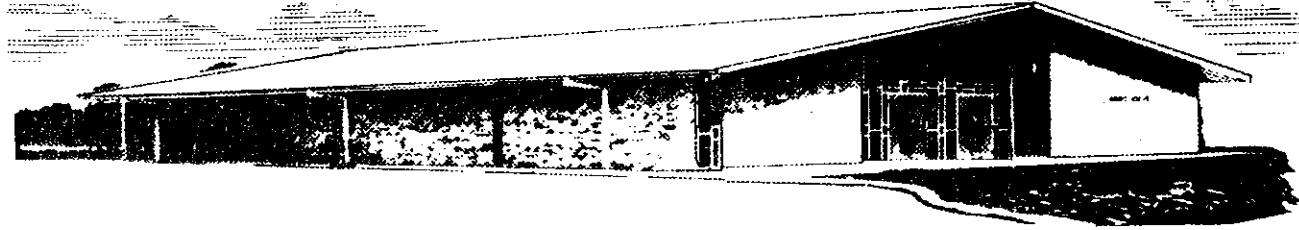


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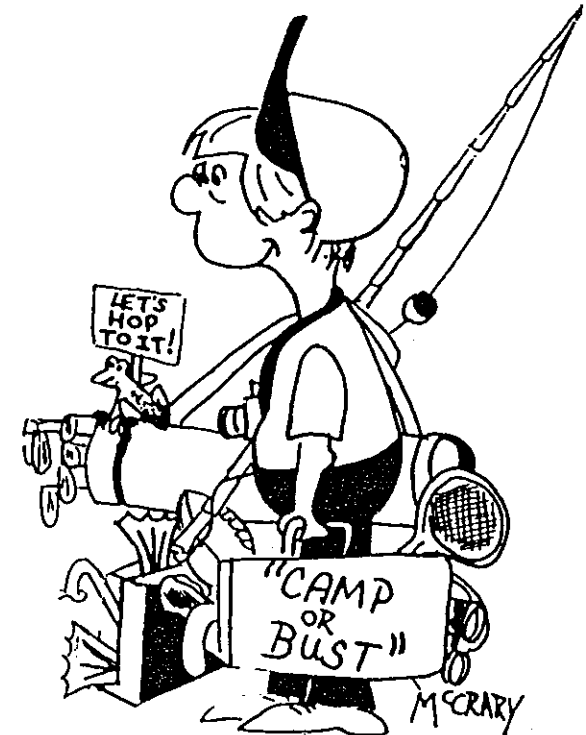


MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

YOUTH CAMP 1982

Last Sunday and Wednesday were two of our worst days attendance wise in the last two years. Memorial Day week-end coupled with sickness and threatening weather certainly did us no favors in this area. And, as one might expect, our contribution was the lowest it has been in quite some time. Don't misunderstand! I appreciate holidays and vacations, and I'm glad you get away to visit with friends and loved ones. But we do miss you when you are gone, and we hope each one will make every effort to faithfully serve the Lord during these summer months.

Please be present this Sunday, and why not ask a neighbor or friend to come with you. I will be preaching a two-part sermon on the Gospel of Christ. So make a special effort to encourage one to spend the day with you. The power of God's word can indeed touch hearts and change lives!



OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, MAY 30, 1982

Bible Study	111
Morning Worship	143
Evening Worship	82
Contribution	\$ 905.47

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

Bible Classes	75
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THOSE TO SERVE JUNE 6, 1982

A.M. PRAYERS: James Boswell
Bo Johnson
P.M. PRAYERS: H.L. Vance
Elliott Raney

SCRIPTURE READING: Don Bagwell
(Rom. 1:16)

BIBLE HOUR: Jean Raney

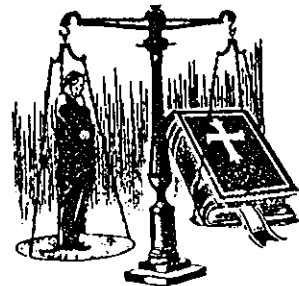
NURSERY: Betty Brown; Kim Williams

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

OUR VISITORS

Edd and Liz Hutchins of Alba, TX were guests of Lucy Higginbotham; we did have other visitors in our midst but did not receive cards from them.

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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

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

There is surely more to being faithful to the Lord of heaven and earth than "church attendance," but can one be faithful to him without it? Is it necessary (to please God, to grow spiritually, to be saved) for one to assemble faithfully with the saints? If the New Testament teaches anything, it answers "yes"! We are obviously not speaking of the sick and shut-ins and others who are hindered beyond their control, but those who are able to come. We aren't merely asking if the preacher or elders care, but does God care? Consider the following:

Lord's day assembly. Saints are commanded to partake of the Lord's supper to remember Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:24.) The apostolic example (Acts 20:7) and un-inspired early church history confirm that the church ate the Lord's supper on the first day of the week. To provide the money needed to do the work of the church, the saints were commanded to give of their money every first day of the week. (1 Corinthians 16:1-2.) These things were to be done "everywhere in every church." (1 Corinthians 4:17.) To wilfully miss the Lord's day assembly is to disregard these commands.

Other assemblies. What about Sunday evening, Sunday morning Bible school or Wednesday night? Are such meetings scriptural or unscriptural? Various meetings besides Sunday were held in the early church with apostolic approval. (Acts 2:46; 4:23; 12:12, etc.) It is certain that such additional meetings for study, worship, and fellowship (gospel meeting series, vacation Bible schools, workshops, etc.) greatly strengthen ones who attend them and do untold good. In spite of scriptural precedent and practical need for these meetings, some still weakly cling to the "Lord's supper only" approach to church attendance.

A direct command. As clearly as the New Testament teaches not to commit adultery, not to steal or not to murder, it teaches "not forsaking our own assembling together." (Hebrew 10:25.) To forsake is not the same as merely being absent. The sick man will be absent without forsaking the assembly if he would have been there except for sickness. To forsake is to abandon for something deemed more important. It is mere speculation to limit this command only to the Lord's day assembly. Whenever there is a meeting of the saints at which we could be exhorted to pure living, we ought to be there. Moreover, we ought to want to be there!

Miscellaneous principles. Lovers of God have always cherished worship and study opportunities. (Psalms 42:1-4; 84:1-2, 10; Matthew 5:6.) Can one "seek first the kingdom" while forsaking its assemblies? (Matthew 6:33.) Does God care where we are when the saints meet?

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Denton, Texas



News & Notes



NEW BOSTON: Charlie Cox is in Room 223, and is scheduled to undergo surgery at 10:00 Thursday as of this writing.

OTHERS: Iris Pierce is still trying to regain her strength; Weaver and Frances Mills are both home recovering from a bronchial infection; Juanita Shelton is still trying to regain her full strength; and Don Jones has not been feeling well.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sharon Elliott and her family at the accidental death of her mother and grandmother. Services for Sharon's mother, Sally Johnson, were conducted last Tuesday at the First Baptist Church.

ELDER'S MEETING

The elders have a meeting scheduled for this Sunday evening as soon as services have concluded.

VBS MATERIAL NOW AVAILABLE

All class coordinators are reminded that our VBS material is in the Teacher's Workroom. Please make sure you have what is needed for your teachers.

ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH

I hope you've already made plans, but if not be sure and make them! The **Summer Youth Series** begins this coming Tuesday at Westside in Texarkana. The van will leave the building about 6:15 p.m. Let's have a good group of young people representing New Boston at this gathering.

Don't forget that the following Tuesday, June 15, the **Youth Series** will be at New Boston. Invite and encourage your friends to attend with you. This event can be as successful as we plan for it to be.

CARE GROUP MEETINGS

CARE Group leaders are reminded that meetings will be combined this month. We realize that the summer months will find families with more plans and activities than usual, but let's encourage each one to support our CARE program when possible.

GOSPEL MEETING

Bro. Eddie Cloer of Harding will be speaking at Hughes Springs June 9-13. All evening services will begin at 7:30 p.m.



A.M. "The Gospel Of Christ"
(Rom. 1:16)

P.M. "The Gospel Of Christ"
(1 Cor. 15:1-4)

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