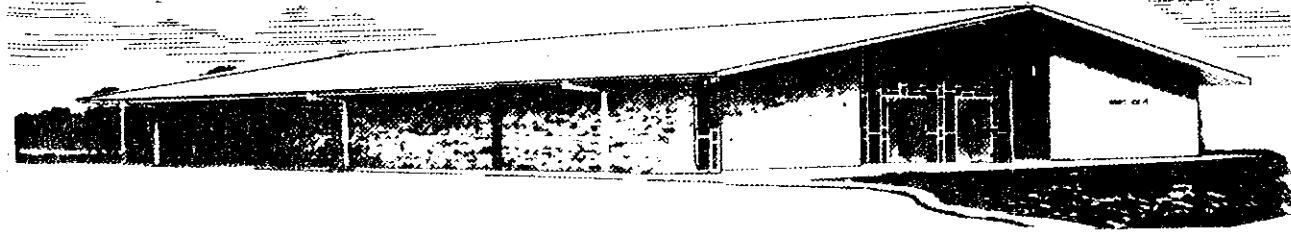


# HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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## MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

I guess there are a great many ways one can have fun. It's just that I don't know of a better way than being a part of our CARE Group fellowships! I'm really enjoying getting together in this manner, and I'll bet YOU would too if you really gave it a fair effort! Let's all try and support this program for the next few months -- you'll like it!

Don't forget our question/suggestion box in the foyer. All sincere questions will be answered in a sermon or a bulletin article; constructive suggestions will be discussed at our elders meetings.

Our sermon this Sunday night will deal with a controversial text from the Sermon on the Mount -- Matthew 5:17. Please purpose to attend our evening services; transportation is provided for all who need it.

## RUT ... OR GRAVE?

Just this last week in Ladies Bible Class we discussed a statement made by Ellen Glassgow. She said, "The only difference between a rut and a grave is their dimensions." Brethren, I really believe many of us would truly profit by meditating for a few moments on her statement!

Jesus tried to impress upon us the truth that it's "more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Our Lord even tried to show us by picking up the towel and washing the feet of others in John 13. When will we ever learn that this simple truth will not only work wonders in our own life, but will also cement relationships with others?

How good it really feels to lose sight of self and reach out to serve another! The Lord knew it would be for our own benefit as well as for the one we help. We must believe that it's better to serve than be served.

Yes, brethren, we must believe. But belief without practice is dead!

-M. W.

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1982

Bible Study . . . . .	136
Morning Worship . . . . .	170
Evening Worship . . . . .	110
Contribution . . . . .	\$ 1106.78

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1982

Bible Classes . . . . .	88
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## THOSE TO SERVE FEBRUARY 21, 1982

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
B. Higginbotham	H. L. Vance
Herman Lynch	James Williams

SCRIPTURE READING: Gary Tucker  
(II Tim. 4:2)

NURSERY: Joy Terral  
Danna Johnson

BIBLE HOUR: Elliott Raney  
Suzette Tyndell

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

PANTRY ITEM: Canned Vegetables

## OUR VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Lancaster of DeKalb and James and Janet Johnson of Hooks were our guests.



The 1ST Sunday Area-Wide Singing will be here at New Boston March 7th. Make plans to join this period of praise and fellowship from 2:30-4:00. George Stegall will be our song leader.

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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

## UNFINISHED

The city fathers in Edinburgh, Scotland decided many years ago to erect a beautiful structure that would be a visiting spot for tourists. Patterned after the Parthenon in Athens, it was designed to stand on Carlton Hill as a gleaming monument to the greatness of the city. About half way through, however, the city ran out of money. Today the unfinished monument still stands on Carlton Hill, crumbling, and the whole project is called, "The City's disgrace."

That story is almost a living illustration of Jesus' story in Luke 14 of the man who proposed to build a tower without counting the cost. Jesus said that man started to build and couldn't finish, thus all who observed it began to ridicule him saying, "This man began to build and was not able to finish." (Luke 14:28-30)

Jesus wasn't talking there about buildings left unfinished. He was speaking of lives--souls of people who set out to serve the Lord and who have no idea what they are getting into. Thus when the going gets rough, they stop serving the Lord.

Our membership rolls are literally bulging with names of people who once made that commitment to Christ, but have now died away in their service to the Lord. It has been weeks and even months since they last worshiped God. They said at their baptism what the old song says: "I have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, No turning back." But they have. "Things" got in the way, and now their unfinished spiritual life stands as a colossal wreck that is crumbling away. It testifies that they "were not able to finish." Thus what began as their glory became their disgrace. It is a disgrace for them, for the church and for the God they serve.

And what about you? Are you growing and building your life on the foundation of Christ, or have you stopped half finished? My brother or sister, don't stop now!

-David Lusk



## News & Notes

### IN THE HOSPITAL



ST. MICHAELS: Jeanette Kirkland remains in serious condition in # 449.

KENTUCKY HOSPITAL: Eilen Russell's sister, Ollie, is in the hospital following recent surgery.

COMMUNITY (Garland): Carolyn Riggins is still in serious condition.

HOME: Cleater Collins was just released from the hospital; Flois Raney has been hobbled by a sprained ankle; Winnie Tucker has been ill; and Jo Harmon, Blanche McClung, and Gladys McKee have not been feeling well. Also ill are Jason Clement and Blake Tyndell.

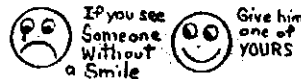
### Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to Cleater Collins at the death of his brother, Millie. Services were last Sunday.

### CARE GROUPS TO MEET

CARE Groups 2 & 5 meet at James and Janie Boswell's home this Saturday night (20th) at 6:30.

CARE Groups 3 & 4 are meeting at Ernest and Juanita Shelton's home at 6:30 this Saturday (20th).



## YOUTH SEVE

The seventh grades thru college are invited to the home of Russell and Suzette Tyndell as soon as services have concluded this Sunday evening.

## APPRECIATION

A big "thank you" is in order for all those who made the recent Valentine Banquet such a success. The young people enjoyed it, and so did all who attended. A special thanks to Bobby & Juanita for opening their home, and to the many people who worked and contributed to make it such a nice evening!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Feb. 21-24 -- Gospel Meeting at the North Jefferson church in Mt. Pleasant with Wendell Winkler.

Feb. 22 -- Meeting at Westside in Texarkana at 7:00 p.m. to plan for the Summer Youth Series.

April 18-22 -- Our Gospel Meeting with Bro. Tom Hooten.

July 26-30 -- Our VBS is scheduled for these dates.



**A.M.** "What Do We Do With God's Law Regulating Divorce/Remarriage?"

**P.M.** "Not That I Came To Destroy The Law . . . But To Fulfill"

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