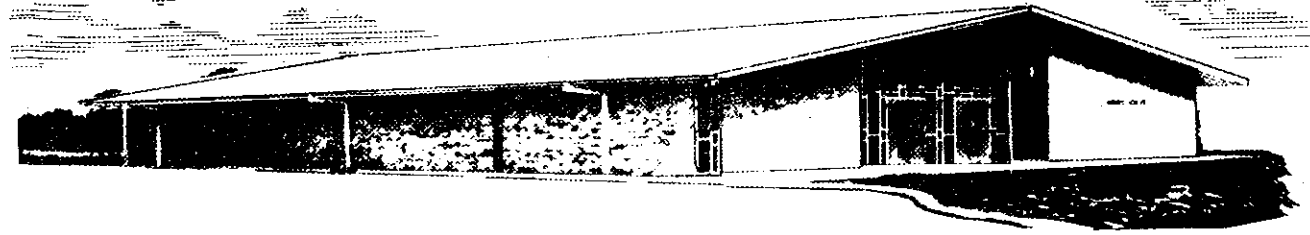


# HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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Summer slump! This is a familiar term to those who are deeply concerned about the church. The dictionary says **slump** means "to drop or slide down suddenly; a marked or sustained decline." I want to encourage every member of this congregation of the Lord's people to strive to see that this does not happen to us. Please be ever mindful of your commitments to the Lord. Let's all have an enjoyable summer, but let us also be mindful that we are to seek first the kingdom of God!

There is a great deal of talk in the religious world regarding churches that are **successful**. This Sunday morning we will consider several things that are **essential** in order for a church to be a success in God's eyes. Please try to be present for Bible study and worship.

May we always seek to please God!

## NEW ADULT CLASS BEGINS SUNDAY

A Study From The Psalms will begin this Sunday morning in the auditorium class with **Steve McIntosh** doing the teaching. This study will not be a verse by verse study, but will consider different groups of the Psalms. Be sure and bring your Old Testaments to class, and you are encouraged to read **Psalms 1** which will be discussed this Sunday.

## NEW CONVERT'S CLASS UNDERWAY

This **Christian Development Class** is being taught on Sunday morning in Room 7 located in the very center of the back of our building. All those who have obeyed the gospel recently are encouraged to attend all these classes. These studies will only last ten to twelve weeks, but will be profitable to all who participate each week.



## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, MAY 15, 1983

Bible Study . . . . .	138
Morning Worship . . . . .	169
Evening Worship . . . . .	147
Contribution . . . . .	\$ 1,217.78
Contribution to Date . . . . .	\$ 26,183.91
Budget to Date . . . . .	\$ 27,180.00

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 1983

Bible Classes . . . . .	101
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## THOSE TO SERVE MAY 22, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS: E. Shelton, Jr.  
Grady King  
P.M. PRAYERS: B. Higginbotham  
Weaver Mills

SCRIPTURE READING: James Boswell  
(John 4:24)

BIBLE HOUR: Suzette Tyndell

NURSERY: Alicia Dooley  
Marie Shelton

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

## OUR VISITORS

Mr. & Mrs. John L. Gordon of Trenton, NJ; Mr. & Mrs. Paul Maxson of Celina, TX; Mrs. May Lockwood of Nashville, AR was a guest of Lucy Higginbotham.

## HOSPITAL UPDATE

Gladys McKee is now home; James Martin's mother is hospitalized in Vernon, TX; Haskel Roberts' brother is in the local hospital and Roberta Harmon's mother, Pearl Brewer is also in the local hospital. **John Brandon Ponder** is now home and he did not have to undergo surgery. **James Martin** returned to Houston.

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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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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

## DO YOU WANT FREEDOM?



Have you ever thought or said, "I want to be free, I'm tired of all these rules"? Probably, you have, because nearly everyone has these feelings at some time or another. Even the train, pictured above, is expressing these same feelings. The train is tired of following the tracks all the time. He wants freedom from the tracks so he can get out in the open field and do what he wants. There's one major problem, however. The train was not designed to operate in the open field. It was made to run on the rails. The ground will not support the extreme weight of the train as the steel rails will. Also, in the open field, the train has no guidance and no steering capabilities. Isn't it silly for the train to want off the tracks. He's helpless and stuck when he gets off. He actually has more freedom to follow that path wherever it leads.

Yet people are just like the train. God, our designer, has given us guidelines to follow that we may have freedom, yet the devil tempts us to leave those guidelines for the "Open Field." He makes us think our freedom is there, yet we were not designed to live in that environment. God designed us to function best while living within His guidelines. It's there that we can have true freedom, following His word.

I knew a boy in high school that seemed to have all the freedom he wanted, yet I wasn't allowed to do everything that I wanted. However, I now have freedom, because of those guidelines, but the other boy is now dead. While he "played in the open field" (away from God's guidelines) he was shot by the police. I urge you to live by God's guidelines found in the Bible, that you may be free.

Leslie Parks



## News & Notes

### IN THE HOSPITAL



**WADLEY:** Gladys McKee is in room 366.

**ST. MICHAEL:** Janie Talley entered on Monday for tests.

**ST. VINCENT** (Little Rock): John Brandon Ponder.

**AT HOME:** Thelma Johnson; Jean Farrow, sister of Blanche McClung.

### CARE GROUP MEETINGS

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

CARE Group 1 will meet also on Saturday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the home of Tom & Norma Hutcheson.

### Bridal Shower

You are cordially invited to a "come & go" bridal shower in honor of Sammy Johnson and Debbie Davlin on Monday, May 23 from 7-9 p.m. in the home of Karen Burleson at 404 S. Elm.

### YOUTH RALLEY

Our youth are invited to a Youth Ralley at Redwater on Saturday, May 21 from 10:00-3:00. Lunch will be provided.

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The June youth fellowship is scheduled to be in the home of Ernest & Meg Shelton. Date & time set later.

Mr. William B. Murray  
Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. Smith  
request the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of their children  
Rebecca Ann

and

Dane Edward

Saturday, the twenty-eighth of May  
nineteen hundred and eighty-three  
at eleven o'clock in the morning  
Ford Park Baptist Church  
5755 Harbrough Road  
Shreveport, Louisiana

Reception following ceremony

### CARE GROUP MEETING

CARE Group 4 will meet Saturday, June 4 in the home of L.A. & Renee Wright at 6:30 p.m. This will be considered as this group's May meeting as other activities kept them from meeting that month. The Wright's address is 105 Mitchell.



**A.M.** "Essentials For A Successful Church" (John 4:24)

**P.M.** "A False Conception of God" (I Kings 20:28)

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