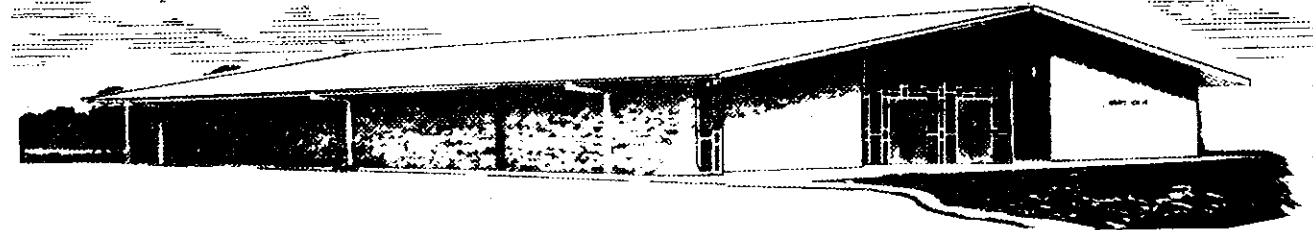


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From All of Us
AT The Office

Happy Holidays!



This is our last bulletin for the year. We have enjoyed coming into your home each week, and we trust you have profited by reading it. Our members are reminded to check the **January calendar** for duties on the 1st & 8th. Sermons for these dates are listed on the back column of this bulletin, and the Scripture under each will serve as the **Scripture Reading**.

My family and I are taking our other week of vacation the 25th - 31st. I appreciate those who will be filling in for me -- **Weaver** will be teaching the adult class, and **Steve** will be preaching at both services.

We are grateful for the cards and greetings we have received, and want to take this opportunity to wish each of you the very merriest holiday season!

We are proud to be here with you!

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1983

Bible Study	119
Morning Worship	157
Evening Worship	129
Contribution	\$ 1,308.29
Contribution to Date . .	\$ 64,970.08
Budget to Date	\$ 69,309.00

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1984

Bible Classes

THOSE TO SERVE DEC. 25, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
Elliott Raney	Bo Johnson
Weaver Mills	Steve McIntosh
SCRIPTURE READING:	Rickey Burlison
	(check with Steve)
BIBLE HOUR:	Lou Johnson
NURSERY:	Virginia Parrish
	Donna Parrish

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

SERMONS FOR JANUARY 1, 1984

A.M. "Some Things Christians Should Remember" (Rev. 3:3)
P.M. "Jerusalem's Reception Of The King" (Lk. 19:28-44)

SERMONS FOR JANUARY 8, 1984

A.M. "Remember Lot's Wife" (Lk. 17:32)
P.M. "Jesus Is Arrested" (Matt. 26:36-56)

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

ARE WE WILLING?

"...LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND THE SIN WHICH DOETH SO EASILY BESET US, AND LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US, LOOKING UNTO JESUS THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH. . ."
(Hebrews 12:1-2)

The old year is fast slipping away, and the new year is drawing nigh. Once the present year is past there is no way we can recall it; it is forever gone, and all the wishing in the world will not bring it back. We should be impressed with the time that God has given to us, but so very many seemingly take life and all else for granted. Are we willing to count our blessings, and accept the responsibility of being faithful servants of the Lord? If so, then we will seek to do the following:

Lay aside every weight! From my study it seems that this includes just about anything that serves to hinder or get in the way of one living the Christian life. Robertson takes it to mean "every encumbrance that handicaps like doubt, pride, sloth, or anything. No trailing garment to hinder or trip one." One must even realize that things not bad in themselves can sometimes impede the work of a Christian. It is all too easy to become so involved in vacations, recreation, fishing, hunting, civic clubs, political parties, special boards, P.T.A., scouts and volunteer groups that there is no time left for church or church work. We must be willing to lay aside any weight which causes us to neglect our service to the Lord!

Lay aside the sin which so easily besets us! It matters not what it is. The writer seems to be indicating something that is inherently unrighteous, therefore, always wrong and an enemy of Christianity. One must be willing to "lay aside" the sins the Bible so plainly points out and condemns if he is to be considered a godly and faithful servant!

Run the race with patience! It is always a struggle to do right in this world. The word for "race" is agona, and is translated conflict, contention, fight, and race. There is effort and anxiety expended, and endurance is required if one wins the race. To be "patient" does not mean to sit idly by and wait. It means, rather, to possess the power of endurance and see through or finish what is begun. Are you willing?

Looking unto Jesus! Our Lord is "the door" (Jn. 10:9) and "the way, truth, and life" (Jn. 14:6). Salvation is not to be found in any other name (Acts 4:12) so we must be willing to look unto Jesus. Are you willing to make him the captain of your faith?

May we be a willing people!

-MARVIN L. WEIR
NEW BOSTON, TX



News & Notes

IN THE HOSPITAL



NEW BOSTON: Roy Johnson is in room 211; Vesta Cox is in room 215.

AT HOME: Carl LaRue, brother of Fred LaRue is recovering well; Walter Nunn; Ben & Julie Griffin; Todd Dooley is doing some better since his ear surgery.

Thanks to You

I want to thank each and every one of you for your prayers, cards and good wishes. It makes my problem easier to deal with to know you care.

*In Christian love,
Oda Mae*

LAST BULLETIN FOR 3 WEEKS

Next bulletin will be mailed January 12th in compliance with postal agreement.

LADIES CLASS DISMISSED

Ladies Bible Class will not meet on Dec. 28th. The class will resume on January 4, 1984.

SUNDAY - JANUARY 8TH

The Church here will be hosting the Area Wide 1st Sunday Singing. Due to the first Sunday being a holiday, we rescheduled this gathering for January 8. Make plans to join this period of praise and fellowship from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

Youth

Don't forget! Youth grades 7-12 are invited to a party on New Year's Eve, December 31st from 8:00 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. in the home of Paulette Taylor.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP LIST FOR 1984

There is a list on the foyer bulletin board concerning Youth Fellowships for 1984. Please choose a month that you desire to open your home for a youth gathering and devo (grades 7-College). You will decide the date and time of that gathering.

CARE GROUPS TO RESUME

Individual CARE Groups did not meet in December, but all groups are to resume meeting in January, 1984.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Charlie Cox at his death on Wednesday. Services were conducted at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 23, at the Church of Christ in New Boston.



A.M. "The Gift Of All Gifts" Steve McIntosh, speaker

P.M. "Five Minus One Does Not Equal Plenty" Steve McIntosh, speaker

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

JANUARY

LORD'S TABLE: Melvin Watkins; James Williams;
L. A. Wright; Jerry Yates

PRAYERS:	<u>January 1</u>	<u>January 8</u>	<u>January 15</u>
	A.M. Haskel Roberts Elliott Raney	H. L. Vance Loran McPherson	Danny Johnson R. B. Turner
	P.M. Grady King Wyndell Robertson	E. Shelton, Jr. Wilford Trickler	Weaver Mills Bobby Higginbotham
	<u>January 22</u>	<u>January 29</u>	
	A.M. John Inman James Boswell	Bo Johnson Ben Dooley	
	P.M. Herman Lynch Doug Taylor	Steve McIntosh DeWayne Hardage	
SCRIPTURE READING:	<u>January 1</u>	<u>January 8</u>	<u>January 15</u>
	John Inman	Bo Johnson	James Boswell
	<u>January 22</u>	<u>January 29</u>	
	Grady King	Russell Tyndell	
BIBLE HOUR:	<u>January 1</u>	<u>January 8</u>	<u>January 15</u>
	Dana Jones	Jean Jones	MaryLynn Murphy
	<u>January 22</u>	<u>January 29</u>	
	Geraldine Murray	Blanche McClung	
NURSERY:	<u>January 1</u>	<u>January 8</u>	<u>January 15</u>
	Juanita Higginbotham Kimberly Williams	Meg Shelton Cheryl Shelton	Alicia Dooley Marie Shelton
	<u>January 22</u>	<u>January 29</u>	
	Juanita Shelton Andrea Taylor	Nena Clement Wendy Williams	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 JANIE TALLEY	3 JANET OLIVER	4	5 MARTHA CRAWFORD	6	7
8 AREA SINGING H-E-R-E! NURSING HOME DEVO. - 3:00 ELDERS MTG. ODA MAE ORRISON	9 DON BAGWELL PAUL TALLEY	10	11	12	13	14
15 ELDERS/ DEACONS MTG.	16 MR. & MRS. MARVIN WEIR	17	18	19	20	21
22 JANA JOHNSON MR. & MRS. SEBASTIAN BARBALACE	23	24 NENA CLEMENT RUBY BARBALACE MR. & MRS. JOHN PATRICK MR. & MRS. JAMES WILLIAMS	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 KYLE DOOLEY				

JANUARY, 1984