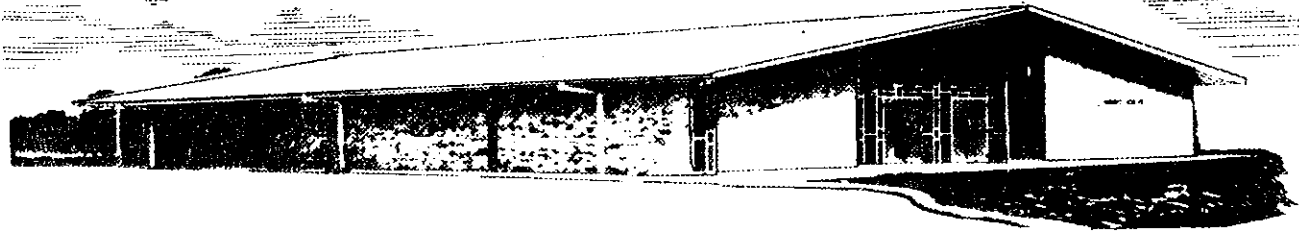


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used in the record of their preaching in the book of Acts, for the true definition of love (**agape**) was manifest in their obedience to Christ, and their sufferings for His truth and church. True love in the New Testament is not how you "feel" about others, but what you "do" for God and His Cause. "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father. . . ." (John 14:21-23).

-Dan Billingsly

## YOUTH FORUM & SPRING SING

Joe Beam will be the speaker for the 18th annual Youth Forum at Harding on April 9-10. The Forum and Spring Sing provide an excellent time for high school students to visit the university.

## NEW MATERIAL IN WORKROOM

All teaching material for the next quarter can be picked up in the teacher's workroom. Teachers, if your material is not complete, please notify Russell Tyn-dell.



You'll profit by being present for the class and both sermons this Sunday. The book of 1 Peter will challenge you toward greater Christian maturity, and strengthen your faith as well. The morning sermon will explore humility, and Sunday night we will discuss the impossibility of renewing one again unto repentance.

We already have a van load going to the DeQueen Teenage Banquet on the 27th; more may be going. Cathy and I will be at least two of the adults making this trip with the young people.

You need to get use to using the question/suggestion box in the foyer as it can benefit the entire congregation. I have two questions that were turned in, and I am now working on them.

Make every effort to be in class and worship Sunday, and encourage another!

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 1982

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Bible Study . . . . .     | 140        |
| Morning Worship . . . . . | 160        |
| Evening Worship . . . . . | 122        |
| Contribution . . . . .    | \$ 1064.77 |

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 1982

|                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Bible Classes . . . . . | 104 |
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## THOSE TO SERVE MARCH 21, 1982

A.M. PRAYERS: Danny Johnson  
P.M. PRAYERS: Haskel Roberts  
R. B. Turner E. Shelton, Jr.

SCRIPTURE READING: John Inman  
(John 13:3-17)

NURSERY: Flois Raney  
Valerie Martin

BIBLE HOUR: MaryLynn Murphy

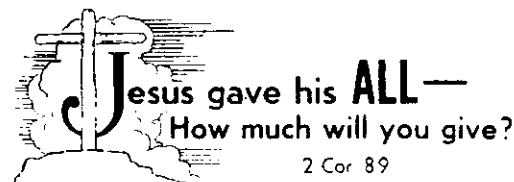
NOTE: *If you are unable to serve on this date, please call Jerry Yates at 628-2441.*

## OUR VISITORS

Becca Rhea and Paul R. Schultz of Henderson, TN; Ben H. Neeley, Jr. & Tammy of DeQueen, AR.



Canned meat and chicken



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Sundays:**  
Bible Classes . . . 9:30 A.M.  
A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M.  
P.M. Worship 6:00 P.M.

**Wednesdays:**  
Ladies Bible  
Class . . . . . 10:00 A.M.  
Bible Classes . . . 7:30 P.M.

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## WHY IS THE WORD "LOVE"

### NOT IN THE BOOK OF ACTS?

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

APOSTOLIC PREACHING IN THE BOOK OF ACTS (MOTIVATED BY LOVE) WAS A MESSAGE OF ENLIGHTENING TRUTH TO MEN LOST IN SIN (PHIL. 2:16). IT WAS PREACHING: THE FULFILLMENT OF PROPHECY (ACTS 2:14-36), FAITH AND REPENTANCE (2:38; 3:19; 17:30-31), BAPTISM (2:38; 8:12; 10:48; 16:31-33; 18:8; 22:16). IT WAS A MESSAGE ABOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH (2:41, 47; 4:4; 5:14; 6:7; 8:1-4, 12; 20:28). IT WAS A MESSAGE AGAINST THE FALSE TEACHING BOTH AMONG THE JEWS AND THE GENTILES (13:38-52; 15:1-41; 19:1-41). THE APOSTLES AND THEIR PREACHING WERE DIVINELY SUCCESSFUL IN LEADING MEN TO SALVATION IN CHRIST, AND MAINTAINING THE TRUTH OF GOD IN A WORLD OF SIN AND RELIGIOUS ERROR.

GOSPEL PREACHERS IN THE PAST WERE NEVER ACCUSED OF NOT LOVING GOD OR LOST MEN, AND THEIR MESSAGE ECHOED THE APOSTLES' DOCTRINE IN THE RESTORATION OF NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANITY. HOWEVER, THE MODERN CONCEPT OF "LOVE" LEADS MEN TO BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN BE MORE SPIRITUAL THAN THOSE WHO STRESS ". . . ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS, THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIM THAT HATH CALLED US TO GLORY AND VIRTUE: . . ." (11 PETER 1:3). THEY BELIEVE THAT THEY CAN WALK MORE CLOSELY TO GOD THAN THOSE WHO ". . . WALK IN THE TRUTH" (111 JOHN 4). THEY CONTEND THAT "LOVE" MEETS THE NEEDS OF MAN BETTER THAN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST WHICH IS ". . . ABLE TO MAKE MEN WISE UNTO SALVATION THROUGH FAITH IN CHRIST JESUS. ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF, FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS: THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE PERFECT, THOROUGHLY FURNISHED UNTO ALL GOOD WORKS" (11 TIM. 3:15-17). THEY MAINTAIN THAT "LOVE" WILL PRODUCE MORE UNITY AND BROTHERLY KINDNESS, BUT THE LORD SAYS THAT UNITY IS PRODUCED BY MEN BELIEVING THE TRUTH OF THE APOSTLES' PREACHING (JOHN 17:20-21), AND THAT BROTHERLY LOVE IS PRODUCED AMONG THOSE THAT OBEY THE TRUTH (1 PETER 1:22). MAN'S "LOVE" DOES NOT SAVE HIM FROM SIN, THE GOSPEL DOES (ROMANS 1:16); "LOVE" WHICH NEUTRALIZES AND COMPROMISES THE TRUTH OF GOD IS THE WORK OF THE DEVIL (11 COR. 11:13-15). THIS MODERN PREACHING OF "LOVE" IS REALLY THE GOSPEL OF SATAN, FOR IT TEACHES MEN TO HATE AND REBEL AGAINST GOD AND HIS GOSPEL OF TRUTH.

TRUE BIBLE "LOVE" IS WHEN MEN WALK AFTER THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD (11 JOHN 6). TRUE BIBLE "FAITH" IS WHEN MEN LOVE THE TRUTH (1 JOHN 5:9-13) MORE THAN THE ACCEPTANCE OF HUMAN DOCTRINES OR PRAISE OF MEN. LOVE IS THE "FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT" (GAL. 5:22), THAT WHICH IS PRODUCED IN THE CHRISTIAN THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE GOSPEL.

THE APOSTLES TRULY LOVED GOD, THE TRUTH, THE CHURCH, AND THE LOST MEN AND WOMEN OF THE WORLD, WHEN THEY WENT FORTH TO PREACH (ACTS 1:6), BUT LOVE WAS NOT THE PREDOMINANT THEME OF THEIR MESSAGE. IT REALLY IS NO MYSTERY WHY THE WORD "LOVE" IS NOT

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## News & Notes

### HOSPITALIZED

**NEW BOSTON:** Irene Grider, Juanita Shelton's mother, is in Room 209.

**NE BAPTIST** (San Antonio): Sandra Parker's dad, Calvin Seale is better, and hopes to be released in a day or so.

**WACO:** Sarah Jo Vance left Wednesday for tests, and does not yet know if she will be hospitalized or not.

**AT HOME:** Opal McCright; Ellen Russell; and Sharon Elliott's mother, Sally Johnson, who was recently dismissed from the hospital. Paul & Janie Talley continue to gain strength; and although James Martin is not confined to his home, please continue to pray for him.

### CARE GROUP 4 TO MEET

CARE Group 4 will meet Sunday, March 21, in the home of Weaver & Francis Mills immediately following the evening services.

### YOUTH GATHERING

Grades 7-College are invited to the home of James and Sylvia Williams on Saturday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

March 28 -- General Business Meeting

March 31 -- Wednesday Night Singing; all will meet in the auditorium.

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

## PANAMA UPDATE

Luis Benitez, an outstanding 2 year graduate of the school, has shown remarkable talent, enthusiasm and zeal to glorify God in his native country. The church in Cortez, CO and the Geyer Springs church in Little Rock have undertaken to support Luis to further his education and training at Sunset in Lubbock. He will return to Panama.

Bro. Gilberto Alvarado is the native preacher for the church in Chorrera. Remarkable growth is evidenced by the recent expanding of their building facilities to accommodate increasing attendance.

A Soul Winning Campaign is planned for June 12-19 in Chorrera, Panama. You are welcome to participate, and take advantage of the special round-trip air fare of \$265.00 from New Orleans. Special bus transportation from Little Rock to New Orleans is being arranged.

At least five new congregations have been established: **La Pulida; Calobre; Torti;** and two in the **Province of Herrera.**

Brethren, the church here in New Boston can be proud of her part in the success of the gospel effort in Panama! Let us continue to support and pray for the salvation of souls in Panama.



**A.M.** "The Unique Christian Virtue"  
(John 13:3-17)

**P.M.** "Impossible To Renew Them  
Again Unto Repentance"  
(Heb. 6:1-6)

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