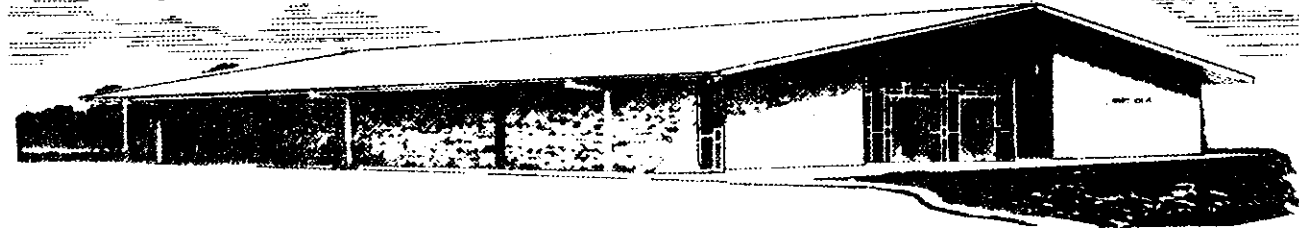


HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

There remains only one night of our Gospel Meeting at this writing. **Bro. McClish** has done an excellent job of reminding us of the great fundamental truths necessary in order for the church of our Lord to exist. Those of us who are Christians should be even better prepared to defend the faith. The ones who attended but are not members of the N.T. church certainly cannot plead ignorance in that day.

The week was made even greater in that two precious souls were added to the body of Christ. We rejoice that **Oma Maxey** and **Sebastian (Barney) Barbalace** were immersed into Christ last Wednesday evening. May we be proper examples for them as they strive to work and worship with us.

Our attendance was the best the last three years through Monday night. I am extremely disappointed, however, at the next two night's attendance! Where were you?

No Security In High Walls

In ancient China the people desired security from the barbaric hordes to the north so they built the Great Chinese wall. It was so high they thought no one could climb over it and so thick that nothing could break it down. They settled back to enjoy their security.

During the first hundred years of the wall's existence, China was invaded three times. Not once did the barbaric hordes break down the wall or climb over the top. However, another way was found. Each time the enemy bribed a gatekeeper and then marched right through the gates. The Chinese were so busy relying upon the walls of stone that they forgot to teach their children integrity.

Put first things first-

- In the way you live
- In the way you speak
- In the way you attend
- Be in your place every week.



OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, MARCH 27, 1983

Bible Study	143
Morning Worship	187
Evening Worship	168
Contribution	\$ 1306.00
Contribution to Date	\$ 16,936.63
Budget to Date	\$ 17,667.00

WEEKDAY SERVICES FOR MEETING

Monday	183
Tuesday	133
Wednesday	111
Thursday	134

THOSE TO SERVE APRIL 3, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS: Rickey Burleson
P.M. PRAYERS: D. Hardage
W. Robertson Wilford Trickler

SCRIPTURE READING: L. A. Wright
(Lk. 2:41-52)

BIBLE HOUR: Elliott Raney

NURSERY: Juanita Higginbotham
Danna Johnson

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

OUR VISITORS

Beulah Green of Foreman was a guest of Ben & Julie Griffin; **David, Claudia, Jim & Andy Boswell** of Bartlett, TN were guests of Jimmy & Janie Boswell; **Shelby, Eva & Jennifer Webber** of Foreman, AR;



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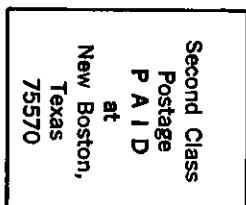
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

Perfecting Our Priorities

Educational conferences leave me limp. My practice is to avoid attending all of them that are not absolutely essential to my work at the College. But on occasion, a conference speaker will present a thought in an unusually arresting manner.

Such was the case at a presidential leadership workshop held in Houston. A gentleman made this observation:

"We worship our work; we work at our play; we play at our worship." Although granting that many escape this indictment, I fear it is a fair social commentary of our times.

WE WORSHIP OUR WORK -- The workaholic syndrome is finally becoming recognized for the curse it is. Responsibilities to family and to Christian service have been neglected by men and women whose careers have become the most important thing in their lives. One does not have to abandon his belief in the American work ethic in order to bring balance into his life. My job can easily demand sixteen hours a day, seven days a week -- and for a good cause. But when that happens, it comes between me and my responsibilities toward God.

WE WORK AT OUR PLAY -- Adult recreation is big business. It is not enough that we fish, or jog, or camp out, or play tennis. Each of these activities requires its own special uniform and equipment. Brand names have become status symbols. Color coordinated parkas and ski caps are essential. Private lessons and hours of practice burden the schedules of our day. Our frantic lives beg for renewal and relaxation, but we have paid an enormous price to participate in our adult games.

WE PLAY AT OUR WORSHIP -- This phenomenon is not peculiar to our own time. For centuries people have worshipped God superficially. Jesus cautioned of those whose purpose is to be seen of men. Such worship is vain. It is a charade. When we offer God all that we are and possess, a genuine effort is expended. Praise and adoration issue forth unto our Creator -- and we worship from sincere hearts.

—Dr. J. Terry Johnson
President, Oklahoma Christian College

Do What You Can With What You Have Where You Are!



News & Notes



OUR SICK

NEW BOSTON: Charlie Cox is in room 217.

M.D. ANDERSON (Houston): James Martin entered early this week, but hopes to return home late Wednesday evening if all goes well.

AT HOME: Jerry & Charlene Yates; Ann Collins; Blanche McClung; LaNell Sweeden; Blake Tyndell.

AREA-WIDE SINGING

The 1st Sunday Area-Wide Singing will be this Sunday, April 3rd, at the Atlanta St. congregation in Texarkana from 2:30-4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend this period of praise and fellowship.

MONTHLY YOUTH GATHERING

The Youth Fellowship for April is scheduled to be in the home of Jerry & Charlene Yates -- date and time will be set later.

SINGING PRACTICE

Don't forget! This Sunday afternoon at 5:30 Steve will have Singing Practice. Everyone who can be present.

You'll never know
how much good you can do
until you do it.



The Walnut St. Church of Christ invites you to hear the gospel quartet the "Ambassadors" from Jeffersonville, Indiana. They will be singing Friday, April 1st, at 7:00 p.m. This will be excellent entertainment for our youth and adults alike.

A GREAT TIME!

Those who did not attend the Spring Banquet at DeQueen missed out on a super evening of food, fun, and fellowship. There were 15 representing the group from New Boston. We appreciate our sponsors; Virginia Parrish; Jean Jones; Russell & Suzette Tyndell. I know everyone who attended will look forward to next year's banquet.

THE LORD ADDED...

Oma Maxey 3-30-83
Sebastian (Barney) Barbalace 3-30-83



A.M. "Jesus Lost And Found"
(Lk. 2:41-52)

P.M. "A Forgotten Disciple"
(Acts 9:10)

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