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Welcome to West Erwin Church of Christ

Members, please fill out an attendance card. Visitors, fill out the other side.
Pass them to the end of your pew or leave them and they will be picked up later.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Various Activities

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Bible Class

Ways to Give

- Put your contribution in the plate after communion or in the box provided in the foyer when we assemble on Sunday mornings.
- **WE APP:** Click the **GIVING** tab.
- **WE WEBSITE:** www.WestErwin.com/give/
- Mail or bring your contribution to church office.

West Erwin Records

1/21/24 Attendance

Worship 287
Class 162
Online 42

Communion Servers

Gary Ables Scott Albritton
David Beard Tommy Brown
David Cannefax Colby Chandler
Keith Chandler Chad Chauncey

Sound

Eric Moseley
Steven Freeman

Toddler Nursery

Kim Frick
Jeannine Ross

Contributions

1/07/24 \$26,247.08
1/14/24 \$14,963.50
1/21/24 \$16,137.50

Our Elders

Ken Culpepper Matt Haws
*Grant Knight John Shaw
Wade Weathers David Wicks
* **Chairman of the Elders**

Contact us:

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Office Hours Mon.-Thurs. 8:30 am-4:30 pm and
Friday 8:30 am-12:00 pm

Order of Worship

Song #74 Praise the Lord Davy Carter

Song How Great is Our God

Song #97 I Sing Praises to Your Name

Welcome Eric Thornton

Shepherd's Prayer John Shaw

Song Surround Us, Lord

Song #234 Worthy is the Lamb (v. 1)

Communion—the bread Kelly Monahan

Song #234 Worthy is the Lamb (v. 2)

Communion—the cup

Song #234 Worthy is the Lamb (v.3)

Contribution

Song #230 Worthy Art Thou (vs. 1 & 3 sung during passing of trays)

Kid's Time Bill Allen

Song #450 Give Me the Bible

Song #432 How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts?

Song Ancient Words

Sermon "Connecting with the Truth" Bill Allen

Song #452 Standing on the Promises (vs. 1 & 2)

Song #290 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Prayer Logan Stone

“Connecting with the Truth”

We live today in what some call a “_____” culture.

Your truth; My truth; No truth; *The* truth.

Jesus said, “I am the Way, the _____, and the life.

_____ comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

To connect with Jesus, the Truth, we must connect with _____, His Word.

Deut. 13:1-5ff; Isaiah 55:6-11; 40:6-8; 1 Peter 1:22-25; Rev. 22:18-19

John 1:14-18; 8:31-32, 42-47; 12:44-50; 14:6; 17:17; 20:30-31

Rom. 10:17; 1 Thess. 2:13; 2 Thess. 2:9-15; 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gal. 1:6-10; Eph. 4:1-16; Col. 2:6-10, 18-19; 2 Tim. 3:1-5, 10-17; 4:1-4

Don’t just _____ to the Truth; _____ it! (Clarity; Conviction; Compassion)

Don’t buy the _____ of a “post-truth” culture.

Laney Cannefax was baptized January 17th.



LTC Practice
Sunday, Jan. 28th

Puppets

11:45 – 12:50

Bible Quiz

1:00 – 1:50

Chorus

2:00 – 2:50

Drama

3:00 – 3:50

Meet in Lighthouse

Teachers We Need You!



SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS NEEDS:

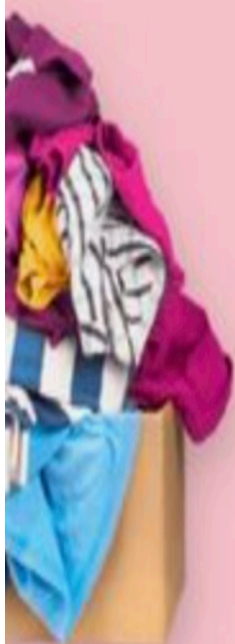
Spring Quarter (March-May)	Summer Quarter (June-Aug)	Fall Quarter (Sept-Nov)	Winter Quarter (Dec 2024-Feb 2025)
Nursery/Cradle Roll	Nursery/Cradle Roll	Nursery/Cradle Roll	Nursery/Cradle Roll
	2 nd /3 rd Grade	Toddler Class	
	4 th Grade		

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS NEEDS:

Spring Quarter (March-May)	Summer Quarter (June-Aug)	Fall Quarter (Sept-Nov)	Winter Quarter (Dec 2024-Feb 2025)
		4 th /5 th Grade	4 th /5 th Grade

If you have questions, please email Donni at donnicook@gmail.com or call 903-539-4101. Sign up sheet will be at Children's Check In Desk.

There will be a couple of tubs placed in the main foyer for clothing donations for the Benevolent Center. PLEASE do not leave donations outside the back door of the Benevolent Center.



Coming in February

Sundays

5 PM



Areawide gathering
March 21st @ 6:00 PM

young
at
heart

We need 15-20 sheet cakes!

A signup sheet has
been placed in
Foyer.



The Family Table

1/31 @
5:30 PM

BREAKFAST MENU

RSVP Today on Attendance Card



Updated Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Mary June Goodson is currently undergoing tests at Louis and Peaches Owen hospital with possible upcoming surgery.

Juawiece Campbell is in Health South Rehab for at least two weeks after a fall.

Stan Clark has been moved back to Olympic Rehab and starting to show some improvements. Markers are going down on the infection. Please pray this continues. Still ask no visitors please.

Detsye Beeson requests prayers for her mother who had a stroke.

Joslyn Davis is recovering from surgery after a fall.

Tyler Dibble is currently in Christus experiencing severe pain. He is currently undergoing tests. Prayers are requested.

Debbie Jones has made the decision to go on at home hospice care.

Michelle Ingram has shingles.

Christian Rios, friend of Matt Haws, is currently experiencing paralysis after emergency surgery. He is no longer intubated and is speaking. The family asks for continued prayers as he has a long road ahead.

John Shaw will start radiation and chemo on January 29th.

Misti Ford fell. She cracked her hip, and broke the bone in her shoulder and cracked her cheek bone and upper eye, but nothing requires surgery. She will be on pain management for 12 weeks, then she will start rehab to learn to walk again. She's at Christus 5528 in the Ornelius tower.

Jessica Cathey, Michelle Kuechle's daughter, is still in Critical condition in ICU. She is making progress, but continued prayers are needed.

Church Family: Bud & Charlotte Cawyer | Charles & Gayle Payne | Holly Parish | Allene Clark | Rex Power | Jan Cook | Misty Ford | Tommy & Jenny Price | Darcy Stiefer | Willa Wicks | Ponder Wright | Gaylan & Margie Seagler | Janice Hardaway | Jim Gipson | Betty Boles | Crystal Hill | Jim Gipson | Shirley Chandler | Ruby Cliver | Millie (Mink) Quinonez | Katie Latham | Suzanne Transier | John Shaw | Sam Mink | Donnie Carnathan | Judy Clark

Friends and Family (with member's name): Michael Sharritt, David Hassler (Cawyer) | Patsy Bullard (Culpepper) | Wesley Boles (Hamm) | Dana Crow (Crow, Kuechle, and Delivaudais) | Sheri Davis (Phillips) | Bob Latham (Greig Latham) | Arlene Lockhart (Shaw) | Charles Etheridge (Lee) | Rachael Pugh (Hallman) | George Tefteller and Susan Todd (Payne) | Ronnie Brown (Delivaudais) | Renna Daxoca & Horace Abbott (Chandler) | Martha Gentry (Kennedy) | Jeff Ingram (Posey) | Billy Williams (Transier) | Nina Colter (Transier) | Jim Morris (Wilkinson) | Eileen Wilkinson (Wilkinson) | Johnny Wood (Nunn) | Fred Williams (Haws) | Mendez Family (Haws) | Chad Albright (Holt)

CONNECTION CORNER ERIC THORNTON

For our church to be what God wants it to be, we must each do our part, using our unique gifts to fill the role God called us to fill. But we can't stop there. In Ephesians 4:1-16, there's one more command Paul gives: **Grow into spiritual maturity**. It's not enough to make a contribution. We can be very talented and generous, but for the wrong reasons. Verse 13 tells us we should *become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then you will no longer be infants...*

God wants His church to have a culture of spiritual excellence. Not in terms of the externals, but in the things that really matter, like love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, faithfulness and self-control. Unfortunately, too many churches are more like kindergarten than the Honors Program at a university when those fruits of the Spirit are used as the markers. We still want our teacher to poke the straw into our juice box for us. We want the teacher to read to us instead of us learning to read for ourselves. We cry because Bill stole our Ding Dong and put a June bug in Tucker's hair. He got his way and I didn't get mine. To be sure, kindergarten has its place in our lives, and it's a lot of fun. But we don't want to stay there. Here's the deal: When we progress out of spiritual kindergarten, we aren't just doing something good for ourselves. We're also raising the corporate expectations of our church. We're helping to create an overall culture of spiritual excellence.

Each one of us should ask, "Am I doing my part? Have I found my unique role in the ministry of my church, putting my talents, passions, financial resources, and spiritual gifts to use? Am I doing it in a way that brings God glory and builds up His church, or am I doing it for self-gratification and attention? Am I growing spiritually in a way that encourages others to grow? In other words, if everyone in the church was exactly as committed and mature as I am, where would our church be?"

What can each one of us do to make our church better? It could change the world in ways you might never imagine.