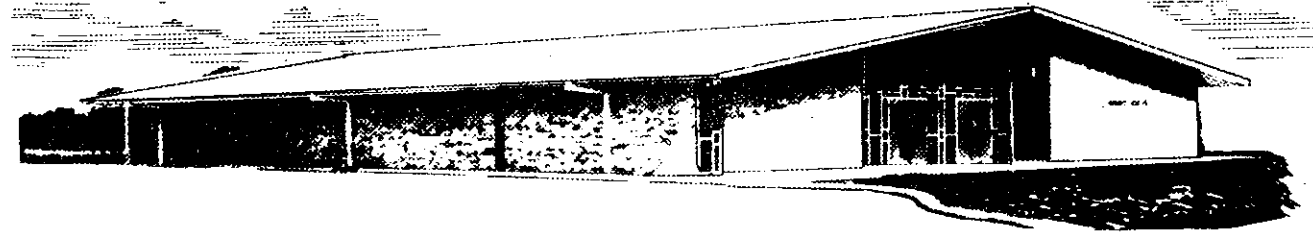


HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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Don't forget our holiday party at the local community center. It will be a "fun" evening, and you will enjoy the food and fellowship. All necessary details are explained inside bulletin.

As a member, you do have certain responsibilities to the church. Please be present Sunday morning as we discuss this vital area.

I'm sure you will be pleased to know that the elders decided to send \$500 to the Pearl St. church in Denton to help with expenses incurred in this year's ADL. Many congregations will benefit for years to come because of these lectures. You should feel proud in having a part in helping to advance the cause of Christ and His church. By the way, the excellent lectureship book, **Studies In Hebrews**, is in the church library.

Look forward to seeing you in Bible study!

IF YOU WERE AN EMPLOYER. . .

1. Would you give a raise in salary to someone who only came to work when they felt 100%?
2. Would you give a raise in salary to someone who only worked when they could not get out of it?
3. Would you give a raise in salary to someone who only talked good about the company when you made decisions that pleased them 100%?
4. Would you give a raise in salary to someone who only came to work on time once or twice a month?

The answer to all these questions is... **NO!** You know that you would not. Well, then why should we expect God to be pleased with us when we attend only when **feeling** 100%, worked only if we **had to**, **fussed** at all decisions our Elders make, and are **tardy** at most services?

Strange, isn't it?

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1983

Bible Study	124
Morning Worship . . .	155
Evening worship . . .	123
Contribution	\$ 1,417.15
Contribution to Date .	\$ 62,449.39
Budget to Date	\$ 66,591.00

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1983

Bible Classes	114
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THOSE TO SERVE DEC. 11, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS: P.M. PRAYERS:
DeWayne Hardage B. Higginbotham
J. D. Johnson Grady King

SCRIPTURE READING: Herman Lynch
(I Pet. 2:5)

BIBLE HOUR: Steve Higginbotham

NURSERY: Charlene Yates
Lisa Murray

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

OUR VISITORS

Shiela Goller of New Boston was a guest of Lana Freeman; **Mr. & Mrs. Richard Parrish** of Stuttgart, AR were visiting Virginia Parrish and family; **Richard Wyatt** of New Boston was a guest of Todd Smith.

AREA PREACHERS LUNCHEON

Area preachers are reminded of the luncheon this coming Tuesday, **December 13th**, at Bryce's Cafeteria.

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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
C.S.T. 7:00 P.M.
D.S.T. 7:30 P.M.

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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

IT'S RESOLUTION TIME...AGAIN

"IF A MAN VOW A VOW UNTO THE LORD, OR SWEAR AN OATH TO BIND HIS SOUL WITH A BOND; HE SHALL NOT BREAK HIS WORD, HE SHALL DO ACCORDING TO ALL THAT PROCEED-ETH OUT OF HIS MOUTH" (Num. 30:2).

It is almost that time of the year again! Resolutions will flow freely from the mouths of both young and old. But before proceeding too far, perhaps a definition or two would be worthwhile. Webster defines **resolution** as that which can mean "an act of determining." The same dictionary also says of a vow: "a solemn promise or assertion; one by which a person binds himself to an act, service, or condition." The book of Deuteronomy further clarifies the above scripture: "When thou shalt vow a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee" (23:21). It should be clear to all that vows and resolutions made to God are extremely important, and not just so many words uttered to sound good to any who might be listening. If you are a Christian, consider the following:

- * Did you resolve to follow Christ when you obeyed the gospel?
- * Where you raised from baptism to walk in newness of life? Are you?
- * Have you not proclaimed that Jesus is Lord and Ruler of your life?
- * Have you not promised to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, mind and strength?
- * Have you ever vowed that you were going to do more than just attend the services? (Jesus went to the temple; he also served daily)

I know that most members of the church who attend participate in the song service, and this is as it should be. But I wonder just how many take seriously the promises that roll from their lips each week? If you mean what you sing (otherwise it's hypocrisy), note what the following songs affirm:

- * I Want To Be A Soul Winner For Jesus
- * All To Jesus I Surrender
- * Angry Words . . . Check them ere they soil the lip
- * I Am Thine, Oh Lord
- * To The Work
- * Trust And Obey

The Lord takes resolutions seriously; do you?

-Marvin L. Weir
New Boston, TX



News & Notes

IN THE HOSPITAL



NEW BOSTON: Walter Nunn remains in room 207.

AT HOME: Sis. Lillie Freeman's son, Top Freeman, has been dismissed from the hospital; James Harper was dismissed from the hospital on Wednesday.

OTHERS: Blanche McClung will be staying with her son Raymond in Texarkana while she is undergoing further allergy tests.



new
arrival!

Jim and Julie Smith are the proud parents of a baby boy, Russell Blane, born Monday, December 5th. He weighed 8 lbs. 3½ ozs. Our congratulations to Grandpa Grady!

Thank You!

The Hayride/Weiner Roast was enjoyed by all the young people who participated (about 35). 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 hayride. Also, thanks to Weaver Mills for gathering wood for the bonfire.

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY



Every family who can is encouraged to gather with us at the Community Center this Friday, Dec. 9th, for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. We plan on beginning the meal at 6:30 p.m. Each family is asked to bring one or two dishes of food and their appetite. We are aware that there are other activities scheduled for this same evening; so please come on and join us whenever you can!

If you need transportation, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you at this gathering.

NURSING HOME DEVO

The Nursing Home Devotional will be this Sunday, December 11, at 3:00 p.m.

ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING

The elders and deacons are scheduled to meet this Sunday evening after services.



A.M. "A Member's Responsibility To The Church" (1 Pet. 2:5)

P.M. "The Master's Use Of Parables" (Lk. 15:1-10)

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