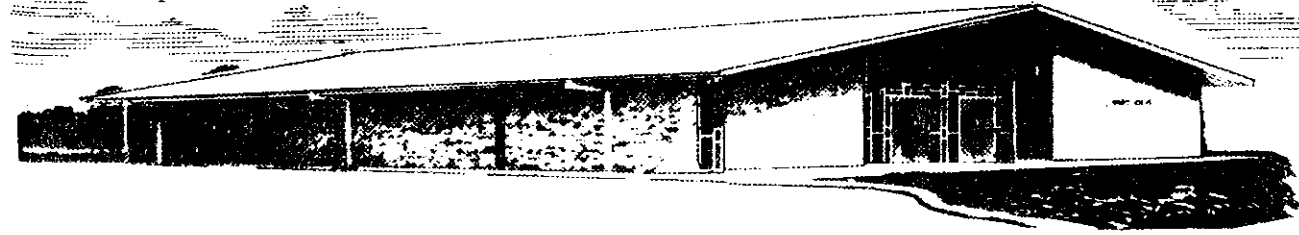


# HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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## MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

### Me? A Leader?

G. David England

"Me? A leader? But I'm only 16. You know a 16-year-old can't be a leader in the church."

Sadly, that's the attitude of many young people—that they are second-class Christians. Leadership is reserved for the preacher, the Bible school teacher, the song leader, the person who leads public prayer. Add peer pressure to that and it's easy to see why young people are sometimes afraid to express their Christianity.

But leadership is much more than the traditional, recognized leadership roles, although those are necessary and vital parts of spreading the gospel. Paul told Timothy to lead by example. "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an ensample to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12.)

The school-age Christian has perhaps the greatest opportunity of any age group to lead others to salvation—and example is a key. Timothy was not a teenager but he was a young man when Paul wrote him, and he obviously understood the importance of living his Christianity. He knew he couldn't lead people to Christ unless they saw in him something special.

The challenge to every young person is to be a leader—by living his or her Christianity. It won't be a quick road to the top of the popularity chart, but what is most important, popularity or eternal life?

"Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee." (1 Timothy 4:16.)

You, a leader? The Christian must be, regardless of age.—David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tennessee

It's good to have the McIntosh family with us. I know you enjoyed our song service this last Lord's day, and I hope you will help Steve in this area by always singing to the best of your ability.

Our attendance last Sunday was the best it's been in some time. Our Bible classes improved, and 147 were back for the evening worship service. Let's strive to do even better this fall; we can if we really want to!

Our family is on vacation this week, and we look forward to returning to New Boston this coming Monday or Tuesday. We'll see you this Wednesday at Bible study.

I appreciate Steve preaching in my absence, and teaching the Sunday morning class. You will enjoy the lessons he will be sharing with you so make every effort to attend every service.

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 1982

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Evening Worship . . . . .	147
Contribution . . . . .	\$ 1218.04

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1982

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### THOSE TO SERVE AUGUST 15, 1982

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
Rickey Burleson	Danny Johnson
Allen Freeman	J. D. Johnson

SCRIPTURE John Inman  
READING: (Ex. 5:1-9)

BIBLE HOUR: Nena Clement

NURSERY: Juanita Shelton  
Jennifer Crawford

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

### OUR VISITORS

N. H. & Mildred Berry of Ivan, AR were guests of Nena Clement; Tony Cortemelia, Jr. of Hearne, TX was a guest of Janice Mills; Gene White of Hearne, TX was a guest of Paulette Taylor; Charles & Carolyn Brown of Idable, OK were visiting with David & Betty Brown; Parker Hart of Maud, TX was our guest last Lord's Day; Mr. & Mrs. R. L. McIntosh and France Mount of Fort Worth were guests of Steve and Linda McIntosh; Rebecca Jones of New Boston was visiting with Melissa Yates.

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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

## THE CONSISTENCY OF LOVE

Since 1 Corinthians 13 shows the supreme place of love, a study of the book of 1 Corinthians in the light of this chapter should help one understand the consistency of love in dealing with difficulties. The book of 1 Corinthians might properly be called "A Book on Church Problems." Since Paul wrote chapter 13, we can certainly expect this chapter to be consistent with everything else in the book. Paul, an apostle writing by inspiration, surely was not guilty of violating the principle in chapter 13 dealing with the problems of the church at Corinth. Space will not allow for a study of love in relation to all the problems in Corinth, but we can look at some of them and see how love is to be applied in various situations.

1. Love does not cause one to look the other way and pretend that problems do not exist or that problems will go away if they are ignored. Some today seem to think that love cures problems by ignoring them.

2. Love does not refuse to talk about problems. Love is willing to discuss both the cause and the cure. Paul was not among the number that believed that problems should not be discussed. The view of some today toward problems in the church condemns Paul for sending this epistle to the Corinthians. Their admonition to Paul would have been for him to just talk about love. If Paul had conceived of love as some do today, 1 Corinthians would have consisted of only chapter 13. Did Paul err in writing a book of sixteen chapters instead of one? But if Paul did not believe that a treatise on love was a cure-all for the problem in Corinth, why should one think that the way to cure problems today is to talk only about love?

3. Love may be negative as well as positive. Are there any negative things in 1 Corinthians? The letter is full of negative teaching. One verse is sufficient to establish the point: "Now in this that I declare unto you I praise you not that ye come together not for the better, but for the worse," (1 Cor. 11:17). The letter is not all negative, but there is the negative side. Preaching that is scriptural is both positive and negative, love balancing the two. Paul lived before the day of Dale Carnegie and Norman Vincent Peale. Paul would be out of step today with pulpits that want only positive preaching.

Does anyone that believes in the inspiration of the Bible think that Paul violated 1 Corinthians 13 by the negative preaching in the letter? It would be interesting to see one who contends that love is always and only positive rewrite this epistle and leave out the negative. Would not such an attempt to do so mutilate the letter? The answer is yes, and this is exactly what the cry for only positive preaching does to love. It mutilates love as set forth in the Scriptures.

Franklin Camp  
Adamsville, AL



## News & Notes Hospital Notes

**BAYLOR (Dallas):** Oda Mae Orrison is trying to recover from her recent surgery.

**NEW BOSTON:** Mattie Hillis is in Room 211.

**ST. MICHAEL:** Phillip Hardage is in Room 333. This is DeWayne Hardage's uncle.

**OTHERS:** Joy Terral had a tonsillectomy Friday.

### THANK-YOU NOTES

*Thanks so much for the warm reception. Our Christian family at New Boston already means alot to us. The "ice cream social" was so thoughtful. We look forward to many happy years in New Boston.*

Steve & Linda McIntosh

Dear Christian Friends,

*Words cannot express my thanks and appreciation to you for the many nice and helpful things you did for me during my recent move into my new home. We could never have made it without your aid when we needed it so much. The open house reception was just lovely. The beautiful and useful gifts are so much appreciated. Each one who came honored us with your presence. My family and I thank you for your help and your love shown to us. We love you all.*

Mrs. Lucy Higginbotham & family



The Summer Youth Series this week is at Walnut St., and the speaker is Jack Paul of Tyler, TX. The subject to be discussed is "The Thrill Of Victory." The time the van will leave the building will be announced Sunday.

Don't forget the Winner's Fellowship at Rolling Thunder Skating Rink in New Boston on August 24th. This event will conclude this Summer Youth Series.

## Thank-You!

Our Jr. High group of youth spent last Thursday at Six Flags. Our thanks and appreciation goes to Bobby and Juanita Higginbotham for taking the time to go with the group.

### RESPONSE

MEMBERSHIP & RESTORATION:  
(August 8)

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**A.M.** "Who Is The Lord That I Should Obey?" (Ex. 5:1-9)

**P.M.** "Way Of Life Evangelism"  
(Jno. 4)

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