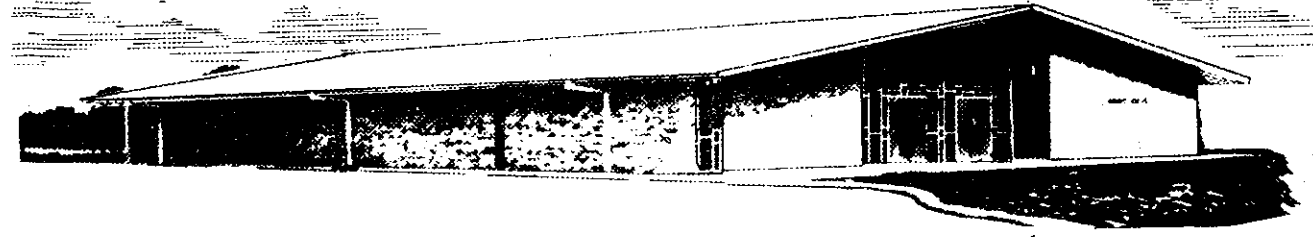


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MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

It's good to be home again! We had an enjoyable trip, and were able to visit a day in Houston with my brother before travelling on to San Antonio. I am especially grateful to the elders for permitting me to make the trip as it required me to miss being with you last Sunday. We did make it back to Houston early Sunday morning, and worshipped with the Champions congregation where **Norman Hooten** preaches. He claimed to be **Tom's** brother, and I promised not to hold that against him! Seriously, we love and respect Tom so very much, and his brother is also an outstanding gospel preacher.

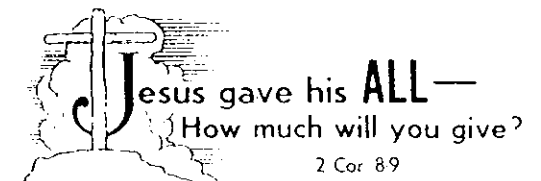
Monday was a sad day for all of us. **Bro. James Martin's** battle with cancer ended, but the life that he lived will not be soon forgotten. He will be sorely missed by all, and our prayers continue to be with **Janie, Kelly, and Valerie**. We thank God for the promises we can lay claim to in Christ Jesus!

NEW ADULT CLASSES TO BEGIN

A new adult study will begin this Sunday morning, and you should plan to be present for the beginning lest you be left behind. It is entitled **The Spokesmen Of God** or if you prefer, **The Prophets**. The teacher will be **Marvin Weir**. You may prepare by carefully reading the first chapter of the book of **Jeremiah**. The Old Testament is exciting and profitable to study from, and we will be making many applications regarding God's eternal principles.

A new study also begins this coming Wednesday night. **Steve McIntosh** will be the teacher, and you will be studying **The Life Of Paul**. Please read chapters 9 and 22 from the book of **Acts** and you will be prepared for the first meeting.

Please make every effort to attend all our Bible classes. We need you to be present for our encouragement, and you will profit as you learn more about the Lord's precious truths.



OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 1983

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|------------------------|--------------|
| Bible Study | 110 |
| Morning Worship . . . | 170 |
| Evening Worship . . . | 139 |
| Contribution | \$ 1023.50 |
| Contribution to Date . | \$ 40,597.95 |
| Budget to Date | \$ 43,488.00 |

WEDNESDAY, August 10, 1983

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|-------------------------|-----|
| Bible Classes | 117 |
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THOSE TO SERVE AUGUST 14, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS: Bo Johnson
P.M. PRAYERS: Danny Johnson
Elliott Raney Wyndell Robertson

SCRIPTURE READING: R. Burlison
(Heb. 11:1-8)

BIBLE HOUR: Geraldine Murray

NURSERY: Virginia Parrish
Jan Collins

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

OUR VISITORS

Cathy Rains of New Boston was a guest of **Mattie Hobbs & Kim Bounds**; **Sam Rust** of Hughes Springs was a guest of the **Melvin Watkins** family; **Howard & Tammie Coward** of Wills Point, TX; **Susan, Stefanie & Stacey Gibbs** of Mexia, TX were guests of **Danny & Donna Johnson**; **Deborah Freeman** of Lackland AFB, was a guest of **Lillie Freeman**; **Janine Peltier** of England AFB, LA was also a guest of **Lillie Freeman**.

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.

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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

WHERE YOU ARE
ALWAYS WELCOME

HAVE WE BECOME SECTARIAN?

Some are confessing that they have been sectarian. Webster says such a person is: "a narrow or bigoted denominationalist." Is this what they mean when they say this? After listening to some of what is being said, it appears that some folks have become confused and want to be all things to all men and still be right.

If we aren't careful we are going to get to the point that nothing can be opposed as wrong unless it is done in an apologetic way. In one breath we are hearing you must oppose error; in the next one almost, we are told you are judgmental if you do. In one statement we are told you must draw a line, in the next one we are asked who knows where to draw the line. Good brethren are being chided for asking for a clear and distinct sound. The restoration movement is embraced at one time but then we are told we have left such.

I don't believe a man is sectarian who says you must be a member of the Lord's church to be saved. That is exactly what Jesus said. If you don't think so read John 3:1-10. He emphasized that one must be born again and that by such he would enter the kingdom of God. Are you ready to say one would not have to be born again? Surely not. But if he does what he must do he will surely be where he must be. He will be in the kingdom of God which is surely equal to those who are now in the church.

I don't believe one is sectarian who says there is but one church. One is not being judgmental who says what the Bible says of this matter. Read, if you will, of more than one authorized religious body. I can't and that is just a statement of fact. Paul says there is "one body" (Eph. 4:4-5). Baptism places us in that one body (I Cor. 12:13). There are many members, but only one body (I Cor. 12:20).

I don't believe one is sectarian who says denominational baptism will not save. After all, the New Testament writers did point out some things that would not save. Go back and look at the Hebrews letter. The writer shows that under the gospel some things no longer exist. The law of Moses had been taken out of the way but some were still holding on to such. In spite of this, the writer shows that one could not be saved by the law or its sacrifices (Heb. 9:15-17, 10:1-4, 9-10). Now would you say the writer was sectarian? Now, keep in mind that he told them of some things by which they could not be saved no matter how many of their parents thought so.

It is an absolute tragedy for men who are in positions of influence by pulpit and pen to leave impressions of uncertainty about the gospel and its

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News & Notes



OUR SICK

LDS HOSPITAL (Salt Lake City): Blanche McClung is doing well after her surgery and hopes to be dismissed this Friday. She will be recovering at her son's home. The address is:
Harold McClung
104 N. Brook Hallow Dr.
Evanston, WY 82930
Ph. (307) 789-8315

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of **James Martin** who passed away Monday. Services were conducted on Wednesday at the Church of Christ at 2:00 p.m.

We also extend our sincere sympathy to Sis. Mary Thompson at the death of her son-in-law, **Ernie McMasters**.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

Don't Forget! This Saturday, August 13th, in New Boston is the final Summer Youth Series. The time is 2:00 p.m. and **Steve McIntosh** will speak on "Jesus Christ".

Those who volunteered to serve be sure and remember. Also, those who are to bring cookies need to have them there on time.

NURSING HOME DEVO

The Nursing Home Devo will be this Sunday, August 14, at 3:00 p.m.

ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING

An Elders/Deacons Meeting is scheduled for this Sunday after the evening services.

SPECIAL THANKS

Our thanks goes to **Alicia Dooley** for driving the van to Prescott; to **Melvin & Marlene Watkins** for transporting the Jr. High to and from Six Flags.

I certainly appreciate **George Stegall's** willingness to preach and teach in my absence last Sunday. Thanks! (MLW)

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effects. There is no substitute for plain, simple gospel preaching. Such preaching points out that which opposes the gospel as well as that which the gospel demands.

Brethren, the apostles met head-on those who would have them change their approach to preaching but they neither wavered nor yielded to such. We have them to thank for having done so. Surely we would not now lay down the restoration plea that plowed the ground to rid it of denominational error and in its stead plant the truth. There is one thing for sure. The hands had better be placed on the plow handles and placed there now.

-Winfred Clark
Athens, AL



A.M. "The Power Of Faith"
(Heb. 11:1-8)

P.M. "Women's Debt To Christianity
And Christianity's Debt To Women"

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