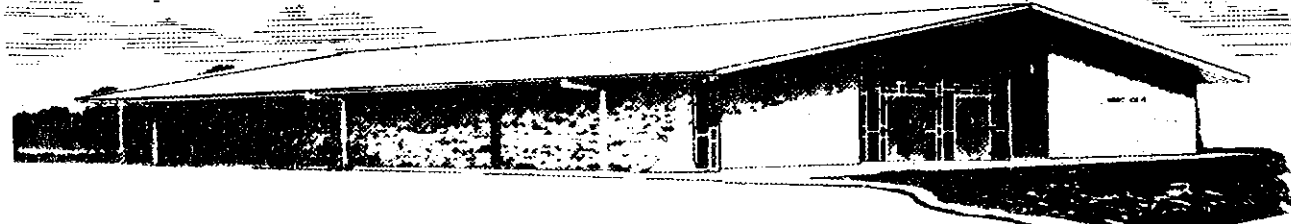


HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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Our attendance for January averaged 153 despite our having only 119 in worship on Jan. 3rd. This month we have averaged 162; let's continue to strive to improve in all areas!

I hope you will consider the article on the inside with the spirit with which it is written. For the next two weeks I want to share with you some thoughts by another writer on true biblical love.

I hope you will make a special effort to attend class and both worship services this Sunday. We are having a challenging study in the book of 1 Peter. Our morning sermon will consider ways we can glorify God. Sunday night we will study "A Law Unto Themselves" (Rom. 2:14).

Join us at the singing this afternoon. We'll be looking for you!



What better place is there to learn God's Word, and to encourage and share that which you do know with others? The Bible class is still a vital part of our "growing in knowledge" as Christians! Purpose to attend all our Bible classes.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1982

Bible Study 137
 Morning Worship 155
 Evening Worship 131
 Contribution \$ 1304.06

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 1982

Bible Classes 103

THOSE TO SERVE MARCH 7, 1982

A.M. PRAYERS: John Inman
 P.M. PRAYERS: Bo Johnson
 Rickey Burleson Elliott Raney

SCRIPTURE READING: James Boswell
 (Rom. 1:21)

NURSERY: Betty Brown
 Donna Parrish

BIBLE HOUR: Bobby Higginbotham

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

PANTRY ITEM: Canned Fruit

OUR VISITORS

Susie Hobbs of Beaumont, TX was a guest of Mattie Hobbs; Kayla Terrel of Plano, TX and Marie Jones of Garland, TX were guests of Don and Jean Jones; Kathy Bradford of New Boston was visiting with Sue Yarberry.

Spiritual Gems



Work for the Lord. The pay is low, but the retirement benefits are out of this world.

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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



News & Notes

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to Parks & Clara Fern Pitts at the death of their neice, Paula Sue Green. Paula was in an auto accident in Hawaii, and services were conducted there this week.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

Several young people have inquired recently concerning guidelines for those who assist in the nursery. Our present guidelines state that an adult must be present at all times, and those who help must be 13 or older. We cannot make exceptions regarding the age limit.

GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

The men of the congregation are encouraged to attend this meeting scheduled for March 28th following the evening service. All who are interested in the work of the church are encouraged to attend.

1ST SUNDAY SINGING TODAY

The area-wide 1st Sunday Singing will be conducted at our building today from 2:30-4:00 p.m. Each member is encouraged to attend if at all possible.

Reaching Out To Others
Is the Key
To Church Growth!

THANK YOU

Dear Brethren,

We want to thank you for all the kind and thoughtful things you did for us during the past week -- at the passing of our sister, Bertie Lee Harmon.

We especially thank Bro. Marvin Weir and the ones that sang -- Thank you for caring.

-Ernest & Juanita Shelton & Family

ELDER'S MEETING

The elders have a meeting scheduled immediately following the evening service this Sunday.

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

March 7-10 -- Bro. Charles Williams will be speaking at Atlanta. Evening services will begin at 7:30 p.m. except for Sunday's 6:30 service.

March 7-12 -- Bro. Adrian Maynard will be preaching at Genoa Central. Each evening service will begin at 7:30.

Sometimes the Lord calms the storm;
sometimes He lets the storm rage and
calms His child.



A.M. "Glorifying God"
(Romans 1:21)

P.M. "A Law Unto Themselves"
(Romans 2:14)

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

"THE GOSPEL AND LOVE"

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation . . ." (Romans 1:16).

I want to go on record as saying that I am so very grateful for the wonderful love of God. I'm fully aware of all that love has done; all it continues to do, and how important it is that we are recipients of it. The Word of God even reminds each of us: "If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal" (I Cor. 13:1).

But it is what I am hearing in the name of love that is disturbing me! I wonder if many (even our brethren) have not reached the point where sin is overlooked and condoned in the name of love. It was Dr. Karl Menninger, in speaking of the avoidance of certain words, who said, "The very word 'sin,' which seems to have disappeared, was a proud word. It described a central point in every civilized human being's life plan and life style. But the word went away. It has almost disappeared -- the word, along with the notion. Why? Doesn't anyone sin anymore? Doesn't anyone believe in sin?"

I continue to hear our brethren almost apologize for the "five acts of worship," "baptism," and "church attendance." It's as if some are saying that "love" is the only thing that really matters and these other "acts" are not to be emphasized too strongly. I recently read the following, "In every generation there are counterfeit saviours who feel that their mission in life is to call the preaching brethren back to the "old paths," by urging them to speak more on why we don't use instrumental music in the assembly, why everyone outside the Church of Christ is going to hell, the organization of the church, and why the congregation across town is heretical." I somehow get the ideal that love has superseded the gospel as God's saving power, and that one is to no longer "contend earnestly" for the "old paths" or "the faith."

I'm reminded on every hand that no longer are we to be "negative" in anything that we do. I'm all for being "positive and upbuilding", but not at the expense of refusing to expose sin and say "No!" The majority of the "ten commandments" would be rejected by many today because of their "negative" wording. But I'm still convinced "light" by its very nature exposes "darkness." May gospel preachers continue to "preach the word . . . reprove, rebuke and exhort" with love! (II Tim. 4:2)

-Marvin L. Weir