

### WE HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED TO DO MORE?

Our elders have challenged us with an increased budget for this year. The budget was read and discussed last Lord's Day by brother Bob Threadgill. A copy of it may be found in each bulletin mailed to the West Erwin members only. Each one of us should study the budget and prayerfully purpose and give each Lord's Day as we have been prospered. The contribution averaged \$1,096.34 per Lord's Day in 1962 and our elders have challenged us with one that has been increased to \$1,181.30 for 1963. The difference is only about \$90.00 each week more than we gave last year. The increase will go to good causes in different places. Some of the increase will go to brother Jerry Hill in Guatemala, some of it will go toward improving the property and some to mission work yet unassigned.

It is heartening to know that our mission program will be increased and it is good to know that plans are in the making to improve and beautify our place of worship. The church here owns some very valuable property and it is a show of good wisdom to keep it in good condition and attractive.

Many of the men here who are close to the work have said that our contribution should be, at least, \$2,000.00 each week. They believe that this congregation is prospered about twice the amount we give. This is based upon jobs, businesses, homes, cars, clothing, trips, etc. People who make only \$25.00 to \$35.00 a week (this is the basis upon which some give) cannot afford the standard of living we enjoy here. No doubt many of us here could double our contribution and still would not even be giving 5% of our income. Our past records prove that some have given liberally. Had this not been true the church could not have existed. We are not pleading for a gift but for the sake of souls. Giving is fruit to the account of the giver. See Phil. 4:17.

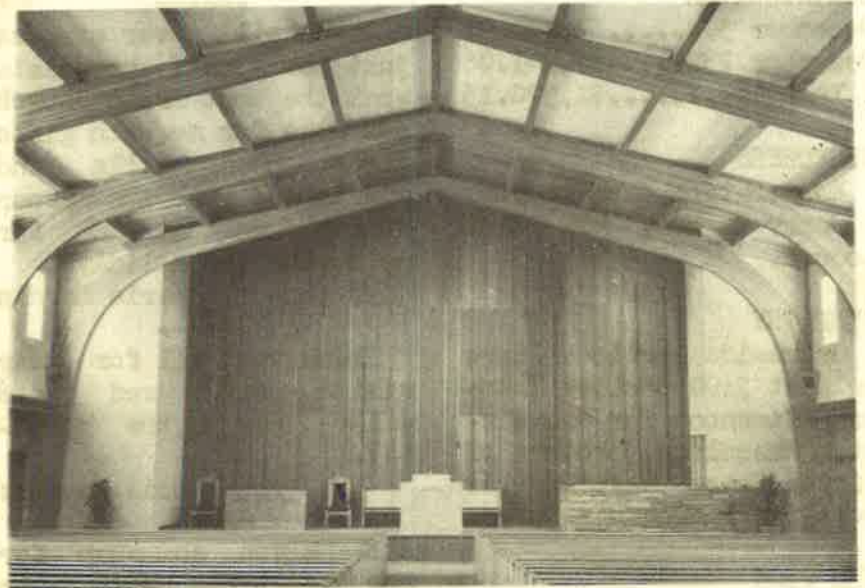
Our new budget can be met by each member increasing his contribution only 25¢ each week and then there would be some to spare. How many of us will accept the challenge of giving the small amounts of \$1.00, 50¢, or 25¢ more each week in 1963 than (continued inside)

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#### SUNDAY

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January 3, 1963

BIBLE CLASS

December 30.....445  
December 23.....386  
A Year Ago.....461

CONTRIBUTION

December 30.....\$1,441.97  
December 23.....\$1,741.06  
A Year Ago.....\$1,370.15

RESPONSES

Restoration and Prayer:  
Jerry Hughes, 411 East  
Locust.

SYMPATHY

Graveside services were held at 2:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon for Mr. Earnest Mussulman, brother of Sister Grace Whyte. His home was in Bonham, Texas.

THE SICK

Sister Midge Drennan is in Mother Frances. She had surgery last Saturday.

Sister Florene Lowrance entered Medical Center for surgery today (Thursday).

CONGRATULATIONS

Virginia Faye Boyd and Gene Edwin Vance were married here at the building last Thursday afternoon. They will make their home in Waco, Texas.

THANK YOU NOTES

We wish to express our gratitude for the beautiful plant and the many kindnesses shown us at our time of sorrow.

Mrs. Nora Walling & Myrtle

Words will never express just how much I appreciate what the West Erwin Church has done for me, with gifts, cards, phone calls and visits and also the group of children that sang for me during the holidays.

Marie Hardin

Thank you all for your visits, cards and gifts while I was in the hospital.

Lois Hoppers

Thank you so much for the basket the West Erwin Church gave for the Henry Black children. We appreciate it so much.

Thanks to the auditorium class for the Cheer basket.

Floyd and Eula Hoppers

I would like to express my appreciation for the Cheer basket.

Mrs. Nora Smith

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Another part of the challenge is to give each Lord's Day. Whether present or absent give. It is easier to give each week than it is to make it up when we have missed. Our budget can be met with ease if we will be more thoughtful and consistent in our giving. One does not save anything, by failing to give he loses his soul. Let each of us prove ourselves in 1963 as we have never done before.

We should live as though it were the last year we would ever live, because it might be. D.B.

IN APPRECIATION

Now that the Holiday Season is over, Sylvia and I would like to express our appreciation for all the cards and gifts that you gave us. We are looking forward to a year of pleasant work and service in the Lord's Kingdom with you.

Tom Jones

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Beginning Wednesday evening, January 9th, there will be a change in our procedure. We will go to our classes first. A bell will ring about 8:10 as a signal to come to the auditorium. Here we will sing, pray and offer the invitation. We should be as quiet as is possible in the move from the classes to the auditorium. Remember classes first, then the devotional in the auditorium.

PREACHERS AND ELDERS LUNCHEON

The monthly luncheon of preachers, elders and other interested Christians will be held in Henderson next Monday the 7th, at Jay's cafe. The cost of the meal will be \$1.50 plus tax and tip. The time is 12:00 noon. This is not a "closed" meeting and any Christian would enjoy the Luncheon.

WEST ERWIN VISITOR  
January 10, 1963

**BIBLE CLASS**

January 6.....424  
December 30.....445  
A Year Ago.....440

**CONTRIBUTION**

January 6.....\$1,220.80  
December 30.....\$1,441.97  
A Year Ago.....\$1,110.44

**APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY**

Announcements and  
Prayer.....K. Max Haws  
Prayer.....Monroe Sublette  
Dismiss.....L. L. Gann  
**SUNDAY EVENING**  
Prayer.....B. E. Walker  
Dismiss.....Bruce Raley

**RESPONSES**

Restored: Mrs. Ike Gaiser, 1135 E. Sixth.  
Baptism: Rodger Young, 1817 Barbara.

**SYMPATHY**

Funeral services were held Sunday for Mr. Irby Holt, brother of sister Dexter Browning.

**100% CLASSES**

Sunday, December 30th.  
1st. grade - Pauline Jones  
8th. grade - C. R. Clough  
              - Dick Ferguson  
Sunday, January 6th.  
8th. grade - C. R. Clough  
              - Dick Ferguson  
9th. grade - James Phillips  
              - Don Weathers

**THANK YOU NOTES**

Many thanks to the class that meets in the Auditorium for the basket of fruit. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Mrs. Evalyn Stone

We wish to thank you for the beautiful plant and expressions of love shown us during our sorrow.

Grace Whyte and family

We wish to thank the ladies who were so kind in preparing the nice meals for us during our recent period of readjustment following the arrival of our new son, Wesley.

Your thoughtfulness has certainly been appreciated.  
Gene and Joyce Suppes.

Dear Friends: Words can not express our appreciation for the beautiful Apt. range given to us at Boles Home for our Dorm. The 14 boys in the Dorm were very happy indeed. It meant for them a snack at bed time and Birthday cakes and pies. It was a wonderful surprise and we do appreciate it very much. Thanks to all of you from all of us.

Cora Nelson & Boys

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## OUR SINGING

I am sure that many people do not know the importance of singing with good tone (not as a professional singer) nor the satisfaction of singing with the greatest ease. To be able to sing well day after day requires much training. Few people know how to sing naturally.

"In singing man actually expends his energies and participates with body, mind and spirit. Speech can be dramatic and profound, but speech seldom reaches the emotional heights of song; and singing demands more self-giving than speech: more physical energy, more intense concentration and more fervent emotional preparation. Likewise, singing unites people more effectively than perhaps any other kind of response, requiring precise rhythmic ensemble and the matching of tone in melody and harmony. Thus while singing is one of the most natural and universal forms of expression, it is also one of the most demanding..." (V. Earle Copes, "Why Sing?", in the Music Ministry, July, 1962. This really brings to mind the seriousness and immenseness of our problems of singing as we worship.

Singing as we worship is no child's play. It is a command of the Lord and should be considered as important as any and all other parts of the worship.

To become a singer with some degree of skill is not an overnight job. Neither can learning to worship in song be achieved quickly, but it can and should be done if we would please the Lord. We have said that our singing is acceptable to the Lord as long as we don't use an instrument, regardless of how it sounds or how it is sung. In the Old Testament the sacrifices were to be of perfect health and form. "And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? Offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the Lord of Hosts. (Mal. 1:8) By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." (Heb. 13:15). The offering must be the best we can give. Everyone must sing to the very best of his ability. (continued)

Some people are unable to produce the tones, high notes, and long phrases simply because they have not been taught. These difficult points in singing can be accomplished only when the muscles of the singer are working freely, without tension. Singing requires the use of the entire body which is really the singer's vocal instrument.

Here are a few suggestions:

1. Think to sit up tall so that breathing about the waist-line is possible. (chest breathing does not permit the intake of enough breath to sing a line of poetry or a phrase of music.)
2. Think to say the words as you sing. The sounds must be brought to the front of the mouth to produce the resonant tone needed. Thus singing the words very clearly will project them and the tone at the same time.
3. Think to express the mood and meaning of the words.
4. Think to sing the words as "one man". Sing with the leader, not before or after him.
5. Think to co-operate with the song leader.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord! Col. 3:16.

Adapted and augmented from I. L. Batey's article in the Minister's Monthly (1/63) T.A.J.

A NEW CLASS: A new class for adults will begin Monday January 14, to be held each 2nd. and 4th. Monday evenings of each month at 7:30 P.M. in room 10. The course of study will be Worshipping in Song. This will include: 1. How to sing. 2. How to worship in song. 3. The meanings of our songs. This is not intended to be a choral group but may include some choral activities for those who will participate (funerals, weddings, singing for the shut-ins, etc.) Each meeting will be a separate lesson in order that attendance of every meeting is not necessary though it would be desirable. When you come, prepare to work so that you will get the most benefit from the lesson. T.A.J.

## WHAT DOES 1963 HOLD FOR ME?

What 1963 holds for each of us depends on how we live. If we live faithfully to the Lord's trust we will be happy. If we do not there will be much anxiety and unhappiness. The only avenues to happiness are faith, love and work. Our inner man was not designed to be satisfied by the lust of the flesh and possession of material things. The happiest ones are those who serve the Lord best. Their consciences are clear, their souls are at peace, their hearts rejoice and their hopes are bright. They have full assurance because all things have been committed to the care and keeping of Him who does all things well.

The happiest church member is one who gives his whole heart to the Lord. Man's heart was made for the Lord and he is happiest when the Lord has the use of it. One is not happy who knows he is living contrary to the way he knows the Lord wants him to live. There is something wrong with a Christian when he is uncomfortable in the presence of faithful Christians. There is no happiness when one has to shamefully drop his head in the presence of righteousness.

In planning for this year you may be wondering if you will become rich. It is encouraging to know that it is possible and within the reach of each one of us. Riches can become a reality if you want "true riches." Each one of us can become rich in good works.

Others may be wishing for good health. This is ours too if we want to pay the price. Each one of us may prosper in our soul. We can each have a healthy soul if we follow the instructions of the Great Physician.

The greatest concern of the moment with some is their children. They are asking, what will happen to our children? One can pretty accurately predict that whatever is being planned for them will happen. You will notice that I said what is being planned will happen. Not what is being wished. Those of us who are planning to teach and train them by example will do them good. Those of us who wish to let others teach and train them will probably find that our lives have influenced them more to do wrong than others have to do right. As a rule children do what(entd. inside)

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BIBLE CLASS

January 13.....350  
January 6.....424  
A Year Ago.....447

CONTRIBUTION

January 13.....\$1,159.81  
January 6.....\$1,220.80  
A Year Ago.....\$1,020.42

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Pat Mackey  
Prayer....Sweeney Copeland  
Dismiss.....Ralph Lowrance  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Dick Roberts  
Dismiss...Franklin Shaffer

RESPONSES

Baptism: Jency McDonald,  
506 W. Lorance.

FUNERAL

Sister Bess Watts passed  
away in a Dallas hospital  
last Monday. Funeral ser-  
vices were held for her in  
Dallas Wednesday afternoon.

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Funeral services were  
held Wednesday in Wewoka,  
Oklahoma for Mr. Edrain  
Howard. He was the broth-  
er-in-law of sister Ross  
Walker.

100% CLASS

8th. grade - C. R. Clough  
Dick Ferguson

THANK YOU NOTES

Brother and sister J. S.  
Green wish to express  
their appreciation to ev-  
eryone for all the things  
that have been done for  
them during the past weeks.

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Dear Christian Friends:

I should like to express  
my heartfelt thanks and  
appreciation for the love-  
ly flowers, gifts, cards  
and all the wonderful  
people who visited me  
both at home and in the  
hospital. You have been  
so nice to me and I will  
never forget you.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. L. G. (Midge) Drennan

TEACHER'S MEETING

There will be a teacher's  
meeting Monday, January 21  
at 7:30 P. M. All inter-  
ested ones are urged to  
attend.

SPECIAL CLASSES RESUMED

The special classes on  
Wednesday evening will be  
resumed next week. Brother  
Rushing will continue as  
teacher for the men's  
training class and sister  
Modena Jones will teach  
the young women's class.

Jumping to conclusions  
is not half as good exer-  
cise as digging for facts.

NEXT WEEK AT NORTHWEST

You are invited to at-  
tend a series of lessons  
next week, January 21, 22,  
24 and 25 at the Northwest  
church building. The les-  
sons will be "Getting A  
Congregation To Work,  
taught by brother Ralph  
Starling of Fort Worth.  
The time is 7:30 P.M. This  
is for everyone.

MEETING AND SINGING IN  
PALESTINE

Brother Clifton Rogers  
will preach in a meeting  
at the Queen and Debard  
Church of Christ in Pales-  
tine Jan. 21 through 27.  
The time is 7:30 each eve-  
ning. You are invited to  
attend a singing there  
also Sunday the 27th. at  
3:00 in the afternoon. The  
chorus from Boles Home  
will be present.

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their parents do or what  
their parents allow them  
to. This can be a great  
year for each of us if we  
do our best each day. We  
must worship regularly,  
pray earnestly, work faith-  
fully, love fervently and  
walk humbly, if we expect  
to be happy and receive  
the blessings of God.

D.B.

OUR GUESTS

It is always a pleasure  
to have visitors at our  
worship services. Last week  
the following signed visi-  
tors cards: Joe Weather-  
ford, Joey and Becky, 818  
College, Grand Prairie,  
Texas; John Pollan, 3337  
W. Martha, Tyler; Sherri  
Teel, 1503 N. Fannin, Ty-  
ler; Mary Lynn Stitt, Tyler.

ATTENDANCE DOWN

The cold weather and ill-  
ness took its toll in  
Bible Study last Lord's  
Day. The Worship service  
was down considerably. The  
contribution was encourage-  
ing. Let us be governed by  
love and responsibility  
rather than by the weath-  
er. You are a part of this  
congregation and it is not  
at full strength when you  
are absent.

"If your lips would keep  
from slips, five things  
observe with care:

Of whom you speak, and  
how and when and where.

If your ears would save  
from jeers, these things  
keep meekly hid:

Myself and I, and mine,  
and my, and how I do and  
did."

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### EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION BY THE ELDERS

The elders would like to state to the congregation how much we are indebted to each of you. As you know we had a good year in 1962. We feel like 1963 will be better. So many of you have made contributions one way or another that the elders do not realize and that are not seen by many of the congregation. We have many in the congregation who are capable of making money and give liberally. We have many who do not make much money and give liberally. Some visit the hospitals, some carry food to the needy. Whatever your category is we appreciate your generosity and your faithfulness to the work of the Lord. Without your help and your attitude the elders would be helpless to promote a good program. While we are thanking you that are unknown to us as special benefactors to the Lord, we are reminded of one whose work is known and cannot be hid. We have reference to brother James Massey, who for several years has taken care of the physical property of the church. If there was something to be done at the building, be it repair work or some mechanical difficulty with the equipment or special facilities for a wedding or the preparation of a classroom etc., brother Massey was there to get the job done. Brother Massey asked to be relieved of taking the lead in this particular area of work which, for the present, we reluctantly approved. We want to say publically as elders and as individual members that we thank brother Massey. Brother T. J. Parsons will take over the work that brother Massey has been doing. Naturally, no congregation has a large number of capable men who have talents like brother Massey and brother Parsons and at the same time are in a position to make the sacrifice of carrying out this job. Again we want to say thanks to each of you, our brethren and our co-workers for what you have done in the past and for what you will do in the future. We feel that West Erwin has a great future and that we will continue to go forward in the future as we have in the past. It is our desire that we make great strides in the growth of the Bible School this year as one of our goals. We are always indebted to our teachers.

Elders.



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BIBLE CLASS

January 20.....326  
January 13.....350  
A Year Ago.....412  
CONTRIBUTION  
January 20.....\$1,079.67  
January 13.....\$1,159.81  
A Year Ago.....\$ 936.80

CONGRATULATIONS

To John Ross Weaver and Glenda Brown who were married last Friday evening. Darrell McGlathery, uncle of the groom, performed the ceremony. We wish for John Ross and Glenda many years of happiness.

BIBLE COURSE OFFERED

A Bible Course on "New Testament Survey" will be offered for credit or non-credit at the Bible Chair each Monday evening beginning January 28, from 7:00 till 9:30 P.M. Brother Dan Danner will teach this course. It is hoped that many from here will enroll.

SINGING CLASS

The singing class for adults will meet in room 10 next Monday evening, the 28th. at 7:30. Won't you come and benefit from the study?

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and Prayer.....Howard Holland  
Prayer.....T. F. Holland  
Dismiss.....Louis J. Jones  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Willie Freeman  
Dismiss..Dudley Brookshire

THE SICK

Adela Scogins is in Medical and Surgical Clinic. Patsy Young, Pauline Daughtry and Kenneth Bennett are all in Mother Frances Hospital.

FUNERAL

We extend our sympathy to the family of Mrs. Claudia Cornett of Houston, who passed away last Friday. She was the sister of Sister Pauline Fuller and the daughter of sister D. M. Davis.

SINGINGS

Sunday, January 27th., there will be a singing at the O'Neal and Pecan St. church in Wills Point at 2:30 P. M.

Also, in Palestine at the Queen and Debard St. church at 3:00 P. M. there will be a singing. The Bel-Canto Chorus from Boles Home will be present.

"I'LL QUIT THE CHURCH"

Sometimes when a member of the church becomes offended by the action or speech of another member, he will say, "If that happens again, I'll quit the church!" This threat is utterly absurd!

When one makes such a threat, he reveals a lack of understanding of the nature of the Lord's church. The church of Christ is the body of Christ composed of the various members. The church is the kingdom of Christ as opposed to the kingdom of Satan (Co. 1:13). It was not founded by man (as is true of denominational bodies) and hence will not be destroyed at the great uprooting time. (See Matthew 15:13).

Now for one to say that he will quit the church is tantamount to saying that he is deliberately aiming to separate himself from Christ, for as a member of the church he is part of the body of Christ. It equals his saying he intends to alienate himself from the kingdom of God and return to the kingdom of the devil.

If the church were a social club, one could become offended by some other member and quit the club in a huff. If the church of Jesus Christ were merely a human denomination, he might be offended and go join another human denomination. But the church of the Lord is divine and to leave it for a human institution is tragic.

Why will one utter the threat "I'll quit the church"? It appears that such a person believes that leaving the church will injure the brother whom he supposes wronged him. True, it will cause the brother pain that a fellow-Christian has strayed from the safety of the Lord's Fold.

But surely the straying brother is worse off than the brother who remains in the ranks. To use military terms, the deserter acts dishonorably and is bringing disgrace to himself, whereas the soldier who remains at his post in spite of being forsaken by his countryman is worthy of commendation.

...Don Gardner



### "GOD HAS THE FINAL SAY"

We like to know what others think about us. Seldom do they tell us so, if we want to know we usually ask a mutual friend, "What do others think of me? What others think about us can help us regulate our conduct. We should not seek to be men-pleasers but we should seek to live a good influential life. Even the opinion of our friends and admirers may be wrong because they may think we are one kind of a person when we are another kind. In Lystra the people thought Paul and Barnabas were gods that had come down in the likeness of men. They called Barnabas, Jupiter and Paul, Mercurius. (Acts 14:11-12). They brought oxen and garlands and would have offered sacrifice unto them if they had allowed it. In verse 19 of the same chapter Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and persuaded the same people to stone Paul and they left him for dead. At one time the people thought Paul and Barnabas were gods and a little later they thought they were demons. They were wrong both times. We should be concerned about what people think about us, but their opinions should not be final. We do not like to be underestimated but we should not desire to be over estimated. In the past men have held wrong opinions of others and they do so now. Some thought John had a devil (Matt. 11:18); Some thought Jesus cast out devils by the power of Beelzebub the prince of devils (Matt. 12:24); Cornelious thought Peter was divine and fell down to worship him (Acts 10:25-26). We should so live that we are not afraid for others to form opinions of us. Men do not have the final say.

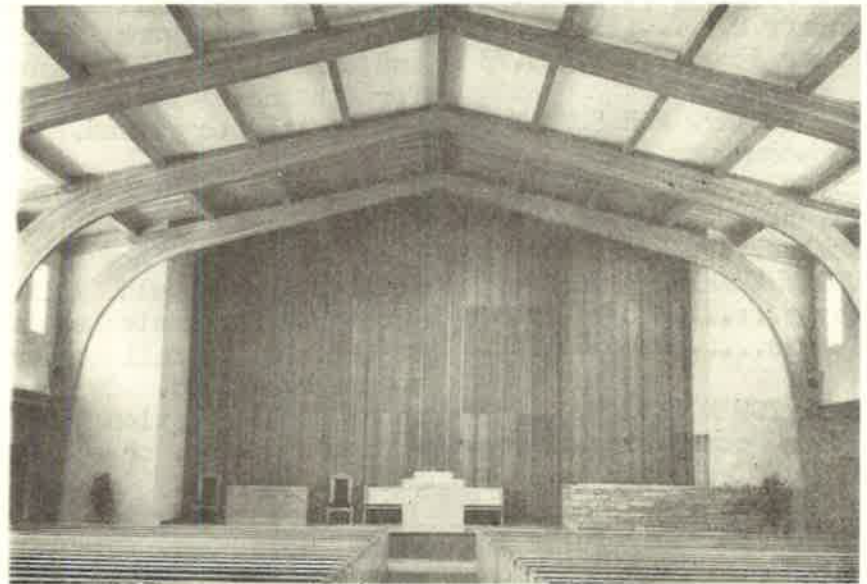
The next question is, "What do I think of myself?" Do I, like the Pharisee have an exalted opinion of myself? (Luke 18). Do I boast to God and tell Him how good I am, how much good I do and how fortunate He is to have me as His child? It is possible for one to feel secure and not even be saved from his past sins. All "professors" are not "possessors". The lost are saved by the grace of God (Eph. 2:8-9) and not by their own righteousness (Titus 3:5). When one thinks of himself he should think about how sinful he is, and how merciful God is. He should (continued inside)

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A Year Ago.....442

CONTRIBUTION

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January 20.....\$1,079.67  
A Year Ago.....\$1,033.73

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Announcements and  
Prayer.....Sam Bailey  
Prayer.....M. B. Beard  
Dismiss.....E. F. Nichols  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Faber Cauthen  
Dismiss.....Steve Sublette

THANK YOU NOTES

Your comforting expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and will always be gratefully remembered.

The Cornett Family

Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated.

Sisters of Bess Watts

THE SICK

Mrs. Gladys Weathers, mother of Don, had surgery Wednesday. She is in the Medical Center Hospital.

Little Cliff Laird had a

tonsillectomy Thursday. He is in Medical Center.

SHADY GROVE

Brother Elred L. Echols of the Tanganyika Bible School will be at Shady Grove the night of Feb. 7 at 7:30. He will show slides of the work there and talk about the plans for the near future. You are invited to attend.

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think about how helpless he is and how able God is. He should think about how fortunate he is to be able to fall under the mercy of God. He has no right to question God's way of saving, or God's call to service.

The last question is, "What does God think of me?" This is really what counts. What others think or what I think may not be what God thinks. To find out what God thinks, we must read His Word, for the Scriptures contain the mind of God. Jesus said to some to "Search the Scriptures for in them ye think ye have eternal life..!" They did not have it. We do not have it either unless God says we do.

D.B.

ZONE WORK

Several weeks back it was decided to divide the town in zones in order for us to do a more thorough job in keeping up with the members here and reaching others who are not members, but likely prospects. Several have said they do not know which zone they live in and who the zone leaders are. We have a map in the bulletin this week to explain the zones and tell who the leaders are. (This is for the West Erwin members only). Some profitable meetings have already been held in some of the zones. Last Friday evening Zone 4 had a dinner meeting at the Smith Building with forty adults and their children present. A good business meeting was held afterward and further plans were made for future work. The purpose of the zone work is to keep a check on ALL the members in that particular zone. on the absentees, illness, etc. Watch for new-comers to each zone. Be on the lookout for prospects for cottage meetings.

The zone work is the easiest and most thorough way to do the work we are trying to do. If you are having trouble getting or-

ganized there are several men who will meet with you and help you get organized. You may contact either or all of the following men; R.C. O'Bannon, Tom Jones, K. Max Haws, Dean Brookshire. Each zone needs to have a general meeting of as many workers as will come, at least every two or three months. If you have not had one, will you do so soon? Brethren, let us keep the zone work going. It will get the job done if we will let it.

D.B.

BUILDING

For Yesterday is but a dream  
And To-morrow is only a vision;  
But do-day, well lived,  
Makes every yesterday  
A dream of happiness,  
And every to-morrow a vision of hope.

...Selected

DOUBT AND FAITH

Doubt sees the obstacles,  
Faith sees the way;  
Doubt sees the darkest night,  
Faith sees the day;  
Doubt dreads to take a step  
Faith soars on high;  
Doubt questions, "Who believes?"  
Faith answers, "I."

WEST ERWIN VISITOR  
February 7, 1963

BIBLE CLASS

February 3.....461  
January 28.....395  
A Year Ago.....420

CONTRIBUTION

February 3.....\$1,191.35  
January 28.....\$1,014.93  
A Year Ago.....\$1,119.91

RESPONSES

Shirley Caskey came to be restored last Sunday morning.

Gail Wells was restored Wednesday evening.

THE SICK

Sister Gladys Weathers is in Medical Center. She expects to go home in a few days.

Sister Erma Sanders is in Medical Center.

Sister J. B. Johnson is in Medical Center.

Brother E. E. Degge is in Medical Center. He will have surgery Friday morning.

Several in the congregation have the flu.

TO LITTLE ROCK

Sister Russell O'Bannon will teach in a Training Series in Little Rock next week.

MOVING

We regret to announce that the Howard Keys will be moving to Elkhart Friday of this week. We hope they will be very happy in their new home.

YOUNG PEOPLE

There will be an area-wide young people's meeting at the Omen Rd. Church building Sunday afternoon, February 10, at 2:30. All of the young people are invited to attend.

SINGING CLASS

The adult singing class will meet Monday evening in Room 11 at 7:30.

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The weather is stronger than the religion of some Christians.

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Some Christians can get to work on time every week day morning in order to make a living, but they cannot get to church on time once a week.

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Some Christians go to work cheerfully every day in the week and work several hours each day, but they rebel at the idea of attending church three or four hours.

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## GOOD WORK COMMENDED

A preacher spends much of his time either pushing or pulling the congregation into greater work. Maybe this is overdone but few congregations would be doing good works if someone had not done it. It is good to exhort and reprove but this should not be done to the exclusion of commending when it is in order. I believe that commendations are in order at this time. So many good things are now being done here in a more orderly and enthusiastic way and it has become noticeable to all of us. As space permits a few of these good things will be pointed out.

1. At this particular time the Lord's Day evening audiences are much larger than they have been. Some are attending who did not attend a year or so ago. Others are talking about being more considerate of their obligation to all the worship services as well as the teaching program.

2. Some are discussing the fine way in which our brethren are praying. The prayers are characterized by a greater amount of sincerity, humility and beseeching. This is not to say that the prayers of the past have been poor, but some of us have come to realize that we are what we are and where we are because of God. Brethren are mentioning more often the need for more love and unity. Our young men have been doing exceptionally well when they pray. May this good work abound more and more.

3. The contribution is at an all time high. When several families moved away some here increased their contribution. And too, each week checks are received through the mail from those who were away or planned to be away. Most every week some one comes by and leaves a check. Our giving is more consistent. This is a very good indication that both faith and love have increased in the hearts of many.

4. The zone work is one of the bright spots in the work now. More visits are being made now than ever before. Those who are absent are being contacted and exhorted. The zone workers are keeping "an eye" (maybe I should say their hearts) on every member. Let us pray that this good work may increase. We are our brother's

keeper as well as gospel proclaimers to the lost.

5. Our Bible Class teachers are as dedicated as any to be found anywhere. They are not satisfied with their work and they continue to learn and improve. Plans are underway to help our teachers and to strengthen our teaching program more. It is an inspiration to talk with our teachers and to see the handwork done for those in the lower grades. The good work of our teachers has strengthened us in every other area. They should be given credit for much of the growth, spiritual and otherwise, we are enjoying.

This is not written to encourage any to let up or become satisfied. What we are doing should only be the beginning. Let us all work and pray while we can.

Our sincere thanks to all for your part in the good work of the past and present. D.B.

## STEWARDSHIP

"There are two primary truths which should be acknowledged by all men: (1) God is the sole owner of all things: (2) Man is a steward of that which belongs to the Lord - all is His. This principle makes false the oft-heard statement, Oh well, life is a gamble anyway. Life is not a gamble; life is a stewardship for which every individual shall give account to his Maker."

Church Bulletin - Clovis, New Mexico

## ROBBING GOD

A Chinese preacher, speaking of robbing God, used this illustration: "It came to pass that a man went to market with a string of seven coins. He met a beggar asking for alms, and he gave him six of the coins and kept one for himself. The beggar, instead of being thankful, followed the good man and stole the seventh coin also." The First Day of the week is the Lord's Day and many will attempt to steal it from Him by staying away from His house and the Church services.

... Selected

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February 14, 1963

**BIBLE CLASS**

February 10.....413  
February 3.....461  
A Year Ago.....449

**CONTRIBUTION**

February 10.....\$1,044.25  
February 3.....\$1,191.35  
A Year go.....\$1,082.63

**APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY**

Announcements and  
Prayer.....M. M. Haws  
Prayer....Dr. Roger Knight  
Dismiss.....Ed Naul  
**SUNDAY EVENING**

Prayer.....Charles Graf  
Dismiss.....Raymon Ivey

**RESPONSES**

Membership: Mrs. G. W.  
(Cora) Cherry, 2124 Band-  
era.

Mrs. Gene(Joyce)Suppes,  
611 S. Saunders.

Restored: Mr. and Mrs.  
Joe Willis and Miss Marie  
Hardin.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Fre-  
eman are the parents of a  
son born Sunday. They have  
named him William Dean.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith  
Jr. have a baby son born  
last Wednesday.

**ACCIDENT**

Last Sunday noon, after

services, Blanch Shuford,  
Mrs. Stella Buckner, her  
daughter, Mrs. Martha Cow-  
art and three of the Cow-  
art children were in an  
automobile accident. Sis-  
ter Buckner is still in  
intensive care in Medical  
center. All were injured  
and are still hospitalized.  
As this goes to print all  
are showing some improve-  
ment.

**SICK**

Henry McRuiz and son Kyle  
both had a tonsillectomy  
Monday.

Pam Little had a tonsil-  
lectomy Wednesday.

John Mackey is in Med-  
ical Center.

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY**

Sister Edgar Bullard's  
brother, W. B. Burgess,  
passed away suddenly Tues-  
day morning in Tennessee.

**ATTENTION**

**WEST ERWIN MEMBERS**

The Brookshire's tele-  
phone number on the back  
page of the Church Direct-  
ory is incorrect. Please  
change your directory to  
Ly 2-6334. The number Ly-  
26634 belongs to another  
family and they are annoy-  
ed at the many calls they  
are having.

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## MAKING A PLACE FOR THE LORD

"I will not give sleep to mine eyes, nor slumber to mine eyelids until I find a place for the Lord."

Psa. 132:4.

Some women get so excited over their marriage preparations that they cannot sleep; some men get so deep in trouble or disturbed over business that they cannot sleep or a nation gets so frightened over war the whole nation becomes sleepless.

But it is extraordinary for one to realize that God does not hold the place in his life that He should hold, and therefore, resolve that he will not only not sleep, but not even nod until this place is made for God. This is the figure in Psa. 132:4, and a very vivid one it is.

What a wonderful thing it would be today if thousands of men; heads of families, could be seen with red eyes and heavy eyelids, and on being asked the reason would say, "I haven't given God the place He should occupy in my life, and I will not sleep until I have found how to give Him this place, and have given it to Him."

One may know all there is to be known about flowers, but not know the Creator of flowers. One may know the names, places, sizes and even know the distances to the stars without knowing Him who created the stars. One may know the locations of farms, ranches, bank vaults without knowing Him who "gives every good and perfect gift." If one can make a place in his life for Botany, Astronomy and Finances he can make a place for God which is more important. If one can make a place for any kind of knowledge, any kind of labor, or any kind of service he can make a place for God in his life if he wants to.

Many are the excuses today made by some when asked why they do not make a place for God. Perhaps, one of the most common is that they are too busy. Do you suppose that any of us are busier than David was at the time he was making a place for God? He was not only a busy man but a busy king. The whole house of Israel was on his heart and shoulders. Not only was he living for others and busy for them, he was busy with himself.

He had his own personal problems of temptations and sin, and some depressing family problems. David could have offered many excuses to God but he knew that all was vain and would be lost unless he made a place for God so that he could be saved from eternal ruin. He knew that everything with which he had to do materially would perish.

If men are willing to stay awake to seek perishable food; to enjoy momentary pleasure; to gain knowledge of subjects, how much more important to stay awake to learn about God, how to live to please Him. Just how much time do we spend each day studying God's Word and Praying to Him? How often do we worship Him? How much do we work for him?

If one seeks to find a place for God he would find first of all, "that he should love God with all of his heart." That he should obey God's commandments. That he should love his neighbor as himself. That he should teach or help teach God's Word. That he should worship God in Spirit and truth. That he should visit the widows and orphans in their affliction and keep himself unspotted from the world.

D. B.

## 100% CLASSES

Last Lord's Day we did not have a class 100% in attendance. For the previous Sunday, Feb. 3rd., we had two classes. The sixth grade, teachers Kathryn Cauthen and Barbara Payne. The eighth grade class, teachers C. R. Clough and Dick Ferguson.

## BIBLE SCHOOL MEETING

There will be a meeting Monday evening at 7:30 for all Bible School Teachers, Co-Teachers, Elders, Deacons, and all interested persons. You are invited and urged to attend.

There is much illness among us. We will need the presence of all who are well this Lord's Day to keep our Bible School attendance up. Please be present if you are able.

## IS YOUR CONCEPTION OF GOD TOO SMALL?

The man who translated the New Testament known as The Phillips Translation wrote a small book, "Your God Is Too Small." I believe that the basic message of Mr. Phillip's small book is one that should challenge us in the church of Jesus Christ. He says, "It is obviously impossible for an adult to worship the conception of God that exists in the mind of a child Sunday School age, unless he is prepared to deny his own experience of life..." Several ideas about God are given and shown to be inadequate. Some of these ideas given catchy titles are as follows: Grand Old Man, Meek-and-Mild, Absolute Perfection, Second-Hand God, Perennial Grievance, Pale Galilean. After showing all these ideas about God to be too small, Mr. Phillips tries to show God in focus. Of course, God is best seen by looking at his son, Jesus Christ (John 14:9-11).

The Grand Old Man idea of God is this. God is very old. He understood the old ways of doing things but is not expected to be able to deal with the modern development of the Twentieth century. He is to be respected for his past but merely endured in the present. To those who have this idea of God the question; "does God understand radar," is absurd.

The Meek-and-Mild believers feel that Jesus is soft. He does not stand for convictions. To these the story of Jesus cleansing the Temple will be forever a problem. Jesus is meek but definitely not mild.

The Absolute Perfection idea is this: God demands that His followers be 100% perfect immediately on conversion. To some this presents no problem for their idea of 100% good is just as good as one knows to be. No idea of growth is here. To others who realize that they fall so very short of their ideal despair in their failure. The truth is that God wants us to be perfect, yes but that we grow into perfection. If we die with imperfections (and we all will) the blood of Jesus will cleanse us if we have followed His commandments to the best of our ability.

The Perennial Grievance is this: God has not lived up to what we thought He should. He disappointed us. "Our child was taken." "We have had (continued inside)

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BIBLE CLASS

February 17.....421  
February 10.....413  
A Year Ago.....455

CONTRIBUTION

February 17.....\$1,203.56  
February 10.....\$1,044.25  
A Year Ago.....\$1,091.42

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer....Russell O'Bannon  
Prayer.....Tom Moses  
Dismiss.....David Hannah  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Fred Powell  
Dismiss.....Ronny Robbins

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henley are the happy parents of a baby boy born last Monday.

THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to express my thanks to all who visited, sent cards and offered prayers in my behalf during my stay in the hospital.

May the Good Lord continue his blessing upon you.  
E. E. Degge

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Thank you so much for your visits, flowers, food, gifts and especially for your prayers during my recent illness.

Patsy Young

THE SICK

Sister Wayland Willis (Marcella) is in the hospital in Little Rock. She would enjoy a card from friends here. Her address is St. Vincents Infirmary, Room 743.

TO LOVINGTON, NEW MEXICO

Brother Brookshire begins his part in a meeting in Lovington, N. M. next Monday evening. The Brookshires lived in Lovington in the early forties. This will be his fifth meeting with them since moving from there.

CONSTRUCTION TO START SOON

The brethren at Glenwood have announced that they will soon start construction on their new auditorium. It is always a joy to hear of progress in the Kingdom of Christ.

HONORED SENIOR

Congratulations to Nancy Butler who has been elected to the "National Honor Society." Nancy is a senior in John Tyler High School.

SINGING CLASS

The adult singing class will meet again Monday in Room 11.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Sunday evening after the Services of the Church here all the young people (High School and College) are to meet at the Bible Chair at T.J.C. for a period of fellowship and worship to God. All the young people of the Church here in Tyler will be there. The time is 7:30. The place, the Bible Chair, 415 S. Baxter. It will last around an hour.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The date for our Vacation Bible School this year has been tentatively set for June 3-7. We hope to have the order in for the material by the time you read this. We are announcing the date so that you may not plan your vacation on that date. As usual we will have classes for all ages and we hope to have the co-operation of all.

SABIN ORAL SUNDAY

Type 3 Sabin Oral Vaccine clinic will be held February 24th. from 12:00 noon to 6:00 P.M. For the convenience of those who attend downtown churches, the clinic will again be open in the Marvin Youth Center from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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too much sickness." No one can worship that which has disappointed him.

The Pale Galilean is the idea that Christianity is void of all happiness. Jesus has killed all our fun.

The Second-Hand God is one which we learn from watching movies, T.V. and reading novels. In these media the authors can make events happen and leave the impression that it is providence working, they can make the church what they want to and all seems well. We, the listeners absorb this sub-consciously and it has a bearing on our idea of God. Unless this is balanced with reading and studying the scriptures we will have erroneous ideas concerning God.

Is your idea concerning God as great as He really is?  
T.J.

HIGH SCHOOL DAY

High School students may check the bulletin board in the foyer for the date and activities of High School Day at Abilene Christian College.

FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING

Singing will be in Van Sunday at 2:30 P. M.



"... WITH THE SPIRIT AND UNDERSTANDING?"

We sing SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER, and content ourselves with less than ten minutes a day.  
We sing ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS and wait to be drafted into service.  
We sing THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS, but don't go to worship when it's raining.  
We sing BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS, and let the least offence sever it.  
We sing SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS, and complain about all we have to do.  
We sing CAST THY BURDEN ON THE LORD, and worry ourselves into nervous breakdowns.  
We sing THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD FOR JESUS, and never invite our next-door neighbor to hear the gospel!  
We sing O DAY OF REST AND GLADNESS, and wear ourselves out travelling, cutting the grass or playing golf.

... Via the Church Mirror, El Paso

#### JUST ONE!

Think of the importance of one. ONE false alarm can cause a panic. ONE mischievous boy can break up a school. ONE false step can ruin a life. ONE wayward child can break a mother's heart. ONE lie can destroy a person's character.

And ONE visitor brought by every member would double our attendance. ONE additional dollar contributed by each member would increase our missionary benevolent programs. ONE person converted by every Christian each year would mean the world for Christ before long. ONE prayer and ONE scripture reading every day would make for greater spiritual growth among the Lord's people.

Each member of the church needs to realize that he or she counts for ONE. Remember that you can count ONE and it is by your presence, your prayers, and your contribution that this congregation will be able to make progress. YOU count for ONE!

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He may be home by the time you read this.

Sister Clara Sims had surgery Saturday. She is in Medical Center. Brother John Arrington is in Glenwood Clinic. He has the flu.

BIBLE CLASS

February 24.....411  
February 17.....421  
A Year Ago.....431

CONTRIBUTION

February 24.....\$1,021.75  
February 17.....\$1,203.56  
A Year Ago.....\$ 984.10

TRUCK FROM GUNTER HOME  
TUESDAY, MARCH 5

We have a letter from Brother Godfrey stating the truck from the Home for Aged will stop at our building on March 5, 1963. The truck makes one trip here each year. At this time they have a special need for diet sweets, dried fruit, coffee, margarine, canned fruit and cereals. Bring your contributions to the building before next Tuesday.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
Prayer.....T. J. Parsons  
Dismiss.....Harley Turner  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Don Gilbert  
Dismiss.....Ramon Ivey

RESPONSES

Restored: Mr. and Mrs. Dick Roberts.

THANK YOU NOTE

The family of W. B. Burgess gratefully acknowledges your kind expression of sympathy.

We have received a letter of thanks from the Children's Home in Lubbock for the trading stamps sent to them.

THE SICK

Brother W. H. Turner was in an automobile accident last Saturday and has been in Medical Center Hospital.

TEACHER'S LIBRARY

On the Bulletin board there is posted a list of books needed for the Teacher's Library. If you would like to donate a book or money toward the purchase of one of these books, put your name opposite the title of the book(s). T.J.

SINGING

You are invited to a singing at Brownsboro, Sunday, March 3, at 2:30 P. M.

"WHAT DOES IT TAKE...?"

Just what does it take to make Christians want to attend every assembly of the saints during the week, beginning with Bible study on Sunday and including Wednesday night services?

Will reminding Christians of the fact that Christ has promised to be in each assembly (Matt. 18: 20) do it? This we have done, but to no avail in many cases.

Will teaching the Bible command of "Not forsaking our own assembling together" (Heb. 10:25) do it? This has been done through every teaching media of the church, yet some ignore it.

Will discussing that only this action is in harmony with true love for

God (I Jno. 3:5) do it? We have been repeatedly reminded of this fact. Yet some are not moved by it.

Will pointing out that this will result in spiritual growth and strength (Acts 20:32) do it? If it will, why hasn't it in many instances?

Will pleading that only the faithful shall inherit the crown of life (Rev. 2: 10) do it? Apparently it will not.

If Bible teaching and exhortation fail to impress you with your duty to be faithful there is no righteous way to persuade you to attend services.

"A religion that won't take you to the assemble certainly won't take you to heaven."

... Copied.

THE VALUE OF TIME

Time passes quickly. There is nothing we can do about it except to see that it passes fruitfully as well.

If one accomplishes more during one day than another, it is not because he has more time, but because he used his time more advantageously.

If, in passing, Time lays up its store of good deeds done, of noble ambitions

upheld heroically, of kindness and sympathy scattered with a lavish hand, there will be given to it an enduring quality which nothing can take away.

The past is gone. The future has not yet come. The present is all we have. We cannot change the past, nor can we draw upon the future. But we can use the present. ... Selected

## FIGHTING AGAINST GOD

"Let us not fight against God" is found in Acts 23:9. Many descriptions are given of the sinners state and condition. They are called aliens, slaves, enemies, rebels, etc. The words of Acts 23:9 forcibly applies to every unsaved person. All such are fighting against God.

Infidels fight against him by denying His existence, His revelation and His providence. Few that we know say there is no God, but we know many who reject His government and reject His revelation. Those who have no respect for God or who refuse to acknowledge His government fight against Him.

There are those who are profane and practical transgressors fighting against His laws. All sin regardless of its nature is against God. It is against His holiness, or His authority which embraces one's duty to both God and man.

Then there are the unbelievers who fight against the gospel of His Son. They harden their hearts and become adamant. This is one of the most effectual preventives against salvation. This is a "vaccine" that never fails to take. Unbelievers already have their sentences pronounced, "He that believeth not shall be condemned."

The moralists fight against God by resisting His grace. They are near Christ in character, but not altogether Christians because they refuse to do a part of His Will. They are not far from the Kingdom but they are not in it. They have good character but they are still in their sins. Good character and good works will not suffice for forgiveness.

All backsliders are fighting against Christ by crucifying Him afresh. They wound Him in the house of His friends and cause the wicked to blaspheme His Way. Their guilt is as deep as a sinner can go. Peter describes them and says it is better for them not to have known the way than to have known it and turned away from it. Their last state has become worse than their first. Many have fought against God but none have won.

All Christians should (continued inside )

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A Year Ago.....435

CONTRIBUTION

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February 24.....\$1,021.75  
A Year Ago.....\$1,037.37

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....T. F. Holland  
Prayer.....Leonard Woltman  
Dismiss.....Jack Stringer

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....Tom Holland  
Dismiss..Dudley Brookshire

CONFESSION OF WRONG

Judy Venable confessed wrongs Wednesday evening and asked for the prayers of the church. May the Lord richly bless Judy.

THANK YOU NOTES

We wish to express to you our appreciation for your visits, flowers, and kindnesses shown us while John was in the hospital.

The John Mackeys

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Your visits and thoughtfulness shown to us during my stay in the hospital following the arrival of our new son has been appreciated so much.

Thelma Henley

THE SICK

Brother Marvin Jones was involved in an accident while at work and lost a part of one finger.

Sister Nora Walling is in Mother Frances in intensive care. She had surgery Wednesday. Her condition is serious.

Sister Wanda Whitworth had surgery Wednesday in Medical Center.

Sister Clara Sims is in Medical Center. She expects to go home soon.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to sister John Arrington and her family. Sally's mother passed away last Saturday in California. The Arringtons have all been ill with the flu and Sally was unable to go to California.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Shirley Caskey, freshman at Tyler Junior College, who has earned a membership in Phi Theta Kappa, an honorary scholastic society.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. "The Nature of Acceptable Worship."  
P.M. "The Bed Too Short and the Cover Too Narrow."

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unite in dissuading men from fighting against God. They are fighting against their Creator, Benefactor and Redeemer. It is ungrateful for one to fight against the great love of God. It is gross infatuation, of the worse kind, for one to contend with God whose power is unlimited. Man was not created to fight against God but to live with Him and to glorify Him by living in harmony with His Will.

God wants all to be happy and they are not happy fighting against Him. Men are happiest when God controls their lives. Let us all look to God, love Him and work with Him. He will pour out rich blessings even beyond our fondest expectations if we walk with Him. D.B.

MINISTER'S MONTHLY

About one hundred copies of the February issue of the Minister's Monthly Magazine have been distributed among us in the past two weeks because they contain the history of the West Erwin congregation. After reading the February issue you may want to subscribe for it and have it come into your home each

month. Although it is called a minister's magazine it is good for any Christian to read. I hope many of you will see me and send in your subscription. D.B.

LOVINGTON MEETING

Brother Brookshire reports a good meeting in Lovington, N. M. Four were baptized and eleven restored. The church in Lovington is a strong one and they are doing a good work.

MEETINGS

There will be a meeting in Mount Vernon beginning Sunday the 10th. through the 17th. Services at 7:00 P.M. daily. Bro. Oler will be preaching.

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The church in Frankston will begin a meeting March 18 to continue through the 22nd. Bro. J. D. Walker will preach. Services at 7:30. Also Sunday afternoon the 17th. the Boles Home Boys' Chorus will be in a special program. You are invited to attend.

"No one is too bad to go to the church services; neither is anyone too good to stay away."

### THE MIND OF CHRIST

"As a man thinks in his heart so is he." This proverb from the Bible is familiar to every reader. What makes a man think what he does? There is a multitude of sides to the answer of this question. A man thinks about what he sees, hears, feels, etc. What he experiences directly or indirectly, this is what he thinks about. Paul states in Phil. 4:8,9 that Christians are to think on the true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious things of this life. He goes on to say that if there is any virtue or praise it will come from these avenues. Good associations beget good activities just as "evil companions corrupt good morals." In Phil. 4:9 after he had just stated "think on these things" Paul says "what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do: and the God of peace will be with you. What had they learned, received, heard and seen in Paul? Was it not the mind of Christ and a life guided by it? This is what he charges them in Phil. 2:1-5.

We all need the mind of Christ i.e. we all need to develop our thinking to be like his thinking. This is one way that Christ lives in us. We gain this Christ-like attitude directly by reading the Holy Scriptures and indirectly as we see the life and works of others around us who are influenced by the scriptures. If this was all that influenced our lives all would be well. But we fill our minds with every thing that comes along.

Every media of communication has possibilities of bringing the "Mind of Christ" into focus; but at the same time they carry the opposite potential as well. Since books, magazines, radio, and T.V. are produced mainly by men of the world, we cannot expect to receive much of the mind of Christ from them. Yet most of us feed our minds this information much more than we feed our minds the Words of God. Especially is this true of the younger generation. They know practically every baseball player's batting average and every show that a movie star has starred in. Hours on end are spent in watching T.V. and reading the latest magazines, but only a few minutes in studying the word of God. Most of the magazines on the market today are dedicated to the destruction of the "Mind of Christ," but this seems (continued inside)

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BIBLE CLASS

March 10.....366  
March 3.....381  
A Year Ago.....409

CONTRIBUTION

March 10.....\$2,049.43  
March 3.....\$1,087.08  
A Year Ago.....\$ 969.29

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....M. M. Haws  
Prayer.....H. J. Holland  
Dismiss.....Darrell Holt  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....K. Max Haws  
Dismiss.....Tommy Woltman

THANK YOU NOTES

We wish to express to you our appreciation for the visits and cards sent during my recent stay in the Hospital.  
Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Johnson

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Many thanks for your visits, cards and kind words while I was in the hospital.

Mrs. Clara Sims

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Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated.

The family of  
Mrs. Nora Walling

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held Thursday for Mrs. A. R. Mackey of West Mountain. She was a sister-in-law to brother Pat Mackey.

THE SICK

Mrs. Maie Taylor has a broken ankle.

Many of our number have the flu or are recovering from it. The names are too numerous to mention here.

ZONE #5

Last Thursday evening Zone #5 had a meeting at the Smith building. With only 36 families on our list we had 20 individuals present. We ate and talked about the work that can be accomplished through zone work. We believe that now this zone can be counted as one of the active ones. Zone work will work if we work it. This is each member's responsibility. Co-operate with the work being done in your zone. You will be stronger as a result and the church here will grow both spiritually and numerically. T.J.

"Blessed are they who have nothing to say, and cannot be persuaded to say it."

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to make little difference to the "Christian" reading public that will spend several dollars a month for a year's subscription to a paper published by Christians. It is no wonder that we do not have peace in our lives. Paul said "...Think on these things which ye have both learned and received and heard and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. T.J.

TEACHERS MEETING

There will be an important teachers meeting next Monday evening. This meeting will be held in the dining room of the Alamo Plaza Cafe. A "Dutch Dinner" will be served to the teachers and their guests. Brother Robert Bankes of Longview will be the speaker. We would like to have one hundred per cent attendance of all our teachers. The time is 7:00 P. M. The date, March 18.

HIGH SCHOOL DAY AT A.C.C.

Saturday, March 23rd, is High School Day at Abilene Christian College. If as many as twenty will go there will be a bus chartered from Tyler. The cost will be between \$8.00 and

\$10.00. If you are interested call or see brother Dan Danner at the Bible Chair.

GOOD CONTRIBUTION

It is encouraging to see the good contribution last Lord's Day. Our contribution has been good all the year. We have much illness among us now for which we are sorry, but we are glad to see such interest manifested in the work through our giving. We are eagerly looking forward to the time when we are all well and able to be in attendance again.

HAS IT OCCURED TO YOU?

That HOW BUSY is not so important as WHY BUSY? The bee is congratulated, the mosquito is swatted! The number of hours put in is not nearly so important as is - WHAT IS PUT INTO THE HOURS. If one is too busy to serve God, he is TOO BUSY! Take time, make time to serve the Lord.  
Via-Dumas, Texas Bulletin

MERCY

Teach me to feel another's woe  
To hide the fault I see;  
That mercy I to others show,  
That mercy shown to me.

## BOUQUET DEPARTMENT

For the next few weeks we want to have a "bouquet Department" in our bulletin. Seldom do we express our appreciation to those who do works of gratis. We are more likely to compliment those who receive monetary remuneration for their services than we are to compliment those who render their services free. This week we give the flowers to the Bible Class Teachers.

This was probably inspired by the good enthusiastic meeting of our teachers last Monday evening. None but the infinite can know the good that has been done and is now being done by dedicated Bible Teachers. Since the upsurge in Bible School interest started a few years ago the Teachers have been the influence behind the scene. Some teachers have been working in the educational department of the church where they are members for ten to twenty years without any expectation of financial return and they have gotten but few thanks. They are not complaining because they see the result of their labors. They are now being rewarded secretly and we believe their reward will be a million times fold in the life to come.

Bible School Teachers must be willing to sacrifice. They would like to sit in classes themselves and hear others teach. They are not free to be away like other members. They must stay home and teach. They feel the responsibility of their work and they do not complain about not being able to go when they please. They must stay home in the evening and study while the average member is either out for pleasure or being entertained at home. A good Bible Teacher spends several hours each week preparing to teach.

In view of their willingness to teach we should make it easier for them to teach by being better students, ourselves, and if we are parents we can encourage our children to be better students. Teaching is hard work and instead of imposing on them and criticizing them we should work with them and pray for them. They are teaching because they love the Lord and they love their pupils. We should love them because we love the Lord and because we love their pupils too.

We are thankful to God for every dedicated teacher. May the Good Lord continue to bless us with others.

D. B.

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BIBLE CLASS

March 17.....428  
March 10.....366  
A Year Ago.....431  
CONTRIBUTION

March 17.....\$1,007.13  
March 10.....\$2,049.43  
A Year Ago.....\$1,154.18

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Ross Walker  
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill  
Dismiss.....Jim Franklin  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....L. L. Gann  
Dismiss.....Buddy Holland

WELCOME BY MEMBERSHIP

To Brother and Sister A. O. Mayo. Their address is 508 W. First. Brother Mayo is manager of K. Wolens.

THANK YOU NOTES

We wish to express to you our appreciation for your visits, cards, flowers, calls and thoughtfulness shown us during our illness and sorrow. Sally Arrington and family

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We want to express our thanks to all for the kind things done for us while we were in the hospital. Also thanks to the ladies who brought food to our

home. May the Lord bless all of you. Mrs. Nora Smith and Girls Stella, Blanch and Martha

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to Sister Jolene Welch and family. Her grandmother, Mrs. Lucy Sanders passed away Tuesday night in Mineral Springs, Ark.

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Funeral Services will be held for Mr. Nat Matthews, brother-in-law to brother Leo Prater Friday afternoon in Garden Valley.

IMPROVEMENTS

In recent weeks the auditorium has been redecorated and last week the cushions for the pews arrived. Through the grace of God we have a beautiful, comfortable building in which to meet for worship. All of us should be thankful that God has prospered us enough to have nice things, which are only means to an end, and all of His gifts should be used to glorify His great name.

100% CLASS

Wednesday evening of last week Sister O'Bannon's class of Jr. High girls was 100% in attendance.

SICK

Brother J. S. Green is very ill. He is at home.

JERRY HILL TO VISIT HERE

Brother Jerry Hill plans to attend the Abilene Christian College Lectureship in April. He plans to visit us and give a report on the work down there while he is in the States. The brethren in Guatemala are planning a Lectureship this Fall and Jerry will make some plans for that while he is in Abilene.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Brother Dan Danner will speak to the congregation here next Wednesday evening concerning the work at the Bible Chair.

ZONE MEETING

Eighteen workers in Zone 2, led by brethren G. C. Wright, Howard Holland and Jack Stringer met at the Smith Building last Friday evening for a covered dish dinner and to lay plans for a more extensive work. Due to the flu epidemic and the rain many were hindered from attending, but a good enthusiastic meeting was held.

A CORRECTION

Last week in the article "The Mind of Christ" as it was continued on the inside of the bulletin, a line was left out. As it appeared the article read: "but this seems to make little difference to the "Christian" reading public that will spend several dollars a month for a year's subscription to a paper published by Christians." It should have read: "...public that will spend several dollars a month for such, but will not spend \$3.00 for a year's subscription to ...". This is an easily understood error. But it left the wrong impression because the sentence remained a sentence. This type of error, which was once fairly common, was one that crept into the handwritten manuscripts of the Bible before the time of printing presses. We should be thankful to God that errors like this one no longer plague the readers of the Word of God. God has protected his Word from error.

T. J.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
DATE - JUNE 3 - 7.



## BOUQUET DEPARTMENT

Shortly after the establishment of the church (Acts 2) elders were ordained in every city (Acts 14:23). These men were also known as: Bishops (I Tim. 3:1); Overseers (Acts 20:28); Pastors or Shepherds (Eph. 4:11); Stewards (Titus 1:7). Their titles describe the nature of their work. This article will not deal with the nature of their work, but rather to our duty to them. As to whether we do or do not have elders or overseers is not a choice for us to make. We must have them if we have qualified men who are willing to serve. This writer is of the persuasion that there will always be qualified men to serve as elders where proper teaching and exercise are practiced.

When a man accepts the work of an elder he accepts a grave, time consuming and almost thankless responsibility. Some have no idea of the gravity of the work of elders. They are unaware of the burden of their work. They sometimes make light of their work and impose heavier burdens. This should not be done because God ordained the organization of the church. As members of the church we must respect God's way and submit to His overseers. All of us are so constructed that we do a better work when we are praised some than we do when we are not. Elders are no exception. The physical make-up of elders is the same as ours.

If we expect to go to heaven we must have the same qualifications they have, with but few exceptions. They are subject to the same mistakes as most of us. It is true that they should be men of experience and men of strong spiritual stature, but even the best of all of us make mistakes. Especially, do elders sometimes make mistakes in judgement. Many of the decisions they make are matters of judgement. They are not legislators of the Word of God. They only seek ways and means of trying to lead the church they serve unto a more fruitful work.

Elders should always pray for wisdom (James 1:5) and we should also pray that God may give them wisdom. When the elders know that they have our support and that we are praying for them they will lead us upon a higher spiritual plateau.

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BIBLE CLASS

March 24.....	399
March 17.....	428
A Year Ago.....	452
CONTRIBUTION	
March 24.....	\$1,064.16
March 17.....	\$1,007.13
A Year Ago.....	\$1,019.21

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....James Massey  
Prayer.....Roy Layton  
Dismiss....Kenneth Bennett

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....C. N. Strait  
Dismiss.....Ronny Lowrance

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Friends, I would like to thank you for the many cards I received while in the hospital. It is so nice to be remembered. Each card brought so much sunshine with it and the pleasant memories of each of you. I can't really express in words how I feel. It is best said in Philippians 1:3-5.

In Christian love,  
Marcella Willis

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My family and I want to express our sincere appreciation for your cards, visits, flowers, food and Christian thoughtfulness

during my recent illness. At a time like that each kind deed is a stepping stone to health.

Wanda Whitworth  
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We wish to express our deepest appreciation to those of the West Erwin Church who gave of their time in staying with our loved one at the Funeral Home. Their kindness will long be remembered. God bless each one.

The family of Nat Matthews

FUNERAL SERVICES

Funeral services were held at the building Monday afternoon for brother J. S. Green. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

A GLANCE AT THE RECORD

Our record shows that we had 399 present and 149 absent last Sunday. That is a potential of 548. Let us be more interested and careful in regard to the important work of teaching and learning.

MEETING IN HENDERSON

Brother L. L. Gieger will preach in a meeting in Henderson, April 1-7. Services will be at 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. We hope many will attend.

MOVING

We regret to announce that three families will be leaving us soon.

The Sweeney Copelands will be moving to Commerce; The Dick Roberts to Dallas; and the Thomas Hollands to Paris.

We wish all of them well in their new homes and new work.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Sunday evening after the Services of the Church here all of the young people (High School and College) will meet at the Bible Chair at T.J.C. for a period of fellowship and worship. All of the young people of the church in Tyler will be there. The time is 7:30. We will be there about an hour.

CAMP DEER RUN

Individual contributions are being solicited for building facilities, improvement of the present ones and the operation of the Camp this Summer. Wiley W. Wiggins, 1213 Camellia Drive is Chairman of the Board of Development. If you are interested please call him or send your contribution to him.

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We should be thankful that we have men who are willing to serve us, to watch for our souls, to encourage us to do more, because they are only trying to lead us to Heaven. If we have anything to say about the elders let us say it to our Heavenly Father in Prayer or say it to them by way of encouragement. Many things we see in others disappear when we pray for them and praise them for their efforts. D.B.

THE SICK

Sister Lorene Venable is in Mother Frances Hospital. Sister Myrtle Tucker is in Mother Frances. She had been in Jacksonville and is here for a check-up.

TRAINING SERIES

There will be a "Christian Training Series" at the Mobberly Avenue church in Longview, April 1-5. Check the bulletin board for teachers and classes. We hope many of you can go.

"Talent made a poor appearance, until he married Perservance."

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DATE - JUNE 3 - 7.

## BOUQUET DEPARTMENT

Paul addressed the letter to the Philippians, "to all of the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons." "For they that have used (served well, ASV) the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree (gain to themselves a good standing, ASV) and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus." I Tim. 3:13. The word deacon means servant. All Christians are servants, but deacons seem to have "some extra" duties that do not belong to all other Christians. In Acts 6 the seven men chosen to serve tables are usually referred to as deacons although they are not called deacons in that connection. They did serve tables and they were servants attending to material things while the Apostles continued their work in preaching the gospel. Later on in Acts we find some of those seven men preaching. In practically every congregation today some of the most faithful Class Teachers serve as deacons. But the work usually assigned to deacons is that of caring for the building and assisting the needy. This is a very necessary work and without it we would fall far short of carrying out the Will of our Lord.

Few of us are aware of the amount of time a faithful deacon gives in order for us to have a clean comfortable building in which to meet. In most places the deacons keep the buildings prepared for any kind of services that need to be conducted. This not only includes the Lord's Day services but those conducted through the week such as classes, weddings and funerals. Most of the rest of us just come in and sit down without realizing how much time and work it has taken in order for us to be comfortable. With property as valuable as ours and the many services that we have it takes watchful eyes and working hands seven days a week in order for us to have a meeting place when we need it.

Jesus said we would always have the poor with us. We are taught to do good to all men and especially to those of the household of faith. When this work is done through the treasury of the church (continued inside )

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March 24.....399  
A Year Ago.....445

CONTRIBUTION

March 31.....\$1,058.08  
March 24.....\$1,064.16  
A Year Ago.....\$1,116.55

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer....P. E. Mackey Jr.  
Prayer.....Jamon Kirby  
Dismiss.....W. H. Turner

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....Larry Mackey  
Dismiss.....Layton Bailey

BAPTISM

Cheryl Gregory, 1124 S.  
Palmer was baptized last  
Sunday.

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were  
held in Paris, Texas last  
Monday afternoon for Mrs.  
Hugh McFadden. She was the  
mother of Sister C. B.  
Hardin Jr.

Mrs. W. E. Argo, grand-  
mother of Fred Powell  
passed away Sunday night.  
Funeral services were held  
Wednesday afternoon.

THE SICK

Sister Mary Gaiser's

mother, Mrs. George, suf-  
fered a heart attack while  
in Arkansas last week. She  
is now here at the Gaiser  
home.

Sister Dexter Browning  
is in Medical Center.

THANK YOU NOTES

We wish to express our  
thanks and appreciation to  
the church for the many  
things done during the  
sickness and death of our  
loved one. For the flowers,  
food and every kind word  
of sympathy that was said.

The Family of J. S. Green

We wish to thank all for  
their expression of sympa-  
thy during our recent sor-  
row.

Jolene Welch and family

God bless you all for  
your interest in me during  
my recent illness.

Lorene Venable

YOUNG PEOPLE

The area-wide young peo-  
ple's meeting is Sunday  
at 2:30 P.M. in Longview.

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL

According to last Sun-  
day's records we had 440  
in Bible Classes. 21 of  
these were visitors. Of the  
total enrollment 419 were  
present and 121 absent.

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the deacons are usually  
assigned this work. This  
work as well as the other  
performed by deacons re-  
quires that they give un-  
selfishly of their time to  
the work of the Lord while  
other members are less  
burdened or cumbered. One  
who truly loves the Lord  
does not regret time given  
in behalf of others if it  
is for a worthy cause. All  
of us should know that the  
deacons who serve well  
serve a worthy cause. Faith-  
ful deacons are a part of  
a scriptural combination  
that it takes to make a  
strong congregation. We  
commend our deacons for  
every good work they have  
done, are now doing and  
shall do. May God bless  
them all.

D.B.

MEETING AT GLENWOOD

The Glenwood congreg-  
tion will be in a meeting  
April 7 - 12. Brother John  
Franklin will be preach-  
ing. The time is 12:10 noon  
and 7:30 in the evening.  
Let us attend every time  
we can.

The record of the long-  
est journey that a man can  
make is written in one  
sentence, "And Enoch walk-  
ed with God."

VISITORS

There were many visitors  
in Tyler last week-end be-  
cause of the Azelea trails.  
We had many visitors to  
worship with us here at  
West Erwin and we cordial-  
ly invite all to return  
whenever possible. Among  
our guests the following  
signed cards: Mr. and Mrs.  
J. C. Duncan, Mrs. Virgil  
Jackson, Lavenia Jackson,  
Mrs. Arlie L. Berry and  
boys all from Arlington,  
Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Pat  
Byers, Highlands, Tex.; Mr.  
and Mrs. Don Becker and  
son, Austin, Tex.; Mr. and  
Mrs. R. R. Mathis, Gilmer,  
Tex.; Mark Jones, Lubbock,  
Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. E. H.  
Gilbert, Pecos, Tex.; Mrs.  
Cecil Segrest, Hico, Tex.;  
Annie Lee and Laura Drum-  
mond, Cooper, Tex.; Mr. and  
Mrs. Thos. J. Davit, Ft.  
Worth, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs.  
Weaver Mills Jr., New Bos-  
ton, Tex.; Mrs. A. J. Cope-  
land, Delight, Ark.; Mr.  
and Mrs. C. E. Avaritt, El  
Dorado, Ark.; Mr. and Mrs.  
L. B. Watson, Molly Kay,  
Mike and Mark, Terrell,  
Tex. From Tyler were: Ron-  
ny Harris, Cliff Griffith,  
Robert Vanadore, Mrs. R.  
B. Reed and Mr. and Mrs.  
Garry Caffey. From Dallas,  
Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Dodd.

## BOUQUET DEPARTMENT

It is important to have preaching, elders to oversee, deacons to derve, teachers to teach classes; but there is another "class" in the church that is just as important, and that class is made up of Christians who do not take part in a public way. They usually refer to themselves as not being able "to do much" but they do much more than they give themselves credit for doing. They are always present. It is impossible for us to know just what impact this has on weak Christians and non-members. Many have been won to Christ through example. Always being present to help make an assembly is important.

Many of these good people are able to give liberally and they do so without any ostentatious show. They do not let their right hand know what their left hand is doing. While some may not be able to give large gifts, yet theirs may be more liberal, in the Lord's sight, than some who give larger amounts. All of us are suppose to give according to prosperity and when this is done there will be large amounts and small amounts, but all for the selfsame purpose; to help carry on the work of the Lord.

Many of these people are prayerful and they pray for the ones who do teach, serve as elders, deacons, etc. Prayer is a powerful thing in the heart of a godly church member. Without their secret prayers the church would not have nearly so much strength. Most of their prayers may be prayed at home in their closets, but God hears and answers them anyway. We must not come to believe that the only prayers that accomplish any good are the ones that are prayed in our public assemblies. Every member of the church needs the prayers of all of us.

The ones we are writing about do much of the personal work. They make visits that are never told to other members. Some have obeyed the gospel as a result of their labors. God has already given credit where it belongs. Many visits are made in behalf of the discouraged and some are still faithful who would not have been had it not been for the good work done by some unknown or unannounced Christian. (Cntd. inside)

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BIBLE CLASS

April 7.....450  
March 31.....440  
A Year Ago.....441  
CONTRIBUTION  
April 7.....\$1,127.49  
March 31.....\$1,058.08  
A Year Ago.....\$1,009.15

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcement and  
Prayer.....E. V. Rushing  
Prayer.....F. M. Mathis  
Dismiss.....C. R. Clough  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Bill Beach  
Dismiss.....Jerry Hughes

THANK YOU NOTE

The beautiful flowers, the cards, the visits, the words of comfort that were received after the death of my mother are gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated.

Dot Hardin

FUNERAL

Sister W. R. Causey passed away Monday morning. Funeral services were conducted for her Tuesday afternoon. We extend our deepest sympathy to brother Causey, the children, brother Hale, her brother, and to the other relatives.

THE SICK

Jim and Margaret Franklin's little boy had a tonsillectomy Tuesday.

Brother and Sister Jim Willis have been hospitalized this week but should be home by the time you read this.

100% CLASSES

The following classes were 100% in attendance last Sunday.

3rd. grade: Katie Heath and Mary Prater.  
5th. grade: Ophelia Woltman and Lamern Bailey.  
6th. grade: Kathryn Cauthen and Barbara Payne.

BUSSES CHARTERED

Two Greyhound busses have been chartered for members of the church here who desire to attend the gospel meeting in Shreveport on April 19th. in which brother Willard Collins will preach. A Christian family here has agreed to pay for the bus carrying the young people and the adults who go will pay their own way. The cost per adult will be about \$3.50. If you would like to go please let brother Brookshire know. The busses will leave about 5:00 P.M. and return about 11:00 P.M.

CELEBRATING THE  
RESURRECTION

The popular celebration of "Easter," is without scriptural authority. The Bible teaches that there are three ways in which earnest Christians honor the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

In baptism, which is a burial in the likeness of Jesus' death, and a resurrection in the likeness of his own resurrection, we see faith pictured (Rom. 6: 1-5).

In living the Christian life, a beautiful life patterned after that of the Christ, we see the saved person "rising to walk in newness of life." The Holy Spirit words it this way in Colossians 2:12: "Having been buried with him in baptism, wherein ye were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead." The words here teach that through faith in God, who raised Christ from the dead, God is able to raise us up to life that is life indeed.

Finally, in the Lord's Supper, and its regular observance from week to week, we see the faith of those who believe that Christ died, was buried, r o s e

again, ascended to the Father, and will come again. I Corinthians 11:26 reads: "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come!"

The resurrection of Christ is also a pledge that God will raise us from the dead. ...E.B.Linn  
CONTINUED FROM BACK PAGE

These people are faithful to speak a good word for the church. They are not "knockers," but they are builders. They say good things about the leaders, the teachers and the program of work. They kill a lot of rumors and they defend the reputation of other Christians. Preachers get to preach to a good many people who have come because someone has spoken good things about the church. Many will be saved because some good quiet Christian with an optimistic outlook has spoken favorably of the Lord's people.

There is no such thing as a faithful Christian being unimportant. Brother, sister do not sell yourself short. This writer is thankful to God for every worker who is doing his best. Pray that all of us may do ours too. D. B.

## WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

I am not talking about your residence, but about your heart. Some live in the past, some in tomorrow and some today. The Lord teaches us to live in the today. Many would like to recall some things of yesterday or would like to live in tomorrow, but we do not have either. We have only today.

A good many are dissatisfied with the times in which we live because they do not seem to have enough time to "go around." They just cannot find time to do all they would like to do or feel that they should do. Some say they do not even have time to worship. They do not have time to be neighborly. They say that practically all of their time is taken up, maybe weeks in advance. This leads up to the conversation of the days when they did have time for all things. The truth of the matter is we have as much time now as any have ever had. Our time now consist of as many hours in the day as in other times. We have only taken the same amount of time and become so deeply involved in so many more things (many of them unimportant) than people use to be involved in.

Most every home today subscribes to a daily newspaper, some magazines, has a radio, television, telephone, and one or two cars. Added to these some outside entertainment and our time is pretty well consumed.

Some are saying that they wish that some of these things did not exist because they have taken so many away from Christ or that they are keeping many from serving Him. These things do occupy first place in the lives of some but let us consider another side of this.

There are more opportunities to do good now than ever before. The newspaper, magazines, radio, television and even the telephone can be used to teach the truth. Our cars can take us to preach or to visit the lost. The actual working hours each week are less now than they were years ago. This is truly a time to do good for the Master. Practically everything that has taken so many away from Christ has been misused.

Wise Christians learn to be faithful (contd. inside)

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April 18, 1963

### BIBLE CLASS

April 14.....476  
April 7.....450  
A Year Ago.....409

### CONTRIBUTION

April 14.....\$1,095.50  
April 7.....\$1,127.49  
A Year Ago.....\$1,073.91

### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....H. J. Holland  
Prayer.....James McSwain  
Dismiss.....Bill Butler  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Doug Warner  
Dismiss.....Dean Bailey

### RESPONSES

Donna Snipes, 1804 East Houston was baptized Wednesday evening.

Brother W. R. Causey has asked to be remembered in our prayers.

### THE SICK

Sister Maude Marshall had surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.

Brother R. E. Fredrick will have eye surgery today (Thursday) in Medical Center.

Brother Arlie Berry is in Medical Center.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 3 - 7

### SYMPATHY

Sister Lillie Knight's grandson, Eddie Knight of Whittier, Calif. was fatally injured last Saturday. Funeral services for him were last Tuesday.

### ABILENE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE LECTURESHIP

The Abilene Christian College 45th. Annual Bible Lectureship will be held April 21-25. The theme of the lectureship this year is "The Christian and Morality." Several families from here plan to go. We hope others can arrange to go too.

### A GOOD DAY

Last Lord's Day was another good day for us in many ways. The contribution was down due to so many being away. But this will be made up I am sure this next Lord's Day because faithful Christians remember the work at home. Considering the number on roll now the statistics look good. Will you continue to work and pray in behalf of the Lord's work here? Many will be out of town this week and your co-operation will be needed to help keep up the good work.

### OUR VISITORS

It is a pleasure to have guests worship with us. The following signed cards: Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hardin, Dallas; Mrs. Lillie Warner, Lampasas; Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ramsey, Randy and Rodney, Waxahachie; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Miller and daughters, Victoria; Mona Bevan, Greenville; Shari Verga, Plano; Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Andrews, Alvin; Mrs. C. W. Strode, Donna Kay and Evelyn, Nacogdoches; Mrs. Lang Lipse, West Monroe, La.; Cla Jones, Muleshoe; Mr. and Mrs. James Hardin, Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Dickey Masters, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Smith and family, Okemah, Okla.; Carolyn Johnson, Toni Johnson, Penny Johnson, Mrs. Frank F. Dunn; Kathleen Knight, all of Tyler, Linda Lewis, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Myrick, Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Don O'Bannon, Ft. Stockton.

Also it was good to have so many of our College people home last week-end.

### SERMON SUBJECTS FOR NEXT LORD'S DAY

Morning: "The Home As God Would Have It."

Evening: "What God Expects Of Young People."

CONTINUED FROM BACK PAGE and to glorify the Lord under all circumstances. Christians must seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness each day. Christians are held accountable for today and not tomorrow. If it takes more faith and courage today than it did yesterday then we must have it. We must learn to discriminate and choose wisely. We must use our todays wisely so we will have no regrets for our yesterdays and we will be prepared for our tomorrows.

The world needs the church. The church is being challenged today but God is stronger than the challenger. The future of the church is bright but it will not be in a few years if we do not remain loyal and active. An inactive church does not meet any challenge of God. There have been no better days than now so we had better use these acceptably as they come. D. B.

"There is more cheerfulness in the tiniest smile than in a dozen frowns."

"We look for fruit in the branches of the family tree, not the roots."



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1963

Time is drawing near again for school to be out and the children to be home for a summer of work and play. In the first week of this vacation time, June 3rd. through 7th., the church here at West Erwin will conduct its annual Vacation Bible School. Schools like this are important. The children are accustomed to being in the public schools all day learning the skills needed in this material world. A major part of their time this past school year was taken up with these studies. Now as a period of rest from these studies comes there is more "free time," and it stands to reason that some of this time should be used to learn more about God and his Son Jesus.

The general theme of the VBS this year is "Following God's Son." The teachers have been selected and are spending much time in preparation of the materials. Women who will give themselves to teaching in these Vacation Schools are to be commended, and also the men. One can never measure the good that comes from Vacation Bible Schools. Many of our religious neighbors will send their children to such schools when they would not think of sending them to a Sunday Bible Class. Here impressions are made that will make these little souls more receptive to the seed when it is sown in later years. Many of our own young people through the VBS have been impressed with their own responsibility before God, and have completed their obedience to their Lord as a result.

The material is here. The Teachers are preparing to teach. Now, YOU, PARENTS AND CHILDREN must be preparing to come with a desire to learn. We can have the best school that West Erwin has ever known. Make your plans now to attend. It may be that some will want to schedule their vacations during this time in order to attend all the classes. We will have classes for all ages beginning with the nursery on up to the adults. Brother Brookshire is going to teach the adult class this year. Certainly you will want to attend.

T.J.

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BIBLE CLASS

April 21.....425  
April 14.....476  
A Year Ago.....449

CONTRIBUTION

April 21.....\$900.53  
April 14.....\$1,095.50  
A Year Ago.....\$1,130.09

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
Prayer.....C. C. Sims  
Dismiss...H. C. Williamson

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....Harold Browning  
Dismiss...Phillip Browning

RESPONSES

We welcome sister Merle Austin and her daughter Linda Austin. They have recently moved here from Dallas where they worshipped at the Peak and East Side congregation. Their address is Route 1, Box 14.

THANK YOU NOTES

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Mrs. Grace Causey.

I want to thank brother Brookshire and the members

of the church for their kind words and interest shown in the loss of my grandson.

In Christian love,  
Mrs. Lillie Knight

To those who have been so kind to remember me with cards, flowers, visits and most of all your prayers, my sincere thanks. Also I ask a continued interest in your prayers.

In brotherly love,  
Arlie Berry

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the people for the visits and flowers. Your visits impress those in the room with me.

R. E. Fredrick

THE SICK

Sister Emma Earl is in Mother Frances following surgery Monday.

Cherie Holland broke a finger while playing ball.

Sister Maude Marshall is in Medical Center.

Sister Faye Wallace's sister was burned in a Butane explosion in Marshall Monday. She requests that we remember her sister in our prayers.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 3 - 7

VISITORS

Among our number last Sunday were several visitors. We have a record of the following:

Melba Steel, Troup Texas;  
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Warner, Abilene, Texas; Mrs. Judy Forbes, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rutherford, Denton; Mrs. John Bennett, Grape-land; Mr. and Mrs. Don Harmon and family, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pierce and family, Los Fresnos, Texas; Mike Berry, Arlington; Judy and Mike Brandon, Richardson and Cliff Griffith, Tyler.

We welcome our visitors and encourage them to return at every opportunity.

100% CLASSES

We had three classes last Sunday with 100% attendance.

3 year old - Jane Moses  
6th. Grade - Kathryn Cauthen and Barbara Payne.  
8th. Grade - C. R. Clough and Dick Ferguson.

"DEACON HORNBLLOWER SAYS."

"Some of my negative-minded brethren remind me of the man who asked for work as follows: 'Ya'll don't know of nobody, what don't want nobody, to do nothin' for nobody, does you?'"

SUNDAY SERVICES

Brother Brookshire will preach for the Northwest congregation Friday and Saturday evenings and also Sunday. In his absence brother Jerry Hill will preach for us at both services Sunday. He is here arranging the Pan-American lectureship in Guatemala this Fall.

PRAYER IS POWER

Prayer is not only worship; it is also an invisible emanation of man's worshipping spirit - the most powerful form of energy that one can generate. If you make a habit of sincere prayer your life will be very noticeable and profoundly enriched. Prayer is a force as real as terrestrial gravity. As a physician, I have seen men, after all other therapy had failed, lifted out of disease and melancholy by the serene effort of prayer. Such occasions have been termed miracles. But a constant quiet miracle takes place in the hearts of men and women who have discovered that prayer supplies them with a steady flow of sustaining power in their daily lives.

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## A MOST DIFFICULT COMMAND

Jesus said, "But I say unto you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." The command to love our enemies is purely Christian. It is not found in any of the systems of paganism. It is not found in the Jewish ritual. It was reserved for the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ, in whom it was so beautifully exemplified. Thus to be like Him we must practice the same thing.

In this command the object of the Christian's love is to be his enemies. Those who dislike us, malign our reputation or willfully injure our feelings may do it publicly or secretly. The nature of it may be malignant and insatiably cruel, but that does not change the Christian's duty.

We must love them. This does not mean that we are to approve them or be insensible to their injuries, or that we are not to defend ourselves against them, but we are not to hate them, nor rail against them, nor to be revengeful and attempt retaliation. But we are to love them. We must be deeply compassionate toward them and sincerely pity them. We must forgive them. We must pray for them and be ready to relieve them and do them good, to bless them and return good for evil. Upon grounds of repentance we must be willing to receive them and encourage them to be Christlike. No law of the land says that we must love our enemies, it is the law of Christ. He is our indisputable authority. He is our legislator and our one Master and we must hear him.

Christ is not asking more of us than he did himself. He left heaven and died for his enemies. Even his last prayer was in behalf of his enemies. His command to preach the gospel was to begin in the midst of his bitterest enemies. His first thought seemed to be of those who hated him most. To the unconverted and untaught this seems to be out of harmony with all reason, but it is not. This is the best way and Jesus proved that it was. It is best for us and for our enemies too. Objections may be offered but none can be sustained by the Scriptures. (continued inside)

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### IN APPRECIATION

We want to thank Tom Jones for preaching in my absence, April 21st. and also brother Brookshire for preaching for us in our short revival meeting and for the fine lessons that both brought. We want to express our thanks to the West Erwin Congregation for releasing both to help us. Also we want to express our appreciation to Brother Woltman for assisting us in getting our zone work under way.

John W. Anders for the Northwest Church of Christ

### HAPPINESS

Happiness goes out from the heart before it comes in. It never by any chance stays home. You can harvest it for the common good, but you cannot store it for your individual use. You lend it, but you cannot borrow it, you can earn it, but you cannot buy it. You can spend it, but you cannot accumulate it. A man must contribute to the stock of human joys before he can participate in its profits. To seek happiness without giving it is a futile quest, and all our longings for it, if we have not learned to give it to

others, are empty bottles in the cellar of the soul. Happiness never really was any good in this world but to give away.

From the Broadway Bulletin

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We have heard men say that revenge is sweet. It is sweet to demons and wicked men who possess the spirit of the wicked one. But mercy and pity are sweet to those whose hearts have been renewed into the likeness of Christ. Some think that revenge is honorable. It is a false honor. Our highest dignity is to be conformed to Christ's Holy nature. Others say it is impossible to love our enemies. It is impossible to do so with a carnal mind. But the Christian should have the carnal man crucified. Is it impossible for us to do what Joseph did? Moses? Stephen? Jesus?

"God is love, and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him." I John 4:16. One who has the love of God in his heart loves all men, enemies included. D.B.

"Refinement that carries us away from our fellowman is not God's refinement

### WEST ERWIN VISITOR

May 2, 1963

#### BIBLE CLASS

April 28.....441  
 April 21.....425  
 A Year Ago.....434  
 CONTRIBUTION  
 April 28.....\$1,082.76  
 April 21.....\$ 900.53  
 A Year Ago.....\$1,103.97

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and Prayer.....T. F. Holland  
 Prayer.....Leonard Woltman  
 Dismiss.....Terry Woltman  
 SUNDAY EVENING  
 Prayer.....Ben Young  
 Dismiss.....Tommy Keith

#### THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Friends: Words are inadequate to express my heartfelt thanks for the many courtesies you have extended me during my house-bound weeks. Flowers, food, cards, letters, transportation, and visits - but most of all I appreciate your friendship. Sincerely  
 Male C. Taylor

#### RESPONSES

Brother and Sister John Arrington and daughter, Iva Lou, 2407 Mckenzie Dr. and Brother W. R. Causey, 315 S. Baxter were all restored to fellowship Wednesday night.

### A VISIT FROM JERRY HILL

It was good to have brother Jerry Hill with us last Lord's Day. He preached for us Sunday morning and gave a report of the Guatemala work Sunday evening.

### NORTHWEST MEETING

You are invited to hear Brother Robert Bankes each night next week, May 6th. through 12th. at 7:30 P.M. at the Northwest church building.

### ATTENTION ALL VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS!

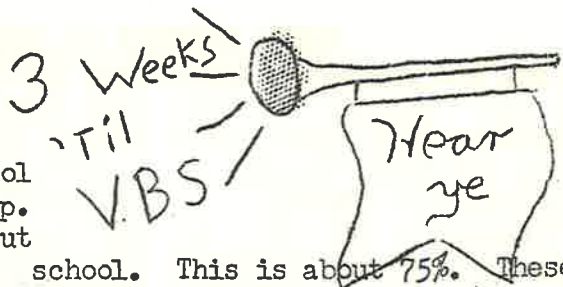
Monday night at 7:30 we will have a work-shop for all Vacation Bible School teachers on the different grade levels. All Vacation Bible School Teachers are urged to attend.

### THINK ABOUT THIS. . .

As a strong wind which can drive a small sailing boat to its destination rapidly, can also capsize the craft if the rudder is guiding it to right angles to the wind, so can the Lord convert a man and lead him on to heaven or harden his heart and drive him to hell. It depends upon the attitude of the heart. T.J.

MORE ABOUT V.B.S.

Last Monday evening the teachers for the Vacation Bible School met for a workshop. 26 were present out of the 35 of the school. This is about 75%. These teachers are thrilled to have this opportunity to teach once again the Gospel story. The prospect is strong of a great school with good results, i.e. lives influenced to FOLLOW GOD'S SON.



Parents and children are urged to continue their plans to attend every meeting of this school. If any activity is conflicting, let the V.B.S. take top place. You owe it to yourselves, to your children and to the teachers who are working so hard to make this school a success, not to mention that you owe it to the Lord.

Teaching is the most important work of the Church. Vacation Bible School is but one means of accomplishing this task. A great responsibility lies on the church to teach. Another great responsibility lies on parents to see to it that their children are taking advantage of every opportunity of learning God's word. Still another responsibility lies on the children to develop a desire to learn truths from God. Let's all work together to meet our responsibilities in this endeavor.

T.A.J.

DIVINE WORDS

One of the most interesting ways to make the meaning of the New Testament real to each one of us is to study the outstanding words contained there-in. Such words as "faith," "hope" and "love" take on a sense here that is not found elsewhere. "Truth" is the revealed words from God spoken by Jesus, His Son, and His apostles. "Honesty", after the coming of the New Testament, can only be ascribed to those who on hearing the truth of God accept it and act accordingly. Law, Justification, and Grace are other words about which books on top of books have been written. One can always glean a newer and fresher insight to the (continued inside)

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BIBLE CLASS

May 5.....435  
April 28.....441  
A Year Ago.....454

CONTRIBUTION

May 5.....\$1,176.09  
April 28.....\$1,082.76  
A Year Ago.....\$1,045.32

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Kenneth Bennett  
Prayer.....Dick Ferguson  
Dismiss.....Louis E. Jones

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....Faber Cauthen  
Dismiss.....Chuck Cauthen

RESPONSES

Baptism: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bailey, 706 S. Donnybrook were baptized last Sunday morning. We welcome them into our fellowship.

Restored: Layton Bailey, 1712 Sybil Lane, Tommy Woltman, 2823 Rollingwood, and Richard Wallace, 2421 Sunnybrook.

For Prayer: Donna Ivey, 2620 Pine Burr.

THE SICK

Brother Floyd Hoppers is ill. He is at home and would enjoy some company.

NUMBER OF BAPTISMS

When Jerry and Lois Bailey were baptized last Lord's Day that brought the total of baptisms to one hundred since I have been here. My personal thanks to all who have helped to bring about that number of conversions.

D.B.

SOME IMPERATIVES

The following things must be practiced if a church grows. There must be attendance. There must be Bible study. There must be giving. There must be praying. There must be work done. There must be love. Where these things are not practiced the church is either dying or dead. These things must be done with all diligence.

D.B.

BEST WISHES

To Sister A. J. Carter, who has recently retired from her work. She has just completed 36 years of service with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

ATTENTION LADIES

The new Ladies Lounge on the south side of the building is now complete. It is very nice and ready for you to use at your convenience.

NEVER INTENDED TO QUIT

A man who had not attended one service of the church in four years told me he had never thought of "quitting" the church.

I reminded him that he had already (1) withdrawn his presence from its services, (2) refused to give his moral support to the activities of the congregation, and (3) had withdrawn his financial support, for he had not given one dime to help carry on the Lord's work.

Then I asked, "What else would you have to do in order to "quit" the church? In case you ever decide that you no longer desire to be a member, what other steps will it be necessary for you to take? Just what else will be necessary to "quit" the church?

As his true status dawned upon him, his expression reflected his sober thoughts. He replied, "Why

Bro. Nichols, I've already quit haven't I? Well, I surely didn't mean to! And I don't know when I did it ... but I've quit the Lord and His church! I'll tell you right now: I'm coming back!" He did too. At the next service he was restored and three years later he was still faithful.

Dear reader, how about you? Have you quit the Lord and His church without resolving to do so? Perhaps no one deliberately decides to quit, while many carelessly drift into backsliding.

If you have (1) quit attending services, (2) quit boosting the program of activities planned by the elders, and (3) quit giving as God has prospered you to enable the congregation to meet its budget - you need to be restored.

--Flavil Nichols

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scriptures by thinking how each of these words are employed by the Holy writers.

Of all the words in the New Testament The Word (John 1:1) which "became flesh and dwelt among us"

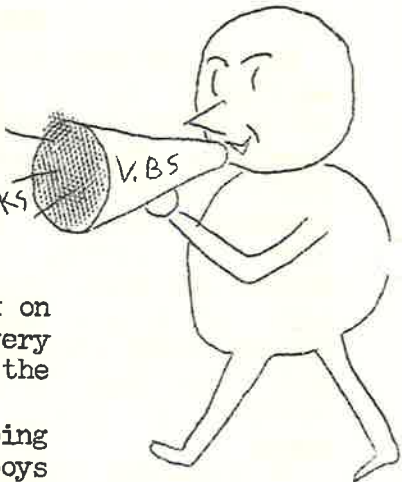
is the most significant. If all would learn to speak and live It, then this would be heaven. Its definition understood and the word properly used will solve every problem.

T.A.J.

MORE ABOUT THE V.B.S.

Now is the time to start making definite arrangements with your friends and neighbors for picking them up and bringing them to Vacation Bible School. Use your telephone. Go knock on doors in your block. Let every one know that we are having the school.

TWO  
MORE  
Weeks



Brother Henry McRuiz is going to be teaching the Jr. High boys using a little book titled, This Is My Father's World, by David Stewart. Brother Stewart is about the age of this writer. He has written a very interesting little book about some very basic aspects of our faith in God. Sister Rushing will be teaching the Jr. High girls using the book, The Home In Which I Live. This should be especially interesting to you girls. Both of these teachers have had their material for some time and should be well prepared to bring you Jr. High students some of the most interesting and profitable lessons you have yet learned. Your writer will be teaching the High School class. We will study five characters from the Bible: Jacob (Israel), Moses, Jeremiah, Simon Peter and Timothy. We will notice how God used these men to bring about His will. Brother Brookshire will be studying with the adults, Pearls From Proverbs. Many lessons contained in this book by the wiseman have gone completely unnoticed. You will surely profit by this study.

From the sixth grade down the theme of the school is Following God's Son. The teachers are nearly ready for the school to begin. WILL YOU BE THERE?

"All things are ready, come to the Feast!"

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#### BIBLE CLASS

May 12.....408  
May 5.....435  
A Year Ago.....418  
CONTRIBUTION  
May 12.....\$ 917.74  
May 5.....\$1,176.09  
A Year Ago.....\$ 995.52

#### THANK YOU

Many thanks to those who came to visit with me Sunday night. I enjoyed the singing and the talk and prayer by Brother Jones and Brother Brookshire.

Marie Hardin

#### BEST WISHES

Congratulations and best wishes to our High School seniors. They are Nancy Butler, David Drennan, and Joyce Venable.

#### THE SICK

We have some who are ill at home and would enjoy a visit. Brother Arlie Berry, Sister Maude Marshall and Brother Floyd Hoppers.

Little Nona Freeman has scarlet fever.

#### SINGING

There will be a singing at the South Main Church of Christ in Rusk Sunday at 2:30 P. M.

#### OOPS! SOMEBODY FORGOT

If you do not believe it look at the records. Somebody forgot to attend and give. And they forgot at a time when we have lots of bills coming due. We had expected some to be away this last Lord's Day but we had more than we had expected. About \$200.00 that is badly needed at this time, failed to come in. Unless those of you who were away make up your contribution (all of us should each week) we will be running in the red soon.

Regardless of the occasion, unless providentially hindered, every Christian should worship each Lord's Day. Nothing should come between a Christian and his duty to God. To a Christian worship and service should be the most important things in his life. If we must be away let us worship where we go and let us remember the work at home. At the end of life we will be glad we did and sorry if we do not. See Acts 2:42; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1-2; Heb. 10:25 and Matt. 6:33.  
D.B.

"He who does not know the language of wisdom can not heed its warning."

#### CHRISTIAN COURTESY

One of the most neglected flowers in the garden of Christian character is courtesy. This seemingly insignificant virtue can determine between happiness and sorrow, between heaven and hell. Good manners are a real ornament and are worth more in winning favor than the finest clothes or jewels ever worn.

"A beautiful behavior," says an American essayist, "is better than a beautiful form or face." There is no society where smiles, pleasant looks, kindness, gratitude, and graciousness are not welcomed. The little courtesies which for the small chains of life may not appear important become a treasure as they accumulate.

Politeness has been defined as benevolence in small things. A true Christian recognizes the rights and feelings of others, even in the most trivial matters. In society he is quiet, easy, unobtrusive. He is never "stuck

up" nor looks down upon others because they have not received titles or honors. He is willing to listen to others and is frank and respectful in the stating of his view on any subject. All of the characteristics of courtesy are those which Paul attributes to love in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. This is not surprising because POLITENESS IS LOVE IN OPERATION.

True courtesy is but the golden rule in action. It is commonly a lack of love rather than a lack of knowledge which leads to bad manners and embarrassing rudness. Paul says love "doth not behave itself unseemly" (I Cor. 13:5). A genuine feeling for others, loving to give rather than to get, comes only by walking with Jesus. The outward forms of courtesy will change from age to age, but the foundation is ever the same. Those who walk in the footsteps of Christ will never change.  
...Bulletin, McLean, Texas

#### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies Wednesday Morning Bible Class will meet one more time before

dismissing for the Summer. Won't you be here next Wednesday?



### WHAT YOU MAKE IT

A sermon or a Bible class is just what you make it. The teacher of the class prepares the material and delivers the lesson to the best of his or her ability. One person leaves the class saying, "I have never heard a better lesson or learned so much." While another leaves thinking to himself, "I might as well stayed home." The difference is in what each brought to the class. The first one had studied his lesson well; his heart was open to receive new thoughts to go with his own. The last had not studied. There was no foundation to build on. Besides this he would have rather stayed home.

All the above was said to say this. Our Vacation Bible School coming up will be just what you want it to be. If you attend with a desire to learn more about God and His son, if you attend with a will to learn then you will receive many lessons. You will say, "I never attended a better school." But if you come just because your parents made you (or just because you had to bring the children) then you will most likely think that you could have spent your time some where else better.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness..." "Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, they shall be filled." Certainly those who do not seek shall not find and those that do not desire righteousness shall not find the righteousness of God. These principles are true and may be applied to our Vacation Bible School, Sunday morning classes, the sermons preached or any other time instruction in righteousness is given.

T.A.J.

### ATTENTION VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

We need to have a short meeting after services Wednesday evening, May 29th. This will be to check on last minute needs, make room changes and state our policies, etc. It is very important that every VBS teacher be there. We will probably not meet for more than thirty minutes. Meet in room 6 in the basement of the Educational building.

T.A.J.

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TEACHERS FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 3-7

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<u>Class</u>	<u>Room</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
<u>PRESCHOOL</u>			
Nursery		Lillie Knight	Faye Freeman
2 yr. old	1	Juanita Graf	Shirley Caskey
3 yr. old	3	Velma Lemons	Sara Powell
4 yr. old	7	Margaret Montgomery	Mary Grier
5 yr. old	5	Moselle White	Elaine Roberson
5 yr. old	4	Eunice Holland	Lillian Becker
6 yr. old	6	Ruth Hannah	Claye Kirby
<u>PRIMARY</u>			
1st. grade	9	Pauline Jones	Delle Bullard
1st. grade	8	Daisy Lee Old	Judy Venable
2nd. grade	10	Audrey O'Bannon	Molly Ferguson
2nd. grade	12	Connie Laird	Frances Phillips
3rd. grade	20	Katie Heath	Bobby McSwain
3rd. grade	16	Nell Wright	Dewey Fredrick
<u>JUNIOR</u>			
4th. grade	14	Bertha Byrd	Laverne Keith
5th. grade	19	Patsy Young	Marie Threadgill
6th. grade	15	Wanda Weathers	Lamern Bailey
<u>SENIOR</u>			
Jr. High Girls	Elm St.	Bertha Rushing	Kathryn Cauthen
Jr. High Boys	17	Henry McRuiz	
High School	18	Tom Jones	
<u>ADULTS</u>			
Auditorium Class		Dean Brookshire	

BIBLE SCHOOL  
 May 19.....418  
 May 12.....408  
 A Year Ago.....460  
CONTRIBUTION  
 May 19.....\$1,168.21  
 May 12.....\$ 917.74  
 A Year Ago.....\$1,086.35

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY  
 Announcements and Prayer.....Jamon Kirby  
 Prayer.....Tom Moses  
 Dismiss.....Fred Powell  
SUNDAY EVENING  
 Prayer.....Charles Graf  
 Dismiss..Dudley Brookshire

WELCOME TO OUR FELLOWSHIP  
Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strait, 1600 Woodland Hills Dr. We welcome them back into our fellowship.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Travis Fowler, 612 S. Augusta. They came to us from Maud, Tex. Brother Fowler works for the Retail Credit Company.  
For Prayer: Ramon Ivey, 2620 Pine Burr. Ronny Robbins, 3103 Andy Lane.

THE SICK  
 Sister Clarence Strait has been in Glenwood Clinic but is now at home.  
 Brother Floyd Hoppers and brother William Addison are in Medical Center.  
 Brother Jelly Jones is

to have surgery in Dallas this Saturday.

FUNERAL  
 Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon for Mr. Ed Waller, father of sister Laverne Keith. He passed away late Saturday. We extend our sympathy to the family.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES  
 We extend congratulations to the following young people graduating from college this Spring.  
 James Hardin, East Texas State College. Clifford Caskey, Stephen F. Austin. Mike Warner, Abilene Christian College. Doug Warner, Tyler Jr. College and Gene Heath, Texas A. & M. last January.

ATTENTION LADIES  
 If you would be willing to provide transportation for the children from the Tyler Day Nursery for the Vacation Bible School let brother Jones know so the arrangements may be made.

TO SPEAK AT OMEN ROAD  
 Brother Wayne Poucher will speak at the Omen Rd. building Saturday night, May 25th. at 7:30.

100% CLASSES

We had three classes 100% in attendance last Sunday.  
Second grade, teachers: Bessie Willis and Mary E. Grier.  
Third grade, teachers: Katie Heath and Mary Prater.  
Fifth grade, teachers: Ophelia Woltman and Lamern Bailey

**CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP**

The church of Christ combats gambling by teaching us the wrong that comes from gambling, and by encouraging us to never participate in such things by giving our money to support it or by attending it. The church tries to combat alcoholic indulgence by teaching us the harm it can bring to our bodies, the sin of its demoralizing effect, and by teaching us from the Bible that we should practice moderation in all things. In combating juvenile delinquency the church lends all its influence to encourage the young people to attend church and Bible class regularly. We are taught to study the Bible and pray daily, and not attend places that might encourage us to sin. We have been taught to have Christian friends so we might encourage one another to do that which is right. A few good things which we can do are help the poor, the sick and elderly people. The Bible Teachers give parties so we can have fun without going to places where we might have trouble. If we do all of these things we would be so busy doing good we would not have time for juvenile delinquency.

...By Terry Woltman  
7th. grade student

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 3 - 7. 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

NURSERY FOR CHILDREN UNDER TWO

WEST ERWIN VISITOR  
Thursday May 30, 1963

BIBLE CLASSES

May 26.....410  
May 19.....418  
A Year Ago.....428

CONTRIBUTION

May 26.....\$1,007.18  
May 19.....\$1,168.21  
A Year Ago.....\$1,057.36

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....L. G. Drennan  
Prayer.....Darrell Holt  
Dismiss.....James McSwain  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Virgil Robbins  
Dismiss.....Ronny Robbins

THANK YOU NOTES

It is with deepest appreciation that I would like to express my thanks for myself and my family for the many kind words, thoughts, deeds and for the prayers offered in the loss of our beloved father.

Sincerely,  
Laverne Keith

I would like to express my thanks for the visits and calls during my stay in the hospital and at home.

Mrs. C. N. Strait

THE SICK

Roddy Young was accidnet-

ally hit in the eye with a baseball Sunday afternoon. He is in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Minnie Stegall is not feeling well. She is at home.

SYMPATHY

Sister Troy Ginn's brother, Mr. R. H. Herrington of Palestine, passed away Tuesday night.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Don Andrews who completed his work at Tyler Junior College this Spring. His name was not included with the graduates in last week's bulletin.

MEETINGS: JUNE 3 - 9

Marshall-Brother Robert Bankes preaching. Time: 7:30 P.M.

Big Sandy-Brother Claude Smith preaching. Time 7:30 P.M.

PICNIC - VBS

For years we have had a picnic in Fun Forest on Friday following our morning classes. The picnic will be held again this year. Soft drinks will be furnished but each one is expected to bring his own sandwiches and cookies. Everyone is invited to the picnic.

TO OUR ADULTS

There will be a class for you in our Vacation Bible School. I plan to teach the book, "Pearls From Proverbs." I would like to invite every adult who can come to come to my class. I would like to encourage you to bring your children or your neighbors children to the school. Since you will not be teaching you can help the school as well as yourself by coming and bringing others. Join us in work and prayer that this may be our best school yet.

D.B.

SERMON SUBJECTS

Sunday Morning: "Our Burdens and what to do with them."

Sunday Evening: "The Holy Spirit in Creation and Revelation."

"Make up your mind to live one day at a time. Any one can carry his burden, however heavy, till night-fall. Any one can do work, however hard, for one day. Any one can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. Make a success of his one day- ever day."

JESUS DIDN'T QUIT

Jesus didn't quit meeting with the disciples because Judas Iscariot was a thief, nor because Peter was fickle at times. He did not quit preaching and living right because some of his brethren were unforgiving, unkind, over-ambitious or agnostic. Jesus didn't quit his post of leadership because he once had in his presence an adulterous woman, an unscrupulous business man, a gang of pharisaical hypocrites, or narrow-minded worshippers.

Do you use excuses to try to justify your failure to work and worship as you should? Remember: We must all give an account to God for the things done in this life.  
...Bulletin, Waco, Texas

LAST WORD

One last word about the Vacation Bible School before it begins. I believe that this school is going to be one of the best Bible schools I have attended. The teachers are prepared and are ready to teach God's Word. God's Word when it is taught produces good lives if it is learned and allowed to produce fruit. T.A.J.

### TAUGHT OF GOD

"It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me." - John 6:45.

Christianity is a religion of teaching and being taught. Christ taught His apostles and gave them divine assistance to teach others. In all teaching man is restricted to teach only that which Christ has commanded. This is understandable. If Christians are to be produced then they must be obedient to the gospel of Christ.

Paul declared that God speaks to us today by His Son. (Heb.1:1) When we study the gospel, then we have God speaking to us through His Son and teaching us His will. We do not

depend upon oral teachings for our knowledge of God's will, but we have the gospel written for our continued study and meditation.

It is impossible for anyone to be a Christian without proper study and obedience. This is a continuous activity. One never comes to the end of either of these items of the Christian life. When one ceases to study, then he ceases to grow. Soon he is not only unable to provide proper care for others, but he is unable to adequately maintain himself in the ways of righteousness, and actually becomes a burden on others. You can be taught of God! Study His Word at all opportunities.

... Foster L. Ramsey

### TELL OTHERS

According to a nearby minister, a fashionable family, whose residence was near a church whose members worshipped with lusty enthusiasm, drew up a petition to present to the city council, stating that the church was a disturber of the peace. Thinking of course, that some would be quick to sign it if it had

the signature of a Jew. they took it first to him. But he said, "Gentlemen, I cannot sign it. If I believed as these Christians, that my Messiah had come, I would shout it from the housetop and on every street in this city, with all the enthusiasm I could command and nobody could stop me." ... Selected

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BIBLE CLASS

June 2.....440  
May 26.....410  
A Year Ago.....452  
CONTRIBUTION  
June 2.....\$1,076.83  
May 26.....\$1,168.21  
A Year Ago.....\$1,032.65

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Larry Mackey  
Prayer.....Mike Warner  
Dismiss.....Dewitt Jones  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Roy Layton  
Dismiss.....C. N. Strait

THANK YOU NOTES

For your interest and for the many prayers said in my behalf, Pauline and I are truly grateful.

D. C. Jones

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My sincere appreciation to the church and members who sent floral offerings, cards and other expressions of love and sympathy in the loss of my brother. May God's richest blessings be yours.

Mrs. Troy Ginn

A PICNIC

The members of the West Erwin Church are planning a picnic supper next

Thursday, June 13, at 7:00 P.M. in Bergfeld-park. The purpose of this is to get better acquainted. This will give us an opportunity to be together away from the church building and we can visit with some we do not know quite so well. Each family should bring enough food for themselves. If you invite friends bring food for them too.

MOVING TO EMORY

Mike and Barbara Warner are moving to Emory. Mike will preach for the church there. They both are very devoted Christians and we believe they will do a good work in Emory. This is their first local work and we extend our best wishes to them and shall be praying for them that they may be instrumental in turning many from sin to righteousness.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Brownsboro Church of Christ, June 10-16. 10:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. Martin Crass will preach.

Troup Church of Christ, June 9-14. 7:30 each week day evening. Roy Stephens is the preacher.

ATTENDANCE UP IN 1963 VBS

In 1962 our Vacation Bible School attendance averaged 310. For the first three days of our school this year we have averaged 336. This is a fine increase over last year's average. In trying to analyze these figures we meet some problems. We did not advertize a great deal for outsiders to come. Of course, they were welcome but we did not try to make a special attempt to reach them. We thought it best to have a school primarily for our own young people. Our membership is down a little from what it was last year so we anticipated a slight decrease in our Vacation Bible School attendance. But two sister congregations are not having Vacation Schools this year for various reasons and some of the increase in our number can be attributed to some of them coming here for the school. But I doubt that this is the only reason for our increase. I believe that we have quite a few who are working individually. I know of several who are bringing the neighbor's children. We have a good number coming from the Tyler Day Nursery. All of

this is good for it indicates the type of activity that causes churches to grow in attendance. We pray that much seed has been sown in good and honest hearts this week and we are confident that the Lord will provide the increase. T.A.J.

OUR GUESTS

It is always good to have visitors to worship with us. Last Sunday the following signed Visitor's cards:

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Hardin, Lufkin, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Warner, Abilene, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Masters, Houston, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Potter and family, Midland, Texas; Mrs. John Jackson and children, Pecos, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Trentham, Mineral Wells, Texas; Kay Yates, 2308 Sunnybrook, Tyler; Linda Wood, 925 W. 9th, Tyler; Mr. and Mrs. Garry Caffey, 420 S. Bonner, Tyler.

"Salesmen are taught the grace of humility as they present an idea. People presenting the gospel should never forget they are salesmen of the world's most priceless product - eternal life."

## OUR GREATEST NEED

Sometimes we think that the church's greatest need is fine, costly houses of worship, and it does need good houses, and we are glad to know that our brethren are building them. Sometimes we think that we need more outward show or maybe a little pomp to attract the people. Or maybe we think we need to become a little more like the world, because times have changed and we need to keep pace with the times.

Sometimes we think that the church's greatest need is eloquent preachers, who can charm people and draw them to Christ by their matchless eloquence. We do rejoice that some of the most eloquent tongues of our day are telling the story of the cross, and pleading with people to abandon sin while they can and accept salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. But, more than fine houses, more than pomp, more than eloquent preachers, the church today needs a GREAT BAPTISM OF LOVE. We need to realize that we are "beloved brethren," "beloved in the Lord," and that we ought to love one another with a pure heart fervently. One has written; "Love is the golden chain that binds

Our hearts in Christian bonds;  
And he's an heir of heaven who finds  
His bosom glow with love."

Let the people of God fully realize that they are "beloved brethren," and infidelity would melt down like wax before the summer sun. The waste places of Zion would be built up, and the world would soon become converted to Christ. May the day speedily come when the world will be constrained to say, "See how these Christians love one another."

Of what benefit are fine buildings if men do not have enough love for God, their fellowman and themselves to go there to study and worship? And these same buildings stand as haunted houses to some who see the worshippers go to them and return to their homes, work or play without love in their hearts to practice the religion of the God they worship. The world has heard about love and is still waiting to see it put into practice.

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BIBLE CLASS

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June 2.....	440
A Year Ago.....	416
CONTRIBUTION	
June 9.....	\$1,041.80
June 2.....	\$1,076.83
A Year Ago.....	\$1,089.18

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and Prayer.....	Monroe Sublette
Prayer.....	Oscar Becker
Dismiss.....	Harley Turner
SUNDAY EVENING	
Prayer.....	M. B. Beard
Dismiss.....	Roy Roberson

WELCOME

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stokes and girls have moved back to Tyler from Bossier City, La. We are happy to welcome them. Their address is 3017 Brookdale. They were members of the Airline Church of Christ in Bossier City.

THE SICK

Sister Verna Johnston's son, Dickie Johnston is in very serious condition in Parkview General Hospital in Corpus Christi.

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We have some members who are not able to get out at all and others who are

able to be up part time. These people would like to have you visit them.

Brother Addison who now lives with the Tuckers at 210 N. Popular. Sister Minnie Stegall who lives at 916 N. Normandy. She lives part time with her children here in town. To find where she is call sister E. L. Taylor. Brother Floyd Hoppers, 916 W. Shaw. Marie Hardin, 1527 E. Houston would enjoy having you visit her any time

There may be others not named here but they are our brothers and sisters in Christ and we should visit and encourage them.

AREA MEETINGS

Brother Brookshire will preach in a meeting in Neches next week Monday through Friday at 7:45. each evening. Brother Lester Singleton is the preacher at Neches. It is hoped that many of you can attend at least one night of the meeting.

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The church in Chandler will have a meeting June 16-23. Services at 7:30. Sunday, the 23rd. they will have dinner on the ground and singing in the afternoon. Gene Greer will be preaching.

OUR GREATEST NEED (Contd.)

True love honors God summer and winter. It takes no vacation from study, worship and service and true love reaches beyond a handful of friends. It reaches out to all men under all circumstances, even our enemies are included in true love. True love does not magnify the shortcomings of others, but it "covers a multitude of sin." Love is not harsh, rude or critical.

Love is obedient, joyful, hopeful and sacrificial. Love will motivate one to; go or send, pray and pay, worship and serve, teach and be taught, cleanse and be cleansed, fellowship or follow.

May the day be hastened when all of us, and we hope all men everywhere, will be baptized (completely submerged) with the baptism of love, our greatest need.

THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER

First of all is to remember the Lord and His work. Wherever you go do not forget the Lord in whom you live and upon whom you depend. Read his word, Meditate upon it and pray much. Attend Bible school and worship wherever you

go and remember the Lord's work at home. Christians have a responsibility to their home congregation. The expenses go on whether we are present or absent.

Those of us who will stay home and entertain company should fulfill our obligations too. We should not stay home with them but bring them with us.

Brethren let us be faithful to our Lord, Summer or Winter. D.B.

FROM NACOGDOCHES

The ground breaking ceremony for our new building at 3900 North Street will be at 3:00 P.M. June 16.

We would be happy and encouraged to have members of the West Erwin congregation to share this event with us. Come early and inspect our location and plans.

NO BULLETIN FOR TWO WEEKS

There will be no bulletin the last two weeks of this month. Nelda plans to take her vacation the 17-28. The next bulletin you will receive will be July 5.

100% CLASS

The beginners class was 100% in attendance Sunday. It is taught by Velma Lemons and Betty Owens.



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### "BE'S" FROM THE HIVE OF GOD'S BOOK

There are certain "Be's" that are necessary in our lives as Christians if we are to achieve to any degree a likeness of the image of Jesus Christ. First and foremost we must Be obedient to that form of his death, burial, and resurrection, namely baptism (Acts 2:38). Then we must Be holy (I Pet. 1:15) Peter here quotes a passage of scripture (Lev. 11:44) where the Lord commanded the people to consecrate themselves. If the people of Israel were to be God's people then they should try to be like him in their conduct, this the Lord adds "For I am holy." With this idea of "Be ye holy" one should compare Isaiah 52:2 and Matthew 4:48. These are "Be's" in regard to our relation to God and His Christ.

In relation to one another we have several "Be's." First, in Phil. 2:2 "...complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." When we are all striving to do the Lord's will and serving others with our own wants placed last then we will be of the same mind. To mention the unity movements among religious groups today, they need this "be" more than any other, of course, having one mind with regard to the scriptures. Another "be" is found in James 1:19. Be ye swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath. Be ready to listen to any man any time but be careful what you say and how you say it. Don't be easily provoked to anger. But this brings up another "be" Eph. 4:26 says Be ye angry and sin not. The man who cannot be stirred to anger at the sight of sin or the lack of doing good very seldom gets any thing done. Unless we are provoked with the sin in our lives what will move us to live better? Unless we are moved with righteous indignation at the social ills of our day what will prompt us to do anything about it? Strong feeling is a God-like characteristic that is desired, but it must produce good and not evil.

Another "be" is "be ye ready to give a reason for the hope that is within you." I Pet. 3:15. The Religion of Jesus Christ is a knowing religion. A Christian must know who his saviour is, (continued inside)

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BIBLE CLASS

June 30.....443  
June 23.....417  
A Year Ago.....418

CONTRIBUTION

June 30.....\$1,156.57  
June 23.....\$ 995.04  
A Year Ago.....\$1,185.92

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Cone Birdwell  
Prayer.....John Arrington  
Dismiss....Harold Browning

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....L. L. Gann  
Dismiss.....Willie Freeman

THE SICK

Brother Mathis is at home and is improving.

Sister Marie Hardin has not been well.

Sister Minnie Stegall is at home now and would enjoy your visits.

TIPTON HOME CHORUS COMING

July 25, 1963 the chorus from the Tipton Home, located in Tipton, Oklahoma, will be here. The elders have decided to move our mid-week service to Thursday that week. There are twenty-three young people in this chorus that will need a place to spend the night and a sack lunch to

send them on their way with. If you would like to keep a couple of girls or a couple of boys for the night of the 25th, please note the bulletin board in the front vestibule.

GOOD LESSONS

One measure of spirituality of a congregation is the number of men in the church that can preach publicly. We have had some fine sermons during the past few weeks from brother Raymon Hardin, brother Leonard Woltman and brother Mike Sublette. We appreciate men like these who can organize their thoughts and deliver them in such a fine way. We pray that each one of these will continue to work in the Lord's Kingdom in this way. T.A.J.

PLEASE TRY

Be not concerned nor surprised.

If what you do is criticized.

There're always folks who usually can,

Find some fault with every plan.

Mistakes are made, we can't deny,

But only made by folks who try.

Selected

BE NOT COMPLACENT

In the years preceeding the Second World War, France built the famous Maginot Line -an intricate system of concrete and steel pillboxes designed to repel an enemy. It took many years to construct and cost millions of dollars but it was considered impregnable. Safely behind it the Frenchmen became complacent and were lulled to sleep. Before they realized it the Germans had attacked from above and behind the defenses and took them captives.

If Christians are not careful, they will find themselves in the same difficulty. Being a child of God and loving his law will help us to defend ourselves against the wiles of Satan but we must not become complacent. With our minds we desire to serve God but the fleshly lusts of our bodies - lust of the eyes, the flesh and the vain glory of life constantly beset us.

The apostle Paul himself, filled with the Holy Spirit, was not immune. The eternal conflict of good versus evil plagued him constantly. So all of us must be on guard to overcome the temptations of

life. Let us dedicate ourselves wholeheartedly to Jesus who can deliver us and let us say to the evil one. "Get thee behind me Satan."

...Clifton Gamus Jr.  
20th. Century Christian

"BE'S"

(continued from back page) what He has done and what the Lord holds in store for the righteous and unrighteous. A Christian must know how to act in life. He must be able to tell the simple Gospel story to every one who might ask him.

These are but a few of the "be's" from the hive of God's book. A few others are: "Be free from the love of money" Heb. 13:5; "Be strong in the Lord" Eph. 6:10, finally "Be thou faithful unto death." Rev. 2:10. T.A.J.

VERSES TO MEMORIZE

Psalms 133:1 "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

James 2:26 "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

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### GRATITUDE AND EXHORTATION

Next week brings to a close five years of labor with this good church. The exact time of our arrival in Tyler was July 22, 1958. But since I am to be in Melrose, New Mexico in a meeting the 15th. through the 21st., I felt that this is the appropriate time to say what I have in mind.

My family and I have no regrets of moving to Tyler. We feel that the past five years have been some of the best of our lives. As we look back over those years we have experienced many more joys than sorrows. We have rejoiced over every soul that has been saved and every accomplishment that has been made. We have secretly wept and prayed over the lost condition of friends and loved ones. Our visits to the sick rooms and funeral parlors have brought grief to us as well as to you. Many of you have borne some of our burdens too for which we shall always be grateful.

I hope, pray and shall be working to make the year ahead of us the best one of all, if the Lord wills. I believe that we are in the best position for greater things than at any time since I have been here. We have many things in our favor and we have as many open doors of opportunities as any church could ever desire. How much longer God will hold these open to us before they are closed forever is not known by any of us.

One great door that is open to us is that of teaching God's Word. We should work to strengthen every weak place we have in our Bible School. We should have every able bodied member enrolled and present every Lord's Day and Wednesday evening. If this work is neglected much longer by so many we might as well get ready for some sad days. When ignorance abounds more than knowledge anything can happen.

Another door that is open to us is that of giving of our means. The government now allows a certain amount to be deducted if it is given to the church. We should be putting our dollars and dimes to work for the Lord preaching the gospel and helping the needy. The Lord has blessed us immeasurably and if we do not give there might come a time when (continued inside)

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BIBLE CLASS

July 7.....404  
June 30.....443  
A Year Ago.....392

CONTRIBUTION

July 7.....\$1,045.68  
June 30.....\$1,156.57  
A Year Ago.....\$ 993.97

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Edgar Bullard  
Prayer.....W. H. Turner  
Dismiss.....Dean Bailey

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....Charles Graf  
Dismiss.....Herbert Brookshire

WELCOME TO OUR FELLOWSHIP

Brother and sister Bruce Lambert from EL Campo and brother Gearron Sublett from Palestine placed membership with us Sunday. The Lamberts live in the Sholom Manor apartments and he is the assistant manager of Perry Brothers. Brother Sublett is living in the Plaza Hotel and is a Medical technician in Medical Center Hospital. We welcome them into our fellowship.

THANK YOU NOTES

For the past few weeks I have been confined to my bed and I would like to thank all who came by to

see me, those who called and asked about me and for the cards and gifts. May the Lord's richest blessings be with all of you.

Marie Hardin

We would like to take this means of saying thanks for all the many kindnesses shown us since Rodger has been ill. For all the gifts, cards, visits, food and prayers we shall always be grateful.

The Ben Young Family

THE SICK

Rodger Young is improved but is still confined to his home for another three weeks.

John Mackey is in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Gertrude Fitch, a member of the church from Troup is in the hospital section of Sunset Home and would enjoy your visits.

REMEMBER JULY 25...

The list of boys and girls to sing Thursday, July 25 is on the bulletin board in the foyer. They need a place to spend the night and a sack lunch for the next day's trip. We are looking forward to hearing this group of young people from Tipton Home.

SYMPATHY

Sister Marie Threadgill's father, Mr. Will Todd, passed away Monday and was buried Wednesday afternoon in Waco. We extend our sympathy to Marie and her family.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Clifford Caskeys are the parents of a baby boy born Wednesday afternoon in Crockett, Texas

BIBLE TEACHERS WORKSHOP

The 9th. annual Bible Teachers Workshop at Abilene Christian College is July 22-25. The theme for this year is "Let The Word Of Christ Dwell In You Richly." This workshop is one of the best places to learn how to present the simple gospel of Christ to our children and adults in the most attractive way. Noted men in the brotherhood will deliver the main addresses. Further instruction will come from the numerous classes and demonstrations conducted through-out the day.

The special daily themes will be: Tuesday-What Are We Trying To Do? Wednesday-How Are We Doing? Thursday-Where Do We Go From Here? The school has nine years of experience in

this endeavor. Every Christian should desire to benefit from workshop, especially our teachers. Contact Tom Jones for details of registration and rooms.

T.A.J.  
GRATITUDED... (Continued)

we will not have it to give. And if we do have it to give we might be forced to give to Satanic purposes

We have all the necessary ingredients for a great and powerful force for good in Tyler and other places. Our elders are good men. They love the Lord. Our deacons are humble servants. Our Bible class teachers are among the best to be found. Our physical plant is adequate in every way. Enough dedication and consecration will accomplish everything the Lord expects of us. The membership here is not worldly, however many are not faithful. A little correction could make them vessels of honor. But some of the most faithful to be found anywhere are members right here.

To begin our sixth year together I rededicate my life and my efforts as your preacher. I confess my short comings and ask your forgiveness. Please pray for me and use me in our Master's Cause.

D.B.

## MEMBERS WHO WEAKEN THE CHURCH

The strength of the church lies in her supernatural elements, her sure foundations, her divine cornerstone, her resident spirits. The church is weak in proportion to her human membership which is weak, uninformed, insincere, or derelict in the performance of duty. A few groups of members are largely responsible for the weakness of the church.

The first group is composed of the non-attending members. They form a considerable group in every congregation. Whatever explanation may be offered for this situation, the influence of the church suffers heavily at the hands of these non-attenders. Little headway can be made with a membership that takes church attendance lightly.

A second group is the uninformed members. The Christian life begins with a spiritual impulse, a movement of life toward God. It is evident that a life "born again" can be sustained and matured only through knowledge and experience. An uninformed Christian will become weak and sickly; an uninformed church, a weak and sickly church.

Another weakening group is that of the non-supporting members. A church is strong not primarily in proportion to its enrolled membership, but in proportion to its supporting membership. The strength of a church is in the number of its "active" members who give thought, energy and money for its up-building. The weakness of a church is the number of its inactive members. When is a member not a member?—When he is a non-supporting member.

The inconsistent members drag heavily on the church. Many times when a man wishes to find an excuse for holding himself aloof from the church, he points his finger at an unfaithful member and says, "That individual blocks the door for me. I cannot get by him." As a rule this is only an excuse. It is true that pretenders to the Christian life do weaken the timbers of the church. He who professes with the lip and fails to practice in the life, who is a believer on Sunday and an infidel on Monday, who praises the name of God in the meeting place and profanes (continued inside)

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BIBLE CLASS

July 14.....380  
July 7.....404  
A Year Ago.....423  
CONTRIBUTION  
July 14.....\$921.64  
July 7.....\$1,045.68  
A Year Ago.....\$1,034.45

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....James Massey  
Prayer.....Truman Holland  
Dismiss.....David Drennan  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Leonard Woltman  
Dismiss.....Harley Turner

RESPONSES

Membership and Restored:  
W. L. (Bill) Whitworth,  
2726 Marilyn.

THANK YOU NOTES

Your thoughtfulness and your prayers were greatly appreciated at a time like this. May God bless all of you.

Marie Threadgill & Family

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For the past few weeks I have been confined to the hospital and my bed at home. I would like to thank all who came by to see me and those who called about me and for the cards and prayers. Also a special

thanks to brother Brookshire. May the Lord's richest blessings be with all of you. Oscar Owens

THE SICK

Sister Louise Caskey will enter Medical Center Sunday for surgery Monday.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Don Forbes, Drayton Valley, Alberta, Canada, are the happy parents of a baby boy born early Wednesday morning. The mother, Judy, is the daughter of the B.E. Walkers. Judy and the baby are fine.

GLADEWATER MEETING

The church at Quitman and Center in Gladewater is conducting a meeting this week, July 14-22. Services at 7:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. They have especially invited the West Erwin congregation Friday night.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

Remember the date for the Tipton Home Chorus to be with us.

"Even if you are on the right track you will get run over if you just sit there."

"BE YE TRANSFORMED"

Christians have been called out of the world in a moral and spiritual sense; they are dead to the world, but alive to God. The new life must be lived according to the gospel, but there is always danger of drifting back into worldly ways.

The Hebrews committed a great sin against God by wanting a king, so as to be like the nations around them. That weakness possesses some of God's people even now.

But the command is plain: "Be not fashioned according to this world, but be ye transformed." Do not seek to be like the world.

There is another danger. We unconsciously drift into the ways and habits of those with whom we are surrounded, unless we are constantly on our guard. It requires an effort to keep our lives from being fashioned according to this world. The easiest way to keep from such desires and influences is to have our hearts set on a higher goal. "Be ye transformed."

How is this "transformation" or "transfiguration" to be accomplished? It is not accomplished only by making some good resolu-

tions. A life cannot be transformed on the same old stock of ideas and ideals. We live out in our lives what we have in our minds and hearts.

Thought controls the life. Renew your mind; fill it with God's thoughts. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Jehovah. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8,9)

Study the word of God. Fill your mind with God's thoughts, and let them "transform" your life.

What will be the result? When you are "transformed" you will "prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."  
... Just a Moment Bulletin

MEMBERS WHO... (Continued)  
His name in the market place is a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence. The religion of Christ is fearfully handicapped by those whose inconsistencies speak so loudly that the world cannot hear what the church says.

... Selected and Adapted

### NEVER SPAKE MAN LIKE THIS MAN

"Never spake man like this man," was said of Jesus in John 7:46. Officers had been sent to arrest Him (John 7:32), and they returned without Him and the only reason they gave was "Never spake man like this man." The speech of Jesus always had a charm for those who heard him, whether friend or foe. One might search the literature of the world, but the words of no man will be found which surpass, or even equal the words of Jesus, especially when one considers their import. When Jesus had ended the sayings of the sermon on the mount the people were astonished at His doctrine: for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the Scribes. Matt. 7:28-29. What was different about the speech of Jesus? Was he an orator? Did he have a pleasing personality? Did he tell delightful stories? The answer is found in what he said and the power of his words to convict. He talked about some things that others talked about, and He also talked about some things that others did not talk about. Whatever He talked about was important and He always told the truth.

What He said about God was different to what others said. He never argued the fact of the existence of God. He talked about God being His Father and He spoke of Him as a loving heavenly Father. He told His hearers that they could not serve two masters. He said, "ye cannot serve God and mammon." He also told them that God was displeased with them, but that He wanted them to repent. Jesus spoke of having been with God, and was here to do His will and would return to Him shortly.

None ever spoke of man as Jesus did. He knew what was in man (John 2:25), that is, his possibilities for good or bad. His words were such as to encourage the good and defeat the bad. He spoke the things that man should know and do.

Never man so spake of salvation as Jesus did. He knew man's threefold relation to sin which is his love for, practice and guilt of sin; and Jesus accordingly revealed a threefold method of salvation. He spoke words designed to create faith in them to turn them from their love of sin and to bring (continued inside)

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#### BIBLE CLASS

July 21.....373  
July 14.....380  
A Year Ago.....368  
CONTRIBUTION  
July 21.....\$1,338.64  
July 14.....\$ 921.64  
A Year Ago.....\$ 956.40

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Jamon Kirby  
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
Dismiss.....Don Andrews

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....L. G. Drennan  
Dismiss.....Wilmer Little

#### THE SICK

Sister Marie Hardin is very ill in Medical Center Hospital. She cannot have company.

Sister Louise Caskey is recovering from surgery in Medical Center.

Sister Elva Lee Mackey is in the Glenwood Clinic.

#### FUNERALS

Mr. J. F. Scoggins, father of brother Lester Scoggins passed away in Shreveport, La. Tuesday. Funeral services were Thursday morning in Shreveport and graveside services here in Tyler Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Jane Thompson, mother of Sister Altha Gullledge of this congregation, sister Velma Horton and brother Luther Thompson of Rusk passed away in Rusk Tuesday. Services for her were Thursday Morning.

We extend our deepest sympathy to both families.

#### SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

The special contribution last Sunday for the Herald of Truth amounted to \$259.26.

#### MOVED AWAY

Bill and Nell Beach have returned to Florida.

Travis and Geraldine Fowler have moved back to Maude, Texas.

#### MEETING IN FRANKSTON

Brother Brookshire will preach in a meeting with the Frankston congregation next week, Monday through Friday at 7:30 P.M. If you can attend one night brother Brookshire will appreciate it.

#### TO SPEAK FRIDAY NIGHT

Brother Maurice Hall will speak here at West Erwin tonight (Friday) on World Missions. He is head of the Department of Missions, Michigan Christian College. We hope many will attend.

#### NEVER SPAKE MAN. . .

(Continued from back page)  
them to repentance, to turn them from the practice of sin and His words about baptism were to save them from the guilt of sin. Such words had never been spoken before the coming of Christ.

Never man so spake of a life beyond the grave. He talked about immortality. He said, "I am the resurrection, and the life." Many who heard Him were convinced that He knew what He was talking about. The Christian's hopes are built upon His words. Christ is God's spokesman today (Matt. 17:5; Heb. 1:1) and his words are convincing to all who love and understand them. D.B.

#### STEWARDSHIP

"There are two primary truths which should be acknowledged by all men: (1) 'God is the sole owner of all things: (2) Man is a steward of that which belongs to the Lord - all is His.' This principle makes false the oft-heard statement, 'Oh well, life is a gamble anyway.' Life is not a gamble; life is a stewardship for which every individual shall give account to his Maker.

#### GOOD AND BAD

It was good to see the increase in contribution last Lord's Day, but the Bible school attendance looks bad. Most of the absentees could be accounted for as many were on vacation. We hope soon to settle down and go to work on our Bible school attendance and bring it up to our potential. All of us agree that we can do better and most of us have faith that we will do better once the vacations are over. In the mean time let each of us be just as patient as we can be, pray much for each other and quietly work in behalf of the lost whether they be aliens or erring Christians. Our labors always pay good dividends.

It was very generous of you to contribute to the Herald of Truth program last Lord's Day. Your gift will help preach the gospel to hundreds who are lost. Let us keep up our generous giving and work to build up every phase of the Lord's work here. D.B.

#### SERMON SUBJECTS

Sunday Morning: "Jesus And the Lost."

Sunday Evening: "The Spirit of Christ."



### SOME PLANS

With one more month of vacation time left it is not too early to begin our plans for what we hope to be a most fruitful Fall and Winter. There are, at least, four areas in which we need to strengthen ourselves. I shall do my best to assist in this work in every way I can. The areas are:

1. Our Bible School work. With a little more work we can have five hundred each Lord's Day. Five hundred should be our minimum and not our maximum. Plans are already being laid for some new courses of study. Some teachers have asked to be relieved for a while so that they may sit in a class for six months to one year. Our low attendance is not the fault of our teachers because we have some well qualified and dedicated teachers. Our low attendance is the result of so many being away on the Lord's Day, others sleeping late, entertaining company etc. We plan to start doing more in behalf of our Bible School than we have ever done before. We solicit your help.

2. We need to accelerate our visitation program. Some of the zone work was stopped through the Summer but this will be resumed shortly. We hope to organize some visitation groups and have two groups visit each week. If we can get enough groups working each group will not be called on more than once each month or once each six weeks. This is a very essential part of the work to be done and there are enough good people here to do this work effectively.

3. Our young people have already started a good work of visiting the hospitals and singing for the sick and shutins. They have been doing this for some time but they are anxious to do more. We should encourage them and assist them by bringing them to class and furnishing them transportation. Not all of our young people are having part in this work and we would like to encourage the parents of these Christian boys and girls to do your part in training them in Christian service.

4. No definite plans have been made, but we hope in a few months to increase our mission work program. We can easily support another man (continued inside.)

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A Year Ago.....397

CONTRIBUTION

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July 21.....\$1,338.64  
A Year Ago.....\$1,178.77

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....O. C. Becker  
Prayer.....M. M. Haws  
Dismiss....Ronnie Lowrance

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....Austin Giesecke  
Dismiss.....Tommy Parsons

RESPONSES

Sister Chryel Davis, of 2704 Pine Burr recently moved to Tyler from Amarillo, Texas. We welcome her into our fellowship.

THANK YOU NOTES

We shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expression of sympathy.

The family of  
Mary Jane Thompson

I want to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and visits during my stay in the hospital.

Louise Caskey

SYMPATHY

Sister Marie Hardin, after several days of serious illness, passed away July 29. Funeral services were conducted for her the 30th. Marie was loved by all and will be greatly missed. We extend our sympathy to her brothers and sisters.

Mr. J. M. Mangum, husband of sister Alma Mangum passed away Thursday. Funeral services for him were held Friday. Our deepest sympathy to Sister Mangum and children.

THE SICK

Little Mitchell Laird had a tonsillectomy Tuesday morning. He is home now and doing fine.

THE SMALLEST LIFE

The slightest breeze that ever blew,  
Some blade of grass has wavered.  
The smallest life that ever lived.  
Some other life has flavored. ...Selected

IN THE SERVICE

Mary Ann Heath has enlisted in the Air Force and for the present is stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

A NOT INEVITABLE CYCLE

The average age of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. These nations progressed through this sequence:

- From Bondage to Spiritual Faith.
- From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage.
- From Courage to Liberty.
- From Liberty to Abundance.
- From Abundance to Selfishness.
- From Selfishness to Complacency.
- From Complacency to Apathy.
- From Apathy to Dependence.
- From Dependence back again to Bondage.

In just 13 years (1976) the United States will be 200 years old. The above cycle does not have to be inevitable. It depends on us! ...Selected.

SOME PLANS...continued from back page

in the field somewhere. People are dying every day without Christ and His gospel. You and I have the gospel and we are commanded to preach it to others. It would do us good to sacrifice to preach some where else, but we can support another preacher without sacrificing any. Let us all pray that we may do our part in the great work that needs to be done here and at other places. Continue to pray for our elders and others who are helping to carry on the work here.

Let us all hurry and settle down to work and save souls before it is too late. D.B.

JUST SUPPOSE

Suppose someone were to offer me \$1,000 for every soul I might try to win to Christ, would I endeavor to lead any more souls to Christ than I am doing now? Is it possible that I would attempt to do for money, even at the risk of blunders or ridicule, what I hesitate to do or shrink from doing now in obedience to God's command? Is my love for money stronger than my love for God or for souls? How feeble, then my love to God!!! Perhaps this explains why I am not a soul winner!

...Selected.

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### OUR BIBLE SCHOOL

While at the Bible Teacher's Workshop at Abilene Christian College, I heard a great deal about Curriculum. I had always thought that this was simply the materials that one studied in school. However, I have learned that the word is much broader than I thought. To define it literally, it is the course that one runs. In one sense, the track on which a race is run is the curriculum of the race. Therefore, all of life's experiences are the curriculum of life. But in a more narrow sense we would say that it is "Experiences under guidance toward a goal." Then finally the materials that we study.

What is the center of curriculum of the Bible School? What is Bible School about? At the Bible Teacher's Workshop this was discussed in a class directed by brother Holbert Rideout. It was pointed out that to teach the Bible facts alone was not sufficient, because we want to cause our children to desire to lead a full, meaningful life in Christian service. The Bible is the God given tool to do this. But let us be sure that we do not make the means to an end the end itself. We should use Bible facts to cause a pupil to live more like Jesus Christ.

We are striving to teach our children and adults to know more about God and His attributes. The foremost revelation of God is Jesus Christ, the son of God. (Jno. 14:9) With this knowledge of God, life takes on meaning. Truth, we then realize does not depend upon anyone's saying that it is so or any book recording it to be true. Values in the light of the truth of God become stable and not changing with the times. It has always been wrong to lie, to steal, to kill, etc. Whether recorded in the Bible or not. But we have the Bible that tells us this and are thankful for it. (Cf. Rom. 7:7) The Bible is simply an inspired tool that we use to mold lives into the image of God as revealed by Jesus.

We should be careful as Bible teachers that we do not make the Book something of an idol. The Book is true and holy only because of the message it holds. It is not something to be worshipped (continued inside)



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BIBLE CLASS

August 4.....371  
July 28.....382  
A Year Ago.....378

CONTRIBUTION

August 4.....\$1,201.05  
July 28.....\$ 953.29  
A Year Ago.....\$1,199.22

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and

Prayer.....Jamon Kirby  
Prayer.....Howard Holland  
Dismiss..Gerald Montgomery

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....Bob Threadgill  
Dismiss.....Roy Roberson

RESPONSES

We are happy to welcome brother and sister Don O'Bannon, 1526 Alamo Dr. They have moved to Tyler from Fort Stockton, Texas. He will be associated with his father in the O'Bannon's Yeung Man's Shop.

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of J. M. Mangum acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. We would also like to thank the ladies for the food, the beautiful flowers also your visits meant so much to us.

Alma Mangum and Boys

Your comforting expression of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude.

The family of J.F. Scogins

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During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Marie Hardin.

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We wish to express our deep appreciation to brother Brookshire and other friends in the Church for your prayers and other courtesies shown mother during her stay in the hospital and now during her long convalescence at home. They have meant a great deal to her as well as to us.

The J. R. Chapman Family

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The Chapman family is moving to Shreveport, La. and Sister Marshall will be leaving with them.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Warner are the parents of a baby girl born Tuesday evening. They have named her Virginia Leigh. Barbara and the baby are fine. They live in Emory, Texas.

DO NOT NEGLECT

One work that the Lord has assigned to his church namely, is teaching. Every Christian is suppose to be a learner and a teacher. One does not have to teach publicly to be a teacher but he must teach. One is teaching by example when he attends classes. Many of us would not think about neglecting our home or work, but we do neglect the most important thing of all, our duty to God.

We have many classes and many subjects being taught for the adults and surely one who is able bodied and interested can find a place that will benefit both him and the church. If all of us neglected the Bible classes this church would soon have a building for rent or sale. We will look for you this Lord's day. D.B.

OLTON MEETING

Brother Brookshire begins a meeting in Olton, Texas Monday evening August 12 to continue through August 18.

YOUNG PEOPLES MEETING

There will be a meeting for the young people at Emory Sunday afternoon at 2:00 O'clock. Bro. Brookshire has been invited to

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speak to them. Mike Warner is the preacher in Emory.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We are always happy to have visitors to worship with us. Those who signed cards last Sunday were:

Mrs. Jerry Hill and girls, Guatemala City; John E. Tigert, Carlsbad, New Mexico; Miss Ruby Thornton, Corsicana; Mrs. Ed Waller Tyler; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Otts and Cindy, Tyler; H. A. Maddox, Richardson; Mr. and Mrs. L. Laritson, Bristow, Okla; Dorsey Ellen Puckett, Baytown. Mrs. A. M. Matthews, Houston.

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL(continued from back page)

Unless the message of the Bible can be seen and read by all men in our lives, it matters not if we can quote long passages and can verbally explain the difficult passages.

Our object in the Bible School is this, stated in three parts: (1) To impart fruitful knowledge. (2) To build right attitudes. (3) To develop skill in living. Or to say it another way: We are striving to set the mind of Christ in the hearts of children and adults. "Let this mind be in you, which was in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 2:5) T.J.

OUR SUFFICIENCY IS OF GOD

"Not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to account anything as from ourselves; but our sufficiency is from God." 2 Cor. 3:5.

When Jesus said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit," he said in effect, "Happy is the man who has learned to depend on God."

Every person needs to learn the Word of the Lord and believe it, not a part of it, but all of it. The Word of the Lord is the most useful instrument one can possess, if he learns its contents, believes it and appropriates it. When I say appropriate it I mean all of it that applies to us both as sinners and saints.

We are what we are because of God. Our forgiveness and hopes did not come from test tubes or self discoveries. Our sufficiency is from God because we have learned his Will, loved Him with our heart and obeyed Him from the heart. Now we need to keep trusting Him and learn that as Christians our sufficiency is just as much from God now as it was when we became Christians.

It was not said to alien sinners, "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us," but to Christians. It was not a sinner who said, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day," but the Apostle Paul whose sufficiency was of God.

Paul had learned this vital truth. He knew he was not sufficient of himself and that he was not to think that what he was, was the result of his own working. He knew where his sufficiency came from and he acknowledged it.

Even in the material sense it is true that the sufficiency is of God. We may till the soil and plant the seed, but God furnishes the seed, soil, sunshine, and rain. Through God's grace we can supply the labor and tools but what we are unable to supply God does supply. When God created the world He also created every needed element. When the fulness of time came God gave the world a Saviour. All (continued inside)

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SUNDAY RECORD

Bible Class

August 11.....408  
August 4.....371  
A Year Ago.....427

Contribution

August 11.....\$1,058.35  
August 4.....\$1,201.05  
A Year Ago.....\$1,060.03

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and..

Prayer.....L. G. Drennan  
Prayer..Austin T. Giesecke  
Dismiss.....Willie Freeman

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....T. J. Parsons  
Dismiss.....Cone Birdwell

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much for your many visits, calls and cards. I appreciate your thoughtfulness so much.

Floyd Hoppers

MEETING IN BULLARD

Brother Raymond Hardin will be conducting a meeting at the Bullard Church of Christ, August 18.- 24. Services will be each evening at 7:30. You are invited to attend.

"If the life of Christ is not your pattern, the death of Christ will not be your pardon."

OUR SUFFICIENCY...

(continued from back page things are summed up in him. Christians are complete in Him. Every Spiritual blessing is in Him.

In the revelation of God one finds everything he needs to be made complete. The Lord hath given everything that pertains to life and godliness. He has shown us what is good for us. All of God's arrangements are such as to destroy boastfulness. Man can claim nothing without God, can do nothing without Him and can become nothing without Him.

The only room left for us is that of humility, dependency and thankfulness. This should make one ashamed to be unfaithful, or disloyal. We have nothing we can claim as our own. "Our sufficiency is from God." D.B.

MAKING THE CHURCH LIKE A BEE HIVE

1. Be a regular attender.
2. Be an on timer.
3. Be a front seater.
4. Be a lesson preparer.
5. Be a joyful singer.
6. Be an earnest listener.
7. Be a prayerful studier.
8. Be a visitor greeter.
9. Be a ready inviter.
10. Be a hand shaker.

DO YOU RECEIVE A RELIGIOUS PERIODICAL IN YOUR HOME?

It is important to read good material during the week. Two good periodicals are received at the church building in bundles for the use of the members here. One is the 20th. Century Christian, which you will find in the tract rack; the other is the Christian Bible Teacher, which is given to all of our teachers. A few of the Christian Bible Teachers are left over each month and anyone who wishes to get one on a "first come first served" bases is welcome to have one. They are placed below the tract rack. It would be wonderful if we had so many request for these good magazines that we would have to up our order for them.

We would suggest that every home in the congregation should receive at least one more periodical. This would give you a better possibility of becoming

ing spiritual minded by being influenced by more than a few godly writers.

Most of these publications come a few cents cheaper if five or more names are sent in by one individual. I will be willing to send the names of all who would like to subscribe to any of the following:

Firm Foundation (a weekly paper, club rate \$3.00 per year). Minister's Monthly (a magazine edited by bro. Frank Cox of our city. Although designed for preachers, it is valuable to all. \$2.00) Power For Today (This little bi-monthly booklet designed to be used in your family devotions, if as many as five order, can be had for 95¢). Christian Women (a monthly magazine for women \$3.00 per year. Teenage Christian (a monthly magazine for our youth. \$2.50 per year) T.J.

GET THE BULLETIN BOARD HABIT

We have a very nice bulletin board in the vestibule. We want to keep the church posted as to the local meetings and various activities of the congregation. Check it often. This month are displayed covers

from some of the books in our library. If you would like to read one of these books they are in Tom's study along with others that will be of interest. Be sure to sign your name when you take a book. T.J.

### THE SIN OF DOING NOTHING

I have read that Sam Jones, the great revivalist, use to have what he called a "Quittin service" in each meeting. He would set a day or night during each revival and ask for men and women to confess their sins and quit them. During one such service one man stood and said, "I have been cursing and I am going to quit it." Another stood and said, "I have been lying and I am going to quit it." The third stood and said, "I ain't been doing nothing and I am gonna quit it." This man realized what few of us do, that it is a sin to do nothing.

When God made man he gave him a capacity for truth, duty and righteousness. In order to guide and strengthen that capacity in its development, God has given man the Bible. Only by obeying His laws does man have the power to administer his trust, so as to please the Lord. Every form of human gift and opportunity is a part of the wealth which God has invested in man and man's sole business in this life is to be faithful.

In the distribution of the talents (Matt. 25) each one received something. They did not receive an equal amount, but each was expected to use what he had. The five and two talent men went to work for their master and brought him gain. The one talent man did nothing but bury his or fail to use it. His sin was the sin of doing nothing.

The reason he gave for not working was that he was afraid. He probably thought that because he could not do as much as others that he was not expected to do anything. Some still reason that way today. The Lord said he was slothful which pretty well means that he was afraid to work. He was afraid of his master. There are some now who think God expects more of them than they are able to perform. God has never expected more of us than we are able to do.

There is too much work to be done for one to go through life doing nothing. The church cannot exist when Christians do nothing. The work assigned to the church must be done by the people of God and when they fail they disobey, and all disobedience is sin.

Christians are to worship in (continued inside)

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SUNDAY RECORD

Bible Class .....  
August 18.....385  
August 11.....408  
A Year Ago.....448  
Contribution .....  
August 18.....\$1,060.65  
August 11.....\$1,058.35  
A Year Ago.....\$1,093.67

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY  
Announcements and  
Prayer..... Ross Walker  
Prayer..... James Phillips  
Dismiss..... Fred Powell

SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer..... Darrell Holt  
Dismiss..... Ralph Lowrance

#### THANK YOU NOTE

I wish to express my deep appreciation to every one for the lovely cards, the many phone calls and visits. Also, for the delicious food that was brought to us during the past two weeks I have had to stay in. In Christian love,  
Mrs. R. E. Fredrick

#### RESPONSES

Restored and Membership:  
Miss Sherry Houck, Box 51, Mt. Sylvan. She is attending Tyler Commercial College.

#### IN GUNTER HOME

Sister Myrtle Tucker is

now living at the Home For Aged in Gunter. She would appreciate so much hearing from us. Send your cards and letters to: Mrs. Myrtle Tucker, Home For Aged, Box 38, Gunter, Texas

#### THE SICK

Mr. Jesse King is in Mother Frances Hospital. He had surgery Monday.

#### IN THE NAVY

Dan Bailey has recently joined the Navy and is now in San Diego, California.

#### OMEN ROAD

Saturday night, August 24 the Omen Road Church of Christ will show a film by brother Mid McKnight entitled "Soul Saving." They are especially inviting all elders, deacons, preachers, and Bible school teachers to see this film. The time is 7:30 P.M. You are urged to attend.

#### OUR MEETING DATE

Remember our meeting this Fall. The date is September 29th. through October 4th. Brother Alonzo Welch of Jackson, Miss. will be preaching.

"Advice is like snow... the softer it falls the deeper it goes."

#### LET US PAY OFF OUR NOTE

When the Ladies Lounge and Secretary's office and workroom were built we had to borrow \$5,000 to complete it. This has to be paid soon and the elders have asked that we give as liberally this Lord's Day as we can so that the note can be paid. Brother Ross Walker made the announcement last Lord's Day and suggested that we contribute enough this week to pay off the indebtedness now. The West Erwin congregation can pay this indebtedness with hardly any sacrifice at all. Let each of us give as we are able and then we can turn our attention and money to some other good work here or away. Come prepared to give.

THE SIN OF DOING NOTHING  
(Continued from back page)  
spirit and truth. They must teach the truth. They are commanded to help the needy. All of this good work cannot be done by Christians doing nothing. This work has not been assigned to only a few, but to every Christian. The Lord gave to each one his own work. Mk. 13:34; Gal. 6:4. If we expect to be saved we must stand faith-

fully at the post of duty for the Lord. Salvation is promised upon the conditions that we become and do something for the Lord. The sin of doing nothing will condemn as quickly as any immoral sin one might be guilty of. D.B.

#### SINGING

You are invited to the area singing at the Wills Point Church, Sunday August 25, at 2:30 P.M.

#### OUR VISITORS

Among those who visited with us last Sunday, guest cards were signed by the following:

Tommy Whiteside, Ft. Worth, Texas. Mrs. A. H. Gardner and Kathleen Gardner, Dallas, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Layton and Sons, San Antonio, Texas. Mildred Chalker, Tyler. Mr. and Mrs. Don Becker, Austin, Texas. Mrs. Gladys Weathers, Columbus, Miss. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fuller, Kingsville, Texas. Our visitors are always welcome and invited to come back again.

"Gossip is a little insect. It has neither legs or wings. It is made up wholly of tales, and most of them have stings."



## CHANGING WORDS

In our King James Version of the Bible there are many words that are obsolete, and the common reader must guess at their meaning or look them up in a dictionary. A few others are archaic but still generally understood. Most of them are words which are still in constant use today but now convey a different meaning from that which they had in 1611. For example, in 1611 one became "addicted" to good habits as well as to those that are less praiseworthy; the King James Version states that Boaz thought to "advertize" the kinsman of Ruth, when he meant simply to tell him of her plight; the term "allege" in the seventeenth century meant to adduce evidence, to cite or quote authorities and thus to prove, but now it means merely to assert without evidence or proof; to "allow" in the King James Version means to approve or accept, to "admire" in the King James Version means to marvel at, "by and by" means immediately, "conversation" means behavior, to "prevent" is to precede, to "let" is sometimes to hinder, and to "suffer" is sometimes to let. The outlandish women who led Solomon astray were simply foreign women.

An interesting fact about Matt. 23:24 in the King James Version's "strain at a gnat" is that it is not a proper translation of the Greek at all. This version stands alone in this error as all the translations before and after the King James render the phrase properly as "strain out a gnat." It seems that the "at" was a printer's error that was unnoticed in the early editions and became so fixed in the minds of the people that it was just left.

The word "bowels" in the New Testament is interesting. Its use in Acts 1:18 is the only place where it is in its literal physical meaning. In eight other cases it is used by the King James Version in the sense of affection or compassion. The Greek word which the King James Version translates by "bowels" does not refer to the intestines specifically but to the "inward parts" or internal organs generally. Like the Greek word for "heart," this word (continued inside)

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SUNDAY RECORD

Bible Class	
August 25.....	425
August 18.....	385
A Year Ago.....	416
Contribution	
August 25.....	\$3,716.55
August 18.....	\$1,060.65
A Year Ago.....	\$1,070.13

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Dick Ferguson  
Prayer.....Darrell Holt  
Dismiss....Kenneth Bennett

SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Roy Layton  
Dismiss.....Tommy Woltman

RESPONSES

Restored: Mrs. A. Z. Aven, 1912 North Emerson.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Brethren:  
Let me personally thank you brethren for the use of your building for two weddings which we had during the month of August. I am sure that I also speak on behalf of the four families involved in the two weddings. P. D. Wilmeth

THE SICK

Brother Jesse King is in Mother Frances. He will go home Saturday and will be confined to his home for a

few weeks.

Brother Carl Sims is in Medical Center.

Little Shelia Strait has been in the hospital but is now at home.

Brother John Jackson has not been well and would enjoy your visit.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

The special contribution made last Sunday to pay off our note for the addition to the building was \$3,716.55. Your co-operation on this work is appreciated.

"A minister once called upon a lady who had a beautiful rose-garden. She carried him into this garden, and began to pluck roses right and left. "You are robbing yourself," said he. "Ah," said she, "you do not know the way to make the rosebush bear is to pluck them freely." Giving our means for the Lord's work does not impoverish us. To the contrary, giving enriches life, making it more beautiful.

... The Lake Highlander

To profit from good advice requires more wisdom than to give it.

...Collins

CHANGING WORDS . . . Continued from back page.

was also used for the feeling and affections. Today only "Heart" retains the double reference to physical organs and to the emotions of which these organs were supposed to be the seat.

Phil. 2:1 it means "with the affection of Jesus Christ.

The meanings of words change with use, this is part of a living language. Let us not let these words hinder our understanding of God's message to us. There are many such words in the King James Version. Get a good dictionary (unabridged) and become familiar with them. It will make your Bible reading more interesting and more profitable.

When Paul wrote, "Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own bowels" 2 Cor. 6:12, he meant "You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections." When he tells the Philippians that he longs for them "in the

bowels of Jesus Christ,"

Some of the above material was taken from The Living Word and Bible Words That Have Changed In Meaning by Luther A. Weigle.

T.J.

THANK YOU

It has been about one year since we moved to Tyler. Our work together has had its pleasant sides and some unpleasant sides. But as a whole it has been very pleasant. We have made some lasting friendships and hope that no enemies have been made because of shortcomings on our part. The Lord's work here has a very great potential. It is our prayer that it will grow and that we can con-

tinue to have a part in it. The raise in salary that you so graciously granted us and the week's vacation are appreciated beyond words. They are taken as spurs by us to continue and do more for the cause of the Lord here. Your continued prayers and consultations are requested. Let us all work together in the Kingdom of the Lord and let the Lord receive the glory.

Tom and Sylvia Jones

### OUR VISITING EVANGELIST

Brother Alonzo D. Welch of Jackson, Mississippi is scheduled to preach in our meeting September 29 through October 4. He began preaching in 1935 and has preached for the East Oakland Church, Oakland, California; Park Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee; Oxford, Mississippi; Union Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee and has preached for the Central Church in Jackson since 1958.

He is well educated having studied at David Lipscomb, George Pepperdine, University of California, Pacific School of Religion, University of Mississippi and Vanderbilt University.

Brother Welch has an excellent knowledge of the Bible and is an outstanding speaker. He has taught English at David Lipscomb College and the University of Mississippi.

Now that we know something about him it is our work to plan to attend and bring others with us.

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### WE ARE IN DEAD EARNEST

We are about ready to get down to serious work on our Bible Classes. We have not said nor done enough about the Bible Classes to create the interest that we should have in this important work. People cannot go to Heaven who do not know and do the Will of God. The Will of God is taught in our classes not only as facts but with the aim of creating the desire to do His Will.

Our aim is not to try to force anyone to attend class. That is not our objective. We have the classes provided for all, competent teachers, comfortable rooms and good environment. When all of these are provided and you are invited we believe we have delivered our souls. If you do not take advantage of what is offered you have no one to blame but yourself. Our prayer is that you will see before it is too late the fate of you and your children if you die in ignorance. Bible classes are too important not to be in dead earnest about them.

D.B.

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"If I cannot do great things,  
I can do small things in a great way. Clark

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A Year Ago.....399

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September 1.....\$ 978.79  
August 25.....\$3,716.55  
A Year Ago.....\$ 870.15

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....K. Max Haws  
Prayer.....M. M. Haws  
Dismiss.....Louis E. Jones  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....M. B. Beard  
Dismiss...Phillip Browning

CONGRATULATIONS

Jerry and Lois Bailey are the parents of a son born last Friday. Lois and the baby are fine.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies Bible class will meet next Wednesday morning, September 11 at 10:00 O'clock. Brother Tom Jones will be teaching this class for a while. Be sure and come. A class for the pre-school children will be provided.

"What you are speaks so loudly that men cannot hear what you say."

THE SICK

Brother Jesse King is in Medical Center Hospital.

TEACHERS MEETING

There will be a meeting of all teachers and those interested in the teaching program Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.

DON'T LET YOURSELF...

WORRY when you are doing your best.  
HURRY when success depends upon accuracy.  
THINK evil of a friend until you have the facts.  
BELIEVE a thing is impossible without trying it.  
WASTE time on peevish and peeving matters.  
IMAGINE that good intentions are a satisfying excuse.  
HARBOR bitterness in your soul toward God or man.

THE NOBLEST QUESTION

Benjamin Franklin was a wise man. He once said, "The noblest question in the world is this: 'What good can I do in it?'"

In working for and with others, we benefit ourselves more than we benefit them. No one is useless in this world who helps someone else. No one can be truly happy who loves and works only for himself.

A DOCTRINE OF TRUTH

"The man to whom all things are one, who refers all things to one, and sees all things in one: he can be steadfast. ... a Kempis

What the writer of the above statement had in mind may have been different from the thought that this writer had when he read it. It was this.

In our studies of all subjects we must keep in mind that there is one creator behind every thing. The same God that created night and day made all the physical properties that we study in physics. The same God that created the heavens and the earth made all the chemicals which we study in chemistry. The God that made man also is behind the history that we study of our nation, the world or any other history. He is one. The physical world is His product and thus not against Him. God is consistent with His creation. The beauties of nature or the beauties of art must have a more subline counterpart with God. The intricate systems of mathematics also must have a more subline but not adverse counterpart with God. God is the unifying constant that is in every field of study, in every activity of life.

As we begin a new school year, let us all remember these things. Even though our public schools try to be neutral about religion remember that we as Christians are not. We believe in God. We must recognize His handy work. "For everything that God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected when it is taken with thanksgiving, since it is hallowed by God's own word and prayer." I Tim. 4:4 New English Bible. cf. Gen. 1

The believer in God "can be steadfast in heart and abide peacefully in God." T.A.J.

BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a business meeting of the men of the Church at 3:30 Sunday afternoon. All men are invited. Immediately following that meeting the elders will conduct their meeting.

### OUR MEETING THE 29th.

Our meeting with brother Alonzo Welch is only a few days away. The meeting starts the 29th. of this month and will continue through October 4th. We are expecting a great meeting but it will take each one of us to have it. It is claimed now that only about forty per-cent of the members ever attend a meeting. Let us hope that brethren have more interest in meetings than that. Even if the figures I gave are right let us prove them wrong here. I believe we will have the building filled each night but it will take all of us to do it. May I suggest that you sincerely pray to the Lord each day in behalf of the meeting and ask Him to help you to be able to do your part and if each of us will do this we will have our best meeting in years. Let us also be praying for the lost. Why not single out someone and start praying for him/her and then try to make arrangements to bring them with you each time. Meetings do not just happen. They are planned and worked.

D.B.

### ENROLLMENT 529

We now have twenty-two classes on Lord's Day morning with an enrollment of five hundred and twenty-nine. However our attendance has not caught up with our enrollment. We would like to persuade those who are not in attendance to come and help us make our Bible Classes what we believe the Lord would have them to be. We believe the Lord is pleased with us when we study and learn His will for the purpose of doing it. Few or any of us would admit that the Lord is pleased with us when we are doing less than we are capable of doing. Each able-bodied person should count it a great God-given privilege to study his word with other Christians. Let us thank God for the Bible, teachers who will teach it and the joy of being a part of those who love the truth. Let us show our appreciation to God and our acquaintances by being faithful and wielding a good influence for the Lord and His church. Those of us who show so little interest in being a part of God's teaching program cannot expect to grow nor to win souls to the Lord. (continued inside)

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#### WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class .....	10:00 A. M.	Bible Classes .....	7:30 P. M.
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BIBLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Beginners -----12	8th. grade-----12
2 year old-----6	9th. grade-----10 42
3 year old-----12	High School-----24
4 year old-----13	College-----13 37
5 year old-----12 55	
1st. grade-----11	Couples (Jones)-----16
2nd. grade-----11*	Couples (Woltman)-----37
3rd. grade-----11	Couples (Brookshire)-----57
4th. grade-----7	Couples (Haws)-----34
5th. grade-----6	Ladies-----26
6th. grade-----6 52	Auditorium-----78 2457
7th. grade-----20	Total-----435

The above list of classes and attendance shows how the 435 in attendance is broken down. Only one class (according to the records in the office) had 100%. This was the second grade. There are 529 on roll. Let us let that be our Goal for next quarter. For this Sunday let us try to increase the attendance of each class by two. This will give us 479 as our first step in reaching our goal. Then our second step will be to increase each class by two more giving 523. If we can do this in September, it will not be difficult at all for us to set a new record and maintain our goal of 529 as at least the average attendance in October, November and December.

T.A.J.

ZONE MEETING

About fifty members of zone one held an enthusiastic meeting at the Smith Building last Friday night. Plans were discussed whereby we might increase our Bible School attendance and do some extra work in behalf of our meeting to be held soon.

are over we hope all the zone leaders will reactivate their workers and have regular meetings through the coming year.

We hope with all of us working together we can restore some of the fallen and save some who have not become Christian.

Now that most vacations

"To avoid doing wrong is not necessarily doing good."

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BIBLE SCHOOL

September 8.....	435
September 1.....	396
A Year Ago.....	445

CONTRIBUTION

September 8.....	\$1,068.34
September 1.....	\$ 978.79
A Year Ago.....	\$1,141.43

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
Prayer.....Bud Caskey  
Dismiss.....Jamon Kirby

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....Edgar Bullard  
Dismiss.....Tommy Parsons

RESPONSES

Restored and Membership:  
Miss Kay Cherry, 2124 Banderera.  
Restored: Mrs. Bobbie McSwain, 1518 Goliad.

THE SICK

In Medical Center: Marie Threadgill and Quitman Sims.  
Bro. D.C. Jones had surgery on his ear in Dallas Wednesday. They hope to be back Saturday.

SYMPATHY

Mr. B. L. Ginn, brother to bro. Troy Ginn passed away Thursday morning. He lived at Pine Springs. We

extend our sympathy to the Ginn family.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

We have several young people from West Erwin in College this Fall.

Abilene Christian: - Tommy Lowrance, Dewitt Jones, Raymond Hardin, Judy Holland, James Sims and Mike Sublette

Tyler Junior College: - David Drennan, Ronnie Lowrance, Nancy Butler, Joyce Venable and Franklin Shaffer.

University of Texas: Doug Warner, Don Andrews and James Andrews.

East Texas State: Charles Payne and Travis Aven.

ENROLLMENT 529 . . .  
(continued from back page)

Let each of us strive to close the gap between 435 who attended last Lord's Day and the 529 enrolled. That is a difference of 94. and the Lord is just as interested, and expects just as much, of the 94 as He does of the 435.

We have good class rooms, good teachers and Scriptural lessons and that should be enough to interest any Christian. We want you, not just to build up our number, but to prepare you for Heaven. D.B.

### SOUL WINNERS

Directly or indirectly all of us are to be soul winners. Solomon said, "He that winneth souls is wise." Winning souls is a daily work of a Christian. There should not be a time when he is not interested in winning souls to Christ.

The church is God's soul saving institution. Everything else the church does is second to that of teaching the truth for the purpose of saving the lost. Every good church carries on an enthusiastic program of teaching the gospel of Christ. The gospel is taught publicly by preachers, in classes by teachers, personally in homes, by press, radio, etc. but the purpose of it all is to save souls that would otherwise be lost. Practically all churches have a series of lessons (sometimes called gospel meetings, or revivals) once or twice a year taught by one whom the elders think can do some additional teaching and persuading and help save our friends and neighbors. All special meetings are for the same purpose as our daily work, that is to save souls.

Our meeting the elders have arranged with brother Alonzo Welch September 29 through October 5th. is for the purpose of winning souls to Christ. There are two classes of people we want to reach during the meeting. We want to teach the lost and lead them to their Saviour and we want to teach the saved to draw closer to their Saviour too.

I believe we will have a glorious week because we have everything it takes to make a good meeting. We have a God who is able and willing for the lost to be saved. We have Jesus who will mediate for us. We have the Bible that tells how the lost can be saved and we have a gospel preacher coming who is well qualified to tell the good news. Last and a very important part of a meeting is that we have so many good people here who want to have fellowship in the work of saving souls.

Pray that there may be a great ingathering of souls into Christ's church.

D.B.

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BIBLE CLASS

September 15.....436

September 8.....435

A Year Ago.....424

CONTRIBUTION

September 15.....\$1,028.70

September 8.....\$1,068.34

A Year Ago.....\$1,221.75

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and

Prayer....Russell O'Bannon

Prayer.....Ben Young

Dismiss.....Dean Bailey

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....Howard Holland

Dismiss....Ronnie Robbins

THANK YOU NOTES

We would like to express our deepest thanks and appreciation to bro. Jones and the singers who helped with the funeral of our departed sister in Christ. It was most gratefully appreciated.

Mr. Simmons and  
New London Church

We cannot begin to put into words our heartfelt thanks for your many visits, cards, calls, prayers and gifts during Mr. King's stay in the hospital, but we hope this note will let you know we appreciated every thing. In Christian love, Jesse and Theo King

FUNERAL

Funeral services were held Monday for Mrs. M. L. George. She was the mother of Mary Gaiser of this congregation and of Lloyd George of the Glenwood congregation. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

THE SICK

Larry Mackey is in the Glenwood Clinic.

Quitman Sims is still in Medical Center. He is to have surgery today (Thursday.)

Mr. Jesse King is home again from the hospital but will be confined for several more weeks.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

It was very encouraging to have 321 present Wednesday evening. Let's keep up the good work.

WORDS

A careless word may kindle strife.

A cruel word may wreck a life.

A brutal word may smite and kill.

A gracious word may smooth the way.

A joyous word may lighten the day.

A timely word may lessen stress.

A loving word may heal and bless. ...Walter

ATTENDANCE RECORD FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Class....	Present....	Absent....	Class....	Present...	Absent
Beginners	12	2	8th. Grade	*13	0
2 Yr. Old	7	1	9th. Grade	12	2
3 Yr. Old	*13	0	High School	27	6
4 Yr. Old	10	3	College	6	6
5 Yr. Old	14	4	Couples (Jones)	17	8
1st. Grade	11	3	Couples (Woltman)	36	9
2nd. Grade	11	1	Couples (Brookshire)	62	15
3rd. Grade	*12	0	Couples (Haws)	30	
4th. Grade	*12	0	Ladies	24	8
5th. Grade	6	1	Auditorium	<u>73</u>	32
6th. Grade	*9	0			
7th. Grade	18	5	Total	436	

Here again is our record in detail. Five classes were 100% in attendance. This is wonderful. Let us all encourage each other to attend Bible study. Remember we must reach 529 before Oct. and then maintain that number at least. The 436 last Sunday is bigger than it looks. We know of some families that are very faithful in attendance that were visiting away. This means that several who haven't been coming and several visitors were present Sunday. This coming Sunday we will come closer to our goal. We are counting on YOU. T.J.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We should like to express our appreciation to all who have co-operated so well during our recent efforts to improve our Bible classes. We want to thank the teachers who have taught so faithfully for a number of years without any relief. Some of them now desire to be relieved for six months to one year. We are thankful that we have good teachers prepared and willing to become a part of the teaching program. We are blest with some good qualified teachers and their contributions of teaching and living the truth has meant much to this church.

Thanks to all of you who have had a part in helping to improve the Lord's work here.

Dean Brookshire and Tom Jones



WEST ERWIN VISITOR

Thursday September 26, 1963

BIBLE CLASS

September 22.....433

September 15.....436

A Year Ago.....450

CONTRIBUTION

September 22.....\$1,024.21

September 15.....\$1,028.70

A Year Ago.....\$1,059.06

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and

Prayer.....Don O'Bannon

Prayer.....Leonard Woltman

Dismiss.....Terry Woltman

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....Harold Browning

Dismiss.....Tommy Woltman

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to thank everyone for being so kind to me while I was in the hospital. Thank you for the many cards, visits and especially your prayers.

Marie Threadgill

The family of B. L. Ginn acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

THE SICK

Brother Sims is still in Medical Center.

Brother E. L. Taylor has not been well. He is at home.

Brother Berry is confined to his home this week.

FUNERAL

Mrs. Fay Bland, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.A. Brett passed away Sunday night and funeral services were conducted for her Tuesday afternoon. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

HOW TO SAVE A SOUL

LOVE IT. Show a genuine interest in those you would like to be saved. Criticism and nagging do not save. Love cultivates. TEACH IT. Go teach all nations. They shall all be taught of God. Teach them the Gospel; it is the power of God unto salvation.

PERSUADE IT. Knowing the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. Many have been taught the Gospel. They need your love and your kind words of persuasion. He that winneth souls is wise.

BLESS IT. Pray for man to be saved. It may be that some obstacle is in the way that can be moved by no other means than prayer. Pray for those whom you wish to be saved.

THE SOUL. . . You save may be your own. . . . Selected.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING

Arp, September 29th, at 2:30 P.M. You are invited.

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## O LORD, SAVE THY PEOPLE

The title of this article is a part of an exhortation the Israelites received from Jeremiah in Chapter 31:7. They were being exhorted to be restored to their former place of acceptance by the Lord. A study of the book will reveal many gracious promises if they would heed God's Word. If they failed to turn again to the Lord punishment would be their fate. It was not God's will that they should be lost, neither is it His will now that any should perish.

I should like to change one word in the title to apply to us then it will read, "O Lord, Save Thy Church." What does the prayer of the text involve? It obviously includes the idea of peril. If they were in no danger then, the prayer of the text would not be appropriate. But they were in the midst of perils and it was appropriate. The church is and has always been in the midst of perils. The church exists in a world of sin and Satan has been quite successful in making sin attractive and alluring many away from the Lord and His church. This has not only happened to individuals but entire congregations have been turned away from the truth. The real danger confronting the church lies in her own moral weakness and spiritual unfaithfulness. Adversaries did not destroy the Israelites in the wilderness it was their own sins. Our own sins are our most dangerous adversary.

The church is to be distinct from the world. If we would understand the nature of this distinctiveness, the Redeemer explains it clearly. He plainly says, His people are not of this world, even as He is not of the world. Jesus is our model of separation from the world, and he has left us an example that we should follow in his steps. There is a fearful danger of being attached to worldly honors, riches, a life of ease, luxuries and the desire to be like those round about us. Do you not believe that there should be a clear line of demarkation between the church of Christ and the world? Just how can we expect the church to be in a healthy state and have a divine influence unless we do leave the allurements of sin?

The church has always been confronted with the peril

The end of this quarter's work in our Bible Classes marks a milestone in work for the Lord. Our classes have always been teaching the Word. Much good has come through the knowledge imparted in them. We trust that in this fourth quarter of 1963 we shall take notice of the past and see its good points and its bad. With this perspective we shall move out into greater service for the master.

Sunday, October 6th., the classes between the ages of four years and the twelfth grade will begin the series of studies entitled, "The Living Word." This material is fresh, and colorful. It should be an aid to new zeal in studying the Word of God to both students and teachers. On this day, (the 6th.) all the students, beginners through high school will be promoted. This means that all the classes will be new. Some teachers will be new. Some will be sitting in a class for a while. It is a time for setting our rolls straight.

Wednesday evening classes will take on new life with some changes for the students from the sixth grade up beginning October 9th. For the boys (7th. grade through college) brother Jones will conduct a training class. Sister Audrey O'Bannon will teach a class of junior high girls. Sister Molley Ferguson is going to teach the girls from high school, college and those who are not married. Sister Modena Jones will teach the ladies class, and brother Rushing will continue the men's class that he is now teaching. Brother Brookshire will continue in the auditorium. We know all the members of the West Erwin congregation will find their place in the proper class Sunday morning and Wednesday evening and be stimulated to live an active, dedicated Christian life of work and service for the master.

T.A.J.

A NEW CLASS AT THE BIBLE CHAIR - a beginners Greek course will be offered meeting every Monday evening, 7:00-9:30. This is an extension course from Ft. Worth Christian College. Cost -\$4.00 audit, \$10.00 credit. This course is open to everyone.

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BIBLE CLASS  
September 29.....464  
September 22.....433  
A Year Ago.....427  
CONTRIBUTION  
September 29.....\$1,134.53  
September 22.....\$1,024.21  
A Year Ago.....\$1,151.75

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Cone Birdwell  
Prayer.....M. B. Beard  
Dismiss.....Glenn Warner  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Charles Graf  
Dismiss.....David Hannah

### SYMPATHY

Mr. Roy Scogins, uncle of  
Lester Scogins passed away  
last Friday and was buried  
Monday morning in Shreve-  
port.

### THANK YOU NOTE

Your comforting expres-  
sion of sympathy will al-  
ways be remembered with  
deep gratitude.

The George Family

### TEXARKANA MEETING

Brother Brookshire will  
preach in a meeting next  
week, Monday through Fri-  
day, at the Rose Hill  
church in Texarkana.

### A GREAT MEETING

We are having a great  
meeting. A full report will  
be given in next week's  
bulletin. At this time  
(Thursday) there have been  
five responses.

### YOUNG PEOPLE SINGING AT RUSK

The young people of the  
church have been working  
on some songs for some  
time now. We are going to  
Rusk to the State Hospital  
to put on a program of  
songs and hymns. We have  
chartered a bus to carry  
30 individuals. This will  
be about \$1.37 each. We  
hope to do more of this  
type of singing as oppor-  
tunities present them-  
selves. We will leave the  
parking lot at 12:45 P.M.  
Each bring a sack lunch.  
We will be back before  
worship service.

### PREACHING AT ARP

Ronnie Lowrance is now  
preaching at Arp. He start-  
ed his work with them last  
Lord's Day. Let us pray  
for and encourage all of  
our young men who are now  
preaching and for those  
who are preparing to  
preach. A number of young  
men who grew up in this  
church are now preaching.

## BIBLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It was encouraging to see the increase in Bible School attendance last Lord's Day. We had this fine number with about 87 of our regular members absent. Five hundred is not our potential but this is the number we are striving to reach now and then we can go on from there. We have enough good optimistic consecrated Christians to help this church do a better work in our teaching program so that we have no fear it will not be done. Naturally we will have some dissenters and excuse-makers but we must not let these deter us from following our Lord's commandments to teach and study. In a sermon Sunday evening Septem-

## NEW CLASSES ON WEDNESDAY EVENING

Three classes designed to meet the needs of Christian women have been set up this Fall to meet on Wednesday evening. Sister Audrey O'Bannon will teach the jr. high girls. Sister O'Bannon has taught these girls for some time and reports that she has some new material to give them. Sister Molly Ferguson will teach the girls of high school and college

ber 22 I read a two-fold resolution found in the scrapbook of Jonathon Edwards and I want to put it in print with the hope and prayer that each one of us will use it to improve ourselves in the Lord's sight.

"Resolved, first that every man should do right, whatever it costs.  
Resolved, secondly whether any other man does right or not, I will, so help me God."

I do not believe any man can go to heaven without doing what Jonathon Edwards said, because these are Biblical principles. Let these be our resolutions from this day forward so long as we live.

D.B.

age. She is new at this endeavor but is studying and planning with commendable dedication. We know that this class will be profitable to all of them. Sister Modena Jones has continued her research for new material to help the married ladies that she taught last year. This class will continue to enjoy the fine success that  
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it had last winter we know.

The men of the congregation will be divided into two large classes. The boys 7th. grade through college will attend a training class taught by Tom Jones. We will not try to make "preachers" out of them, but it will be a class to help each young man take his proper place in the public worship of the church. Brother E. V. Rushing will continue to teach the older men in the class he is teaching.

T.A.J.

## PROMOTION DATE: SUNDAY

Sunday all the classes, beginners through high school, will be promoted. All the preschool children will go to their rooms that they have attended before. The older children have been told a room number to go to without going to their previous classes. The room numbers are located above the door. The first digit of each number tells what floor, the last digit tells the position on that floor. Here are the room numbers for the classes that are to go directly to a new room. Parents please remind your children of their new room numbers.

First grade.....	202
Second grade.....	301
Third grade.....	308
Fourth grade.....	302
Fifth grade.....	201
Sixth grade.....	307
Seventh grade.....	303
Eighth grade, Elm St.-South	
Ninth grade, Elm St.-North	
High School.....	306
College.....	305

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

Wednesday evening classes will be promoted Oct. 9th. The only difference in the class rooms will be these: the fifth and sixth grades will meet together in room 307, the boys seventh grade through college will meet in 204, the jr. high girls in 306. Also, the special adult classes will begin or will continue on this date. The men's class will meet in the same room, 106. The ladies class will meet in 107.

T.A.J.

## 100% CLASSES

2 yr. old---	Jo Welch
4 yr. old---	Wanda Whitworth
	Barbara Payne
2nd, grade---	Bessie Willis
	Mary E. Grier
3rd, grade---	Katie Heath
	Mary Prater
5th, grade---	Ophelia Woltman
	Wanda Weathers.

### OUR MEETING

Our meeting with brother Alonzo Welch is one that should be long remembered by all who heard him. His sermons were as powerful and applicable as anyone could preach. We do not hear his voice anymore but the saving truth that he put into our hearts should bear fruit as long as we live. Every sermon he preached challenged our thinking and provoked us to do better, if we want to do better. The greatest compliment we can pay brother Welch now is to do our best to put into practice the good things he taught us. Many times we are highly complimentary of the good lessons we hear and stop there, but the Lord is not pleased with just compliments. He wants us to bear fruit. This meeting was the best attended one we have had since I have been here. To me, this speaks well of the work brother Welch did and is indictive of spiritual growth on our part.

D.B.

### OUR SONG LEADERS

This congregation is blessed with at least five men who are willing to lead in the song service. Many think that I am the "hired" song leader. But this congregation does not have a man hired just to lead the singing, although a great deal of the singing is lead by me. The elders have instructed me to take the lead in using these men in the worship services more. They are brethren Don O'Bannon, Faber Cauthen, Bud Caskey, and Tom Moses. As these men lead our worship in song don't be critical; if you know of something that you believe would help make the singing to be a more meaningful, and acceptable service, tell the man who can put it into practice. Thanks be to God that we have such men with this ability.

T.A.J.

### OUR THANKS

To all who showed hospitality to brother Welch while he was here. Maurine and I want to express our appreciation for being included. Your expressions of love mean much to us.

D.B.

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**BIBLE CLASS**

October 6.....447  
September 29.....464  
A Year Ago.....422  
**CONTRIBUTION**  
October 6.....\$1,003.31  
September 29.....\$1,134.53  
A Year Ago.....\$1,055.45

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY**

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Dick Ferguson  
Prayer.....Howard Holland  
Dismiss.....John Arrington  
**SUNDAY EVENING**  
Prayer.....Edgar Bullard  
Dismiss.....Pete Nichols

**RESPONSES**

The following responses were during the meeting, including last Sunday.

Baptized:

Jann and Ann Stokes, 3017 Brookdale.  
Melody Haws, 3801 Birdwell.  
Billy Tigert, 2701 Brookhollow.  
Grant Rozell, 510 North Parkdale.  
Lynn Willis, Rt. 2, Box 158.

Restored and Membership:

Mrs. Nell Stewart, 502 W. Houston. She is the chief operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. She formerly worshipped at

Monahans, Texas.

Restored:

Tommy Parsons, 1917 Baker Drive.  
R. V. Threadgill, 1520 San Antonio.  
Don Weathers, 1808 Easy Street.  
Sandra Snipes, 1804 E. Houston.  
Tommy Woltman, 2823 Rollingwood.

For Prayer:

Donna Ivey, 2620 Pineburr.

THANK YOU NOTE

The family of Mrs. Fay Bland acknowledges with deep appreciation your kindness and expressions of sympathy.

**100% CLASSES**

4 yrs. - Wanda Whitworth  
Barbara Payne  
5 yrs. - Jan Knight  
Mary June Grier  
4th. grade - Penny McDonald  
Ruth Hannah  
7th. grade - Gerald Montgomery and  
David Hannah  
9th. grade - Fred Strait

"God promises a safe landing but not a calm passage."

"If God sends us on stony paths He will provide us with strong shoes."

**A TRIBUTE TO OUR BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS**

I dreamed the pearly gates were opened wide,  
And I had entered in, for I had died;  
And now must give account for all my acts,  
I saw a book there opened with these facts.

I thought, "My role upon this earth was small.  
Just teaching in a Bible School, my call."  
For I saw all the saints of God up there.  
And mine was, at most, a meager share.

I heard the Master call for my report;  
I stood afraid, for mine . . . was short;  
I trembled and felt I would not pass;  
Then whispered, "I just taught a Bible Class."

And from the throne I heard this voice, "Well Done  
Come in and share eternal life, my son;  
Although your place was humble and obscure;  
You led the thirsty to the Water Pure."

When I awoke I thought of those I'd taught,  
And in their lives, what glory God had wrought;  
I prayed to God, and all that I could say,  
"Make me a better teacher day by day."

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**MOVING**

We regret to announce that Roy, Elaine and Roy Lane Roberson are moving to Henderson. They are among the most faithful members we have and they will be greatly missed. Our best wishes go with them and we are sure they will be a great contribution to the work where they are going.

**THE SICK**

Sister Earnesene Shuford is in Medical Center,  
Sister Carla Nichols is in Mother Frances.  
Sister M. A. Slaughter has spent two weeks in Mother Frances Hospital. We are sorry that this information did not appear in the bulletin earlier.

## LET US DO MORE PERSONAL WORK

I mean by personal work that each one of us, who is able, should visit our friends, neighbors, erring brethren and faithful members who have moved into Tyler, in interest of their souls.

There are many who would like to become Christians but they are waiting for someone to personally ask them. Some of the fallen have not returned because they have not been personally encouraged. Many of them became discouraged, or absorbed in worldly things, or moved into a new locality and just quit and they would like for some Christians to show a personal interest in them.

But in doing personal work let us never lose sight of the purpose of it. The purpose is to save souls and not just to swell the church roll. Naturally each new one will increase our number, but our objective must be to save the soul and not just try to outnumber a sister congregation. I believe the motive is wrong when we expend more time and energy to try to get a faithful Christian to "place membership" than we do to try to convert either the erring or the aliens. Since we are accelerating our visitation program, here are a few things I would like to suggest that we never do.

1. Do not tell any member who moves to Tyler that under all circumstances it would be more advantageous to them to have membership at West Erwin. It might be to some and it might not be to others. Let them decide.
2. Do not tell them that we need them more than our sister congregations, because we do not.
3. Do not tell them that we have more to offer them than any of our sister congregations. We have only the truth and Christian activities to offer them and that is all that any faithful church can scripturally offer.
5. Do not under any circumstances ask, invite or persuade any Christian to leave a sister congregation to come be with us. If they decide to do so of their own accord naturally we will receive them into our fellowship, provided they were in fellowship where they left. Just shifting members from one congregation to another is not building up the Cause of all. If we are really interested in building (continued inside)

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BIBLE CLASS

October 13.....431  
October 6.....447  
A Year Ago.....414

CONTRIBUTION

October 13.....\$1,003.44  
October 6.....\$1,003.31  
A Year Ago.....\$ 900.36

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Howard Holland  
Prayer.....M. M. Haws  
Dismiss.....Ross Walker  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Pat Mackey  
Dismiss.....Truman Holland

WELCOME TO OUR FELLOWSHIP

Restored and Membership:

Mrs. Norma Grace Rowland,  
3823 Appletree Lane. Tele-  
phone Ly 3-7898.

Mrs. Janie Chelf, 1913  
Emerson. Telephone Ly 4-  
7136.

Restored:

Mrs. Helen Wright, 1512  
Graham Drive.

THANK YOU NOTE

We want to thank every-  
one for being so kind to  
Carl while in the hospi-  
tal. Thanks to all for  
the interest shown in  
cards, visits and especial-  
ly your prayers. May God  
continue to bless all.

The Sims Family

SYMPATHY

Brother Arlie Berry pas-  
sed from this life early  
Monday evening. Funeral  
services were conducted  
Tuesday afternoon. We ex-  
tend our sympathy to sis-  
ter Berry, Jelly and Paul-  
ine Jones and to the other  
children who live away  
from here.

MOVED BACK

Brother and Sister Luth-  
er Thompson have moved  
back to Tyler. They have  
bought a home, 523 West  
Selman. Their telephone is  
Ly 3-5540. We welcome them  
back to Tyler. Brother  
Thompson has been ill most  
of the time they have been  
back.

TO GUATEMALA

It is official now that  
three couples from here  
are going to Guatemala for  
the Lectureship. They are:  
The Cone Birdwells, The  
Truman Hollands, and The  
T. J. Parsons.

MEETINGS IN THE AREA

Palestine- Queen and De-  
bard St. Church, October  
20-25. Brother John Banis-  
ter preaching at 7:30 P.M.

Winnsboro - October 21-  
27, brother Claude Smith  
preaching. 7:00 A.M. and  
7:30 P.M.

LET US DO MORE. . .

(Continued from back page)  
up the Cause of Christ, let  
us work to lead sinners  
out of the kingdom of Sat-  
an and not out of sister  
congregations.

We should let the folk  
we visit know that we are  
from the West Erwin con-  
gregation and we should  
invite them to have fellow-  
ship with us, but if they  
do not see fit to do so  
then we should encourage  
them to have fellowship  
with one of the sister  
congregations.

Let it never be said of  
any member of the West  
Erwin church that we have  
used pressure and a false  
impression to bring anyone  
into fellowship with us.

D.B.

ZONE MEETING

Zone four held a very  
profitable meeting Tuesday  
evening. Bob Threadgill  
and Sam Bailey are leaders  
in this zone. Brother T.  
F. Holland is the elder  
who lives in this zone.  
Some plans were adopted to  
try to reach some lost in  
this area, and to encourage  
some delinquent members..

The most frightening fact  
we have to face... "every  
one of us shall give ac-  
count of himself to God."

OPENING OF NEW BUILDING IN  
NACOGDOCHES

The formal opening of  
the new building on North  
St. will be October 20th.  
A Lectureship continues  
through the 27th. Brother  
Brookshire is scheduled  
to speak Saturday night,  
October 26th. A bus has  
been chartered for the  
trip on that night. If you  
would like to go, see ei-  
ther brother Doc Wright or  
brother E. V. Rushing. This  
trip is not limited to  
any particular age. Other  
speakers and subjects are  
posted on the bulletin  
board.

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"A man should never be  
ashamed to own he has been  
in the wrong, which is but  
saying that he is wiser  
today than he was yester-  
day. ... Alexander Pope

.....

We have a little grievance  
We just don't think it's  
fair

That children come to Sun-  
day school

But their parents are not  
there,

Can it be they do not care  
to hear

That story old and sweet?  
Are they too wise and dig-  
nified

To sit at Jesus' feet?



LET THE ELDERS KNOW

Would you like to meet a little earlier and get out a little earlier on the Lord's day? For example: Would you like to meet for Bible school at 9:00 A.M. and get out of worship at about 11:00 A.M.? or meet at 9:15 A.M. and get out at 11:15 A.M.? or meet at 9:30 A.M. and get out at around 11:30 A.M.?

This has been talked by some for several months now and it was discussed in the last business meeting. We have been requested to run this in the bulletin so all can read it or know about what has been and is being discussed. If a change of time would work a hardship on you or make it impossible for you to attend, let the elders know. If you prefer a change in time, let the elders know. If you prefer the time we now meet, let them know.

D.B.

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REASONS WHY I ATTEND BIBLE STUDY

1. It is a delightful and pleasant way to obey a Scriptural command (II Tim. 2:15; II Peter 1:5; II Peter 3:18; Deut. 17:19).
2. I have a desire to emulate first century Christians (Acts 2:41-42; Acts 12:12; Acts 17:11).
3. I have a child and I want to set the proper example before him (Proverbs 22:6; Deut 6: 7-9; Eph. 6:4).
4. I want to maintain and protect my good influence (Matt. 5:13-16; I Tim. 4:12; Titus 1:16).
5. I want to keep my spiritual temperature high (Rev. 3:16; Titus 3:1).
6. I want to support the work of this congregation. I love this congregation because it is here that I feel a keen responsibility, and look to this congregation for so many good blessings (Titus 3:1; I Cor. 15:58; Phil. 1:1-6).
7. The Bible school offers me a scheduled time and a orderly arrangement of Bible study (Heb. 5:12-14; I Cor. 14:40).
8. Because I will be judged by the Bible and I desire to learn of that standard by which I will be judged (John 12:48; Rev. 20:12).

Archie Waldrum

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BIBLE CLASS  
October 13.....431  
October 20.....428  
October 27.....404  
A Year Ago.....422  
A Year Ago.....447

CONTRIBUTION  
October 13.....\$1,003.44  
October 20.....1,043.15  
October 27..... 910.66  
A Year Ago.....1,074.53  
A Year Ago.....1,049.69

OPEN HOUSE AT THE BIBLE  
CHAIR...SUNDAY, NOV. 3d.

We at West Erwin are having a part in the work at the chair at TJC in two ways: First of all several of our own students are attending. Second we are helping pay the directors salary. Let us go and see the work that is being done in this field of labor. The time is anywhere between 2 and 4 P.M.

Many count the years of their religious life; but often there is little fruit of amendment.

The diamond cannot be polished without friction, nor the man perfected without trials.

Chinese Proverb.

NO BULLETIN LAST WEEK  
We hope all of you missed the bulletin last week. Due to Nelda's illness the bulletin was not published. At this time her condition has improved. She will be back soon.

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Isa Stokes has the Mumps.

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NACOGDOCHES TRIP:  
Thirty-four from here made the trip to Nacogdoches for the service last Saturday evening. We had a good service and we enjoyed the fellowship of the Brethren there. They have a beautiful, useful building. We rejoice with them.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO:  
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hooker who are the proud parents of a boy born the 17th. and to  
Mr. and Mrs. James McSwain who are the proud parents of a girl born the 26th.

\*\*\*  
T.O. J.  
TWO "LEAN" SUNDAYS:  
Due to the many absentees, we have had two "lean" Sundays in a row. Our records do not look very good, but if every one makes up his contribution, which he should do, the record should look much better this week. Let us try to be present

for all the services for a while and bring others with us, then we can close out the year with good interest and enthusiasm. Our absentees have been running almost a fourth, not quite, of our total attendance for the past few weeks. The Lord has been good to us this year; let us not neglect to study his word, worship Him and carry our part of the work.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES

Bible study is important any time of the week. Our mid-week Bible Study program is going along in fine fashion now. The new classes that were set up at the beginning of October seem to be doing well. Sister O'Obannon reported 100% attendance in her class of jr. high girls on October 23d. This is good. We wish that all the classes on Wednesday evening could report 100% more often. Let us take advantage of every opportunity to learn more of God's will for man.

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T.O. J.  
If you have any good in you, believe still better things of others, that you may preserve humility.

THE CHRISTIAN TEEN  
is the name our young people have chosen for their bulletin. At the first of this school year it was suggested to the young people that a good project this year would be a monthly bulletin prepared for and by themselves. The idea was approved by all. Representatives were chosen by them to approach the elders about the matter. David Drennan and Buddy Helland spoke to brother Howard Holland who carried the idea to the rest. The idea was approved by the elders as a project that would stimulate interest in religious affairs among our young folk.

This week marks the first edition of the bulletin. Herbert Brookshire co-ordinated the work. We hope that we can put out one edition per month.

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T.O. J.  
It takes a heap of loving in a church  
To make it home.  
A heap o' sharin' burdens  
That we gather as we roam  
Along life's crowded highway  
Feeling weary and distressed  
It takes a heap o' lovin' But a church like that is blessed.

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### LET US START A CAMPAIGN

There are many different kinds of campaigns being carried on by our brethren today to further the Cause of Christ. I would like to suggest one here of our own. Let us call it a "Stay Home and Pay Up Campaign." So many are away so often and some are forgetting to make up their contributions either before they leave or when they return. One cannot make up his attendance, but he can redeem the time. If all who visit would be in Bible School the attendance would not suffer as it does. If all did this it would pretty well balance itself up but many who visit here never come to study the Bible and many who visit away from here do not attend Bible School either.

This year is about gone and if you plan to settle the year right with the Lord you do not have much time left. We have some obligations that must be met and we plan to increase our mission work, but these cannot be done without the co-operation of us all.

Many souls are depending upon our contribution. Many souls are watching our example. Let us be sure we are doing the Lord's Will at all times. If all stayed away and failed to give as some are doing we would have no church here. If we love the Lord as we should we will take care of our spiritual obligations.

"Keep yourselves in the Love of God." Jude 21. D.B.

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### 100% CLASSES

Last Sunday, Nov. 3, the following classes were 100% in attendance. The 3rd. grade taught by Katie Heath and Mary Prater, the 6th. grade taught by Patsy Young and Fay Wallace and the 10th. grade taught by Ben Young and Roger Knight. The previous Sunday, Oct. 27, the 4th. grade taught by Penny McDonald and Ruth Hannah was 100%. Also the Wednesday evening Jr. High girls class taught by Audrey O'Bannon has been 100% the last two weeks.



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BIBLE CLASS

November 3.....440  
October 27.....404  
A Year Ago.....383

CONTRIBUTION

November 3.....\$1,218.14  
October 27.....\$ 910.66  
A Year Ago.....\$1,104.52

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....James Massey  
Prayer.....James Phillips  
Dismiss..Dudley Brookshire

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....W. H. Turner  
Dismiss.....Henry McRuiz

RESPONSES

Baptized: Linda Miller,  
2417 W. Oakwood.  
Restored: Mrs. J. R. Mil-  
ler, 2417 W. Oakwood.

L. G. Drennan, 1910 S.  
Wiley.

Mrs. A. A. Brett, 112 E.  
Gold.

Nancy Butler, Rt. 9, Box  
76.

THE SICK

Sister A. O. Mayo has  
been ill at her home for  
several weeks.

SYMPATHY

Mr. C. Y. Fain, brother  
of sister Moselle White  
passed away Thursday. Sér-

vices were held for him  
Saturday. Our deepest sym-  
pathy to the family.

\*\*\*\*\*

Our sympathy to Tom and  
Sylvia Jones who lost  
their baby last Saturday.  
Private services were con-  
ducted Sunday afternoon.

THANK YOU NOTES

Your many expressions of  
sympathy and love are  
deeply appreciated and  
will always be remembered.

Mrs. Arlie Berry and  
family.

Thanks to all who brought  
food, for visits, flowers,  
words of comfort and the  
many acts of kindness dur-  
ing the loss of my brother.

Moselle and Tommie White

When times of sorrow  
come and friends respond  
as you did, it makes us  
realize to a greater de-  
gree what it means to be a  
Christian. Your gifts of  
\$215.00 and several meals  
were unexpected and ap-  
preciated more than you  
will ever know. Now, more  
than ever, we are spurred  
on to work for the Master  
ever looking forward to  
seeing our loved ones in  
heaven.

Tom, Sylvia and Heidi

TWO PITFALLS OF A LEADER

There are two great pit-  
falls of a leader: dicta-  
tor and "do-gooder." Both  
are very close in the fi-  
nal analysis. Jim Dobbs is  
reported in the Teenage  
Christian to have pointed  
the difference out. "They  
differ only in method of  
achieving an end result.  
They both use force, and  
in every instance they  
take away freedom." He con-  
tinued, "The 'do-gooder'  
eventually separates him-  
self from the people and  
sees himself as wiser and,  
feels he has the right to  
dictate. We are to do good  
of course, we are. The  
Bible tells us to do good  
to all men, but it also  
teaches us to respect the  
freedom of man and his  
dignity as an individual."

This is a problem among  
young and old in the  
church. We must become  
mature enough to lead men  
to behave as Christ in a  
way that they do not think  
that we are pushing them.  
Here is the lesson of the  
old Jewish shepherd again.  
He does not drive his  
flock but calls and they  
follow. Be sure that you  
are right; let others de-  
cide to follow or flee.  
cf. Ezekiel 3:17-21.

T.A.J.

WANTED

Fifty women who could be  
attending a class for them  
on Wednesday morning at  
10:00. We have this many  
or more who are passing  
this opportunity by each  
week and they could attend  
if they just would. What  
will you say at the Judge-  
ment? Will you say you  
put the Kingdom first?  
That the class was not  
worth while? You already  
know enough? God knows the  
real reason. D.B.

WHEN WE ARE TEMPTED TO  
complain a little about  
the cost of Christianity,  
we should compare what it  
is costing us with what it  
cost Jesus Christ. When  
this comparison is made,  
it will drive us to our  
knees to ask forgiveness  
for our petty complaining,  
and to promise that we  
will do more for the Lord  
in the future. Let us re-  
member: if going to heaven  
is worth anything, it is  
worth everything.

...Just A Moment Bulletin

"Unless a man undertakes  
more than he possibly can  
do he will never do all  
that he can."

"It is not ability that  
God wants, but usability!"

## SOME REASONS FOR PRAYER, THANKSGIVING AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Some reasons for prayer, thanksgiving and contributions are given in II Corinthians that may have been overlooked by some. In 1:12 Paul tells the Corinthians that they must pray for him, then when he is delivered from death in some persecution, many would have reason to give thanks to God, thus another occasion to glorify God. Paul states in 4:15 that the grace of God, as more and more people hear of it and obey the Gospel, increases thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

In his great interest in his nation, Paul was going about gathering a collection for the poor saints of Judea from the Gentile churches. The occasion of the collection was to relieve the suffering of that time and location, but the reason for the collection was two-fold: to show the Jewish Christians that the Gentile Christians were not anti-Jewish, and that here would be still another occasion of giving thanks to God for His great mercy and the love which it produces in the hearts of His people.

The great duty of God's people is to glorify their heavenly Father. When we give today to needy people in anyway, let us have more in mind than just supplying physical wants; let us ever strive to make situations where others will be constrained to glorify God by their thanksgivings.

T.A.J.

## ZONE MEETINGS

A good meeting of zone 4, with Bob Threadgill and Sam Bailey as leaders, was held at the Smith Memorial building Monday evening. Zone 1 with T. J. Parsons and Fred Powell as leaders, also held a meeting recently at the Smith building. November 4, zone 3 with C. B. Hardin and Faber Cauthen as leaders held a meeting at the Recreation Center. There may have been other meetings that have not been reported. May we urge each zone to hold regular meetings, plan work and carry it out. We need to be busily engaged in the Lord's work at all times. This work is urgent and needs the co-operation of every member. We need more of the members to attend these zone meetings. This is not an unimportant work, because we are trying to save souls.

D. B.

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BIBLE CLASS

November 10.....425  
November 3.....440  
A Year Ago.....425

CONTRIBUTION

November 10.....\$1,037.33  
November 3.....\$1,218.14  
A Year Ago.....\$1,077.23

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Don O'Bannon  
Prayer.....W. H. Turner  
Dismiss.....Louis E. Jones  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....C. R. Clough  
Dismiss.....Larry Clough

CARD OF THANKS

My mother, Mrs. W. G. Brookshire, of Mt. Pleasant, Texas has been ill for the past few weeks, and this was mentioned in the Lord's Day Morning Ladies class. As a result she received many get well cards from the members here. She wishes to thank all who sent cards. D.B.

TO PREACH HERE

Brother Cline Paden of Lubbock will preach here on Lord's Day Morning, December 1st. Brother Paden is well known to most of us and we want to have the building filled to capacity that day.

CHANGE OF TIME

After some discussions, deliberation and suggestions from some of the members, the elders have asked that we print a slight change in our meeting time of the Lord's Day morning service. Beginning December 1st, we will meet at 9:30 for Bible School, 10:20 for Worship and we will be dismissed by 11:30. No changes are being made in either the Lord's Day evening or Wednesday evening services.

REMEMBER WE WILL BE MEETING FIFTEEN MINUTES EARLIER FOR BIBLE SCHOOL AND WORSHIP, BEGINNING DECEMBER FIRST.

IT DID NOT WORK

We suggested last week that we start a "stay home and pay up campaign," well it did not start. Both the attendance and contribution were down. Maybe we are waiting to start it this week. Let us hope that we start this Lord's Day. We are having too many absentees to carry on a good program of work.

D.B.

THE SICK

Charlotte Chandler spent several days in Glenwood Clinic. She is home now.

GLENWOOD MEETING

Brother Hans Nowak of Kaiserslautern, Germany will preach in a meeting November 17 - 22. The Lord's Day services are at their usual hour and the weekly services will be at 7:30 each evening.

They have invited the Ladies classes of the other congregations in town to meet with them on Wednesday Morning, November 20.

The Glenwood brethren have almost completed their building program and those of us who attend the meeting will get to see their building as well as hear the gospel.

TENNEHA MEETING

Brother C. H. Bowers of Los Angeles, California is preaching in a meeting at the North Tenneha church now. The meeting started the 11th and will continue through the 24th. Since we help support that work, some from here might like to attend and see the work being done there.

MOVED

The Robert Stokes moved to Luling, Texas recently. We regret to lose them but wish them well in their new venture.

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to Robert Stokes and his family. Robert's father passed away late Wednesday evening. His funeral will be 2:00 Friday afternoon in Gilmer.

LADIES CLASS

Our Wednesday Morning Ladies Class will meet with the Glenwood congregation next Wednesday in their meeting with Hnas Nowak.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for October is posted on the bulletin board. Feel free to discuss any questions with the elders.

ANNUAL WORKSHOP

We have been requested to announce the Annual Pre-School Workshop November 21, 9:00 - 11:00 A.M. at the Robert E. Lee cafeteria. All parents of pre-school children are invited. The topic will be Ethical and Moral Values.

100% CLASSES IN ATTENDANCE

3rd. grade - Katie Heath  
Mary Prater  
6th. grade - Patsy Young  
Fay Wallace  
10th. grade - Ben Young  
Roger Knight

### STUDY WITH YOUR FRIENDS

Our Bible classes on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening are among our best opportunities to reach the lost with the saving gospel of Christ. It is in classes like these that the most learning takes place. The public schools recognize this and try to keep their numbers in each class down. We have a long way to go before we ever think about keeping our number down.

Let us try to tell the story of God's saving grace to more people. There are many in Tyler that do not go any where on Sunday morning to worship. These are your neighbors and mine. It is not enough just to ask them to come. Bring them!

Even just bringing them will not be sufficient. We must present to the world lives that shout "Here is a follower of Christ!" To do this we must pray more, read more of God's word and associate more with other Christians. Set regular periods every day for prayer and meditation on God's word. Have you ever thought about having a Bible class in your home, for your close friends? God loves those who show their love for Him. You will be blessed with a rich life here on earth and a home eternal in the heavens. T.A.J.

### HOLIDAY SEASON

This is the time of year that everyone thinks of holidays with a strong religious emphasis. Following the teaching in the Bible we find nothing that would indicate that the church is to celebrate such days. We are sorry when so many people make so much out of these days thinking that they are commands of God. Some worship God only on such days. We as New Testament Christians do not as the church observe the holidays of tradition. But let us rejoice that at least in this time of the year more people think of Christ than any other time of the year. Let us remember the inspired words of Paul in Phil. 1:18: "...whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in that I rejoice." T.A.J.

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL AT 9:30 SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 1

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#### BIBLE SCHOOL

November 17.....412  
Absentees-Approximately 150  
November 10.....425  
A Year Ago.....417

#### CONTRIBUTION

November 17.....\$ 995.54  
November 10.....\$1,037.33  
A Year Ago.....\$1,177.58

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Russell O'Bannon  
Prayer.....Leonard Woltman  
Dismiss.....Buddy Holland

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....O. C. Becker  
Dismiss.....Herbert Brookshire

#### DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We share in the sorrow of brother and sister B. E. Walker and sister Sara Powell in the death of their son and brother, Major Jimmy Walker. Jimmy passed away last Friday in Korea. No definite arrangements have been made for funeral services except that he will be buried in Walla Walla, Washington where his wife and children live.

Memorial services for Jimmy will be conducted at the church building Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

#### GOING OUT OF BUSINESS? ?

Any business that has more than one-fifth of its employees absent each work day cannot hope to grow or stay in business very long. The same thing is true concerning the Lord's work. We had a whopping amount of 150 absent from Bible School last Lord's Day and we have 529 enrolled. We had 412 present but the difference was made up by visitors. In the past month we have had over 500 absentees from Bible School. We are going to have to support our Bible School or it will die. Not only is the person who habitually absents himself depriving himself of needed study but the church suffers much from his failure to contribute, and his example. Many churches go out of business just like secular businesses. Many of the older congregations throughout the brotherhood are steadily going down, and two reasons for it are that they are living in the past and have quit working. Both are fatal. We must use the most modern means and methods to teach the old time gospel. We have these now, what we need more than anything is to stay home and work. D.B.

#### ARE YOU CONVERTED... continued from back page.

taught on a few things Jesus taught, but they have not been converted to Him. To illustrate what I mean; many today are converted to the name "church of Christ." They would not wear any other name or be a member of any other church, but they do not live like Christ wants His church to live neither will they support it with their presence or finances. Some are converted to baptism. They believe they will go to hell without it, but they are not as converted to loving their enemies, paying their debts, telling the truth, forsaking not the assembly. Why? Because they are not converted to Christ. When one turns to Christ and is genuinely converted to Him he does everything Christ requires of him as best he can. When this

takes place the work of Christ has first place over every other thing in the world.

After Christ's resurrection the Apostles, except Judas, became converted to Christ. This is evidenced throughout the book of Acts. They preached His word, they suffered for Him, they were loyal to Him, and they sacrificed themselves for Him. There is no hint in the book of Acts that the brethren had to be begged to give, to attend or study God's Word. They did not have to be begged to teach their neighbors who were lost. Why? They were converted to Christ and were not as much in love with the world and its ways as we are now.

Let us turn to the Lord before it is too late.

D.B.

#### RESPONSES

Miss Laura Drummond and Miss Annie Lee Drummond have moved to Tyler from Cooper, Texas. We welcome them to the West Erwin congregation. Miss Annie Lee Drummond teaches in Dixie School.

AREA SINGING = Wills Point  
Sunday at 2:00

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Brother and Sister Jimmy Strait are the parents of a baby girl born Monday, November 18. They have named her Sandra Kay. Jimmy preaches for the church in Ratliff City, Okla. The grandparents are the Clarence Straits.



### KEEPING THE RIGHT COMPANY

Prov. 13:20 "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

The lessons are: If you want to learn wisdom keep company with the wise. If you want to be brought to ruin keep company with fools.

Here are some other proverbs which sheds light on getting wisdom from the proper source. "If thou seest a man of understanding, get thee betimes unto him, and let thy foot wear the steps of his door." "With wise counseling thou wilt wise become." "A man that is wise will thee true wisdom teach."

Here are some proverbs which express the same thought on the second part of the verse. "The friends of fools shall turn out the same." "He who associates with fools shall do evil." "He who roams about with fools shall be known." "Tell me your companions and I will tell you what you are." A Dutch proverb, "He that lives with cripples learns to limp." A Spanish proverb, "He that goes with wolves learns to howl." A homely English proverb, "He that lies down with dogs shall rise up with fleas."

In I Cor. 15:33, "Be not deceived: evil companionships corrupt good morals." (RSV) The thing that provoked Paul's statement here was that there were teachers in Corinth that denied the resurrection of Christ. He says for them to be not deceived that as long as they had in their midst corrupters of the truth, and kept company with them they would be led away from the truth themselves. A gospel preacher once wrote, "It is only when Christians associate with the wicked with the express desire and purpose to do them good that they can rely on the protection of God to preserve them from contamination." Seldom do we find a faithful Christian whose closest friends are evil. When we allow our children to run with the evil crowd we must expect the inevitable, corrupted morals. If we and our children expect to be saved we must keep company with the wise (Christians) and shun fools (evil and false teachers). Many have fallen because they have kept company with the evil ones instead of with Christ and his followers.

D.B.

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BIBLE SCHOOL

November 24.....424  
Absentees - Approximately 124  
November 27.....412  
A Year Ago.....423

CONTRIBUTION

November 24.....\$1,148.61  
November 17.....\$ 995.54  
A Year Ago.....\$ 937.47

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill  
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
Dismiss.....Buddy Holland

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....Pat Mackey  
Dismiss.....Tommy Woltman

RESPONSES

Mrs. Jerry Bailey came forward Sunday evening for prayer.

THANK YOU NOTE

The family of C.W. Stokes acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

MOVING

Don and Wanda Weathers and children will be moving to Victoria, Texas the first of December. They will be greatly missed here and we wish for them the best in their new home.

NEW TIME FOR BIBLE SCHOOL

Don't forget the new time for Bible School. We will begin meeting at 9:30 next Sunday morning (December 1st.) Worship services will begin at 10:20.

FUNERAL SERVICE

Brother and Sister B. E. Walker's son, Major Jimmy Walker will be buried in Walla Walla, Washington Friday morning at 11:00. Memorial services for him were held here last Sunday afternoon.

SULPHUR SPRINGS MEETING

Brother C. E. McGaughey will be in a meeting in Sulphur Springs December 2 - 8 with services each evening at 7:30. We hope some from here will be able to attend, at least one evening.

TO SPEAK SUNDAY MORNING

This is to remind you again that brother Clinic Paden of Lubbock will speak here this Sunday morning. Worship services now begin at 10:20. Let us all work to have a record attendance Sunday.

100% CLASS

The ninth grade class taught by Fred Strait was 100% in attendance Sunday.

AS A MAN THINKETH

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Prov. 23:7).

You have heard it said, "A penny for your thoughts." But your thoughts are worth more than a penny. Since man's thinking determines his entire life, it could be said, "Eternity for your thoughts." To think right is to live right.

You are what your thoughts make you. Your soul is dyed the color of your thinking. "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders."

Pride, worry, selfish-

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BIBLE SCHOOL AT 9:30 - SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 1.

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A LITTLE HUMOR

The following conversation between a father and his son reminds me a great deal of some of the conversations between brethren over church work.

The mountain youth returned from college on vacation. "Whacha larnin', son?" inquired the father. "I'm learning algebra, Pa" replied the son. "That's

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ness, hate, anger, sadness, pessimism, etc., are all products of our thinking. On the other hand, one's thinking governs his humility, kindness, sympathy, gratitude, etc.

One's attitude determines his altitude. He will never rise any higher than his thinking. His disposition determines his position. "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." To think right is to live right. You can control your thinking. Don't let it sink beneath the YOU you want to be.

...Sulphur Springs Bulletin

BIBLE SCHOOL 9:30 A. M. WORSHIP SERVICE 10:20 A. M.

### PERSONAL WORK

Some reasons why we are not doing more personal work. Perhaps the word personal itself holds a clue to the difficulty. We do not feel a personal identification with Christ Himself, which would cause us to say with Paul, "It is no longer I that live, but Christ Jesus that lives in me." If I identify myself that personally with Christ, I will seek ways to serve as He did, in doing good and teaching the truth. Everything Jesus did had the personal touch. Even when He taught the multitudes, it was of individual relationships to God. We tend to avoid personal commitment by shifting this responsibility to the few in each congregation who may be willing to shoulder it. Probably the bulk of what should be the personal concern of each Christian is consciously shifted to the preacher in the minds of the members. Consequently, he and the few who are also truly trying must spread themselves unmercifully thin, sometimes to the neglect of their health and families. Perhaps more practical teaching on the fact that each part of Christ's body has a function to perform would lessen the load on the few. There are also many members who are willing, but fainthearted, who need guidance and encouragement. Let us plan to do more work for the Lord.

Adapted from an article by Mrs. J. R. Smith, a member of Skillman Ave. church in Dallas, Texas

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### SEASONS WISHES

We want each member of the West Erwin Congregation of God's People to know that we do appreciate all the wonderful gestures of kindness you have shown us in the past year and the last few months especially. In this season of the year when the world at large is thinking of "Peace on earth, good will to men" we want you to know that our prayer is that the Lord's peace may be with you all. Certainly God's peace does come to men of good will. May the Lord continue to bless us together in working in His vineyard. May each one have safe, happy days in this season of the year.

Tom, Sylvia and Heidi Jones

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BIBLE CLASSES

December 1.....425  
November 24.....424  
A Year Ago.....428  
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CONTRIBUTION

December 1.....\$1,040.03  
November 24.....\$1,148.61  
A Year Ago.....\$1,250.31  
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Ross Walker  
Prayer.....M. B. Beard  
Dismiss.....Tommy Parsons  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Charles Graf  
Dismiss.....Ramon Ivey  
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RESPONSES

We welcome sister Myrtle Vaughn to our fellowship. She came to Tyler from New Deal, Texas and is now at the Sunset Home. Her room is no. 26. She would be happy to have a visit from you.  
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THANK YOU NOTES

Would that we had the words to express our true feelings to our brethren and friends. We appreciate every expression of sympathy, the food, flowers and offers of assistance and most of all the prayers. We

ask a continuation of your prayers that we may conduct ourselves as Christians. Grace and Bud Walker  
Sara and Fred Powell  
Judy and Don Forbes

My deepest thanks to the Ladies Bible Class for the wonderful gift and cards that were sent to me.  
Julia Livingston  
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FUNERAL SERVICE

Mrs. Nellie Rosenbaum, mother of sister M. H. Shaffer passed away in a Waco hospital. Her funeral was held in Hillsboro Monday afternoon. Our deepest sympathy to sister Shaffer and her family.  
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ATTENTION LADIES

Ladies of the Wednesday morning Bible Class are planning to bake cakes and cookies to be taken to Boles Home. All who wish to take part in this project are asked to bring their cakes or cookies to the building either Wednesday morning or evening. Someone will take them to the home on Thursday.  
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BUSINESS MEETING

The regular monthly business meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30. All of the men are invited.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE SCHOOL CLASSES

Class	On Roll	Absent	Visitors	Total Present
Infants	4	1	0	3
2 Yr. Old	11	7	2	6
3 Yr. Old	14	8	2	8
4 Yr. Old	11	2	3	12
5 Yr. Old	16	5	1	12
1st. Grade	14	3	1	12
2nd. Grade	10	3	0	7
3rd. Grade	10	3	2	9
4th. Grade	12	4	0	8
5th. Grade	10	3	1	8
6th. Grade	8	2	1	7
7th. Grade	9	3	0	6
8th. Grade	21	2	0	19
9th. Grade	13	2	0	11
10th. Grade	12	0	1	13
11th. & 12. th. College	28	4	2	26
Adults (Jones)	9	3	6	12
Adults (Woltman)	24	13	0	11
Adults (Woltman)	37	10	3	30
Adults (Brookshire)	77	15	3	65
Adults (Haws)	39	6	0	33
Ladies (Brookshire)	34	7	3	30
Auditorium (Holland)	98	35	14	77
	<u>521</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>425</u>
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GLORIFYING GOD

A creature with a choice of glorifying the creator or debasing Him, who does glorify the creator, produces the greatest ideal possible; for in this choice the goodness of Him receiving the glory is reflected. What greater glory can a father have than a son who honors him by living a respectful, honest life; a son who respects his father; a son that tells the world by his actions what kind of a home he came from.

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called the children of God; and so we are." I John 3:1. Glorify now the Father by worship, by a moral life, by telling everyone of the Christ.

T.A.J.

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### RELIGIOUS CENSUS

A door to door religious census will be taken here January 24-31, 1964. We will need the help of twenty five workers from this church. We will have a designated area in which to work and this work will be started January 24th. and must be completed by the 31st. We want adults to do this if we can get them. If you would like to volunteer, please call some of us here at the building. D.B.

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### HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN SOMETHING?

We do not like to "hound" anyone or "harp" on the same subject all the time, but it looks like it is time to say something about our giving. Somebody has forgotten to give the past two weeks. We have had quite a number out due to illness and many out visiting and this probably accounts for the decrease. But about all that most of the good people need is a reminder, and that is what this is intended to be. So far as I know our income has not decreased so let each of us make up and bring our contribution up to, at least, normal. D.B.

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### SEASONS GREETINGS

We should like to extend our heartiest and most cordial greetings to every family of the West Erwin church, and to those of you who receive this bulletin.

Especially to this church do we say thanks for the many ways you have expressed your love and appreciation to us. We are grateful for the many prayers that have been offered in our behalf. Whatever our worth may have been to this church this year may be attributed to your prayers, love and support. Without these we could have done nothing at all.

We send our love and best wishes to each one, and hope you enjoy a happy holiday season and the richest blessings of God forever.

The Dean Brookshires

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*Mr & Mrs J. M. Howell*

*413 Hillside*

*[Signature]*

THE NEW YEAR APPROACHES

Traditionally this is a time for making resolutions. Many of this day have left this practice, saying, "I'll just break them anyway." This is indicative of the times in which we live, but the making of resolutions at least once a year is a good policy. And even should you fail to keep all of them or a part of them, they will serve as an indicator of areas of weakness which need particular attention to overcome.

When one becomes a Christian he makes certain vows to God. At various periods of our lives we need to check to see that we are keeping those vows. We need to rededicate our lives to the Lord. As growing children of God, we should be able to serve Him better next year.

Paul was inspired to say; "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the RENEWING OF YOUR MIND..." Let us all take stock of our spiritual condition. During the past year the devil may have penetrated your "Breastplate of Righteousness." You may have let down your "Shield of Faith." This is a good time to mend your armour. Lay plans now that will help you fight the good fight.

Your resolutions must fit you individually, but when you make yours, remember these areas: Knowledge of God through learning the Bible, More periods of prayer, More zeal to do righteousness, More love for lost humanity, and more dedicated to worship the Lord regularly. T.A.J.

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100% CLASSES

The third grade class taught by Mrs. Katie Heath and Mary Prater, and the five year old children taught by Mrs. Jan Knight and Mary June Grier were 100% in attendance last Sunday.

WEST ERWIN VISITOR  
Thursday December 12, 1963

BIBLE CLASSES  
December 8.....418  
Absentees-Approximately 118  
December 1.....425  
A Year Ago.....425

CONTRIBUTION  
December 8.....\$ 999.21  
December 1.....\$1,148.61  
A Year Ago.....\$1,145.42  
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Dick Ferguson  
Prayer.....Roger Knight  
Dismiss.....Jack Haws  
SUNDAY NIGHT  
Prayer.....Roy Layton  
Dismiss..Dudley Brookshire  
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THANK YOU NOTES  
Your comforting expression of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude.  
Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Shaffer and Franklin

Please convey our thanks to the members of the West Erwin Church of Christ for the lovely white carnations sent to my husband. It was kind of all of you to think of us during this difficult time. Sincerely,  
Mrs. James Benson Walker

THE SICK  
Brother F. M. Mathis en-

tered Medical Center Sunday. Sister Marie Threadgill and sister Bernice Majors are in Medical Center. Sister Majors underwent surgery Tuesday.

Sister Myrtle Tucker is here from Jacksonville visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Knight, 420 Lorance. She would enjoy your visit as would sister Emma Reed Smith who has not been well this past week. Sister Lera Bennett is confined to her bed for two weeks.

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CONGRATULATIONS  
Congratulations to Roy and Elaine Roberson. They have a new son, born last Saturday morning at Mother Frances hospital. The Robersons are living in Henderson now.

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SWEETS AND CLOTHING  
Brother H. McCarty took approximately 70 cakes, pies and boxes of cookies to Boles Home Thursday morning.

Also, Thursday morning Doc Wright and Tommy White took a truck load of clothing to Terrell to the Southwestern Christian College. The response to these two projects was very generous.

### ARE YOU CONVERTED TO CHRIST?

Simon Peter was a chosen Apostle of Jesus Christ, he had heard Jesus teach many times, he had seen some of the miracles he performed, but he still was not converted to Christ and the work assigned to him. Shortly before His crucifixion Jesus said to Peter, "...and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Luke 22:32

If many of us who claim membership in Christ's church today would do some Bible and heart searching we would find ourselves as deceived as was Peter. We would find ourselves as much in need of conversion as did this man.

The word convert means to turn (Matt. 18:3); To turn about, turn towards (James 5:19-20). The word implies a turning from and turning to as the Thessalonians "turned to God from idols" (I Thess. 1:9) In order to become a Christian one must turn from sin, from himself and turn to Christ. His life becomes, "hid with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3); "Christ lives in him" (Gal. 2:20). The affections of his heart are changed from things of the world to things above (Co. 3:2). This conversion is demonstrated in many ways.

Genuine conversion is always preceded by faith and love. Faith causes one to accept and obey all that God has revealed for the purpose of bringing about his conversion. Love is the motivating power behind one's actions.

Peter's faith and love were neither one as strong as he thought they were, because he declared that if all men should deny Christ he never would. He was among the first to forsake Him and was the one who denied Him the most vehemently.

Many of us today are as deceived about being converted to Christ as was Peter and others who thought they were converted. Many today are more attached to the world than the first disciples and we forsake Christ and His ways for no real reason at all, just for the world and what it gives temporarily.

One of the biggest and most dangerous problems facing the church of our Lord today is unconverted or untaught brethren. Some have been (continued inside)

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BIBLE CLASS  
December 15, .....404  
December 8, .....418  
A Year Ago, .....#19  
CONTRIBUTION  
December 15, .....\$ 952.10  
December 8, .....\$ 999.21  
A Year Ago, .....\$3,807.74  
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY  
Announcements and  
Prayer,.....C. B. Hardin  
Prayer,.....M. M. Haws  
Dismiss.,David Hannah, Sr.  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer,.....Bruce Raley  
Dismiss,.....Tommy Keith  
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BAPTIZED  
Bob Butler was baptized  
last Friday evening. We  
welcome Bob into our fel-  
lowship. He is a senior  
in John Tyler High School.  
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THANK YOU NOTES  
With deepest humility, I  
want to express my appre-  
ciation for every expres-  
sion of interest in my  
welfare, for the blood, the  
prayers, cards, flowers  
and visits during my re-  
cent illness. Sincerely,  
Mrs. Bernice Majors

This is to gratefully  
acknowledge the excellent  
contribution of clothing

and other items which you  
recently gave to South-  
western Christian College.  
We sincerely appreciate  
the fine way in which you  
good people continue to  
assist us in our efforts  
here. Please express our  
gratitude to all who had a  
part in the contribution.  
A. V. Isbell  
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THE SICK  
Brother Frank Mathis is  
now at home. Sister Ber-  
nice Majors will go home  
today (Thursday). Sister  
Marie Threadgill is in  
Medical Center.

Brother R. L. Trentham  
is in the hospital in Dal-  
las. If you would like to  
send him a card, his ad-  
dress is: Veterans Admin-  
istration Hospital, Room  
3A, bed 8, Lancaster Road,  
Dallas, Texas.  
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100% CLASSES  
We had three classes last  
Sunday 100% in attendance.  
They were the four year  
old children taught by Mrs.  
Wanda Whitworth and Barbara  
Payne, the second grade  
taught by Mrs. Margaret  
Montgomery and Mrs. Mary  
Grier, the sixth grade  
taught by Mrs. Patsy Young  
and Mrs. Fay Wallace.  
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ALL ARE INVITED  
To a special song service  
at the Glenwood building  
on Wednesday evening the  
25th. We know many will be  
out of town but if you  
plan to stay in town go  
over there and participate  
if you can. We plan to make  
this an annual affair with  
it being held at a dif-  
ferent congregation each  
year. The last Wednesday  
evening of the year has  
been designated as the  
time. We hope to have the  
singing here next year.  
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A man should be like tea.  
His real strength should  
appear when he gets in hot  
water.

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TIME TO PRAY  
I got up early one morn-  
ing and rushed right into  
the day; I had so much to  
accomplish that I didn't  
take time to pray.  
Problems just tumbled  
about me and heavier came  
each task. Why doesn't God  
help me? I wondered, He  
answered, "You didn't ask."  
I wanted to see joy and  
beauty but the day toiled  
on, grey and bleak. I won-  
dered why God didn't show

A CHANGE FOR NEXT WEEK  
Next week our mid-week  
service has been changed  
to Thursday evening. Every-  
one please take note of  
this and be present 7:30  
Thursday. Mike Sublett,  
who is in school in Abi-  
lene, will speak to the  
Auditorium group the 26th.

ANOTHER FAMILY MOVED  
Another one of our good  
families has moved out of  
town. Brother and sister  
I. M. Howell have moved to  
Kilgore. Their new address  
is 413 Hillside. They have  
meant much to us and we  
know they will mean much  
to the church in Kilgore.

me; He said, "You didn't  
seek."  
I tried to come into  
God's presence, I used all  
my keys at the lock. God  
gently and lovingly chided,  
"My child, you didn't  
knock."  
I woke up early this  
morning and paused before  
entering the day, I had so  
much to accomplish that I  
had to take time to pray.  
... Louis Dawson



## CLOSING OUT 1963

Many are asking, "Where has 1963 gone?" Others have said, "This has been the shortest year of my life." 1963 has gone where all the other years have gone and this year has been no shorter than any other year. It does seem that time is passing more rapidly than ever, but it is not.

The year seems to have been short to the writer and he attributes it to two things, being busy is one and the other is not accomplishing what he had planned. Now let me explain. So far as work days are concerned I have never put in more of them than in this year. Yet in the face of all of this, there are many things I planned that I never got around to doing. Really I dread to see the old year come to a close, because I am sure some of the undone things may be traced to my failure to use the time wisely or I just simply neglected some of them.

Now that the time is so short all I can do is depend upon the mercy of God to forgive me for wasting precious time and neglecting opportunities and plan to do more for Him in the year ahead, if He wills.

Here are a few of the things I planned to do this year that I just did not seem to get around to doing. I planned to study more and do more teaching and exhorting. I planned to visit more of my lost friends and talk to them about their souls, but I did not do that either. Some of my brethren have become neglectful and I had planned to visit them and try to restore them and I did not get around to see all of them. The seriousness of the loss of even one soul should weigh heavily upon each Christian. We should spare no efforts to try to save them. At least, if we do not save them we can get their blood off of our hands.

On the eve of a New Year we can say with Paul, "Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed." He was talking to Christians, because salvation is not nearer to the lost, but condemnation.

All who started out the year of 1963 with us did not live to see it finished. No doubt, in a congregation the size of this one there will be several of us who go out into eternity before 1964 (continued inside)

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### CALENDAR OF SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

Bible School ..... 9:45 A. M.      Morning Worship ..... 10:40 A. M.  
Evening Classes ..... 5:00 P. M.      Evening Worship ..... 6:00 P. M.

#### WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A. M.      Bible Classes ..... 7:30 P. M.

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BIBLE CLASS

December 22 No Classes  
December 15.....404  
A Year Ago.....386

CONTRIBUTION

December 22.....\$3,806.68  
December 15.....\$ 952.10  
A Year Ago.....\$1,741.06

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Dick Ferguson  
Prayer.....Roger Knight  
Dismiss.....Louis J. Jones  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Truman Holland  
Dismiss.....Tommy Lowrance

THANK YOU NOTE

Bob, R. V. and I would like to thank our many Christian friends for the many visits, cards and your prayers and the food that was brought to our home while I was in the hospital. May God richly bless each of you.

Marie Threadgill

CONGRATULATIONS

Frances and James Phillips have a new baby son, Marshall Patrick, born last Friday morning. They are doing well.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH MEETING

There is to be an area-wide meeting of young peo-

ple Sunday, December 29th. in Arp at 2:30 in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend. A group will be going from here.

LADIES CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will not meet next week. It will meet again January 8th.

BIBLE TEACHERS MEETING

Coming up soon is a general teacher's meeting to be held January 6, 1964, in our auditorium. We will have a panel discussion on improving our teaching, using three or four of our local preachers. This will be an important meeting so mark your calendars now. About the third week in January we want to have an open house for the pre-school through junior departments. This will be a time for the parents to learn first hand what the teachers are doing. You will be hearing more about both these events. T.J.

GILMER MEETING

Jimmy Arnold, student at Harding College, will preach in a meeting at Gilmer, December 30 through January 3. Services each evening at 7:30. See the bulletin board for subjects

CLOSING OUT . . .

(continued from back page) comes to a close. What if that should be you or me?

Here are a few suggestions for closing out the year. However, I do not suggest that you wait for the close of each year to do these things. Confess your sins and ask God to forgive you. So far as humanly possible live in peace with all men. If you have failed, go to the one offended and ask forgiveness. If you have been offended go to the offender. If you have failed to worship through neglect confess it and become more spiritual. If you have failed to give, make it up just as you would a debt to the bank or department store.

God has been merciful to us. He is worthy of our praise and affection. Let us not forget the source of our lives and all good things. Let all of us plan to do more in 1964 and if we should leave this world before the year ends may we leave it in peace with God. D.B.

THANKS FOR YOUR LIBERALITY

Due to the inclement weather, the worst we have had in Tyler in years, last

Lord's Day our crowd was about half the regular number but it did not dampen nor freeze the liberality of some as our contribution was the best in a long time. The amount is shown under the record. When those who could not come make-up their contribution this Lord's Day we should have enough to pay off the indebtedness on the Ladies Lounge and the office and have a sizable amount with which to begin the New Year.

This should bring us a step closer to the support of another preacher somewhere within the States as so many have expressed a desire to do. It is good to know so many good people who are not satisfied with the amount of mission work we are doing and are willing to give more to preach to others,

I know the elders are appreciative of the liberality of those of you who gave last Lord's Day and if all of us will remember whether we are present or absent the gospel must be preached here and in other places. Love expresses itself and it is evident when we look at our record this time. D.B.