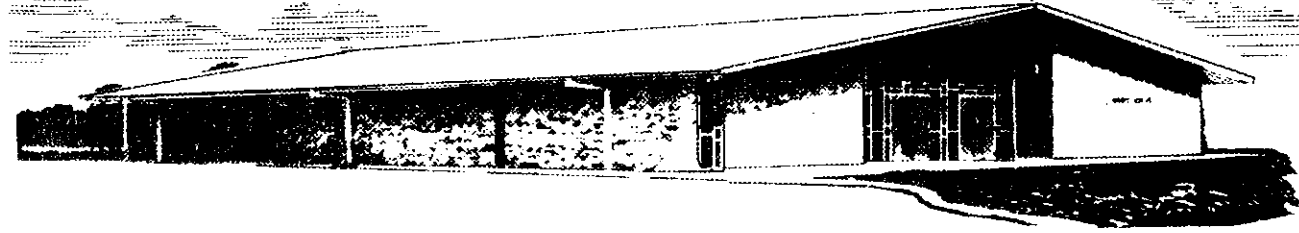


HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

I appreciate the opportunity I had last week to be involved in the Gospel Meeting at North Hopkins. The meeting was well attended by the local church, and we enjoyed seeing many friends we had not seen in quite some time.

I'm happy to be "home" again, and look forward to seeing you this Sunday. A special thanks to Jim Robertson and Tom Hutcheson for leading singing last Sunday, and to Steve McIntosh for preaching both services and teaching my classes.

We did it! We got six teams together and have enjoyed the fun and fellowship while bowling the last two weeks. Some who could not bowl on a regular basis may desire to be a substitute. If you would like to "sub" but have not told me, please do so as soon as possible.

See you at worship this Sunday!

DEACON RESIGNS

Last Sunday evening Elliott Raney submitted his resignation as a deacon to the elders. Elliott has served in this capacity for several years, and we do appreciate the special effort he put forth in several areas. He has been responsible for our monthly assignment sheet; served as a CARE Group leader, and scheduled those who could sit with and help the sick. We also ask him to assist with numerous other things which he gladly did.

Again, we thank you for your help and effort put forth in all these areas.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Our Ladies Class met last Wednesday for the first time this year, and there were eleven present. You will enjoy the study this year, and we hope you will make plans to attend on a regular basis. The class will meet each Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Some are wise, and some are otherwise.



And unto man he said, behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom, and to depart from evil is understanding.

- Job 28:28

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1982

Bible Study	135
Morning Worship	158
Evening Worship	127
Contribution	\$ 1163.40

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1982

Bible Classes	109
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THOSE TO SERVE SEPT. 26, 1982

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
H. L. Vance	Danny Johnson
Wilford Trickler	J. D. Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING: Grady King
(Jn. 11:32-35)

BIBLE HOUR: Jean Jones

NURSERY: Virginia Parrish
Glenda Mills

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

OUR VISITORS

Mr. & Mrs. Bill Hart of Texarkana; Mr. & Mrs. A. T. Oliver of Danville, AR and Mike, Linda, April & Amy Oliver of Dardanell, AR were guests of Jay and Suzanne Oliver; Don & Joyce Rowe of DeKalb were visiting with Steve and Linda McIntosh.

oops!

We inadvertently left off the Higginbotham's as a host for the Putt-Putt Golf outing last week. Our thanks to both the Mill's and the Higginbotham's for taking their time to take our youth.

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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

WHAT SUFFERING CAN DO

"God washes the eyes by tears until they can behold the invisible land where tears shall come no more."

-Henry Ward Beecher

There just may be more truth to the above statement than one would like to admit. Bro. Don McWhorter wrote an article that appeared in the February 3, 1972 **Gospel Advocate** that challenged my thinking in this area, and I want to use a few of his major points in this brief article.

Suffering keeps this world from becoming too attractive! Have you ever considered what your attitude would be if life were problem free? It might make this world so appealing that one would be hard pressed to keep his mind and heart set on heaven. I personally know of several families that live so comfortable in this world that they have lost interest in the one to come. Let us never forget that our Lord can use suffering to remind us of how beautiful heaven really will be. Perhaps our eyes do indeed have to be washed in tears before we can see clearly the land where no tears will exist!

Suffering makes us depend on God! The Creator of this world is still in control even if millions do not live like it. Every good and perfect gift comes from God (James 1:17), and we are in constant need of his blessings. As long as life is relatively problem-free most people feel that they are making it on their own. How many times have you heard someone say, "I'm a self-made man; I've accomplished all this with my own two hands, and by standing on my own two feet." Many times when suffering comes it serves to bring these people to their knees, and provides them with a new and wholesome perspective toward life and living.

Suffering can serve to purify us! We know that our Lord teaches that if our relationship and attitude is right He will hear and answer our prayers. After human hands with God's help have done all that can be done one may search his own life much closer to make sure unforgiven sins are not separating him from the Lord. Our relationship with our fellow-man and the Lord is so very important, and we need to reflect on them much more often than we normally do.

Suffering teaches us how to pray! I'm convinced that most Christians believe in prayer. I am not convinced, however, that the majority of Christians fervently pray to the Father as they should. It may be that the problems and suffering of this life causes one to commune with God much more faithfully than they otherwise would.

Think about what suffering can do. The tears are really worthwhile if they help us see God more clearly!

-MARVIN L. WEIR
NEW BOSTON, TX



News & Notes

IN THE HOSPITAL

BAYLOR (Dallas): Don Bagwell underwent open heart surgery last Monday. The surgery took 6½ hours and involved four by-passes. Don is presently in ICU in the Johnson section of Baylor.

OTHERS: Alicia Dooley's grandfather; Clara Morden, sister of Juanita Shelton is home now; Don Grider, brother of Juanita Shelton, was to be dismissed Wednesday; Hoyt Roberts, brother of Haskel Roberts, was dismissed Wednesday; Oda Mae Orrison is recovering at her sister's home (address is on bulletin board).

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Marie McPherson at the accidental death of her cousin September 17 in Ira, Texas.

Response

Restoration and Prayers: Gladys Murray Sept. 19

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING

All Wednesday classes will be dismissed on September 29, and everyone will gather in the auditorium for an hour of singing.

BUS FOR SALE

The congregation here has one 68 International 60 Passenger Bus for sale. This bus is in running condition, and the price is \$1500.

Upcoming Events

Sept. 25 -- Camp Ida Reunion & Youth Rally from 9:30-4:15.

Sept. 25 -- CARE Group 3 meets at Ernest & Meg Shelton's home at 7:00.

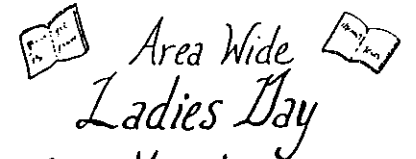
Sept. 25 -- CARE Group 6 meets at Steve & Linda McIntosh's home at 7:00.

Sept. 26 -- CARE Group 2 meets at the Boswell's home after the evening services.

Sept. 27 -- Area-Wide Leadership Fellowship at Rose Hill.

Oct. 3 -- Quarter Change. Teachers, material is in workroom.

Oct. 31-Nov. 4 -- Our Gospel Meeting.



Theme: Motivation
Speaker: Sue Hackney from Ft. Worth
Date: September 28, 1982

Time: 9:00 - 2:30

Place: DeKalb Church of Christ
Highway 82 - East

~ Bring a salad for a lunch buffet

No babysitting provided ~



A.M. "Jesus Wept"
(Jn. 11:32-35)

P.M. "God's Providence"

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