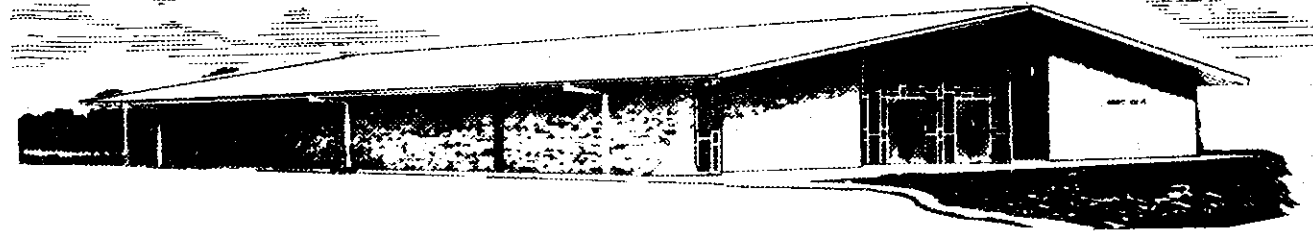


HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

This coming Sunday the Sr. Session of MFCC begins. Those who are riding the van need to remember that it will leave at 12:45 p.m. You need to have all personal effects loaded by this time. We have another full camp, and are anticipating an outstanding week. I'll be directing this session once again, and will be returning to New Boston sometime Saturday. Campers from New Boston who ride the van back should arrive at the building between 11:00 and 12:00 p.m. Friday.

Please remember the Nursing Home Service at 3:00 p.m. this Sunday. Steve needs all who can to be present to help with the song service. Steve will also be preaching in my absence Sunday evening.

Let's not forget our VBS as it is fast approaching. The youth are also reminded not to forget the Summer Youth Series Tuesday at Rose Hill.

CATCHING FLIES

Or saving souls? When folks do not like the preacher to be too definite in his fight against sin of all sorts, they sometimes advise him that more flies are caught with mclasses than are caught with vinegar. I would not deny this at all. In fact, I never knew of even one fly being caught with vinegar. BUT, gospel preaching is not designed to catch flies! It is designed to save the souls of human beings who are lost and who will spend eternity in hell unless they hear, believe, and obey the gospel of our Lord. And they will not hear, neither can they obey, unless they repent of their sins.

Some do not even know they are in sin, and if they do not learn of it from a gospel preacher, they will never learn. Saving souls is too important and too serious to be trifled with in any way.

If you are interested in catching flies, use whatever procedure you please, but if you are interested in saving the precious souls of human beings, preach the gospel of Christ in all its fulness and power and point out the sins that are separating people from God!

-S.L. Edwards

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, JULY 3, 1983

Bible Study	115
Morning Worship	165
Evening Worship	107
Contribution	\$ 1,219.57
Contribution to Date . . .	\$ 34,774.16
Budget to Date	\$ 36,693.00

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 1983

Bible Classes	NC
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THOSE TO SERVE JULY 10, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
Elliott Raney	L. A. Wright
B. Higginbotham	Bo Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING: Grady King
(I Tim. 1:15)

BIBLE HOUR: Lou Johnson

NURSERY: Meg Shelton
Jennifer Crawford

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

OUR VISITORS

Clyde & Helen Freeman & Penny of Wichita Falls, TX were guests of Lillie Freeman; William & Jan Dean of Plano were guests of Leland & Charlene Kerley; David, Claudia, Jim & Andrew Boswell of Bartlett, TN and Mr. & Mrs. James Boswell of New Boston were all guests of Jimmy and Janie; Thresa Weir was visiting Marvin & Cathy; The Ed Roach family of Austin and Mr. & Mrs. Charles Roach of Longview were guests of Elliott and Jean Raney; Estella Kelly of Woodlands, TX; Becky Woodruff of Houston, TX; Jerry Frank and family of Round Rock.

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

TRUE RELIGION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

"AND WHY CALL YE ME, LORD, LORD, AND DO NOT THE THINGS WHICH I SAY? (Lk. 6:46)

This world is confused, and yet many allow it to influence their thinking regarding religion. It is not **just** in believing in God, nor in acknowledging Jesus Christ as Lord, nor in professing faithfulness, that one is saved; but it is properly **doing** the things the Savior has commanded. It is interesting to note that Jesus does not charge his hearers in Luke 6 with lack of faith, but with lack of action! Will we ever learn the truth that true religion does indeed make a difference in one's life?

Do you know of people claiming to be Christians whose actions belie their claim? They go to church services on Sunday, but just look at the questionable places they go during the week. One leads in prayer at a church service, and from the same mouth foul language is uttered at other places. Another assembles for worship, but spends all his time visiting, writing, or reading a novel. These people have a religion that is so shallow it's made no significant difference in their lives.

Attitudes are important! The Gospel of Christ is proclaimed, and responses vary -- some yield to it and others resist. Why? The difference is not in the gospel or its power, but in the heart of the individual. Each person must carefully check to see if he has created a clean and pure heart within himself so that he can receive the gospel.

Some people fail in living the Christian life because they never fully repent before being baptized. They give up **some** of their sins but not **all** of them. Others do not receive the gospel with meekness. They get mad and puff up when the Bible rebukes a sin they enjoy committing.

Brethren, please remember that it is not enough to believe in Christ, obey a few commandments, and volunteer to serve in an area or two. True religion **will** make a difference in your life. Has it?

-Marvin L. Weir
New Boston, TX



News & Notes



OUR SICK

NEW BOSTON: Vesta Cox is in room 210.

WADLEY: Rusty Higginbotham entered on Wednesday and was to undergo surgery on Thursday.

AT HOME: Janie Talley; James Martin; Eva Nunn; Jo Harmon broke her arm.

NURSING HOME DEVO

Let's try to have a good group gather at the Nursing Home on Sunday, July 10th at 3:00 p.m.

OUR VBS DRAWING NEAR

We have a good Vacation Bible School planned for this year. If teachers find they need specific items for VBS they should let Steve know well in advance. **New Life In Jesus** will be the theme. Don't forget the dates and time -- **July 25-29 -- 10:00-11:30 a.m.**

Also, we need those who are willing to bring refreshments for VBS. If you are unable to bring cookies or koolaid, a donation would also be helpful. If you can help out with this effort, please sign the list posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Thanks!

PREACHERS LUNCHEON

Area preachers are reminded of the luncheon this coming Tuesday, July 12th.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

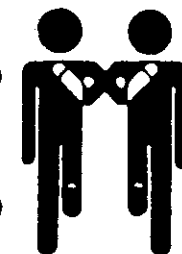
The Summer Youth Series this week is at **Rose Hill**, and the speaker is **Leon Barnes**. The subject to be discussed is **Esther**. The van will leave the building at 6:15 p.m.

Wedding Shower



You are cordially invited to a "come & go" bridal shower in honor of **Susie Hobbs** on Saturday, **July 16** from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the home of **Nell Patrick** at 103 James St.

**"WE
REALLY
DO NEED
EACH
OTHER"**



A.M. "What Wonderful Love"
(I Tim. 1:15)

P.M. Steve McIntosh,
Speaker

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