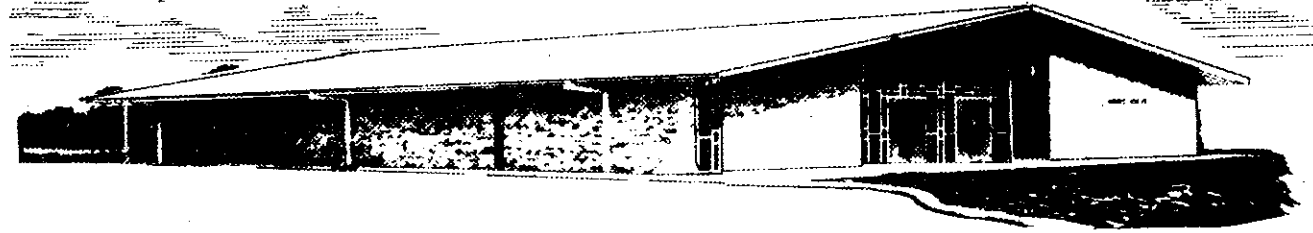


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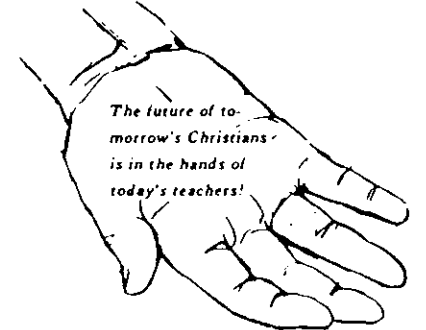


YOUTH SERIES AT NEW BOSTON

We are expecting a large crowd for the final Youth Series here, **August 13th**. We will begin at 2:00 p.m. with **Steve McIntosh** speaking. After his lesson on Jesus, we will serve hot dogs and dessert to our guests. The brethren from DeKalb are co-hosting this effort.

After everyone has been served, we will gather at the Rolling Thunder skating rink for two hours of skating, **4:30-6:30 p.m.** The **Nash** congregation is in charge of the activities at the rink. The charge for skating is \$2.00 per person.

We need volunteers from **New Boston** to help serve these youth. There is a list on the foyer bulletin board for those who are willing to make cookies. We are counting on **YOU** to help make this a successful event.



It's been a busy summer! We do appreciate so much those who have helped and are helping with scheduled events. Please remember that the final **Youth Series** will be conducted here on Saturday, August 13th. The DeKalb congregation will be a co-host of this event. There are ways that you can help us in this effort, and we know we can count on your support.

Our overall statistics were better last week, but we can still improve. Yes, it does require each member's commitment, and this is the reason you are so important. Do not let the devil talk you out of attending Bible classes and worship this Lord's Day! You will profit by following **The "Let Us" Diet**. We will discuss it Sunday morning.

Summer is fast slipping by, and so are the days of our life. You are not leaving the Lord behind, are you?

See you Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, JULY 24, 1983

Bible Study	141
Morning Worship	184
Evening Worship	127
Contribution	\$ 1,314.56
Contribution to Date	\$ 38,268.71
Budget to Date	\$ 40,770.00

WEDNESDAY, July 27, 1983

Bible Classes	113
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THOSE TO SERVE JULY 31, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
R. Tyndell	James Boswell
Grady King	Steve McIntosh

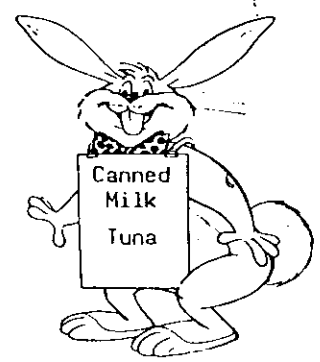
SCRIPTURE READING: L. A. Wright
(Heb. 10:19-25)

BIBLE HOUR: Jean Jones
NURSERY: Joy Terral Shauna Murphy

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

OUR VISITORS

Mr. & Mrs. Gene McNish of Burkburnett, TX; Mrs. Frank Richardson, Ryan & Roger of Houston; Charles & Martha Shelton of Nash were guests of Fred and Chleodia LaRue:



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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.
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Bible Classes

C.S.T.	7:00 P.M.
D.S.T.	7:30 P.M.

WHERE YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

- Elders:**
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Wyndell Robertson 628-2244
Ernest Shelton, Jr. 628-2201
- Ministers:**
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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

WHAT IS REQUIRED?

"MOREOVER IT IS REQUIRED IN STEWARDS, THAT A MAN BE FOUND FAITHFUL" (1 COR. 4:2).
"...BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH AND I WILL GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE" (REV. 2:10).

NOW I LIKE TO SEE RESPONSES AS WELL AS THE NEXT PERSON, AND I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SEEING 60 OR 70 PEOPLE COME FORWARD DURING MY MEETINGS WITH 10 OR 15 BAPTISMS IN ONE SERVICE. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, MY HEART IS THRILLED. ON THE OTHER HAND, I HAVE WORKED JUST AS HARD, EXPENDING ALL MY STRENGTH IN PREACHING THE WORD, WITHOUT ONE RESPONSE.

IF WE ARE NOT CAREFUL, WE WILL BEGIN TO USE THE WORLD'S STANDARD OF MEASUREMENT, JUDGING PREACHERS BY NUMBER OF RESPONSES, SIZE OF CONGREGATION, AND SALARY RECEIVED. JUST BECAUSE A MAN'S NAME IS CONSTANTLY BEFORE THE PUBLIC AND HE IS HERALDED BEFORE THE WORLD AS GREAT DOESN'T MEAN HE HAS MADE FIRST STRING ON THE LORD'S TEAM. A NUMBER OF NOBLE SOULS ARE LABORING IN OUT OF THE WAY PLACES IN ALMOST TOTAL OBSCURITY. ONLY A HANDFUL OUTSIDE OF THEIR COMMUNITIES KNOW OF THEIR LABOR AND SACRIFICE FOR THE LORD. PERHAPS IN GOD'S SIGHT, THESE FAITHFUL BUT UNKNOWN WORKERS ARE THE "GREAT PREACHERS" OF OUR GENERATION.

GOD NOWHERE REQUIRES US TO BE SUCCESSFUL, BUT IT IS MANDATORY THAT WE BE FAITHFUL -- HE DOESN'T DEMAND THAT WE BE POPULAR AND A PROMOTER, BUT HE DEMANDS THAT WE BE FAITHFUL. HE DOESN'T ASK THAT WE DRAW A BIG SALARY, LIVE IN A FINE HOUSE AND HAVE MEMBERSHIP IN A LARGE CONGREGATION. GOD REQUIRES THAT WE BE FAITHFUL. IN DESCRIBING A CONGREGATION IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, THE HOLY SPIRIT SAYS LITTLE OR NOTHING ABOUT THE BUILDING, THE PREACHER, THE LEADERS, THE ATTENDANCE, THE NUMBER BAPTIZED, THE NUMBER PLACING MEMBERSHIP, THE NUMBER ASKING FOR PRAYERS, THE ANNUAL BUDGET OR THE WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION. THE THING EMPHASIZED IS THEIR FAITH, LABOR OF LOVE, HOPE, SOUNDNESS IN THE WORD, ETC. FAITHFULNESS IS THE PRIMARY REQUISITE OF SERVICE, NOT APPARENT ACCOMPLISHMENT.

SOMETIME BACK A BROTHER WROTE, "WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE, A SERMON IS A SUCCESS OR FAILURE DEPENDING ON THE RESULTS IT PRODUCES." THAT SOUNDS GOOD BUT IT IS JUST NOT SO! EZEKIEL WAS CALLED TO PREACH TO A REBELLIOUS PEOPLE. GOD SAID, "THEY WILL NOT HEarken UNTO THEE: FOR THEY WILL NOT HEarken UNTO ME." THE PROPHET WAS TOLD TO GO ANYWAY SO THAT THE PEOPLE COULD KNOW OF GOD'S WARNING AND STAND IN JUDGMENT WITHOUT EXCUSE. "AND THEY, WHETHER THEY WILL HEAR, OR WHETHER THEY WILL FORBEAR, YET SHALL THEY KNOW THAT THERE HAS BEEN A PROPHET AMONG THEM" (EZEKIEL 2:5). HE WAS CALLED TO BE FAITHFUL.

GOD TOLD US TO TEACH HIS WORD. WHEN WE HAVE DONE THIS TASK TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY, WHETHER ANYONE BELIEVES IT AND OBEYS IT OR NOT, GOD IS PLEASED WITH THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE MESSENGER. THE LORD'S HIGHEST COMMENDATION IN THE DAY OF JUDGMENT WILL BE FOR FAITHFULNESS IN FULFILLING HIS WILL (MATT. 25:21,23). LET US STOP EQUATING FAITHFULNESS WITH SUCCESS. IT MIGHT BE GOOD TO TALK TO NOAH SOMETIME ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SUCCESS AND FAITHFULNESS.

-BOBBY KEY



News & Notes

IN THE HOSPITAL



ST. MICHAEL: James Martin is in room 456.


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

REGIONAL HOSPITAL (Longview): Pete Johnson, father of Sharon Elliott, is in room 316, but hopes to be dismissed this weekend.

AT HOME: John Inman's mother; Josh Boswell.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Claudie Chisum family at the death of his wife, Dell. Services were conducted last Sunday.

thanks... 

Dear Friends,

The family of Harold Purtle would like to take this means of attempting to thank you for your expression of love during his illness and expiration. The visits, cards, food, flowers and prayers were a tribute and comfort we shall never forget. It meant so much to us for Marvin to be a part of the final rites. To those who helped serve this large family a special thanks for a tremendous job well done.

The families of: Mattie Martin, Frances Mills; Robert, Sam, Glynn, and Richard Purtle.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The Summer Youth Series this week will be hosted by the Prescott congregation, and the speaker is James Walters. The time the van will be leaving will be announced Sunday.

THE LORD ADDED...

Jeff Collins (Baptized) 7-24-83
Troy Metheny (Baptized) 7-24-83

ELDERSHIP SEMINAR

The Maud brethren have invited those who would like to hear Jerry Ball speak on the topic of Elders. The date is Sunday, July 31, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. See the bulletin board for the schedule.

YOUTH RALLY

The Antlers, OK congregation have a rally planned for the youth August 6 from 9:30 a.m.--3:00 p.m. See the foyer bulletin board for details.



This is just a note to remind you that the dishes taken to the Mills' home are in the foyer.



A.M. "The 'Let Us' Diet"
(Heb. 10:19-25)

P.M. "Understanding Matthew
6:33"

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