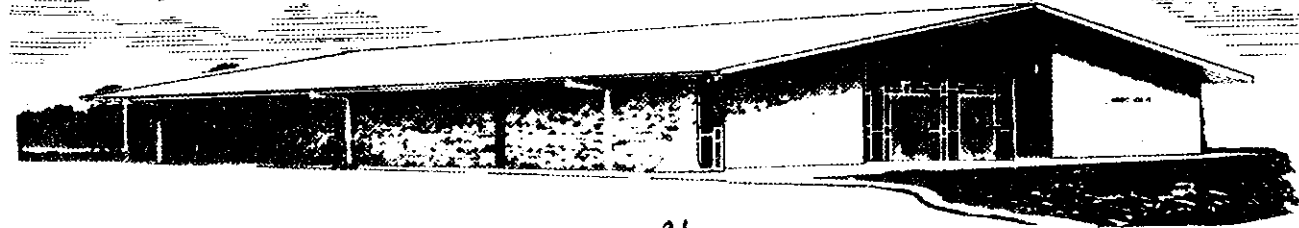


# HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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## MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

It's good to be back home again! I did manage to attend a couple of days of the Denton Lectures entitled **Studies In I Corinthians**. The quality of these lectures was second to none -- and far superior to many. The Lectureship book and a complete set of the tapes are in the church library. We appreciate the Pearl St. church for making this rich spiritual feast a reality.

This coming Lord's Day we will continue our study of **Church Discipline**. This will be the third lesson in this series, and you are encouraged to be present.

We all need to think seriously regarding our attitude toward the Lord and his church. And lest you forget -- the church is **you and me!** Don't let **anything** keep you from attending the services this Sunday.

Let's all resolve to press on toward . . . . . ?

### Men Try To Rename Sin

- Man calls sin an accident;  
God calls it an abomination.
- Man calls sin a blunder;  
God calls it blindness.
- Man calls sin a chance;  
God calls it a choice.
- Man calls sin a defect;  
God calls it a disease.
- Man calls sin an error;  
God calls it enmity.
- Man calls sin a fascination;  
God calls it fatality.
- Man calls sin infirmity;  
Man calls it iniquity.
- Man calls sin a luxury;  
God calls it lawlessness.
- Man calls sin a trifle;  
God calls it a tragedy.
- Man calls sin a mistake;  
God calls it madness.
- Man calls sin a weakness;  
God calls it willfulness.

*the word of our  
God will  
stand forever!*

### OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1982

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Contribution . . . . .	\$ 1201.25

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1982

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### THOSE TO SERVE NOV. 21, 1982

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
Bo Johnson	Danny Johnson
Grady King	R. B. Turner

SCRIPTURE READING: John Inman  
(Gal. 6:1)

BIBLE HOUR: Ernest Shelton, Jr.

NURSERY: Suzette Tyndell  
Tanya Murray

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

### OUR VISITORS

Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Hampshire of Foreman, AR; Forrest & Ester Talley of Foreman, AR; Mrs. Noble Cross of Plainview, TX was a guest of LaNell Sweeden; Cindy Hutcheson of Dallas was a guest of Tom and Norma Hutcheson; Neal & Joye Lancaster of DeKalb were also our guests this past Lord's Day.

PANTRY ITEM  
Canned Fruit

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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

# A LITTLE TEST

Below are three phrases, more or less familiar. Before you go any further, I would like for you to read them out loud. Please read them out loud or you will miss much of the effectiveness of what I've got to say.

PARIS  
IN THE  
THE SPRING

A BIRD  
IN THE  
THE HAND

ONCE  
IN A  
A LIFETIME

Did you read them out loud? Good. Now--unless you are a very unusual person (or very suspicious), you read them all wrong. Did you notice that two of them have two "the's" and the other has two "a's"?

But what's the point, you say? I've given you this little test to illustrate THE DANGER OF PRE-CONCEIVED IDEAS. You read the phrases as you did because you thought you knew what they said before you read them. Now this answers one of the nagging questions that people ask: How can two people read the same passage of scripture and come up with two different meanings? No doubt there might be many factors, BUT THE MOST COMMON IS THAT ONE OR BOTH HAD THEIR MINDS MADE UP BEFORE THEY READ THE PASSAGE AS TO WHAT IT WAS GOING TO SAY!

One of the most terrifying passages in the Bible is II Thessalonians 2:10-12, which says that if we are not TRUTH-seekers, that God will send us a strong delusion that we will SINCERELY BELIEVE A LIE and will be lost.

This matter of pre-conceived ideas helps explain how good, honest people can read passages like Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16, etc. and still believe baptism is not essential to salvation. It also helps explain how some members of the church can read Hebrews 10:25 and still think church attendance is not essential. None of us is immune from the malady of reading with pre-conceived ideas. May God help us then to be truth-seekers--and to always ask ourselves, "Is this really what God is saying here? Or is this simply what I want the passage to say?"

David Roper



## News & Notes

### IN THE HOSPITAL



WADLEY: Wyndell Robertson underwent oral surgery Wednesday morning; Lola Fezell's condition is the same.

SHREVEPORT: Neal Kyles, Jo Harmon's son, is still in the Veteran's Hospital.

AT HOME: Denise Terral; Bo Johnson has had a bronchial infection; Vesta Cox was dismissed from the hospital this week; Walter & Eva Nunn request our prayers; Pearlle Terrell.

## A Special Thanks

The Hayride/Weiner Roast was enjoyed by all the young people. We appreciate all who helped make this event such a success. A special thanks to Don & Jean Jones for inviting all to their home, and providing the necessary equipment for the youth as well as the adult hayride. Also, thanks to Keith Crockett for providing the hot dog buns for both groups.

### TEACHERS MEETING

A meeting is scheduled for all Bible class teachers Sunday, December 5, at 4:30 p.m. at the building.

### ATTENTION ALL CARE GROUPS

CARE Groups will not meet on an individual group basis for the month of December. Our annual Christmas Party on December 3 at the Community Center is for all members and their families, and we encourage everyone to attend.

## Youth News

A group of our young people will be leaving Friday afternoon at 4:00 for the Youth Evangelism Seminar in Longview. They will be staying overnight with some Christian families from the Moberly Ave. congregation and will return late Saturday night. Since we are unsure of our returning time, all young people will be delivered home.

### CARE GROUP MEETING

CARE Group 6 will meet in the home of Grady King on Saturday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m.

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS DISMISSED

Ladies Bible Class will not meet the week of Thanksgiving. This will enable each one to have a little more time to prepare for the holiday.

### BULLETIN TO BE MAILED EARLY

You are to be reminded to have any news for the bulletin in by Tuesday of this week. We will publish and mail this Wednesday because of the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday.



**A.M.** "Exercising Proper Church Discipline" (Gal. 6:1)

**P.M.** "Love In Four Dimensions" (Eph. 3:18)

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