal destruction of the soul.

Our Lord loved the church enough to die for it. This type of love would never allow the church to aimlessly drift without a capable guide. The Holy Spirit, by revelation guided the apostles in all truth (Jn. 16:13), and this revelation is recorded for us to follow today (II Tim. 3:16-17). We are assured these "scriptures" are not merely "private interpretations," but from "holy men of God moved by the Holy Spirit" (II Peter 1:20-21).

God has always provided guidelines for His people. He warned Joshua in days of old by saying, "Only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest have good success whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:7). We know for a fact that Israel did not fare well when they ceased to be obedient to all of God's laws.

Brethren, don't we want to reach our destination (Heaven)? I'm convinced we are guided by the law of Christ, and God speaks to us through Him in the Bible today (Heb. 1:1-2). No one has the liberty to teach and practice in matters of faith and doctrine what he pleases. We must always teach and do that which has been commanded by our Lord. False teaching may be ignored or tolerated in the name of unity and love, but the guide to Heaven still reads, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ hath not God . . . if there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God-speed . . ." (II John 9-11).

-Marvin L. Weir  
New Boston, TX



## News & Notes

### Hospital Notes

**ST. MICHAEL:** Becky Pierce remains in Room 659 recovering from her broken arm.

**ALL SAINTS (Ft. Worth):** Harvey Pitts is doing better, and hopes to be dismissed shortly.

**AT HOME:** Blanch McClung; Sarah Jo Vance recovering from surgery; Carolyn Barker & Clyde Freeman, Jr. (Lillie Freeman's children); Ellen Russell is now home after having tests at the local hospital; Walter Nunn was to undergo tests in Texarkana; Weaver Mills was to undergo tests in McKinney last Wednesday; let's continue to remember James Martin in our prayers as he receives treatment.

### OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to the Arvil (Henry) Williams family at his death last Sunday. This was Bea Williams' husband's brother, Marie Robertson's brother-in-law, and James Williams, Janet Oliver, and Gladys Murray's uncle. Services were conducted at the Malta Baptist church with burial in the Pulas-ki cemetery.

### AREA WIDE SINGING

The 1st Sunday Area Singing will be at Fouke this Sunday from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

### MONTHLY YOUTH GATHERING

April's fellowship will be at the Weir's home -- dates will be set later.

## TEACHERS MEETING

All who are serving in a teaching capacity at present, and those who will be teaching in the future are requested to meet at the building this Sunday at 5:00 p.m. We will limit our meeting to 35 minutes or less, but be prepared to share with us any suggestion, need, or problem you might have.

## DIRECTORY UPDATE

Please remove Dana & Kim Duke from your directory as their family has moved back to Arkansas.

## AREA LEADERS DINNER

The Area Leaders Dinner and Fellowship will be at Walnut St. on Monday, April 5th, with singing beginning at 6:30 and the meal at 7:00 p.m. This is for all elders, deacons, preachers, program leaders, etc., and their wives. Each family needs to bring two dishes, and may choose from vegetables, dessert or salad. We must know by this Sunday if you are planning on attending.

SMILING IS FUN,  
COSTS NOTHING,  
AND FEELS GOOD.  
TRY IT!



**A.M.** "The Unprofitable Servant"  
Luke 17:5-10

**P.M.** "John's Baptism"  
Acts 19:1-7

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