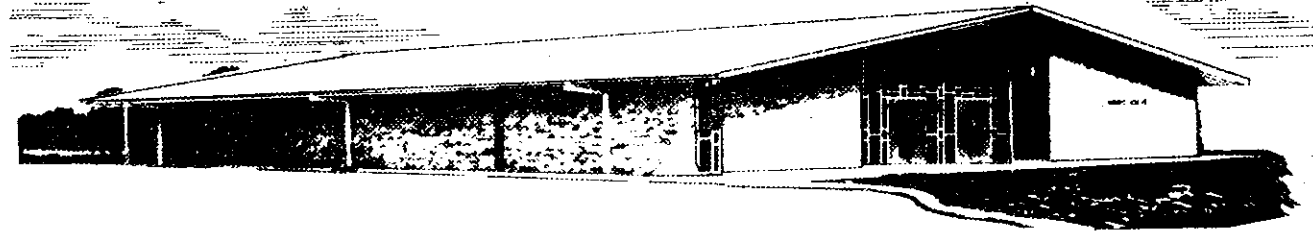


# HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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## MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

Our records indicate that last Sunday was the best overall that we've had in some time. The evening crowd looked especially good to me. I know this Sunday falls on a holiday weekend, and many of you will be visiting in other areas. We're counting on all those who remain in town to bring your visitors to all services.

This Sunday marks the beginning of our fourth year will you. Our family does appreciate so much the help and encouragement you have been to us. May we continue to march forward for the Master seeking His will -- not ours!

Flash -- the calendars you receive this week are correct even though there is a typographical error. The side listing those to serve has June instead of July -- but the dates are correct. Please bear with us as we must break the monotony of perfection ever so often!

## IF GOD WENT ON STRIKE

*It's such a good thing God above,  
Has never gone on strike  
Because He wasn't treated fair  
For things he didn't like.  
If he had ever once sat down  
And said, "That's it -- I'm through,  
I've had enough of those on earth,  
So this is what I'll do--  
I'll give my order to the sun,  
Cut off your heat supply.  
And to the moon--give no more light  
And run the oceans dry  
Then just to really make it tough  
And put the pressure on  
I'll turn off air and oxygen,  
'Till every breath is gone."*

*Do you know He'd be justified  
If fairness was the game  
For no one had been more abused  
Or treated with disdain  
Than God--and yet He carries on  
Supplying you and me  
With all the favors of His grace  
And everything--for free.  
Men say they want a better deal  
And so on strike they go  
But what a deal we've given God  
For everything we owe.*

(Cont'd. on page 3 -- "Strike")

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 1983	
Bible Study . . . . .	142
Morning Worship . . . . .	193
Evening Worship . . . . .	161
Contribution . . . . .	\$ 1,347.79
Contribution to Date . . . . .	\$ 33,554.59
Budget to Date . . . . .	\$ 35,334.00

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29, 1983	
Bible Classes . . . . .	108

## THOSE TO SERVE JULY 3, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS: P.M. PRAYERS:  
Weaver Mills H. L. Vance  
DeWayne Hardage Don Bagwell

SCRIPTURE READING: John Inman  
(Daniel 4:27)

BIBLE HOUR: Steve Higginbotham

NURSERY: Betty Brown  
Wendy Williams

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

## OUR VISITORS

Marie Jones of Garland was a guest of Don & Jean Jones; Mr. & Mrs. David Rucker of Abilene; Thresa Weir was a guest of the Weir family; Mary Jo Yeatman of Erving, TX; Rayford & Marie Barger of Teague, TX; Mr. & Mrs. Ferrell Ware of El Dorado, AR, Dave & Angela Heid; David, Nancy, Sarah & Joel Bailey of Texarkana; Chuck & Daphna Campbell of Norphlet, AR; Johnny, Connie & Brandon Ponder; Ruth & Jim Robertson; Connie Robertson, and John Meadows family of El Dorado were all guests of Wyndell and Marie Robertson.

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

**Elders:**  
Weaver P. Mills, Jr. 629-2980  
Wyndell Robertson 628-2244  
Ernest Shelton, Jr. 628-2201

**Ministers:**  
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**Deacons:**  
Ben Doolley  
DeWayne Hardage  
Russell Tyndell  
John Inman  
Jerry O. Yates  
L.A. Wright

**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

## THE POTTED PLANTS

This story is true -- only the names and places have been withheld to protect the guilty. A congregation moved into a new building with gleeful delight and some degree of pride over the elegant material surroundings in which it would worship. Someone supplied two beautiful five foot potted plants to adorn the front of the new auditorium. Some months following the opening service in the new building, to the dismay of the members and the building committee, the plants disappeared. Said building committee sounded the alarm. The congregation was bombarded with announcements. Men were "deputized" to seek the whereabouts of that which was lost. Apologies were made to the donors of the decorative plants. For two months, the missing potted plants became the conversation piece of the church at home and at worship. The search was intensified and the announcements and pleading seemed unending.

The quest ended quite abruptly when the local preacher dared to solve the problem. It took nerve to do it! Since the potted plants had not been found and obviously were not going to be, he arose following a long announcement about the lost decorations and said, "We have heard a great deal about the missing plants that were lost. For two months, at every service, announcements have been made and people have earnestly looked for that which is lost. For years, we have known that sheep have strayed from this flock. Prodigal sons are away from the worship and the Bible declares that they are lost. Each soul missing here today is more valuable than the whole world -- and yet we have not heard one announcement nor have we seen anxious concern about Mary Smith, John Brown, or Sam Jones, whose eternal welfare may hang on our concern. If we had put forward 1/10 the energy in locating the lost souls of this flock that we have to locate the lost plants, surely angels in heaven would have rejoiced!" Suffice it to say, no others announcements were made about the plants!

Is not this true in so many areas? With 4 billion people on the earth, with 70 million more born each year than die, how can we be so deeply concerned over such minor details as color of curtains, stained glass windows, interior decorations, wall to wall carpet, or potted plants?

-O.J. Russell



## News & Notes



## OUR SICK

**AT HOME:** James Martin has not been feeling well; Roger Murray suffered a concussion; Eva Nunn is now home; Janie Talley is still confined to her home.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The July youth fellowship for grades 7 thru college is scheduled to be in the home of Melvin & Marlene Watkins. Date and time will be set later.

## SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

We had 16 to attend the Summer Youth Series at Atlanta last week. Let's have another good turnout at Maud this week. The van will leave the building at 6:30 p.m.

## FIRST SUNDAY SINGING

The Area-Wide 1st Sunday Singing will be hosted by the Loop 77 congregation in Atlanta this Sunday, July 3, from 2:30-4:00.



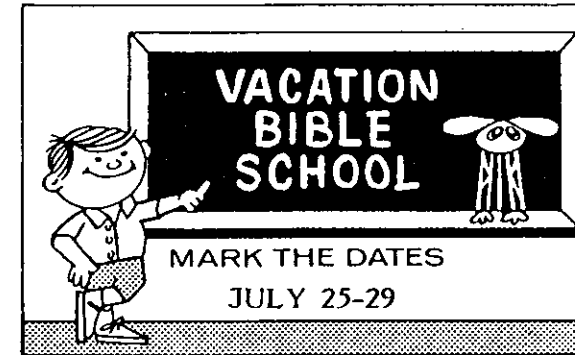
new arrival!

Congratulations to Miles & Nena Clement at the birth of a son, Stephen Casey. Jason and Shanne are proud to announce their brother was born Thursday, June 23, and weighed 10 lbs. 12 ozs.

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

We don't care who we hurt or harm  
To gain the things we like  
But what mess we'd all be in  
If God would go on strike.

-Author unknown



"Must I be giving again and again, forever?"  
"Oh, no," said the Angel--his glance pierced me thru--  
"Just give 'til the Master stops giving to you."



**A.M.** "Break Off Thy Sins By Righteousness" (Daniel 4:27)

**P.M.** "Can A Good Man Be Saved Outside The Church?" (Acts 11:13-14)

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

JULY

LORD'S TABLE: James Boswell; Rickey Burleson;  
Ben Dooley; Allen Freeman

PRAYERS:	<u>June 3</u>	<u>June 10</u>	<u>June 17</u>
	A.M. Weaver Mills DeWayne Hardage	Elliott Raney Bobby Higginbotham	Haskei Roberts John Inman
	P.M. H. L. Vance Don Bagwell	L. A. Wright Bo Johnson	Jerry Yates Danny Johnson
	<u>June 24</u>	<u>June 31</u>	
	A.M. Ernest Shelton, Jr. J. D. Johnson	Russell Tyndell Grady King	
	P.M. James Collins Herman Lynch	James Boswell Steve McIntosh	
SCRIPTURE READING:	<u>June 3</u>	<u>June 10</u>	<u>June 17</u>
	John Inman	Grady King	Herman Lynch
	<u>June 24</u>	<u>June 31</u>	
	Russell Tyndell	L. A. Wright	
BIBLE HOUR:	<u>June 3</u>	<u>June 10</u>	<u>June 17</u>
	Steve Higginbotham	Lou Johnson	Donna Johnson
	<u>June 24</u>	<u>June 31</u>	
	Dana Jones	Jean Jones	
NURSERY:	<u>June 3</u>	<u>June 10</u>	<u>June 17</u>
	Betty Brown Wendy Williams	Meg Shelton Jennifer Crawford	Alicia Dooley Danna Johnson
	<u>June 24</u>	<u>June 31</u>	
	Jean Raney Glenda Mills	Joy Terral Shauna Murphy	

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 LISA MURRAY WYNDELL ROBERTSON	2
3 AREA SINGING LOOP 77 ATLANTA MR. & MRS. RICKEY BURLESON	4 OPAL MCCRIGHT	5 SUMMER YOUTH SERIES - MAUD	6 CHARLENE YATES	7	8	9 IRENE BLEDSOE MR. & MRS. DON JONES
10 NURSING HOME DEVO. ELDERS MTG. MFCC SR. CAMP AYRIC WRIGHT	11 MARLENE WATKINS (10-15)	12 SUMMER YOUTH SERIES - ROSEHILL PREACHERS LUNCHEON	13 VIRGINIA PARRISH	14 JASON CLEMENT	15	16
17 MFCC JR. CAMP ELDERS/DEACONS MTG. WALTER NUNN	18 (17-22)	19 SUMMER YOUTH SERIES - HOPE WENDY WILLIAMS	20	21	22 SCOTT INMAN	23 BEN DOOLEY L.A. WRIGHT
24  31	25 RHONDA HUGHES	26 SUMMER YOUTH SERIES - ASHDOWN VINCE HARDAGE	27	28 DOUG TAYLOR	29 SANDRA PARKER MR. & MRS. ALLEN FREEMAN	30

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