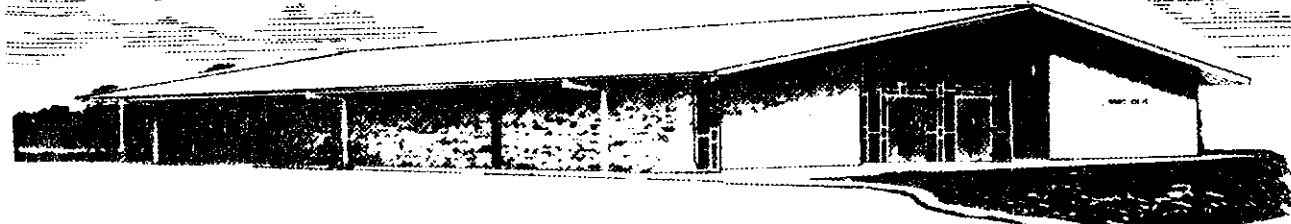


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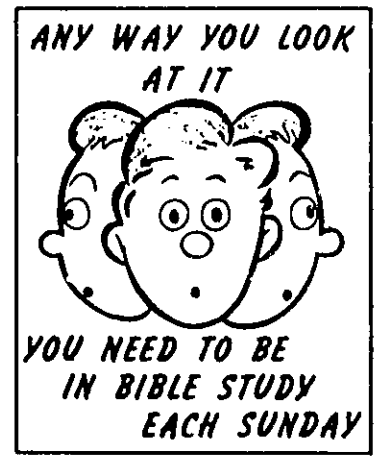


**MOMENTS
WITH
MARVIN**

It's time once again for a good number of our young people to make their way to Summer camp. Most of you probably know that I will be directing the Senior Session Of MFCC this year, and will be leaving this Sunday shortly after the morning services have concluded. We will return Friday night, and certainly want you to remember the camp and its efforts in your prayers.

Many of our members were gone last week, and such will be the case as the summer days continue. We would hope, however, that no one would forget their responsibility and commitment to the local body. May we never forget our obligations to the Lord as we live in this life.

I'm already looking forward to this fall as I have some challenging things to discuss with you. We also have a great meeting planned. See you Sunday!



Bible Study is so important! It speaks so much toward how dedicated we really are to **growing** and **maturing** as the Lord would have us to. The cartoon is really correct -- any way one chooses to look at the matter -- he needs to be in Bible class.

I hope you will make every effort to attend our classes. This is where you can **share** information and **ask** questions. This habit cannot help but make you a better person as you live in this world.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 1982
 Bible Study 98
 Morning Worship 156
 Evening Worship 97
 Contribution \$ 954.01

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 1982
 Bible Classes 103

THOSE TO SERVE JULY 11, 1982

A.M. PRAYERS: James Boswell
 P.M. PRAYERS: Haskel Roberts
 B. Higginbotham Danny Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING: R. Tyndell
 (1 Cor. 10:12)

BIBLE HOUR: Charlene Yates

NURSERY: Flois Raney
 Glenda Mills

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

OUR VISITORS

Dedra Holiday of DeKalb was a guest of Lana Freeman; Mr. & Mrs. D. W. Black of Waldo, AR; Mr. & Mrs. Ruel McKamie of Rosston, AR; Mike & Vaneta Smith of Wylie, TX were also our guests this past Lord's Day. Dennis, Anita & Jeremy Rush were visiting with Fred & Chleodia LaRue; William, Jan & Kevin Dean were guests of Charlene Kerley.

CARE GROUP MEETING

CARE Group 3 will meet Thursday, July 15 in the home of Ernest and Meg Shelton at 6:30 p.m.

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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

RIGHT IS RIGHT AND WRONG IS WRONG

Granted, everything in our world is not black or white. There are some gray areas. The Scriptures are not always explicit in giving a "Thou Shall" or "Thou Shall Not" for every circumstance. Often we are given general principles rather than precise commands. However, there are some absolutes, some things that are right or wrong regardless of the circumstances. Right is right and wrong is wrong, and it is never right to do wrong. By the same token, it never is wrong to do right.

We often rationalize to excuse our actions in an effort to justify our actions. Such excuses do not change the act. For example, being found out does not determine the rightness or wrongness of an act. Jonah tried to flee from the presence of the Lord (Jonah 1:3), and evil doers love the darkness to hide their acts (I Thessalonians 5:5-7). The prodigal son went into a far country, where he was not known, to live riotously. Each action was wrong. Hiding, fleeing, and covering up did not make them right. Had they never been found out, they still did wrong. Right is right and wrong is wrong, and it never is right to do wrong.

The rightness or wrongness of an action is not necessarily determined by the feeling of one's conscience. The conscience is a reliable guide only if it is trained properly. For example, Paul stated that he had lived in all good conscience (Acts 23:1). That is a strong statement from a man who had been a persecutor and a murderer. That his conscience was clear did not make Paul's past actions right, and he readily admitted that. A conscience can become hardened and calloused to the point that it can not be pricked (I Timothy 4:2). Therefore, conscience is not always a dependable guide in determining what is right and what is wrong.

A common cry from young people confronted with decisions of right and wrong, is that everybody else is doing it. Such a statement implies that numbers determine rightness and wrongness, and such an implication is totally false. Fifty million Frenchmen (or anyone else) can be wrong. Jesus said that the way to destruction is broad and easily found, so easy in fact that many find it. (Matthew 7:13). If everyone else is doing it, which they probably aren't, that is a good indication that action should be avoided.

On the other hand, right is right even if no one else is doing it. Joshua declared that he and his house would serve the Lord despite the choice that any of the other Israelites might make. (Joshua 24:15). Daniel continued to pray regularly to Jehovah in spite of threats (Daniel 6:10). The Good Samaritan refused to "pass by on the other side" as the priest and Levite had done. Realizing he would appreciate a helping hand were he in that predicament, he rendered aid to the injured man, despite personal danger to himself and the unconcern of others. Right is right regardless of what others do or fail to do. Strait is the gate and narrow is the way that leads to life and few there be that find it. (Matthew 7:14).

Thus, as we contemplate rightness or wrongness, we should not be concerned about getting caught or who is or who is not participating. Right is right and wrong is wrong and it never is right to do wrong. Neither is it ever wrong to do right.

--Tommy Stringer



News & Notes



OUR SICK

WADLEY: Sarah Jo Vance is in Room 391, and underwent back surgery again last Thursday.

Marie McPherson and Denise Mocny both have a bronchial infection; let's remember all those that we are aware of having special needs in our prayers.

ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING

This meeting was regularly scheduled for this coming Sunday, but has been rescheduled for Sunday, July 18. Please make plans to meet as soon as evening services have concluded on this date.

NURSING HOME DEVO

The devotional is scheduled for this Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. Please try and be a part of this service if at all possible.

AREA-WIDE SINGING

The 1st Sunday singing which was rescheduled because of the holiday will be at Dudley Ave. this afternoon from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

GOSPEL MEETING

The congregation at Nash invites all to attend their meeting with Stephen Rogers of Flint, Michigan July 11-14. All evening services will be at 7:30 p.m.

YOUTH SERIES AT MELROSE LANE

The Summer Youth Series will be at the Melrose Lane congregation in Hope this coming Tuesday evening. Joe Fields will be the speaker, and his subject to discuss is **Victory Over Humanism**. Russell will be driving the van, and will announce the time you need to be at the building Sunday.

OUR VBS DRAWING NEAR

We have a good Vacation Bible School planned for this year. If teachers find they need specific items for VBS they should let the office know well in advance. Glorifying God will be the theme of the and Larry Nokes will be the one sharing these lessons. We will share more information with you concerning our VBS in next week's bulletin.

EVERYBODY WANTS TO GO



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Ask A Friend To Attend



A.M. "Dangers We Do Not See"
(I Cor. 10:12)

P.M. Guest Speaker: Weaver Mills

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