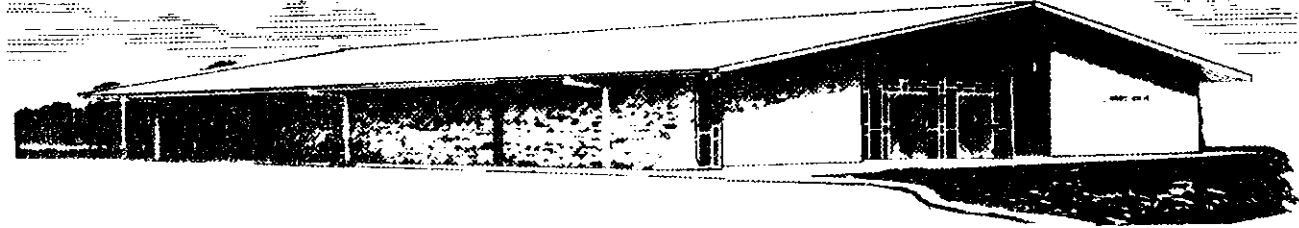


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I'm looking for our attendance to return to its pre-Memorial Day average. The lesson this Sunday morning is an interesting one on **The Priorities Of Love**. I hope you will be able to worship with us.

All teen-agers need to work extra hard at inviting your friends to attend the Tuesday night Youth Series with you. It will be a great evening, and I promise that you will be glad you were a part of it!

It was a good gathering, and I'm proud of the 14 young people who were at Westside last Tuesday evening. You'll certainly be the **winner** for attending these activities!

Camp time is almost upon us, and all camps are filling up. If you do not have your application in it may very well be too late. We are grateful for the interest that is shown in this area. It will be another great year for the camps!

It is indeed something special! The Summer Youth Series will be at New Boston this coming Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. All teenagers have a special invitation to be a part of this tremendous evening.

Bro. Ed Higginbotham of Searcy, AR will be speaking about how we were **Created To Be A Winner!** Refreshments will be served after the lesson, and you will have an opportunity to visit with all the young people.

Don't miss this evening, or you will never know about the special _____, and I won't be able to show you!

Ask A Friend To Attend

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 1982

Bible Study	119
Morning Worship	152
Evening Worship	101
Contribution	\$ 1221.57

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9, 1982

Bible Classes	96
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THOSE TO SERVE JUNE 13, 1982

A.M. PRAYERS: P.M. PRAYERS:
 B. Higginbotham Danny Johnson
 DeWayne Hardage J. D. Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING: J. Boswell
 (Lk. 14:26-35)

BIBLE HOUR: Elliott Raney

NURSERY: Nena Clement
 Jennifer Crawford

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

OUR VISITORS

Robert, Charlotte & Mike Marion of Ft. Worth, TX were guests of Cleater & Ann Collins; Shawn Shelton of New Boston was a guest of Cheryl Shelton; Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Rush & Jeremy were guests of Fred and Chelodia La Rue; Johnny & Connie Ponder were visiting with Wyndell and Marie Robertson; Jeff and Susan Ferrell of Little Rock were guests of Valerie and Mona Dees; Mr. & Mrs. Lum Curtis and Mr. & Mrs. E. K. Curti all of Texarkana were visiting with Novie Curtis.

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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

IS SUNDAY NIGHT ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?

I have heard individuals argue that since there is no example of Sunday evening services it is not important to attend. It is a great mistake to think that any worship service of the church is not important. Actually, there is an example of Sunday night attendance in the New Testament. "Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week . . . the disciples were assembled . . ." (Jno. 20:19) These disciples were conducting Sunday evening worship. One of their number did not attend that service. But Thomas . . . was not with them" (v. 24). We are not told why Thomas was not there. The context does not indicate he had a reason. He probably had an excuse similar to those used today:

- (1) **FEAR:** John said the disciples were meeting behind closed doors "for fear of the Jews" (v. 19). Our fears are a little different today. Some are afraid of what others (friends and relatives) might think. Some are afraid of being called upon to help the church in some way. Those who are faithful in attendance are usually the ones who give liberally of their money and time to support the work of the church. Therefore, some may fear their attendance will get them too involved.
- (2) **HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH:** Thomas could have argued that he lived a better moral life than some of the hypocrites who were attending Sunday evening services. After all, Judas had been a hypocrite and perhaps there were others.
- (3) **INDEPENDENT ATTITUDE:** Thomas may have disliked others telling him when to worship. His absence demonstrated his independence.
- (4) **DID NOT WANT TO GO:** Sometimes we need to make ourselves do things. We may not always be in the mood to attend evening worship, but we will always be glad we did!
- (5) **NEVER HAVE BEFORE:** Apparently, Thomas was not in the habit of worshipping on Sunday evening. Thomas could point out, "I have always worshipped once on Saturday and kept the Sabbath, why must I come on Sunday night?"

What did Thomas miss by not being present for Sunday evening worship? First, he missed a chance to see the Lord. I am sure Thomas regretted the rest of his life that he missed this opportunity. Jesus is still present in our Sunday evening assemblies (cf. Matt. 18:20). When Jesus comes again, He may come on Sunday evening. If He does, I want to be worshipping with the saints. In the second place, Thomas missed a faith building experience. His absence contributed to his doubt. Because of this doubt, his memory has been forever stained. He will always be known as doubting Thomas! Sunday evening worship can be a faith building experience for you. The writer of the book of Hebrews tells us that our assembling together can provoke us to love and good works (Hebrews 10:24-25). Yes, Sunday evening services are important to the faith and spiritual strength of every Christian. Let us make every effort not to forsake this assembly.

J.B. Myers



News & Notes



SICK LIST

WADLEY: Iris Pierce is undergoing tests, and is in Room 578; Hall Harmon has been transferred to Wadley for additional treatment.

OTHERS: Marie Robertson, Weaver & Frances Mills are feeling better; Don Jones still doesn't feel well; Charlie Cox is recovering from recent surgery; and James Martin continues to undergo chemotherapy. Let's also continue to pray for Haskell & Exie Roberts as they await information pertaining to the disappearance of their son.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the Melvin Watkins family at the death of his father, **Marvin Watkins**. Services were conducted last Thursday in Hughes Springs at the Reeder-Davis Funeral Home.

NURSING HOME DEVO

We want to encourage all who can to meet with us at 3:00 p.m. this Sunday at the Nursing Home. The song service and devo will last about 30 minutes.

CARE GROUPS 4 & 6 TO MEET

CARE Groups 4 & 6 will meet in the home of Bobby & Juanita Higginbotham on Saturday, June 19, at 7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU NOTES

"Words can't express how much love and appreciation I have for all of you. You were all there to help us when we needed you the most. I love each and every one of you. The spray of Pink Gladiolus were just beautiful."

With all my love,
Sharon Elliott

"Thank you for the cards, food, calls, visits and prayers during my illness. Your support was immeasurable."

In Christian love,
Frances Mills

Thanks to You

A special thanks to all the ladies who signed the list to bring cookies for our youth series. The response was **great**; at least 28 ladies are helping with this. Please remember to get your cookies to the building before this coming Tuesday evening.



A.M. "Priorities Of Love"
(Lk. 14:26-35)

P.M. "The Ascension Of Jesus"
(Mk. 16:9-20)

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