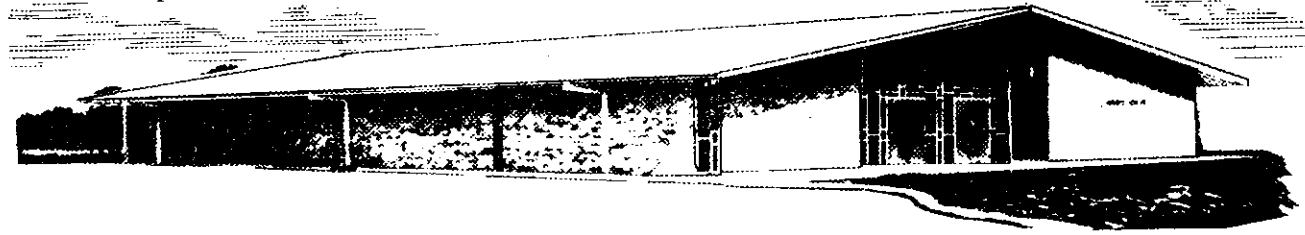


HAPPENINGS in God's Family



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**ATTENTION
LADIES**

It's that time once again! Ladies Bible Class will begin **Wednesday, September 14, at 10:00 a.m.** This year we decided to engage in a textual study, and the Gospel of John is the choice.

All who can are encouraged to participate. Bring your Bibles, questions, answers, and a smiling face this coming Wednesday. We will have an enjoyable time as we study God's word together.

**OUR
GOSPEL MEETING**

October 2-6
with
Bro. John Davis

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1983

Bible Study	138
Morning Worship . . .	172
Evening Worship . . .	110
Contribution	\$1,141.40
Contribution to Date .	\$ 45,785.13
Budget to Date	\$ 48,924.00

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7, 1983

Bible Classes	99
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THOSE TO SERVE SEPT. 11, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS: P.M. PRAYERS:
B. Higginbotham Weaver Mills
L. A. Wright Doug Taylor

SCRIPTURE READING: John Inman
(Eph. 4:1-7)

BIBLE HOUR: Elliott Raney

NURSERY: Betty Brown
Jennifer Crawford

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

OUR VISITORS

Debbie & Kathy Jennings of Henderson, TX; Cloyce Titus family were guests of Leslie Titus; Terry Richardson & family were guests of Virginia Parrish; Mr. & Mrs. David Boswell, Jim & Andy were visiting with Jimmy & Janie; Shelly & Jeffery Williams of Daingerfield and Carol McCright of Duncanville, TX were all guests of Bea Williams; Shirley Crawford of Sparks, Nevada was a guest of Ida Mills.

Remember...
OUR SHUT INS

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Elders:
Weaver P. Mills, Jr. 629-2980
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DeWayne Hardage
Russell Tyndell
John Inman
Jerry O. Yates
L.A. Wright

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

EDIFY vs. EGO

The church grew when men were touched by the Gospel of our Lord, and brought to their knees in repentance (Acts 2:36-41). The restoration movement succeeded because men were convicted of their religious errors, and penitently turned to the truth. We became the fastest growing religious group in America from 1940-1965, give or take a few years, because our preachers preached with conviction, and were backed by their overseers. This has changed, and we find ourselves grasping for straws.

Some churches (local congregations) are growing in numbers because they have turned to plans that are centered in the ego of men. Everything they do is done to make the individual feel good about himself. Evidently, there are those who think that to edify (build up), means to inflate one's ego. Nothing is done to make men aware of their sins, but everything done to fill them with self-pride. There is nothing wrong in feeling good about ourselves, nor in seeking to help men to feel good about themselves, when we can boast of men on a spiritual level, as Paul often did (II Corinthians 7:14; 9:2; 10:8; 10:13; 10:15, and 10:16). However, Paul, nor any other writer in the New Testament, ever tried to make men feel good in their sins (I Corinthians 3:1-4). Edification refers to one's spiritual state of being, therefore to build up is to build up spiritually. This is certainly not done in making men feel comfortable in their sins.

We are commanded to edify (Romans 14:19; I Thessalonians 5:11). To edify is not to ignore the needs of men. It is to supply those needs. An individual fed on a diet of carbonated drinks and candy may grow fat, but certainly not healthy. A balanced diet is essential to good physical health. We are constantly warned as to the over-use of some things, such as salt, sugar, fats, etc. In the church one may grow fat on a diet of back patting, back slapping, ego building programs and lessons, but certainly not healthy. In the process of time, one dies to the real purpose for his being in Christ, when he grows fat and sassy on a weak spiritual diet. The strong person, in Christ, is that one who is fed on a balanced diet, and develops accordingly.

So the question may well be, do we want to be edified, or ego inflated? Great people become servants (Matthew 23:11). Servants do not serve merely to be seen of men, but out of a deep feeling of obligation. Their joy does not come from an over inflated ego, but from an inward satisfaction. More of us need to be edified the God-given way, by being builded up spiritually, by way of sound, solid Biblically centered instructions.

--T. B. Crews



News & Notes

IN THE HOSPITAL



WADLEY: Gladys McKee is in room 470.

NURSING HOME DEVO

Let's try to have a good group gather at the Nursing Home on Sunday, September 11 at 3:00 p.m.

ELDERS MEETING

This meeting is scheduled for this Sunday evening immediately following the worship service.

PREACHERS LUNCHEON

Area preachers are reminded of the luncheon this coming Tuesday, September 13th.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The September youth gathering for those in grades 7 thru college will be hosted jointly by The Mills and The Higginbothams. Date and time will be set later.

AREA MEETING

The Walnut Street congregation have invited you to their fall meeting, September 11-14. Leonard Mullens of Saledo, TX will be speaking each evening at 7:00, except Sunday evening, and services will begin at 6:00.

CAMP IDA NEWS

There will be a reunion and Youth Rally on Saturday, Sept. 17 from 9:30-4:15. The theme is "Christian Youth VS Worldly Companions", and the noon meal will be provided. Additional info is on the foyer bulletin board.

CARE GROUP MEETINGS

CARE Group Leaders are reminded that our CARE fellowships will resume this month.

SONG BOOKS

The Summer Youth Series song books are in the office. Anyone who would like to have one feel free to come and pick it up.

RESPONSES

Amy Weir	(Baptized)	9-4-83
Connie Pinkham	(Prayers & Restoration)	9-7-83

We rejoice with Amy and Connie at their decisions. Our prayer is that they may always remain faithful to the Savior, and that we will be proper examples for them and a source of encouragement.



A.M. "Four Calls From Ephesians" (Eph. 4:1-7)

P.M. "Outskirts Of God's Ways" (Job 26:14)

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