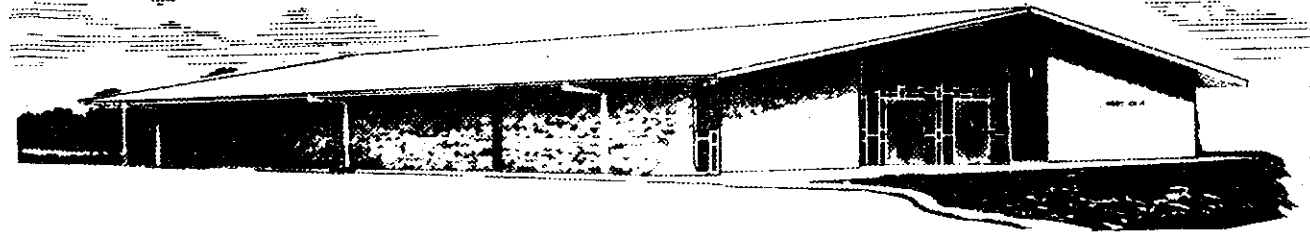


# HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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**MOMENTS  
WITH  
MARVIN**

The elders met with me recently to discuss specific topics and subjects that need periodic proclamation from the pulpit. I agree with them wholeheartedly, and am grateful for their interest in our spiritual diet. This coming Lord's day evening we will begin a series of lessons on **The Life Of Jesus**. Sunday morning we will conclude our series of lessons on faith as we discuss **The Faith**. Don't miss!

Beginning October 30th the morning sermons will focus on the **church** and its **worship**. Let us all look forward to the fall and winter months, and promise to give God our very best.

I'm afraid many Christians believe the false concept -- once scripturally immersed -- always saved! Members of the church who **could** assemble regularly, but **do not** -- will be **lost!**

Think it over -- do you **really** love the Lord?

H E L P



It is imperative that we have a good grocery pick-up! The Boles Home truck is coming, and our pantry is the "barest" its been in a long, long time. Please help us by signing the list you will find on the foyer bulletin board. The date and time of the "pick-up": **Saturday, November 5th -- 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.**

Yes, you may bring your groceries to the building if you so desire. But please help! With everyone's cooperation, we will meet our needs in this important area.

## OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1983

Bible Study . . . . .	110
Morning Worship . . . . .	162
Evening Worship . . . . .	95
Contribution . . . . .	\$ 1,251.66
Contribution to Date . . . . .	\$ 53,388.57
Budget to Date . . . . .	\$ 57,078.00

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1983

Bible Classes . . . . .	95
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### THOSE TO SERVE OCT. 23, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS: James Boswell  
P.M. PRAYERS: John Inman  
Haskel Roberts Wilford Trickler

SCRIPTURE READING: L.A. Wright  
(Phil. 1:27)

BIBLE HOUR: Juanita Shelton

NURSERY: Juanita Higginbotham  
Kimberly Williams

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

### OUR VISITORS

Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Smith of Lancaster, TX; Kathy & Debbie Jennings of Henderson, TX; Beulah Green of Foreman, AR was a guest of Ben Griffin; Gay Orsburn of Mesquite, TX was a guest of Robbie & Gladys McKee; Renee' Lisenby of Foreman was a guest of Connie Pinkham; Shiela Goller of New Boston was a guest of Lana Freeman; Charles & Beverly Hedrick & sons of Cleveland, Ohio were also our guests this past Lord's Day.

### 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

## GOSPEL PREACHING OR GOSPEL POP?

RECENTLY WHILE IN TEXAS, I HEARD A MAN PREACH TO A LARGE WEDNESDAY EVENING GATHERING. HE WAS WELL EDUCATED, A GIFTED SPEAKER WITH AT LEAST SOME 15 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE PULPIT AND CLASSROOM. A LARGE AUDIENCE HAD ASSEMBLED TO HEAR A MESSAGE FROM GOD.

THE SERMON WAS BASED ON ACTS 2, A GLORIOUS SECTION OF SCRIPTURE THAT CONTAINS A MULTITUDE OF GREAT LESSONS FOR BOTH CHRISTIANS AND SINNERS. AFTER A FEW JOKES THE PREACHER MOVED ON TO HIS MESSAGE. I AWAITED ANXIOUSLY TO HEAR THOSE FAMILIAR SACRED TRUTHS APPLIED. TO MY DISMAY THIS MAN WAS ABLE TO SPEAK 35 MINUTES WITHOUT MENTION OF (1) THE CHURCH, (2) SALVATION, (3) REPENTANCE, (4) BAPTISM, (5) THE HOLY SPIRIT, (6) HOLY SPIRIT BAPTISM, (7) MIRACLES, (8) OLD OR NEW COVENANTS, (9) THE GOSPEL, (10) THE LORD'S DEATH OR RESURRECTION, (11) WORSHIP OR ANY OTHER LESSON FOUND IN THE CONTEXT, (12) NO INSTRUCTIONS FOR OBEYING THE GOSPEL WAS GIVEN AS HE CLOSED. INSTEAD HE TOLD FUNNY STORIES AND NUMEROUS PERSONAL EXPERIENCES. HE FOUND A FAINT ANALOGY TO MODERN SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL STRESS AND DECORATED IT WITH A FEW THEATRICAL GESTURES. HIS SERMON RESEMBLED THE PREACHING OF THE APOSTLE ABOUT AS MUCH AS THE MODERN GOSPEL-POP RESEMBLES THE PSALMS OF DAVID. IN FACT, WE SHOULD COIN A NEW PHRASE TO DESCRIBE SUCH ENTERTAINMENT -- "GOSPEL-POP PREACHING."

I SAT WITH CHURNING EMOTIONS. I WAS DISAPPOINTED THAT THE GOSPEL WAS NOT PREACHED; THAT THE WORD WAS NOT HANDLED ARIGHT. I WAS ANGRY THAT SINNERS WOULD WALK AWAY UN- TAUGHT AND STILL LOST. I WAS DISTRESSED THAT CHRISTIANS WHO CAME FOR THE GRAIN OF THE GOSPEL WERE RECEIVING THE HUSKS AND COBS. I WAS TEMPTED TO WALK OUT IN PROTEST OF THIS CHARADE IN GOD'S ASSEMBLY.

IF WE PRODUCE A GENERATION OF THIS TYPE OF PREACHERS, THE LORD'S CAUSE WILL BE IN GREAT DANGER. CHURCHES WILL WITHER AND DIE UNDER SUCH PSEUDO-PREACHING. CONVERSIONS WILL CEASE TO OCCUR. DENOMINATIONAL PEOPLE WILL SEE NO REASON TO LEAVE THEIR HUMAN ORGANIZATIONS AND COME TO A GROUP WITH SUCH SICKLY TEACHING. OUR MEMBERS WILL BE DOCTRINALLY WEAK AND UNSURE OF THEIR FAITH, AND MANY WILL BE LED INTO ERROR BECAUSE OF THEIR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE (HO. 4:6). THIS WE CANNOT AFFORD.

AS I ENDURED THAT ORDEAL, I WAS REMINDED JUST HOW IMPORTANT IS IS TO TRAIN FAITHFUL MEN TO BE GREAT GOSPEL PREACHERS IN THE MOLD OF THE LORD AND HIS APOSTLES. OUR WORK IN OUR SCHOOL OF PREACHING TOOK ON GREATER SIGNIFICANCE AT THAT MOMENT. WE MUST PRESS ON. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO BE DISCOURAGED. WE MUST FIND MORE GOOD PROSPECTS AND FILL THEM FULL OF SCRIPTURE AND PLANT IN THEIR SOULS AN UNQUENCHABLE FIRE TO PREACH THE WORD. . . BOTH IN SEASON AND OUT OF SEASON. THE LORD'S CHURCH NEEDS MEN WHO WILL BE "SOBER IN ALL THINGS, SUFFER HARDSHIP, (AND) DO THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST" (11 II. 4:2-5).

WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND ASSISTENCE TO DO THE JOB NEEDED. TOGETHER, WE CAN ACCOMPLISH GREAT THINGS FOR OUR MASTER.

-JOHN WADDEY



## News & Notes



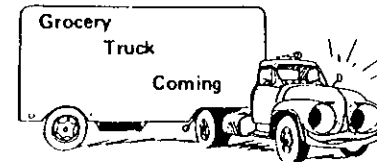
## OUR SICK

AT HOME: Vesta Cox; Julie Griffin

Oda Mae Orrison called. She remains on her oral medication and hopes to come home for a visit soon.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The youth fellowship for grades 7 thru college will be this Sunday evening **October 23**, after services in the home of **Roberta Harmon**.



The Boles Home grocery truck will be in our area the week of **November 7-11**. Following are items needed: tea bags; pineapple juice; grape juice; dinner napkins; non-aerosol deoderant.

## HALLOWEEN STEW

The date is Saturday, **October 29th** at the **Shelton Farm** at **5:00 p.m.** Don't forget the list on the bulletin board of items we need for the stew. If you are providing meat, please pre-cook this beforehand. Bring ingredients to the building before 10:00 Saturday morning. In case of inclement weather, the stew will be at the building.



Dear Christian Friends,  
The spray of white carnations were so lovely. I know that you remembered us in your prayers. Your cards have meant so much, also your visits.

Jr. obeyed the gospel at New Boston Church of Christ in 1948, a beginning of a dedicated life for Jesus Christ.

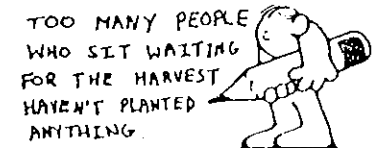
I will always pray for your continued growth to glorify our Lord and Master.

Please remember us in your prayers, and visit Mrs. Curtis. She needs all of you.

In Christian love,  
The family of Junior Curtis

We appreciate your phone calls, visits, cards, food and prayers so much.

In Christian love,  
Flois Raney



**A.M.** "The Faith"  
(Phil. 1:27)

**P.M.** "The Birth And Childhood Of Jesus" (Lk. 2:1-14)

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