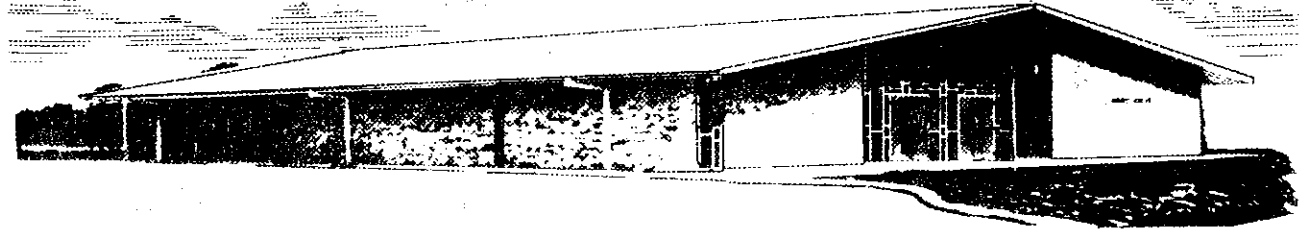


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MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

I'm happy that so many of our teachers were able to attend the recent banquet in their honor. Teachers, keep up the good work you are doing for the cause of Christ! We need you and we do appreciate your every effort to help touch and mold lives for good.

We've studied "God's Law Of Marriage" and "God's Attitude Toward Divorce" in recent weeks. This Sunday we will study "God's Instructions Concerning Remarriage."

Our goal is for our classes and sermons to be spiritually beneficial and challenging. The majority of the Sunday evening sermons will strive to enlighten and promote spiritual growth among members of the body.

A suggestion/question box is on the foyer table. Please feel free to use this method of communication.

OUR LIBRARY

Recent memorial contributions have allowed us to add the following books to our church library: In memory of ALMA MAHONE: History Of The Church In Texas, by S. Eckstein, Jr., The Search For The Ancient Order, Vol. 3, by E. West, Straight Talk To Men About Their Wives, by J. Dobson; In memory of NANCY SHIRLEY: Helps From Hebrews, By D. Boatman, Studies In First Corinthians, by T.R. Applebury, Guidance From Galatians, by D. Boatman, The Glorious Church, by Wilbur Fields; In memory of THEO JOHNSON: Beacon Bible Commentary, V. 6 & 7, Flowers That Never Fade, by L. Brownlow, Full Of Joy, by M. Ragland.

OUR GOSPEL MEETING

We realize the month of April is still a few days away, but it is time for us to begin thinking seriously about our Gospel Meeting which is scheduled for April 18-22 with Bro. Tom Hooten of Atlanta. Let's all begin planning now to do all we can to have a great meeting.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1982

Bible Study 163
Morning Worship 178
Evening Worship 110
Contribution \$ 1440.59

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1982

Bible Classes 97

THOSE TO SERVE FEBRUARY 14, 1982

A.M. PRAYERS: Rickey Burleson
Grady King
P.M. PRAYERS: Haskel Roberts
Loran McPherson

SCRIPTURE READING: Herman Lynch
(Matt. 19:3-9)

NURSERY: Robin Clark; Tanya Murray

BIBLE HOUR: Ernest & Meg Shelton

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

PANTRY ITEM: Canned Meat

OUR VISITORS

Kenneth, Roma & Crystal Haggard of Elyria, Ohio were our guests; Amy Westfall of New Boston was a guest of Melissa Yates; Mr. & Mrs. N. H. Berry of Ivan, Arkansas were visiting with Nena Clement; R. B. and Oreta Turner also had their family with them this past Lord's Day.

**Faith doesn't just stand
there. It does
something!**

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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.

WHERE YOU ARE
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OUR DEBT TO THE CHURCH

The church is oftentimes defined in terms of visible and invisible or local and universal. The ONLY church of any value to the world is a local, visible, group of men and women who are devoted to the service of God.

The local church stands between God and the lost world. Every 24 hours 100,000 people die without Christ. If we were in the construction business and could build 1000 classrooms a day and put 10 new people in each classroom and teach them each hour, and then a different group each hour, we could not keep up with population increases!

Though the entire world cannot be saved, there is an ekklesia - an eternal kingdom made up of those accepting the gospel call. They are sojourners, pilgrims, or temporary residents of the earth. Their permanent home and city awaits. On the way to eternal life we can help someone else discover the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You are the key to someone's eternal destiny. The strength of the church depends on you and how involved you become. Success in the Kingdom depends on the extent members are zealous and faithful. There are four obligations every Christian owes the local church.

LOYALTY. Membership in the church is a way of life. It is not like membership in a lodge, club, political or civic organization. Church membership is not an end in itself. A Christian is a part of the body for which Christ died. He is married to Christ. He is a citizen of the Kingdom of Light. He is a child of God - a very elite person. He is a part of the most powerful force on earth.

DEPENDABILITY. Everyone is needed to play his part. No one is good as a soloist in the church. Your abilities cannot be put up in a box, stored on a shelf and taken down later. Each Christian can do something to help create the proper environment for growth through warm love, making people feel wanted and welcome.

We are not in the Kingdom to occupy ground but to invade the territory of the devil. The world may resist or reject our efforts but no one can deny our right to express our love for souls. No Christian should feel like an intruder; he should feel more like an ambassador!

PRESENCE. The very existence of the local church depends on the simple presence of its members. If someone has the right to be absent all of the time, then all have that right. If every member attended services like you do, what would become of the church?

FINANCIAL SUPPORT. The church has obligations whether we participate or not. It is right for the church to pay its debts. It is right for me to be counted on for weekly support. Even when I am absent I can leave my contribution or make it up the next time I am present.

-Richard L. Jones



News & Notes

Hospital Notes

ST. MICHAELS: Jeanette Hillis Kirkland remains in serious condition.

COMMUNITY (Garland): Carolyn Riggins remains in ICU.

DALLAS HOSPITAL: Randy Elliott had exploratory surgery last Wednesday.

AT HOME: James Martin; Jo Harmon; Clara Fern Pitts; Todd Hilton (Parks and Clara Fern's grandson) recovering from a broken arm.

CARE GROUPS TO MEET

CARE Groups 1 & 6 will meet Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Marvin & Cathy Weir.

CARE Groups 3 & 4 meet Saturday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Ernest & Juanita Shelton.

CARE Groups 2 & 5 meet Saturday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m. in the home of James and Janie Boswell.

VALENTINE BANQUET

This is for grades 7-college this Friday, Feb. 12, at 7:00 p.m. It will be at the home of Bobby & Juanita Higginbotham, and George Stegall will be the speaker.

NURSING HOME DEVO

All who can are encouraged to meet at the Nursing Home at 3:00 p.m. for the singing and devotional.



Wedding Bells

Mr. and Mrs. John Terral request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Theresa Ann to Stephen Vance on Saturday, February 13, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church of Christ at Malta.

AREA EVENTS

Feb. 18-19 -- Science & The Christian Seminar at 7:30 p.m. with Virgil Trout speaking.

Feb. 21-24 -- Gospel Meeting with Wendell Winkler at the North Jefferson church in Mt. Pleasant. Weekday services at 7:30 p.m.

March 7 -- 1st Sunday Singing to be at New Boston from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

YOUTH ACTIVITY

Grades 7-college need to make plans to attend the monthly gathering at Russell & Suzette Tyndells on Feb. 21 after the evening service.

ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING

All are encouraged to be present this Sunday evening (14th) after the evening service.



A.M. "God's Instructions Concerning Remarriage"

P.M. "Wrestling The Scriptures"

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