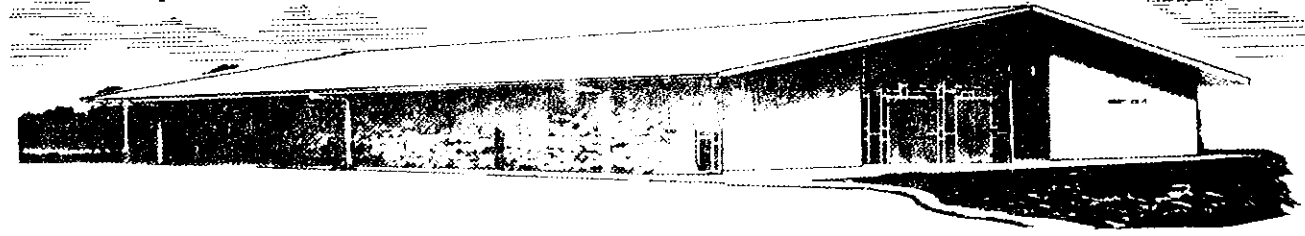


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OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 1983

Bible Study	143
Morning Worship . . .	178
Evening Worship . . .	157
Contribution	\$ 1,394.08
Contribution to Date .	\$ 44,643.73
Budget to Date	\$ 47,565.00

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1983

Bible Classes	NC
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THOSE TO SERVE SEPT. 4, 1983

A.M. PRAYERS:	P.M. PRAYERS:
D. Hardage	John Inman
H. L. Vance	Jerry Yates

SCRIPTURE READING: James Boswell
(Jer. 8:18-20)

BIBLE HOUR: Virginia Parrish

NURSERY: Meg Shelton
Tresa Brown

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

OUR VISITORS

Jeff & Eva Howell of Simms; Ruth Calvin of DeKalb was a guest of Pearl Whitten;; Tom Downs of New Boston was also our guest this past Lord's Day.

AREA WORKSHOP

The congregation in Maud is conducting a Personal Evangelism Workshop on September 9-11. The speaker is Jule Miller. For more information see the brochure on the foyer bulletin board.



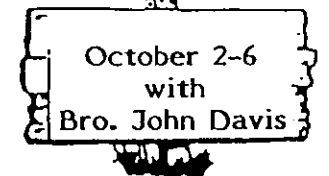
**MOMENTS
WITH
MARVIN**

Have you ever thought about the future of this congregation? I have and do! It's a thought that is always on my mind. A look at our statistics last week will make you feel good. The Sunday evening attendance was the best in a long time without a special effort. We made our budget, and the gap between Bible study and worship was fairly good. I believe we have reached the point that we can march forward for the Master in all areas if we really desire to do so! The Lord will bless our efforts if we are faithfully and willingly serving him.

I know several are excited about Ladies Bible Class. Be sure and watch for next week's bulletin as it will contain complete information regarding this class.

You need to be in Bible Class each week. Let's all get involved -- both young and old!

OUR GOSPEL MEETING



CARE GROUPS RESUME

All Group Leaders are reminded that we need to continue our monthly meetings that were discontinued for the summer. All members are encouraged to help this ministry be the success it can and should be.

PROMOTION THIS SUNDAY

Teachers and students are reminded that all classes will be promoted this Sunday. Parents need to remind the younger ones, and let's all make sure everyone is in the proper class.



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

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MARVIN L. WEIR, Editor

THE UNITY PLEA

"THERE IS ONE BODY, AND ONE SPIRIT, EVEN AS ALSO YE WERE CALLED IN ONE HOPE OF YOUR CALLING: ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM, ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL, WHO IS OVER ALL, AND THROUGH ALL, AND IN ALL." (EPH. 4:4-6)

I had an interesting conversation just last week with a visitor. This fellow told me the church he attended was **inter-denominational**, but that it was his desire that it be **non-denominational**. Needless to say, I was excited about the possibility of studying with him further. I shortly discovered, however, that my visitor received daily **revelations** from the Lord (though none recited to me could be found in the Bible), and could speak fluently in tongues (a heavenly language) even though he admitted he nor anyone else could understand. Furthermore, he was of the persuasion that shortly **all believers** in Christ would **join** efforts to attain **unity**. I certainly believe our Lord's prayer was for unity (John 17), but I do not believe it was for unity **even if truth** must be forsaken.

One does not attain fellowship with God just because he believes! What if one refuses to **repent** or to be **immersed**? Just because one believes in God, Heaven, and Hell does not mean he is a member of the body. One must willingly be baptized **into Christ** (Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:4) to be where **salvation** is (11 Tim. 2:10).

It is disturbing to see so many today (even within the church) who desire to extend "a hand of fellowship" to those who have not obeyed the scriptural plan of salvation. How can one have the fellowship of the body when he is not even in the kingdom? The so-called "religious world" has always rejected the distinction between the Lord's church and denominationalism. In Matt. 15 Jesus makes it clear that the tendency has always existed to make void the word of God by tradition. The people were teaching as doctrine the commandments of men. This led the Lord to declare, "Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up. . . they are blind guides. . . and if the blind guide the blind, both shall fall into a pit." (Matt. 15:13-14)

God has always desired that all people be united in Christ! The Scriptures speak plainly; "who would have all men to be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim. 2:4) Biblical unity, therefore, is only achieved by **complete obedience** to the word of God! The church in Pergamum evidently had those who were willing to extend fellowship to those following the teaching of the Nicolaitans to preserve unity. God's message: "Repent . . . or else I come quickly. . . to make war with the sword of my mouth." (Continued on page 3)



News & Notes



OUR SICK

AT HOME: Vesta Cox; Elsie Noble; Iris Pierce; Thelma Johnson is recovering from recent surgery; Eva Nunn is undergoing therapy at New Boston; Clinton Jackson suffered a light heart attack but remains at the Nursing Home; Roy Chelf is staying with his brother in Texarkana after a stay in St. Michael; Gladys McKee had a fall and hasn't been feeling well.

Let's remember each of these in our prayers.

AREA WIDE SINGING

The Nash congregation will host the Area Singing this Sunday, **September 4**, from 2:30-4:00 p.m.

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It should be plain to see that "peace at any price" or "unity in diversity" is not what God had in mind. Let us make sure we base Christian fellowship upon the teaching of the Scriptures instead of man's whims and emotions. I know some will cry that we are to love regardless -- and they equate love with fellowship -- but consider the message of the apostle of love: "Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God . . ." (11 John 9)

One can ill afford to be united with those who have not God!

-Marvin L. Weir
New Boston, TX

wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Weaver P. Mills, Jr.

and

Mr. and Mrs. Loren H. Hinton, Sr.

invite you to share in the joy
of the marriage uniting their children

Glenda Fay

and

Loren Howard

This celebration of love will be
on Saturday, the third of September
nineteen hundred and eighty-three
at six o'clock in the evening
on lawn of Mr. and Mrs. Glay Martin
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New Boston, Texas

In lieu of inclement weather
alternate location
New Boston Church of Christ
610 McCoy Boulevard
New Boston, Texas



A.M. "Harvest Is Past And Summer Is Ended" (Jer. 8:18-20)

P.M. "Putting A Mirror To Use"
(Jam. 1:21-26)

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