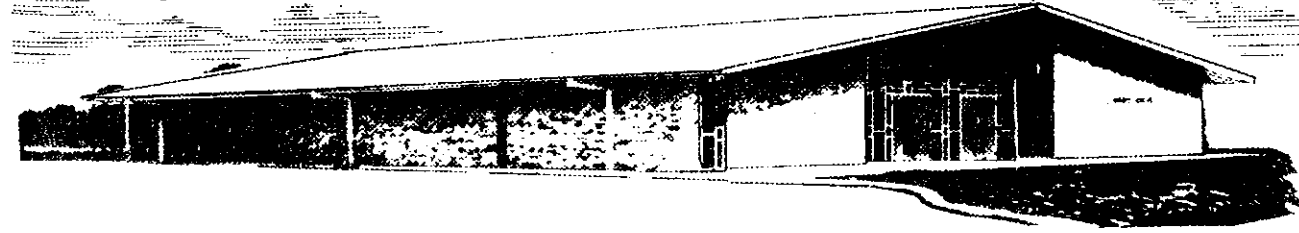


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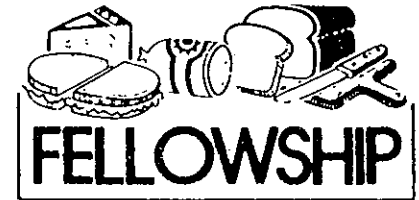
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ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



Every family who can is encouraged to gather with us at the **Community Center** this Friday for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. We have the facilities reserved from 4:00-10:30 p.m.

Those who are willing to help decorate need to be at the Center by 4:00 p.m. Those in grade 6 and below who want to sing carols need to be at the Center by 5:00 p.m. We are aware, however, that there are other activities scheduled for this same evening; so please come on and join us whenever you can!

We plan on beginning the meal at 7:00 p.m. Each family is asked to bring one or two dishes of food and their appetite.

If you need transportation, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you at this gathering.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1982

Bible Study	120
Morning Worship	172
Evening Worship	133
Contribution	\$ 1156.22

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1982

Bible Classes	85
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THOSE TO SERVE DEC. 5, 1982

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
Haskel Roberts	L.A. Wright
Don Bagwell	R. Burluson

SCRIPTURE READING: Bo Johnson
(Matt. 18:15-17)

BIBLE HOUR: Russell Tyndell

NURSERY: Renee Wright
Donna Parrish

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

OUR VISITORS

Debbie & Kathy Jennings of Henderson, TX; Jan & Jennie Collins of Simms, TX; William, Jan & Kevin Dean of Plano and Jon Kerley of Waco were guests of Leland & Charlene Kerley; David, Claudia & Jim Boswell of Bartlett, TN and Mr. & Mrs. James J. Boswell of New Boston were guests of Jimmy and Janie Boswell.

MYSELF

When I awake in the morning,
In a nasty frame of mind;
Criticizing other people,
For the little faults I find,
I can always, if I want to,
Make myself ashamed of me:
By just looking in the mirror,
And appraising what I see.

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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

On Preaching

When I was in his class on Preparation for the Ministry at David Lipscomb College, Batsell Barrett Baxter shared this thought with his students: "The tyranny of preaching is that Sunday comes every seven days." I think of that statement often—at least once a week. No matter how experienced a preacher is, no matter how many hours a week he puts into study, Sunday still comes every seven days.

Time is the greatest enemy of the preacher in his preparation of each week's messages. A chapel speaker at Harding Graduate School several years ago spoke on the need for more expository preaching—the most difficult type of sermon to do well. Afterwards, one of the students asked him, "Why is it that there were so many great expository preachers in England and America during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and so few today?" With only a moment's pause the speaker replied, "Because they had studies and we have offices."

Yet the demand for excellence in preaching is probably greater today than ever before. Because of the ease of travel, more members have heard more great gospel preachers today than in any previous generation. And how many times is a preacher unconsciously compared to a TV personality in his ability to speak, persuade and even entertain?

Dub McClish recently published an article that illustrates well the preacher's plight:

The average sermon contains 5,000 words. Most preachers deliver at least 90 sermons per year. This totals 450,000 words per year. An average full-length novel contains 50,000 words, so this means that a preacher is producing the equivalent of nine full-length novels each year.

Whew! No wonder I feel tired! In twenty years a preacher produces the equivalent of 180 full-length novels. In fifty years that would be a whopping 450!

How many authors do you suppose could produce nine full novels each year for twenty (or forty) years, using the same basic theme and "plot," without sinking to the depths of repetition and boredom even if he could do it at all? Can you imagine the study, preparation, research, time and effort that would go into such a project? Neither can I! But it does answer a question that sometimes bemuses brethren concerning what preachers do. One thing for sure, preaching is no place for the lazy, unmotivated person who is looking for a soft way to make a living.

In light of Dub's article, perhaps brethren will forgive us preachers if every so often a sermon "drags" a bit in spots or lacks the emotional punch or scriptural depth here and there it ought to have. Preaching and the sermon preparation required to do it well is difficult. If you doubt it, just try it sometime.

—Bill Goree



News & Notes

IN THE HOSPITAL



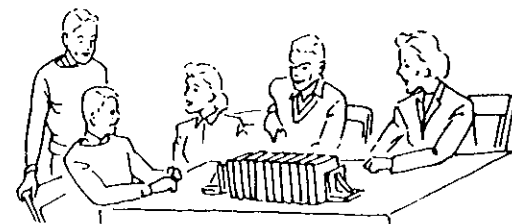
NEW BOSTON: Julie Griffin is in Room 219; Blanche McClung is in Room 220 (pneumonia); Robert Hughes is in Room 224 suffering from damage to his ribs due to a fall. Tests are not complete as of this writing.

ST. MICHAEL: LaNell Sweeden is in Room 337 for tests.

AT HOME: Justin Tyndell is now at home following his stay in the hospital with pneumonia; James Martin has been doing battle with a kidney infection; Walter Nunn has not felt well the past few days.



Our sympathy is extended to Donna Johnson and her family at the death of her step-mother, Lona Gibbs. Services were conducted last Friday at Wards Creek Baptist Church. Please continue to remember this family in your prayers.



Teachers Meeting Sunday, Dec. 5th at 4:30 p.m.

Baby Shower



You are invited to a pink and blue shower honoring Pam Burleson, Sat., December 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Charlene Yates. The address is 708 Hwy. 8 S.

Attention LADIES! MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Ladies Bible Class will dismiss for two weeks during the December holiday season. We will **not** meet on Dec. 22 and Dec. 29. The class will resume meeting on January 5, 1983.

Don't forget, however, that we will meet for two more classes before dismissing for the holidays.

SINGING ON DECEMBER 22nd

All classes will be dismissed as everyone gathers in the auditorium on this Wednesday for a night of worship in song. We want to have a good crowd, so please make every effort to be present.



A.M. "Exercising Proper Church Discipline" (Matt. 18:15-17)

P.M. "God's Purpose For The Church" (Eph. 3:8-12)

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