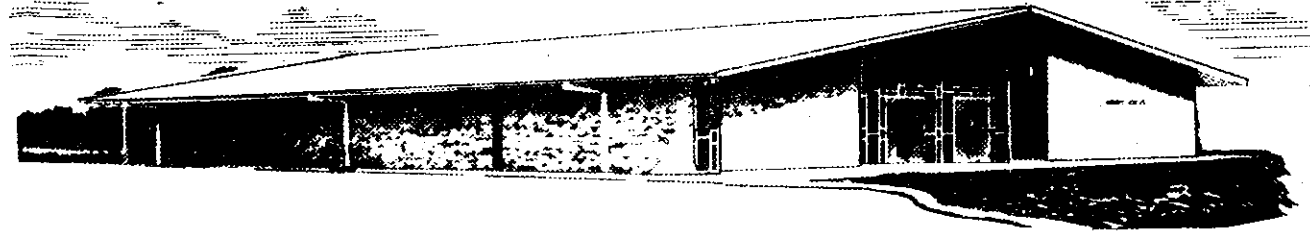


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MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

As you read this bulletin the senior session at MFCC will be ending. The youth returning to New Boston should arrive at the building between 11:00 and 12:00 p.m. I will be returning Saturday morning; well, at least I'm counting on being able to return!

Please read both articles this week. We must always be willing to stand for sound doctrine and truth, but we need to guard against cultivating adversary relationships when these two items are not at stake.

God does have a line of separation, and we will discuss it Sunday morning. Plan on being present Sunday evening as we will explore some causes of loneliness as well as some possible solutions.

Have you been missing services lately? Have you thought seriously about your relationship with God? You do love the the Lord, don't you?

PREACHER, BE TRUE!

The most needed message in the world is that of **salvation**. The most needed profession in the world is that of **preaching**. The most needed instrument of the message and the profession is the **preacher**. And the most needed ingredient in all is the **truth!**

Many men who call themselves preachers are preaching whatever the hearer wants to hear. Popularity, job security and social acceptance become the basis of their preaching while God is relegated to a place of insignificance.

The preacher who loves his work is one who loves **souls**. The preacher who loves souls is one who loves the **gospel**. The preacher who loves the gospel is one who loves the **truth**. And the preacher who loves the truth will preach it **regardless of the consequences!**

There **are** consequences sometimes because what the hearer wants to hear may not be the truth. Then is when the preacher's love for men's souls is really tested. Preacher, be true!

-Eddie Whitten
Director, Brown Trail School of Preaching
-From **The Restorer**

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 1983

Bible Study	133
Morning Worship	152
Evening Worship	120
Contribution	\$ 1,076.69
Contribution to Date . .	\$ 35,850.85
Budget to Date	\$ 38,052.00

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13, 1983

Bible Classes	NC
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THOSE TO SERVE JULY 17, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
Haskel Roberts	Jerry Yates
John Inman	Danny Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING: Herman Lynch
(II Cor. 6:17)

BIBLE HOUR: Donna Johnson

NURSERY: Alicia Dooley
Danna Johnson

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

OUR VISITORS

Brock Jennings of Clarksville, TX;
Evelyn Reed of Kilgore was also our guest this past Lord's Day.



If you missed Sunday School
We do mean you!
See you next Sunday.

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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 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

ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIPS

SLOWLY OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME I HAVE BECOME MORE AND MORE AWARE OF AN ATTITUDE THAT HINDERS ALL OF OUR INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE CHURCH. IT IS THAT WE ESTABLISH "ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIPS" RATHER THAN "BROTHER RELATIONSHIPS" WITH ONE ANOTHER. THIS, I AM CONVINCED, IS THE REASON THAT WE FEEL SO FREE TO PICK FLAWS; AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, WHY WE ARE SO QUICK TO TAKE THE OFFENSE.

I HAVE OBSERVED THAT MOST ELDERS AND PREACHERS HAVE THIS RELATIONSHIP. ADVERSARIES . . . FRIENDLY ADVERSARIES: BUT ADVERSARIES NEVERTHELESS. THEY ARE HESITANT TO TELL THE OTHER ALL THEIR HEART. THEY WATCH ONE ANOTHER WITH A SKEPTICAL EYE, SECRETLY AFRAID THAT THE OTHER MIGHT UNDERMINE THEIR OWN POSITION IN THE CONGREGATION. ALL OF THIS HINDERS THE WARM, LOVING, PERSONAL, SUPPORTIVE RELATIONSHIP THEY OUGHT TO HAVE. NO ONE IN THE WORLD OUGHT TO BE CLOSER AND MORE DEFENSIVE OF ONE ANOTHER THAN GOOD ELDERS AND GOOD PREACHERS.

THE SAME THING IS MANY TIMES SEEN BETWEEN MINISTERS WORKING IN ONE CONGREGATION. ONE SOMETIMES FEELS THREATENED BY THE OTHER AND GROWS DEFENSIVE BECAUSE OF IT. THEY ARE NOT ALWAYS THE CO-LABORERS FOR A COMMON CAUSE THEY NEED TO BE. ONE CAN EVEN BE JEALOUS OF THE POPULARITY OF THE OTHER, WITH THE RESULTS THAT TOGETHER THEY MAY ACCOMPLISH LESS THAN ONE WOULD ALONE. NOT BECAUSE THEY DISLIKE ONE ANOTHER; BUT BECAUSE THEY HAVE AN ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP, WHICH PLACES THEM ALWAYS IN COMPETITION FOR THE AFFECTION OF THE PEOPLE.

IT IS ALSO OBSERVED IN CLASSES. SOME STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS SUPPORTIVE. THEY TRY TO ADD TO WHAT THE TEACHER IS SAYING. OTHERS ARE ALWAYS NEGATIVE. THEY SEEM TO LOOK FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO CUT THE TEACHER OR TO PUT HIM IN A BAD LIGHT. THEIR MISSION IN LIFE SEEMS TO BE TO FIND SOMETHING WRONG, TO EXPOSE A MISTAKE, OR TO PUT THE ONE "UP FRONT" ON THE DEFENSIVE. MANY TIMES THIS IS NOT MALICIOUS, THEY HAVE SIMPLY DECIDED ON AN ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP TOWARD ALL TEACHERS.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS FALL INTO THE SAME BAD HABIT WHEN THEY ATTEND SERVICES AS CRITICS, WATCHFUL FOR THINGS THEY DON'T LIKE. THIS MAKES ONE READY TO REVIEW EVERY SERVICE OR EVERY PROGRAM OF THE CHURCH MUCH AS A COLUMNIST MIGHT REVIEW A PLAY, WITHOUT REALIZING THAT HE HIMSELF IS SUPPOSED TO BE A PLAYER. THIS MAKES HIM BOTH A PART OF THE PROBLEM AND ALSO A PART OF ITS SOLUTION. BUT HE DOESN'T REALIZE THIS BECAUSE HE HAD ESTABLISHED A WRONG RELATIONSHIP TOWARD THE CHURCH IN THE FIRST PLACE.

IT IS TIME FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN TO REALIZE THAT WE ARE BRETHREN. WE ARE FAMILY. THE DEVIL IS THE ADVERSARY. WE FIGHT A COMMON ENEMY. NEITHER ARE WE IN COMPETITION. EVERY ONE OF US NEED THE LOVE, THE RESPECT AND THE SUPPORT OF EVERY OTHER FAITHFUL CHRISTIAN. THIS WILL CAUSE US TO REJOICE AT EVERY GOOD THING ACCOMPLISHED FOR THE CAUSE OF CHRIST AND GIVE UNSELFISH PRAISE TO THOSE WHO ARE DOING IT.

(SEE "RELATIONSHIPS" ON PAGE 3)



News & Notes

IN THE HOSPITAL



WADLEY: John Inman's mother is recovering from surgery in room 557; Karen Burleson is in room 445.

ST. MICHAEL: James Martin is in room 351.

FORD MEMORIAL (Gilmer): Lester Moody, uncle to Sharon Elliott, is out of ICU and is in room 242.

AT HOME: Vesta Cox is now home; Elliott Raney was ill Wednesday evening; also, Steve McIntosh.

ALSO SICK: Charles Sanford's 11 yr. old son is in a coma resulting from an accident Tuesday, and our prayers are requested; Eveline Sellers, neice of Cleater & Annie Collins had surgery on Monday.

VBS REFRESHMENT LIST

We still need people to sign this list which will assure us the needed items during our VBS. Be sure and remember the day and items you signed for, and this will enable us to function smoothly in this area. Thanks!

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

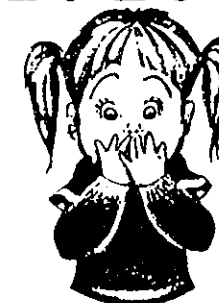
The Summer Youth Series this week will be hosted by the Hope congregation, and the speaker is Steve Bracken. His subject is Jeremiah. The time the van will be leaving will be announced Sunday.

YOUTH NEWS

The July Youth Fellowship will be in the home of Melvin and Marlene Watkins -- date and time set later.

Also -- For those who are attending the Jr. Session of MFCC, L.A. & Renee Wright will be taking the van and anyone who wants can ride with them.

V. B. S.



Ooooh . . . I can hardly wait!

"RELATIONSHIPS" (Cont'd. from page 1)

THROUGHOUT OUR BROTHERHOOD WE HAVE ALLOWED BAD FEELINGS TO ARISE WHERE THEY SHOULD NEVER HAVE ARISEN. WE HAVE TAKEN OFFENSE WHEN IT SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN TAKEN, SIMPLY BECAUSE WE HAVE ALLOWED AN ADVERSARY RELATIONSHIP TO DEVELOP BETWEEN US AND SOME OTHER CHRISTIAN. LET'S REVERSE THE TREND. LET'S FOLLOW THE BOOK WHEN IT SAYS, "LET BROTHERLY LOVE CONTINUE." (HEB. 13:1).

--jack gray



A.M. "God's Line Of Separation"
(II Cor. 6:17)

P.M. "Loneliness ... A Heavy Load"
(Psa. 142:4)

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