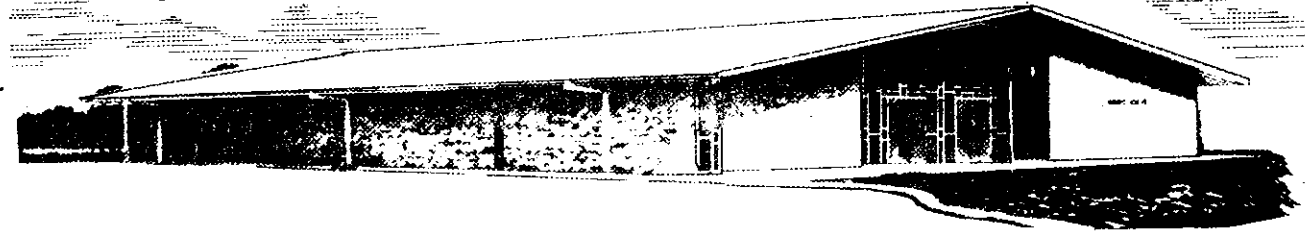


HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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**MOMENTS
WITH
MARVIN**

We need to ever be mindful of the power that is in the word of God, and we must take seriously our responsibility of using our opportunities to teach others the plan of salvation. Because of the interest of more than one we have baptized five adults into Christ the last month. Four of these people gave up denominational ties, and the other had no ties to break.

Last Wednesday evening about ten o'clock I had the privilege of immersing **Brenda Cox** into Christ. Let's all be sure to meet and welcome Brenda and her family.

I'm sure many of you have noticed the new 10 X 10 screen in the auditorium. I appreciate the help of **Weaver Mills** and **Ernest Shelton** in installing it. This was a needed item, and we plan on using it on a regular basis.

Please try and be present this Sunday.

CARE PROGRAM ATTENDANCE SUMMARY Jan - March 1983

Month	1	2	3	4	Monthly Avg.
Jan.	78.6%	81.1%	82.7%	82.7%	81.6%
Feb.	79.8%	72.6%	88.5%	79.6%	80.2%
Mar.	78.7%	80.5%	82.4%	85.9%	81.9%
Qtr. Avg.	79.0%	78.3%	84.4%	82.7%	81.1%

The above stats reflect our members attendance on Sundays. As you can see, the first quarter of 1983 we had 81.1% of our members present each Lord's Day. This figure would have been even better had it not been for those who have attended only 20-40% of the time.

This program now enables us to keep an extremely accurate record of each members attendance habits. The elders are aware that sickness and surgery has kept some from the assembly, but are equally aware such is not the case with all concerned.

Because of a concern for souls, inquiries will be made regarding individuals or families with attendance habits that are questionable.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 1983

Bible Study	132
Morning Worship	164
Evening Worship	137
Contribution	1226.52
Contribution to Date	19,704.05
Budget to Date	\$ 20,385.00

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1983

Bible Classes	108
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THOSE TO SERVE APRIL 17, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
Bo Johnson	Steve McIntosh
Russell Tyndell	James Williams

SCRIPTURE READING: John Inman
(Eph. 1:15-23)

BIBLE HOUR: Ernest Shelton, Jr.

NURSERY: Sylvia Williams
Shauna Murphy

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

OUR VISITORS

Danny Geraci and Susie Hobbs of Beaumont were visiting Mattie Hobbs; Evelyn Reed of Kilgore; Shiela Goller of New Boston was a guest of Lana Freeman.

SINGING PRACTICE

Steve will conduct singing practice this Sunday afternoon at 5:30.

for the pantry Tomato Sauce

- Elders:**
Weaver P. Mills, Jr. 629-2980
Myrdell Robertson 628-2244
Ernest Shelton, Jr. 628-2201
- Ministries:**
Marvin L. Weir 628-3295
Steve McIntosh 628-3032
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- Deacons:**
Ben Doolley
DeWayne Hardage
Russell Tyndell
John Inman
Jerry O. Yates
L.A. Wright

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 7:00 P.M.
C.S.T. 7:30 P.M.
D.S.T. 7:30 P.M.
- WHERE YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

GIVE US NEW PATHS

"EVER LEARNING, AND NEVER ABLE TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH" (II TIM. 3:7)

I'm fully aware that the above verse of scripture is speaking of certain women, who because of sin and lust, are deceived and captivated by ungodly men. It should be obvious, however, that the desire to always seek something that is new, exciting, stimulating and different is by no means restricted to women. For some time now the cry from the religious world (and many of our brethren) has been for "new paths" to replace the not so exciting old, legalistic ones. It has, therefore, become rather common to find all types of schemes, gimmicks, and novelties employed for the purpose of motivating, attracting, and keeping people interested in religion. The tragic truth is that although these people are ever learning new and exciting things, they are "never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Bréthren, the great truths of the gospel are plain and simple for one to understand. The only power to save that I read about still comes from **the gospel (Rom. 1:16)**, and it's amazing that many today attempt to make everything appealing but the cross. I'm convinced that a great many people who are "always learning," including elders and preachers, are learning about everything but the Bible! What has happened to the power of the gospel? Has its power become ineffective? I'll tell you exactly what's happened in far too many churches -- proclamation of the old Jerusalem gospel has given way for theatrical performances and little talks that are not a remote third cousin to gospel preaching!

The denominational religious groups have explored almost every "new path" imaginable. Many members of such groups have grown weary and discouraged at ever learning and yet never coming to a knowledge of the truth! It grieves my heart to think that these people could visit some churches of Christ and never notice an appreciable difference between what they are trying to escape from and what is being taught.

Do we really believe God? "Thus saith Jehovah, Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way; and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls: but they said, We will not walk therein." (Jer. 6:16).

Give me the old paths; I know where they lead! I don't want my epitaph reading, "Here lies one who was ever learning, and yet never learned the word of God."

-Marvin L. Weir
New Boston, TX



News & Notes

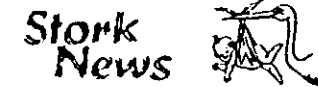


OUR SICK

WADLEY: Harold Purtle, father of Frances Mills underwent tests and is in Room 559. He hopes to be home by Wednesday.

MT. PLEASANT: Tom Inman, brother of John Inman and Martha Crawford, underwent surgery Monday, April 11th.

AT HOME: James Martin had surgery Tuesday, but should be home by the time you receive this; Todd Dooley; Gladys McKee; Donna Johnson; LaNell Sweeden; Ernest Shelton, Jr. & Cheryl.



John and Connie Ponder are happy to announce the birth of their son, **John Brandon**. He was born April 6th and weighed 5 lbs. 2 ozs. **Wyndell & Marie Robertson** are the proud grandparents.

PINK AND BLUE SHOWER

You are invited to a "Pink and Blue Shower" honoring **Nena Clement** on Saturday, April 16th. The shower will be in the home of Mrs. Elliott Raney from 7-9 p.m.

THE LORD ADDED...

Brenda Cox (Baptized) 4-13-83
402 Frost Ave.
628-2327

ANNUAL LADIES DAY

The North Highway Church in **Broken Bow** is holding their 3rd Annual Ladies Day Saturday, April 23rd. **Peggy Hall** of Texarkana will be discussing interpersonal relationships.

ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING

This meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 17, after the evening services.

AREA MEETING

The Church in **Hooks** will be conducting a gospel meeting with **Steve McIntosh**. The dates are April 17-19 and evening services will be at 7:30.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Please make the following correction in your church directory:

Elsie Noble
P. O. Box 83

YOUTH EVANGELISM SEMINAR

The Airline Drive congregation in Bossier City has invited our youth to be a part of this seminar. Neale Pryor will be the speaker and the dates are April 23 & 24.



A.M. "Our Lord's Church" (No. 2)
(Eph. 1:15-23)

P.M. "Parable of the Hidden Treasure"
(Matt. 13:44)

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