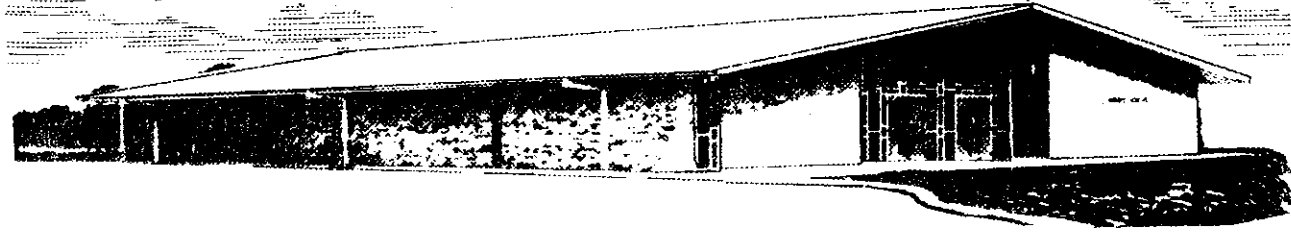


# HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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**MOMENTS  
WITH  
MARVIN**

It's good to be back home after spending an enjoyable week in the Arkansas mountains. The family enjoyed this week together, but Amy stated it well by saying, "Daddy, I'm glad we're home."

We were able to visit with Oda Mae for a couple of hours last Monday. She was feeling much better, and sends her love to each of you.

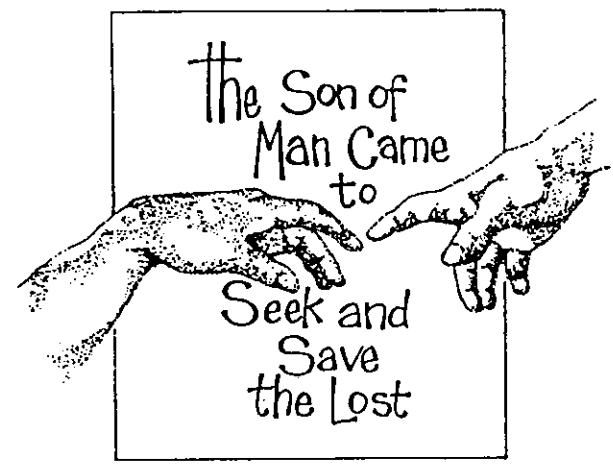
I'm looking forward to this fall, and the ways that we can grow spiritually as we serve our Lord. I want to encourage each one to make every effort to faithfully attend all our services.

Another thought -- the local **Bowling Alley** has reopened, and the lanes and equipment have been repaired. If you would like to bowl in a couples league this fall, give me a call or tell me this Sunday. This would last about 32 weeks and cost about \$3.00 per person weekly.

## NEW STUDY BEGINS WEDNESDAY

The next four weeks will be an learning experience regarding the American Restoration Movement. We will view filmstrips entitled **Back To The Bible: How We Got There, How We'll Stay There.** This study will give each member better understanding, greater inspiration and deeper commitment to the continuing task of restoring the Lord's church.

This coming Wednesday we will view the film entitled **We Begin The Search.** The remaining three filmstrips are: **We Come Together; We Disagree And Divide;** and **Where We Go From Here.**



## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 1982

Bible Study . . . . . 127  
 Morning Worship . . . . . 172  
 Evening Worship . . . . . 108  
 Contribution . . . . . \$ 962.41

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 1982

Bible Classes . . . . . 98

### THOSE TO SERVE AUGUST 22, 1982

A.M. PRAYERS: Grady King  
 P.M. PRAYERS: Ben Dooley  
 Loran McPherson W. Robertson

SCRIPTURE READING: R. Burleson  
 (Ezek. 47:1-5)

BIBLE HOUR: Bobby Higginbotham

NURSERY: Suzette Tyndell  
 Danna Johnson

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

### OUR VISITORS

Marie Hermes of Dallas was visiting with Jim & Winifred Harper; Shawn Dealy of Longview was a guest of Sharon & Kimberly Elliott; Mary Lanier of Texarkana was visiting with the McIntoshes; Roxie Thompson of New Boston was a guest of Cheryl Shelton; Krista Smith of Nash was a guest of Lisa Murray; Tina Strickland of Maud was visiting with LaNell Sweeden; Charles & Stephanie McKee of Grapevine, TX were guests of Robbie & Gladys McKee; Mr. & Mrs. LeRoy Helton of Hugo, OK; Jim Bloxham of DeSoto, TX; Tracy, Connie & Wade Morris and John Graham all of Philadelphia, TN; Mrs. Grady Bruce of Dallas was also our guest last Lord's Day.

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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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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

WHERE YOU ARE  
 ALWAYS WELCOME

## A SCHOOLBOY ATTITUDE

"My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. Keep my commandments, and live; and my laws as the apple of thine eye." (Proverbs 7:1-2)

In the book Mere Christianity C.S. Lewis tells the story of a schoolboy who was asked what he thought God was like. The boy replied that, as far as he could tell, "God was the sort of person who is always snooping round to see if anyone is enjoying himself and then trying to stop it." Mr. Lewis says he is afraid that is the sort of idea that the word **morality** raises in many people's minds; something that interferes, something that keeps you from having a good time.

I admit to being concerned about our world, its people, and their problems. I am far more concerned, however, with the church and the individual attitudes of members of the body. Could it be possible that an increasing number of "Christians" are developing a schoolboy attitude toward God and what is moral and right?

If one isn't very careful the world will influence him more than he influences the world. That which is corrupt, impure, indecent, and unholy crowds around the Christian all the time, and he is constantly being pressed to conform to the worldly way of life. No matter what your age may be it's really not very hard to yield to the Devil -- just begin to reason that the Lord is really trying to keep you from having a good time and enjoying life! Lower your standards a little -- just a little; compromise in several areas, and don't act so serious; join the crowd and become one of the boys or girls, and don't try to be so different from everyone else!

Brethren, the **only** preventive to giving in to worldly evils is to be rooted and grounded in the Word of God! But as long as the "schoolboy attitude" controls one's mind, Satan doesn't worry too much about him becoming rooted and grounded in the Word of God. Many Christians seemingly don't want to be seen carrying the sword today -- their Bibles **never** accompany them to services or anywhere else. I guess I wonder too much, but if one is not going to carry or use the sword I wonder if he has any need for the helmet or the breastplate?

Everything God has asked man to do has been for man's own good and happiness. If one could only see the ugly and wretched deformity of sin and where it eventually leads, his heart would recoil in horror. The Lord tries to give us **wisdom** with which we can defend ourselves against Satan and sin. But to be effective, the wisdom must sink deeply into our hearts and permeate our souls. Wisdom of God kept only in one's mind as an interesting fact will not guide him into paths of righteousness. Let's overcome schoolboy attitudes and grow towards maturity!

-Marvin L. Weir



## News & Notes



### OUR SICK

IN GARLAND: Oda Mae Orrison is recovering from recent surgery at her sister's home. The address and phone number is as follows:

1345 Greenwood  
Garland, TX 75041  
Ph. 214/271-4390

NEW BOSTON: Mattie Hillis remains in serious condition in Room 211.



### Sympathy Extended

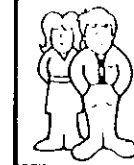
Our sincere sympathy goes to Haskel Roberts and his family at the death of his brother, **Floyd Roberts**. The funeral was conducted last Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at Bates-Rolf Funeral Home.

### BOLES HOME TRUCK RAN

Groceries were picked up for Boles Home on August 13, and they commended us for our generosity in this area. We all need to remember to bring items for our pantry and the "home" on a regular basis.

### GOSPEL MEETING

The church in Avery is having their meeting Aug. 22-26 (Sun.-Thur.) with evening services at 7:30 p.m. Bro. John Cannon of Paris will be the speaker.



## Youth News

The Summer Youth Series has been outstanding, and I know that those of you who attended regularly were strengthened spiritually. There is one last event -- the **Winner's Fellowship** will be this coming Tuesday at the Rolling Thunder in New Boston. The price for admission will be \$2.00, and you'll need money if you desire snacks. Be sure and plan to attend this period of fun and fellowship.

### NOTE OF THANKS

*Please know if I never appreciated and loved you before, believe you I do now. With God's and your help, I came through one major surgery so I'm asking for your support and prayers for another. I came out to my sisters yesterday for two weeks. I will then go back to make arrangements for my readmission to the hospital (possibly the 30th). I do hope I am strong enough physically and spiritually to make it.*

*In Christian love,  
Oda Mae  
August 13, 1982*



**A.M.** "Go All The Way With God"  
(Ezek. 47:1-5)

**P.M.** "Reasons For Going To Heaven"

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