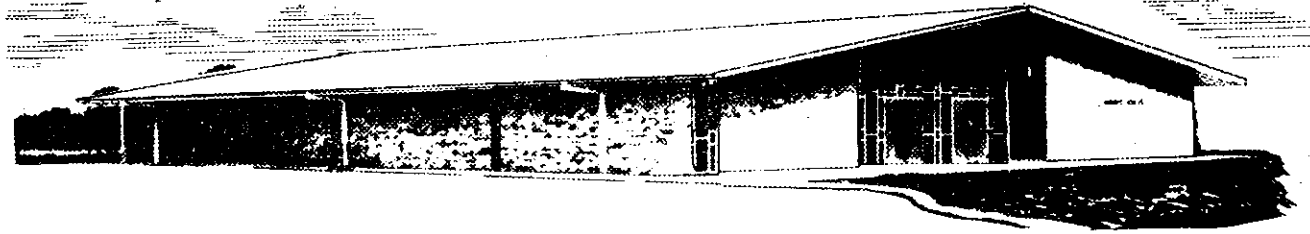


HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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It was good to see over 200 assembled for worship last Sunday morning. I wish we were exceeding this number on a regular basis, and there is no reason to believe that we cannot do so.

I will begin teaching a class this Sunday for all those who have been baptized recently. We will meet in Room 7 which is located in the center of the hall at the back of our building. This Christian Development class will cover some very important areas during the next eight to ten weeks.

The lesson this Sunday evening will be in honor of our graduating seniors, but I want to encourage all of our young people to be present.

We have fallen almost one thousand dollars behind our budget in the past five months. Please consider carefully your responsibility to the Lord in this area.

CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT CLASS

All those who have been baptized into Christ recently are encouraged to attend this special class. It will begin this coming Lord's Day, and will certainly be profitable as you seek to grow in the knowledge of the Lord's word. We will look for you this Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

APPRECIATION CERTIFICATE

The Texas Nursing Home Association awarded this special certificate to the church this week in honor of our services to the residents of New Boston Nursing Center.

These people do look forward to our visits, and we want to encourage all who possibly can to help us in our efforts the second Sunday of each month.

AREA LEADERSHIP DINNER

The Area-Wide Leadership Dinner will be at the Northside building on Tuesday, **May 31** at 7:00 p.m. Each family is requested to bring **TWO** of the following items: vegetable - salad - dessert.

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 1983

Bible Study	134
Morning Worship	209
Evening Worship	123
Contribution	\$ 1164.47
Contribution to Date . .	\$ 24,936.13
Budget to Date	\$ 25,821.00

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 1983

Bible Classes	99
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THOSE TO SERVE MAY 15, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS: P.M. PRAYERS:
H. L. Vance Ben Dooley
DeWayne Hardage J. D. Johnson

SCRIPTURE READING: R. Burleson
(Eph. 2:1-10)

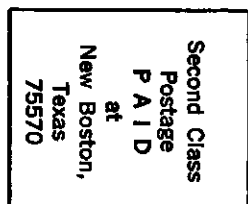
BIBLE HOUR: Russell Tyndell

NURSERY: Betty Brown
Cheryl Shelton

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

OUR VISITORS

Durl Pinkston; Lynn Mitchell; Thresa Weir; Lavenia Tye; Lum Curtis; Ruth & Jim Robertson; Connie Robertson; John, Connie & Brandon Ponder; Phil & Pam Mills; Michael Bailey; Shiela Goller; Raymond, Judy, Meredith, Zachery & William McClung; Alex & Beth Troup; C.B. & Norma Choate; Charlie & Bertha Brine.



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.

WHERE YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

- Elders:**
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Wyndell Robertson 628-2244
Ernest Shelton, Jr. 628-2201
- Ministers:**
Marvin L. Weir 628-3295
Steve McIntosh 628-3032
- Office:**
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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

CHEAP CROSSES FOR SALE

A visitor to the Philippines happened to be in Manila at Easter time. In the area near the Cathedral, he noticed vendor's stalls which were busy selling all kinds of religious merchandise — incense, candles, vells, rosaries, prayer books and religious jewelry. One booth in particular caught his eye. The proprietor dealt in crucifixes and he hawked his wares under a large hand-lettered sign which said simply: "Cheap crosses for sale!"

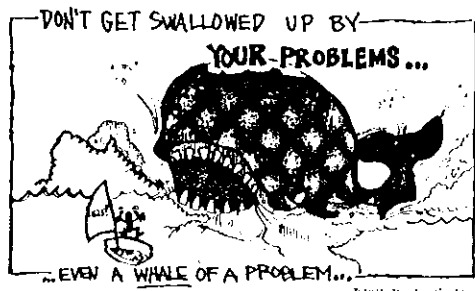
It seems that's exactly what a lot of folks are looking for! Our world is permeated with a bargain counter mentality. People want a religion which is soft and effortless; they want a Christianity which will make no demands on their time, interests, or energy. But Jesus said: "Whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27.) But many are asking, "Isn't there an easier way?" This attitude demonstrates itself in many areas of Christian involvement and responsibility. . .

- 1) **SOME ARE LOOKING FOR "CHEAP CROSSES" IN THE MATTER OF CHURCH ATTENDANCE.** Many will argue: "One service a week is enough. . . I don't see any need to go on Sunday night and Wednesday night. . . If I'm there on Sunday morning, the Lord ought to be satisfied with that." But Hebrews 10:25 does not leave room for cheap crosses! Early Christians were commanded to attend even though it might mean persecution and hardship.
- 2) **SOME ARE LOOKING FOR "CHEAP CROSSES" IN THE MATTER OF GIVING.** "The Bible does not require a 10th today," many will argue. But the Bible does say that we should calculate our giving in the knowledge that the Lord Jesus Christ "Though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich." (11 Cor 8:9.) Too many want to use another standard. . . They are looking for the minimum allowable. . . they seek the least they can give and still scrape by!
- 3) **SOME ARE LOOKING FOR "CHEAP CROSSES" IN THE MATTER OF SERVICE.** Jesus said, "I am among you as one who serves." (Luke 22:27.) Service is the essence of Christianity. But many have not the mind of Christ with regard to service! They are content to do as little as possible. They are only marginally involved in the work program of the church because they want their religious commitment to come as easily and as painlessly as possible.
- 4) **SOME ARE LOOKING FOR "CHEAP CROSSES" IN THE MATTER OF MORALITY.** Many want to think of themselves as Christians but they do not want to live by Christian standards. The Christian life is a high and holy calling which demands disciplined, godly living. We must deny "ungodliness and worldly lusts" and live "soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world." (Titus 2:12.) Tragically, many are trying to live by a looser, more worldly, more careless standard! There is hardly any practice in the world which has not also found its way into the church today! Practices once forthrightly condemned — drinking, gambling, sexual mis-conduct, immodesty — are now considered acceptable conduct by the advocates of a cheaper cross!

Cheap crosses are no bargain! In the long run they will cost us more than we can possibly afford. Any cross which comes cheap is not the authentic cross of Calvary. It is only the cross on which the Son of God died which has the power to save! It alone can buy a crown!

Jesus did not pretend that the way of the cross would be always pleasant or painless. (Luke 9:23.) But He did teach that it is the only way that leads to heaven! Jesus gave all for you. . . what will you give for Him in return. . . ? . . . ?

—BOBBY DOCKERY
Fayetteville, Ark.



News & Notes

IN THE HOSPITAL



WADLEY: Thelma Johnson was to undergo surgery last Monday, and she is in room 560. Gladys McKee is in room 366.



A Shower
for the
Bride

You are cordially invited to a bridal shower in honor of **Becky Murray** on Monday, **May 16** from 7-9 p.m. in the home of **Geraldine Murray** at 404 Lindsey Street.

ADDRESS UPDATE

Oma Maxey resides at #19 Heath Cts. and her phone no. is 628-2260.

ATTENTION ALL CARE GROUPS

Due to the very busy summer months, our CARE fellowships will be dismissed **June, July, and August**. We will meet during the month of **May**. Group meetings will resume in September.



I thank you so much for the cards and calls and flowers and prayers.

Your brother in Christ,
Grady King



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- SUN. 7:30 p.m. THE CHURCH AS GOD WOULD HAVE IT
Tom Hooten
- MON. 7:30 p.m. THE HOME AS GOD WOULD HAVE IT
Marvin Weir
- TUES. 7:30 p.m. GIVE OF YOUR YOUTH TO THE MASTER
Gene Cloer
- WED. 7:30 p.m. DAILY LIVING FOR CHRIST
Floyd Johnson

YOU ARE INVITED

There will be a tea honoring **Janice Mills** on her upcoming marriage at the home of Virginia Parrish on Sunday, **May 15**, at 3:00 p.m.

CARE GROUP MEETING

CARE Group 3 will meet Saturday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the home of **Ernest & Meg Shelton**.

...AND THE
TRUTH
SHALL SET
YOU FREE.

JOHN 8:32



A.M. "The Wonderful Grace of God"
(Eph. 2:1-10)

P.M. "Honoring Our Seniors"

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