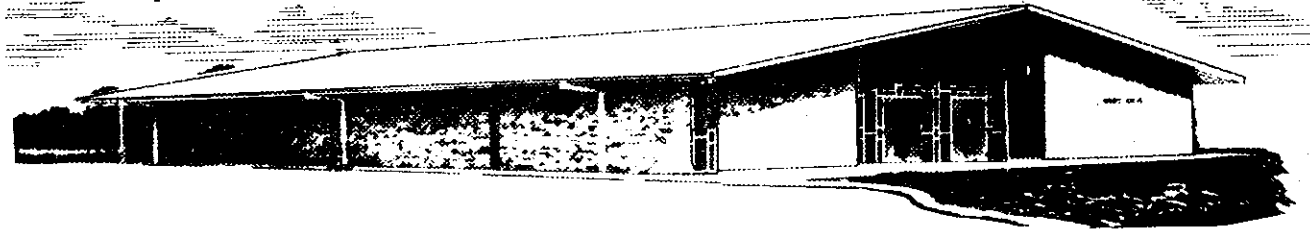


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I appreciated so much the elder's commending Sunday morning's lesson on **responsibility** publicly. I'm also grateful for their comments concerning my family and our work with you the last three and one-half years. And . . . to so many of you who took the time to personally express your love for us, and your appreciation for the sermon. If we are really sincere in desiring to grow in zeal and dedication regarding the Lord's work, it is cause to be optimistic regarding this congregation's future.

The **holiday party** was enjoyed by all who attended, and the food was simply delicious. My thanks to all those who worked to make the gathering a pleasant one. Our family is also thankful for the gift (**good as gold**) you gave us. We do appreciate it!

A special lesson on the **Home As God Would Have It** -- this Sunday!

LORD, GIVE ME TRUTH UNTIL . . .

Isn't it funny how some people reason and think? Let's listen in:

- * Lord, give me truth until I'm the guilty party!
- * Lord, give me truth until my family is involved!
- * Lord, give me truth until it condemns me!
- * Lord, give me truth, but please understand that sometimes it must be **adapted** just for me!

May I suggest that:

- (1) Truth is **universal** -- it is constant and unchanging regardless of where one is. All men everywhere will answer to New Testament teaching.
- (2) Truth is **absolute** -- it always has been and always will be! It matters not the situation nor the circumstance, truth cannot be altered or changed at will to fit the occasion.
- (3) Truth can be **understood** and will **prevail!** Jesus said, ". . . the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day" (Jn. 12:48). John 17:17 says, ". . . thy word is truth." Let us believe it!

-MARVIN L. WEIR

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1983

Bible Study	124
Morning Worship	172
Evening Worship	119
Contribution	\$ 1,212.40
Contribution to Date . .	\$ 63,661.79
Budget to Date	\$ 67,950.00

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1983

Bible Classes NC

THOSE TO SERVE DEC. 18, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
Tom Hutcheson	Ernest Shelton, Jr.
Danny Johnson	Herman Lynch
SCRIPTURE READING:	Russell Tyndell
	(Gen. 2:23-24)
BIBLE HOUR:	Danny Johnson
NURSERY:	Betty Brown
	Shauna Murphy

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

OUR VISITORS

Mr. & Mrs. Lum Curtis and family were guests of Novie Curtis.

GOD'S WORD

THE BIBLE

USE IT:

- In Your Home for family worship
- In Your Hand In the church service
- In Your Heart To live its message every day

"Thy Word Have I Hid in Mine Heart." Psalm 119:11

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

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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

WHAT IS THE "RADICAL RIGHT"?

We have a strange, self-contradictory element in the Lord's church today. They pretend to despise what they describe as "labels" and those who are "guilty" (as they view it) of "labeling" their brethren. They say that such labels as "liberal" and "conservative" unfairly categorize and polarize brethren. They further say that such labels create unnecessary prejudices against brethren. I am willing to grant that such is true if a label is incorrectly applied. However, if a descriptive or identifying term (Webster's definition of "label") is correctly applied we fail to see what is wrong with using it.

The argument is often offered that we do not have the terms "liberal" and "conservative" in the Bible and we therefore ought not to use them. It is true that these specific words may not be found in the sense that they are commonly used today to identify one's doctrinal or moral stance. However, the ideas inherent in these words are most definitely in the New Testament. When Paul wrote that we should "...learn not to go beyond the things which are written" (1 Co. 4:6), he was in effect saying, "Do not take liberties with the written word, rather conserve the things taught in it." Likewise, 1 Thessalonians 5:21, 1 Timothy 1:3, 1 Timothy 2:2, Galatians 1:6-9 and many other passages teach us to conserve the revealed truth and to oppose any liberal handling of it. I am not the least bit ashamed to be called "conservative" in this Biblical sense. In fact, I would be ashamed to be given any other label. A liberal and loose handling of Divine law is always condemned in scripture. It is worthy of note that conservative brethren don't mind being so labeled. It is almost always those who are of the liberal bent toward Scripture and doctrine who prate against "labeling". I don't blame them! Knowing what the Word says about such an attitude, I would not want it noised abroad that I possessed it, either. If brethren don't want to be called "liberals" let them leave their liberalism and it will make the Lord and all other conservatives happy!

The liberals are really great labelers themselves. Their favorite label at present for those who are determined to stand fast in the faith is "those of the radical right". That sounds rather bad. The ironic thing about it is that some of those who are using this term to damage others were themselves 10 or 15 years ago right where those of whom it is used are now! In fact, what some doctrinally soft brethren are now calling the "reactionary and radical right" is where all but a tiny handful of liberal misfits were 20 years ago. Just where was that? Right on the solid rock of truth! Would to God that all who have left it would come back.

-DUB McCLISH
DENTON, TX



News & Notes

IN THE HOSPITAL



NEW BOSTON: Roy Johnson, father of J. D. Johnson, is in room 211.

WADLEY: Carl LaRue, brother of Fred LaRue, underwent heart surgery on Monday and all was successful. As of Monday he was in ICU.

AT HOME: Walter Nunn; Ben & Julie Griffin.

NEW BOSTON NURSING CENTER

Mattie Moore has moved to the nursing center, Wing 3, Room 10. Nancy Sturgeon resides in Wing 1, Room 6.

SINGING PRACTICE

Sunday, December 18th, Steve will conduct singing practice at 5:30 p.m.

MORE HOSPITAL INFO

Todd Dooley will enter Wadley on Tuesday to have tubes put in his ears. If all goes as planned, he will be home the same afternoon.

ONE MORE BULLETIN!

That's right! Only one more bulletin to be published this year. If you have information to share with the congregation, be sure and contact the office before Dec. 18th. This policy is in accordance with our permit at the Post Office, and benefits them during the Christmas rush. First bulletin for 1984 will be January 15th.

Youth

The December youth fellowship for grades 7-12 is on New Year's Eve, December 31, from 8:00 p.m. until 12:15 a.m. in the home of Paulette Taylor. Make your plans now to be a part of this evening of fun.

APPRECIATION

A special thanks is in order for L.A. & Renee Wright, Meg Shelton, and Sharon Elliott for decorating the Community Center for our annual party. We also want to thank those who delivered tables and chairs to and from the building. We appreciate the efforts of all who helped make this occasion a success.



THIS WINTER WATCH OUT FOR THE

Faithlessness
Laziness
Unconcern



A.M. "The Home As God Would Have It"
(Gen. 2:23-24)

P.M. "As Jesus Travels To Jerusalem"
(Lk. 18:31)

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