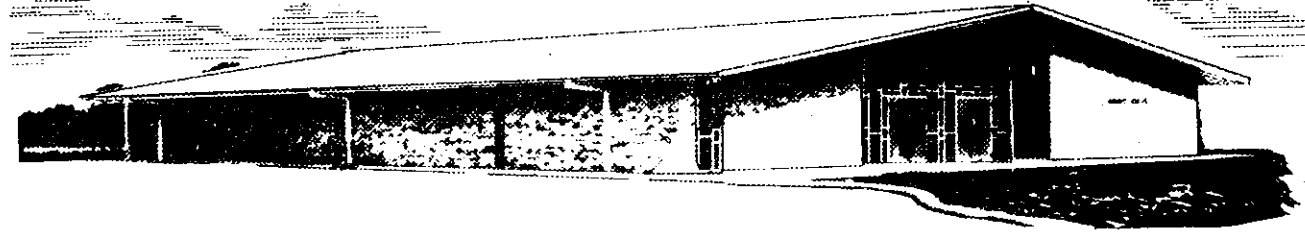


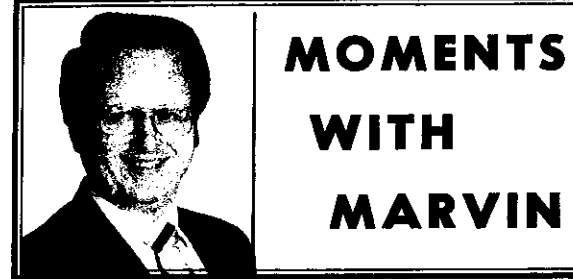
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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1983

Bible Study	124
Morning Worship	167
Evening Worship	112
Contribution	\$ 1,248.45
Contribution to Date	\$ 52,136.91
Budget to Date	\$ 55,719.00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1983

Bible Classes	103
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THOSE TO SERVE OCT. 16, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS: Jerry Yates
J. D. Johnson

P.M. PRAYERS: Tom Hutcheson
Elliott Raney

SCRIPTURE READING: Russell Tyndell
(Eph. 2:8-9)

BIBLE HOUR: Russell Tyndell

NURSERY: Alicia Dooley
Andrea Taylor

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

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AND OUR CRITICISM INCREASES THE BURDEN OF THEIR YOKE. ELDERS HAVE THE SAME EMOTIONAL CAPACITIES FOR DISAPPOINTMENT, DISCOURAGEMENT, AND GRIEF AS THEY HAVE FOR SATISFACTION, OPTIMISM, AND JOY. WE NEED LOVE, SYMPATHY, AND HUMAN COMPASSION IN ADDITION TO GRATEFUL APPRECIATION FOR THOSE SERVING AS OVERSEERS OF THE FLOCK OF GOD. A CHURCH LED BY GODLY MEN AND COMPOSED OF BRETHREN WITH A LOVING ATTITUDE TOWARD THOSE MEN CANNOT BE SHAKEN BY OUTSIDE PRESSURE OR OPPOSITION.

-ORAN RHODES

PANTRY POWDERED MILK



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

WHERE YOU ARE
ALWAYS WELCOME

Congregational Responsibility Toward Elders

MUCH EMPHASIS IS PLACED, AND PROPERLY SO, ON THE QUALIFICATIONS AND THE WORK OF ELDERS. IT WOULD SEEM OBVIOUS THAT THE FAILURE TO STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF BOTH OF THESE WILL RESULT IN INADEQUATE LEADERSHIP. THE CHURCH MUST HAVE QUALIFIED MEN WHO ARE WILLING TO FAITHFULLY DO THE WORK OF ELDERS(1 TIM. 3:1). THESE THINGS ARE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH, AS WELL AS FOR FAITHFULNESS AND GROWTH TODAY.

OF SIMILAR IMPORTANCE, THOUGH NOT STRESSED NEARLY ENOUGH, IS THE RESPONSIBILITY A CONGREGATION HAS TOWARD THE ELDERS. IF THE WORK IS TO GO WELL AND IF WE ARE TRULY INTERESTED IN PLEASING GOD, THEN **BOTH** THE ELDERS AND THE CONGREGATION MUST PROPERLY RESPOND TO THEIR RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES. THE FAILURE OF A CONGREGATION TO FOLLOW IS JUST AS UNSCRIPTURAL AND DAMAGING AS THE FAILURE TO LEAD ON THE PART OF THE ELDERS. THUS, THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONGREGATION NEEDS TO BE EXAMINED SCRIPTURALLY.

THE WRITER OF HEBREWS SAYS, "OBEY THEM THAT HAVE THE RULE OVER YOU, AND SUBMIT YOURSELVES: FOR THEY WATCH FOR YOUR SOULS, AS THEY THAT MUST GIVE ACCOUNT, THAT THEY MAY DO IT WITH JOY, AND NOT WITH GRIEF: FOR THAT IS UNPROFITABLE FOR YOU" (HEB. 13:17). WHEN THEY ARE WILLING TO LEAD US ALONG THE PATHWAY THAT WE SHOULD FOLLOW, WE SHOULD GLADLY SUBMIT. ELDERS DO NOT HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE LAWS, BUT THEY DO HAVE THAT AUTHORITY WHICH GOD THROUGH HIS WORD HAS GIVEN THEM.

WE LIVE IN A DAY WHEN SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY IS AN EXTREMELY UNPOPULAR IDEA -- EVEN AMONG MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH -- BUT IF THE LEADING IS SCRIPTURAL, THEN THE DISCIPLES ARE TO OBEY. MANY TIMES ELDERS FEEL THAT A CERTAIN TEACHER OR A CERTAIN PROGRAM SHOULD BE CHANGED FOR THE GOOD OF THE CLASS OR THE BENEFIT OF THE CONGREGATIONAL WORK. THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE THE CHANGE WITHOUT FEELING THAT SOMEONE IS GOING TO BE "PEEVED" ABOUT IT; FOR IF IT IS NEEDED IT MUST BE DONE ANYWAY. THE ELDERS HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO LEAD SCRIPTURALLY; THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO FOLLOW SCRIPTURALLY.

THE APOSTLE PAUL PLACES THE NEED TO KNOW THE ELDERS UPON THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION. "AND WE BESEECH YOU, BRETHREN, TO KNOW THEM WHICH LABOUR AMONG YOU" (1 THESS. 5:12). MEMBERS SHOULD NOT BE SATISFIED TO MERELY KNOW THE NAMES AND FACES OF THE ELDERS. THE DISLIKE MANY BRETHREN HAVE FOR THEIR ELDERS OFTEN STEMS FROM SECOND-HAND INFORMATION AND FROM WATCHING THEIR PERFORMANCE FROM A DISTANCE. IT IS AMAZING HOW MANY FEARS ARE DISPELLED AND MISUNDERSTANDINGS ARE CLEARED AWAY WHEN ONE TRULY KNOWS THE PERSON. ELDERS DESIRE TO BE FRIENDS TO EACH OF THE ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP OVER WHICH THEY SERVE. TO KNOW THEM HELPS US TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR THINKING AND THEIR ACTIONS.

IN 1 THESSALONIANS 5:13, PAUL CONTINUES HIS DISCOURSE BY URGING THAT ELDERS BE "ESTEEMED HIGHLY IN LOVE FOR THEIR WORKS SAKE." HOURS UPON HOURS OF AN ELDER'S TIME IS SPENT IN THE LORD'S BUSINESS. FAMILY, RECREATION, EVEN LIVELIHOOD ON OCCASION, ARE PUT ON THE BACK SHELF UNTIL SOME WORK OR PROBLEM IS RESOLVED. HONOR, SUB-

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News & Notes



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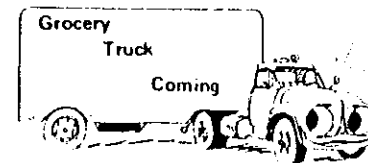
AT HOME: Ellen Russell; Vesta Cox; Julie Griffin.

AREA LECTURESHIP

The Dudley Ave. congregation in Texarkana is having their fall lectureship **October 16-19**, with services each evening at 7:30. See the foyer bulletin board for more details.

THE LORD ADDED...

Melisa Yates (baptized) 10-9
Virginia Parrish (baptized) 10-6



The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of **November 7-11**. Listed below are items needed:

Tea Bags	Dinner Napkins
Pineapple Juice	Non-aerosol
Grape Juice	Deoderant

STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF APPROVED...

2 Timothy 2:15



HALLOWEEN STEW

Plan now to bring your family! You'll enjoy this get-together at the Shelton Farm Saturday, **October 29**. There is a list on the foyer bulletin board of items needed for the stew.

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MISSION, AND GRATEFULNESS SHOULD BE EVERY MEMBER'S FEELING TOWARD ELDERS WHO HAVE THIS SELF-DENIAL. THIS ESTEEM IS CLOSELY RELATED TO OUR RESPECT FOR THOSE IN AUTHORITY AS IS TAUGHT IN GOD'S WORD. MEMBERS THEN SHOULD RESPECT ELDERS, GIVE THEM ENCOURAGEMENT, AND SHOULD EARNESTLY PRAY FOR THEM.

A WARNING IS GIVEN BY PAUL CONCERNING THE CONGREGATION'S ATTITUDE TOWARD ELDERS IN 1 TIM. 5:19 WHICH SAYS, "AGAINST AN ELDER RECEIVE NOT AN ACCUSATION, BUT BEFORE TWO OR THREE WITNESSES." SINCE ELDERS WHO WALK IN SINFUL WAYS ARE TO BE REBUKED BEFORE THE CONGREGATION (1 TIM. 5:20), IT IS OF TREMENDOUS IMPORTANCE THAT ANY CHARGE MUST BE UPON THE ORAL TESTIMONY OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES. IF SUCH SUPPORT IS LACKING, THE ACCUSATION MUST NOT EVEN BE TAKEN UP OR ENTERTAINED. THE REPUTATION OF THE ELDER MUST NOT BE UNNECESSARILY DAMAGED, THUS CAUSING HIS WORK TO SUFFER.

CHRISTIANS NEED TO REALIZE THAT IT IS NECESSARY FOR THEM TO PERFORM THEIR DUTIES TOWARD THE ELDERS JUST AS IT IS NECESSARY FOR THE ELDERS TO PERFORM THEIRS TOWARD THE CONGREGATION. EVERY ELDER HAS HIS FAULTS, BUT COLLECTIVELY THEY WILL NOT MAKE MANY ERRORS,

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A.M. "Saved By Faith"
(Eph. 2:8-9)

P.M. "Preaching The Word"

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