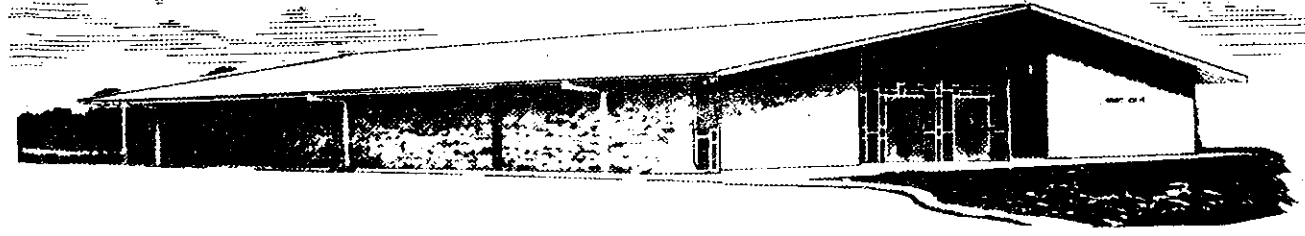


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MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

I'm sure those who knew better were quite amused at the blunder in my article last week entitled A Little Test. I copied just what The Word Study New Testament had in parenthesis, even though it was only for pronunciation purposes. This is how the Greek word eucharistia suddenly becomes ukaristia. I saw what I had done shortly after my secretary had finished addressing the last bundle of bulletins. I was smart enough not to ask her to do them over. Besides, I have an excuse; I was giving serious thought to a certain turkey that I had an appointment with.

This Sunday morning the sermon will concern you -- **individual responsibility**. Please make every effort to be present for Bible study and worship. The evening lesson will continue to follow The Life And Ministry Of Jesus.

Much is said today about religious controversy. Please read the guest editorial inside.

WHAT'S THE HURRY?

LIFE IS UNCERTAIN
(James 4:13-14)



We see & know
of death daily.

CHRIST IS COMING AGAIN
(2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)



He will come
in the clouds
Acts 1:9-11

We all know that the above drawing depicts that which could occur at any time. Most manage to sigh, and convince themselves that today will be no different than any other day. But life is uncertain, is it not? How many people do you know who **plan** on dying tomorrow? Do you know of one who really thinks that Christ might return before this Sunday?

My point is this: "Watch therefore: for ye know not on what day your Lord cometh. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have watched. . . be ye also ready; for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Matt. 24:42-44).

-M.L.W.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1983

Bible Study	132
Morning Worship	154
Evening Worship	106
Contribution	\$ 1,245.38
Contribution to Date . .	\$ 61,032.24
Budget to Date	\$ 65,232.00

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1983

Bible Classes	109
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THOSE TO SERVE DEC. 4, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
James Boswell	Ben Dooley
Rickey Burlison	Allen Freeman
SCRIPTURE READING:	Weaver Mills (Rev. 2:23)
BIBLE HOUR:	Bobby Higginbotham
NURSERY:	Suzette Tyndell Tanya Murray

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

OUR VISITORS

Jack, Brenda, Lori & Jeffrey Chisum of Round Rock were visiting with Elliott and Jean Raney; Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Wise of New Boston were guests of Geraldine Murray; Susie Johnson of Fayetteville, N.C. was a guest of Josie Megason.

"We were singing,
'Jesus Loves Me',
when all of a sudden
it hit me....
Jesus loves me....
..ME...completely
worthless ol' me!"



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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.
- WHERE YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME**

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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY

What about religious controversy? Is it proper to "argue" about religious questions? Some will always be around who thrive on argumentation and disputation, always spoiling for a fight with those who disagree with them. At the other end of the scale, and perhaps more pronounced now than ever, are those who feel there is no place for any argument or debate on religious issues. What shall we say about this matter as Christians? While reading from Alexander Campbell's pen recently, I happened upon his discussion of this matter. After rehearsing the meekness of Moses, the zeal of Elijah, the patience of Job, the devotion of Paul, the benevolence of John and the perfection of Jesus, Campbell reminds us that they were all rugged religious controversialists.

Even more practical is Campbell's explanation of the reason why religious controversy is not only permissible, but necessary. He says:

IF THERE WAS NO ERROR IN PRINCIPLE OR PRACTICE, THEN CONTROVERSY, WHICH IS ONLY ANOTHER NAME FOR OPPOSITION TO ERROR, REAL OR SUPPOSED, WOULD BE UNNECESSARY. IF IT WERE LAWFUL, OR IF IT WERE BENEVOLENT, TO MAKE A TRUCE WITH ERROR, THEN OPPOSITION TO IT WOULD BE BOTH UNJUST AND UNKIND. IF ERROR WERE INNOCENT AND HARMLESS, THEN WE MIGHT PERMIT IT TO FIND ITS OWN QUIETUS, OR TO IMMORTALIZE ITSELF. BUT SO LONG AS IT IS CONFESSED THAT ERROR IS MORE OR LESS INJURIOUS TO THE WELFARE OF SOCIETY, INDIVIDUALLY AND COLLECTIVELY CONSIDERED, THEN NO MAN CAN BE CONSIDERED BENEVOLENT WHO DOES NOT SET HIS FACE AGAINST IT. IN PROPORTION AS A PERSON IS INTELLIGENT AND BENEVOLENT, HE WILL BE CONTROVERSIAL, IF ERROR EXIST AROUND HIM. HENCE THE PRINCE OF PEACE NEVER SHEATHED THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT WHILE HE LIVED. HE DREW IT ON THE BANKS OF THE JORDAN AND THREW THE SCABBARD AWAY (Millennial Harbinger, Vol. 1, No. 1, Jan. 4, 1830, p. 41).

It is a fact that the scriptures warn us about engaging in foolish and ignorant questions that will cause vain strife (II Ti. 2:23). It should be obvious, however, that not all religious issues are foolish or ignorant. Nor do they all produce useless strife. I hereby cry out against the spirit of compromise or timidity, whichever it may be, that would silence a bold proclamation and defence of the truth. Paul was "set for the defence of the gospel" (Ph. 1:16). Jude exhorts: "contend earnestly for the faith" (Ju. 3). So we must!

Dub McClish
Denton, TX



News & Notes



OUR SICK

NEW BOSTON: Walter Nunn remains in room 207.

AT HOME: Gladys McKee is confined to her home due to a broken foot; Marie Shelton wasn't able to be with us due to having her wisdom teeth removed.

Continue to pray for these and also our other shut-ins.

SINGING PRACTICE

Steve will conduct singing practice this Sunday, December 4th, at 5:30 p.m.

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes to Alicia Dooley and family at the death of her uncle, Troy Kilpatrick. Services were conducted Tuesday at Petty, Texas.

VISITING

Josie Megason will enjoy one long holiday from Thanksgiving until after Christmas as she visits with her family in Missouri. We wish her a wonderful trip, but will miss not seeing her at services each week.

ELDERS MEETING

The Elders are scheduled to meet this Sunday, December 4th, after the evening service concludes.

COMING EVENTS

YOUTH HAYRIDE -- Friday, Dec. 2, for grades 7-college. Everyone meet at the building after the Christmas parade.

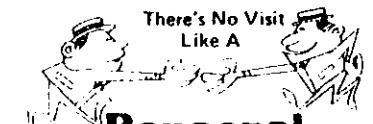
GOSPEL SING SONG -- Friday, Dec. 2, 7:00 p.m. til midnight at the Texarkana College Auditorium. Van will leave the building at 6:20 p.m.; home by 10:30.

WINTER YOUTH SERIES -- Saturday, Dec. 3, 2:00 p.m. Van will leave for DeKalb at 1:30 p.m.

GOSPEL MEETING AT NASH -- Dec. 4-7 with Leon Jones preaching evening at 7:30.

AREA-WIDE SINGING -- Sunday, Dec. 4, at Redwater from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY -- Friday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 p.m. If you have a card table, please bring it to the building Wednesday evening so those who plan to decorate will have the tables in advance.



Personal Visit



A.M. "Individual Responsibility" (Rev. 2:23)

P.M. "Parable Of The Sower" (Lk. 8:4-15)

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