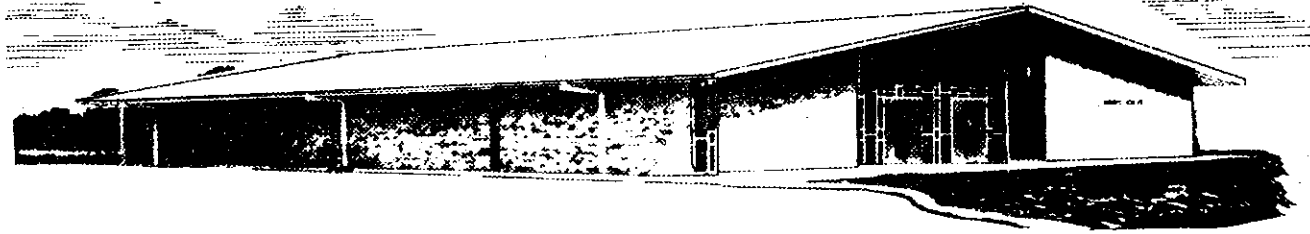


# HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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Several of you were absent last Lord's Day, and we missed you! We were privileged to have several visitors, but they never really replace our regular members.

I want every member of this congregation of the Lord's people who reads this column to think seriously regarding your commitment (or lack of it) to the church. Decisions must be made in view of what we desire to accomplish in the near future. Do we really love our Lord? How much?

Our family should be in Pearsall, TX as you read this bulletin. We have some dear friends in this area, and it will be a pleasure to be with them for a few days.

Steve will preach in my absence this Sunday. Make every effort to be in Bible class, and each worship service. We look forward to returning sometime Monday.

## OUR GREATEST INTEREST

CLIFFORD F. HOOD, FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES STEEL CORPORATION, TELLS OF A TWELVE-YEAR-OLD BOY WHO WROTE TO THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS REQUESTING TWO BOOKS. HE WANTED ONE ON SPACE TRAVEL AND ANOTHER ON SANE LIVING. HE CONCLUDED HIS LETTER TO THE LIBRARY WITH THIS SENTENCE, "IF YOU CAN'T SEND BOTH BOOKS, SEND THE ONE ON SPACE TRAVEL, 'CAUSE I'M MORE INTERESTED IN THAT."

MR. HOOD COMMENTED: "THIS LAD MIRRORS OUR AGE, FOR WE ARE A NATION OF PEOPLE LOOKING OUT AT THE DISTANT STARS, SEEKING TO CONQUER THEM, WHEN WE HAVE AS YET TO ACHIEVE SANE LIVING AMONG OURSELVES ON THIS PLANET."

OUR COMPULSION FOR CONQUERING OTHER PLANETS WHEN WE HAVEN'T LEARNED HOW TO LIVE SANELY ON THIS ONE, DOES SEEM STRANGE. SANE LIVING WILL NEVER BE OUR POSSESSION UNTIL WE DECIDE TO WALK IN THE WAY JESUS DIRECTED. HE SAID, "I AM THE WAY. . .NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER, BUT BY ME" (JOHN 14:6).

OTHER WAYS INTRIGUE US. BUT THE WAY OF JESUS IS THE ONLY ONE WHICH GETS US SAFELY OVER THE PROBLEMS OF THIS PERPLEXING AGE. HIS WAY IS THE WAY TO SANE LIVING.

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## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 1983

Bible Study . . . . .	111
Morning Worship . . . .	170
Evening Worship . . . .	107
Contribution . . . . .	\$ 1,123.80
Contribution to Date . .	\$ 31,103.90
Budget to Date . . . . .	\$ 32,616.00

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1983

Bible Classes . . . . .	105
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### THOSE TO SERVE JUNE 19, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
Bo Johnson	Herman Lynch
R. B. Turner	H. L. Vance

SCRIPTURE READING: Will not be a reading.

BIBLE HOUR: Oma Maxey

NURSERY: Juanita Shelton  
Jan Collins

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

### OUR VISITORS

Lavoice Goodnight of Hobbs, N.M., Dr. & Mrs. James F. Graham of Abilene, Martin & Mona Fiedler of Yoakum, TX, Bill & Brenda Davis of Irving, James & Margaret Hillis & Altha Hillis of Wichita Falls, Mr. & Mrs. Gene McNish and Amy Rariden & Michael all of Burkburnett, TX were all guests of George Hillis; Bill & Mary Ingram of Jacksonville, TX; Buddy & Ruth Nix of Greenville, TX; Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Bloxham, Jr. of DeSoto, TX; Jennifer Daves of Irving; Thresa Weir of Sulphur Springs; Houston Harrison of Midwest City, Ok was a guest of Lillie Freeman; Monnie Greeson of New Boston.

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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

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

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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

## THE TRUTH ABOUT GREETINGS

"SALUTE (GREET- NASV) ONE ANOTHER WITH  
A HOLY KISS. . ." (Rom. 16:16)

The kiss has been an expression of greeting since patriarchal times (Gen. 27:26-27; Ruth 1:14). The sinful woman kissed Jesus' feet (Lk. 17:38); Judas used the kiss to betray the Lord (Lk. 22:48); and Paul told the brethren to greet one another with the kiss. Paul was not revealing something that was new, but was admonishing Christians to keep the practice pure and holy. It was to be an expression of Christian love and affection, and **not** be motivated because of lust of the flesh. This form of greeting had been long established; it was the custom, and the apostle Paul is simply reminding **all** to keep it pure. One needs to understand this established practice, but my concern in this article involves **attitudes** and our customary form of greeting in our Western world.

Our Lord certainly desires that we manifest true Christian love toward members of the church. It is by "this love" that we will be known as His disciples (John 13:35). Such love would **necessitate** a meaningful, sincere greeting when Christians meet.

It is surely **always** appropriate and very **important** for Christians to "greet one another." One is encouraged to know that someone else is concerned and cares, and that there is indeed a common tie and bond. But I'm afraid that our greetings today are many times quite empty.

Let's be honest as we review recent greetings. One may say, "Hi, how are you?" without **really** wanting to know! You bump into a person at church who smiles and says, "Good morning," but they wouldn't dare sit on the same pew with you! Another says, "I'm so glad you dropped by," while he hopes you won't do it again! Many people say, "It's so good to see you," and they really do not care if they ever see you again! There is also the well-worn "come to see us" that many **really** do not mean, and those being invited (?) know it!

Christians are to express love and concern for one another. Attitudes and motives are to be pure and holy. The **greeting** is to be sincere, or else it is dishonest and hypocritical which is far from exemplary of a true Christian.

The truth about greetings may hurt. Some people may see, and they would rather not see. They prefer to remain blind! But the Lord knows, and so does **everyone** else. As Paul said, "Am I become your enemy by telling you the truth?" (Gal. 4:16).

-MARVIN L. WEIR  
NEW BOSTON, TX



## News & Notes



## OUR SICK

**DALLAS PRESBYTERIAN:** Tom Hutcheson is doing better and is now in room 317. However, you cannot reach him by phone yet.

**COMMUNITY:** Eva Nunn had to have a steel ball placed in her hip. She is in room 105-B.

**WADLEY:** Parks Pitts is in room 318.

**ST. MICHAEL:** Charlie Cox is in room 747.

**AT HOME:** Janie Talley; Hoyt Roberts.

## AREA MEETING

The congregation in Foreman have invited you to their lectures June 20-24 with evening services meeting at 7:30.

## Youth

The **Summer Youth Series** will be at the **Dudley Ave.** congregation next Tuesday, June 21. **Holland Boring** will be the speaker, and his subject is **Solomon**. The participation from here has been good. Keep it up!

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The June youth gathering for those going into grade 7 thru college will be Monday, June 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of **Ernest & Meg Shelton**. Come dressed to play baseball and other outside games.



## VACATION

(FOR VACATIONERS)  
PLEASE . . .

- 1) LEAVE YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE SUNDAYS YOU WILL BE ABSENT.
- 2) IF YOU FORGOT TO LEAVE THEM, MAKE THEM UP.
- 3) READ YOUR BIBLE EVERY DAY.
- 4) PRAY FOR YOUR HOME CONGREGATION EVERY DAY.
- 5) DRIVE CAREFULLY.
- 6) RETURN REFRESHED, RENEWED, AND READY TO GET INVOLVED.



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

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--JOE R. BARNETT



**A.M.** "Three Keys to Power"  
(Steve McIntosh, speaker)

**P.M.** "Abolishing Worry"  
(Steve McIntosh, speaker)

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