

# West Erwin Visitor

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## Church of Christ

### 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.

DEAN BROOKSHIRE — — EVANGELISTS — — TOM JONES



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Thursday, January 2, 1964

#### BIBLE CLASSES

December 29.....385  
December 22.....no classes  
A Year Ago.....445

#### CONTRIBUTION

December 29.....\$1,243.33  
December 22.....\$3,806.68  
A Year Ago.....\$1,441.97

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Don O'Bannon  
Prayer.....Ross Walker  
Dismiss.....Fred Powell

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....T. J. Parsons  
Dismiss.....Fred Strait

#### THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for the basket of food you were so kind to give to me at this season of the year. It was such a help to me.

Mrs. Etha McCord

#### ATTENTION LADIES

The Wednesday morning class for all ladies of the church will begin its regular meetings next Wednesday morning at 10:00. All ladies who do not work away from home are urged to attend.

#### GLENWOOD MEETING

The Glenwood church is conducting a meeting Jan-

uary 12-15. Brother Wilmeth will do the preaching. We are invited to attend in a body Sunday night at 7:30 after our services here.

#### SERVING FOR JANUARY

The following men have been selected to serve the Lord's Table and the congregation during the month of January. North side:

Tommy Woltman, Tommy Keith, Dudley Brookshire, Ramon Ivey, Steve Sublette.

South side: Buddy Holland, Chuck Cauthen, Herbert Brookshire, Gary Terrell, Phillip Browning.

Serving Sunday evening: Bob Threadgill and Henry Holland.

#### TEACHERS MEETING

Remember the Teachers Meeting Monday evening, 7:30 in the auditorium. All teachers and those interested in Bible School work will want to hear the panel discussion by local preachers.

#### OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the H.C. Williamson family, whose uncle passed away in Hawkins and to the Pete Wallace family whose niece passed away in Marshall.

## OUR PROBLEM

An outstanding characteristic of church members which was once recognized by all was our knowledge of the scriptures. We are proud of this record; but it seems that it is becoming more and more just a record. According to reports in one of the papers from various brethren that come to this desk, the church is faced with the problem of ignorance of the scriptures. When one of the colleges, which is supported by our brethren, gives a standard test over general Bible knowledge to its freshmen which was taken by the freshmen of several denominational schools also and our boys and girls make a lower grade, it is time to sit up and think. This happened! The test was given on entrance to the college before any instruction from the college had been received. In other words they were the products of our homes and Bible schools.

Where is the blame to be placed? It is easy to say the church and its antiquated Bible school program is at fault. But think, dear mother and father of our children, you are the church. We all agree that the Bible school program needs to do better. It is doing better in some ways, but are we teaching our boys and girls a true knowledge and understanding of the Book? I would hazard a guess that these same boys and girls that took the test are from average congregations like West Erwin. Most likely while in grade school, junior high and high school they were never challenged with any real study of the scriptures, or even seriously encouraged to think on their own. Probably they were given our favorite "proof texts," and on trying them on their friends with little conviction or understanding, they were unable to answer their friends questions or ridicules. They are now resigned to their fate. With little interest or conviction they have gone through the motions of becoming Christians, practicing the "Faith of their parents" not interested enough to study and really learn the truth for themselves, yet scared to change the ritual.

Now we need a solution to the problem, . . . one that will really work. The solution lies in the church made up of individual members. We, as the parents in

the church must bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. This means to begin while the children are babes to pray together as a family, then read God's word together, then come together with the saints to worship together on the Lord's Day and other services of the church that the elders have appointed. When the parents are converted to Christ and know Him, the children will learn Him and His word. When this is accomplished again, we will be known for our Bible knowledge, and also by our Godly lives.

And a highway shall be there,  
and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not pass over it,  
and fools shall not err therein. Isa.35:8

And they shall not teach every one his fellow  
or every one his brother, saying, Know the Lord!  
for all shall know me,  
from least of them to the greatest. Heb.8:11

T.A.J.

## BENEVOLENCE

Several weeks ago we learned that there were 14 boys who had moved into the building that was formerly the nursery of Boles Home. These boys, 9 through 14 years of age, had no place to store their clothes. This was mentioned in several of the adult classes one Sunday morning resulting in several individuals contributing enough for eight unfinished five-drawer chest-of-drawers. Brother Joe Willis furnished the track and gasoline to take the chests to Boles. The house mother for these boys is sister Cora Nelson known to many here in this congregation. We thank brother K. Max Haws for bringing us the news of this need and all those who contributed. The smiling happy faces of these boys on receipt of the chests said, "Thank you, thank you, we will not forget your generosity nor will we fail to respond to the love of Christians by living all of our lives according to the training we are now receiving.



ALL CHRISTIANS MUST WORK FOR GOD

Jesus said in Mark 13:34, "For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, AND TO EVERY MAN HIS WORK, and commanded the porter to watch." This portion of Divine truth is equally applicable to us with those to whom it was originally addressed. And it is of the first importance that we should recognize it, feel it, and live and act under its responsibility.

In Christianity there is much to learn: the great mystery of godliness is spread before us, in God's Word, and we should labor to increase daily in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every Christian should be a close student of the Bible. He should not be content until he can give an answer to every man that asketh him a reason of the hope that is within him. In order to perform the Lord's Will, we must know it.

In Christianity there is much to enjoy. Its blessings are rich and overflowing. Much is said in the Bible about rejoicing and being happy. We are happy if we have gone, "every man to his own work."

In Christianity there is much to endure. There are temptations, afflictions, distresses and sorrows. Christianity is not a life of ease. It was never intended to be such. Any kind of work that takes our patience, strength and time is not easy, but it is rewarding when we see accomplishments. Christians can withstand any temptation and bear up under any affliction, if they trust in the Lord and "cast their care on Him."

In Christianity there is much to be done. Christianity is eminently a practical thing. Obedience is the great evidence of true discipleship. Jesus said, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." Jesus is the "author of eternal salvation to all that obey Him." "This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. . . ."

Every man has a work assigned him of God. Similar work is assigned to others, but the work God has assigned each of us cannot be transferred to another. The work of faith, repentance, love, baptism, liberality, worship, soul-saving, teaching, (continued inside)

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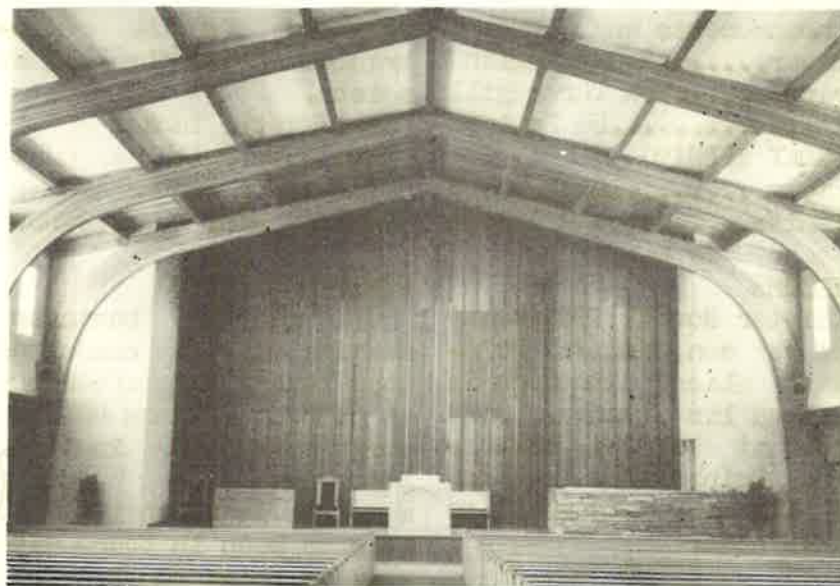
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WEST ERWIN VISITOR  
Thursday, January 9, 1964

BIBLE CLASS

January 5.....424  
December 29.....385  
A Year Ago.....424

CONTRIBUTION

January 5.....\$1,021.89  
December 29.....\$1,243.33  
A Year Ago.....\$1,220.80

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Henry Holland  
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill  
Dismiss.....Ed Bullard  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....L. L. Gann  
Dismiss.....James phillips

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WELCOME

Sister Novella Poinbeauf and her son, Mr. Joe Poinbeauf placed membership with us last Sunday. They live at 401 W. Oakwood. Mrs. Poinbeauf's husband is ill and confined to their home.

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NEW ADDRESS

Brother and sister Ed Naul have recently moved to Tyler from Overton. Their new address is 1607 Sequoia.

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THE SICK

Jim Franklin had surgery on his arm Monday morning. He is at home now.

Mr. R. L. Trentham is in Lisbon hospital in Dallas for eye surgery.

Mrs. Alice Long is in Medical and Surgical clinic.

Mrs. Leora Tate and Mrs. Emma Smith are confined to their homes.

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THANK YOU NOTES

This week we received thank you notes from the following for the remembrances during the holiday season.

Mrs. Myrtle Tucker  
Mrs. Nora Smith  
Mrs. M. B. Hughes  
Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Jones

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BUSINESS MEETING

The monthly business meeting will be conducted this Lord's Day afternoon at 3:30. All men of the congregation are invited. Attending the business meetings is another way to help us keep in touch with what is being done. Come if you can.

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YOUNG PEOPLE

There will be an Area-Wide Young People's Meeting at the Van church of Christ January 12 at 2:30 in the afternoon.

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COME TO BIBLE CLASS

ALL CHRISTIANS MUST... (Continued from back page) morality, etc. cannot, in God's sight, be escaped. There are no secret hiding places in God's House, the church.

The work assigned to us should be done instantly, we may not have much time left. It should be done cheerfully, with a willing mind and ready spirit. It should be done earnestly, with all the heart. It should be done constantly, because the Lord's work is continuous.

Are we all working for Christ? If so, in what way? To what extent? In what spirit? Let each of us resolve that we will not let our work go undone this year. D.B.

100% CLASSES IN ATTENDANCE

Teachers Class  
Mrs. Katie Heath  
Mary Prater.....3rd grade  
Gerald Montgomery  
David Hannah.....7th grade  
Fred Strait.....9th grade  
Ben Young  
Roger Knight....10th grade

The class with the most visitors last Sunday was the College class with 4.

GLENWOOD MEETING

A short meeting begins at Glenwood this Sunday and

continues through Wednesday evening. Services each evening at 7:30. Brother Wilmeth will be preaching. We are invited to go in a body Sunday evening at 7:30 following our regular service here. Let us overflow their auditorium.

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 they will have open house. A short devotional service will be held and a conducted tour through their new facilities will follow.

BRING A FRIEND TO CLASS

One good way to influence your friends with the gospel of Christ is to invite them to attend our Bible classes. To encourage more to bring their friends we are going to list in the Visitor each week the classes that have the most visitors along with the 100% classes. Let's all bring a friend to class every time we can. T.J.

BLOOD BANK

Due to recent calls for blood the surplus in our blood bank is very low. If you can donate to this supply go by the Stewart blood bank and donate to the West Erwin church account or contact brother James Phillips.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS FORTHCOMING

Be listening for the date of a dinner to be given for our Bible School teachers at no cost to them. Unless you are a teacher you have no idea of the time and sacrifice it takes to prepare one or two lessons each week. Many of us believe we should express our appreciation to them, at least, in a small way. Those of us who do not teach will be called on to help provide this dinner. Please respond when the announcement is made.

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Be listening for an announcement for some improvements to our teaching facilities. This may be weeks, but it is in the making. We are doing well with what we have but we want to improve. We must reach as many souls as possible and we believe the time is ripe for us to reach many who are not presently being taught.

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Be listening for an organized program of visitation, separate and apart from our zone work, as soon as we get the census cards.

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Two Lord's Days of this year have already passed and the entire year will be gone before we know it. So will our lives here on earth and we must not procrastinate or be idle while lost souls, that we can now reach, will soon be gone too. Let each of us determine that we are going to lead some soul to Christ before this year ends. We can do it if we try. D.B.

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### A LOOK AT OUR RECORD

Our record for last Lord's Day does not look too impressive. Some two or three dozen cases of illnesses were reported. All in the form of measles, colds, flu, sore throats, etc. As usual we had some out of town. We are praying for a speedy recovery of all and hope to see you in Bible School and Worship. We hope you do not forget to make-up or mail in your contributions. So many places beside this church are depending on us and we just cannot let them down. Let each of us work hard, pray diligently and give liberally to have a happy growing church here. D.B.

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#### BIBLE CLASS

January 12.....398  
January 5.....424  
A Year Ago.....350

#### CONTRIBUTION

January 12.....\$1,208.81  
January 5.....\$1,021.89  
A Year Ago.....\$1,159.81

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Faber Cauthen  
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
Dismiss.....Tommy Parsons

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....M. B. Beard  
Dismiss..Dudley Brookshire

#### WELCOME

Sister Etha McCord was baptized last Friday morning. Her address is 1716 N. Spring and telephone is Ly 2-3166. She is a friend of sister Earl and much teaching and admonishing was done by her. If each one of us could just win one friend to Christ this year we would have a glorious year.

#### RELIGIOUS CENSUS

There will be a religious census taken here in Tyler January 25, 26 and 27. We have a need for twenty workers. We would like to have volunteers for this

work. Some have already volunteered but not enough to furnish our quota. The work will start on Saturday and some follow-up work on Sunday and Monday. This work can be done by either men or women. Please give this your serious consideration and help us reach the new-comers, the backslidden and those who prefer the church. Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated and the work will be rewarding.

#### THANK YOU NOTE

I am grateful for your generous gifts of food and flowers and your thoughtfulness since I became a member of the West Erwin church. May God bless you.  
Mrs. Myrtle Vaughn

#### ACC LECTURESHIP

The Abilene Christian College Lectureship will be conducted this year February 23-27. The theme is: "Leadership In The Church." It is hoped that many from here can attend. If you cannot attend maybe you can buy the book. Some of our most capable preachers are on the program this year. Check the bulletin board for speakers and subjects.

#### ASSISTANCE TO KANSAS

In the last elders meeting it was decided to send \$40.00 per month to Iarned, Kansas toward the support of brother Bill Lowry. This is the same amount we have been sending here to the church on North Teneha. Now that they are more able to support themselves it was decided to send this amount to a much needed field. The amount to Iarned was promised for only one year.

This does not mean that

we do not intend to support another preacher by ourselves in another field here in the States. Our contribution will have to increase for us to be able to do it, but I believe the money will be contributed when the problem of the man and the place have been worked out and announced. There are too many good people here for any good work to be neglected.

D.B.

#### A GOSPEL PAPER IN EVERY HOME

I would like to encourage each family represented in this church to subscribe to a gospel paper this year, the sooner the better. Practically each family can spare three dollars for fifty or fifty one issues of either The Firm Foundation, Gospel Advocate or Christian Chronicle. The first two mentioned will have at least three or four hundred sermons in them each year. The Christian Chronicle mostly prints news stories of the work being done in all the world. Then there is the good Minister's Monthly that is printed each month.

It is chucked full of good things. It will benefit any one who reads it. The 20th Century Christian is another good magazine. Some have already asked me about sending in a club of subscribers to some of these papers, and I will gladly do it any time you want to subscribe. The only reward (no money) I would receive from doing this would be the joy of knowing that more and more of us are interested in reading gospel messages. How many of you good people will join me in doing more reading this year?

D.B.

\* \* \* BRING A VISITOR TO CLASS SUNDAY \* \* \*



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### THE AGE OF EXAMPLE

The age of the Law of Moses was characterized by "thou shalt not. . . and thou shalt. . ." In contrast to this, the Christian age is characterized by the beautiful life of Jesus as a constant reminder of right living. He is our example in word and deed. Jesus is the living portrait of God the Father (II Cor. 4:4). This is not to say that we have no commandments today. We do have them. But our emphasis is to be this: to study the life of Jesus and His early disciples and to be molded into the character thus revealed.

We have the promise of God that if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. (I John 1:7). The light from God came with Jesus. (John 1:14) We know it through the word that has

been left us, the Bible. Having obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine, we press on toward the mark of the high calling of God. We realize that we have not gained perfection as of yet, but the fact that we are yet children does not frustrate us to the point of stopping our growth.

We pray for wisdom to know how to put our knowledge into action. . . then we make a decision based on our knowledge and carry out the action with full assurance that God did give that wisdom which He promised (James 1:5). This is a source of great strength. Learn the example, pray for wisdom, act in full assurance that the Lord will be with you even as he has promised and you will have the confident hope of eternal life with God in Heaven for ever.

T.A.J.

### CLASSES 100% IN ATTENDANCE

The 2nd grade class 100% in attendance last taught by Mrs. Montgomery Lord's Day.

and Mrs. Grier and the 4th grade taught by Mrs. Woltman and Mrs. McDonald were Two two year old class had the most visitors with four.

### WEST ERWIN VISITOR

Thursday, January 23, 1964

### BIBLE CLASS

|                 |     |
|-----------------|-----|
| January 19..... | 404 |
| January 12..... | 398 |
| A Year Ago..... | 326 |

### CONTRIBUTION

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| January 19..... | \$1,090.32 |
| January 12..... | \$1,208.81 |
| A Year Ago..... | \$1,079.67 |

### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....James Massey  
 Prayer.....O. C. Becker  
 Dismiss.....Jerry Hughes

### SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....Austin Giesecke  
 Dismiss.....Jamon Kirby

### THANK YOU NOTE

To all the friends who had a part in the gift of chests for the boys in Beverly Woodward cottage: If you could have seen the joy on their faces, you would know how much the gift meant to them. I am very grateful too for your generosity. Come to see us any time.

Mrs. Cora Nelson  
 Boles Home

### CONGRATULATIONS

Don and Joann Gilbert are the happy parents of a baby daughter. They have named her Georgia Ann

### SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to Sister Emma Reed Smith. Her sister, Mrs. N. T. Myers, passed away in Cushing, Oklahoma Wednesday. Services for her were in Davenport, Oklahoma Thursday. Sister Smith was not able to attend.

### MOVED TO ARKANSAS

Brother and Sister John Arrington and Iva Lou have moved to Stephens, Ark.

### THE SICK

Brother R. L. Trentham did not have eye surgery Tuesday as planned. It was scheduled again for Thursday.

Sister Myrtle Vaughn is ill in the Sunset Home.

Sister Hazel Fagan is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister M. M. Haws' sister is very ill in San Angelo.

Sister Jesse King fell last Friday and fractured a bone in her leg. She is at home.

Sister Vannie Lee is in Dallas. She went to her daughter's home from the hospital.

### SINGINGS

There will be singings in Van and Bullard Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

### WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Caskey request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter  
 Shirley Mae  
 to  
 Mr. Douglas W. Warner  
 on Saturday the twenty-fifth of January Nineteen hundred and sixty-four at seven o'clock in the evening.  
 West Erwin Church of Christ  
 Tyler, Texas

### ISN'T IT INTERESTING?

The New Testament refers to the Lord's Supper 22 times in all. So, all true Christians consider this an important part of their weekly schedule. This must be done. Baptism is mentioned about 120 times in the New Testament. So all sinners who realize the importance of the act comply with the Lord's teaching in order to be saved. But when Jesus teaches on another subject over 1,000 times some members of the church just treat it lightly! This massive amount of Scripture refers to the Christian's obligation to study and teach God's word to others. Yet, in spite of this great amount of emphasis on the need of

Christians to study regularly, many treat the matter lightly. We wonder why so many members of the church have not been regular in their attendance to the Bible classes. Think about it if you have been an absentee lately!

...Bob Barnhill

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Melvin Massey, who received the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Reading and practicing God's Word results in spiritual development. One phase of the work here is that of conducting classes each Lord's Day morning at 9:30 to teach the Bible and encourage us all to become more mature in Christ. Some are neglecting this important part of the church's program. May we encourage each of you to be as faithful as you can in this work. We should never have less than 450 present for Bible study. Can we honestly say we are doing our best to be present? Think seriously, D.B.

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PARENTS DON'T FORGET OUR "OPEN HOUSE" SUNDAY EVENING AND WEDNESDAY EVENING.



## CHRIST IS THE WAY AND OUR HOPE

All men who believe in God, Christ and the Bible hope to be saved. No normal person desires to spend eternity in hell where he will be tormented without one moment of relief. All responsible people are sinners and there are certain things that must take place in the lives of us all before we can be saved from past sins and enter into heaven. Many terms may be used to describe these transitions, but I shall use only three in this lesson.

1. Coming Out Of Self. In doing this one must deny himself (Matt. 16:26) for the Lord. He must give himself over to the Lord as the Corinthians did (2 Cor. 8:5). "They first gave themselves to the Lord." When one comes out of self he gives up all for the Lord. The body of sin is destroyed, his loyalty to the Lord even surpasses any human ties; fleshly or otherwise. Read Luke 14:26-33. One must give up everything for Christ because He is the only Saviour. Many have not come out of self because they trust in themselves and this is forbidden in Prov. 3:5-6. They look to themselves for guidance when the Lord is our only guide. The way of man is not in himself (Jer. 10:23). Christ was obedient to His Father (Heb. 5:8-9) and He glorified His Father. We must not seek to glorify ourselves nor any other person on earth. God is due all the glory we are able to give Him. We deserve none for ourselves. There are examples of some in the Bible who were not converted because they were not willing to come out of self or give up all. Some were: The Young Ruler (Matt. 19:22), Chief Priests (John 11:47-48), Felix (Acts 24:25) and Agrippa (Acts 26:28).

2. Coming Into Christ. This is necessary because all spiritual blessings are in Him, (Eph. 1:3) Those who are in Him are new creatures (2 Cor. 5:17) and there is no condemnation in Him (Rom. 8:1). The Scriptures teach that sinners are to believe on Him (John 8:24), repent of their sins (Acts 17:30-31) and be baptized into Him (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27). No one is ready to come into Christ until he believes what He taught. It is impossible to get into Christ without a knowledge of, (John 6:44-45) (continued inside)

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A Year Ago.....\$1,014.93

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....K. Max Haws  
Prayer.....Darrell Holt  
Dismiss.....Wilmer Little  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Harley Turner  
Dismiss.....Tommy Keith

RESPONSES

Restored: Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Wells, 222 Ridgecrest.  
David Drennan, 1910 S. Wiley.

Restored and Membership:  
Mr. W. O. Rushing, 2222 Glenbrook.

Membership: Mr. Henry Marion who recently moved to Tyler from Frankston.

We wish to extend a welcome to all of these fine people

SYMPATHY

Mrs. M. M. Haws' sister, Mrs. Gypsy Bryan, passed away in San Angelo Sunday night. Services were held for her Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Virgie Stokes, aunt

of Mr. C.C. Sims, was buried in Cooper last Sunday.

Funeral services for Mr. E.T. Miller, uncle of Mrs. Don O'Bannon were Tuesday afternoon.

Funeral services for Mr. G. M. Ward, uncle of Mrs. C. R. Clough, were Thursday.

THANK YOU NOTE

I wish to express my sincere appreciation and thanks for the lovely flowers, food, cards, visits and many other kindnesses shown me while confined to my home and at the death of my sister.

Mrs. Emma Reed Smith

SERVING FOR FEBRUARY

Men selected to serve the Lord's Table and the congregation are as follows:

Louis J. Jones, Pete Nichols, Ralph Lowrance, J.E. Whiteside, O'Neal Tuel, Louis E. Jones, J. G. Venable, Bill Butler, C. N. Strait, Glen Warner.

MOVING FROM TYLER

Sister Annie Shotwell is moving to Godley, Texas. We shall miss her.

WELCOME HOME

Wayne Fuller is now home after serving four years in the Navy. Welcome home Wayne.

THE SICK

Sister C. B. Hardin is in Medical Center and cannot have visitors.

Brother Henry McRuiz is in Medical Center for a few days.

Sister Myrtle Vaughn is ill in Sunset Home and would welcome your visit.

WEDDING

Congratulations and best wishes to Doug Warner and Shirley Caskey who were united in marriage last Saturday evening. They will make their home in Austin where Doug is in school.

BROTHER WHITE TO MOVE

We regret to announce that brother Louie White will be moving to Baytown in a few days. He has been a congenial co-worker and has made many friends in Tyler. We wish him well in his new work. He was originally scheduled to be in the exchange of preachers, but due to his moving he cannot. His sermons here in the past have been enjoyed by all who heard him. Brother Frank Cox will preach at Omen Road until another preacher moves to work full time with them.

EVERYONE IN BIBLE STUDY  
SUNDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

CHRIST IS THE WAY . . .

(Continued from Back Page) love for (1 John 5:3) and a willingness to submit to His will (Matt. 7:21). When this is done one still does not save himself, he only comes into Christ and is saved by His blood (Eph. 1:7; Rev. 1:5).

3. Coming Into Glory. We must die or be transformed to reach heaven, because flesh and blood cannot inherit it (1 Cor. 15:50). We must die in Christ to die in a blessed state (Rev. 14:13). Before going into glory we must go through the judgement (2 Cor. 5:10; Rom. 14:12). We are taught in Matt. 25 this will be the time of separation. If you should die as you are where would you spend eternity? D. B.

PREACHERS EXCHANGE PLACES

Brethren Wilmeth, Anders, Cox and Brookshire will exchange places for the next three Sunday evenings. Brother Wilmeth will be here this Sunday evening, Brother Cox will be with us the 9th and brother Anders the 16th. Brother Brookshire will be at Northwest the 2nd, Omen Road the 9th and Glenwood the 16th.



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### HEIRS OF BETTER PROMISES

The book to the Hebrews can be summed up as a comparison between the good things of the old law and the better things of the law of Christ. First, is shown a better mediator, then a better high priest. The Christian has a "better covenant" and is "heir of better promises." Ours is the "more excellent way," the way based on faith not on works.

Since all the above is true it follows that we as recipients of these blessings should act in a more excellent way than those under the law or our neighbors who do not hold to the truth. Jesus ask the question, What do ye more than others? Matt. 5:47. The context is love, especially love for your enemies.

Combining the above thoughts, let us notice a few practical principles which, when practiced, will lead us on in the "more excellent way" to receive the "better promises." First, strive for more knowledge of God's Will. Let it not be said that any has a better understanding of the scriptures than you. Second, realize that no human has reached perfection, not even the ministers of the Gospel. On the basis that we are all sinners, seek to "cast the beam out" of your own life and condemn no man to hell or ascribe heaven to any, leave this to God. "As much as lieth in you be at peace with all men." With this attitude, it will be possible for you to be a powerful force for righteousness to all that you meet. Third, let no one be in doubt as to where you stand on moral issues and religious differences, Stand with the Bible and oppose all else. do this without judging the hearer. In living and teaching apply the lesson to yourself then others will see. This is not the fast way to see results, but it is the sure way. Fourth, fail not to worship with the saints or in private. Fifth, tell every one of the Christ's power to save. Sixth, "What ever you do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord."

"Now may the God of peace, . . . equip you with everything good that you may do His Will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever, Amen."

T. A. J.

WEST ERWIN VISITOR  
Thursday, February 6, 1964  
BIBLE CLASS

Membership.....497  
January 26.....405  
February 2.....426  
A Year Ago.....395

CONTRIBUTION  
January 26.....\$1,043.90  
February 2.....\$1,187.34  
A Year Ago.....\$1,079.67

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Don O'Bannon  
Prayer....Russell O'Bannon  
Dismiss.....Ronny Robbins

SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....H. McCarty  
Prayer.....Chuck Cauthen  
\* \* \*

RESPONSES  
Brother and Sister Walter Fuller were restored to fellowship last Sunday morning.

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THANK YOU NOTES

I want to thank you the members and friends of the West Erwin church for flowers, cards and every expression of sympathy extended to me in the passing of my sister, Mrs. Gypsy Bryan. Without friends like you, life's sorrows would be much harder to bear.  
Mrs. M. M. Haws

It has been a thrill to receive so many cards dur-

ing my eye operation. I deeply appreciate all your prayers and thoughtfulness. Thank you, Mrs. Vannie Lee

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THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED

We owe a big thanks to all who have helped with the census work. We over-subscribed our quota of workers. This proves what I have said many times before, when the need here is pointed out the members will respond. D.B.

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L. C. C. CHORUS TO SING

Saturday evening, Feb. 15 at 7:30, the A Cappella Chorus from Lubbock Christian College will be here to sing. There are 48 members of the chorus. We want to thank the Glenwood and the Northwest congregation for caring for ten members each. Please help fill the building that evening.

\* \* \*  
THE SICK

Sister Dot Hardin and sister Myra Chandler have been in the hospital but are now at home.

\* \* \*  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP

Brother Cox will preach Sunday night and Brother Brookskshire at Omen Road.

\* \* \*  
BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY  
9:30 A. M.

BE SURE TO STUDY THE BUDGET

The budget, which is now in effect, is enclosed in this issue of the bulletin to the members here only. If, by mistake, you fail to get a copy of the budget please let us know and we will supply you with a copy. Our budget this time is the largest in our history and it will take a considerable increase over our present giving to meet it. All of us will agree that the budget is too low. It is far short of our potential, but maybe with a little growth each year we will grow into what we should be doing. We have increased our budget a little each year for the past five years. Our contributions last year were the highest in the history of this church. We are doing WELL, but not our BEST. Each of us should re-examine our giving and see just what percent goes into the Lord's work. If we each did this I am sure that most of us would increase our giving.

The salary of another evangelist is included in the budget. The elders are ready to decide on the man and the place, here in the states, just as soon as the contributions will

allow it. There are a good many men who are pleading for support, but we cannot help them on our present income. D.B.

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AREAS WE NEED TO STRENGTHEN

There are three particular areas in which we need much improvement namely, Bible School attendance, visitation and giving. We want to commend those who are doing what they can in these areas, but so many of us are not even close to our potential. There are many lost souls who can be saved if we will do what it takes to save them. We must teach them, therefore we need to constantly work on keeping up our attendance and enrolling new members. There are some waiting for us to come and encourage them. Some need assurance that they are loved and wanted. It takes money to carry on the work of a church this size. It takes consistent giving to carry on a good program of work. Spasmodic and unplanned giving is contrary to the practice of Christianity.

One twelveth of the year is past. Each one of us should ask ourselves, "How much did I do for the Lord in January?" D.B.



## TRUTH IS ABSOLUTE

"It is most likely that in the Apostolic age when there was but 'one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,' and no differing denominations existed, the baptism of a convert by that very act constituted him a member of the church, and at once endowed him with all the rights and privileges of full membership. In that sense, 'baptism was the door into the church.' Now it is different; and while the churches are desirous of receiving members, they are wary and cautious that they do not receive unworthy persons."

The above is quoted from a denominational manual. Any Bible reading person can see immediately that there are some statements in the above quotation completely out of harmony with Biblical truth. The very first sentence of "It is most likely" is misleading. There is no "most likely" to it, because in the Apostolic age there was but one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God which, when accepted, did endow men with all the rights and privileges of full membership in the body of Christ. Baptism was not the door into a denominational church, but it was for the purpose of putting men into Christ or His body. Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:27 and I Cor. 12:13. It is the same now as it was then, because truth is absolute. The truth may be perverted, distorted and rejected but it has not changed. See Eph. 4:4-5.

The "now it is different" is what men have said about it. Men nor angels could not preach another gospel in the first century with God's approval, and it cannot be done now. Gal. 1:6-9. Those who go beyond the teaching of Christ, "hath not God" according to II John 9.

In the same paragraph of the manual we read the following, "the churches therefore have candidates come before them, make their statement, give their 'experience,' and then their reception is decided by a vote of the members." This, of course, is another deviation from truth. When the church began in Acts 2, the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak as the Spirit gave them utterance. They preached the gospel of Christ (continued inside)

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BIBLE SCHOOL

Membership.....497  
February 9.....408  
February 2.....426  
A Year Ago.....413  
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BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

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CONTRIBUTION

February 9.....\$1,092.55  
February 2.....\$1,187.34  
A Year Ago.....\$1,044.25  
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....L. G. Drennan  
Prayer.....Bill Butler  
Dismiss.....Bob Butler

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....Willie Freeman  
Dismiss.....Tommy White  
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THE SICK

DeRay Bennett had a tonsillectomy Wednesday.

Sister Iera Bennett is in Mother Frances.

Sister Myrtle Vaughn had surgery last Friday in the Glenwood Clinic.  
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450 IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

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FUNERAL

We extend our sympathy to the family of sister Lillie Shoemaker, who passed away Wednesday morning. Funeral services were at

the Lloyd James Funeral Home Thursday afternoon.

SATURDAY EVENING

The A Cappella Chorus from Lubbock Christian College will be here to sing for us Saturday evening, February 15th at 7:30. You are invited to attend and to tell your friends and neighbors about the program.  
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BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY 9:30

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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Brother Brookshire spoke to the P. T. A. at Chapel Hill Tuesday evening and to the Bible School teachers at the Alpine and Glover church in Longview Friday evening.  
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WHY NOT ONE HUNDRED PERCENT

Many more attend the worship service than attend the Bible classes. Let each one of us throw off the excuses, the slothfulness and the indifference that will one day cost us our soul because we have not "grown in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ." Bible school is too important for it to be neglected, especially by the members and their children. D.B.

TRUTH IS ABSOLUTE (continued from back page)

which pricked the hearts of their hearers and they asked, "men and brethren, what shall we do?" The Holy Spirit guided Peter to say, "repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." When they did that, according to Acts 2:41, they were added unto them. In verse 47 it is stated that the Lord added the saved to the church. No experiences were told, by the ones being saved and no voting was done by the members. The Lord added the saved. Truth is absolute and when the writings of men are rejected and the truth of Christ is accepted there will be but one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God. There will be no denominations when the truth and the truth only is practiced.

May God hasten the day when men will be converted to Christ instead of denominationalism. It can be done when all learn that truth is absolute and men who teach otherwise are out of harmony with the truth that makes men free. John 8:31-32 D.B.

ANOTHER REMINDER

The Annual Abilene Christian College lectureship will be held February 23 - 27. The theme is "Church Leadership." It would be profitable for all who can to go and hear the lessons. If you cannot go, why not buy the book? I will be glad to bring back as many copies as you would like to buy, if you cannot go. It would be a fine thing if all of our elders, deacons and those who desire some day to be in the leadership to buy the lectureship book. D.B.

TEACHERS APPRECIATION DINNER

The Teacher Appreciation dinner Monday night was a success. It seemed that everyone enjoyed it and think that we should get together more often. I want to express thanks, for myself and for all the teachers, to those of you who had fellowship in making this dinner possible. Our teachers are doing a good work and we should show our appreciation more often. D.B.



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#### SHALL WE FOLLOW CHRIST OR MEN?

"Baptism is not essential to salvation, for our churches utterly repudiate the dogma of "baptismal regeneration;" but it is essential to obedience, since Christ has commanded it. It is also essential to a public confession of Christ before the world and to membership in the church which is His body. And no true lover of his Lord will refuse these acts of obedience and tokens of affection."

The above is a paragraph from the same manual I quoted from last week. I should like for every reader to understand that this writer does not believe in "water salvation" or that baptism alone saves. The scriptures teach that one is saved by the blood of Christ. Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7; Col.1:14; Rev.1:5. But being saved by the blood of Christ does not preclude the act of baptism being essential to one's salvation. Just because a church or churches utterly repudiate the dogma of "baptismal regeneration" does not mean that their repudiation of it would exclude it from God's way of saving the lost from their sins.

It is admitted by the "church manual" that it is essential to obedience, since Christ has commanded it. What they mean is that baptism is no part of that which brings the lost into Christ to be saved by His blood, but that it is an act of obedience to be obeyed by the saved. It amounts to this, salvation is one thing and church membership is another. But those who believe this are wrong, because in the days of the apostles, who were guided by the Holy Spirit, the same thing that made one a Christian (saved him) made him a member of the church. There is no scripture nor example of one being saved at one time and joining the church later.

But let us consider what the Bible teaches about baptism. Where did the Good Lord put baptism, before or after salvation? We should be willing for the Bible to speak for itself. Let us consider the following verses.

Jesus sent the apostles to preach the gospel to the whole world and said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. (continued inside)



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BIBLE CLASS

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February 16.....416  
February 9.....408  
A Year Ago.....421

CONTRIBUTION

February 16.....\$1,186.60  
February 9.....\$1,092.55  
A Year Ago.....\$1,203.56

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Don O'Bannon  
Prayer.....Truman Holland  
Dismiss.....Harley Turner

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....K. Max Haws  
Dismiss.....James McSwain

THE SICK

Brother Ike Gaiser is in  
Medical and Surgical Clinic.  
Larry Mackey has mumps.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for the cards,  
letters, flowers and the  
good wishes during my stay  
in the hospital.  
R. L. Trentham

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to  
sister Pauline Aven and  
her family. Her father,  
Mr. W. F. Chamness, passed  
away in Sulphur Springs  
Monday. Funeral services  
were in Yantis Wednesday.

CONGRATULATIONS

Gayla Gieger, daughter of  
brother and sister L. L.  
Gieger and a student of  
Abilene Christian College,  
has been named to "Who's  
Who Among Students in  
American Universities and  
Colleges" for the 1963-64  
year.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY

Some have expressed a  
desire to have fellowship  
in helping to preach the  
gospel to the millions who  
will visit the world's  
Fair in 1964-65. Such op-  
portunity will be given on  
Lord's Day, March 1st. It  
is the hope of the elders  
that all gifts will be a-  
bove your regular contri-  
bution. So be prepared to  
give March 1 and have your  
checks ear-marked for  
preaching at the World's  
Fair. Further announce-  
ments will be made.

GOSPEL MEETING

Bro. C. E. McGaughey will  
be preaching in a meeting  
at the S. Main St. church  
in Henderson, Feb. 24-March  
1. 7:30 each evening.

PANTRY

Due to recent calls, the  
food stored in the pantry  
is depleted. Bring any type  
of canned food that you  
would like to contribute.

SHALL WE FOLLOW CHRIST. . . (continued from back page)

Belief and baptism both precede salvation in Mark 16:  
15. But one says the next verse states "he that be-  
lieveth not shall be damned," why did it not read "He  
that believeth not and is not baptized shall be  
damned." It is plain enough when one understands that  
without faith one is damned already. A lack of faith  
alone damns. See John 3:18. Faith is what causes one  
to accept what Jesus taught about baptism. If one does  
not have faith, he surely would not be baptized or do  
anything else that Christ commands. In Acts 2:38 Peter  
told the lost to, "Repent and be baptized everyone of  
you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of  
sins and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit!"  
In this repentance and baptism preceded remission of  
sins, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In Acts 22:16  
Saul of Tarsus was told to, "Arise and be baptized and  
wash away thy sins calling on the name of the Lord."  
In this he was told how to have his sins washed away,  
but he was not told (in this particular verse) what  
washed them away. We know it was done by the blood of  
Christ. To be continued next week. D.B.

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE SINGERS

The Lubbock Christian College A Cappella Chorus in-  
spired and edified us with a program of songs and  
scriptures last Saturday evening. Every comment we  
have heard has been good. The behaviour of the boys  
and girls was Christian in every way. Those of you  
who missed hearing them missed something that the  
rest of us will treasure for a long time. Brother  
Wayne Hines is doing a great work as the director.

COLLEGE CLASS

There will be a class, starting this week, at 5:00  
P. M. for college students and professional young men  
and women. This is a requested class and the attend-  
ance will determine its continuance. If enough are  
interested to come and study the class will continue,  
if not the class will be dismissed. Your preacher  
wants to be a help to as many as possible and will  
teach the class. Subjects of interest and on your age  
level will be taught. D.B.



## SHALL WE FOLLOW CHRIST OR MEN?

(continued from last week)

Last week's article carried a paragraph from a manual denying that baptism has any part in man's salvation and this article is to show what the Scriptures teach about it. Rom. 6:3, "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized INTO Jesus Christ were baptized INTO His death? Gal. 3:27, "For as many of you as have been baptized INTO Christ have put on Christ." This does not say they believed into Christ, repented into Him or prayed into Him, but they were baptized into Him.

The same writer (Paul) said in Eph. 1:3, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." In 2 Cor. 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Eph.1:3 and 2 Cor.5:17 tells where the spiritual blessings are and what it means to be in Christ. Rom. 6:3 and Gal.3:27 tells how to get into Him. Acts 4:12; 2 Tim.2:10 and I Thes.5:9 tells us that salvation is in Christ, and we have no record after Christ's death of how any got into Him without being baptized. Without exception, every conversion recorded in Acts says that they were baptized.

Some of you are thinking that because Christ was not baptized for the remission of sins that you do not have to do it either. But remember that Christ had no sins. Jesus walked about sixty miles to do something that men say was unimportant. The Divine record says that Christ told John, "for thus it becometh us to fulfill all righteousness." John had a part in preparing the people for Jesus and in preparing Jesus for the people by baptizing Him, Jesus had a part by submitting to John's baptism, because it was from heaven. See Matt. 21:25 and John 1:33. They both would have left something undone had they not done what they did.

Now concerning the "Baptismal regeneration" we mentioned last week let us consider Titus 3:5. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, (continued inside)

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THE RECORD

|                  |            |
|------------------|------------|
| Membership.....  | 499        |
| BIBLE CLASS      |            |
| February 23..... | 406        |
| February 16..... | 416        |
| A Year Ago.....  | 411        |
| CONTRIBUTION     |            |
| February 23..... | \$ 940.74  |
| February 16..... | \$1,186.60 |
| A Year Ago.....  | \$1,021.75 |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Announcements and<br>Prayer..... | Don O'Bannon |
| Prayer.....                      | C. B. Hardin |
| Dismiss.....                     | Ed Bullard   |

SUNDAY EVENING

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Prayer.....  | Bruce Raley   |
| Dismiss..... | Tommy Parsons |

RESPONSES

Donna Miller, 2417 West Oakwood was restored Sunday.

Bill Wells was restored Sunday Morning. His wife, Juanice, was baptized into Christ the Friday evening before. We are happy to welcome them. Their address is Rt. #4, Jacksonville, Texas

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the beautiful pot plant, the cards, the visits and every expression of sympathy dur-

ing our hours of sorrow over the passing of my father, Mr. W. F. Chamness.

Pauline Aven and family

Thank you for the lovely flowers and visits during my stay in the clinic.

Ike Gaiser

FUNERAL

Brother and sister Leo Prater attended the funeral of brother Praters' sister's husband, Mr. Morris Wells, in Wellington, Texas Tuesday. Our sympathy to the family.

TO SERVE IN MARCH

Men selected to serve the Lord's table and the congregation in March are as follows: North side - Monroe Sublette, D. C. Jones, Gerald Montgomery, Roy Layton, Harley Norris.

South side - Glen Warner, Bud Caskey, Virgil Robbins, James McSwain, Ed Naul.

Sunday Evening: James Massey and Ccne Birdwell.

THE SICK

Sister Henry McRuiz is in Medical Center. She will probably go home Friday.

Sister Vera O'Brien's husband underwent eye surgery Tuesday. He is in Medical Center.

SHALL WE FOLLOW . . . (continued from back page)

by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit." Some contend that if baptism has anything to do with one's salvation that he has worked his salvation and it is not a gift. First, man cannot work salvation. It is all by grace, but baptism is no more a work than is faith or repentance, because man does each of these and not God. Man submits to faith but it is not a work of man. It is a work of God. John 6:28-29. Any scholar of any reputation will tell you that "washing of regeneration" in Titus 3:5 is baptism. It is not "baptismal regeneration" separate and apart from the blood of Christ, but it is being baptized into His death (Rom. 6:3) where his blood was shed. Faith, repentance, love, etc. always precedes baptism.

Finally in I Peter 3:21, "The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." Water delivered Noah and his family from the old world. Water is used to put us into Christ, where we find forgiveness, therefore it is said to save. Next week we shall consider why a Christian does not have to be baptized every time he sins. D.B.

IT CANNOT BE DENIED

1. It cannot be denied that most of those who do not attend Bible study do not attend other services faithfully either.
2. It cannot be denied that most of those who do not attend Bible study cannot be depended on the help in the work of the church.
3. It cannot be denied that many who do not attend Bible study make many excuses for their idleness.
4. It cannot be denied that those who do not attend Bible study do not usually study their Bible at home.
5. It cannot be denied that the greatest percentage of those who quit coming to worship first dropped out of Bible study.
6. It cannot be denied that those who have attended Bible study regularly have a greater knowledge of the Bible than those who do not attend. . . . Selected



## BAPTISM FOR REMISSION OF SIN IS NOT FOR A CHRISTIAN

Often the question is asked, "If baptism is for the remission of sins, why does one not have to be baptized every time he sins? Baptism for the remission of sins puts the lost into Christ (Acts 2:38; Rom. 6:3 and Gal. 3:27), but after one gets into Christ he enjoys a relationship to Him that is new. Through faith and obedience, which includes baptism for the remission of sins, one becomes a Christian, a member of the church, a child in God's family, a citizen in His kingdom. When this occurs one has a right to pray for his forgiveness, because he is a child of God and can say "our Father who art in heaven." Christians are taught to pray for forgiveness of sins. Consider the following:

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:8-9.

"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." I John 2:1.

In Acts 8:13 "Simon himself believed also: and when he was baptized, he continued with Philip, and wondered, beholding the miracles and signs which were done." Simon tried to buy the miraculous power and in so doing sinned. Peter told him, "he had neither part nor lot in the matter: for thy heart is not right in the sight of God." Acts 8:21. Peter continued by saying, "Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart be forgiven thee." Acts 8:22. Simon then requested that Peter pray for him so that none of the things which had been spoken would come upon him. Acts 8:24.

There are two things the apostles never did:

1. They never did teach alien sinners to pray for forgiveness of their sins.
2. They never did command persons already Christians to be baptized. (continued inside)

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Thursday March 5, 1964

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BIBLE SCHOOL

March 1.....416  
February 23.....406  
A Year Ago.....381

CONTRIBUTION

March 1.....\$1,234.22  
February 23.....\$ 940.74  
A Year Ago.....\$1,037.37

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Larry Mackey  
Prayer.....Pat Mackey  
Dismiss.....John Mackey

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....James Phillips  
Dismiss.....Buddy Holland

RESPONSES

Billy Chandler, Rt.2 was baptized Sunday morning. Sunday evening, Ronny Robins, 3103 Andy Lane came to be restored.

FUNERALS

Mr. L. G. Murry, brother to H. E. and T. Murry passed away Thursday of last week in Whitesboro, Texas. Services were held for him there on Friday.

Mr. Will Townsend, brother-in-law to Sister Ruby Vaughn, was buried in Canton Thursday.

We express our sympathy to both families.

THANK YOU NOTE

Elders  
Dear Brethren: We're writing to express to you and your fine congregation our deepest and most sincere thanks for the wonderful fellowship and friendliness that was shown to us during our brief stay in your city.

The hospitality was so warm and the food so delicious! It meant so much to each member of the chorus. We appreciate so much your unselfish support and your kind encouragement.

Thank you. In Christian love, Jo Oldham, Secretary  
LCC A Cappella Chorus

THE SICK

Brother Cone Birdwell is home with pneumonia.

ZONE #5

Zone #5 will have a very important meeting Thursday, March 12. Members of this zone are urged to attend.

ARE YOU GUILTY?

Many are neglecting one of the most important works being done here, that of studying the Bible at 9:30 on Sunday morning.

ARE YOU GUILTY?

Pantry Item: Canned Food

BAPTISM FOR REMISSION. . . .

(Continued from back page) Those who claim that if baptism is for the remission of sins, one would have to be baptized every time he sins, do not have a proper understanding of God's law of pardon to the alien and to the Christian. They make no distinction between them, but the Lord does.

Jesus sent the apostles to preach the gospel to

every creature and he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Mk. 16:15. The apostles preached what they were sent to preach and every conversion in Acts shows that they did. The same gospel has been committed to us and we have no right to substitute or alter any phase of it. Gal. 1:6-8; and 2 Tim. 2:2. D.B.

A GREAT BIG THANKS

For the "special contribution" of \$780.00 last Lord's Day for the work of the Lord during the World's Fair in New York during 1964-65. This proves that when a good cause is pointed out, you will respond generously. It is also good to know that those who miss, make up their contribution when they get home. If all of us did that, the budget would be met each month.

While I am thanking those who gave, I would like to thank the ones who are visiting and doing such commendable work in the zones. Our zone work has picked up and we now have more people working than

at any time in the past two or three years. This work will pay good dividends if we do not quit it too early. Many of us expect fruit from the time the seeds have been planted, but we will have to be patient and just keep planting the word and cultivating it and we will see fruit borne in due time. We are soliciting the help and prayers of every Christian. We need you and you need to help. Your labors not only help to save the lost, but they help to strengthen you. When a meeting is called in your zone, go and offer your help.

D.B.



## SCHOLARSHIP

"The scriptures were out of circulation for centuries. They were lost through ignorance. They were restored through scholarship. Wycliff, called by learned men, "the flower of Oxford scholarship," translated the scriptures from Latin to English with the motto, "Back to Christ," ever before him. Tyndale listened to Erasmus' lecture on the Greek Testament while a student at Cambridge. From the Latin, the German, the Hebrew, and the Greek this scholar restored the scriptures and made printed English speak out to the whole nation. Coverdale learned his languages at Cambridge. The King James version was translated by scholars, as was true of the later revisions. I read thrilling and exciting history of the struggle back from ignorance, its stories of book-burning, sacrifice, martyrdom, and desecration of graves. I am grateful for the courage and integrity of those scholars. The names may have slipped me, but I do not recall a single name of a single member of the Lord's church who contributed a single stroke of the pen to those scholarly efforts of the middle ages to translate the Bible and give it back to the people.

I do not fear scholarship. We read the Bible today because of scholarship. I fear ignorance. Today we have perhaps a dozen men in the brotherhood who could work intelligently with the several thousand fragmentary ancient versions of the Bible. More ancient versions are being discovered each year. If our scholars had lived a thousand years earlier, the course of history may have been altered. We need these men, and we need scores like them. We need to encourage them. We need to provide them with resources and the time for scholarly research into the scriptures from the original tongues. We need to help them develop in such stature that their translations are highly regarded everywhere. Grateful as we are to the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge for supplying scholars who could restore the scriptures, it is an indifferent brotherhood that will today leave that task to someone else next time." The above excerpt is from a speech by Judge Jack Pope.

T.A.J.

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BIBLE CLASS  
March 8.....435  
March 1.....416  
A Year Ago.....366

CONTRIBUTION  
March 8.....\$1,089.66  
March 1.....\$1,234.22  
A Year Ago.....\$2,049.43

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Tommy Woltman  
Prayer.....Leonara Woltman  
Dismiss.....Terry Woltman  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....Monroe Sublette  
Dismiss.....Mike Sublette

THANK YOU NOTE  
The family of L.G. Murry  
will always remember your  
kindness and sympathy.

THE SICK  
Sister Marie Threadgill  
is in Medical Center. She  
will undergo surgery Fri-  
day afternoon.

Sister Christine Parsons  
entered Glenwood Clinic  
Thursday for minor surgery.

Sister Joann Gilbert has  
a broken foot.

Brother Cone Birdwell  
is recovering from pneu-  
monia.

FUNERAL SERVICE  
Brother W. R. Causey was  
fatally injured Wednesday  
in an automobile accident.  
Funeral services for him  
were Friday morning at the  
church building. We ex-  
tend our deepest sympathy  
to his family.

BIBLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE UP  
It was good to see the  
Bible school attendance up  
last Lord's Day. The con-  
tribution has been good  
the past two Lord's Days.  
Our zone work is paying  
off. When we all work we  
are able to see results.  
More of us are working  
now than before. This is  
as it should be, because  
we are all Christians and  
we are all obligated to  
do what we can. If each  
family will attend Bible  
School and bring their  
children, we will have  
good attendance each week.  
Now that some of you are  
bringing your friends we  
should raise our count  
much higher. We should  
not wait to see if others  
are going to get out and  
visit or bring others, but  
we should do it even if  
no one else does. Let us  
do what we can while we  
can, tomorrow may be too  
late.  
D.B.

INCLUDING GOD  
IN THE CONTRACT

I signed my  
full name and  
passed the  
contract to my  
wife for her  
to add hers. As  
we left the  
lawyer's of-  
fice we not  
only owned a  
new house, but  
also a thirty  
year debt. We  
discussed to-  
gether that if  
we were to  
spend so much  
for an earthly  
possession,  
certainly our  
Heavenly Fa-  
ther would  
want us to use  
it to his  
glory. Thus we  
resolved that  
our home must, of necessity, be a constant tool for  
offering shelter, meals, fellowship gatherings unto the  
furthering of God's purposes.

It was another day. Once again we closed an agree-  
ment to buy an expensive possession. This time an  
automobile. Not only did it have the ability to serve  
us and our family in countless ways, but it had more  
seating space than we needed when going to church. So,  
this too, was dedicated to furthering God's kingdom. We  
decided to see that those extra seats were filled each  
time we went. How are you using those things which  
God has "loaned to you for this lifetime?"

. . . Selected

LOVEST THOU ME?

"I love thy church, O God her walls  
before thee stand:"  
But please excuse my absence, Lord,  
This bed is simply grand.

"A charge to keep I have, A God to  
glorify."  
But, Lord, no cash from me,  
Thy glory comes too high.

"Am I a soldier of the cross, A fol-  
lower of the lamb."  
Yes, Though I seldom pray,  
I still insist I am.

"Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and  
all the world go free?"  
No! Others, Lord, should do their part,  
But please don't count on me.

"Praise God from whom all blessing  
flow; Praise Him all creatures here  
below."  
Loud my hymns of praise I bring;  
Because it doesn't cost to sing.  
. . . Selected

## THE ONE CHURCH IDEA

Many folk object to the "one church idea" and believe it is bigotry for anyone to entertain such idea. Some say I can go along with you on most anything you say except the teaching that there is only one church.

Since the Bible is our only infallible guide we shall appeal to it with the prayer that what it reveals shall be accepted.

Eph. 4:4-6, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." What is the one body? This is answered in this same book, chapters 1:22-23. . . and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body the fullness of him that filleth all in all." The same writer says in Col. 1:18, "And he is the head of the body, the church . . ." verse 24 in this same chapter says the body is the church.

In I Cor. 12, Paul contrasts the spiritual body with the physical body and says there is one each... verses 12 through 27.

Jesus established only one church Matt. 16:18. He purchased only one according to Acts 20:28 and he added the saved to only one in Acts 2:47, and has promised to save only one according to Eph. 5:23, "And he is the Saviour of the body."

The idea of one church being as good as another and it makes no difference which church one is a member of is purely human and traditional. There is no hint of such expressions in the Bible. Salvation in "one name" was not accepted by many of the Jews in the book of Acts. They had Moses and the traditions of their fathers and they were not ready to give these up for salvation in any other way. Many of them were sincere, as are many today, but they just did not understand that Christ had "opened up a new and living way."

The "one church idea" is misunderstood by many today. They think of the church as a building or a denomination. Some have in mind one Spiritual Body divided into hundreds of religious bodies wearing names of their choices and practicing doctrines of (continued inside)

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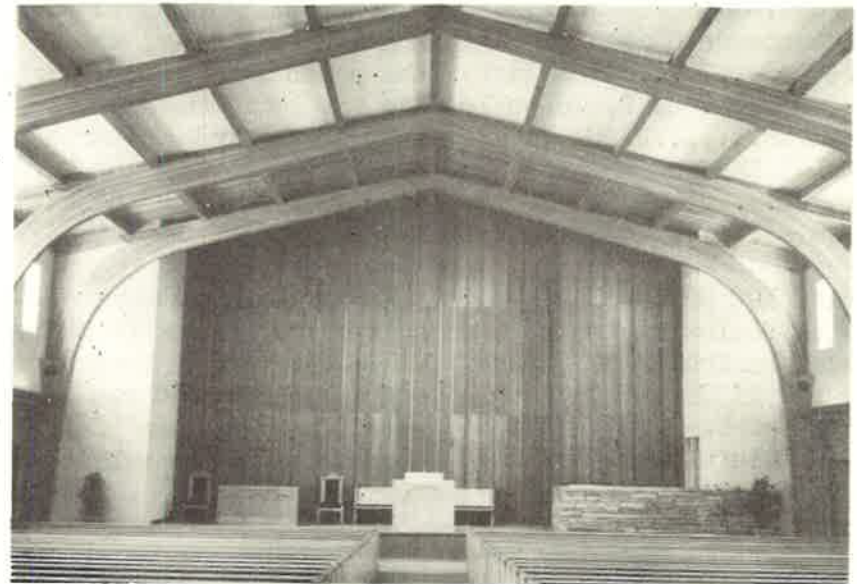
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Membership.....502

BIBLE CLASS

March 15.....445

March 8.....435

A Year Ago.....428

CONTRIBUTION

March 15.....\$1,041.75

March 8.....\$1,089.66

A Year Ago.....\$1,007.13

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and

Prayer.....Jamon Kirby

Prayer..Dr. C. C. McDonald

Dismiss.....E. C. Pickle

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....W. H. Turner

Dismiss.....O'Neal Tuel

THANK YOU NOTE

The following note was received from the Queens Church of Christ in Flushing, New York.

We gratefully acknowledge your gift of \$780.00 to assist in the evangelistic campaign at the New York World's Fair.

Please remember this work in your prayers. Your continued interest and support will help us to preach the Gospel at this great international exposition.

THE SICK

Brother W. D. Drummond,  
Sister Marie Threadgill,

and Brother Ike Gaiser are all in Medical Center.

Sister Emsley Walker's husband, Robert, is very ill in Medical Surgical.

Many in the congregation have had mumps, measles, colds, flu and other sickness to numerous to mention in the bulletin.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Sam and Lamern Bailey, who are the parents of a baby girl. She was born Tuesday afternoon in Medical Center and has been named Ann Margaret. Lamern and the baby are both fine.

An announcement was received this week from the Loren Giegers. They have adopted an infant son and have named him Leland Loren. Our congratulations to them.

NEW TRACTS

The tract rack in the foyer has been filled with new tracts on several different subjects. Some are of particular interest to young people. Feel free to use them in your own study and in teaching others.

MEETING - March 23 - 29 at 7:30 in Sulphur Springs. Leonard Mullens preaching.

WELCOME TO TYLER

Brother B. F. (Bernie) Baur and family have come to work with the Omen Road church. The Baur family moved here from Cassville, Mo.

Brother Don Holton and family have come to work with the Glenwood church. Brother Holton will serve as Educational Director.

We are glad to have the Baur family and Holton family in Tyler and wish for them success and happiness in their respective works.

BIBLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE UP

It was encouraging to see our Bible School attendance up last Lord's Day. A good many visitors helped it some. Just think what we would have had if all of our own enrolled members had been present. We had 111 absentees. Of this number over half of them were adults. We have the potential of five to six hundred every Lord's Day when we all do our part.

Naturally, the sixty or more adults who were absent helped to keep our contribution down, but most of them, if not all, will make it up this Lord's Day. D.B.

Pantry: Canned Fruit

THE ONE CHURCH . . .

(continued from back page) their choices. But that is far from anything described in the Scriptures. When Paul wrote the Ephesian letter, he said there was one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God and Father. This has not been changed. Even though heaven and earth shall pass away this shall not be changed.

The word church means "the called out" and men who have been called out of sin are in the church. They are saved from the penalty of sin. There is but one Saviour, one way to be saved (through Christ and His blood) and when one is saved the Lord adds him to the church, His body.

Do we think we are the only ones who will be saved? The Lord says those that do the will of the Father in heaven will be saved. May we plead with you to do it. D.B.

100% CLASSES

Recently we have not mentioned the 100% classes. Last Sunday the 9th grade taught by Fred Strait and Fred Powell and the 10th grade taught by Ben Young and Roger Knight were 100%.

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#### BIBLE CLASS

March 22.....429

March 15.....445

A Year Ago.....399

#### CONTRIBUTION

March 22.....\$1,045.99

March 15.....\$1,041.75

A Year Ago.....\$1,064.16

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

##### Announcements and

Prayer.....L. G. Drennan

Prayer.....Howard Holland

Dismiss.....Wilmer Little

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....Cone Birdwell

Dismiss...Louis Earl Jones

#### A NEW DAUGHTER

Congratulations to Wayne and Shirrell Taylor who are the parents of a new daughter, born Saturday, March 21. She has been named Frances Arlene.

#### WEDDINGS

Miss Iva Lou Arrington and Mr. Bill Sheats were married March 16 in Freeport, Ill. We extend our best wishes to them. They will live in Freeport.

Best wishes to Dewitt Jones and Miss Priscilla Beauchamp who were married March 20. They are both students at ACC and will live in Abilene at 878 E. North 18th Street.

#### THE SICK

Bro. W. D. Drummond and bro. Ike Gaiser are in Medical Center. They are both improving.

Sister Molly Ferguson entered Medical Center for minor surgery Thursday.

#### WEST ERWIN MEETING

Beginning the 12th of April, we will have a four day meeting with brother Reuel Lemmons preaching. This is two weeks from Sunday, the time to work is now.

#### LESSONS BY MID McKNIGHT

A series of film lessons (with sound) by brother Mid McKnight will be shown beginning next Wednesday evening. They are on personal work. Brother McKnight preaches for the Highland church in Abilene and has made a special study of personal work. These lessons will be presented in the auditorium and we would like to encourage many of you who are not now attending to be sure and hear every one of the lessons. All of the adult classes through Jr. High will remain in the auditorium for the lessons.

We appreciate the use of the film from the Walnut St. Church in Texarkana.

## OUR ZONE WORK

The MacGregor Park church in Houston has a very well planned zone system which can give us a few ideas to put into action. They have published a booklet entitled OUR ZONE SYSTEM, "Christianity in Action and the Church at Work." Here are some excerpts from it.

The Lord's church is a vineyard where men work (Matt. 20:1-16, and not a dormitory where men sleep. As members of the Lord's church, we "must work while it is day" (John 9:4), "Always abounding in the work of the Lord" (I Cor. 15:58), being "doers of the word" (Jas. 1:25), yea, "Workmen that need not be ashamed" (2 Tim. 2:15).

Why have a zone system? 1. The zone system is a tried-and-proven method of doing the Lord's work "decently and in order" (I Cor. 14:40). 2. "Everybody's business is nobody's business," and the zone system is an effective, organized means of making sure that the necessary things in the congregation's life and work are done through definite assignments (Acts 6:1-8). We must organize to function and not just organize! 3. Through a workable zone program many more people can be put to work in the Lord's church. (Matt. 20:1-16). 4. The zone system is an arrangement to help elders and preachers do the things that are necessary, it being a literal impossibility for these men, who are comparatively few in every congregation, to do all the work alone.

To succeed in the Lord's work we must "plan our work, and work our plans." Success depends on plans - definite, concrete, workable, scriptural plans, and the zone system is such a plan!

The booklet has a list of "Things to do to make your zone system work." 1. Be careful in appointing personnel. 2. Have monthly zone leaders' meetings. 3. Keep your zones as small as possible. 4. Have regular monthly meetings of members of the church in each zone. 5. Try not to appoint a zone leader whose wife works. 6. Publish a "zone newspaper". 7. Have a zone workers appreciation supper. 8. Pray for the zone system in the worship service, pray at the monthly meetings, pray privately about your particular zone.

The booklet mentions "ways in which the zone can be used effectively in addition to its regular functions!"

1. Cottage prayer meetings can be conducted for special occasions: gospel meetings, vacation Bible school, during special emergencies. 2. Special projects, such as "Bible school drives," etc. 3. Food, clothing and furniture drives. 4. Census taking. 5. Fellowships. 6. Attendance contacts for gospel meetings. 7. Letters can be written to missionaries. 8. Hospital visitation can be effectively carried on.

We are doing some of these things, some we need to think about doing. The work and plans made by sister congregations should help us here in doing the work of the Lord in this place.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." I Cor. 15:58. T.A.J.

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### FUNERAL SERVICES

We share in the sorrow of the Mitchell family in the passing of sister J.H. (Eugenia) Mitchell Tuesday evening. Funeral services will be 10:00 o'clock A.M. Thursday in Ft. Worth. The burial will be at Boone Prairie.

be preaching.

Meeting at Glenwood, April 5 through 10. Ross Dye of San Antonio preaching. Time will be announced.

A Teaching To Win And Develop Series March 30-April 3 at the Houston and Broadway church in Kilgore. Check the bulletin board.

Brother Otha Fikes, who has been preaching in Troup passed away Tuesday. Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon. We express our sympathy to his loved ones.

### BROTHER BUTLER RETURNS

Brother Bill Butler has returned as custodian and maintenance employee of the church. He is one of the best qualified men to be found. He is very conscientious about his work and our co-operation will help him to do an even better work.

### AREA ACTIVITIES

Meeting at the Northwest church, March 29 -April 5, 7:30 P.M. L.R. Wilson will



### IS THIS MEETING FOR ME TOO?

We are planning a very short, but we hope, inspirational and profitable meeting April 12-15 with brother Reuel Lemmons of Austin doing the preaching. The purpose of the meeting is two-fold, to strengthen us and to assist our friends in hearing the gospel and giving them an opportunity to obey it.

The responsibility for the attendance is ours. Brother Lemmons will have an opportunity to preach only to those of us who attend and our friends who come with us. It is our responsibility to be present and it is his responsibility to do the preaching. His part will be done well, but will ours?

Those of us who read the Bible know that God did not create man to "live by bread alone." We also know that as Christians we are to exercise faith that "seeks first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness." Nothing else matters so much, because nothing is as important as learning and doing God's Will. Any investment that we might make here on earth is temporary. The only eternal investment possible for us to make here is in the spiritual realm.

To insure the existence of the church here in the next generation we must teach our children. We always stand about one generation from apostasy. It is very important that our children have the right example set before them. When we absent ourselves from worship services and gospel meetings, it preaches sermons to our children that few ever rise above. They grow up believing that Christianity is not too important and that it only occupies a segment of our lives. Our absence preaches a sermon to our neighbors which says that what we claim is not true because we love it too little for it to be what we claim. This is not only true during a series of gospel meetings, but the year round.

All of us will be called upon to make special sacrifices during our meeting. When we are invited out or asked for an appointment let us say, "We are having a gospel meeting, how about coming and going with me?"

D. B.

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BIBLE CLASS

March 29.....454

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A Year Ago.....440

CONTRIBUTION

March 29.....\$1,019.58

March 22.....\$1,045.99

A Year Ago.....\$1,058.08

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and

Prayer.....Ross Walker

Prayer.....M. M. Haws

Dismiss.....Ben Young

SUNDAY EVENING

Prayer.....C. B. Hardin

Dismiss.....Tommy Keith

RESPONSES

For Prayer: Franklin Shaffer, Rt. 5.

THANK YOU NOTES

My family and I would like to express our appreciation for the many visits, cards, calls and especially your prayers during my recent illness. May the Lord bless each of you. In Christian love,

Marie Threadgill

The family of Mrs. Eugenia Mitchell acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

THE SICK

D. C. Jones has had ear surgery and it is reported to be successful. We are happy that his impaired hearing is back to about normal.

Ruth Hannah is in the Glenwood Clinic.

GLENWOOD MEETING

Brother Ross Dye of San Antonio will preach in a meeting at Glenwood April 5-10. Services twice daily. 12:10 Noon and 7:30 P.M.

You still have time to attend two more services of the Northwest meeting and not miss any here. L. R. Wilson of Dallas is doing the preaching. 7:30 each evening.

TO SERVE IN APRIL

Men selected to serve at the Lord's Table for April are as follows: South side, Ed Bullard, U. G. Rozell, B. M. Wells, Don O'Bannon, Elmer Hawks. North side, C. B. Hardin, Walter Fuller, Bill Whitworth, W. O. Rushing, Marvin Jones.

Sunday Evening: Louis J. Jones and Harley Turner.

"The depth of one's conviction measures the breadth of his influence."

J. Hunt

BIBLE ATTENDANCE UP

CONTRIBUTION DOWN

The Bible school attendance was up because so many of our visitors came to class. Our contribution was down because so many of our own were visiting out of town. But as I have said before, good and faithful members always make up their contribution when they forget to leave it. We can be having four hundred and fifty to five hundred, or more, any time the members here are willing to attend. We have the membership but not enough have the will to attend.

PONDER THIS

A statistician has figured that over 5% of all church members do not even exist; 10% of them cannot be found; over 25% of them never go to services; and 50% of them never contribute a cent to the Lord's work; 75% of them never attend the mid-week services; 35% do not attend when you have a gospel meeting; 90% never have family worship in their homes; and more than 95% never tried to win a soul to Christ in their lives. Now, what is your percent?

...Selected

ZONE WORK AND BIBLE CLASSES

Let us use our zone workers and Bible Classes to help advertize our meeting with brother Lemmons April 12-15. I would like to suggest that each zone have a special meeting and pray for the meeting. If all the zones would have a meeting and do nothing but pray, it would be helpful. They had special prayer meetings in Jerusalem when Peter was in prison, what would be wrong in our praying for the release of sinners from the bondage of sin? Such meeting would help each one of us. You might take it upon yourself to invite friends to come to your home and pray with you about the meeting. D.B.

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"Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness." Joshua 24:14

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. Heb. 10:22

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MANY VISITORS

The auditorium was well filled last Lord's Day due to so many visitors. It was good to have so many of our college boys and girls home and have many of our former members too.

### A CONFESSION

In the spirit of the films we are seeing on Wednesday evenings, I would like to make a confession. One of the lecturers in the 1962 Abilene Christian College Lectureship listed 19 different ways to stifle individual initiative in the congregations of the Lord's people. We need to beware of these if we are a leader in anyway, elders, preachers, teachers, etc.

Here are ten that I thought most dangerous:

1. If a person makes a mistake, don't let him forget it. Don't accept his apology, even though you act as if you do. Keep an eye on him. Keep him suppressed in misery for what he has done. Keep on suspecting him (II Cor. 2:5-7).
2. Deal with only a few! Act as if only you or a few of your appointees can do the job at hand.
3. Require no deadlines. Don't cultivate a sense of urgency or immediacy. Act as though nothing will be said to a person who does not fulfill his individual responsibility.
4. Keep telling people that a difficult job can't be done. Never do any thing by faith. Always insist on tangible evidence before you launch out.
5. Never evaluate your successes and failures. Accept setbacks without ascertaining the causes, repairing the damages, and trying to prevent re-occurrences of the same problems. Permit conditions to get so bad that they present a crisis before you begin to change them.
6. Don't express any confidence in newcomers, weak members, or members with a "bad past."
7. Don't delegate responsibility. Never ask for any assistance. Cherish the "Authority of your position" and play a kind of spiritual king-on-the-mountain game.
8. Never let the individuals outside of the leadership help in the planning - to be a part of the preliminaries. As a leader, never be caught doing any work yourself. Keep your efforts to the planning sessions.
9. Never set any goals. Never suggest any challenges or any enlarged horizons. Be complacent and act as if the congregation is fulfilling its complete orb or responsibility. (continued inside)

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Thursday, April 9, 1964  
THE RECORD

On Roll.....499  
Bible Classes  
April 5.....423  
March 29.....454  
A Year Ago.....450  
Contribution

April 5.....\$1,242.74  
March 29.....\$1,019.58  
A Year Ago.....\$1,127.49

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Kenneth Bennett  
Prayer.....Roger Knight  
Dismiss.....David Drennan

SUNDAY EVENING  
Prayer.....M. M. Haws  
Prayer.....Cone Birdwell  
Dismiss.....Jerry Hughes

THANK YOU NOTES  
Dear Christian Friends,  
We are so grateful for the love you have shown us in sharing our joy at the birth of our daughter. Thank you for your prayers, visits, gifts, cards, and many, many good wishes.  
Lamern and Sam Bailey

I would like to say "thank you" to each and every one of you for your kindness while I was in the hospital. Your prayers, visits, cards and flowers were very much appreciated. May God continue to bless your homes and mine. Ike Gaiser

THE SICK  
Sister Nora Smith had eye surgery Tuesday.

Brother W. D. Drummond is in Medical Center.

Sister Betty Strait and Jan Stanley were in Medical Center earlier in the week for a check-up.

OUR SYMPATHY  
We express our sympathy to sister Albert Baade and her family at the death of her husband Monday. Funeral services were Wednesday.

AN IMMEDIATE NEED  
This is to express thanks to all who have donated blood in the past to our account at the Stewart Blood Bank. At this time we only have 19 units. In order to meet an emergency, should one arise, we should keep 30 units on hand at all times. If you can donate blood, go by the Stewart Blood Bank and specify that your donation is for the West Erwin church of Christ account.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES  
The Lester Scogins and Leona Hardin now live at 2105 Waunell. The A. O. Mayos live at 1424 S. E. Loop 323, and the Walter Fullers new address is 2207 Belvedere.

A CONFESSION . . . (continued from back page)  
10. Maintain an intolerant dislike for any new idea. Look horror-stricken at any display or mention of ingenuity, resourcefulness, or creativity. Don't receive suggestions. If a member makes a suggestion, tell him the danger in changing "the way we always do things," or the possibility of offending a weak Christian or causing disunity.

These things are bad. They should not occur in the Lord's body. But your writer recognizes that he is guilty of some if not all to some degree. Let us all pray to God for forgiveness of our mistakes of the past and let us press on to the mark of the high calling of God.  
T.A.J.

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OUR MEETING

- \* Date: April 12th through 15th.
- \* Time: Lord's Day - 10:20 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.
- \* Week Days - 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.
- \* Preacher: Reuel Lemmons of Austin, Texas.
- \* Our Duty: To attend every time we can and bring our children and friends.
- \* Purpose of the meeting: To stir up our minds and to put us in remembrance of our duties, and to encourage the lost to believe, love and obey the Lord.

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### THE BREAD OF LIFE

Jesus said in John 6:48, "I am the bread of life."

1. Like bread, Jesus is food. As bread nourishes, strengthens and sustains the body, Jesus in like manner nourishes and strengthens and sustains the soul. Man cannot live without bread, because God made him to be a partaker of it. Neither can man live without Christ. Nothing in the world will nourish and sustain man as Jesus does. There are some substitutes for bread but there is none for Christ.

2. Like bread, Jesus is universal food. All people, regardless of race or circumstances eat bread. Jesus tasted death for every man. God is no respecter of men. The gospel is for all.

3. Like bread, Jesus is an indispensable food. Bread is a necessity, not a luxury. In most cases it is the first consideration of the table. We just do not have enough without it. With it we mix all kinds of foods. Jesus is a necessity, not a luxury. He must be the first consideration in one's life. Matt. 6:33. If we do not have him, we do not have enough, because man does not live by bread alone. Matt. 4:4. Christ is our only hope of glory. Col. 1:27. We must take Him into all of our activities.

4. Like a grain of wheat, Jesus had to die in order to sustain life. Grain must be buried, die force its way upward, before it is gathered and prepared for food. John 12:24. Jesus had to die, be buried and raised before salvation could be offered to the world. It was His life before he died, but ours after His death.

5. Before we can derive a blessing from it, bread must be personally appropriated. Just looking at bread, admiring it, will not give nourishment. We must eat it.

Many in the world admire Jesus and they talk about how good he was, how well he lived, what a blessing he has been to the world, but they have never appropriated to their lives what he offers. We must be partakers of the benefits of his death, his blood, and practice his doctrine to have life. This is a daily affair and is not done only on the Lord's Day. None of us would deprive ourselves of daily bread neither should we deprive ourselves of the daily bread of life. D.B.

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BIBLE CLASSES

April 12.....431  
April 5.....423  
A Year Ago.....409

CONTRIBUTION

April 12.....\$1,073.58  
April 5.....\$1,242.74  
A Year Ago.....\$1,073.91

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Howard Holland  
Prayer.....Truman Holland  
Dismiss..Dudley Brookshire

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
Prayer.....H. McCarty  
Dismiss..Herbert Brookshire

THE SICK

Brother W. D. Drummond  
is now at home.

Sister Janie Chelf was  
in the hospital a few days.

Sister Nora Smith is in  
Medical Center.

Rodger Young had eye  
surgery Tuesday in Medical  
Center. He is doing well.

Brother George Hale is  
in Coats Brown Hospital  
and would enjoy company.

Brother T. J. Parsons'  
father is very ill in  
Dallas.

Brother Fredrick's moth-  
er is very ill in Corsi-  
cana.

HOW VALUABLE IS IT?

The only way to evaluate Bible Study is by the worth of a soul. The purpose of Bible Study is to save the soul. How can one know the will of God if he does not study it? How can one do the Will of God if he does not know it? How can one enjoy the blessings of God if he does not know what they are? These things are learned through Bible Study. The elders have arranged Bible classes for all ages at 9:30 each Lord's Day and 7:30 Wednesday. You are depriving yourself of some rich experiences and personal blessings when you do not attend.

If you are not in attendance, how about starting this Lord's Day? D.B.

FUTURE PLANS

Our Vacation Bible School has been set for June 8-12. Our next meeting has been set for August 23rd with brother Guy N. Woods as the preacher. Let each of us do our best to keep these dates open so that we may be able to be present and do what we can for the Lord during these special efforts.

GUESTS LAST LORD'S DAY

We were happy to have so many visitors last Sunday. The following signed visitors cards: From Dallas Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Dye, Mrs. Robert Bozman, Mr. & Mrs. Wallace Waggon and R. W. Brooks and family. From Ft. Worth: Mrs. Frank B. Smith, Mrs. Margaret Phillips, S. P. Morrow, Jr. Mrs. L. B. Brunson, Mr. & Mrs. Jesse T. Massie. From Denton: Mr. & Mrs. W. K. Houser and Mrs. & Mrs. J. D. Rutherford. From Waco: Mrs. Flora McLain and Mrs. Vera Todd.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Copeland from Commerce; Mrs. E. C. Hallman, Olney; Mrs. P. M. Gerald, Hamilton; Mr. & Mrs. J. F. Jackson, Brownsboro; Mr. & Mrs. H. R. Morton, Kilgore; and Otto Burgess, Wilmot, Arkansas. From Tyler were Kay Yates and Linda Molloy.

RADIO BROADCAST TO BEGIN

Our radio program begins Monday, 12:30 noon. This is a 15 minute program Monday through Friday over K.T.B.B. Since the program is starting with little advance notice, we would like to enlist the co-operation of each member by asking you to telephone 5 of your friends and asking them to listen.

FUNERAL SERVICE

Funeral services were Monday afternoon for Mr. Pate, father of sister Don Miller. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

OUR MEETING

Brother Reuel Lemmons has preached the truth in love in our meeting, or maybe we should call it a revival. Actually that was what it was intended to be. He has done all that could be expected from any man. Those who missed the great lessons, whether through carelessness or providence were the losers. Those of us who were privileged to hear him should be much stronger.

ATTENTION LADIES

The Glenwood church has invited our Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class to meet with their class next Wednesday to hear brother Tony Ash. He is a teacher from Abilene Christian College.

100% CLASSES

The 3rd grade taught by Katie Heath and Mary Prater, and the 10th grade class taught by Ben Young and Don O'Bannon were 100% in attendance Sunday.



## A FATAL DISEASE THAT IS NOT INCURABLE

Sin is likened unto a disease. David said in Psa. 107:20, "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." Isaiah described the condition of Judah and Jerusalem in the following way, "The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither mollified with ointment." Isa.1:5-6. The question is asked in Jer.8:22, "Is there no balm in Gilead; is there no physician there?"

Sin is like a cancer or gangrene. It deepens and expands, and becomes more powerful with the growth and habits of men. Sin does not exhaust itself. It is not curable by change of place or society. Moral restraint may curb it some, but it will not cure it. All sin is unhealthiness. Every faculty of the mind, the passion of the soul is diseased. In the understanding there is blindness. In the judgement error. In the will perverseness and in the conscience defilement.

Jesus is now the only physician with the cure of sin. The remedy prescribed is found in His word which directs us to the source of healing, His blood. There are so many today in the same condition of Judah and Jerusalem, "The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it..." Thanks be to God and His mercy we have the balm for our healing. We have a physician in the person of Jesus Christ. Just believing that the physician exists and is willing to heal does not heal us. We must appropriate the remedy; namely, believe, love and obey His word. By doing this one receives a "blood transfusion," the blood of Jesus washes away our sins. Then we must go on a daily diet of His word and take daily exercise which is unto godliness. If the diet of His word seems a little too strenuous, remember we have to buffet our bodies to bring them into subjection.

Jesus the great Physician, through His word and strength which he imparts, heals the heart of hate, greed, lust, slothfulness and (continued inside)

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BIBLE CLASSES

April 18.....451  
April 12.....431  
A Year Ago.....425

CONTRIBUTION

April 18.....\$1,390.90  
April 12.....\$1,073.58  
A Year Ago.....\$ 900.53

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Don O'Bannon  
Prayer....Russell O'Bannon  
Dismiss.....Ben Young

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....K. Max Haws  
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill  
Dismiss...R. V. Threadgill

THANK YOU NOTES

Please accept our grateful appreciation for all the wonderful deeds of kindness during Mr. Drummond's stay in the hospital. For the flowers, cards, visits and prayers of our friends that helped to brighten each day, we are indeed thankful.

More and more each day we are made to realize that true Christian friendship is to be cherished above everything.

W.D. and Mary Drummond

The Junior and Seniors of this congregation wish to

use this means to express our appreciation to those of you who made the banquet given in our honor possible.

WELCOME

We welcome the Robert Parris family to worship and work with us. Their address is Rt. 2, Box 231 (Old Pleasant Retreat Rd.) Their telephone is Ly3-2780.

FUNERALS

Funeral services were Monday for Mr. Albert Laben, step-father of brother Jim Brown.

Mr. Luther Qualls, brother of sister Degge passed away Tuesday. Funeral services were Thursday in Cisco, Texas

We extend our deepest sympathy to both of these families.

THE SICK

Mr. Frank Smith is in Mother Frances. He underwent surgery Wednesday.

Brother Homer Williamson's mother is very ill in Gladewater.

100% CLASS

The Third grade class of Katie Heath and Mary Prater was 100% in attendance last Sunday.

A LEGEND

One night, in ancient times, three horsemen were riding across a desert. As they crossed the dry bed of a river, out of the darkness a voice called, "Halt," they obeyed. The voice told them to dismount and pick up a handful of pebbles, put them in their pockets and remount. The voice then said, "Ye have done as commanded. Tomorrow at sunup you will be both glad and sorry."

Mystified, they rode on. When the sun arose, they reached into their pockets and found a miracle had been performed. The pebbles had been transformed into diamonds and rubies and other precious stones. They remembered

the warning and they were both glad and sorry - glad because they had taken some, and sorry that they had not taken more.

THIS IS THE STORY OF OPPORTUNITY. When we come to the end of our lives, we will look back and be glad and sorry. Glad because we took hold of some of our opportunities to work for the Lord, but sorry that we did not take hold of more opportunities. The wise one will see them as jewels of gold and greedily grasp each one as if it will be the last. The foolish will see opportunities only as an unpleasant chore. Too late will he know the real value of opportunity. ...Selected

A FATAL DISEASE . . . (continued from back page)

unfaithfulness. He fills the heart with love, joy, peace, good works, purity, etc. . .

Often we sing, "The great physician now is near the sympathizing Jesus; He speaks the drooping heart to cheer: O hear the voice

of Jesus." When we stand before Him at the last great day we want to be found whole, complete and ready to enter into that eternal bliss to live with Him who healed our soul.

D.B.

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RADIO BROADCAST - MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
STATION KTRB 600 K. C. 12:30 NOON

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### I RESOLVE

Most of us either secretly or openly make resolutions at the beginning of each new year. Here are a few I hope we adopt, especially those that are applicable to us.

I resolve to study my Bible each day. I want God to speak to me each day through His word.

I resolve to have a more attentative ear than I have ever had. In the past I have not heeded, as best I could, all that I knew God wanted me to be and do.

I resolve to be a better example to others, in attending Bible classes and worship services. I fear that my life has been a stumbling block to others who have looked to me as an example.

I resolve to attend Lord's Day evening and Wednesday evening too. I could have been doing this all along, but I have made up excuses to keep from going and have lived with a guilty conscience.

I resolve to give more, because I know I have not been a faithful steward. I have been stingy with God and selfish and have spent most of my income on myself.

I resolve to teach when I am asked. I have offered many excuses in the past but they were only excuses, because I could have made sacrifices as others did and taught. I was no busier than others. I just did not want to make the sacrifices necessary to teach. I know I have made the burdens of others heavier and I resolve not to do it again this year.

I resolve to be a better preacher, elder, deacon, teacher, and worker for the Lord. I have not reached my potential. I could have done much better. Forgive me Lord.

I resolve to use, at least one night a week, even if I have to go alone, and visit the lost, newcomers, the discouraged, the fallen, the aged, and others who would like to see me.

I resolve to waste less of my time watching television and use the time more wisely for the Lord.

I resolve to be a better father, husband, mother, wife, or child. I have thought I was too busy to fulfill my obligation, but what I did was less important than what the Lord expected.

I resolve to not let criticism hinder me from doing my duty. The Lord's work is too important to let a little criticism stand in my way of serving Him to my full capacity. I know that a lot of criticism is only from a pricked conscience, or to cover up or just talk to get a little attention.

I resolve to do my best to improve myself in every way I can, even if others do not, so help me God. (continued inside)

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|                       |            |                       |             |
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| 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. |
| (Sept. Thru May)         |             |                     |            |

### EVANGELISTS

Dean Brookshire  
Tom A. Jones

Jerry Hill  
(Guatemala)



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| BIBLE SCHOOL   | CONTRIBUTION          |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Dec. 27...387  | Dec. 27...\$1,163.57  |
| Dec. 20...443  | Dec. 20...\$1,257.52  |
| Year Ago...385 | Year Ago...\$1,243.33 |

### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and

Prayer.....R. C. O'Bannon

Prayer.....M. M. Haws

Dismiss.....Joe McBee

### SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and

Prayer.....Roger Knight

Prayer.....C. E. Caskey

Dismiss.....Jamon Kirby

### THANK YOU NOTE

The Ralph Lowrance family wishes to express their appreciation for the flowers, prayers, and other kindness shown to them at the death of Ralph's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowrance, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

### THE SICK

Sister Matt Thomas is in Medical Center. She had surgery Sunday and is getting along well.

### PALESTINE MEETING

Brother Foy E. Wallace, Jr. will preach in a meeting at the Crocket Road church in Palestine, January 3 - 10. Services each week-day evening at 7:30. Brother Wallace has a host of friends in this area and it is hoped that all who can will drive over one time, at least, and hear him.

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class will meet again next Wednesday, January 6. Brother Brookshire will be teaching. He will begin the study in the book of James.

### THANKS ARE IN ORDER

Thanks to those of you who brought your company to class with you last Lord's Day. It looked like we had about half of our members out of town last Lord's Day but many of you who had company brought your visitors and it made our record look better. It is hoped that each one who was away attended Bible study and worshipped wherever he was. D.B.

### MEN TO SERVE IN JANUARY

The following men have been selected to serve the Lord's Table and the congregation during the month of January.

North side: Bob Butler, O'Neal Tuel, Tommy White, Lester Scogins, and Ross Walker.

South side: David Drennan, Marvin Jones, Carl Bell, Ralph Lowrance, and T.F. Holland.

Alternates are: Louis Earl Jones and Faber Cauthen.

Sunday evening: Oscar Becker and John Brem. Alternate, Ray Womack.

### FUNERAL

Brother W. H. Turner's brother, Will Turner, passed away Wednesday evening in Graham, Texas. Funeral services will probably be Saturday. We extend our sympathy to the family.

### BUILDING FUND STARTED

It was decided and announced that we plan to build a new educational building in 1965. In order to reduce the payments it was decided to raise \$30,000 in the next three months. So far \$8,250 has been contributed and a little more than \$10,000 pledged. We need around \$11,000 additional to reduce our payments and enable us to expand our mission work.

The Loan company has already agreed to lend the balance of our needs. All we need now is to tell the architect to start drawing up the plans and we can let the contract in a few months. It will take a great deal of planning, which always means several meetings, and prayers on the part of all of us to carry out the announced program. We surely do not want to undertake such a great endeavor without relying upon God to direct us.

The last Lord's Days in January and February have been designated as days to contribute toward the building fund. But it will be agreeable for any of us to put in a check any time we desire and mark it building fund. All of us should be planning and saving so we can soon get our badly needed educational building.

Next Lord's Day is the time that many of us agreed to raise our contribution so we can increase our work in 1965. Even though you did not sign one of the cards agreeing to increase yours, it is hoped that all will feel an obligation to God

and the church to do all you can.

Since so many were away last Lord's Day our contribution ought to be around \$2,000 this Lord's Day. However, some left their contribution for which we are thankful. Our giving has been good in December and we must not let up because too much is at stake to do so. D.B.

### ANOTHER TRAINING CLASS

Sister Audrey O'Bannon will begin a training class for all women teachers and those interested in teaching, Sunday afternoon, January 10th at 4:45. This class will meet for one hour and last for six weeks only. It will be a class on methods and techniques of teaching. This is another opportunity for the women teachers of the church to improve their teaching abilities.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Earl Jones are the happy parents of a baby boy born Wednesday evening in Medical Center Hospital.

I RESOLVE (continued from back page)  
I resolve to live each day as though it were the last one I would ever live, because my last day on this earth may come in 1965.  
I resolve to stay home more on the Lord's Day in 1965. I have not felt the responsibility to my home congregation that I should have and I plan to do what I expect of others.

D.B.

**A GREAT CHALLENGE**

Probably what was the greatest announcement that has been made to this church in the past thirty five years or was ever made to it, was made last Lord's Day. The announcement was made that a new adequate educational building would be erected sometime in 1965, the Lord willing. We hope to be able to start actual construction in the early Spring and have it ready for use by or before next Fall. There is no doubt but what the greatest work the church does for the children and teenagers is done in the class room. Our greatest mission program is among the children. It can also be added that it is the cheapest mission work we do. We do not have to neglect our children but one or two generations and there will be no church. Since teaching is the greatest work the church does the teachers and pupils should be provided with the best equipment we are able to provide. The first consideration should not be what will the building cost. One soul is worth more than all the buildings in the world. Instead of talking about what the building will cost we should be thinking about what it will cost not to build it, and the cost should be thought of in terms of souls. In planning such building we should think in terms of years too. When we do this we are looking ahead for thirty-five to fifty years or even longer. During that time there will be hundreds and hundreds of young men and

women, as well as adults, who will be taught the way of the Lord more perfectly. When a church enters a building program the members should have the philosophy of the old man in the poem, "The Bridge Builders." The old man did not have too long to live and he probably would not pass over the deep chasm again but he said he was building the bridge for some one younger who would need to pass that way. Did not others build a building somewhere sometime for us? Practically all of us obeyed the gospel in buildings we did not help pay for. We were taught the truth by one who was supported by others. The Christian ought to count it a great joy to have part in such tremendous work. It is hoped that all of us will get on our knees before God and thank Him for laying before us this great challenge

Another great announcement made last Lord's Day was the increase in the budget for the coming year. The largest budget this church has ever had the opportunity to carry out was presented. Included in this is another missionary somewhere here in the States.

It is hoped that all of us will express our thanks to the elders for their vision and faith in God. Not only have they expressed faith in God, but they have expressed faith in us too. Fifty or more families have responded in less than a week by promising more than

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| BIBLE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION |                      |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Dec. 13...438             | Dec. 13...\$1,442.27 |
| Dec. 6...419              | Dec. 6...\$1,379.09  |
| Year Ago...404            | Year Ago...\$ 952.10 |

| APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Announcements and               |                 |
| Prayer.....                     | Leonard Woltman |
| Prayer.....                     | C. B. Hardin    |
| Dismiss.....                    | Cliff Clough    |
| SUNDAY EVENING                  |                 |
| Announcements and               |                 |
| Prayer.....                     | Faber Cauthen   |
| Prayer.....                     | David Hannah    |
| Dismiss.....                    | Kenneth Bennett |

WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP

Mike Hannah, son of brother and sister David Hannah, was baptized Sunday evening. Their address is 2002 S. Wall. Mike is in the ninth grade. We are very happy for his obedience to the Lord.

Brother and sister Joe McBee, 2811 Rollingwood Dr. came Sunday evening to be identified with us. They recently moved here from Greenville where they worshiped at the Johnson Street church. He is the chief Switchman for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. Mrs. McBee (Frances) is a homemaker. They have a daughter, Cynthia, in the 6th grade. We are very happy to welcome this new family to work and worship with us.

THANK YOU NOTE

I want to say thank you for all

the visits, cards and the encouragement you gave me during my recent stay in the hospital. May God bless each of you.

Bessie Willis

DO I NEED COMPANIONSHIP WITH GOD?

This question is like asking "Do I need to breathe, to eat, and to be recreated in order to live." The answer is emphatically "yes." Jesus often left the crowds that followed him to talk with his Father. We call it prayer but it sometimes took the form of "just visiting" with God (Matthew 14:23; John 17). He poured out his heart, received spiritual strength and asked blessings for his people. In the midst of trial and in the rigor of daily service Jesus felt the need to commune often with his Father.

Today in a world of complexity and turmoil it is wonderful for Christians to be able to walk and talk with God - the Creator of the universe and the Giver of every good gift. We need always to be conscious of our Father's presence and talk with him often. He will hear us and will answer our requests if for our good. Not only at our bedside or at the table but while driving our car, flying through the sky or walking in the woods.

Without God we can be alone in a multitude of men but if we commune with him often we shall find the strength to overcome in this life and live forever in his presence.

Clifton L. Ganus, Jr.

... 20th Century Christian.

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 \* SEASONS GREETINGS \*  
 \* Sylvia and Heidi and I would like fine staff of teachers with whom I\*  
 \* to take this opportunity to wish work are among the finest anywhere\*  
 \* each member of the West Erwin con- being co-operative, efficient, and\*  
 \* gregation a Merry Christmas and a enthusiastic in the Bible class\*  
 \* prosperous year to come. We ap- program here. Let me say personally \*  
 \* preciate so very much the oppor- that we are here to serve you in\*  
 \* tunity to be able to work and wor- the work of the Lord at this place.\*  
 \* ship with this fine group of We are praying for you. Pray that\*  
 \* Christian people. We count it a the Lord will work through us to\*  
 \* great privilege to be working under gather to the glory of His name in\*  
 \* the leadership of this eldership Tyler and East Texas. \*  
 \* and with brother Brookshire. The Tom, Sylvia, and Heidi Jones\*  
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 \* GREETINGS \*  
 \* We want to use this medium again plan to apply the cost of the cards\*  
 \* this year to extend our best wishes and postage on the building fund\*  
 \* and love to every member of this here. \*  
 \* church and to our friends who read May God bless each one of you now\*  
 \* our bulletin. We never send Seasons and forever. Thanks to each of you\*  
 \* Greeting personally to the members for your love and the privilege of\*  
 \* where we live. This year we are not working with you in Christ's King- \*  
 \* sending any to our friends as we dom. \*  
 \* The Dean Brookshires \*  
 \* \*\*\*\*\*

A GREAT CHALLENGE. . .  
 (continued from back page)  
 \$17,000 between now and March 1st on the requested \$30,000.  
 Brethren it is a wonderful thing to be challenged to do such a great work. This will give us an opportunity to prove our allegiance to God. Let us thank God and take courage. D. B.

A REMINDER  
 Everyone who took cards concerning the contribution and building program last Sunday is asked to return them by next Sunday, December 20.

NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK  
 Due to the increase in mail during the Holiday Season we will not print and mail the bulletin next week.

BE ON TIME SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M.



THE IMPORTANCE OF SOUL INSTRUCTION

"He that refuseth instruction, despiseth his own soul." Prov. 15:32

Man was created with a mind capable of being instructed. Every mind has been and is being instructed. Unfortunately, not every one has been or is being instructed in the way of the Lord. There are more people walking in darkness than in light and the reason for it is because of the instruction they have either received or failed to receive. Beneficial instruction has been provided for them but so many are not receptive to it. In this short article we shall notice briefly two ways in which God has instructed us.

1. God has instructed us by the works of His creation. Psa. 19:1-3, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handy work. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard." The mighty works of God give out information as to his creative ability and power to keep in operation the heavenly planets and this earth. These things do not teach us how to be saved from our past sins or how to serve God and our fellow-man, but they do teach us that there is a creator of all those things as well as our body and soul.

2. God teaches our soul through his revelation. The purpose of the scriptures is for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for in-

struction in righteousness. . . ." 2 Tim. 3:16. Jesus taught that no man could come to him that had not been instructed. John 6:44-45. Man does not become a Christian by natural instinct. Heathenism, darkness, idolatry and immorality become the practices of men where the written revelation of God's mind has not been taught. Today denominationalism, immorality and unfaithfulness of Christians are practiced largely because of a lack of knowledge of the Word of God. In order for one to become a Christian he has to first surrender his own will. Jesus said if any man come after me let him deny himself. Christianity is a life of denial of, not some things, but all things that stand in the way of one becoming like Christ. "The way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Jer. 10:23. The revelation of God's Will was designed to guide us in the way of righteousness in all things. One may as well not have a Bible if he does not intend to live by it. One may as well not obey the gospel if he does not intend to further his knowledge, to instruct his soul and grow in favor with God. One ought to feed his soul as often as he feeds his physical body. Man does not live by bread alone. Bible classes ought to be attended by every member and much study ought to be done at home. Brethren instruct your soul. Do not despise it. D.B.

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| Dec. 6...419 | Dec. 6...\$1,379.09 |
| Nov. 29..454 | Nov. 29..\$1,214.62 |
| Year Ago.418 | Year Ago.\$ 999.21  |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Ross Walker  
 Prayer.....Pat Mackey  
 Dismiss.....Bruce Raley

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....James Massey  
 Prayer.....Howard Ellis  
 Dismiss.....Ken Willis

THANK YOU CARDS

Sister Annie Shotwell wishes to express her appreciation for all of the cards and letters and especially for your prayers for her. She is improving and able to be up some in a wheel chair. Her address is still Memorial Hospital, Room 149, Cleburne, Texas.

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We do not have words to express our appreciation for the kindness and love of everyone in words, thoughts, and deeds during our bereavement at the passing of our beloved husband and father. I also want to express my thanks for the visits and prayers during my recent illness.

Mrs. Mary Sims and children

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We want to thank each of you for

your thoughtfulness and love shown toward us in sending all the nice clothing and food. We deeply appreciate all of it. May God bless you is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whitton and Family

The Whitton family lost their home by fire Thanksgiving Day. They live in Canton and are members of the church there.

GOOD MEETING MONDAY EVENING

Forty eight men met here at the building last Monday evening to discuss the budget for 1965 and the proposed educational building. A great deal of enthusiasm was shown in the meeting. The men are to be commended for their coming and taking a part in this important work. About three hours were spent in discussing the budget and building, but many more than that had gone on before the meeting was called. Much thought and time had gone into this before it was turned over to the finance committee. Brethren Threadgill and Massey spent many hours of work before the meeting was called and they had a meeting on Tuesday evening to carry out further plans in readying the paper work for the elders. We owe a deep thanks to all the men who came and took part in the Monday evening meeting, but we owe much more to the brethren who had done much work prior to the meeting. (continued next page)

RADIO BROADCAST - MONDAY - FRIDAY  
 12:30 - 12:45 NOON - KTBB

GOOD MEETING. . .  
 (continued)

As was expected, every man conducted himself as a perfect Christian gentleman and it was a joy to sit in a meeting where the spirit of Christ prevailed from start to finish.

Each of us should hope and pray that 1965 will go down in history as the greatest year in the life of the West Erwin church. Each year we should try to excel what was done the year before because we are to grow daily. If daily growth takes place, then there will be a yearly growth.

\* \* \* D.B.

"Knowledge planted in youth will be a shelter in old age!"

"Sow an act and you reap a habit; sow a habit and you reap a character; sow a character and you reap a destiny."

"The company you keep is an index to your character."

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|---|-------------|
| FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 1964                     |             |
| Cash on hand, Nov. 1, 1964                                | \$ 293.08   |
| Deposits during Nov. 1964                                 |             |
| Contribution \$5,825.40                                   |             |
| Other Churches 90.00                                      |             |
| R <sub>ec.</sub> from the Estate of F. M. Mathis 5,640.00 | \$11,555.40 |
| Available for Expenditures                                | \$11,848.48 |
| <u>Loan Payments:</u>                                     |             |
| 1st Fed. Sav. & Loan 711.75                               |             |
| Coop. Sav. & Loan 75.00                                   |             |
| J. C. Wynne 100.00  |             |
| Trest Property 150.00                                     |             |
| F. M. Mathis Estate - 4,649.31                            | \$5,686.06  |
| (final payment on Note)                                   |             |
| <u>Benevolent &amp; Mission</u>                           |             |
| Jerry Hill 715.00   |             |
| West Erwin 625.00   |             |
| Other Churches 90.00                                      |             |
| Bill Lowry 40.00  |             |
| Bible Chair 100.00  |             |
| Boles Home 50.00  |             |
| Tipton Home 50.00   |             |
| Sunny Glen Home 50.00                                     |             |
| Herald of Truth 50.00                                     |             |
| Garden Oaks church of Christ (Building Fund) 200.00       |             |
| Radio Program 232.80                                      | \$1,487.80  |
| <u>Materials, Supplies, Etc.</u>                          |             |
| Utilities 196.56  |             |
| Telephone 48.29   |             |
| Insurance 60.00   |             |
| Bldg. Maint. 104.00                                       |             |
| Office Supplies 93.98                                     |             |
| Bible School Supplies 94.20                               |             |
| Flowers 6.16  |             |
| Taxes on Loop Lots 109.56                                 |             |
| Postage 55.00   | \$ 767.75   |
| Salaries  | \$1,844.27  |
| Total Expenditures for Nov. 1964                          | \$ 9,785.88 |
| Cash on hand Nov. 30, 1964                                | 2,062.60    |
| Total Funds Accounted For                                 | \$11,848.48 |

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## A TIMELY SERMON

Last Sunday we had a very good sermon brought by brother Brookshire on the importance of Bible study. I want to encourage you by means of this bulletin to put these admonitions to practice. You need to read God's Word regularly. There is a great benefit in just reading the Word of God. There is power in reading God's Word. This power is seen in a greater degree when the Word is read aloud to a group and all meditate on the message. The impressions that are made on children who have had the Bible read to them by their father in a family devotional service are lasting and very significant in forming the attitude of respect both for the Word of God and the parent who is interested enough to take the time to worship at home with his wife and children. Then when one comes to the public assembly of the church, he is prepared to worship because he has developed the habit at home. Sometimes we wonder how some good, seemingly strong, people in the church come to such appalling cir-

cumstances as they do. Some of them can quote scripture after scripture. The trouble seems to lie in the fact that they learn the facts of the Bible but don't apply these facts as principles to guide their lives. Whenever we can teach the spirit of the Bible as well as the facts of the Bible, then, we will become the shining lights of Christ-like-ness that we ought to be. We will have that glow about us that comes from a confidence that truly we are Sons of God. When our neighbors see us like this, they will come to us for help instead of our having to talk them into studying the Bible with us.

We will always experience difficulty in teaching the Bible to our friends and neighbors if we are not intimately acquainted with it ourselves. Let us all begin now, or renew now, our zeal for home Bible study and let it continue through out the coming year. Keep our spirits alive in sixty-five,

T.J.

## DOES YOUR GIVING PLEASE GOD?

Everything a Christian does must be done in order to please our heavenly Father. Does our giving please Him? Does it, when in this era of prosperity the church gives less than 3 percent to His cause? We often seem to forget that we are not asked to please ourselves, but to please God.

The local work, mission work, and benevolent work of the church goes

on week after week, as it should, and our giving ought to be just as regular, if we give as we are prospered, the work of the church can grow. When we fail to give, we hinder the work of the Lord's church.

Ask yourself this question. "Am I giving to please God?" This week put the will of God first in your life. It is always best. Selected



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| BIBLE SCHOOL   | CONTRIBUTION          |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| Nov. 22...400  | Nov. 22...\$1,206.61  |
| Nov. 15...421  | Nov. 15...\$1,155.06  |
| Year Ago...424 | Year Ago...\$1,148.61 |

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Louis J. Jones  
Prayer.....C. E. Caskey  
Dismiss.....Fred Powell

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Harley Turner  
Prayer.....Glen Warner  
Dismiss.....Henry McRuiz

#### RESPONSES

Mrs. Robert Parris (Sue) was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. Her address is 1138½ E. Houston and her telephone is Ly 4-2235. We welcome Sue into our fellowship.

#### THE SICK

Sister Annie Shotwell suffered a broken hip last week while visiting in Godley, Texas. She is in the Cleburne Memorial Hospital, Room 149. She would enjoy cards and letters.

Sister H. T. Grier Sr. is still in Mother Frances and improving.

Brother Glen Warner's mother is being brought here from Hugo, Okla. this morning (Wednesday) for emergency surgery.

#### THE GOD WE WORSHIP

Because of the greatness and goodness of the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, Christian worship ought to be a holy endeavor, an awe-inspiring privilege. Sad to say, to many professed Christians, it is apparently not a serious endeavor nor an inspiring experience, but something close to empty formality.

In view of what Christian worship ought to be and what it is, I am convinced that one of our great needs in the church today is men to lead in worship. We have many men who can "lead" a song, but not all of these lead in worship. Many brethren can word a prayer; but not all who word public prayers cause others to pray. And this trend toward a willingness to go through the motions of worship without actually worshipping the eternal God is becoming so noticeable that every congregation might be wise to start a sustained drive for better understanding of worship and of better leadership in it.

Worshippers must draw nigh to the true and holy God with their hearts as well as with their lips.

...From the Christian Bible Teacher

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Miss Mary Ann Heath and Floyd Limerick were married last Saturday. They will make their home temporarily in Corsicana, Texas.

LISTEN TO RADIO STATION KTBB EACH  
DAY MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY  
12:30 - 12:45 NOON

#### "PREACHERS OF TOMORROW"

At the Lubbock Christian College Lectureship last January, Austin Siburt presented some facts which focused vividly on what he termed "the grave preacher shortage."

\*Today there are two preachers for every six congregations.

\*The largest list of gospel preachers in print contains less than 5,000. (It is estimated that there are 16,000 churches of Christ in America.)

\*More than 100,000 cities in America have no gospel preacher or New Testament church.

\*Of the 135 nations of the world, there are still 80 with no gospel preacher.

\*If by 1970 there are 210,000,000 people in America and the preacher shortage continues - not to mention the scores of capable preachers leaving the pulpit every year for secular work - what of the future of the church?

For several years I have observed this preacher shrinkage and have dreamed of a dynamic preacher-

#### SINGING AT ARP SUNDAY

There will be a singing and devotional service at Arp next Lord's Day afternoon, November 29th, at 2:30. All are invited, but especially the young people. Tommy Woltman is now preaching at Arp and it would encourage him if a large number of us attend.

training program which could be conducted at the local congregational level. It is my conviction that the local church - and yes, the local preacher - can and should do more than any other source in solving this shortage. Naturally, the home must lay the foundation. And Christian colleges must provide the solid academic training and polish. But the local church stands so crucially between these two institutions. Even after the essential tallow and string have been supplied by a Godly home, the congregation must supply the flame of urgency which lights the candle of early desire. If it fails to do so, the Christian college will scarcely be able to take the cold and brittle candle and warm it until it rages like a "fire shut up within my bones." It is the local congregation which must strike the first vital blow - light the initial spark - plant the seed of concern - and inspire young men to give their lives away.

... Selected from Broadway  
Bulletin - Lubbock, Texas

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#### WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

"If washed in Jesus' blood,  
Then bear his likeness too,  
And as you onward press  
Ask, 'What would Jesus do?'"

Be brave to do the right,  
And scorn to be untrue;  
When fear would whisper, 'yield,'  
Ask, 'what would Jesus do?'"

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### THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is..." Heb. 10:25. The writer having exhorted believers to steadfastness in their profession, he now admonishes them to avoid an evil into which some had fallen, that of neglecting the assemblies of the saints.

Some who professed Christ as their Saviour and Law-giver had begun to forsake the assembly. We do not wonder that infidels, the profane and worldlings should do so, but many who are Christians by profession are also guilty of this. Some are once-a-day worshippers, all of their worship is crowded into one hour and the rest of the day is devoted to pleasure of self-gratification. Others are fair-weather worshippers or merely fancy-worshippers who go to the assembly just when it pleases them. Genuine Christians do not try to find ways to be absent, because they enjoy the assembly which affords many blessings. They are present on:

1. God's account who demands and infinitely deserves our worship and service. We assemble to read His Word, pray, sing, break bread and give of our means he has entrusted us with. In forsaking the assembly we pour contempt on all of these

and God is now and has always been a jealous God.

2. On the church's account of which we are a part. If there were no assemblies there would be no visible demonstration of our affection and devotion to Him. The church is likened unto a city, a family, a flock, and an army. Who ever heard of any such things without there be union or an assembly? To neglect the assemblies of the church is to weaken her energies, sadden the hearts of the faithful, and put a stumbling block in the path of the weak and unsaved.

3. We ought not to forsake the assembly, especially on our own account. We must be deeply interested in them because our holiness, joy and usefulness are identified with them. God can do without us and our worship, but we cannot do without Him. Our knowledge is yet imperfect, our faith is sometimes feeble, our love is sometimes weak and we need to be strengthened in these areas. If we were perfect in these areas and had no mercies to acknowledge, no sins to confess, no blessings to desire, no enemies to overcome, no soul to sanctify, no hell to escape and no heaven to gain we might forsake the assemblies and suffer but minor loss.

D.B.

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If the early church felt a need of daily teaching, how much more should we feel the need of teaching and being taught several times a week in this materialistic age.

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| Nov. 8...425  | Nov. 8...\$1,176.05  |
| Year Ago..412 | Year Ago..\$ 995.54  |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Roger Knight  
Prayer.....M. B. Beard  
Dismiss.....Kenneth Bennett

SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcement and  
Prayer.....Glen Warner  
Prayer.....Ben Young  
Dismiss.....Henry McRuiz

RESPONSES

Mrs. Edgar Forrest of 222 South  
Fleishel came Sunday confessing  
wrongs and requesting prayer.

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL 9:30 A.M. SUNDAY  
CLASSES FOR ALL AGES  
YOU ARE EXPECTED TO BE PRESENT

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 Carl Sims.

Thank you so much for your visits,  
prayers, and thoughtfulness of me

during the times I have been in the  
hospital recently.

Mrs. R. M. Mayo

IMPORTANT BUSINESS MEETING

There will be an important busi-  
ness meeting of the elders and  
deacons only at 4:00 o'clock this  
Lord's Day afternoon. Please keep  
this time open for the meeting.  
Every elder and deacon is requested  
to be present.

SYMPATHY

Sister Luther Thompson's sister-  
in-law passed away in Norman, Okla.  
November 7th. We express our sym-  
pathy to the family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Buckner are  
the parents of a baby girl born  
last Saturday.

THE SICK

Sister Andrews sister, Mrs. Ken-  
nedy, from Kilgore, is seriously ill  
in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Roy Layton is in Medical  
Center. He had surgery Monday and  
is getting along very well.

Sister Bessie Willis is in Med-  
ical Center Hospital for tests.

Sister H. T. Grier is in Mother  
Frances. She is improving but can-  
not have too much company yet.

Sister Myrtle Tucker is in Mother  
Frances Hospital.

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY 9:30 A. M.

LISTEN TO RADIO STATION KTBB MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 12:30 - 12:45 NOON

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL?

On the negative side, 5 things we  
are not trying to do:

1. We are not dealing with cold  
facts...the Bible is a living mes-  
sage, and it truly is the throbbing  
Word of God. It is a thing that  
lives, and it is more than working  
out a mathematical equation.

2. We are not magnifying Bible  
school to the sacrifice of worship  
emphasis.

3. We are not pushing an in-  
creased Bible school program as  
though this is a trick or a cure  
all. Success in Bible school work  
comes only by hard work.

4. We are not stressing that it  
is just for children. The purpose  
of the Bible school is to meet a  
need, and perhaps no one has more  
needs than adults.

5. It is not separate and apart  
from the teaching and preaching of  
the gospel, but is simply an ex-  
tension of carrying the gospel to  
the whole world.

Our Purpose: Discover the process  
by which individuals grow toward  
Christ's likeness and to encourage  
the continuation of the progress.  
How?

1. Respond to those that are  
around you...for truly a man is in-  
fluenced by his associates.

2. The right amount of success  
and affection must be shown an in-  
dividual if he is to grow in the  
likeness of Christ.

3. We are to respond to the in-  
fluences we haven't seen... like  
Abraham, Isaac, or Jacob, and in  
turn affect our lives.

4. It is imperative that we think  
through our current way of living  
if we are to become like Christ. It  
may be that we are walking in truth  
... it may be that error appears in  
our conduct.

5. We grow more like Christ in  
losing ourselves in service... such  
a life becomes an inspiration to  
others. Prayer transforms our lives  
into Christlikeness.

... Lawrence Hazelip

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\* PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP YOUR APPOINTMENT FOR THE \*  
\* PICTORIAL DIRECTORY. IF YOU HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED \*  
\* DUE TO AN OVERSIGHT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ZONE \*  
\* LEADER. WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A PICTURE OF \*  
\* EACH FAMILY IN THE DIRECTORY. \*  
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### A JOB WELL DONE

Brother M. B. Beard has faithfully served this church as treasurer for about nine years. Few of us realize how many hours of work have gone into this responsible job. A better and more faithful man could not be found. Brother Beard has done an excellent work and we say a great big thanks to him for his contribution to this church.

Brother Beard has asked to be relieved of his duties since he has served so long. The elders have appointed brother Louis Jones to serve as treasurer and he will be assisted by brother Glen Warner. Both of these men are capable and will do a good job.

### IT IS HARD TO REALIZE

The year of 1964 has only about six weeks left in it. It is hard to realize that the year is about gone. We have quite a bit of making up to do if we expect to close the year ahead of some former years. Our contribution is not close to what it should be. It looks now like some will close the year deeply in debt to the Lord. Visitations have taken so many away and the contributions have not been made up by some. We do not know exactly who has done it, but the Lord does. Brethren do not sell your soul for a little money and pleasure which soon will be gone forever. Our Bible School attendance is still far short of our possibilities. We

### PARENT - TEACHER CONFERENCE

Sunday evening after the evening worship period, the parents of the children in grades one through six are asked to go to their children's class room for a short but important meeting with the teachers of their children. Here they will learn what the plans for the various classes are this year and the material that is being studied. All others who are interested in these classes are invited too, especially the elders and deacons. We are proud of the good job that is being done by our teachers. Let us take every opportunity to help them in the task of training souls for eternity. T.J.

have about one hundred members who do not attend at all. We can have five hundred every Lord's Day when each of us begin to hunger and thirst for the "Bread of Life," and "Water of Life." There are still many unsaved people who can be saved when we are willing to put out the efforts to save them. All we will have to do is to leave our easy chairs, turn off the television set and go talk kindly to them about their souls. Brethren, some of them are waiting for us. Are they waiting in vain? Will we wait too long?

Will you join me in helping to make the next few weeks the best ones of the year? I hope you will because the need is urgent. D.B.

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### CALENDAR OF SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

|                 |            |                 |             |
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| 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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### EVANGELISTS

|                 |  |             |
|-----------------|--|-------------|
| Dean Brookshire |  | Jerry Hill  |
| Tom A. Jones    |  | (Guatemala) |



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THE SICK  
Brother Roy Layton is in Medical Center Hospital.  
Sister R. M. Mayo is in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Vicki Britton's mother is in Medical Center Hospital.  
Sister Janie Chelf has been in the hospital but is now at home. She is at her daughter's, 1511 E. Idell and would enjoy your visit.

Jerry Caudle was dismissed from Glenwood Clinic Wednesday but will be confined to his home for several weeks.

Sister H. T. Grifer Sr. is in Mother Frances but cannot have visitors at this time.

Sister Lonnie Taylor's mother is in critical condition in the hospital in Beaumont.

Dwain Shuford, youngest son of Bill and Virgellyne Shuford is in Glenwood Clinic with pneumonia.

NEW BUILDING IN ATHENS  
The Robbins Road Church in Athens is opening a new building next Lord's Day. There will be worship services and open house at 2:30 in the afternoon. A chorus from Boles Home will have a part on the program. Brother J. D. Walker is the preacher.

CONGRATULATIONS  
Congratulations and best wishes to Frank Debenport and Gail Wells who were married last Saturday evening. We wish for them many happy years together.

BIBLE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION  
Nov. 8...425 Nov. 8...\$1,176.05  
Nov. 1...409 Nov. 1...\$1,148.70  
Year Ago,425 Year Ago,\$1,037.33  
APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....L. G. Drennan  
Prayer.....T. J. Parsons  
Dismiss.....David Hannah Sr.  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....E. V. Rushing  
Prayer.....Cliff Clough  
Dismiss.....Darrell Holt

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING  
There will be a meeting for Junior High and High School students at the Crockett Road Church next Saturday, beginning at 10:30 A.M. The program will consist of devotional and panel discussions, a noon meal together and some recreation after the worship has ended. Brother Lowell Wallace is the preacher and he extends an invitation to all to attend.

MISSIONARY IN LONGVIEW  
Brother Lowell Worthington, who has been a missionary in Johannesburg, South Africa for the past three years, will preach at the Alpine and Glover Drive church in Longview, November 15-19 at 7:30 P.M. This is a short gospel meeting and not a financial campaign.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

It was decided in the business building. The directories will be free to us, but all will be offered an opportunity to buy a picture or pictures of the family. All pictures are to be made in a family group unless a member of the family, who is not a member here, requests that his picture not be in the directory. Every member will be contacted, probably through the zones, and we ask that all please co-operate so that we may soon have a new directory.

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\* LISTEN TO RADIO STATION KTBB MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY \*  
\* 12:30 to 12:45 NOON \*  
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WORSHIPPING GOD

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Acts 2:42  
"On the First day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them." Acts 20:7  
"On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper..." I Cor. 16:2

"Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God." Col. 3:16  
"Not neglecting to meet together as the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Heb. 10:25

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\* 500 IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY MORNING 9:30 \*  
\* BROTHER BAUR WILL PREACH FOR US SUNDAY EVENING \*  
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(Sept. Thru May)

#### EVANGELISTS

Dean Brookshire  
Tom A. Jones

Jerry Hill  
(Guatemala)

### "ROTATION" OF PREACHERS

About once each year the preachers of West Erwin, Northwest, Omen Road, and Glenwood exchange places on Sunday evening until each has preached for the other three churches. The rotation begins this Sunday evening with brother Wilmeth preaching here and brother Brookshire preaching at the Northwest church. Each preacher makes his own sermon selection and preaches the same sermon at each place. We look forward to hearing brethren Wilmeth, Baur and Anders.

### DAVID INGRAMS TO LONGVIEW

Brother and sister David Ingram of Mt. Vernon are moving to Longview soon to work with the Pine Tree church of that city. That will be a new work and we congratulate David and Jeanette upon being selected to work with them. Jeanette is the daughter of brother and sister Homer Williamson. David will preach here Wednesday evening, November 11th and brother Brookshire will preach in Mt. Vernon. Since David is a Tyler boy all of you will want to hear him. This exchange is designed to create a little more interest at both places.

### ZONE WORK

Last Thursday evening zone 2 had a successful meeting at the Smith building. Twenty-seven attended. Jack Stringer and Bill Butler are the leaders for this zone, and brother Howard Holland is the elder in this area. They have made

plans for a visiting program and to collect clothing for the Southwestern Christian College in Terrell, Texas

This past Monday evening, zone 5 had a meeting at the Smith building. The Russell O'Bannons are the leaders and brother Ross Walker is the elder in this zone. Their plans include enrolling every member in a Bible Class and a visiting program.

### OUR GUESTS SUNDAY

Last Lord's Day we had several visitors and the following signed cards. Keith Newland, Dallas, Texas; Kathy Kerce, New London, Texas; Mrs. Altha Gullledge, Dallas, Texas; Kenny Wallace, Rusk, Texas; Mrs. W. A. Bynum, Brownfield, Texas; Mrs. Leon Nolan, Odessa, Texas; Mrs. Roy Blankenship, DeKalb, Texas; La Vaughn Watts Jr., Tyler, Texas; Floyd Limerick, Tyler, Texas. Our guests are always welcome and invited to worship with us at every opportunity.

### BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a business meeting of the men of the church Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. All of the men are invited to attend. The 3:00 o'clock meeting is held for the purpose of allowing each man to submit ways and means of our doing a better work here and away. The elders have a meeting immediately following the regular meeting of the men and make decisions on what has been discussed.



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|--------------|-----------------------|
| BIBLE SCHOOL | BIBLE SCHOOL          |
| Nov. 1...409 | Nov. 1....\$1,148.70  |
| Oct. 25..417 | Oct. 25...\$1,285.35  |
| Year Ago.440 | Year Ago...\$1,218.14 |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....James Massey  
 Prayer.....O. C. Becker  
 Dismiss.....Jamon Kirby

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Ross Walker  
 Prayer.....Roy Layton  
 Dismiss.....B. E. Walker

THANK YOU NOTE

Gratefully acknowledging and  
 thanking you for your kind expres-  
 sion of sympathy.

Jean Oliver  
 Donna and Ramon Ivey

RESPONSES

Last Sunday morning Royce Caskey  
 and Larry Caskey were baptized into  
 Christ. These boys are brothers and  
 live at 1911 Charlotte Drive. They  
 are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Milo  
 Caskey. Larry is in the 9th grade  
 and Royce is in the 10th. They have  
 been attending Bible classes here  
 for several weeks. We are very  
 happy to welcome them into our  
 fellowship.

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY 9:30 A. M.

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services for Brother C.  
 C. Sims were held Sunday afternoon  
 at the building. He passed away  
 suddenly last Thursday morning.

Funeral services are today  
 (Thursday) in Dawson, Texas for  
 Mr. Jack Butler, uncle of brother  
 Bill Butler.

We express our sympathy to each  
 family.

THE SICK

Sister H. T. Grier Sr. is in  
 Mother Frances Hospital. She under-  
 went surgery Monday on her knee  
 that was broken in a fall last week.  
 She is getting along alright, but  
 has been in a lot of pain.

Mr. Jerry Caudle is in the Glen-  
 wood Clinic after suffering a heart  
 attack.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

Sunday evening brother Brookshire  
 will preach at Northwest and broth-  
 er Perry Wilmeth will be here. Also  
 brother John Calvert from the Sunny  
 Glenn Children's Home will be here.  
 You will recall that we, at West  
 Erwin, contribute \$50.00 a month to  
 this home. Brother Calvert will  
 give us an illustrated report of  
 the work that is being done there  
 in San Benito, Texas with the orphan  
 children. Make your plans as usual  
 to come and worship God and hear  
 this report of some of the work  
 that you are helping to do. Plans  
 are being made so that we will not  
 be held at the building much longer  
 than usual.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER 1964

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand October 1, 1964 | \$ 719.28  |
| Deposits During October      |            |
| Contribution 4,650.55        |            |
| Other Churches 90.00         | \$4,740.55 |
| Available for Expenditures   | \$5,459.83 |

Expenditures:

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| <u>Loan Payments</u>             |            |
| 1st. Fed. Sav. & Loan            | \$711.75   |
| Coop. Sav. & Loan                | 75.00      |
| J. C. Wynne                      | 100.00     |
| Trest Property                   | 150.00     |
| <u>Benevolent &amp; Mission</u>  | \$1,036.75 |
| Jerry Hill                       | \$715.00   |
| West Erwin                       | 625.00     |
| Other Churches                   | 90.00      |
| Bill Lowry                       | 40.00      |
| Bible Chair                      | 100.00     |
| Boles Home                       | 50.00      |
| Tipton Home                      | 50.00      |
| Sunny Glenn Home                 | 50.00      |
| Herald of Truth                  | 50.00      |
| Radio Program                    | 232.80     |
| <u>Materials, Supplies, etc.</u> | \$1,287.80 |
| Utilities                        | 347.10     |
| Telephone                        | 39.66      |
| Insurance                        | 60.00      |
| Bldg. Maint.                     | 25.42      |
| Communion Supplies               | 28.17      |
| Bible School Supplies            | 231.16     |
| Office Supplies & Printing       | 118.06     |
| Flowers                          | 28.56      |
| Postage                          | 55.00      |
| Welcomap                         | 3.00       |
| Salaries                         | \$ 936.13  |
| Withholding Taxes 3rd. Qtr.      | \$1,449.77 |
|                                  | \$ 456.30  |

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|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Total Expenditures for October 1964 | \$5,166.75 |
| Cash on Hand October 31, 1964       | 293.08     |
| Total Funds Accounted for           | \$5,459.83 |

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 TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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| 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. |
| (Sept. Thru May)         |             |                     |            |

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## IN REGARD TO BIBLE STUDY

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15).

If we should ask the question, "Do you want to go to heaven?" unquestionably our membership would answer in the definite affirmative. But if we should ask, "Are you planning to go to heaven?" it is likely that some of the positiveness would be missing from the affirmative answer.

Then, if we should ask, "Are you preparing to go to heaven?" it is certain that there would be even less assurance in the answer. We would probably get a lot of "I hope so" answers. The truth is that far too many of us are just "hoping" to get to heaven. Now, hope is wonderful. It is found among the few things that the apostle Paul said by inspiration would "abide." But,

hope without some effort to bring the hope to pass is a vain thing.

No accountable person can fit himself for a home in heaven without studying the Word of God. Peter wrote in 2 Peter 3:18, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." If there were no other teachings in the Book about it, these two passages would teach the importance of Bible study. These passages serve beautifully to emphasize the importance of Bible study.

It would be terrible to find yourself on Judgment Day consigned to an eternal torment in outer darkness, separated from God because you failed to prepare for anything better. If you want to go to heaven - if you plan to go there, may we impress on you the necessity for preparing now? Attend Bible Class Sunday

... Selected

## YOUR BIBLE AND YOU by Virgil R. Trout

"Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possessions." Psalms 2:8

We live poverty stricken lives in an eternal sense because we do not ask of God for those things that He has generously prepared for us. You have the privilege of receiving forgiveness for your sins... a complete beginning again of your life. If you have been baptized into Christ, you have a place in the eternal Kingdom. There is for

the Christian blessings of prayers, of worship, of assurance, of strength, and of eternal life.

Why not bring your life to the Father today? What joys await you in His service? Why do you linger on the edge when you have the right to be a full-fledged heir of eternity?

The things of this world, while important in a very definite sense, will pass away. God has blessings for you that will never cease to be. Why not ask Him? Why not commit yourself to Him?

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| BIBLE SCHOOL  | CONTRIBUTION        |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Oct. 25..417  | Oct. 25..\$1,285.35 |
| Oct. 18..433  | Oct. 18..\$1,063.91 |
| Year Ago..404 | Year Ago..\$ 910.66 |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Russell O'Bannon  
Prayer.....Leonard Woltman  
Dismiss.....Jack Stringer  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Bud Caskey  
Prayer.....K. Max Haws  
Dismiss.....Cliff Clough

#### FUNERALS

We offer our deepest sympathy to sister Sims and family. This morning (Thursday) brother C. C. Sims passed away. At the time this is written we do not have details concerning the funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Rose Ivey, grandmother of Donna and Ramon Ivey, passed away Sunday. Funeral services were held for her Tuesday morning. We express our sympathy to the family.

Funeral services for Mrs. Nora Gilley of Tyler were held Wednesday afternoon. She was the sister of sister Emma Buie. We express our sympathy to sister Buie and family.

#### THANK YOU NOTE

Words are inadequate to express

our deep gratitude for all the acts of love and kindness shown us during my recent illness. For all the prayers, visits, cards, flowers, food, and other expressions of your concern, we are truly grateful. May the Lord continue to bless you.

E. V. and Bertha Rushing

#### THE SICK

Sister H. T. Grier Sr. has a broken leg from a fall Tuesday evening. She is in Mother Frances Hospital.

#### CORRECTION

Last week we printed the Wedding invitation of Gail Wells marriage to Mr. Frank Debenport. Through error one line of the invitation was left out. The date of the wedding is Saturday, November 7th.

#### ONE DAY AT A TIME

Life is lived one day at a time. The only time we have is now. Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow may never come. The above thoughts are based upon this truth and are designed to give purpose to one's life.

The same principle can be applied to give strength to our lives as Christians, for after all, if we fail in this, we have lost all. Each of us should decide, "Just for today I am going to live as God would have me live." Then each day make the same decision. Days become weeks, and weeks become years; all of this spent in living a Christian life "one day at a time."

... Selected

#### ATTEND BIBLE CLASSES

That you may learn more about the world's greatest book - the Bible.

That you may find the finest of friends. They are students of the Bible.

That your influence may count for Christ and His church - not for sin and Satan.

That you may become more and more intimate with the world's most beautiful character -- Jesus.

That you may impart to fellow-students the great lessons that you

have learned from God's Word. These lessons are not yours to keep--but to share.

That you may cause your loved ones to attend. They go where you go. When you are negligent, so are they.

When you are dutiful, so are they. Eighty percent of the people who are baptized come through the Bible classes. Your responsibility is tremendous.

... Minister's Monthly

BE REGULAR IN ATTENDANCE -- AT ALL OF THE SERVICES

REMEMBER THE RADIO PROGRAM-MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY-STATION KTBB 12:30 NOON

#### JUST A LITTLE PUSH

I was sitting in my car the other day when an old Model A Ford stalled nearby. The driver was utterly unable to start the old vehicle, and traffic was halted for a block. Horns sounded, and angry drivers shouted their unpleasant words at the embarrassed man.

After a time, the cars began to move around the unfortunate owner of the old Ford. Finally one driver in the long line of cars drove up behind the stalled car and gave it a push. Soon it began moving under its own power and traffic got underway again.

How like life that is! Someone

is halted by circumstances. Most people shout their maledictions upon the luckless individual and leave him to his fate. All he really needs is just a little push to help him get started along the way.

Just as in any congregation, we have a few "Model A's" who need a little help getting on the move again. If you know of someone who is losing interest in the church--or someone who is mired up to his axles in personal problems -- offer him a little encouragement. Just think -- without your push, he may lose his soul.

The Park News, Phoenix, Ariz.

If you have tried to do something and failed, you are vastly better off than if you had tried to do nothing and succeeded.



## ELEMENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE

Please read Philippians 3:13-14.

The most interesting problem to any of us is the one whose solution determines success. In all enterprises the question is, "Will I succeed?" It is determined before hand that success is possible, by the fact that others have succeeded in the same undertaking, so just how they accomplished their purpose becomes a question of infinite importance. Practically every one of us instinctively look to one that has been a success for our copy.

Paul standing at the close of his life said, "There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me on that day." At the beginning he had not "apprehended," but at the close he was assured. Just what is the combination of elements that made the end for him so glorious?

1. He refused to waste time in meddling with dead issues, such as "fleshly relationship with Abraham," "the law of Moses," "Phariseeism," etc. He predicted success in the life he was then living and of those things and others, he said, "Forgetting the things that are behind."

2. He grappled only with present things, such as "preaching the gospel of Christ," "committing the gospel to faithful men," "correcting errors in the churches," etc.

3. His grand motive was always in the future. "Reaching forth unto those things which are before." He looked at the unseen rather than those things which were seen. He believed that he would reap in due season if he fainted not. His citizenship was in heaven and all he did was toward the end of going there when he died.

4. He was not double-minded. He said, "This one thing I do." Even before his conversion to Christ his work was done with singleness of heart. When he persecuted the church he did it with all of his power and when he became a servant of the Lord he served Him with all of his heart.

5. He was an untiring and zealous worker for the Lord. He said, "I press toward the mark." His travels, writings, and churches established attest to the fact that he pressed toward the mark.

6. He jealously guarded his influence lest he put a stumbling block in the path of a fellow Christian. He refused to eat meat if it caused a weak brother to fall. He sometimes preached without pay to guard against an accusation that might hinder the Lord's work.

Men become famous because they do something, not because they believe some peculiar doctrine. The value of the life of Christ to the world is what he did. We all know Alexander, the Great because of what he did. We do not know what he believed. (continued inside)

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WEST ERWIN VISITOR  
Thursday, October 22, 1964

BIBLE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION  
Oct. 18..433 October 18..\$1,063.91  
Oct. 11..422 October 11..\$1,106.80  
Year Ago..428 Year Ago...\$1,043.15

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill  
Prayer.....O. C. Becker  
Dismiss.....Glen Warner  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Cone Birdwell  
Prayer.....Pat Mackey  
Dismiss.....Bob Butler

#### WEDDING INVITATION

Mrs. Margaret Lillian Wells  
requests the honour of your presence  
at the marriage of her daughter  
Gaillynn  
to  
Mr. Frank Melvin Debenport  
Nineteen hundred and sixty-four  
at six o'clock in the evening  
Glenwood Church of Christ  
Tyler, Texas

#### THE SICK

Sister Wilma Green will have surgery Friday in Mother Frances. She hopes to be released Saturday.  
Sister Darlene Little's father is in Medical Center again after suffering a heart attack Sunday.  
Sister R. M. Mayo is in Medical Center.  
Brother Rushing is now at home and would enjoy your visits.

#### THE PROOF OF HIS LOVE

Recently a brother walked up to me and gave me \$20.00 to apply on the radio program. This morning he handed me \$30.00 to apply on the radio program or any other good work we are doing. This is proof of the man's appreciation for the work that is being done. I believe that when we do good works and the brethren know about them they will support them financially. Our thanks to our brother in Christ for his liberality. D.B.

#### MEETING

Brother Brookshire will preach in a meeting in Corpus Christi October 25-30. He will be home for the Lord's Day, November 1st. Your prayers in behalf of the meeting will be deeply appreciated.

#### VISITORS LAST LORD'S DAY

The following visitors signed visitors cards: Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Turner, 2020 Redbud; Mr. Frank Debenport, Rt. 2, Box 40A, Tyler; Mrs. J. M. Steele, Troup; Mill Ellen Gilmore, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Don Weathers, Walker and Wade Weathers, Victoria; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ellis, Joe Ellis, Maypearl, Texas; Eva Meyrel Richardson, Athens, Tex; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davis, Pittsburg, Texas. There were others who did not sign cards and also several of our college boys and girls were here Sunday. We are always happy to have visitors worship with us and we extend to them an invitation to return at every opportunity.

#### OUR SUNDAY EVENING CLASSES

Last Sunday evening (5:00 o'clock) we had 23 jr. high and high school boys and girls to attend a spontaneous devotional period of worship. It was inspiring to hear the boys lead prayers, putting into words thoughts and cares that many older, more mature men fail to do adequately. Scriptures were read and men of faith were discussed. This was a period of worship conducted by and for teenagers. We plan to have a worship period like this more frequently, perhaps once a month. It is something that each one of 80 (number on roll on Sunday morning between 7th and 12th grades) teenagers could participate in. 23 in one class is pretty good but when we know that we have a potential of 80 or more, then we realize that much work must be done. Parents, encourage your teenagers to attend the 5:00 o'clock class on Sunday evening.

There is also a College class at this time and 3 out of a possible 16 (number on roll Sunday morning) were there last week. Brother Brookshire is the regular teacher of this class. You owe it to yourself to take advantage of a class like this, taught by such a mature sound preacher of the gospel.

Brother Leonard Woltman's class for Teachers is being very well attended. The reports to me about this class are all favorable and indicate that if you are not coming to this class, you are missing a chance to develop into the

Christian you should be. cf Hebrews 5:12 T.J.  
FUNERAL

Brother Monroe Sublette's aunt, Mrs. Burden, of Kansas City passed away Thursday morning. Burial will be in Louisville, Kentucky. The Subletts plan to attend. We express our sympathy to the family.

#### BOOKS FOR SALE

The book on personal work by Mid McKnight is here. These were ordered especially for the two classes studying personal work on Wednesday evening, but anyone wishing to buy one may do so. They are \$1.00.

Brother Brookshire has about two dozen copies of "Catholicism Against Itself" by brother O. C. Lambert, if you would like to buy one. The cost is sixty cents per copy. The books are being sold with no profit to us at all. They are being distributed only for the good that might be done.

We still have copies of the "Guatemala Lectures" which were printed to help defray the expenses of the Lectureship. They are \$3.00.

#### ELEMENTS OF A SUCCESSFUL LIFE

(continued from back page)  
Even though you and I believe all the truth in the world there will be no potency for good to mankind unless we do something good. Paul believed the truth and the whole energy of his being was employed in doing good and accomplishing a single purpose, that of laying hold on eternal life. D.B.



## LIONS IN THE PATH

For the story of Samson's life, read Judges 13-16. Samson was not known for his brilliance. He was noted more for his physical exploits than for his mental achievements. If any felt disposed to take advantage of his mentality they would have been deterred through fear of his physical strength. Many stories of interest are connected with his life, but the one about his slaying the lion with his hands provoked this lesson. On his way to a neighboring country to visit the woman of his affection, he finds an occasion to display his courage and strength. As he traveled a lion suddenly sprang from the thicket with determination to take his life, but instead he slew the lion with his hands as man would a lamb. On a return trip he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion and found a swarm of bees had taken possession and had filled the cavity with honey. From this came the famous riddle, "out of the eater came forth meat, and out of the strong came forth sweetness."

While the lion was struggling for Samson's life, there seemed to be anything else but sweetness coming from it. But when bravely met and slain, his carcass does yield sweet food and becomes an emblem of many things in your life and mine.

There are lions in every man's path. Not by accident, but because God has placed them there to try our courage and develop our strength. Please read Rom. 5:3-4 and James 1:2-4. The slaying of these lions in our path, the hard things, the difficult things, the perplexing things, when done and done well, yields the sweetest rewards of life. Nothing comes by chance. The sad experiences of life are not outside the plan of Providence. God reigns supreme in heaven and on earth, but on the earth there is a sphere in which men are left to choose their own life, their own way, and select the course of their own life. They can, with the help of God slay the lions or allow the lions to slay them.

Man grows through struggle. Nature does not bring men up as she does trees and animals. There are burdens to be borne, temptations to be resisted, difficulties to be overcome before he reaches his final destination. Jesus said, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate." The sufferings and sorrows of life are not accidents. This world is a school house, and these are teachers which God has appointed for the development and training of his children. But we must be courageous and strong enough to face them as Samson did the lion. Some men are not better by sorrows and afflictions. They do not receive the good from them they were intended to bestow. The reason is they are looking at the processes and not the results.

Many have failed when they saw the lion, they turned back. They shrink from conflict and they lose the reward (continued inside)

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### CALENDAR OF SERVICES

#### SUNDAY

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| 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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(Sept. Thru May)

Dean Brookshire

Tom A. Jones

#### EVANGELISTS

Jerry Hill

(Guatemala)



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| BIBLE CLASS    | CONTRIBUTION          |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| October 11.422 | October 11.\$1,106.80 |
| October 4..438 | October 4.\$1,194.49  |
| Year Ago...431 | Year Ago...\$1,003.44 |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....James Phillips  
Prayer.....Harley Turner  
Dismiss.....Dudley Brookshire

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Ross Walker  
Prayer.....Bruce Raley  
Dismiss.....Herbert Brookshire

RESPONSES

Sunday Morning: Sister Shirell Taylor came to be restored to fellowship. Mrs. Charles Payne (Gayle) came to be baptized. Gayle and Charles are attending East Texas State College in Commerce. Their address is 1702 Bois d'Arc, Apt. 2.

Sunday evening: Betty Oliver, daughter of sister Jean Oliver was baptized. Her address is 2620 Pine Burr. Betty is in the 5th grade. Robert (Sparky) Parris, came to be restored to fellowship. He attends Tyler Junior College.

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of John Grigsby acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. (Mr. Grigsby was the father of sister Doris Stanley.)

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks for the Hymn books which you gave us. They were so greatly appreciated. We feel that you will be most graciously blessed from this good work.

Elders,  
Brownsboro church of Christ

Thank you so much for the many prayers, cards, flowers, and visits during my recent stay in the hospital and since I have returned home. Mrs. Annie McDonald

GOSPEL MEETING

The Alpine and Glover congregation in Longview invite you to attend their meeting October 18 - 25. Trine Starnes of Waco will be the preacher. Week day services will be Monday through Saturday evening at 7:30.

OUR GUESTS SUNDAY

Among our visitors Sunday the following signed cards: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Florey, Lynne Florey, 2306 Horn Drive; Mrs. Ralieg Sigler, 236 S. Bonner; Wayne Volkmer, Bay City, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Davis, Tommy Davis, Pittsburg, Texas; T. H. George, Stuart, Okla.; Tena Clark, Wharton, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Odell Weatherford, Mayfield, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Holland and girls, Paris, Texas. We are always happy to have visitors and invite you to come back as often as possible.

BIBLE SCHOOL RECORDS

The following figures were taken from our records in the office based on the Bible school records turned in each week.

We have 529 members with about 23 college age boys and girls out of town and shut-ins who can seldom attend. This leaves 506 members who should be enrolled in a Bible class on Sunday morning. We have 509 enrolled and of this number about 100 are children not old enough or who haven't yet obeyed the Gospel. This leaves 409 members on roll in Bible classes. Of this 409, there are 78 boys and girls of high school age and under, which leaves 331 adult members enrolled in a Bible class and 97 members that are not on roll in any class.

IT IS UP TO YOU AND ME

We can have more than five hundred for Bible Classes anytime you are ready to attend. We have the people, classes, and teachers, and all we lack is YOU. Last Sunday we had 97 absent and the Sunday before 103. This cuts down our contribution too, and hinders the work in many ways. It is a poor example to set before others too. Let us be more faithful and diligent in our work for the Lord. You and I will determine the number present next Sunday. D.B.

RADIO BROADCAST - MONDAY - FRIDAY  
12:30 - 12:45 NOON - KTBB

GENEROUS GIVING

You were very generous in your gifts to the Home for Aged at Gunter. Individual gifts of supplies amounted to \$125.00 and a \$10.00 check. You are to be commended for your generosity.

ZONE ONE TO MEET FOR VISITING

The members of zone 1 will meet Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock at the church building for a period of visitation. All who can come are urged to be here promptly at 7:00.

ATTEND BIBLE SCHOOL 9:30 SUNDAY

IN THE HOSPITAL

Brother Rushing is still in Medical Center hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS

Brother and sister Donald Matthews are the parents of a baby boy born Tuesday afternoon in Medical Center hospital. Their home address is 1304 N. Church. The Matthews recently placed membership with us.

ATTEND BIBLE SCHOOL REGULARLY

LIONS IN THE . . .

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of victory. The Christian conflict may be long and sometimes bitter, but of this we may be assured, that Christianity sustained by the grace of God, through faith, will ultimately bring victory - - sweetness.

D.B.

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### WEDNESDAY

|                          |             |                     |            |
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| Ladies Bible Class ..... | 10:00 A. M. | Bible Classes ..... | 7:30 P. M. |
| (Sept. Thru May)         |             |                     |            |

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### WE COULD HAVE BUT DID NOT!

We could have had more than the five hundred in Bible School last Lord's Day, but we did not. Statistics show that we could have had about 541, if all who are enrolled had been present. We had 438 present and 103 absent. Every one of the 103 are enrolled members of our Bible School. It is expected that illness and business will take some out at times, but surely it did not take 103 out at the same time.

If we have a lively teaching program the members are going to have to feel some responsibility to attend. Our teachers are working hard and preparing good lessons, but they will only profit the ones who hear them. The unfailing combination is faithful teachers and faithful pupils.

I am afraid some still misunderstand why we want to have five-hundred or more each Lord's Day. Some seem to think we want that number just to say we have had five hundred or to please those who work to reach the number, but that is not right at all. The only reason that

any of us want to have five-hundred or more is because precious souls are involved. We want every member of this church to be well pleasing to God and even those who do not attend admit that they should, so it is as simple as can be, we are only trying to get the members to do what they know to be right. Our potential here is so great and our efforts so little in both Bible school and giving of our means, that we need to work constantly to improve both.

Just as long as our efforts are so far below our capabilities people will continue to die unsaved that could have been saved if we had tried. Many of us could be using our cars to bring others to hear the Bible, or we could make personal visits, use our telephones or write invitations. Let us resolve to do that this week, not just for sake of saying we had five hundred, but because we want to do more for the Lord and those He died to save. Can we count on you?

D.B.

### BUSINESS MEETING

All men of the congregation are invited to attend the regular business meeting of the church Sunday afternoon, October 11th, at 3:00 o'clock.

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 \* EVERY MEMBER SHOULD BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. \*  
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WEST ERWIN VISITOR  
Thursday October 8, 1964

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| BIBLE CLASS    | CONTRIBUTION           |
| October 4..438 | October 4...\$1,194.49 |
| Sept. 27..441  | Sept. 27...\$1,022.88  |
| Year Ago..447  | Year Ago...\$1,003.31  |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....James Massey  
Prayer.....W. H. Turner  
Dismiss.....Chuck Cauthen

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....Monroe Sublette  
Prayer.....H. McCarty  
Dismiss.....Tommy Keith

RESPONSES

David Cantrell, 352 Whiteside Rd. was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. David is in the 6th grade and attends Bible School regularly.

Brother and sister A. R. LeFevere and son Eddie placed membership with us Sunday evening. Brother LeFevere is the manager of Kimbell Mayfield Grocery Co. Eddie is in Hogg Jr. High. Their address is 1317 Troup Highway and their telephone is Ly 3-2201.

We are happy to welcome all of these into our fellowship.

THANK YOU NOTES

Mere words are inadequate to express my deep appreciation for your remembrances during my recent hospitalization. Many thanks for the visits, cards, flowers, and prayers in my behalf. Sincerely,  
Mrs. Evalyn Stone

Words alone are inadequate to express my sincere thanks for the many deeds of kindness shown to me while I was in the hospital, and since I returned home. Your prayers, visits, cards, and flowers were greatly appreciated. May God continue to bless each one of you in my sincere prayer. Roy W. Layton

CONGRATULATIONS

Brother and sister Ray Womack are the parents of a new daughter born last Saturday.

WE CAN HAVE 500 IN BIBLE SCHOOL

THE SICK

Brother E. V. Rushing underwent surgery in Medical Center Wednesday morning. He is getting along well.

Sister Dovie Norsworthy is in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Darlene Little's father, Mr. Chandler from Mexia, is in Medical Center Hospital.

ATTEND BIBLE SCHOOL REGULARLY

SUPPLIES FOR GUNTER HOME

Don't forget that the truck from the Home for Aged in Gunter will be here October 14th. That is next Wednesday. Items on the list that they are in special need of are: flour, fruit, coffee, tea, cereals, canned green vegetables, and fruit juices.

RADIO BROADCAST - MONDAY - FRIDAY  
12:30 - 12:45 NOON - KTBB

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Sept. 1964

|                                   |          |            |
|-----------------------------------|----------|------------|
| Cash on hand September 1, 1964    |          | \$ 959.00  |
| Deposits during September 1964    |          |            |
| (Contribution \$4,383.50)         |          |            |
| (Other churches 90.00)            |          | \$4,473.50 |
| Available for Expenditures        |          | \$5,432.50 |
| Expenditures:                     |          |            |
| <u>Loan Payments:</u>             |          |            |
| 1st Fed. Sav. & Loan              | \$711.75 |            |
| Coop. Sav. & Loan                 | 75.00    |            |
| J. C. Wynne                       | 100.00   |            |
| Trest Property                    | 150.00   | \$1,036.75 |
| <u>Benevolent &amp; Mission:</u>  |          |            |
| Jerry Hill (W. Erwin \$625.00)    |          |            |
| (Other Churches - 90.00)          | 715.00   |            |
| Bill Lowry                        | 40.00    |            |
| Boles Home                        | 50.00    |            |
| Tipton Home                       | 50.00    |            |
| Sunny Glenn Home                  | 50.00    |            |
| Herald of Truth                   | 50.00    |            |
| Radio Program                     | 226.40   |            |
| Bible Chair                       | 100.00   |            |
| Advertising                       | 45.00    |            |
| Gospel Meeting (Hotel Exp.)       | 58.73    |            |
| Providence R. I. Church           | 100.00   | \$1,485.13 |
| <u>Materials, Supplies, Etc.</u>  |          |            |
| Utilities                         | 435.44   |            |
| Bible School Supplies             | 60.50    |            |
| Insurance                         | 60.00    |            |
| Office Supplies                   | 8.61     |            |
| Eldg. Maint. and Imp.             | 101.49   |            |
| Flowers                           | 23.52    |            |
| Telephone                         | 41.66    |            |
| Postage                           | 55.00    |            |
| Misc.                             | 4.00     | \$ 790.22  |
| <u>Salaries</u>                   |          | \$1,401.12 |
| Total Expenditures for Sept. 1964 |          | \$4,713.22 |
| Cash on hand Sept. 30, 1964       |          | 719.28     |
| Total Funds accounted for         |          | \$5,432.50 |



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### I WOULD LIKE TO SEE MY GOOD FRIEND SAVED!

How often have you heard some one say, "I have a good friend I would like to see become a Christian." They add, "he is such a good person, but he isn't a Christian." Then the final words are, "I wish the preacher, elders, or some of the members would go and talk to him." The person who says such things is really quite interested in his good friend, but he has not learned who the real helper is. The one who can do the most good with a personal friend is the friend himself, which happens to be you. No other person can wield as great an influence over your good personal friend as you can. That doesn't mean that you cannot use the services of the preacher, elders or others in trying to win your friend to Christ. But it does mean that you should not wait for someone else to take the initiative in winning him to Christ. The truth of the matter is that many people do not mention Christ to their friends or relatives for fear of losing their friendship or love. Deep down in their hearts they want their friends and loved ones to become Christians, but they are secretly hoping that it will be convenient sometime for someone else to do the inviting and teaching.

In the first chapter of John, verses 40-42 Andrew became acquainted with Christ and he found his own brother in the flesh, Simon Peter, and brought him to Jesus. Andrew was taking a chance on opening a breach between his brother and himself, but he had an obligation to perform. In the same book and chapter Phillip found Nathanael and brought him to Christ. Thousands are being brought to Christ today in the very same way.

If a Christian is faithful to attend all the services he can and is honest in his dealings with his fellowman and moral in his conduct, he has nothing to fear about speaking to others about Christ. Friends and loved ones are pleased to know that a good faithful Christian is interested in them. But if our friends and loved ones know us so well that we have to ask others to do our part for us there seems to be some thing lacking.

Have you ever invited this good friend or loved one to attend Bible class or worship with you? Maybe the person or persons you are interested in seeing saved do not even know it. Many times good friends take trips together, eat together, visit in each other's home, play games together, and still Christ and His gospel are never mentioned.

We should do everything we can to win others to Christ, and when we have failed, then ask for help. Or if we do not feel that we know enough to teach them, we can arrange an appointment for someone to help us teach them. But just wishing that someone will be saved will never save them, we must get the saving gospel to them.

D.B.

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Thursday October 1, 1964

RADIO BROADCAST - MONDAY - FRIDAY  
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|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| BIBLE CLASS   | CONTRIBUTION         |
| Sept. 27..411 | Sept. 27..\$1,022.88 |
| Sept. 20..443 | Sept. 20..\$1,079.99 |
| Year Ago..464 | Year Ago..\$1,134.53 |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....W. R. Womack  
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
Dismiss.....Tommy Keith

SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Howard Holland  
Prayer.....T. F. Holland  
Dismiss.....David Drennan

WE CAN HAVE 500 IN BIBLE SCHOOL!

BAPTIZED

Recently brother Jones baptized Mr. William Hollingsworth here at the building. He is a patient at the T. B. Hospital.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Sulphur Springs, October 4-10 at 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. Hubert Plumlee of Denison preaching.

New Summerfield, October 4-11 at 7:30 P.M. J. F. Lilly of Rusk will preach.

Kilgore, Houston and Broadway church, beginning October 5 with brother Boyd Fanning of Longview preaching.

WILL YOU BE ONE OF THE 500?

CARD OF THANKS

I want to express my sincere thanks for the cards, flowers, visits, and prayers in my behalf during my stay in the hospital. Also for the food sent to our home after I was dismissed.

Sister Marvin Mathis

THE SICK

Sister Pat McCarley had surgery Monday in Mother Frances. She is at home now.

Sister Marion Rowe's sister-in-law, Mrs. Lemons, is in Medical Center Hospital.

BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY MORNING 9:15

TRUCK FROM GUNTER HOME

We have received a letter from the Home for Aged in Gunter stating that their truck will stop at our building on October 14. In the past we have always had a good supply of food for them and we want to do the same this year. They have special need at this time for: flour, fruit, coffee, tea, cereals, canned green vegetables, and fruit juices.

AREA WIDE YOUTH MEETING

Again we want to encourage all of the young people of this area to attend the meeting here at the West Erwin building Sunday afternoon, October 4th. The theme is Christ IN YOU, The Hope Of Glory. Although this meeting is especially planned for the young people, all are invited to attend at 2:30 P.M.

NEW CLASS ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Brother Leonard Woltman will be teaching a class for teachers beginning this Sunday afternoon at 5:00. This class is for the teachers who are already teaching and for those who are not yet teaching, but hope to learn how. Brother and sister Woltman attended the Teacher's Workshop at Harding this Summer and he has some good material that he would like to pass on to us. Why not bring your child-

ren to class at 5:00 and attend brother Woltman's class? If you do not have children to attend the other classes, come and learn more about teaching anyway. This class will continue for six weeks. It is hoped that as many as fifty will attend, we should have even more. If you never plan to teach, it will do you good to attend because it will increase your appreciation for those who do teach. D.B.

ZONE WORK

About twenty five members from zone four met last Thursday evening and made more than twenty calls. This was a very profitable meeting and period of visitation. Zone five conducted an enthusiastic meeting Monday evening at the Smith Memorial Building. They plan to try to enroll every member in their zone in a Bible Class. Zone one held their meeting this Thursday evening at the Smith Building and they formulated plans to do a greater work in their zone. If every zone will carry out their work, we will soon see the five hundred in Bible School that we are going to have real soon.

It is good to have a period of

association and eat together, but we are going to have to do more than "meet and eat" if we get the job done. I am not discouraging "meeting and eating," what I am saying is that we are going to have to get out and knock on some doors. We are going to have to go out and extend some personal invitations if we expect to reap the best results.

When your zone meets, you, as a member of the church, should go because it will benefit you much in many ways. You can get better acquainted with those in your zone. You can learn better how to actually do some church work. You can learn how to become a soul winner. D.B.

MEN TO SERVE IN OCTOBER

Men selected to serve the Lord's Supper are as follows: Bill Tigert, C. N. Strait, Willie Shuford, Jack Stringer, R. E. Fredrick, G. C. Wright, George Welch, Joe Willis,

Roy Driggers, and John Weaver. Serving as alternates are Charlie Shuford and Aubrey Payne. Serving Sunday evening are Henry McRuiz and Fred Powell. Fred Strait is alternate.

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## LET US RAISE OUR SIGHTS

Are we not aiming too low in our Bible school work? It seems to me that it is time to raise our sights to, at least, five hundred. When a church reaches a membership of five hundred the Bible School attendance should be much more than that, because of the number of children that attend who are not members. We had four hundred and forty three last Lord's Day with many, many out of town. If all of the members had been here we would have gone over the five hundred mark. How about raising your own sight high enough to see the real value of being one of the five hundred we are trying to reach? We are having some good Lord's Days now and it is because of so many working at the job. When it is left to a few so little is accomplished, but when we all work and attend just look what we can do.

When you have finished reading this why not go to your telephone

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## MEETING FOR ALL TEACHERS

This coming Monday evening there is to be a general meeting of all teachers of the West Erwin congregation. This will be a very important meeting because it is the beginning of a new year as far as our teaching program is concerned. The time will be 7:30 in the auditorium. Every teacher and those who would like to be teachers please come and discuss and hear discussed our plans and procedures for the coming months. T.J.

and call some one you know that should be attending but is not. If each of us will do this we will have more than five hundred every Lord's Day. And to those of us who teach let each of us try to do a little better, because we are trying to teach and encourage souls to live for the Lord.

We are definitely on our way up again after the loss of so many members and it is because you have been working that has enabled us to rise again. Brethren the Lord has blessed us and let us not forget that He will keep doing so, just as long as we work with Him. We must not sell either the Lord or our own selves short, because we believe God can do great things through us when we allow Him to do it. Do not be afraid to raise your sight a little higher. God will be with you and will reward you richly now and beyond human comprehension eternally. D.B.

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## WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Our Ladies Bible Class has gotten off to a good start this Fall. We have not fallen below fifty for our first three meetings. The actual counts have been: 55, 51, and 50. If you have not been attending this class you are missing a grand experience to learn with other ladies and to work in a special way in more benevolent activities. Make your plans to attend now. T.J.

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY



WEST ERWIN VISITOR  
Thursday September 24, 1964

| BIBLE CLASS   | CONTRIBUTION         |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Sept. 20..443 | Sept. 20..\$1,079.99 |
| Sept. 13..433 | Sept. 13..\$1,137.43 |
| Year Ago..433 | Year Ago..\$1,024.21 |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....K. Max Haws  
Prayer.....Leonard Woltman  
Dismiss.....Fred Strait

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....M. M. Haws  
Prayer.....Ed Bullard  
Dismiss.....Buddy Holland

WELCOME TO OUR FELLOWSHIP

We welcome two families into our fellowship. Sunday morning brother and sister Ken Willis, 1201 South Sneed came to be identified with us. They come from the Welch St. church in Denton. He teaches in Tyler Junior College and she is a teacher in Gary School.

Brother and sister Ken Gode and children Kendra Sue and David came Sunday evening to place membership. They are from Cotulla, Texas. Brother Gode works for Missouri-Pacific in Jacksonville and Overton. Mrs. Gode (Dana) is a homemaker. Their address is 2824 Meadowlark.

CONGRATULATIONS

Howard and Virginia Keys are the parents of a boy born Wednesday in Medical Center. They live in Elkhart now. Sister Lillie Knight is the grandmother.

THANK YOU NOTES

Your many kind expressions of sympathy and your thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Beard

We want to thank each and every one for every kindness shown while mother was in the hospital.

Mrs. J. D. Reed  
Mrs. Myrtle Tucker

We would like to thank all our friends for the beautiful flowers, cards and words of sympathy in the passing of our loved one.

Bob, Marie, and R. V. Threadgill

AREA WIDE MEETING AT WEST ERWIN

We are planning to have a large gathering of young people here at West Erwin Sunday afternoon, October 4th. Invitations have been sent out to all the congregations in the area to bring their young people and come to worship with us in a special devotional service. The theme will be: Christ IN YOU, The Hope Of Glory. We will sing praises, pray, and hear a couple of short talks on this theme along with some scripture readings. Although the meeting is designed and planned for the young people (7th grade through college age) all are welcome to come and worship in this service. T.J.

RADIO BROADCAST - MONDAY - FRIDAY  
12:30 - 12:45 Noon KTBB

THE SICK

Brother Frank Smith has been in Mother Frances. He hopes to go home today.

Sister Evalyn Stone is in Coats-Brown. She hopes to go home today or tomorrow.

Sister Annie McDonald is in Mother Frances. She may also go home today.

Sister Annie Lee Jordan is in Coats-Brown Clinic. She was injured in a fall.

Brother Roy Layton had surgery Monday afternoon. He became ill suddenly, but is doing very well at this time.

BIBLE TEACHERS TRAINING CLASS

A six weeks Bible Teachers Training class is being formed. This class will be designed for all those who are currently teaching as well as prospective teachers. This course will cover points on public speaking, teacher preparation, lesson preparation and study, and class presentation.

The time for the class will be Sunday afternoon at 5:00. Remember the class will last for only six weeks. Those who plan to attend please contact Howard Holland, C.B. Hardin or Leonard Woltman.

BIBLE CLASS ATTENDANCE

I want to speak out also concerning our Lord's Day morning Bible class attendance. We have been having better attendance as of late

but we can do better yet. Let each one of us consider it our responsibility to see that we are in Bible study on Sunday morning and if at all possible to bring a visitor along with us. When we, members all come and bring visitors with us, it will not be long until we will recognize the truth, 500 is too low for a goal for the West Erwin church. T.J.

FUNERALS

Brother M. B. Beard's sister, Mrs. Joe Welch, passed away in Frankston and was buried Saturday morning.

Sister Nora Smith's sister, Mrs. Vickie Patterson, passed away in Childress and was buried last Sunday.

We express our deepest sympathy to both of these families.

PREACHING IN ARP

True to the tradition of some of our young men training to preach the Gospel of Jesus, Tommy Woltman has begun to preach regularly in Arp, Texas. You will remember that last year Ronnie Lowrance preached there. We wish Tommy well in this undertaking for the Lord.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT

The children and teachers of the Junior Department of the Sunday morning Bible School will present a program for their parents Sunday afternoon at 4:30.

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CALENDAR OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible School ..... 9:30 A. M. Morning Worship ..... 10:20 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.  
(Sept. Thru May)

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## SINS OF THE TONGUE

"And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is an unrighteous world among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the cycle of nature, and set on fire by hell." (Jas. 3:6, RSV)

More sins are committed through the misuse and abuse of the tongue than by any other member of the body. Men and women who would never think of stealing, or drinking, or gambling, or killing are often guilty of sinning by what they say. This is true because so many people make no effort at all to control the tongue. They are constantly talking during all waking moments, and some of them even talk in their sleep! Solomon wrote: "in multitude of words there wanteth not sin," (Prov. 10:19).

There is the sin of "filthy communication" which Paul urged the Colossians to put out of their mouths (Col. 3:8). Language can be clean and decent, or it can be filthy and obscene. Filthy communication comes from a filthy mind.

The sin of profanity is frequently heard. Using the name of the Lord vainly or by unnecessary swearing is a mark of living on a low plane of life. It is also a mark of ignorance denoting someone who does not have sufficient vocabulary to

communicate with his fellow-man.

Gossip is the act of spreading unnecessary information about one's fellow man. Gossiping goes hand in hand with being a busy-body. Such use of the tongue is usually for the purpose of down-grading the one who is the subject (or object) of such gossip. It is a violation of James' command: "Speak not evil one of another, brethren." (Jas. 4:11).

Most gossip is based on rumor. Even though there is a semblance of truth on which the rumor is based, the rumor soon goes beyond any part of the truth. Gossipers often take delight in adding just a little bit to what they have heard. Or they delight in the exercise they get in "jumping to conclusions." Did you ever try to run down a rumor started by people engaged in gossiping? It is an impossible task. You may be able to corner a thief, but you can't corner someone who delights in spreading rumors, half-truths, and near-lies about his fellow man.

The Christian makes every effort possible to control his tongue. He spends more time listening than he does talking lest he be guilty of sin.

... Foster L. Ramsey

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WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

"If washed in Jesus' blood,  
Then bear his likeness too,  
And as you onward press  
Ask, 'What would Jesus do?'"

Be brave to do the right,  
And scorn to be untrue;  
When fear would whisper, 'Yield,'  
Ask, 'What would Jesus do?'"



PUNCTURE-PROOF

Brother Marshall Keeble, the grand old colored evangelist, used the following example to get a vital lesson across:

He said, "You know, I like some of these newfangled inventions. The puncture-proof tire is the one I like especially well. If you are driving along with ordinary tires, and a nail goes through one of them - - - whis - - s you lose all the air. But a puncture-proof tire is different. . . If a nail goes through, there is some stuff inside that runs around and stops the hole

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DEATH AND THE MISER

He piled it up in a yellow heap,  
The golden harvest he'd worked to reap;  
The years seemed long and the cares seemed great,  
Said his wife: "Let's spend," but he answered, "Wait!"  
"Not now; not now! We've our lives to live"  
We may come to want if we spend or give."  
Richer he grew as the years went by,  
But he still stayed deaf to a poor man's cry,  
And he still held fast to his golden store,  
Refusing to give till he'd gathered more.  
And the years went on and his old age came,  
But his fear of poverty stayed the same.  
One night as he slept Death called

and the air stays in. You know the heart of a Christian is like that puncture-proof tire: an ordinary heart may be filled with love; but when someone does something to puncture that heart all the love runs out and hate and hard feelings takes its place. But a puncture-proof heart is different: It is filled with the spirit of Christ; and when someone, through their words or deeds, puncture that heart, immediately the hole is stopped up tight and love stays in." Via Capital Hill Bulletin

and said:  
"Come on! It's time for the trip ahead.  
Never mind dressing! You've nothing to pack!  
Don't worry, old man, you're not coming back.  
Leave everything just as it is right now.  
Your friends will take care of it all somehow."  
"The money you've saved? Just leave that too;  
There's nothing up there that your gold can do.  
Don't start springing the worn out moan  
Of the good you'd have done if you'd only known.  
You dead men weary me with your cry:  
'It never occurred to me I should die.'" ... Edgar A. Guest

WEST ERWIN VISITOR  
Thursday - September 17, 1964

Radio Broadcast - Monday - Friday  
12:30 - 12:45 Noon KTBB

| BIBLE CLASSES | CONTRIBUTION         |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Sept. 13..433 | Sept. 13..\$1,137.43 |
| Sept. 6...419 | Sept. 6...\$1,153.55 |
| Year Ago..436 | Year Ago..\$1,028.70 |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Fred Powell  
Prayer.....M. B. Beard  
Dismiss.....R. V. Threadgill  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Monroe Sublette  
Prayer.....Tommy Woltman  
Dismiss.....Terry Woltman

THANK YOU NOTES  
We feel so humble and grateful for the many kindnesses shown us during the illness and death of our beloved mother. Thank you for your kind words, prayers, visits, cards, flowers, food and all the other loving services extended to us. May the Lord bless each of you.  
The family of Mrs. Ida Sparks

We wish to thank you for the lovely flowers and your kind expressions of sympathy in the passing of our loved one.  
The family of Sam Caskey

FUNERALS  
Brother Bob Threadgill's father passed away suddenly in Waco Tuesday

morning. Funeral services were Wednesday at 2:00 P. M. in Waco.

Brother W. C. Price of the Glenwood congregation passed away in a hospital in Jacksonville Tuesday. Services were 3:00 Thursday afternoon in the Glenwood building.  
We extend our deepest sympathy to the families of each one.

THE SICK  
Sister Evalyn Stone is in the Coats Brown Hospital. She underwent surgery Thursday morning.  
Sister McDonald is in Mother Frances Hospital. Sister Mathis has gone home.  
Sister Sherrill Little is in Mother Frances Hospital.  
Sister D. M. Davis spent a few days in the hospital, but is home now.

CONGRATULATIONS  
Jim and Margaret Franklin have adopted a baby daughter. They have named her Laurie Lynn.

ZONE MEETING  
Zone #5 will have a meeting Monday evening at 7:00 in the Smith Memorial Building. All members of this zone are urged to attend.

TEACHERS MEETING  
There will be a general meeting of all Sunday Morning and Wednesday Night teachers September 28, at 7:30 P. M. in the auditorium. All teachers are expected to attend.

BIBLE CLASS 9:30 SUNDAY MORNING



### ENTHUSIASTIC ZONE MEETING

Zone 4 had a very enthusiastic and profitable meeting last Thursday evening under the direction of Henry Holland and James Phillips. Henry made a good talk with many practical ideas in it. There were more volunteers for work this time than ever before. Many have already started visiting and much more is planned. The next meeting will be directed by the D. C. Jones' and Brookshires. It will be a meeting of visitation. All will meet at a designated place and spend an even-

ing visiting. Those who will be visited will include the newcomers, delinquents and shut-ins. We hope to have reports from other zones shortly. Brethren, the Lord said "go" and we must do it if we expect to please Him. If your zone is not functioning or you see a need, please do not wait for a zone meeting, or wait to be told to go. It is your Christian duty to visit and help anywhere or anytime you see or learn of a soul in need.  
D.B.

### THANKS FROM WINNIPEG, CANADA

We have a nice letter from bro. Wesley Reagan, minister in Winnipeg expressing his appreciation for the work done there recently by young people from this area which included Linda Byrd. In one week the young people knocked on the doors of 35,000 homes. 315 families

agreed to see the cottage meeting film strips. The outcome of their work could result in the saving of many souls. He added that the young people themselves contributed \$105.00 to buy projectors and film strips to teach their contacts.

### THE GLORY OF THE ORDINARY

"Just an ordinary member  
Of the church." I heard him say.  
But you'd always find him present  
Even on a rainy day.  
He had a hearty handclasp  
For the stranger in the aisle  
And a friend who was in trouble  
Found sunshine in his smile.  
When the sermon help'd him  
He told the preacher so,  
And when he needed comfort,  
He let the preacher know.

He always gave so freely  
And tried to do his share  
In all the ordinary tasks  
For which some have no care.  
His talents were not many  
But his love for God was true.  
His prayers were not in Public,  
But he prayed for me and you.  
"An ORDINARY MEMBER". . .  
I think that I would say  
He was EXTRAORDINARY  
In an humble sort of way.

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### CALENDAR OF SERVICES SUNDAY

|                 |            |                 |             |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Bible School    | 9:30 A. M. | Morning Worship | 10:20 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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Thursday, September 9, 1964

BIBLE CLASSES CONTRIBUTION  
 Sept. 6...419 Sept. 6...\$1,153.55  
 August 30...439 August 30...\$1,191.48  
 Year Ago...435 Year Ago...\$1,068.34

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and Prayer.....Cone Birdwell  
 Prayer.....Oscar Becker  
 Dismiss.....Jack Bennett

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
 Prayer.....Darrell Holt  
 Dismiss.....Tommy Parsons

WELCOME TO OUR FELLOWSHIP

Mrs. Geo. B. Meek, 1404 N. Carlyle, came Sunday to be restored and to place membership with us. She last worshiped at Pittsburg, Texas. Her telephone is Ly 2-4557.

Mrs. J. D. Munsell (Shirley), 1821 W. Pine came Sunday to be identified with us. She came from the 10th and Broad Church in Wichita Falls, Texas. Her telephone is Ly 4-3632.

Mr. Howard Ellis and four children came Wednesday night to place membership with us. They are from Ennis, Texas. He is employed by the King Chevrolet Co. The children are Teresa Ann, Mark, Sammy and Jeff. Their address is 1121 Noonday Road and their telephone is Ly 2-8319.

We are happy to welcome these new members into our fellowship.

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of Mrs. Clara Townsend acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sym-

pathy.

Sherrill Taylor wishes to express her thanks for the many kindnesses shown to her and her family during the past few weeks.

WEDDING

Best wishes to Charles Payne and Gayle Dunn who were married Saturday evening. They will make their home in Commerce, where they are attending East Texas State College.

THE SICK

Sister Myrtle Tucker expects to go home Friday from the hospital. She will be in Jacksonville with her daughter. The address there is 645 Madison. She will appreciate a card or note from you.

Sister Mathis remains in Mother Frances, but she still cannot have visitors.

Sister Annie McDonald is in Mother Frances and had surgery this morning (Thursday).

SYMPATHY

Brother Bud Caskey's father, bro. Sam Caskey, passed away Thursday in Grapeland. We extend our sympathy to the family.

MOVED TO CALIFORNIA

Sister Barbara Payne has recently moved to Coronado, California. We hope she will be very happy there.

MEETING IN COLORADO

Bro. Brookshire will leave Saturday for a meeting in Colorado Springs, Colo. It will begin Sunday and continue through Friday.

A FINE

BEGINNING

Fifty-five ladies met for class on Wednesday morning. Brother Tom Jones will be teaching for while, and we will study Great Characters from the Old Testament. All ladies are invited to attend.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord my strength and my Redeemer.  
 Psa. 19:14

100% CLASSES

The 3rd and 5th grade classes were 100% in attendance last Sunday

We have learned that sister Chelf expects to go home from M.C. hospital today or tomorrow.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - AUGUST 1964

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash on hand August 1, 1964        | 345.54            |
| Deposits during August 1964        | <u>\$6,167.32</u> |
| (Contribution 6,077.32)            |                   |
| (Other Churches 90.00)             |                   |
| Available for Expenditures         | \$6,512.86        |
| Expenditures:                      |                   |
| <u>Loan Payments:</u>              |                   |
| 1st Fed. Sav. and Loan             | 711.75            |
| Coop. Sav. and Loan                | 75.00             |
| J. C. Wynne                        | 100.00            |
| Trest Property                     | <u>150.00</u>     |
| <u>Benevolent and Mission:</u>     | \$1,036.75        |
| Jerry Hill Support                 | 715.00            |
| (W. Erwin 625.00)                  |                   |
| (Other Churches 90.00)             |                   |
| Bill Lowry                         | 40.00             |
| Bible Chair                        | 100.00            |
| Boles Home                         | 50.00             |
| Tipton Home                        | 50.00             |
| Sunny Glenn Home                   | 50.00             |
| Herald of Truth                    | 50.00             |
| Radio Program                      | 239.20            |
| Gospel Meeting                     | <u>325.00</u>     |
| <u>Materials, Supplies, Etc.</u>   | \$1,619.20        |
| Utilities                          | 499.00            |
| Bible School Supplies              | 63.55             |
| Insurance                          | 60.00             |
| Office Supplies                    | 20.38             |
| Bldg. Maint. and Imp.              | 148.55            |
| Flowers                            | 10.91             |
| Telephone                          | 40.53             |
| Postage                            | 55.00             |
| Misc.                              | 11.58             |
| Communion Supplies                 | <u>26.14</u>      |
| <u>Salaries</u>                    | \$ 935.64         |
| Total Expenditures for August 1964 | \$1,962.27        |
| Cash on hand August 31, 1964       | 959.00            |
| Total Funds accounted for          | <u>\$6,512.86</u> |



Brother James D. Willeford, President of York Christian Foundation, sent the following report of York College and asked that it be printed so that you might know more of the work there.

**A SUCCESS STORY**

Since York College was deeded to members of the Church in 1956, it has moved forward commendably.

It is located at York, Nebraska in the heart of the North Central States where there are 18,000 people. When the title to York was transferred to us, we had 3,072 members in these eight states. On May 1 of this year, the membership was 7,352.

In 1956, there were 102 churches in these eight states, and 8 congregations had elders. Today, there are 200 churches and 22 have elders.

The number of students at York has grown to 233 and 250 are expected in September. It is predicted that the enrollment will reach 550 by 1971, the year that will mark our 15th anniversary.

In eight years, 1019 young people have attended the college, and 136 of these have made, or are making, gospel preachers. Others have developed into song leaders, personal workers, and Bible school teachers.

The Lord promised that if we would plant and water, He would give the increase (I Cor. 3:6). There has been very little increase in the North because we have not had the men to sow the seed of the kingdom, but York College is now training the men to do this job.

Its success story belongs to many who have given to make it come true.

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**ATTENDING COLLEGE**

Young people from West Erwin attending college are: Judy Holland, Raymond Hardin, and Ronnie Lowrance to Abilene Christian College. Dewitt and Prissy Jones left for ACC recently also. Don and James Andrews to the University of Texas; Mike Sublette to North Texas University; and Charles Payne to East Texas State College. Attending Tyler Junior College are Nancy and Bob Butler, David Drennan, Robert Parris, Herbert Brookshire, Buddy Hol-

land, Ronnié Robbins, Ela Brett, Jerry Rhodes, and Steve Sublette.

**NOW TEACHING**

Many of you will be interested to learn that brother Van Alessandro and his family have moved to Searcy, Arkansas where he will be teaching in Harding College.

**100% BIBLE CLASS**

The 3rd grade class of Katie Heath and Mary Prater was 100% in attendance last Sunday morning.

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### CALENDAR OF SERVICES

**SUNDAY**

|                       |            |                       |             |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Bible School .....    | 9:30 A. M. | Morning Worship ..... | 10:20 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. |
| (Sept. Thru May)         |             |                     |            |

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Thursday - September 3, 1964  
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Monday through Friday

| BIBLE CLASSES  | CONTRIBUTION          |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| August 30..439 | August 30..\$1,191.48 |
| August 23..409 | August 23..\$1,143.61 |
| Year Ago..425  | Year Ago..\$3,716.55  |

### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and .....

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Prayer.....  | James Phillips  |
| Prayer.....  | Bud Caskey      |
| Dismiss..... | Harold Browning |

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and .....

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Prayer.....  | Pat Mackey    |
| Prayer.....  | Ben Young     |
| Dismiss..... | Henry Holland |

### RESPONSES

We want to welcome Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Womack and their children into our fellowship. They formerly worshipped with the Sunset congregation in Dallas. Brother Womack has recently purchased the Tyler Commercial College. Sister Womack's name is Carolyn and she is a homemaker. The three older children are members of the Church. They are: Candy, David, and Skipper. They also have three younger children: Holly, 7; Kevin, 6; and Meredith, 4; Their address is 723 South College and their telephone is Ly 4-4732.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Thompson have a new son born last Friday. They have named him David Miller.

### THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to express my appreciation for the interest shown to me during my recent stay in the hospital, and a special thanks to the young people who visited me.

Mrs. Myra Chandler

Sister Janie Chelf wishes to express her appreciation for all the prayers, flowers, cards, and visits that she has received while in the hospital.

The loved ones of Mrs. Maude Marshall acknowledge with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

We want to express from the depths of our hearts sincere gratitude for all your kindnesses during our hours of deep sorrow, when my father, Mack Lancaster, passed away. It is such a consolation to know that others care and show their love and sympathy by their many prayers, flowers, food, cards, and visits. We shall ever have fond memories of your deeds in our time of great need. May the Lord keep you ever in His care.

Maurine, Dean, Herbert and Dudley

### MOVED TO GUNTER

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Carter have moved to Gunter, Texas. We wish for them much happiness there.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct Thy paths.

Prov. 3:6

### ADDITIONAL DEACONS

The following brethren were ordained as deacons last Lord's Day evening. They are: Harold Browning, C. E. (Bud) Caskey, L. G. Drennan, Louis J. Jones, Dr. Roger Knight, Gerald Montgomery, Jack Stringer, Glen Warner, Leonard Woltman, and Ben Young.

These are good men with good families and they will serve the Church well. With the addition of these men to the good deacons we already have we are better prepared to do a greater work for our Lord. May the Lord bless all of our deacons that they may serve the Lord to their fullest capacity. This Church is now blessed with seven elders and twenty-five deacons. There is no limit as to what we can do if we will only work with the Lord and allow Him to work through us.

### WEDNESDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class will begin meeting again next Wednesday, September 9, at 10:00. All ladies, who do not work away from home, are urged to attend.

### TO SERVE DURING SEPTEMBER

Men selected to serve the Lord's table and the congregation Sunday mornings during the month of September are: Jim Franklin, W. R. Womack, L. G. Drennan, Ben Young, Louis J. Jones, James Massey, Harold Browning, Bud Caskey, Harley Turner, and D. C. Jones. Alternates are Pete Nichols and Gerald Montgomery.

### THE SICK

Sister Lois Weaver is in Mother Frances Hospital. She has had minor surgery.

Sister Annie McDonald is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Tucker is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Jesse King spent a few days in the Glenwood Clinic, but is at home now.

Sister Marvin Mathis is in Mother Frances and cannot have company at this time.

### FUNERALS

Sister Ruby Vaughan's sister, Mrs. Clara Townsend, passed away Wednesday and the funeral is Friday at 3:00 in Canton.

Sister Sparks, mother of sister Floyia Payne, passed away Wednesday evening. Funeral services for her are Friday at 3:00 in Jamestown.

We express our deepest sympathy to the loved ones of both families.

### BEST WISHES

Travis Aven and Charlene Lemaster of Dallas were married July 24. They are making their home in Houston. Best wishes for a long and happy life together.

### MANY THANKS

To Bud Caskey for building two beautiful and useful teachers stands for our class rooms. Bud donated both labor and materials.

BULLETIN A DAY EARLY

WE ARE PRINTING THE BULLETIN A DAY EARLY THIS WEEK IN ORDER FOR YOU TO RECEIVE IT TWO EVENINGS BEFORE THE MEETING COMES TO A CLOSE. WE HAVE HAD EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE THUS FAR, BUT WE WANT TO FILL THE BUILDING THE LAST TWO EVENINGS OF THE MEETING. WE CAN DO IT IF ALL THE WEST ERWIN MEMBERS WHO CAN, WILL COME. WE ARE AWARE OF THE NUMBER OF SICK AND THOSE WHO HAVE TO WORK AT NIGHT, BUT THERE ARE SOME WHO COULD BE ATTENDING WHO ARE NOT. IT IS TO YOU WE APPEAL. WE WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE MISSING SOMETHING WHEN YOU ARE ABSENT. LET US MAKE THE LAST TWO EVENINGS OF THE MEETING THE BEST OF ALL. WHATEVER SACRIFICES YOU HAVE TO MAKE TO COME, PLEASE MAKE THEM AND COME HELP US BRING THE MEETING TO A CLOSE WITH EVERY PEW FILLED AND EVERY HEART OVERFLOWING WITH ENTHUSIASM.

YOU HAVE NEVER LET US DOWN. I KNOW YOU WILL DO YOUR PART THIS TIME TOO.

D.B.

10:00 EACH MORNING

7:30 EACH EVENING

PREACHING BY BROTHER GUY N. WOODS

THIS MEETING WILL CLOSE FRIDAY EVENING

EVERY MEMBER

EXPECTED

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### CALENDAR OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

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WEDNESDAY

|                          |             |                     |            |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|
| Ladies Bible Class ..... | 10:00 A. M. | Bible Classes ..... | 7:30 P. M. |
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WEST ERWIN VISITOR

Wednesday - August 26, 1964  
Radio Broadcast 12:30 - 12:45 Noon  
Monday Through Friday Station KTBB

BIBLE CLASSES CONTRIBUTION  
August 23..409 August 23..\$1,041.56  
August 16..413 August 16..\$1,278.13  
Year Ago...385 Year Ago..\$1,060.65

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....L. G. Drennan  
Prayer.....Roger Knight  
Dismiss.....Gerald Montgomery

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Glen Warner  
Prayer.....Louis J. Jones  
Dismiss.....Jack Stringer

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of M. B. Turner acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

We want to express our appreciation to you for the visits, cards, and words of encouragement during my stay in the hospital.

Jim and Estelle Brown

FUNERAL

Funeral services were conducted in Sulpher Springs Sunday afternoon for brother Mack Lancaster, father of sister Dean Brookshire. He passed away Friday evening. We extend our deepest sympathy to all the family.

WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Frank Dunn request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Marieta Cayle to

Mr. Charles O'Brian Payne on Saturday, the fifth of September One thousand nine hundred and sixty four at eight o'clock in the evening First Baptist Church Tyler, Texas and afterwards at the reception Church Parlor

THE SICK

Sister Annie McDonald is at home and should not have company at this time.

Brother Frank Smith is in Medical Center.

Sister Tucker is in Mother Frances.

Sister Sparks is in Medical and Surgical.

Sister Sherrill Taylor is in the Glenwood Clinic.

Sister Janie Chelf is in Medical Center. She had surgery Monday.

Sister Vernon Naul is ill at home.

IN CANADA

Linda Byrd is in Winnipeg, Canada helping do personal work during a series of meetings.

If God sends us on stony paths he will provide us with strong shoes.

The diamond cannot be polished without friction, nor the man perfected without trials.

WORLD'S FAIR EVANGELISM

The following was received this week concerning the work being done at the World's Fair. Since the congregation here has had fellowship in this work, you will be interested to learn these things.

World's Fair attendance (official) - - - - - 20,100,000  
Visitors in Protestant and Orthodox Center - - - 1,004,010  
Percentage of gate entering Protestant building - - - 5%  
Total persons enrolling in Bible Course - - - - - 11,737  
Others receiving teaching Materials - - - - - 12,834  
Total registered Contacts - - - - - 24,571  
Baptisms - - - - - 7  
Persons requesting church locations - - - - - 1,352  
Answers dispensed by electronic Bible "teacher" - - - - - 103,495  
Number of persons viewing "What is Christianity" (since June 28) - - - - - 12,580  
Number of persons viewing films in Cinebox "teacher"(since July 20) - 4,149  
Number of contacts forwarded to local congregations \* for follow-up visitation- 11,684  
These figures are through Aug. 4th.  
\* We have received eight names of Tyler people who registered at the exhibit. Seven of these are now taking the Correspondence Course offered at the exhibit at the Fair. They are not members of the church of Christ.

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

I asked God for strength, that I Might achieve,  
I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey . . .

I asked for health, that I might do greater things,  
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things . . .

I asked for riches, that I might be happy,  
I was given poverty that I might be wise . . .

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,  
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God . . .

I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,  
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things . . .

I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I had hoped for, Almost despite myself, my prayers were answered, I am among all men, most richly blessed.

IT IS ILLEGAL . . . to read the Bible in the public schools of Illinois, but that state requires that a Bible be provided to every prison inmate. Moral: Don't worry, kids - if you can't read the Bible in school, wait until you get to prison. Copied



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DEAN BROOKSHIRE, Evangelist

## DO WE WANT A MEETING?

The meeting that closed a few days ago in Dallas resulted in 222 baptisms with several hundred requesting prayer. That proves what was written in our bulletin some time ago, that the days of meetings are not over where the brethren want them and work with the Lord to have them. The great meeting in Dallas didn't just happen. The brethren worked for it, they prayed for it, they took their friends to hear the gospel and it was a success.

None of us are expecting the number of responses here that they had in Dallas, although it is not impossible for it to happen if enough people hear the gospel. We still must get the gospel to the people and God will do His part. God is just as interested in the lost as He was when He gave Christ to die for the sins of the world. Jesus is just as willing to do His part as He ever was. The Holy Spirit is ready and will do His part through the Word. We are "workers together" with God. The gospel is in earthen vessels and we must sanctify ourselves to Him and work with Him.

God gave His only Begotten Son to die for us. The Son made a great sacrifice when he suffered and died. The apostles and early Christians made sacrifices to teach the gospel to their relatives, friends and others they did not even know. It was not easy for the gospel to be preached in the first century.

The brethren in Dallas had to sacrifice too in order to preach the gospel to the thousands who came each night for two weeks to hear the truth. It cost several thousand dollars to conduct a meeting as they did. There is no effortless way to preach now. Our visiting Evangelist will have to do work and we will have to work. It will cost some time and money to have a meeting. We will have just about the kind of meeting we prepare to have. We will not get anymore from it than we put into it. Sure we are all busy. We all work hard. The brethren in Dallas were busy too. They do about the same type of work we do. They work hard too. They have children too, but they arranged for a meeting and they had one, because they wanted one and they worked to have it. If we do not intend to work hard and sacrifice for our meeting we just as well not have it.

If we have not already been doing it, let each of us pray as we have never prayed before. Let us show God that we do want a meeting and that we are interested in the lost. This is a "special occasion", this is not an ordinary occasion. There is not any thing as important right now as our meeting. We will have a good meeting if we want one. Do we? I hope and pray that we do.  
D.B.



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August 16...413 August 16...\$1,263.44  
August 9...420 August 9...\$1,278.13  
Year Ago...385 Year Ago...\$1,060.65

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and...  
Prayer.....Dean Brookshire  
Prayer.....Leonard Woltman  
Dismiss.....Faber Cauthen  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....K. Max Haws  
Prayer.....E. V. Rushing  
Dismiss.....Louis E. Jones

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of sister Maude Marshall. Sister Marshall passed away Monday evening and services were conducted for her at the church building Wednesday morning. Her body was taken to Oklahoma City for burial.

We have recently learned that brother Tom Moses' father passed away in Los Fresnos, Texas. We extend our sympathy to Tom and his family. The Moses are living in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

THANK YOU NOTE

Brother Pete Wallace and his family wish to acknowledge with appreciation your visits and remembrances of him during his recent stay in the hospital.

THE SICK

Sister Tucker is in Mother Frances. She will be put in a cast to-

day.

Sister Flóyia Payne's mother, sister Sparks, is very ill in Medical and Surgical.

Brother Bud Caskey's father is critically ill in the hospital in Grapeland, Texas.

Brother William Addison is now in Sunset Home in the hospital wing.

Sister Dean Brookshire's father suffered a light stroke Wednesday.

In Medical Center Hospital are brother Frank Smith, little Jackie Henley, and sister W. S. Little's father from Mexia, Texas.

IN THE MARINES

David Wright, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wright, is now in the Marines and stationed in San Diego, Calif.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO OF OUR YOUNG MEN

Congratulations to Tommy Lowrance who will receive his bachelors degree from Abilene Christian College this week. He will teach in Wills Point.

Congratulations to Herbert Brookshire who completed his Barber course and received his license this week.

THE DAY IS APPROACHING

Sunday will mark the beginning of a joyous occasion. Our meeting will provide us with the opportunity to invite our friends to hear a series of gospel lessons by brother Woods. We should experience a period of spiritual growth next week. Let's all work toward that goal.

CAN YOU SAY NO?

The most difficult word in the English language to pronounce is "no." But this word has ever been connected with virtue. One book of the Bible would have no meaning, one man, a great man, would have been a weak unknown, except for the word "no." The book of Daniel is that book. It speaks of the courage of a man who risked his life and his position when he told the chief of the king's table that he would not defile himself with the king's wines and meats.

Men of great knowledge, power, and wealth have failed this test. Pilate heard the evidence presented against Christ. He saw nothing that was "worthy of death" in him. He had the power as governor represent-

ing the Roman Empire to say "no"; the Jewish crowd clamored, and Pilate poured water over hands stained with the blood of an innocent man, saying "I am innocent."

Adam also failed this test and "he did eat." David was bathing in the sunlight of power, fame and fortune when he could not say "no" to temptation and fell into the blackness of midnight of sin. Peter was weak when he could not say "no" to his fears, as was Judas when he proved with an insincere kiss that he could not say "no" to silver.

These men failed God and themselves in the moment of trial. Where their souls might have shone forth in example as noonday's sun, they fainted. ... Maurice Hall

MORNING 10:00-EVENING 7:30 - AUGUST 23 - 28 GUY N. WOODS - EVANGELIST - -

CHRIST'S ANSWER TO MAN-MADE RELIGION

The book of Proverbs describes the risk of private opinion in spiritual matters: "There is a way that seemeth right to a man, but the ends thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 16:25). The religion of the man who "thinks for himself" is usually filled with subtle assumptions: that there is no exclusive way for a man to get his eternal reward; that all avenues plotted at any time in the course of human history are potentially valid. . . Latent in the phrase, "I believe that every man should think for himself," is the notion that a different way exists for each individual.

. . . The next step is: "I believe that every man should think for himself - as a God." . . The religion of the freethinker may be sincere, but it is also subtle and subjective. . . The way he takes is right in his own eyes, but not in the eyes of God. And the divine verdict upon such man-made religion is inevitable: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord" (Isaiah 55). . . It was the Lord Jesus who affirmed: "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

R. Richard Searle



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## DIFFICULTIES DISSOLVED

The story is told of two Christians that had a disagreement. One heard that the other was talking about him derogatorily. Whereupon he went to him saying, "Will you be kind enough to tell me my faults, that I may profit by your Christian candor and strive to rid myself of them?"

"Yes," replied the other, "I will do it." They went aside, and the former said, "Before you commence telling what you believe is wrong with me, let us kneel and pray that my eyes may be opened to see my faults as you reveal them to me. Will you lead the prayer?"

When the prayer was over, the man who had sought the interview said, "Now, proceed with what you have noted disparagingly in my conduct." But the other answered, "After praying over it, it looks so little that it is not worth talking about. I realize now that by going around and talking about you I have been serving the devil myself, and have need that you pray for me and forgive me the wrong I have done you." The disagreement was dissolved from that hour.

SELECTED

## LETTER FROM A COMMUNIST

Not long ago a French Communist wrote this in his newspaper. Please read it carefully. Then ask yourself just one question: "What is MY Christian answer to this accusation?" Following is the letter:

"The Christian gospel is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of society that is our Marxist philosophy. All the same it is we who will finally beat you. We are only a handful and you Christians are numbered by the millions... but we are realists, and we are determined. Of our salaries and wages we keep only what is strictly necessary and give up the rest for propaganda purposes. To this propaganda we also consecrate ALL our free time and PART of our holidays. You, however, give only a LITTLE time and hardly any MONEY for the spreading of the gospel of Christ. How can anyone believe in the supreme power of the gospel if you do not practice it? If you do not spread it? And if you sacrifice neither time nor money for it? Believe me, it is WE who will win, for we believe in the Communist message, and we are ready to sacrifice everything (even our life) in order that social justice may triumph."

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THE WEST ERWIN VISITOR  
Thursday - August 13, 1964  
RADIO BROADCAST 12:30-12:45 NOON  
Monday Through Friday KTBB 600K.C.

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| BIBLE CLASS    | CONTRIBUTION          |
| August 9...420 | August 9...\$1,278.13 |
| August 2...386 | August 2...\$1,205.47 |
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill  
Prayer.....M. B. Beard  
Dismiss.....Wilmer Little  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
Prayer.....Willie Freeman  
Dismiss.....Bruce Lambert

WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP  
By Membership:  
Mrs. Vera O'Brien  
1436 North Church  
Phone Lyric 4-5496  
  
Donald and Yvonne Matthews  
1304 North Church  
Donald works for the Sterling  
Faucet Co. 64

CONGRATULATIONS:  
To Melvin and Judy Massey, who now live in Mt. Vernon, upon the arrival of a son born last Saturday evening. Brother and sister James Massey are the proud grandparents.  
  
To Jamon and Clay Kirby upon the arrival of a daughter born Thursday Morning.  
REMEMBER AUGUST 23\_\_\_\_\_

OUR SYMPATHY  
Brother W. H. Turner's brother who lived in Levelland passed away last Saturday. He was buried in Graham Monday. We extend our sympathy to the Turners and Lowrances.

SOME SICK AMONG US  
Sister Alice Long and Leora Tate have been ill at home and would enjoy visits.  
Sister Myrtle Tucker had surgery Wednesday. She was reported doing well at this writing.  
Brothers "Pete" Wallace and Jim Brown are still in room 208 of Medical Center Hospital.

Activity. . . . .  
Nearly every day we hear reports that someone who is not a member of the church of our Lord is listening daily with interest. This past week we have gained seven in the correspondance course who are not members of the church. One of these seven is a denominational preacher. Others who are members here and elsewhere that want to study the Bible in a n organized way at home continue to enroll. There are groups studying at home among themselves how to teach a Bible class to their neighbors. There has been a class begun on Wednesday evening for the purpose of training to teach home Bible classes. All of this indicates a healthy spiritual atmosphere in which this congregation can grow and abound in the work of the Lord.  
T.A.J.

ATTENDANCE GOOD  
It was good to see our Bible school attendance back up to 420 again. Due to vacations and illness the attendance has been real low, but once we get settled down again we will have good attendance and good interest. A good way to help increase our attendance is to invite and bring someone who is not a member or has never been enrolled in a class. Even though we have lost so many who have moved out of town we can still have 450 anytime we make an effort to do it.

The contribution has been good too and those of you who have made up yours, or left it, when you were gone, are to be commended.

TIME IS SHORT  
Our Meeting with brother Guy N. Woods begins Sunday week, August 23rd. are we ready for the meeting? Have we done what we can? If we still need to do some work, remember the time is short. This can be one of our great meetings if we want it to be.  
  
The Preacher: Guy N. Woods  
The Date: August 23-28  
The Time: 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

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### THE LOSSES AND GAINS CONNECTED WITH RELIGION

Matt. 16:25, "For whosoever will save his life, shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

The religion of Christ is eminently one of self-denial. It begins with, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me." We are further taught that, "If any man love father, mother, other relatives, or houses or lands, or even his own life more than me he is not worthy of me. Christ's example was one of self-denial. His teaching that guides our lives is one of sacrifice and self-denial. But he promises that present self-denials shall be productive of future advantages, while present advantages, at the expense of true Christianity, shall be followed by future disappointment and eternal loss. These are the truths expressed in Matt. 16:25.

Is there any gain in this life by rejecting Christ and giving all of one's self into a project or projects? The answer is yes. One may gain riches, either honestly or dishonestly. He may obtain some sensual gratifications. He may obtain the distinctions of worldly honor and praise. He may be applauded, eulogized and elected as one of the top men of the city or nation. There is no doubt about it, the world has her smiles, her acclamations, her distinctions, her crowns. Most men can have, at least, a share in some of these if they want to pay the price of losing their souls.

Is there gain in self-denial? The answer to this is yes. One may gain that which is better than life. A man may endure what is worse than death and enjoy what is better than life. While we are living we may enjoy the forgiveness of sins, the honor of sonship, hope, the fellowship with the Divine and all true Christians now, and in the end, eternal life. To the Christian self-denial terminates at death and to the self-seeker and profligate something worse than death sets in. The Christian can bid adieu to all sorrow and distress. Poverty, reproach, persecution, enemies are all left on this side of Jordan. This cannot be said of the unsaved.  
D.B.

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PRAY FOR THE MEETING

Invite your friends and encourage  
every member to attend.

AUGUST 23 - 28 GUY N. WOODS - EVANGELIST

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WEST ERWIN VISITOR  
Thursday - August 6, 1964

|                |                       |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| BIBLE CLASS    | CONTRIBUTION          |
| August 2...386 | August 2...\$1,205.47 |
| July 26...349  | July 26...\$1,737.80  |
| Year Ago...371 | Year Ago...\$1,201.05 |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Howard Holland  
Prayer.....O. C. Becker  
Dismiss.....Harley Turner

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Truman Holland  
Prayer.....Bruce Raley  
Dismiss.....David D. Hannah

WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Cherry and three of their four children were baptized Tuesday night. Mr. Cherry is a carpenter, Mrs. Cherry (Ruby) is a homemaker, Stephen is a Junior and Linda Sue a sophomore at John Tyler and Georgia is in the 6th grade at Dixie. They live at 4105 Old Chandler Road. Their phone is Ly 2-0275.

This family was baptized as a result of a Bible study in their home. Let us all meet them and welcome them into our fellowship.

THE SICK

Sister Myrtle Tucker has been brought back to Mother Frances from Jacksonville. Also in Mother Frances are sister Lera Bennett and brother Kenneth Bennett. In Medical Center are brother Jim Brown, and brother Pete Wallace.

Sister Maude Marshall is now in Lee Convalescent Home. Her family would like to express thanks to all of the ladies who sent cards and letters to her recently.

BUSINESS MEETING

This Sunday afternoon at 3:30 is the time for the monthly business meeting. All men are invited and needed. It would be good to see every able bodies man present for this meeting. All the men are invited to come and contribute their influence and suggestions for ways of doing a greater work for our Lord.

MOVING TO NEW MEXICO

Brother Eugene Greer, who has preached at Chandler for the past two or three years is moving soon to Fort Sumner, New Mexico. We regret to see the Greers move from this area but we wish them happiness in their new work.

We understand that brother L. E. Carpenter has been selected to be the preacher at Chandler. We welcome the Carpenters back into East Texas.

O'BANNONS TO BIG LAKE

The Don O'Bannons are moving to Big Lake, Texas where Don will be the band instructor in the school system. We have enjoyed having Don and his family with us for a little more than a year. We appreciate what they have done for the church here. We wish them well in their new work.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT- JULY- 1964

|                                  |               |                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Cash on hand July 1, 1964        |               | \$ 400.15       |
| Deposits during July 1964        |               |                 |
| Contribution                     | \$4,949.63    |                 |
| Other Churches                   | 90.00         |                 |
|                                  |               | <u>5,039.63</u> |
| Available for Expenditures       |               | \$5,439.78      |
| Expenditures:                    |               |                 |
| Loan Payments:                   |               |                 |
| 1st. Fed. Sav. & Loan            | \$711.75      |                 |
| Coop. Sav. & Loan                | 75.00         |                 |
| J. C. Wynne                      | 100.00        |                 |
| Trest Property                   | 150.00        |                 |
| F. M. Mathis Estate              | <u>121.15</u> | \$1,157.90      |
| Benevolent and Mission:          |               |                 |
| Jerry Hill                       | 715.00        |                 |
| (W. Erwin                        | 625.00)       |                 |
| (Other Churches                  | 90.00)        |                 |
| Bill Lowry support               | 40.00         |                 |
| Bible Chair                      | 100.00        |                 |
| Boles Home                       | 50.00         |                 |
| Sunny Glenn Home                 | 50.00         |                 |
| Tipton Home                      | 50.00         |                 |
| Herald of Truth                  | 50.00         |                 |
| Radio Program                    | 232.80        |                 |
| Advertising                      | <u>75.00</u>  | \$1,362.80      |
| Materials, Supplies, Etc:        |               |                 |
| Utilities                        | 354.31        |                 |
| Insurance                        | 60.00         |                 |
| Bible School Sup.                | 47.30         |                 |
| Office Supplies                  | 57.45         |                 |
| Bldg. Maint. and Sup.            | 5.82          |                 |
| Flowers                          | 58.83         |                 |
| Telephone                        | 48.77         |                 |
| Postage                          | 55.00         |                 |
| Misc.                            | <u>13.88</u>  | \$ 701.36       |
| Salaries                         |               | \$1,333.37      |
| Withholding Tax (2nd Qtr.)       |               | 539.40          |
| Total Expenditures for July 1964 |               | \$5,094.83      |
| Cash on hand July 31, 1964       |               | <u>344.95</u>   |
| Total Funds Acct. for            |               | \$5,439.78      |



### TRUSTING GOD

"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever: for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." Isa. 26:3-4.

The present world is emphatically a scene of anxiety and trouble. Well may it be likened to a valley of tears and a howling wilderness.

It is no wonder that the people of God are often unhappy or are seeking places of refuge from the storms of life. True Christianity is the happy remedy by which we may be soothed and cheered in the midst of our distresses. Isaiah said "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee. . ."

If we view God only as a Being of Terror we shall endeavor to flee from Him. But if we think of Him as the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, the bountiful benefactor of the human family, as the gracious source of all our enjoyments, then we shall be able with all confidence, to commit our entire life unto Him.

We do this believing confidently in His word. It is full of gracious statements and affectionate declarations. It contains manifold promises that may be made ours by receiving them, because many of them are conditional. We must cordially receive all of the Lord's word and implicitly expect the Lord to fulfill all of His promises.

To trust in God, we must have a lively hope in His mercy and grace. Faith has respect to His truth and hope to His goodness and mercy. Hope is the anchor which stays the vessel in the time of a storm and it is the anchor to our soul. Hope is the staff upon which the weary traveler leans. Trust in God also includes a readiness of the spirit to agree by faith with the Lord's dealings and to cheerfully receive the appointments He has assigned to us. When this is done without reservation we are kept in perfect peace.

It is not ecstasy, rapture or transport, but peace. This means the opposite of agitation, restlessness, confusion or alarm. The whole soul is serene. We are at peace with God, ourselves and all men.

Isaiah mentions "perfect peace." All of God's gifts are perfect. In other words it is just suited to our capacities, desires and circumstances. It is perfect in its fulness. It is an abundance of peace.

This is a permanent blessing, for he said, "Thou wilt KEEP him in perfect peace. It is something that is abiding, constant and durable. But there is a duty connected with it. "Trust in the Lord forever." We trust in Him for all things; temporal, spiritual and eternal. We trust Him in sickness and health; prosperity and adversity; in life and in death; in time and eternity. Our life must be one of unwavering trust in God.

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Thursday - July 30, 1964

| BIBLE CLASS    | CONTRIBUTION         |
|----------------|----------------------|
| July 26...349  | July 26...\$1,737.80 |
| July 19...347  | July 19...\$1,025.74 |
| Year Ago...382 | Year Ago...\$ 953.28 |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
 Prayer..... Don O'Bannon  
 Prayer..... Russell O'Bannon  
 Dismiss..... Ramon Ivey

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
 Prayer..... M. M. Haws  
 Prayer..... Darrell Holt  
 Dismiss..... Tommy Keith

RESPONSES

Leon Brewer, 500 S. Vine, came last Sunday to be restored and place membership with us. We welcome him into our fellowship.

THANKS TO THE YOUNGS

Brother and sister Ben Young sponsored a trip (privately, not the church) to Six Flags Over Texas last Monday for the young people. Thirty four young people and three adults, beside the Youngs, made the trip on a chartered bus. We appreciate those who have an interest in our young people and assist them in enjoying good wholesome recreation.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers, calls and visits made during my stay in the hospital. They were appreciated so much.

Johnnie Stringer

OUR MEETING - AUGUST 23 - 28 WITH GUY N. WOODS

CONGRATULATIONS

Miss Rita Clyburn and Mr. Roy Paul Beall were married last Friday at the Clyburn home. We extend our best wishes for a long and happy life together. Their address will be 431½ South Colleg.

OUR SYMPATHY

Sister Wayne Taylor's father, Mr. Marvin Studard, passed away Monday in Centre, Alabama. Funeral services were Wednesday. We extend our sympathy to Sherrill and her family.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT NORTHWEST

The Northwest church will have a "Family Vacation Bible School" August 3-7, 7:30 to 8:30 each evening. The theme is "God's Son and Worship. Brother Claude Smith of Shreveport will teach an adult class in the auditorium. It is hoped that many of us can and will attend.

IN THE STATES

Sister Jerry Hill and girls are in the States and Ann plans to be with us Wednesday evening, August 5th. The girls are in Pleasanton visiting their grandparents. Jerry did not come this time. Ann states that Jerry is getting along well.

THE SICK

Sister Lera Bennett is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Buddy Holland had surgery on his knee in Medical Center Tuesday.

Sister Myrtle Tucker is in Newburn Hospital in Jacksonville.

CONTRIBUTION LAST SUNDAY

The members did just what I thought they would do and the contribution proves it. I said in the bulletin last week that the contribution would be increased and sure enough it was. The amount is stated in the record and I think it was exceptionally good for the number we had present. We still have many out on vacations and some probably did not leave their contributions, but some did.

Good people always strive to do the right thing. There are few, if any, who would willfully or maliciously neglect the church of our Lord. Most people think they are doing right when they do not give or make up their contribution and when it is pointed out that they have an obligation here, they respond as they did last Sunday. All that we need to do is get the facts before the good people and they will do their part. Truth, regardless of what the subject is, that falls into good and honest hearts always brings forth fruit.

Our thanks to all who had a part in the good contribution last Sunday. Others will make up this Sunday or when they return home. The Lord will richly bless you all, because he loves a cheerful giver. D.B.

SIX YEARS COMPLETED

Last Sunday was the beginning of our seventh year together. The past six years have been pleasant and we trust profitable. My family

and I want to thank each one of you for the fine way in which we were received and have been treated since we came. We love and appreciate each member and covet your prayers and continued co-operation in order to do our best work.

We are grateful for the confidence the elders have expressed in us and we are indebted to them for their understanding and help through the past six years.

We came here to preach the gospel and serve the Lord in any way we could and we have done this to the best of our ability. We hope with your help and prayers to do a better job with each passing day.

Thanks to each of you. D.B.

TO SERVE IN AUGUST

Men selected to serve the Lord's Supper during August are as follows: H. McCarty, J. G. Venable, Harley Norris, Carl Bell, Fred Strait, Fred Powell, Sherrill Little, Roy Layton, J. E. Whiteside, Jamon Kirby. Alternates are Bill Tigert and C. N. Strait. Sunday evening: Thomas White and Cone Birdwell. Alternate, Edgar Bullard.

TRUSTING GOD. . . (Continued)

Then He said, "For in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength. In the Lord there is all-sufficiency, power to supply all of our needs. Do not give up Christian friend, trust in God. D.B.

AUGUST 23 28



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### SUNDAY

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| 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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## OUR SUMMER MEETING

It is time for us to turn our attention to our Summer meeting with brother Guy N. Woods of Memphis, Tennessee doing the preaching. The meeting is scheduled for August 23 - 28. That is only a month from now.

Now would be a good time to start some cottage meetings and they would be almost completed by the time the meeting starts and the lessons of brother Woods would help to convert them.

If you cannot teach a cottage meeting you can be talking to your friends about the meeting and making plans to bring them with you. Just think what audiences we would have if each family brought only one family during the meeting. This is not an impossible task, it is very reasonable and something that all can do. You may not be able to preach or teach but you do have friends who will attend with you if they are invited. Some of our friends will be disappointed in us if we do not invite them. They are waiting to be invited.

A few pessimist are saying that the days of meetings are over, but this is not true. The brethren are having good meetings where they work at it. Where the brethren do no work before the arrival of the preacher, meetings have been over with them for half of a century or more. Good meetings are being conducted throughout the brotherhood where brethren work, pray and attend. Good meetings seldom just happen. We have to want them and want them enough to work for them.

May I suggest these few easy ways of helping to make a good meeting. Start this week to pray for the meeting. Invite other Christians into your home and ask them to pray with you. Why not have some old fashioned prayer meetings for the meeting. Let us pray for the meeting in every assembly we have from now till the day it ends.

Write cards, letters, use your telephone inviting others, better still go in person if you can. Offer to bring your friends in your car.

Get enthusiastic about the meeting. Really get worked up. How long has it been since you have shown enough concern over a soul to help save it?

Brethren we can have a good meeting and I believe that we are going to have one. We do not have any time to lose, so let us get busy today.

D.B.

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 \* DON'T DEPRIVE YOURSELVES OF BIBLE STUDY EACH LORD'S DAY \*  
 \* MORNING AT 9:30. THESE CLASSES ARE CONDUCTED FOR YOU, \*  
 \* YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR FRIENDS. YOU ARE THE LOSER WHEN \*  
 \* YOU ARE ABSENT. \*  
 \* \* \* \* \*



WEST ERWIN VISITOR

Thursday July 23, 1964

| BIBLE CLASS    | CONTRIBUTION          |
|----------------|-----------------------|
| July 19...347  | July 19...\$1,039.33  |
| July 12...363  | July 12...\$1,025.74  |
| Year Ago...373 | Year Ago...\$1,338.64 |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
Prayer.....W. H. Turner  
Dismiss.....Tommy Woltman

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Howard Holland  
Prayer.....T. J. Parsons  
Prayer.....Tommy Parsons

RESPONSES

Restored: Miss Lynn Willis, Rt. 2

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much for all of your remembrances of me during my recent stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Mary Butler

You will never know how much I appreciate the cards, letters, visits and prayers during my stay in the hospital. Mrs. Lera Bennett

A card of thanks was received from Sister Mary Jo Killingsworth of Sulphur Springs expressing appreciation to the church for everything done for her mother, sister Etha McCord, and for the family at the time of sister McCords death.

THE SICK

Sister Myra Chandler had surgery Saturday in Glenwood Clinic.

Sister Emma Reed Smith is suffering from an eye infection.

Sister Vannie Lee had eye surgery in Dallas at the Medical Arts Hospital. She will be in Dallas with her daughter for a while. Her address is 4345 Cedar Brush.

FUNERAL

Mrs. Alva Akin, sister in law to Sister J. A. Tye, passed away last Friday. She was buried Sunday.

IS IT WORTH IT?

Is it worth the cost of materials, the time, the teachers spend in preparing lessons, and the time spent in delivering them, to have Bible Classes on Sunday morning? If it is then every member should support them, and if not they should be dismissed.

Any program of work the church goes into should be worthy of the support of every member. The church carries on no better program of work than that of Bible study. In fact, the church would not be where it is today if some faithful Christians had not taught the Bible.

Every Christian should look upon the classes as another spiritual meal for their children and for themselves. None of us would think of depriving ourselves of a good feast. We feel honored when some one prepares a good meal for us and invites us to be present. We will quit work a little early, if possible, rush home and prepare to ar-

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MAKE-UP TIME

The elders have requested that we all make up our contribution this Sunday and give some above what we ordinarily do so that the budget deficit may be supplied.

Some unintentionally forget to leave their contribution when they visit or go on vacation and when they get back the amount seems too large to give all at once and the result is that one Sunday is missed completely. As a result the budget is not met and some bills have to go unpaid for a while or the elders go and borrow money to meet the expenses.

The elders have requested that we do our best to make-up what we have failed to give or if we have given

regularly, to give just a little more next Sunday and help with the financial burden at this time.

There is plenty of money here among the members and it is just a matter of getting the facts before those who love the Lord and the matter will be taken care of as it always has been.

We were asked to write a reminder in the bulletin this week, because the elders believe that all that you need is to know the facts and that you will respond favorably.

There is a good program of work going on so let us not fail to do our part. The Lord is depending on you and me to carry on the program. Will we? I say yes! D.B.

IS IT WORTH IT? (continued from page two)

rive on time. We don't want to keep our host and hostess waiting. We enjoy the meal, thank them for it and tell them how much we enjoyed it. But that is only food for the body.

How anxious are we to attend Bible classes? How much effort do we make to be on time? How much preparation do we make before we arrive, if we do arrive. Do we count it a privilege and honor to have someone share a spiritual meal with us?

Brethren are we really putting first things first? It is true that right now we have many on vacations, but many who are not on

vacations are not attending Bible classes, not even Worship.

Let me suggest that you come this Sunday prepared in body and mind to study the Bible. If it is necessary to go to bed a little earlier on Saturday night, and arise a little earlier on Sunday morning, then let us do it. We can prove our love to the Lord, our families and friends by showing them that we do have an appetite for spiritual things.

Brethren Bible classes are worthwhile. They have paid good dividends in the past and they will profit all who now come prepared to learn. D.B.

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## PLANTED IN THE HOUSE OF GOD

David said: "The righteous shall flourish like the Palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar of Lebanon. They are planted in the house of Jehovah: they shall flourish in the courts of our God. They shall bring forth fruit in old age." Note that the righteous are planted in the house of God. Thus a righteous man is planted by the Lord where he was not. Who are the righteous? The basis of the idea of righteousness is conformity to a standard of perfection. It is a life that conforms to God's law. In the above text, the righteous man is compared to a Palm tree, "if only God can make a tree," surely only God can make one truly righteous. There are many similarities between a Christian and a Palm tree. Let us notice a few of them.

1. The Palm tree grows and thrives in the desert. It sends its tap roots down deep enough to reach the water that no other tree could reach. The Christian lives in a world, a desert of sin. In the midst of such barren surroundings, he drinks deep of the water of life that Jesus gives (Jno. 4:10). The roots of the Palm are so vast and deep that the desert storms fail to uproot it. So it is with a Christian. Paul said: "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith, that ye being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints."

2. The Palm grows straight and tall keeping the same thickness all the way up. As Christians, our lives should be straight and true, and always reaching God-ward. Some times a Christian will become warped and out of shape, being long and wide on one subject and narrow on another. He may become like a cake not turned" . . . burned to a crisp on some things, I do not know that the expression "half-baked" came from this experience of Israel, but it could have.

3. The Palm is beautiful with its branches shooting upward forming a tall and verdant canopy with its silver plumes flashing in the desert sunlight. The Christian virtues are not like the creeper or the bramble, tending downward. The palm branches shoot upward and seek the things above. So it is with a Christian who sets his affections on things above. (Col. 3:1; Heb. 12:2).

4. No dust adheres to the Palm leaves as it does with other trees. A Christian is in the world, but he is not part of it. He makes a strong effort not to be conformed to it. (Rom. 12:2).

5. The Palm is an evergreen. It knows no season, bearing fruit the year round as long as it lives. In fact, the older the tree, the richer the fruit becomes. A Christian knows no season for freshness of leaves and fruit. He is "instant in season, and out of season." Daily praying, daily studying, daily service, are virtues which adorn his life.

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WEST ERWIN VISITOR

Thursday July 16, 1964

BIBLE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

|               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| July 12...363 | July 12....\$1,025.74 |
| July 5....366 | July 5....\$ 982.00   |
| Year Ago..380 | Year Ago..\$ 921.64   |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....L. G. Drennan  
 Prayer.....Pat Mackey  
 Dismiss.....David Drennan

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
 Prayer.....H. McCarty  
 Dismiss.....L. L. Gann

RESPONSES

All were made to rejoice Sunday evening when Mrs. Maie C. Taylor was baptized into Christ. She is well known to almost everyone here. Her address is 513 E. Second and her telephone is Ly 4-9293. We welcome her into our fellowship.

SYMPATHY

Sister Etha McCord passed away suddenly last Friday afternoon. Services were held Saturday afternoon for her. We extend to her family our deepest sympathy.

Sister Dora Billingsley received word last week that her only brother had passed away in Illinois. We wish to express our sympathy to her and to her family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. David Crockett (she was Jo Ann Sims) are the parents of

a baby girl born last Wednesday, a week ago. They have named her Leona Leigh.

THANK YOU NOTE

We want to express our appreciation to the church for the beautiful flowers and to every individual for every kindness extended to us in our recent sorrow.

The Glen Warner family

THE SICK

Sister Lera Bennett is still in Mother Frances.

Sister Johnny Stringer had surgery this past week in Medical Center.

Sister Mary Butler had surgery Tuesday morning in Medical Center.

Mr. Nick Gregory, husband of sister Doris Gregory had surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances.

Sister Myrtle Vaughn has been in Glenwood Clinic. She fell and broke her arm. She is in Sunset Home.

Sister Violet Land had eye surgery Wednesday in Medical Center.

Sister E. L. Taylor has not been well. She is at home.

Little Jo Ellen Willis has pneumonia.

BEST WISHES

Miss Kay Cherry and Delton Ray Wright were married Saturday evening in the Glenwood Church of Christ. They will be at home at 2124 Bandera.

LISTEN TO KTBB 12:30 NOON

PLANTED IN THE HOUSE. . . (continued from back page)

6. The Palm produces fruit as long as it lives. The best dates are produced when the tree is from 30 to 100 years old. So the Christian grows happier and more useful as he becomes older. The years add wisdom causing him to know himself better and thereby mellow him to the faults of others and enables him to deal in a more sympathetic manner with others. A palm is useful in many ways. It provides the material for more than 400 uses. The goodness of a Christian is functional.

7. The Palm can never be grafted into by another tree. As soon as its body is cut into and a foreign substance enters it, it dies. The entrance of foreign matter into a Christian's being brings spiritual death.

BIBLE COURSE AT TJC

An unusual opportunity will be afforded to many in that the Bible course, The Life and Teachings of Christ, will be taught the last semester of this Summer term at Tyler Junior College. The course may be taken as 3 hours of College credit at the regular fee of the college, or if it is not taken for credit, it will be free of charge. Brother Dan Danner will be the instructor. The class begins July 20, continuing for six weeks each Monday and Thursday evening from 7:00 until 10:00. If you are college age or an adult you are encouraged to take the course.

8. A grove of Palm trees presents a gratifying picture of each tree bearing fruit. We behold tall trees, no underbrush, no vines or brambles on the ground. All is clear about each tree with nothing below to mar the beauty. This is a satisfying picture of a congregation of Christians. Each one bearing his share of the fruit. No undergrowth should be there to mar the beauty and harmony of a congregation of God's people "dwelling together in unity!"

9. The Palm is profitable for guidance. To the weary traveler in the desert the presence of the tree on the burning desert was a sure sign of water. A Christian is a guide post. The existence of a righteous man is a sure sign of the place where living waters flow.

... Delmar Owens

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WHEN YOU HAVE FIGURED OUT. . .

How an employee can do a half-hearted job, disregard the instructions of his boss, miss a week's work whenever the notion strikes him, and still keep his job. . . you will know how a Christian can neglect the work of God, skip the worship services and still be called faithful." . . . Selected

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So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Romans 14:12

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. Galatians 6:7



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## ADULTS IN BIBLE STUDY

Do adult (in age) Christians need to be regular in Bible Classes? The devil really gained a great advantage when he led religious folks to swallow the lie that children ought to be sent to Bible school. I'm not denying that children ought to have much Bible teaching; it's the idea that it does not matter too much whether the grownups go to Bible classes or not that is so destructive. In most churches of our Lord the most pitiable section of our spiritual development is the indifference of so many adults to the Bible study program. They are not against Bible classes; they just feel it immaterial whether they attend regularly, study their lesson, or take an active part. Brethren (adults), this ought not to be. It would be just as sensible to say it does not matter whether adults eat regularly and plentifully if they are to continue doing hard work. Only the idle, sickly adult feels no need for regular nourish-

ing meals. The same is true in the Lord's kingdom. I challenge you to find a hard-working adult in the church who looks with indifference on Bible study, in classes or out. They know they must have it to continue to have spiritual strength for their tasks ahead. If you don't seem to be able to do much for the Lord, the chances are you are in great need of a regular rich diet of God's Word. Did you ever stop to consider that most of the gospel is directed to the mature in age; only now and then does it speak to children or even young folks directly. I say this with sadness, but we have far too many adults who are indifferent about Bible study, even on Lord's day morning. Won't you consider these truths seriously and determine as an adult to have a rich spiritual diet regularly to insure health and strength so you can do much work for the Master?

. . . Wilber C. Hill

## WHERE IS HAPPINESS?

NOT IN UNBELIEF: Voltaire was an infidel of the most pronounced type. He wrote: "I wish I had never been born."

NOT IN PLEASURE: Lord Byron lived a life of pleasure if anyone did. He wrote: "The worm, the canker and the grief are mine alone."

NOT IN MONEY: Jay Gould, the Ameri-

can millionaire, had plenty of that. When dying he said: "I suppose I am the most miserable man on earth."

WHERE THEN IS HAPPINESS? The answer: IN CHRIST. He said: "I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no man taketh from you." John 16:22.

from Portales, N. Mexico bulletin

LISTEN TO STATION KTBB 12:30 NOON EACH MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

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 July 9, 1964 - Thursday  
 BIBLE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION  
 July 5...369 July 5....\$ 982.00  
 June 28..378 June 28...\$1,012.99  
 Year Ago.404 Year Ago...\$1,045.68

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....L. G. Drennan  
 Prayer.....M. B. Beard  
 Dismiss.....Steve Sublette  
 SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Leonard Woltman  
 Prayer.....Darrell Holt  
 Dismiss.....Tommy Woltman

RESPONSES  
 Miss Vicki Britton, a high school senior, was baptized into Christ last Sunday morning. She has been attending Bible classes here. We are very happy to welcome her into our fellowship. Her address is 1228 S. Fleishel.

OUR SYMPATHY  
 Mrs. David Spradling, sister of sister Glen Warner, died in Waco last Saturday. Services were held for her Monday in Waco. We express our sympathy to Jo and her family.

THANK YOU NOTES  
 Thank you for the many cards, calls, visits and prayers during my recent stay in the hospital.  
 Pat Mackey

Thank you for your kindness during my brief hospital stay recently. I appreciated the lovely cards

and friendly visits so very much.  
 Moselle White.

SERVICES FOR THE COMING WEEK  
 Brother E. V. Rushing will preach at both services Sunday. Wednesday evening classes will meet as usual. Brother Leonard Woltman will speak in the auditorium.

MEETING IN REESE  
 There will be a meeting in Reese July 13 through 17. Brother Johnny Jackson will preach each evening at 7:30. You are invited to attend.

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.

BUSINESS MEETING  
 The regular monthly business meeting of the church will be Sunday afternoon. All of the men are invited to attend.

WHAT IS TRUE RELIGION?  
 In the home it is kindness.  
 In business it is honesty.  
 In work it is thoroughness.  
 In play it is fairness.  
 Toward the fortunate it is congratulations.  
 Toward the unfortunate it is compassion.  
 Toward wickedness it is resistance.  
 Toward the penitent it is forgiveness.  
 Toward God it is reverence, love, obedience.

AND YET BE LOST!  
 You may offer like Cain, weep like Esau, leave Sodom like Lot's wife, tremble like Felix, be zealous for God like Israel, be a disciple, take part in the worship, desire to die like Balaam, make long prayers like the Pharisees, prophesy like Saul, have lamps like the foolish virgins, be near the kingdom like the young man, almost be a Christian like King Agrippa . . . and still be lost. Selected

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 "Speak kind words and you will hear kind echoes."  
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 "God has planned that what we plant in a human soul may bloom eternally."  
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 "Kind words can never DIE, but without kind DEEDS, they can sound mighty SICK!"

FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 1964

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand June 1, 1964        | \$1,066.77 |
| Deposits during June 1964        |            |
| (Contribution \$4,278.66)        |            |
| (Other Churches 90.00)           | \$4,368.66 |
| Available for Expenditures       | \$5,435.43 |
| Expenditures:                    |            |
| <u>Loan Payments</u>             |            |
| 1st. Fed. Sav. & Loan            | 711.75     |
| Coop. Sav. & Loan                | 75.00      |
| J. C. Wynne                      | 100.00     |
| Trest Property                   | 150.00     |
| F. M. Mathis Estate              | 160.00     |
| <u>Benevolent &amp; Mission</u>  | \$1,196.75 |
| Jerry Hill                       | 715.00     |
| (W. Erwin Church 625.00)         |            |
| (Other Churches 90.00)           |            |
| Bill Lowry                       | 40.00      |
| Boles Home                       | 50.00      |
| Tipton Home                      | 50.00      |
| Sunny Glenn Home                 | 50.00      |
| Herald of Truth                  | 50.00      |
| Bible Chair                      | 100.00     |
| Advertising                      | 60.00      |
| Radio Program                    | 263.80     |
| <u>Materials, Supplies, Etc.</u> | \$1,378.80 |
| Utilities                        | 326.71     |
| Bible School Sup. & Pub.         | 255.78     |
| Insurance                        | 60.00      |
| Telephone                        | 28.90      |
| Bldg. Maint.                     | 167.46     |
| Office Supplies                  | 14.62      |
| Flowers                          | 17.07      |
| Postage                          | 70.00      |
| Miscellaneous                    | 17.94      |
| <u>Salaries</u>                  | \$ 958.48  |
|                                  | \$1,533.35 |
| Total Expenditures for June      | \$5,067.38 |
| Cash on hand June 30, 1964       | 368.05     |
| Total Funds accounted for        | \$5,435.43 |

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CALENDAR OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

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(Sept. Thru May)

DEAN BROOKSHIRE, Evangelist

## KEEPING MEMBERS INTERESTED

Often I hear the complaint that the elders do not give the members enough things to do to keep them interested. Is this where the trouble lies, or elsewhere? Could it be that the trouble lies with the recent convert? Or, perhaps, with some preacher who has taught that elders must keep all members busy?

Yesterday, I baptized a man of some sixty years who had lived a very sinful life. Before he was completely dry from his baptism he had started talking with his brother-in-law, who had accompanied him to his baptism, about his own need for the Christ. Here is the secret of spiritual growth. This is a work which needs no eldership direction. The love of Christ should constrain us to speak for Him.

I remember another conversion where a young married man was baptized by me one week-night. The next morning before breakfast there was a knock on my door. This young man had gone straight to his brother's house and had talked to him all night. At sunrise he came bringing his brother for baptism. And some people say that they have nothing to do!

The conception of church work which is held by many is such a limited thing! To such people, "church work" is preaching, teaching a class, waiting on the Lord's table, ushering, counting the money, leading the singing, leading a prayer. These things are important. But are they church work?

I often wonder what happened to that poor Ethiopian eunuch! A babe in Christ way off from all other Christians . . . . There were no elders to watch over him or to tell him what to do. . . . no one to "give" him something to do in order to keep him interested." He had not learned that "work" has to be "organized." He probably just opened his mouth and started talking about the Son of God who had saved him and had given him so much peace and joy. (At least that is what the other Christians "un-organized" were doing in his day - see Acts 8:4). And if that happened, you can be sure that he would not be alone very long.

If you have been one of those who have been losing interest in the church because no one has given you anything to do, may I give you the Lord's Word? "Go home to thy friends and tell how great things the Lord hath done for thee." Mark 5:19. Is it possible that you may be losing interest in the Christ? In the One who died that you might live? God have mercy upon you if you have nothing to say about the One who loved you so!

I am not objecting to organizing our work. I feel, however, that some churches are "organized to death." They spend most of their time "working the organization," I believe, too, that we are destroying initiative in people. They are afraid to "step out" and do (continued inside)



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BIBLE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

June 21...386 June 21....\$1,046.03  
June 28...378 June 28....\$1,012.99  
Year Ago...443 Year Ago...\$1,156.57

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and .....  
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill  
Prayer.....T. F. Holland  
Dismiss.....R. B. Threadgill

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and .....  
Prayer.....Howard Holland  
Prayer.....Edgar Bullard  
Dismiss.....Fred Powell

RESPONSES

Since the last bulletin there have been several responses.

Restored: Miss Gail Wells, 401½ E. Reeves

Restored and Membership: Mr. W. H. Land, 427 Woldert.

Baptized: Mrs. W. H. Land, 427 Woldert; Julia and Reagan Phillips, 630 Barbara; Miss Ruth Kline, 521 Maxwell, and Barbara Caskey, Rt. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Land's interest and obedience was a result largely of our radio broadcast. Her name is Violet. She is a nurse at Medical Center. Mr. Land is retired.

Ruth Kline will be a senior at John Tyler this Fall. She has been attending Bible classes and worship here for some time and we are happy for her obedience.

Julia and Reagan are the daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. James Phillips. Barbara is the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Caskey. We welcome all of these into the fellowship of the church here.

THANK YOU NOTES

Words could never express the heart felt appreciation for the flowers, cards, visits, prayers and words of encouragement I received from you during my recent stay in the hospital. May God's blessings be yours. Mrs. Jim Willis

We wish to thank each of you for the interest and love shown during Bill's recent illness. We are thankful to be a part of this Christian congregation. The Bill Whitworths

The R. M. Mayos would like to say thank you for the visits and cards sent to their granddaughter while in the hospital.

THE SICK

Sister Lera Bennett is in Mother Frances and cannot have visitors at this time.

Sister Jo Mitchell, formerly of this congregation, underwent surgery Tuesday in Dallas.

TEENAGE CHRISTIAN CONTEST WINNERS

Teenage Christian, a magazine for teenagers from the publishers of Christian Chronicle, has announced the ten winners of their Advisory Council contest. Buddy Holland of this congregation and Shari-lea Verga of Garland, granddaughter of sister Lilla Tigert, have been selected for the Council. The articles they entered in the contest will be published in future issues.

PLEASE DO TAKE ADVANTAGE

Since this is vacation time some take advantage of it and forget all about the work here. We do not begrudge any one a vacation, but the Lord's work must go on whether we are present or absent. Due to the increase in our program of work, which includes the radio program and newspaper articles, each one of us needs to be faithful and regular to see that our contribution is here each Sunday.

Another thing some are doing is taking the Lord's Day evening off for relaxation and rest when they should be setting a good Christian example by being present for worship services. While some are doing this, others are sleeping late and making no effort to be at Bible classes on Lord's Day morning. How can we expect others to know what Christianity is and the joy of it, if they do not see it in us? We have a responsibility to God and His church, both Summer and Winter. Do you realize that many Bible lessons fall on deaf ears because your friends and mine are aware of how little we heed the lessons. There is too much at stake for us to take advantage of opportunities to stay away, fail to give, or set a good Christian example. Each of us should make a personal application and ask the question, "Is it I?" And if it is, no one can correct it except ourself. Do my friends and kinsmen believe that I love the Lord and His church? The answer is no, if we take advantage of every oppor-

tunity we can to stay away from worship and make no effort to save the lost or do good to our fellow-man. D.B.

TO COLORADO FOR TWO MEETINGS

The Brookshires left Thursday for two meetings in Colorado. The first in Mancos, where about three families worship. Services will be twice daily beginning Sunday through Friday. Saturday they will drive to Boulder and services will be conducted in Estes Park on Sunday morning and the meeting begins in Boulder Sunday evening to continue through Wednesday. They will appreciate your prayers for successful meetings and a safe return to Tyler the 17th of July.

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

While the Brookshires are in Colorado, brother Tom Jones will be speaking on the radio each day at 12:30 Noon and will preach Sunday morning and evening. Wednesday evening classes will meet as usual. Brother James Thompson will speak in the auditorium.

KEEPING MEMBERS INTERESTED...Contd. anything on their own. They have little leavening quality. Each Christian is supposed to let HIS INFLUENCE as "salt" and "light" move out to those about him.

"As the SPIRIT departs from the church there are desperate efforts to substitute for its various forms, ceremonies, organizations, and sundry activities." ... Gordon Teel

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DEAN BROOKSHIRE, Evangelist

## WORK OR IDLENESS, WHICH?

Work is defined as exertion of strength or faculties to accomplish something." The Bible has much to say about work. The Lord said, "Go work in my vineyard today." "He gave to each his own work." "We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works," "We are to abound in the work of the Lord," and each one of us shall be judged according to our works."

Living in the twentieth century with access to the many labor saving devices does not excuse us from the work the Lord has assigned us. There is still as much for the Christian to do as there ever was.

God created man to work. His assignment was to dress and keep the garden of Eden. After man's sin and fall the Lord told him, "In the sweat of his face he would eat bread." God has a stipulated price upon every excellence and it may be bought by work and perseverance. Everything desirable may be obtained by labor, while indolence or idleness brings misery, poverty and shame. Happiness may be found in work, but if you find a person who is idle and enjoys it you have found an abnormal person. Many men who have worked all of their lives begin to worry when they approach retirement, because they are afraid they will have nothing to do. Many of them turn to hobbies because they do not want to be idle.

Since God created man to work, he sins when he fails to do so. He sins against God, himself and society.

Able-bodied men are not to be parasites on society. Christians should not be parasites on the church. They should be contributors. We should not see how much we can get from the church, but how much we can give. Not how well we can be served, but how well we can serve. The Lord called us to labor and service and not to be idlers or drones.

An old proverb of "A clock that won't strike one shall not strike twelve" is applicable to us. If we will not work to do the little things how can we be expected to do the bigger things.

Brother T. B. Lowrimore wrote the following. . . "The best and purest are always busy. There is not a single star that dwells among heaven's shining hosts that has spent a day in idleness since God created it. There is scarce an insect, known to man, that has no work to do. By use, the magnet's power is increased; in idleness, it wanes. By use, metals are made to shine, while in idleness they rust. By constant flowing, water keeps in a clear and pure state, but when in idleness it stands, it forms a loathsome pool. By work the cheek is made to blush, which in idleness grows pale.

Spiritual indolence will cause our souls to be like the field of the sluggard; our talents must flow, or a stagnant lake is produced; our energies must be laid out or they will rust; our faculties must be employed or they will be paralyzed."

D.B.



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OUR RECORD  
Bible School Contribution  
June 14...398 June 14....\$1,079.50  
June 7....423 June 7.....\$1,216.74  
Year Ago..377 Year Ago...\$ 999.19

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Cone Birdwell  
Prayer.....Russell O'Bannon  
Dismiss.....Dudley Brookshire  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Ross Walker  
Prayer.....Charles Graf  
Dismiss.....Ramon Ivey

#### FUNERALS

Brother Brookshire's father, W. G. Brookshire, of Mt. Pleasant, passed away Monday evening after a lengthy illness. Funeral services were in Mt. Pleasant Wednesday at 10:00 A. M. At the same hour in Sulphur Springs, funeral services were conducted for Richard Pogue, great nephew of Sister Brookshire. We extend our deepest sympathy to all members of the families.

#### IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Johnnie Stringer and Mrs. Bessie Willis are in Medical Center. Bill Whitworth is in Mother Frances hospital. Mrs. Ruth Segrest, from Hico and a sister to Mrs. Marvin Jones is in Medical Center.

#### FROM THE MOSES

We received a short note from Tom and Jane Moses this week.

"We hated to leave our wonderful Christian friends in Tyler, but enjoyed our associations for the past two and one-half years. We will be thinking of you often and will be remembering you in our prayers."

Their new address is 2130 Waterloo Road, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

#### OMEN ROAD MEETING

The Television meeting of the Omen Road Church ends Friday evening. Brother Wayne Poucher is doing the preaching. He will preach at the Omen Road building Saturday and Sunday. Everyone is invited.

#### RADIO PROGRAM

Don't forget to listen and to encourage others to listen to our radio program each day at 12:30 - 12:45 Noon, Monday through Friday over station KTBB.

#### A GOOD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We enjoyed a good Vacation Bible School here at West Erwin last week. We averaged 259 in attendance, with 275 being the largest attendance on Tuesday. Almost 50 came that indicated they were not from the church of Christ. We feel that much good was accomplished.

#### OUR CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

We have had to re-order copies of the Bible Correspondence Course. If you have not received yours yet, you will in just a few days.

#### OUR MOST SINCERE THANKS

We want to thank you for your help during the most trying hours of our lives this week. Your deep concern, prayers, flowers, cards, calls and the food have all been most helpful. It is good to be a part of a congregation like West Erwin that is so willing to help bear your burdens. We do not have words to say what is in our hearts, so we just say thanks to each of you for being so kind to and considerate of us. May God bless you all.

The Dean Brookshires P. S. We hesitated to print our note of thanks in the same issue of the bulletin that contains the death notices, but due to Nelda's being away next week on vacation we did not want to wait two weeks.

#### INSPIRING THOUGHTS ON GIVING

"When we give as God teaches, we receive back the gift, with multiplied interest."

"In giving money, we are not deprived of the use of it, rather this is the use we prefer to make of it."

"The man who really wants to give, wants to give all he is able to give."

"We learn to love what we work for, and give to."

"We sing 'Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe,' then find it difficult to give as much as one tenth."

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#### A LION IN THE STREETS

"The sluggard saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion in the street." Proverbs 26:13.

Solomon wrote this proverb and the Holy Spirit saw fit to include it in the Bible. A sluggard is a lazy person who will not work. Yet he attempts to justify his inactivity by finding some reasons for not working.

Possible a few lions could be found in the wilderness but most unlikely in the street. When a man does not want to work, he can always find some excuse. Imaginary difficulties are just as effective as real ones if they cause the work to stop. The sluggard's family suffered as much as if the lion had been there.

Not all sluggards are dead yet, neither are Christians exempt. When there is work to be done and we begin to cry of the difficulties, we need to examine ourselves and see if it is really so or if we are too busy or that we do not have the ability to do the work or that we have already done our part. All of which may sound acceptable to us, but how does it sound to Christ? We need to do away with the lions in the street and open the way for the good work to be done for the Lord.

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"The diamond cannot be polished without friction, nor the man perfected without trials."

OUR MEETING WITH BROTHER GUY N. WOODS, AUGUST 23, 1964



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DEAN BROOKSHIRE, Evangelist

## YESTERDAY, TODAY AND TOMORROW

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry - Two days which we should keep free from fear and apprehension. One of these days is yesterday with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control. All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday. We cannot unto a single act we performed; we cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone!

The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow with its possible adversities, its burdens, its large promise and poor performance. Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control. Tomorrow's sun

will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds - - but it will rise. Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day - Today! Any man can fight the battles of just one day. It is only when you and I add the burden of those two awful eternities - yesterday and tomorrow - that we break down. It is not the experience of today that drives men mad. It is the remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring. Let us therefore, live but one day at a time. ...Selected

## BIBLE COURSE OFFERED BY MAIL

Last week we began to offer over the radio one of the best courses of study based on the Bible that is available. This is a correspondence course in 16 lessons, covering the entire Bible and giving many important facts about the Bible, especially the history of the Bible since the days of the Apostles. It would be good for every member of this congregation to take this course and tell your neighbors about the great success that you felt when you completed the course, because you had learned so much

from the Bible that you had wondered about for years or that you had never thought of. And you learned this BY YOURSELF FROM YOUR OWN BIBLE. You want to be a soul-winner for Jesus. You want to inherit eternal life. Remember that Jesus said in his prayer recorded in John 17:3, "This is eternal life, that they know thee, the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." Send us a card or call us at the building between 9:00 and 12:00 A.M. or 1:00 and 3:30 P.M.

T.A.J.

## OMEN ROAD TELEVISION MEETING

The Omen Road Church will conduct a meeting June 15-19 over KLTV Television from 9:00 until 10:00

P.M. Wayne Poucher will preach. You are encouraged to watch and tell your friends about the program.



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Bible School Contribution  
June 7....423 June 7.....\$1,216.74  
May 31....411 May 31.....\$1,092.59  
Year Ago..418 Year Ago...\$1,041.80

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY  
Announcements, Prayer... Roger Knight  
Prayer..... C. B. Hardin  
Dismiss..... Louis E. Jones

SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements, Prayer... Howard Holland  
Prayer..... C. R. Clough  
Dismiss..... Henry McRuiz

RESPONSES

We are very happy that Mr. Wayne Ray was baptized into Christ last Sunday evening. His family consists of his wife, Bobby Lou, and three small sons. He is employed at the Kelly-Springfield Plant.

Judy Holland wants to be identified with this congregation again. She is at home now after being away in school.

Mary Ann Heath confessed her sins Tuesday morning during the Vacation Bible School assembly. She asked forgiveness for the things she has said and done. We appreciate her courage and pray God's blessings upon her.

GLENWOOD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

You are invited to attend the Glenwood school next week. Classes for Preschool through 6th grade are from 9:00 until 11:00 A.M. Adult and Teenage classes will be at 7:30 each evening. Brother and sister

W. R. Smith will be teaching the adults.

THE SICK

The Ed Nauls are in the hospital in Jacksonville for a checkup. Bill Whitworth will have surgery Friday in Mother Frances.

Brother Brookshire's parents are ill. His father is in the hospital in Mt. Pleasant.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1964

The 1964 Vacation Bible School started Monday morning with 245 people eager to learn more of God's Son and Worship. Tuesday we had 275 in attendance. We were pleased with this beginning numberwise. We wish that more would attend, but we also realize that when all the facts are in and our total average comes to light, our school will be counted as a great success. Worship is difficult and the more that we study about it the better we will be able to worship in spirit and in truth. Brother Dan Danner has done an excellent job with the young people singing the little songs each morning. All the teachers have done their jobs well and we thank them for it, knowing that God has been glorified and is aware of their jobs well done. We would like to mention another vital man in making the school a success. Brother Butler has handled the parking situation and care of the building in an excellent fashion and in the best of spirits.

FINANCIAL REPORT - MAY 1964

Cash on hand May 1, 1964 \$1,606.51  
Deposits during May 1964 (Contb. \$5,762.07)  
(Other Churches \$ 90.00) \$5,852.07

Available for Expenditures

Expenditures:

Loan Payments:  
1st. Fed. Sav. & Loan \$711.75  
Coop. Sav. & Loan 75.00  
J. C. Wynne 100.00  
Trest Property 150.00  
F. M. Mathis 516.10 \$1,552.85

Benevolent and Mission  
Jerry Hill Support \$715.00  
Boles Home 50.00  
Tipton Home 50.00  
Sunny Glenn Home 50.00  
Herald of Truth 50.00  
Bible Chair 100.00  
Bill Lowry Support 40.00  
Radio Program 94.70  
Gospel Meeting (Hotel Exp. 21.64  
A Advertising 104.48 \$1,275.82

Materials, Supplies, Etc.  
Bible School Supplies \$157.12  
Utilities 216.50  
Telephone 51.31  
Insurance 60.00  
Office Supplies 103.24  
Flowers 11.55  
Song Books 943.85  
Postage 40.00  
Bldg. Maint. 100.65  
Misc. 44.61 \$1,728.83

Salaries \$1,834.31

Total Expenditures for May 1964 \$6,391.81  
Cash on hand May 31, 1964 \$1,066.77  
Total Funds accounted for \$7,458.58

YOU ARE A KEY PERSON

Xvzn though my typx writxr is an old modxl it works quitx wxll xxxcpt for onx of thx kxys. I havx wishxd many timxs that it workxd pxxfxctly. It is trux that thxrx arx forty-six kxys that function, but just onx kxy not working makxs thx dif-fxrnx.

Somxtimxs it sxms to mx that thx church is somxwhat likx my typx-writxr - not all thx pxx-plx arx working propxxly.

You may say to yoursxlf "Wxll, I am only onx pxx-son. I won't makx or brxak a program." But it doxs makx a big diffxr-nxex bxxcaxx for thx church to bx xffxctivx wx nxxd thx participation of xvxybody.

So thx nxxt timx you think you arx only onx pxxrson and that your xff-orts arx not nxxdxd, rx-mxnbxr my typxxritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I am a kxy pxxrson in this outfit and I am nxxdxd vxry much." . . . Selected



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## CALENDAR OF SERVICES SUNDAY

|                       |            |                       |             |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Bible School .....    | 9:30 A. M. | Morning Worship ..... | 10:20 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. |
| (Sept. Thru May)         |             |                     |            |

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### WE NEED PUPILS

Our Vacation Bible School begins next Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock and our greatest need right now is pupils. The teachers have had their material for about two months and they are well prepared to teach the lessons, but to accomplish the most good we need all the pupils we can get to hear these lessons.

The subjects to be taught are about worship. There are no lessons we need to know more about than worship. We will be studying the following, Singing, Praying, Teaching, Giving and the Lord's Supper.

We have arranged classes for all ages and it is hoped that every member will feel his responsibility in attending and inviting others to attend. We can have an adult class of more than one hundred if all, who can, will attend. Then, if all the adults will invite, either their adult friends or neighbor's children, and bring them we can have the highest attendance in this church's history.

Will you help us provide the pupils for the School? The best way to do it is by starting with

yourself and spreading your influence out to your friends. Many have been won to Christ through Vacation Bible Schools. This writer has known of several instances where people got acquainted with the church through Vacation Bible Schools and later became obedient to the gospel.

Our duty is to teach and be taught. If you cannot teach you can bring some to teachers who can teach them and you can come and be taught. Let us not take our school lightly and say it is for the children and teachers, because it is not. It is for ALL of us.

If possible, let us go beyond anything we have ever done in teaching. Let us demonstrate more love, zeal, enthusiasm and interest than we have ever done before.

If you cannot attend because of illness or having to work away from home, please pray for the school. We are going to have to work hard, if we have a good school. The Lord is depending on you and so are we, because we just cannot have our best school without your help.

D.B.

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\* V A C A T I O N B I B L E S C H O O L \*  
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\* June 8th through 12th \*  
\* 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. \*  
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\* C L A S S E S F O R A L L A G E S \*  
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WEST ERWIN VISITOR  
Thursday June 4, 1964

| O U R R E C O R D |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Bible School      | Contribution          |
| May 31....386     | May 31.....\$1,137.28 |
| May 24....411     | May 24.....\$1,092.59 |
| Year Ago..440     | Year Ago...\$1,076.83 |

WELCOME

Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Jones, home from ACC for the summer, will be living with Dewitt's parents at 3418 Cope. They will work and worship with us this Summer. Dewitt will be working at Tyler Pipe and Foundry and Prissy will attend Tyler Junior College.

CONGRATULATIONS

Billy and Juanice Wells are the proud parents of a baby girl born last Sunday morning. They have named her Connie Jo. The grandparents are brother and sister B. M. Wells.

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of F. M. Mathis acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy and every act of kindness in visitation and food served to the family.

Brother and Sister Russell O'Bannon express to you their thanks for the calls, cards, and all of the remembrances of them during his illness.

LISTEN TO KTEB 12:30 - 12:45 NOON

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY  
Announcements, Prayer...K. Max Haws  
Prayer.....T.J. Parsons  
Dismiss.....Dewitt Jones  
SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements, Prayer...M. M. Haws  
Prayer.....John Brem  
Dismiss.....Fred Strait

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SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER IN JUNE

The men selected to serve the Lord's Supper for June are as follows: Tommy Parsons, Jerry Hughes, Bob Butler, Jerry Rhodes, Herbert Brookshire, David Drennan, David Hannah, Ronny Robbins, Ramon Ivey and Gary Terrell. Alternates are Billy Tigert and R. V. Threadgill. Serving Sunday evenings for the month are J. D. Brem and C. E. Caskey. Alternate is C. R. Clough.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Sister Floyia Payne had minor surgery Wednesday morning. She is in Medical Surgical Clinic.

CHANGE OF TIME

The televised meeting to be conducted by the Omen Road church is June 15-19. Brother Wayne Poucher will do the preaching. It was first advertized that the meeting would be at 7:30 P.M., but it has been changed to 9:00 each evening.

GOSPEL MEETING

There will be a meeting in Brownsboro June 8 - 14. Brother Mason Adair will be preaching. Services at 7:30 P. M. You are invited.

WORSHIP

The theme of our Vacation Bible School this year is God's Son and Worship. The fact that today we can worship God and pray to Him without such rituals as incense and blood sacrifices of bulls and goats is the result of God's son. He died for all and has paid the price, offered THE SACRIFICE once and for all for all times. Worship is something that you do. It is also an experience. In worship there is a giving and a receiving. Unless you the worshipper have somewhat to offer then you will not receive God's blessings that come through worship. Worship is not a play or like a picture show that we go and watch. We must participate. We, as Americans in the United States, seem to like spectator sports, but we must develop another attitude when it comes to worship. In order

for you to worship, you must sing from the heart. You must say the "amen" to the public prayer, you must eat the Bread and drink the Wine. You must study with your mind the scriptures. You must give of your time and money. You must do all of these things to the best of YOUR ability. It matters not what others think or say, if you are active and sincere in your worship, God will be pleased. Remember, we meet on the Lord's Day for the Christian's benefit, in order that, he might worship with other Christians. There may be others at the worship service who are not Christians, but they are visitors. On the Lord's Day we meet to worship God through His son. The church is God's people. They meet to worship Him. ...Tom Jones

IS PRAYER DEPENDENT ON HUMILITY?

Imagine an arrogant prayer? Impossible!

God has said, "Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God."

David wrote, "God forgetteth not the cry of the humble." In the 138th Psalm the writer said, "Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly."

It is when life knocks us to our knees that we are in the best po- \* \* \* \* \*

sition to pray. He who feels no need for prayer, has need of at least one vital prayer: a prayer for humility. Some people have come to feel that prayer is less necessary since the invention of penicillin, but they change their mind when they reach the state of Abraham Lincoln when he said, "I have been driven to my knees many times by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go." Wyatt Sawyer

WE NEED - Faith in sorrow; Courage in trials; prayer in reverses; His presence in disappointments, joyous service through our worries, inner peace in adversity, bright hope in sickness, His hand in Death.

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WEDNESDAY

|                          |             |                     |            |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------|------------|
| Ladies Bible Class ..... | 10:00 A. M. | Bible Classes ..... | 7:30 P. M. |
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(Sept. Thru May)

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## BIBLE CLASSES ARE DESTRUCTIVE

For those among us who are seeking for ways to justify their failure to attend the Bible classes planned and directed by the elders, the title above may well provide them with another excuse! But read further, beloved brethren. The statement is true. Regular attendance in a Bible class will certainly destroy some things, but these are things that the Lord wants destroyed!

Bible classes destroy ignorance. Ignorance has ever been opposed to godly living. God said of the people of Hosea's day, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." (Hos. 4:6). Ignorance was one of the sins that crucified the Lord (Acts 3:17). Countless people today are separated from God because of ignorance. Untold members in the church are worthless to the Cause because of their lack of knowledge. How imperative it is for us to use every opportunity to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." (2 Pet. 3:18). People who regularly attend Bible classes find that ignorance in their lives is slowly, but always surely, being supplanted by knowledge.

There are other things which are destroyed through knowledge gained by individuals who study the Bible in well planned classes. Lukewarm-

ness and slothfulness are often eliminated from the lives of people who are diligent in this activity. God has told us that lukewarm souls are sickening to Him and that laziness will condemn us eternally. He requires that we be "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord" (Rom. 12:11). Have you ever known any in the church who are really "fervent in spirit" who attend only Sunday morning worship service, or perhaps both services on the Lord's Day, but do not attend the Bible classes? Honestly, I have not! Those in the church that I have known who have been characterized by work, service to others, sincere interest in the kingdom, desire to save others, or deep love for the brotherhood, have without exception been also vitally interested in gaining and giving more knowledge of God through participation in the Bible study program of the church! Brethren think on these things.

The Bible is truly a sword, that cuts both ways. It gives us hope of life beyond the grave, but also convicts us of our sins and shortcomings. Let us never be guilty of wilfully depriving ourselves of much needed knowledge!

Will you be among those who will be present at Bible classes Sunday?

. . . Earl Danley

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\* LISTEN TO RADIO STATION KTBB MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY AT 12:30 NOON \*  
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WEST ERWIN VISITOR

Thursday May 28, 1964

O U R R E C O R D

|               |                       |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| Bible School  | Contribution          |
| May 24....411 | May 24.....\$1,092.59 |
| May 17....390 | May 17.....\$1,245.10 |
| Year Ago..410 | Year Ago...\$1,007.18 |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MAY 31, 1964

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Announcements, Prayer.... | Jamon Kirby  |
| Prayer.....               | M. B. Beard  |
| Dismiss.....              | B. E. Walker |

SUNDAY EVENING

|                                       |
|---------------------------------------|
| Announcements, Prayer, Howard Holland |
| Prayer..... Austin Giesecke           |
| Dismiss..... Phillip Browning         |

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

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

Mrs. Harold L. White and Sons

MORE MOVING

Tom Moses, who has been away in training for a new job, will be back for his family in a few days. They are moving to Waterloo, Iowa.

The James Ray McSwains are moving to Lufkin about the first of June.

The Don Gilberts are moving to Austin.

All three of these families have been of great value to us in the Lord's work here. To say that we will miss them will be putting it mildly. Our loss will be others gain and we wish for all of them happiness and the success they anticipate. We are thankful they came our way for a few years.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-JUNE 8 - 12

THE SICK

Little Jana McRuiz will enter Medical Center Sunday for tests. The R. M. Mayo's granddaughter had surgery in Medical Center Thursday.

Sister Etha McCord's father, Mr. New is in Medical Center.

Mrs. W. H. Turner is in Medical Center.

Brother Russell O'Bannon will go home today from the hospital.

Remember all of these when you pray.

MORE SPRING GRADUATES

Sonja Aven Haynes graduated from John Tyler High School and Travis Aven graduated with honors from East Texas State College. He will be employed by Texaco Laboratories In Houston.

Ronny Lowrance graduated from Tyler Junior College.

Joyce Venable received an Associate in Business degree from Tyler Junior College.

Congratulations to all.

CONGRATULATIONS to Benton and Kay Hardin. They have a new baby girl.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Brother J.D. Walker of Athens will preach in Chandler June 1 - 7 daily at 7:45.

Brother Rayburn Darnell will preach at Whitehouse June 5 - 7 at 7:30 week nights. 6:00 o'clock on Sunday.

SINGINGS: -- Arp - Sunday - 2:30 P.M.  
Gilmer - Sunday - 2:30 P.M.

WHAT DOTH HINDER ME

This question was asked by the eunuch when he learned about Christ and saw a place where he could be baptized, but I want to make another application of this question.

What doth hinder me from attending Bible classes? I use to attend, but I quit. The teaching staff is as good as we have ever had, the rooms are more comfortable than they once were and the lessons are as applicable as ever. What hinders me now? Is it indifference? Do I stay up so late Saturday night I do not feel like getting up and in class by 9:30? Have I just lost

interest?

Each one knows why he does not attend. The Lord does too. Is the Lord pleased with you? There is no reason why we cannot have 500 each Lord's Day if the members will come and set a Christian example.

If the Lord measures us by our interest in Bible classes, do you not suppose that he has already spewed us out of his mouth? If he has not already done so, how much longer will it be before he does? Not long, I am sure, if we keep neglecting one of the plainest commandments in the New Testament.

D.B.

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DIAMONDS AND CORN

Generally speaking, there is no comparison to be made between the value of a diamond and that of a grain of corn, yet all depends on the disposition you make of corn. Put both of them away, and at the end of a hundred years the grain of corn will still have no money value, while the diamond's value, running up into the hundreds of dollars, will be undiminished. At the end of ten times a hundred years the same thing will be true. But suppose, instead, we bury the grain in the warm, moist earth, and year after year throughout the centuries

let it go on producing and re-producing. In that time it will have produced a store that the whole earth could hardly contain. Its production represents a money value that makes the diamond's price not more than an atom in comparison.

To have saved the grain of corn would have been to lose all it was capable of producing. "Except a grain of wheat fall in the ground, and die, it abideth alone." Brother, to save your gift from God may seem to be the prudent thing, but let me tell you that in the end it will mean loss. . . . Selected

A DATE TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 23, 1964 IS THE DATE FOR OUR MEETING WITH BROTHER GUY N. WOODS.



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### SUNDAY

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### WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class ..... 10:00 A. M. Bible Classes ..... 7:30 P. M.  
(Sept. Thru May)

DEAN BROOKSHIRE, Evangelist

## POSTURE OF PRAYER

When I was a young man in school in Tennessee, I ask a man, who was sitting on the front pew, to lead us as we prayed, but he asked to be excused. The man did not lead the prayer because he believed the only way a man could pray was at home in his closet. He took Jesus' statement literally. He thought that was the way to pray.

Some think there is only one way to pray and that is kneeling. Do not misunderstand, no one is opposed to one kneeling when he prays, but is opposed to him trying to bind that posture on everyone else. If he wants to kneel then he should do so. If he believes he should kneel when he prays, he ought to sit some place where he can conveniently kneel. If he says he will not kneel because others do not and it would make him too conspicuous, then there is room to doubt his sincerity in believing that kneeling is the only position one can be in at the time of prayer.

Some brethren say we ought to kneel and are not consistent in what they teach. They do not kneel when they pray for the food on their table. They do not kneel when the congregation is dismissed. Many times they do not kneel in sick rooms. They pray while driving down the road sitting in a car. When Jesus taught his disciples to pray, the posture is not even mentioned. If it is as important as some say, why did Jesus not mention it.

Let us consider some postures of prayer. In I Chron. 23:30, David appointed the Levites to, "Stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and likewise at even." In Psa. 143:6, David said, "I will stretch forth my hands unto thee..." This does not say whether kneeling or standing. In I Tim. 2:8, "I will therefore that men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands without wrath and doubting." Isa. 1:15, also says they spread forth their hands when they prayed. Neither does this say whether they were kneeling or standing. Luke 18:13, "And the Publican, standing afar off would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying God be merciful to me a sinner." I have seen men kneeling, standing, and prostrate when praying but I have never seen one smiting his breast. Would it not be scriptural to do so?

2 Chron. 6:13, Solomon "kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel and spread forth his hands toward heaven." Acts 7:60 Stephen, "kneeled down and cried with a loud voice, Lord lay not this sin to their charge. In Matt. 26:29, Jesus fell on his face and prayed, but in Luke 22:41, he knelt down and prayed.

If we study the posture of prayed in the light of God's Word we will find that it is not as much the posture one is in when he prays, but the attitude of the heart. One thing we all agree on is that we do not pray often enough and are not as reverent as we should be when we pray. D.B.



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THE WEST ERWIN CHURCH

Thursday May 21, 1964

| <u>Bible Class</u> | <u>Contribution</u>   |
|--------------------|-----------------------|
| May 17....390      | May 17.....\$1,245.10 |
| May 10....405      | May 10.....\$1,002.10 |
| Year Ago..418      | Year Ago...\$1,168.21 |

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements, Prayer...Cone Birdwell  
 Prayer.....W. H. Turner  
 Dismiss.....Fred Strait  
SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements, Prayer....Ross Walker  
 Prayer.....L. L. Gann  
 Prayer.....Chuck Cauthen

WELCOME TO OUR FELLOWSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Gaston were baptized last Lord's Day. Their address is 1526 N. Winona, telephone Ly 2-4775. Brother Gaston works for Cotton Belt Railroad as an Engineer. Sister Gaston's name is Mavys and she is a homemaker.

WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gilbert Venable request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Joyce Gilene to Mr. Henry Carl Trimble III, on Friday the fifth of June, 1964 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening at the Glenwood Church of Christ. Reception following at the Tyler Junior College Bible Chair.

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOLERS

In Vacation Bible School this year all Teenagers are invited to attend the two classes formerly called Jr. High. Sisters Naomi and Mary Haws have the girls class and Dan Danner will teach the boys. Be sure to attend.

T.A.J.

MARRIED

Wedding ceremonies were performed out of town last Saturday for Mary Ann Heath and Donald McCurley, and for Linda Heath and Dewayne Henry. Mary Ann and Donald plan to make their home in Chandler and Linda and Dewayne are living in Cut and Shoot, Texas. We extend our wishes for much happiness.

THE SICK

Brother Russell O'Bannon is in Medical Center. He is doing well after surgery last Wednesday.

Brother Brookshire's mother, Mrs. W. G. Brookshire is in the hospital in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Sister Myrtle Tucker has been ill in Jacksonville. If you would like to send a card, her address is 645 Madison, Jacksonville, Texas.

FUNERAL

Brother F. M. Mathis, one of our elders, passed away Wednesday evening about 7:30. Brother Mathis' health had been failing for some time. He served the West Erwin church from 1918 until he was restricted by poor health. Those who knew him best and longest say that his work was invaluable during the depression years. He, along with one or two others, kept the financial part of the church up by supplying what was lacking in the way of building payments and the preacher's support. All of us will miss him. We are thankful for his contribution to the church over a span of 46 years. We extend our sympathy to his wife and all of his loved ones.

ANOTHER TITHING TRUTH

Often it is asked, "Where does the Bible teach tithing?" and we answer: From Genesis to Revelation!

The basic principles underlying the New Testament doctrine of stewardship are found throughout the Bible. The Old Testament taught exact tithing as a means of stewardship in a number of passages. Read Genesis 28:20-22, Leviticus 27:30-34, and Malachi 3:8-10. If you remark that this was all part of the Law of Moses we would first reply that Jacob had never heard of the Law of Moses when he promised to tithe, nor had Abraham (Genesis 14:20). We would also remind you that tithing was strictly practiced by the Jews when Christ came and for this He never rebuked them, but complimented them for this part, of

their observance of the Law (Matt. 23:23).

Jesus had more to say about the right use of possessions than any other single subject. There are 1,565 references to giving in the Bible. At least twenty or thirty of Jesus' major parables, and one verse out of seven in the four gospels, relate to man's attitude toward property.

Even so, the Christian tithes (or more than tithes), not because of the demands of the law, but because of the complusion of his love for Christ. If one loves Christ for saving his soul he will show it in real Christian stewardship. A better question: Where does the Bible teach less than a tithe?

... Martel Pace

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THE EMPTY CHAIR

The tragedy of the empty chair is too often repeated in Bible Class. You are missed. You miss the lesson. You miss the fellowship. You miss the spiritual food just as essential to spiritual growth as bread to your physical growth.

Just as tragic is the poor example for others. You may be a stumbling block because of your neglect. It is bad to lead someone to sin, but it is just as bad to stand in their way of doing good. Why not resolve now that there will

not be a single empty chair in Bible class due to you.

Come and others will come too! You may be a living example. We lose altitude like a falling brick when we forsake the assembly. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another, and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Heb. 10:25).

...Robert Bankes

ATTEND BIBLE STUDY!!!

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 \* JUNE 8 THROUGH 12 \*  
 \* VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL \*  
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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are planning to have one of our best Vacation Bible Schools ever, here June 8 - 12. But in order to do this we will need the co-operation of all who are in position to help with the school. The teachers have already been selected and they have had the material for several weeks and we are sure of some fine lessons being taught.

We need workers other than the teachers. We need men and women who will furnish transportation for children who would like to come if they were invited and furnished transportation. If you will get out and do some inviting just around your home, on your street or near by, you will find some boys and girls who would like to come. In a way you are helping to teach when you do this. Why not begin now to invite your neighbors and their children to attend our school this year.

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## VBS TEACHERS MEETING

There will be an IMPORTANT meeting for all Vacation Bible School teachers Tuesday evening at 7:30. This will be the only meeting before the school. All Vacation Bible School Teachers are urged to be present.

LISTEN TO KTBB MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

12:30 - 12:45 Noon

There will be classes for all ages. The subject this year is worship. There is hardly a subject we need to study more and learn to do better than that of worship. We are worshipping creatures, yet it is one of the hardest things we have to learn to do. In fact, it is so hard that many never learn how to worship although they are present practically every Lord's Day.

This school can certainly enrich our lives if we will come with the attitude of wanting to learn how to worship Scripturally, how to commune with God and derive the strength and enjoyment intended for us.

Some members of the church let opportunity after opportunity pass by without ever trying to improve themselves or of winning others to Christ. Another great opportunity will be yours, the Lord willing, June 8 - 12. Do not let it pass by too, it might be your last one.

D.B.

## SYMPATHY

As this bulletin goes to print, we have received word that brother Tommy White's brother passed away this morning in Amarillo. We have no further details.



THE WEST ERWIN VISITOR

Thursday May 14, 1964

O U R R E C O R D

Bible Class Contribution  
 May 10....405 May 10.....\$1,002.10  
 May 3.....434 May 3.....\$1,159.00  
 Year Ago..408 Year Ago...\$ 917.74

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements, Prayer, James Phillips  
 Prayer.....Darrell Holt  
 Dismiss.....Jerry Hughes

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements, Prayer...C. B. Hardin  
 Prayer.....Willie Freeman  
 Dismiss.....Bruce Raley

THE SICK

Brother Frank Mathis remains in Medical Center. His condition is about the same. Also in Medical Center are Pete Wallace and Frank Smith.

Brother R. L. Trentham is in the Lisbon Hospital in Dallas. He had eye surgery again last Thursday.

Mrs. Ruth Bryant (Ruth Myers) had surgery in Memphis, Tenn. Wednesday morning. Her condition is considered serious.

SINGING PRACTICE AT OMEN ROAD

There is a practice singing session each Monday evening at the Omen Road building. This is in preparation for their Television Meeting in June with brother Wayne Poucher. The meeting will be held at the television station and there will be room for about 150 singers. This is an opportunity for all who can sing to have a part in this work. Plan to attend Monday at 7:30.

THE ABSENTEE

"Someone is absent," the Shepherd said,

As over my class book He bent His head;

"For several Sunday absent, too,  
 So tell Me, Teacher, what did you do?"

"I didn't call as perhaps I should,  
 I wrote some cards, but they did no good.

I've never heard and she never came,  
 So I decided to drop her name."

He answered gravely, "A flock was mine,

A hundred...no, there were ninety and nine;...

For one was lost in the dark and cold;

So I sought that sheep which had left the fold.

"The path was stony and edged with thorns;

My feet were wounded, and bruised and torn,

But I kept on seeking, nor counted the cost;

And, oh, the joy when I found the lost!"

Thus spake the Shepherd in tender tone,

I looked and lo. . .I was alone,  
 But God a vision had sent to me.

To show His will toward the absentee  
 . . .Author Unknown

THANK YOU NOTE

The Willis' wish to express their thanks to all who visited and sent cards and flowers during Joe's recent stay in the hospital.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRESCHOOL

Nursery.....Lillie Knight  
 2 Years.....Juanita Graf  
                   Jo Welch  
                   Thelma Henley  
 3 Years.....Virgellyne Shuford  
                   Margaret Franklin  
 4 Years.....June O'Bannon  
                   Pam Wallace  
 5 Years.....Marion Rowe  
                   Veda Mae Giesecke  
                   Pam Stringer

PRIMARY

1st Grade.....Pauline Jones  
                   Delle Bullard  
                   Beatrice Holland  
                   Daisy Old  
 2nd Grade.....Margaret Montgomery  
                   Johnny Stringer  
                   Molly Ferguson  
                   Arenia Clough  
 3rd Grade.....Katie Heath  
                   Vickie McCarley  
                   Mary Ann Heath  
                   Faye Freeman

JUNIOR

4th Grade.....Bertha Byrd  
                   Adelia Scogins  
 5th Grade.....Audrey O'Bannon  
                   Laverne Keith  
 6th Grade.....Bertha Rushing  
                   Maurine Brookshire

TEENAGE

Jr. High.....Mary Haws  
 Girls          Naomi Haws  
 Jr. High.....Dan Danner  
 Boys          Dudley Brookshire

ADULTS.....Dean Brookshire

June 8th through 12th.  
 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.  
 Devotional 9:00 - 9:15  
 Class 9:15 - 10:00  
 Recess 10:00 - 10:15  
 Class 10:15 - 11:00

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## THE ELECTION

The election is past. Suppose you as a member of the church had to run for church membership each year and the election depended upon what you had done for Christ during the past "term." Suppose it depended upon your attendance at Wednesday evening worship, Sunday evening or Bible School? How would you like to make a speech about your "record" in regard to these matters? If you were compiling the actual facts for a speech, do you think anyone else would consider them impressive? Would you be willing to say concerning the mid-week attendance, "My past accomplishments speak for themselves?" How about taking a pen and setting down the figures of your contribution for each week of

last year? Would you be willing to give that total to the "campaign manager" and let him make it public, or would you be ashamed to have others know your record in this regard? As you make your speech, if you are going to be factual be sure to mention those calls you failed to make on the sick. Then there are all those people you do not ask to attend church services and those shady deals of sin in which you engaged. The likelihood is you wouldn't want these made public. It would really be too bad to have your record speak for itself. Think you will be elected? God knows the answer.

Taken from Northside Bulletin  
Abilene, Texas

## SEEDS OF THE KINGDOM

We have fifty copies of the Guatemala lectureship book called "Seeds of the Kingdom." There are three or four lectures in this book worth the entire cost of the book which is \$3.00. These books belong to the brethren in Guatemala and profits from them go to help defray the expenses of the lectureship held there last Fall. Bro. Lemmons left these books with us and ask us to help sell them as the brethren in Guatemala still owe about \$200.00 on the expenses incurred by the lectureship. I have the books in my office and you will thrill at reading the work of Missionaries.

D.B.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-JUNE 8 - 12

## CONGRATUALTIONS TO OUR SENIORS

We extend congratulations to our Seniors. The following are graduating from High School this year: Buddy Holland, Ronnie Robbins, Bob Butler, Herbert Brookshire, Ela Brett, Linda Porter, Steve Sublette, James Mangum, and Jerry Rhodes.

## ROTARY AWARD

Pamela Stringer received the Rotary Young Citizen's Award. She is graduating from Roberts Jr. High School. Congratulations Pam.

## 100% CLASSES

One class was 100% in attendance last Lord's Day. It was the 10th grade taught by Ben Young and Don O'Bannon.



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OUR RECORD

|               |                      |
|---------------|----------------------|
| Bible Classes | Contribution         |
| May 3.....434 | May 3.....\$1,159.00 |
| April 26..340 | April 26..\$1,084.65 |
| Year Ago..435 | Year Ago..\$1,176.09 |

THANK YOU NOTE

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

RESTORED

Brother Walter Clyburn was restored to fellowship last Sunday evening. The Clyburns live at 2102 Bradshaw Drive. He is pland supervisor for Ideal Bakery.

BUSINESS MEETING

Next Lord's Day afternoon at 3:30 is the time for our business meeting for the month of May. Let us make it one hundred percent of the elders and deacons if at all possible. However, all men are invited and encouraged to attend. We should come with some ideas and plans to reach the lost, the erring and the ones who have moved in, but have not placed membership. There is a great deal of work to do and all we need is better organization and more enthusiasm. Men, come bring your ideas and offer yourself as a workman.

THE SICK

Brother Mathis is in Medical Center.

A. B. "Pete" Wallace and his son Richard, are in Medical Center.

Joe Willis had surgery Wednesday. He is in the Overton Hospital.

Frank Smith entered Medical Center Wednesday for treatment.

Henry Holland is in Glenwood Clinic. He hopes to go home Thursday or Friday.

Mrs. John Henry Mitchell Jr. (Jo) is in The Chester Clinic, 3330 S. Lancaster Blvd. Dallas, Texas, for treatment. She would enjoy a card or letter from some of us.

MINNEAPOLIS, ST PAUL CAMPAIGN

The Vandelia Village Church in Lubbock is sponsoring a series of gospel meetings in the Twin Cities of Minnesota, July 26-August 14 this Summer with bro. Thomas Warren doing the preaching, bro. Eugene Groome directing personal work and bro. Bob Hoover directing the singing. The meeting will be held in the Minneapolis Armory. There are 5 congregations of about 200 members in the Twin Cities of 2,000,000 and many workers from the South are needed to help in the door to door work, such as handing out tracts, invitations, etc. If any from here would like to help in the effort in Minnesota this Summer write to Bob Hoover, 2002 60th St., Lubbock, Texas.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 8 through 12

McKNIGHT FILMS

The series of lessons on personal work by Mid McKnight are being well received. We are half way through the series and if you can see the remaining part you will be benefitted. Some cottage meeting training work has already come out of the lessons we have heard. Be present and learn how to teach a class or arrange one in your home.

5:00 O'CLOCK CLASSES

Some of the parents and children are getting slack about the 5:00 P. M. classes. As parents let us encourage our children to be here.

GET-TOGETHER IN CANTON

The area-wide dinner for preachers, elders, deacons, members and their wives will be at Canton, Monday night, May 18 at 7:30. If any from here can go, please advise bro. Brookshire so he can make reservations.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - April 1964

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Cash on hand April 1, 1964       | \$2,197.47 |
| Deposits during April 1964       |            |
| (Contributions \$4,726.87)       |            |
| (Other Churches 65.00)           | 4,791.87   |
| Available for Expenditures       | \$6,989.34 |
| Expenditures                     |            |
| <u>Loan Payments</u>             |            |
| 1st. Fed. Sav. & Loan            | 711.75     |
| Coop. Sav. & Loan                | 75.00      |
| J. C. Wynne                      | 100.00     |
| Trest Property                   | 150.00     |
| <u>Benevolent and Mission</u>    | \$1,036.75 |
| Jerry Hill                       |            |
| (W. Erwin 625.00)                |            |
| (Other Churches 90.00)           | 715.00     |
| Bill Lowery                      | 40.00      |
| Boles Home                       | 50.00      |
| Tipton Home                      | 50.00      |
| Sunny Glenn Home                 | 50.00      |
| Herald of Truth                  | 50.00      |
| Bible Chair                      | 100.00     |
| Gospel Meeting                   | 250.00     |
| Advertising                      | 27.00      |
| <u>Materials, Supplies, Etc.</u> | \$1,332.00 |
| Utilities                        | 188.90     |
| Bible School Supplies            | 255.76     |
| Insurance                        | 60.00      |
| Bldg. Maint. & Imp.              | 501.55     |
| Flowers                          | 11.86      |
| Office Supplies                  | 6.25       |
| Communion Supplies               | 17.00      |
| Misc.                            | 21.09      |
| Postage                          | 40.00      |
| Telephone                        | 38.22      |
| Salaries                         | \$1,140.63 |
| Withholding Tax                  | \$1,417.85 |
|                                  | 455.60     |
| Total Expenditures               | \$5,382.83 |
| Cash on hand April 30, 1964      | \$1,606.51 |
| Total Funds Accounted for        | \$6,989.34 |



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## CALENDAR OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

|                       |            |                       |             |
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| Bible School .....    | 9:30 A. M. | Morning Worship ..... | 10:20 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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(Sept. Thru May)

DEAN BROOKSHIRE, Evangelist



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## CONCERNING THE WORLDS FAIR . . . The Exhibit of the Church

We were highly pleased with the first day's effort. There were well over 1,000 who came in the exhibit. Several signed up for Bible Courses, and others asked very sincere questions. One man asked a counselor, "What should I do to be saved?" The counselor replied, "That's the most important question you'll ever ask," and then they had a long private conversation. People of all religions and nationalities have registered, and we are amazed at the comparative lack of prejudice among those who have come in. Much less than is found in the South.

One 12 year old boy was very interested - he told a counselor that he went to church but that he didn't think the people acted right - they cursed, drank, etc., - so the counselor had a serious talk with him. The boy lives about 50 miles from Albany, and the counselor lives in Albany, so that was a happy coincidence. The boy is interested in the invitation of the counselor in going to Summer Camp.

Many, many took literature. One woman asked if she might take some to send to her sister in California. In fact, we ran out of literature and had to get a new supply.

We are amazed at the talent, perseverance, and enthusiasm of the ones who have worked on the project. They are a dedicated group, and it really makes one humble to realize that a group of 66 Christians at the Queens church would have the vision and faith to undertake a task of such magnitude. Of course, they knew they would have to have help, and for all assistance they are deeply grateful.

It does seem that this is the opportunity that the Church has needed and that we've prayed for to take the Gospel to the lost. We're hoping that Christians everywhere will be praying for the efforts of the workers - certainly this is an opportunity we've never had before.

. . . This is an excerpt from a letter written to Jan Knight from her mother, Mrs. Loyd N. Rutledge. Brother Rutledge is one of the men in charge of personal workers at the exhibit of the Church.

## CHORUS TO SING AT GLENWOOD

You are invited to hear the chorus of the Christian College of the Southwest. This is a new Jr. College near Garland, Texas. The 30 member chorus will sing at the Glenwood building Monday evening at 7:30.

## A GOOD RECORD

Sister Margaret Talley came to worship with us three years ago, May 7. During this time she has not been absent from Bible Class or Worship. We think this is a good record.

THE WEST ERWIN VISITOR

Thursday - April 30, 1964

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Church Membership. . . . .504

O U R R E C O R D

| Bible Classes | Contribution         |
|---------------|----------------------|
| April 26..340 | April 26..\$1,084.65 |
| April 19..451 | April 19..\$1,390.90 |
| Year Ago..441 | Year Ago..\$1,103.97 |

THANK YOU NOTES

Words alone are inadequate to express our gratitude to you for the beautiful floral offering which you sent for the funeral of our brother Luther Qualls, so we can only say many thanks. Yours in Christ,  
Earl and Ruby Degge

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

The family of A. H. Laben

FUNERAL SERVICES

We extend our deepest sympathy to sister Iavern Keith and her family. Her grandmother, Mrs. Waller, passed away last Sunday afternoon.

Our sympathy to the Luther Gieger family. Brother Gieger's father passed away Tuesday and funeral services were Thursday afternoon in Talco, Texas

THE SICK

Brother Frank Smith may go home today(Thursday)from Mother Frances.

Brother Frank Mathis entered Medical Center Tuesday.

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Ross Walker  
Prayer.....Oscar Becker  
Dismiss.....Tommy Parsons  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....P. E. Mackey  
Prayer.....T. J. Parsons  
Dismiss.....David Drennan

TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men selected to serve the Lord's Supper for the month of May are as follows: North Side - Tommy Woltman, Jerry Bailey, James Sublette, Chuck Cauthen and Phillip Browning. South Side - Buddy Holland, Layton Bailey, Steve, Sublette, Wilmer Little and Dean Bailey. Serving Sunday evenings for the month are Virgil Robbins and Bruce Raley.

NEW FAMILY

Due to lack of space last week we only mentioned the name of the Parris family that is now worshipping with us. Brother Parris is a shutin and cannot come often. Sister Parris works for General Electric and her name is Mildred. The children are Betsy, in Boulter Jr. High; June, in John Tyler; and Robert(Sparky) in T.J.C. They have all enrolled in Bible Classes and we are happy to have them. We hope to have enough space in the future to tell more about new people who worship with us. This is the first issue of the enlarged bulletin. We hope to bring you more news of interest and articles from others.

THE SEAL OF THE CHRISTIAN

A seal is a mark indicating ownership or authority. The government marks official documents with a seal to indicate that they are legal and authoritative. Likewise, God has a seal placed on the Christian. It is not as some think, baptism, but it is what the Lord gives at the point of baptism, the Holy Spirit. With this Holy Spirit a person knows and others know that this is a child of God.

This spirit is characterized by love, not a sentimental, sticky feeling that makes your heart throb but an earnest willing and doing of that which is good, right and true toward God and man. This is the seal by which all may know that one is pleasing God. It gives its initial expression in the act of baptism based on the faith that Jesus is the Christ of God, that he did live and die, that he was buried and arose triumphant over death. Many

think that as circumcision was the seal of the keepers of the Law that this act of baptism is the Christian mark of state. But think a minute. The Law was a fleshly system and its mark was in the flesh, but the way of the Lord is a Spiritual system and its mark is the Holy Spirit. This is the circumcision made without hands, that which is in the heart.

Do you have this seal of the spirit? It will be manifested by the way you act in your life and the way you react to what is taught and what is proposed by the leaders of the church. It will show in your attendance, your giving, your teaching of God's Will to others and in how you guide your children. It is not hard to see this seal. All will detect it if it is there. Paul said by inspiration that it is a down payment of heaven. Be sure you have it. Life without it is vain.

Tom Jones

ATTENDANCE LOW

The rains came last Lord's Day and the people "stayed and went." Many had been praying for rain and bemoaning the fact that it was so dry and the Good Lord gave us a rain and some let it keep them from worshipping Him who gave it. Several families were out of town and a good many were ill. We missed all of you and hope to see you this Lord's Day. When you have to be gone, please remember that our radio and advertizing program has incurred about \$400.00 or more addi-

tional cost each month and we must have your contribution to keep the work going. The elders have given us an opportunity to do more for the Lord so let us respond faithfully and zealously. You are encouraged to take advantage of the Bible classes that are being conducted for your soul's sake. The aim of Bible classes is to strengthen your soul against the wiles of Satan. Classes are like food, you have to partake to be made stronger.

D.B.



### LOVE YOUR ENEMIES

This command is purely Christian. It is not found in any system of paganism. It was not found among the Jews during the personal ministry of Christ. This command was reserved for the Lord Jesus Christ in whom it was so beautifully exemplified. We will never become like Him nor will we ever be permitted to live with Him until we learn to love our enemies.

What type of enemy is the Lord describing here? He seems to be talking about anyone who works against our well-being, those who dislike us, work to defame our reputation, injure our feelings or work against our family. Some of this may be done in secret, in the open or in any way to bring shame upon, or hurt to the one they seek to do harm. Every accountable person is aware that such is practiced daily by some and the question that concerns Christians is what should be their attitude toward such people.

Our blessed Lord says to love them. He does not mean that we are to approve of their actions, or to be insensible to their injuries; or, that we are not to defend ourselves against them, but we are not to hate them. Neither are we to rail against them; nor be revengeful, and attempt retaliation. Jesus said to love them.

Our love for them is to be so deep that we actually pity them rather than to desire revenge. We are taught to pray for them, be

ready to forgive them, also to do good to them and even relieve them if we have the opportunity. We must also be ready to receive them back into our favor and friendship when they show signs of repentance. When this is done past actions should never be discussed, much less stored up for future use in any way. Love covers sins so deeply and completely until both the offender and offended live as though nothing had ever happened.

But one may ask why is this so important? The best answer is on the ground of Christ's indisputable authority. He is our legislator, our one master and we must hear and obey Him. Another reason is because of His blessed example. He left heaven, lived and died for enemies. His last prayer was for His enemies. "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." And too, our acceptance with God is suspended upon it. "If ye do not forgive men their sins, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you."

Some object to loving our enemies because it is incompatible with self-love. But the Lord did not say love the injury, but the injurer. Another says revenge is sweet. It is to demons and wicked men. But mercy and pity only are really sweet to those who have been born anew or are new creatures in Christ. Another says that revenge is honorable. It is a false honor practiced from a corrupted heart.

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| Tom A. Jones    | (Guatemala) |



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