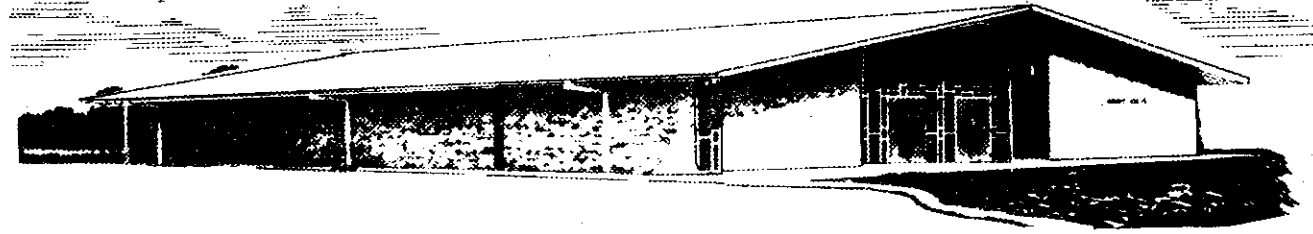


HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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MOMENTS WITH MARVIN

It is always good to return home. We enjoyed our vacation, and had a great time visiting with our friends in South Texas. But we did miss not being with you last Lord's Day, and we hope you missed us. We look forward to seeing you at all services this Sunday.

We had 14 or 15 go to the Summer Youth Series last Tuesday. Alicia Doolley drove the van, and we appreciate her help in this area. I want to encourage all our young people to become involved in the Summer Youth Series.

A special thanks to those who helped with my duties last week. Steve preached at both services, and Weaver taught the Wednesday night class.

Please try and be in our worship service this Sunday. You might also give some thought to Jeremiah 12. I hope the lesson will cause you to do some serious thinking about your religion.

IT'S ALL IN THE EYES

Want to hit a baseball? You've got to keep your eyes on the ball! How about threading a needle? Keep your eyes on the little hole in the end of the needle! Or would you trace a picture? Again, it's in the eyes! We can do so many things well if we will concentrate on them with all the power that's in us!

So it is in achieving spiritual growth! Would you be like the Lord in all you say and do? Keep your eyes on Jesus (11 Cor. 3:18)! Would you grow in every Christian grace? Keep your eyes on Jesus (Rom. 8:29)! Would you live the Christian life all your days on earth? Keep your eyes on Jesus (Heb. 12:1-2)!

We may sometimes fail to achieve the spiritual goals we have set before us! He is so perfect, so strong, so lovely in every way! On the other hand, we are so imperfect and we fail and fall short in so many ways and despair of ever attaining any real likeness to the Master!

Take heart! Others have walked the path we are now treading! Abraham wrestled with fear and lost. David, God's prince in Israel, stooped to depths he never dreamed possible, disgracing

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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 1983

Bible Study	110
Morning Worship	148
Evening Worship	114
Contribution	\$ 1,102.90
Contribution to Date	\$ 32,206.80
Budget to Date	\$ 33,975.00

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 1983

Bible Classes	108
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THOSE TO SERVE JUNE 26, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
Grady King	Steve McIntosh
Russell Tyndell	James Williams

SCRIPTURE READING:

Bo Johnson	Jer. 12:1-6
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BIBLE HOUR: Bobby Higginbotham

NURSERY: Suzette Tyndell
Kimberly Williams

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

OUR VISITORS

Shiela Goller was a guest of Lana Freeman; and Charlie and Bertha Brine of DeKalb also worshipped with us.

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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

DIVINE AUTHORITY

The New Testament clearly teaches that all authority in religion stems from Jesus Christ. Just prior to his ascension Christ declared, "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth" (Mt. 28:18). Because all authority has been divinely ascribed to Christ, we must limit ourselves within the bounds of this authority. We must abide in his doctrine (2 Jn. 9). The doctrine of Christ, and thus the authority of Christ, is contained within the New Testament. In fact, the authoritative, binding doctrine of our Lord is the New Testament. All that we believe, teach, and practice must therefore be grounded within the New Testament law of Christ. This is the very idea inherent in Colossians 3:17, which teaches, "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." In short, if we haven't the authority of Christ for a teaching or a practice, we had best promote the teaching or perform the practice. Apostasy begins where divine authority ends.

And yet a thing is not wrong simply because it is not mentioned specifically within the pages of the New Testament. The law of Christ authorizes many things without ever mentioning them specifically. Where in the New Testament do we find church buildings, song books, microphones, gospel papers, etc.? We fully and firmly believe these and many other things within the sphere of the church are divinely authorized though never mentioned by name within the Sacred Text. How can such be true?

When the Bible commands us to do something (by means of direct command, necessary inference, or approved example), yet fails to specify how or by what means it is to be done, we are left free to choose an expedient method to carry out the command, so long as it does not violate another precept or principle of Scripture.

For example, observe the command to "go" and "preach" (Mk. 16:15). In issuing this command, Christ did not specify a required method of going; neither did he bind upon us a manner of preaching. Thus any expedient manner of going or preaching is authorized within the general sphere of the command to "go" and "preach." We may go by air, by sea, by land in any of a number of expedient ways; further, we may preach by radio, by television, from the pulpit, through newsprint, by personal contact, or by any other honest means. To bind a manner of going or a method of preaching upon others would be to bind a law which has not bound.

But we must also be careful not to loose that which God has bound. Look again at Christ's command in Mark 16:15. Christ not only commanded that preaching be done, but he went on to specify the message that was to be preached. He has not left the content of the preacher's message within the realm of expediency. He commanded, "Preach the gospel." Some time later, Paul charged Timothy to "Preach the word" (2 Ti. 4:2). No other message is authorized.

We realize the complexities of this issue. Some matters are not as "cut and dried" as the foregoing examples. Yet the matter of divine authority is important. It is a foundational building block upon which the church must come to rest. Conflicting attitudes with regard to divine authority have prompted the division which currently plagues the religious world. May we take care to "speak as the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11).

- Dalton Key
Liberal, KA



News & Notes

IN THE HOSPITAL



COMMUNITY: Eva Nunn remains in room 102 after receiving a broken bone from falling.

AT HOME: James Martin has not been feeling well; Parks Pitts and Charlie Cox are at home after a brief hospital stay; Janie Talley is still at home; and Tom Hutcheson was dismissed Wednesday and hopes to be at his home sometime Saturday.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

Our sympathy goes to the Haskel Robert's family at the death of Haskel's brother, Hoyt. Services were conducted Wednesday, June 15 at DeKalb.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The next gathering will be in Atlanta on June 28th. Avone Malone will be discussing Timothy. Our attendance at these gatherings has been excellence; let's keep it up. The van will leave the building at 6:00 p.m., and should return by 10:00.

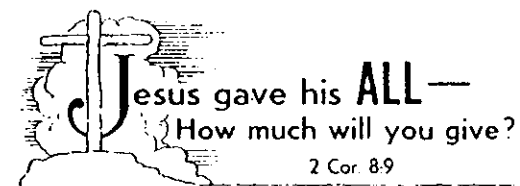
OUR SYMPATHY

Our sympathy also goes to the Janie Boswell family at the death of her uncle, Charlie Cannon. Services were conducted in Hughes Springs last Wednesday.

THANKS

I want to thank all my brothers and sisters in Christ for the pretty cards, calls, and visits while I was in the hospital. Vesta and I thank all of you with Christian love.

-Charlie Cox



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God, his nation and himself. Peter had to confess the same sins again and again. And Paul, the "model Apostle", lived and died with a "thorn in the flesh" so great was the threat of pride to his soul (2 Cor. 12:6-9).

It may seem at times that spiritual maturity is impossible to attain! Temptations are many and strong! But if we will keep our eyes on Jesus, our example, and keep working and praying, we will find as Paul did that truly His grace is sufficient for us!

-Larry Fluitt



A.M. "What Will Thou Do In Jordan's Thickets?" (Jer. 12:1-6)

P.M. "The Good Shepherd" (John 10:14)

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