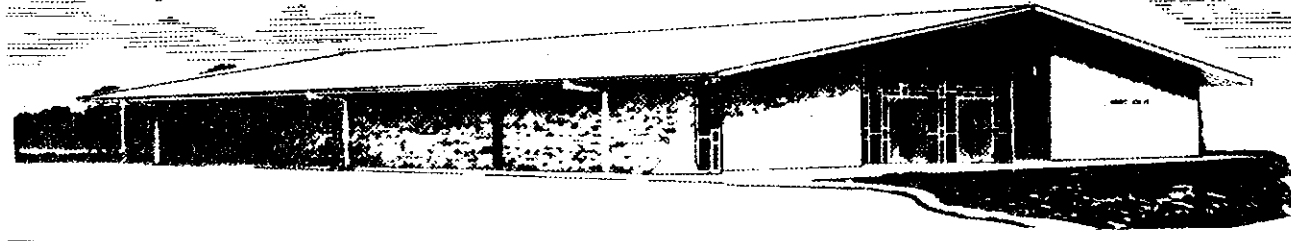


HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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**MOMENTS
WITH
MARVIN**

We are running a little behind our budget as you can tell from the stats on the back page. Let's get back on target in this most important area so that we may accomplish the objectives we set forth this year. Please remember to make up your contribution when absent.

I hope you will carefully consider the article on the inside page. This Sunday morning the elders will be asking for each members input concerning additional deacons. You will be ask to submit names of men you consider to be scripturally qualified, and who will act responsibly to the tasks assigned them. The morning sermon will also consider this most important area. Please make every effort to be present.

I realize we have had a great deal of sickness lately, but let's all make sure that whenever possible we are present at our assemblies. Be on time and in Bible class this Sunday!

TEACHERS APPRECIATION BANQUET

We want to encourage all of you who have taught or are teaching (and your spouse) to attend this banquet. Please sign the list on the foyer bulletin board so that our count may be as accurate as possible for the restaurant. The date is Saturday, Feb. 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Chuck Wagon.

GROCERY PICK-UP

Our pantry is low, and the truck from Boles Home will come by soon. Let's restock our pantry as well as have a good load for the home. You may bring your groceries to the building, or the van will run Saturday, Feb. 5th to pick up your items. Please sign the list on the foyer board if you want your groceries picked up. The van will begin its run at 10:00 a.m.

VALENTINE BANQUET

This banquet is for all those in grades 7 thru college, and will be at the home of Steve and Linda McIntosh. The date is February 12, and the time is from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. All who can are encouraged to attend this gathering.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 1983

Bible Study	109
Morning Worship	155
Evening Worship	134
Contribution	\$ 1178.81
Contribution to Date . . .	\$ 5019.34
Budget to Date	\$ 5436.00

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1983

Bible Classes	107
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THOSE TO SERVE JANUARY 30, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS: John Inman
E. Shelton, Jr.

P.M. PRAYERS: Steve McIntosh
R. B. Turner

SCRIPTURE READING: James Boswell
(1 Tim. 3:8-12)

BIBLE HOUR: John Inman

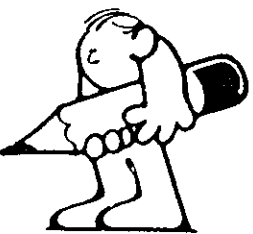
NURSERY: Juanita Shelton
Danna Johnson

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

OUR VISITORS

Becky Murray of Shreveport; Lum Curtis of Texarkana; Troy, Francine, & Troy, Jr. Metheny of New Caney, TX; and Belinda Kingery of New Boston was a guest of Lora Blanks.

NOTHING IS
OPENED MORE
TIMES BY
MISTAKE THAN
THE MOUTH.



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Elliott Raney

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:
Bible Classes . . . 9:30 A.M.
A.M. Worship 10:25 A.M.
P.M. Worship 6:00 P.M.

Wednesdays:
Ladies Bible
Class 10:00 A.M.
Bible Classes . . . 7:30 P.M.

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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

SELECTING DEACONS

As far as I can determine the Bible does **not** provide us with the **one** way of selecting deacons. I'm sure most would agree that whatever method is used should be **decent and orderly** (1 Cor. 14:40), and should harmonize with Biblical principles instead of **contradicting** them. Let's keep a couple of things in mind as we reason together. Deacons are to **serve** the church, but how can they serve effectively if the church is convinced they are not qualified? It would seem wisest, then, to obtain input in some manner from the entire membership.

Let me say to begin with that I realize the **"seven"** mentioned in Acts 6 are not said to be **deacons**, but the service they were rendering would certainly be characteristic of one serving as a deacon. The point worthy of consideration in Acts 6 is that if anyone had the right or authority to appoint men to serve in a special capacity without consulting the congregation, the apostles would certainly qualify. But even though they gave certain qualifications, they evidently thought it best to let the congregation choose these men.

Brethren, the selection of deacons is serious and important, or else the apostle would have omitted the qualifications in 1 Tim. 3:8-13. The Greek word for deacon is **diakonos**. **Konos** can mean **dust**, and **dioko** to hasten after, therefore, "a runner who kicks up the dust." It seems that the word implies much more than one just being content to have his name on the "church stationery."

This reminds me of 1 Tim. 3:10 which admonishes, "And let these also first be proved; then let them serve as deacons, if they be blameless." How can such be done? Obviously, it involves the church's knowledge of the lives which these men have lived in their midst. The "diaconship" is **not** a "reform school" nor a "training school." A man is to be "proved" or "tested"; he passes or fails! A man is either qualified or he is not! The congregation should consider carefully those who will be their special servants.

Deacons are in the "limelight" moreso than the Christian not serving in this special capacity. He should, therefore, strive even harder to be a proper example in all areas. Where is he when Bible classes meet? Where is he on Sunday and Wednesday night? Where is he when visits are to be made? Where is he when CARE Groups assemble together?

Brethren, make your input valuable! Give careful consideration to God's word as you consider men to faithfully serve the church in this area.

-Marvin L. Weir



News & Notes



OUR SICK

NEW BOSTON: **Mattie Hobbs** is in room 214; **Jeanie Harmon** is in room 210-B; **Blanche McClung** is in room 215.

ST. MICHAEL: **LaNell Sweeden** is in room 458.

AT HOME: **James Martin; Ben & Julie Griffin; Oda Mae Orrison** is still at her sister's home.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Charlene Yates and family at the death of her aunt, **Esther Burnett**, of Dallas. Services were conducted in Dallas January 24.

We also extend our sympathy to Elliott Raney & family at the death of his sister-in-law, **Majorie Raney**, who passed away Sun., Jan. 23. Services were at Hardy Memorial United Methodist Church Tuesday, Jan. 26.

Sympathy is also extended to Horace & Virginia McPherson & family at the loss of her father, **R. E. Samples**.

SUNDAY - FEBRUARY 6TH

The church here will be hosting the Area-Wide First Sunday Singing. Make plans to join this period of praise and fellowship from 2:30-4:00.

Bridal Shower

You are invited to a bridal shower honoring **Julie Henry Hilton** Saturday, January 29, from 2:30-3:30 in the home of Frances Mills.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We want to welcome **Cheryl Grisham** & family. They placed membership with us last Sunday. Please add this family to your directory:

Cheryl Grisham	Rt. 1, Box 277A
Jim Collins	Simms, TX
Jan Collins	Phone: 543-2344
*Jeff Collins	
*Jenny Collins	

THANK-YOU NOTE

We want to thank each of you for sharing our sorrow. The food, cards, phone calls, visits and prayers were really appreciated.

--Elliott & Jean Raney

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations to **Sebastian Barbalance** and **Ruby Burkhalter** who were married here Saturday, January 22.



A.M. "The Qualifications for Deacons" (1 Tim. 3:8-12)

P.M. "The Lord's Supper" (Matt. 26:26-30)

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

FEBRUARY

LORD'S TABLE: James Boswell; Ben Dooley;
Allen Freeman; Bobby Higginbotham

PRAYERS:	<u>February 6</u>	<u>February 13</u>
	A.M. Rickey Burleson John Inman	Weaver Mills Bo Johnson
	P.M. DeWayne Hardage Danny Johnson	Elliott Raney Grady King
	<u>February 20</u>	<u>February 27</u>
	A.M. Haskel Roberts Herman Lynch	Russell Tyndell Steve McIntosh
	P.M. Ernest Shelton, Jr. James Williams	H. L. Vance L. A. Wright
SCRIPTURE READING:	<u>February 6</u>	<u>February 13</u>
	Herman Lynch	L. A. Wright
	<u>February 20</u>	<u>February 27</u>
	Jerry Yates	Weaver Mills
BIBLE HOUR:	<u>February 6</u>	<u>February 13</u>
	Donna Johnson	Lou Johnson
	<u>February 20</u>	<u>February 27</u>
	Dana Jones	Jean Jones
NURSERY:	<u>February 6</u>	<u>February 13</u>
	Meg Shelton Tanya Murray	Betty Brown Donna Parrish
	<u>February 20</u>	<u>February 27</u>
	Nena Clement Marie Shelton	Alicia Dooley Cheryl Shelton

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 MR. & MRS. LORAN MCPHERSON	2 MR. & MRS. ERNEST SHELTON, JR.	3 R. B. TURNER	4	5 LANA FREEMAN MARYLYNN MURPHY
6 ALAN WRIGHT WILFORD TRICKLER 1ST SUNDAY SINGING <u>HERE!</u> ELDERS MEETING	7	8	9 MARVIN WEIR LORAN MOCNY	10 CHERYL SHELTON JIM BOB MILLS	11	12 VALENTINE BANQUET MR. & MRS. HASKEL ROBERTS MILES INMAN
13 LANELL SWEEDEN NURSING HOME DEVO. 3:00 ELDERS/DEACONS MEETING	14 MARIE SHELTON	15	16	17 JULIE GRIFFIN DANNY JOHNSON	18	19
20 ERNEST SHELTON, SR.	21	22 KRISTEN MCINTOSH	23 KIMBERLY WILLIAMS	24 AMY BURLESON JUANITA HIGGINBOTHAM JEAN RANEY	25 MELISSA RANEY LOU JOHNSON	26 STEVE HIGGINBOTHAM
27 MR. & MRS. MIKE OLIVER	28 MR. & MRS. BRUCE TERRAL					

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