

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

As this New Year begins more emphasis needs to be given to the matter of worshipping in song. As the congregation is making plans to do more to carry the gospel to the lost of the community, we must not lose sight of the worship services. In an average service we spend around twenty-five to thirty minutes in singing. Our singing must be the very best to please God and to impress the visiting outsider. In connection with this, I want to publish again a statement about the congregation's responsibility as seen by a great musician of the church, the late Leonard Burford.

T.A.J.

"In a congregation of the Lord's church the elders should assume the first responsibility of determining that songs used are scriptural, appropriate, and in good taste. The second responsibility falls upon the song leader, and the third upon each individual member of the congregation. Everyone should be so conscious of the meaning of a song that he should refrain from singing if the words are unscriptural or contrary to his convictions.

In order to sing with the spirit and with the understanding, one should be prepared in heart. Quiet meditation upon the songs before the worship begins has great merit. Singing involves both the intellect and the emotions. Words express ideas and emotions; music intensifies the emotions beyond the power of words. Singing from the heart involves careful consideration of the meaning of the words, with as little thought as possible to the mechanics of the music. The music may be left to have its inevitable emotional and spiritual effect.

Every member of the church should assume his part of the responsibility for the congregational singing without respect to his ability to sing. God looks upon the heart, not upon musicianship or fine voice quality. All can sing sufficiently to praise God and to admonish one another. Those who do not have small children should be willing to occupy the front seats. The audience should be as close to the leader as possible. Everyone should feel a responsibility to learn the new songs presented and to correct errors which have established themselves in familiar material.

In congregational singing women may in good taste sing soprano or alto, never tenor or bass. Men may sing tenor or bass; but if they are unable to sing these parts, they may sing the melody, which is one octave lower than the soprano. They should never sing alto. In an audience made up exclusively of men or women, it is good to have all four parts represented. It is the privilege of those who find it impossible to sing any one of the four parts to do the best they can, and the privilege should never be denied them."

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 December 19, 1965 Total	 \$4,047.71
regular.....	1,665.71
building fund	2,382.00
 A Year Ago	 \$1,163.57
BIBLE SCHOOL	
December 26, 1965.....	348
December 19	388
A Year Ago	387

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Glenn Howard
 Prayer.....H. McCarty
 Dismiss.....Bruce Raley
 SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Howard Ellis
 Prayer.....L. L. Gann
 Dismiss.....Tommy Parsons

THANK YOU NOTE

It is with humility and love in our hearts that we attempt to express our appreciation to you for the kindness, Christian love, and help that you have shown to us during the illness and death of our loved one.

Words are so inadequate, and have such a meaningless sound when we try to tell you how much you have meant to us. Without you, our loss

would have been even more difficult to bear.

God bless each of you, and we ask your prayers that we may have the strength, courage, and desire to do those things that will enable us to better serve God and our fellow man in the future than we have in the past.

The L. G. Drennan Family

OUR THANKS

Our thanks to Eldon Degge and Mike Warner for two good lessons last Lord's Day. Both of these young men have a great deal of ability and they are using it for the Lord.

THE JERRY HILLS

It was good to have Jerry and Ann Hill from Guatemala last Wednesday evening. Jerry gave an interesting report on the work they have done during the past six and one half years. We appreciate the Hills and the work they have done in Guatemala.

SERVING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Men selected to serve the first two Sundays in January are as follows: Louis J. Jones, Austin Giesecke, Hal Broadfoot, Buddy Holland, Chuck Cauthen, James Massey, H. McCarty, Joe McBee, Willie Shuford, Tommy Parsons. Serving as alternates are Herbert Brookshire and James Teel.

Sunday evening: Cone Birdwell and Harley Turner. Alternate, Fred Powell

WELCOME VISITORS

It was good to have our many visitors last Lord's Day. Among our visitors were many former members whose parents are members here. Our college students were home too, and it was good to have them. We missed the members who were away visiting their relatives.

TEACHING EQUIPMENT

Some teaching films have already arrived and three projectors have been ordered and should be here soon. We plan to begin using these as soon as they arrive. These machines are the very latest and among the best on the market. Our teachers will be furnished with the very best equipment with which to teach. Of course, these machines will not do the teaching for the teachers, they will only be tools with which to work. Teaching can be done more effectively with them. Announcement will be made later about some classes on teaching.

D.B.

THE SICK

Brother H. T. Grier, Sr. is at home after surgery in Baylor hospital in Dallas.

Sister Mathis is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Karen Porter has been in Mother Frances several days but is at home now.

Sister Hazel Fagen is in Mother Frances. She has pneumonia.

Sister P. D. Wilmeth had surgery in Medical Center Tuesday.

Brother and sister Troy Ginn were in an automobile accident Tuesday afternoon. We are thankful they were not seriously injured.

IN APPRECIATION

The John Brem family wishes to express appreciation for the Cheer basket, visits, and cards for his mother during the holidays.

OUR NEW BUILDING

Little has been said about our new building since actual construction began, but work has been going on each day the weather permitted. Some brick and steel are up and more will be done by the time you read this. First class workmanship only is going into the building and this was planned so that we could get the most for our money. According to the information we have received the building is ahead of schedule and will stay that way until bad weather hinders. We know that work will slow down in January and February if weather conditions run true to normal. If we can have just a few more weeks of fair weather the building will take shape and maybe even get the building covered to where work can be carried on during the expected rains.

The building committee has done and continues to do an outstanding job. All five are men of ability, and they are giving themselves unselfishly to the task of seeing that we get a most useful building.

D.B.

PEACE ON EARTH

At this time of the year there is always an increase in religious thoughts of people in general because of the idea held by many that December 25th is the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Since so many are thinking along these lines it naturally leads us all to thoughts associated with the incarnation of the Son of God and the beginning of His work among men. With the world torn with wars and rumors of more wars, the statement of the angels to the shepherds in the long ago echo in our ears over and over again with a longing that it might be fulfilled in this time for everyone.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN.

We all know, well, that on the earth is not much peace and that few men have good will toward God or each other, but the statement of the angels was a statement of heaven. The condition of mankind was that all were lost and separated from God. All were doomed to eternal destruction, but God intervened and sent His Son into the world that mankind might be saved. The peace in the message of the angels was the peace which Christians have with their God, the good will is His grace sent to us while we were yet sinners. Even now in our troubled times the follower of Christ who has shown his faith by his works enjoys this blissful peace and God's good will. The work of salvation redounds to the glory of God in the highest and results in peace, good will toward men on the earth. A modern translation brings out the true meaning with these words: GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST, AND ON EARTH PEACE AMONG MEN WITH WHOM HE IS PLEASED. He is pleased with all who have faith in his name, and who have been obedient to that faith. Those who have no faith, and thus cannot be obedient to it, are still in the condition of the world as it was when the Christ came, lost and separated, enemies if you please of God.

Let us all strive to carry this good news that God has called a truce with men. The terms of the truce with men are outlined in the book of Acts. God is willing for men to leave the camp of the enemy and to be a citizen of His Kingdom of light. It is our place, as citizens already, to go into all the world and preach this gospel. We must make men dissatisfied with their lost condition by manifesting before them the way of the Lord in such a manner that they will want to be like us. We must teach at every opportunity. When we use some opportunities God will give us others. Let us show our faith, let us make sure of heaven, let us be men and women with whom God is well pleased on earth. T.J.

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A Year Ago 1,442.27

BIBLE SCHOOL

December 12, 1965 416
December 5 404
A Year Ago 438
Church Membership 540

APPOINTMENT FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
Prayer..... C. B. Hardin
Prayer T. J. Parsons
Dismiss George Welch

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer..... Faber Cauthen
Prayer Joe McBee
Dismiss Chuck Cauthen

THE SICK

Lynn Willis has been in the Glenwood Clinic for several days.

Brother H. T. Grier, Sr. entered Baylor Hospital in Dallas Tuesday for treatment.

THANK YOU NOTE

I wish to express my appreciation to those that asked about me and for the cards and visits while I was in the hospital. The deeds may have seemed small but they meant a lot.
Mrs. Emma Earl

AD IN LIFE MAGAZINE

The Life magazine will carry its fourth Gospel Press ad in the December 24th issue. Life will be on the news stands for two weeks beginning December 20th. Circulation for this special issue will be about two million above that of the regular weekly issues, it is estimated, and will reach a total of about ten million. It is believed that twenty-five million readers will read this issue containing the Gospel Press article. The title of the article is, Can We Ever Have Christian Unity?

The Gospel Press is doing a great work in getting the pure gospel of Christ to lost men and women. Encourage your friends to read this ad in Life.

CAKES TO BOLES HOME

Thanks to those of you who made it possible to send a bountiful supply of cakes, pies, and cookies to Boles Home. Our thanks to Del Howard and Dorothy Hulsey for delivering them to the Home.

GLADEWATER SERVICE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Dr. Clifton L. Ganus, Jr., the new president of Harding College at Searcy, Arkansas, will speak at a special service at the Quitman and Center Streets church of Christ in Gladewater next Sunday, December 19, at 2:30 p.m. This service is for everybody.

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

SEASONS GREETINGS

To each member of the West Erwin church we send our affectionate Seasons Greetings. To you and each reader of the Visitor we extend our best wishes for a happy Holiday Season and a most prosperous year in 1966.

In Christian love,
The Dean Brookshires

Once again Sylvia, Heidi, and I would like to take this means of the bulletin to greet all of the members of the West Erwin church. It is our sincere desire that all will enjoy this season to the fullest. Our prayer is that the Lord will continue His blessings on us all as we work together in His Kingdom for another year. With this prayer in mind we would solicit your prayers, your suggestions for a greater work together, and your co-operation in all the efforts being put forth. We are here to serve you as we all serve God. In Christian love,

The Jones'

We want to extend our sincere thanks for all words of encouragement and help since we have been in Horseheads. We appreciate every thing you have done for us. We extend our Seasons Greetings and best wishes in the coming year.

Yours in Christian love,
The E. V. Rushings

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NEW PARKING LOT LEASED

Our elders have leased a new parking area just East of the Courier-Times parking lot we now use. The lot is being prepared for hard surfacing and should be ready soon. The lot will accommodate 37 cars. A gate has been installed in the chain link fence that separates it from the Courier-Times lot, which makes it more accessible to our own building. The leased lot may be used by us on the Lord's Day and Wednesday evening only.

DON'T FORGET The annual Singing on the last Wednesday night of this year. It will be at the Northwest church this year.

NEW GRANDSON

Brother and Sister T. Murry have a new grandson, born early Sunday morning at Medical Center. The parents are Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sparkman.

WORSHIP SERVICES - DECEMBER 26

Brother Eldon Degge, Bible Chair Director at Lamar Tech, in Beaumont, Texas, will preach here Sunday morning, December 26th. That evening brother Mike Warner of Scott City, Kansas will preach for us.

NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK

Due to a busy schedule and the abundance of mail, we will not print a bulletin next week.

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IN 1966

As this year draws to a close we want to admonish you about the coming year. We know that all of us want to grow spiritually. It has been said from the pulpit and on the pages of this bulletin that every individual in the West Erwin congregation has the obligation to the Lord of taking the Gospel to the lost of our community. It is not enough just to sit through worship services and give of our means to help others take the gospel to the lost. Several weeks ago we tried to start a visitation program on Tuesday evenings. Perhaps it wasn't timed right, or advertised enough, but very few showed any interest in it. We would like to have a response from you, the members of the West Erwin congregation, in the form of suggestions as to how, and when, we can get more interested in carrying out the great commission here in our community. Let us set as a starting date the first Tuesday in 1966 to get this underway. There are some great plans in the air being discussed by the leaders of the church in Tyler. Are WE going to be ready to do our part individually? What is your attitude? The question comes, "Who will go?" Our answer must be, "Here am I Lord send me."

Several from our city went out to mission points in the United States last Summer on their vacations. Plans are being made over the country to have more campaigns next year. There is a possibility that several of us would go to Scott City, Kansas. We need to be laying our plans now. Let us all be planning and praying that the Lord may be with us. Read Matthew 28:19,20. T.J.

TEACHING OUR CHILDREN

All of us know the scriptural advice, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Proverbs 22:6). I know of no better way to impress this truth upon your mind than in the following little story I once read.

Dr. Pierce Harris had occasion to preach one Sunday in the Atlanta Federal Penitentiary. The prisoner introducing him said to the assembled convicts: "Several years ago two boys lived in the same town in Georgia, attended the same school, played together and went to the same Sunday School for a while. Then one dropped out of Sunday School because he felt that he had outgrown such 'sissy stuff.' The other boy kept on going, because he felt that it really meant something in his life. The boy who dropped out is the one who is making this introduction now. The boy who kept on going to Sunday School is the distinguished minister who will preach to us this morning.

As members of the body of Christ, we stand firmly and solidly on the Bible. We believe so strongly in the teaching program(continued inside)



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November 28 1,310.42
 A Year Ago 1,379.09

BIBLE SCHOOL
 December 5, 1965 404
 November 28 420
 A Year Ago 419
 Church Membership 540

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer *Ed Howard*
 Prayer M. M. Haws
 Dismiss Ed Naul

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer M. B. Beard
 Prayer Tommy Lowrance
 Dismiss Royce Caskey

ATTENTION LADIES
 Bring your cakes, cookies, or
 pies for Boles Home, Sunday after-
 noon, or evening, or by 9:00 A.M.
 Monday. These may be homemade or
 bought. They will be taken to the
 home Monday morning.

DIRECTORY CHANGE
 The phone number of the H. C.
 Williamson's has been changed to
 Ly 2-5300

THE SICK
 Sister Emma Earl is in Medical
 Center hospital for tests.

BOYS SINGING CLASS
 Our boys singing class is grow-
 ing. We meet upstairs in the Elm
 Street building at 4:00 P. M. each
 Friday. We sing and talk about
 singing for 45 minutes. If your
 grade school boy has not attended,
 he has missed a great opportunity
 to learn to be of greater service
 to the Lord. T.J.

BUSINESS MEETING
 There will be a general business
 meeting Sunday afternoon at the
 church building at 3:00 o'clock. All
 men of the church are invited.

REMEMBER THE annual last Wednesday
 night of the year singing. It is
 to be at the Northwest church this
 year.

TEACHING OUR CHILDREN (continued)
 because its aim is to exalt the
 study of the Bible. In this way a
 student is taught what God says, and
 if the student learns the lesson, he
 will make a useful citizen in
 society and more important, a faith-
 ful Christian. Someone has said,
 "A child brought up in Sunday
 school is seldom brought up in
 court." J. M. Mankin
 20th Century Christian

Let us not be weary in well doing;
 for in due season we shall reap, if
 we faint not. Gal. 6:9.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER, 1965
 Cash on hand hand Nov. 1, 1965 \$5,467.49
 Contributions \$5,792.66
 Other Churches 90.00 5,882.66
 Available for Expenditure 11,350.15

Loan Payments
 First Fed. Sav. & Loan \$711.75
 Coop. Sav. & Loan 75.00 \$ 786.75

Benevolent & Mission
 Bible Chair \$100.00
 Herald of Truth 50.00
 Boles Home 50.00
 Tipton Home 50.00
 Sunny Glen Home 50.00
 Jerry Hill 715.00
 W. Erwin \$625.00
 Other 90.00
 Mike Warner (Salary) 460.00
 (rent) 80.00
 E. V. Rushing 155.00
 Radio Program 222.40
 Advertising 40.01 \$1,972.41

Materials and Supplies
 Bldg. Maint. 55.08
 Utilities 245.82
 Bible School Supplies 61.36
 Office Supplies 81.74
 Insurance 65.95
 Postage 40.00
 Taxes (Loop Lots) 198.12
 Flowers 30.13 \$ 778.20

Salaries \$1,581.39

Total Expenditures \$5,118.75
 Balance on Hand Nov. 30 6,231.40

Total Funds Accounted For \$11,350.15

A LETTER TO MR. BAYER
 Dear Mr. Bayer: You
 manufacture aspirin
 that relieves suffer-
 ing and colds and fe-
 vers. The mixture used
 in your tablets make
 it possible for a per-
 son to get out of bed
 and fight off head-
 aches, muscle spasms,
 and bad nerves. I have
 noticed that these
 tablets work wonders
 on Mondays, Tuesdays,
 Wednesdays, Thursdays,
 Fridays, and especial-
 ly well on Saturdays.
 But people who take
 them on Sunday get no
 relief. They cannot
 get rid of their aches
 and pains. They are
 not able to attend
 church or Bible school
 Is it possible for you
 to examine your tablet
 and put an ingredient
 in it that will work
 on Sundays?

...Selected

"Obstacles" are those
 frightful things you
 see when you take your
 eyes off the goal!

"To avoid doing wrong
 is not necessarily do-
 ing good.

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IT WILL NEVER WORK

In 1830 a man in the crowd watching the first steam engine go through its paces said, "I don't see any sense in it. Horses are good enough for me; anyway, it won't work!"

In 1876 his grandson observed a new device, the telephone. "I don't see any sense in it," he grumbled, "We've always got along without it; anyway, it will never work!"

In 1903 his son watched a strange object wobble aloft at Kitty Hawk. "I don't see any sense to it," he said, "a man ought to stay on the ground where he belongs; anyway, it will never work!"

And his sons are still with us—you know the type, and, sad to say, there are even some members of the church that "don't see any sense" to any improvement. Some way they can always know, "It will never work!"

Of course, it is much easier and demands much less effort and sacrifice "not to see any sense in it," than to learn why it does make sense. Because we have always done a certain thing a certain way, does not necessarily mean that is the best way to do it.

Yes, it is easier to be sure something "won't work" than to exert the energy to make it work. But the easy way reaps no rewards. As a matter of fact, nothing will ever work unless the people involved make it work.

We shouldn't be defeatists when it comes to the work of the Lord, but when some Christian comes up with a good work which is Scriptural and right, other Christians should join with him to see that it does work (Titus 3:1)

...Selected

WHEN YOU COME TO WORSHIP

Remember that God is worthy of your honor and praise; he is the audience, you are the participant.

Remember you should sing praises to his name, even with what you may consider a feeble voice.

Remember to follow carefully the prayer that is led so that it may become yours.

Remember to listen to God's Word as it is read and discussed, for your rapt attention will encourage the preacher and benefit your soul.

Remember the sacredness and solemnity of the Lord's Supper, thus causing you to think of the one represented.

Remember to be prepared to give of your means cheerfully, liberally, purposefully.

Remember that you have come to worship, not to disturb others from worshipping by any action that would show rudeness to them or disrespect to God. J. M. Mankin

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Ray Womack
 Prayer.....R. H. Davis
 Dismiss.....George Welch
 SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Russell O'Bannon
 Prayer.....Kenneth Bennett
 Dismiss.....Gary Terrell

THE SICK
 Gary Wayne Weaver is in Mother Frances Hospital for tests.
 Billy Rozell and W. H. Land are in the Glenwood Clinic.

BACK IN TYLER
 Sister Marvin Mathis has returned to Tyler after being away during the Summer and Fall. Her address is 415 East Sixth Street.
 Also sister Emma Earl is now at home again after being in Palestine for several weeks.

THANK YOU NOTE
 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 Ethel Murrell.

MEN TO SERVE IN DECEMBER
 Men selected to serve the Lord's Supper in December are as follows:
 Sunday Morning, Howard Holland, Ralph Lowrance, Lester Scogins, Fred Strait, and Dudley Brookshire. Ross Walker, W. O. Rushing, Sherrill Little, B. E. Walker, Skipper Womack. Alternates: Sam Bailey and Louis E. Jones.
 Sunday Evening: Leonard Woltman, Ben Young. Alternate, Pete Nichols.

SPECIAL EFFORT
 At our regular business meeting on November 14, it was agreed, with about twenty-five men of the church present, that we should make an all out effort to pay the present note off on our property before the first of the year. The amount is about \$38,000. With this note out of the way, we would only have the note on the educational building. By paying this old note off our monthly payments would be less so as not to affect our regular work. We have designated each Sunday in December to make this effort. Any contributions to this cause should be marked building fund and put into the collection plate.

The Elders

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

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
 Matthew 22:37

REPORT ON MISSION PROGRAM

We are now supporting Mike Warner full time in Scott City, Kansas. We have received some encouraging reports from him. Brother and sister E. V. Rushing in Horseheads, New York receive partial support from us and we have received some good reports from them too. The Jerry Hill family has been receiving full support from us for six and one half years. We went into the Guatemala program with the Hills on a five year plan. After that time was up we decided to continue their support for another year and a half. About 60 days ago the College church in Abilene contacted us and

said they would like to assume full support of the Hills, effective January 1, 1966. After January 1, the Lord willing, we will put another man in some town in the Middle-West as soon as a suitable man and place can be found.

The Hills have done a great work in Guatemala and our association with them has been most pleasant. We love them and appreciate them very much for their work's sake. We extend our best wishes to them as they plan to stay in Guatemala for at least two more years. We hope that each one will continue to pray for them. The Elders

TWELVE EASY STEPS TO PERSONAL WORK

1. Unplug the TV, record player, and radio.
2. Hide all the newspapers and magazines, etc.
3. Put "Keep off" signs on the easy chair, bed, and davenport.
4. Pick up your Bible and car keys.
5. As you go, pray for God's strength and guidance.
6. Stop at the home of some lost soul whom you love but would not trade places with spiritually.
7. Tell him or her about Jesus Christ and how to live and remain a faithful life until death.
8. As you make each point, back it up with scriptures, and them appeal to the heart.
9. Tell the truth in love, being tactful and courteous...heal, not

- wound.
10. When you visit, don't give up, but don't stay too long; the power is in the gospel.
11. Return home with joy in your heart for having done what the Lord has really been wanting you to do all along.
12. Thank the Lord for having blessed you in this most noble and rewarding work. Then continue to visit and revisit, and you are a personal worker and a proclaimer of the truth. ...Copied

Between the great things we cannot do and the little things we will not do, the danger is that we will do nothing.

FACING FACTS

There are many hard to do things in life, but one of the hardest is to face facts. The apostle Paul said, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed lest he fall." There is something a little peculiar about that admonition. For a man to think that he stands, pre-supposes that he has already investigated, satisfied himself, and is sure of his safety. That is involved in the very idea of thinking that he stands. Then why investigate further, or take heed?

We must never forget that life is a growth. Because one year yields an abundant harvest, this does not excuse the next of its responsibility. To a Christian each year is either a harvest or a famine. God never pronounces the "well done" until the final reckoning. God lets us know when He is through with us by calling us from this earth.

It is pathetic to see the average Christian get to a certain stage of goodness and tries to stop there. Many church members never miss a service, unless hindered beyond their control, yet they are just what they were ten years ago, if they have held their own. They might have been as strong as Daniel in Babylon, instead they are as weak as Simon Peter at the crucifixion. Brethren, just because we stand well in God's sight today does not guarantee that we will tomorrow. Because we labored for the Lord yesterday does not release us from our obligations of today. The best Christian cannot survive on past service. If our spiritual life is not larger today than it was yesterday we had better take heed.

To take heed is nothing less than a solemn urge to take an inventory of our deeds, direction and destiny; to find out what things really are and not just what they appear to be. We must, as has been said to, "dig behind the apparent and unearth the real." In other words face the facts. Most people are more willing to face wild animals of the jungle, or death on the battlefield than they are to face facts. Men either shut their eyes to them or hide from them. Men even build air castles on their death beds. They will not admit that they are dying.

Young men and women will start a habit for life knowing that it may cause cancer. Others will take a social drink knowing that they may become alcoholics. A young lady will marry a drunkard hoping to reform him. Others will marry non-Christians knowing that they are jeopardizing their souls. Why do people do these things? They will not face facts.

Satan makes things look beautiful and attractive, as an inducement to us to yield. We know that others who have yielded have fallen and have never been recovered and probably never will be. We plan to be different, but facts prove that we will not be. Let us not (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer..... Ross Walker
Prayer Howard Ellis
Dismiss..... Bob Butler
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Howard Holland
Prayer Kenneth Bennett
Dismiss James Beard

FUNERAL

Sister Ethel Murrell passed away Sunday morning. Funeral services were held for her Monday afternoon. We express our sympathy to her family.

PANTRY ITEMS

This is the time of year again when we receive calls for grocery items. We would like to keep our pantry well stocked with basic canned food such as soups, stews, canned milk, canned vegetables, and canned fruit, etc. Leave your food in the foyer.

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

THANK YOU NOTE

We want to thank each one that brought food or words of comfort to us while Marshall was hospitalized. May the Lord bless each of you.
James and Frances Phillips

THE SICK

Sister Monroe Sublette's father, H.L. Ray of Winnsboro, is very ill.

BOYS SONG LEADING CLASS

Last Monday afternoon six eager boys (grades 1 through 6) met with Tom Jones in what appears to be the beginning of a good class. It was discovered that more could come if we change the day to Friday. All boys (grades 1 through 6) are invited to enroll in this class. One doesn't have to be an excellent singer. . . just willing to try and learn. The class meets Friday, Nov. 3, 1965 at 4:00 till 4:45.

BEWARE STANDING

He who is silent is forgotten; he who does not participate is left out; he who does not advance falls back; he who stops is overwhelmed, outdistanced, crushed; he who ceases to grow greater becomes smaller; he who leaves off, gives up; the condition of standing still is the beginning of the end.

H. F. Amiel
Boles Home News

Jesus saith unto him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.
John 14:6

NO GOOD IF DETACHED

Did you ever notice a ticket which said, "Not good if detached?" All parts of the ticket were made of the same kind of material, but it was not good if it was detached from the rest of the ticket.

A Christian is like that. He is not good if detached from Christ and the church. How much work can your hand do if it is detached from your body? A Christian must stay with the rest of the church to be worth anything to himself or to the church.

PRAY FOR THE WORK THAT THE CHURCH HERE IS DOING.

FACING FACTS . . . (continued from back page.)

forget brethren that the mosquito sings us a song before he sucks our blood. As a church we need to face the facts that we are not even close to our potential. Our Bible school does not reflect Christian diligence toward growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our attendance and contribution both are far below what the Lord desires. Our winning souls to Christ is hardly a gesture when compared with first century Christianity. When asked why we do not do better do we really tell the truth? Are we facing the facts as we know them to be in our hearts?

This writer is of the persuasion that one of the first facts we need to face is that some things cannot be done. Here are some things that just cannot be done. The church cannot be built up through indifference. Souls cannot be won without personal contact. Christians cannot save their souls by putting the Kingdom of God and His righteousness second. Christians cannot grow without study and exercise. Christians cannot better themselves by only finding the faults of others. The way to improve is to find our own faults. Another thing we need to face is that the church cannot be well thought of unless we have a good influence. And last, the church will die unless the members attend.

Who among us is so blind that we cannot see that these things are true? Let each of us face the facts and get involved in the Lord's work. D.B.

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY MORNING 9:30. INVITE A VISITOR

WHAT ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT?

Isa. 52: 1-3, "Awake, awake... shake thyself from the dust... Ye have sold yourself for nought..."

Most every person is excitable, at least, they get excited about something. In the Fall we get excited about some things, later in the Winter we get excited about something else and in the Summertime still some thing else excites us. We get excited about health, fun, work, finances, and our family, but seldom do we get excited about Divine things. Isaiah is talking about Divine excitement. He told them to "awake... ye have sold yourself for nought."

Some Christians get more excited about a trip, club or clothes than they do about their soul or the souls of others. It is not wrong to get excited about going places, having a part in a worthy civic endeavor, or being dressed decently and appropriately. But it is wrong to be concerned and excited over these things and asleep to the most important thing of all, our spiritual needs. Isaiah said they had sold themselves "for nought." Now they had sold themselves for something, but whatever it was, it was of less value than their soul. They were excited about nothing when compared with being excited about Divine things.

Every day in some way each of us is selling himself. A great many sell much of their time to sleep, loafing, or television. Others engage in hurtful gossip or habits. What about yourself? The Bible is clear that there will be an accounting day. If it should come to you the day you read this what would the Lord find you excited about? Here is something to get real excited about.

We need to get excited over "self." First, we need to get acquainted with ourself. So many of us are so busy getting acquainted with others (sometimes looking for faults to criticize) that we seldom get well enough acquainted with ourself to see that we have any faults. Our fault-finding and criticism of others is just as sinful in God's sight as what we see in others. Just looking for wrongs in others is selling ourself for nought. We will never correct our own lives by magnifying the faults of others. One amazing thing in the Bible is the revelation which Jesus gave of people who did not know themselves. The Prodigal Son was dead in the eyes of God. The Scribes and Pharisees were without hope of heaven and they thought others were the ones without hope. The rich man was a lost fool while others envied his "success."

There are some church members today who think that God will overlook their indifference, coolness, and spasmodic attendance. They seem to think that God will soon forget that they are not doing what they should. They act as if God does not know that their giving is below their prosperity. When we fail to give as we are (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....L. G. Drennan
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin
Dismiss.....David Demic

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....T. F. Holland
Prayer.....Cone Birdwell
Dismiss.....R. V. Threadgill

WELCOME

We welcome Miss Sherry Morren into our fellowship. Sherry is attending Tyler Commercial College, and making her home with the Ross Walkers.

THE SICK

Sister Ethel Murrell is ill at her home.

Little Marshal Phillips is in Glenwood Clinic. He has pneumonia.

Brother T. J. Parson's father is very ill in Dallas after suffering a heart attack.

BUSINESS MEETING - All men of the congregation are invited to attend Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

ZONE 5 will have a meeting Monday evening at 7:15 at Luby's in the Bergfield center.

OUR THANKS

We wish to thank brother Henry McRuiz for the termite control treatment on the foundation of the new building. The church furnished the material and Henry furnished the equipment and did the work free of charge.

THE LADIES BIBLE class will meet next Wednesday morning at 10:00 for the last time this year.

VISITATION

Suppose I should come into your home, enjoy your hospitality and meet your lovely daughter Susie. Then three years later I return for another visit. I notice that Susie is not around. At the dinner table I remark, "Where is Susie?"

To this, one of Susie's sisters replies, "I don't know. Mother, where is Susie?"

Mother, suddenly looking surprised, says, "Why I-I don't know, either. Brother, where IS Susie?"

And Brother, rather indifferently replies, "I don't know, I haven't seen her all this year."

Of course, in any normal family this would never happen. When one of our family is "Out of pocket" we do not rest until we find him and restore him to our family circle. Yet in the family of God we commit the above described sin innumerable times EVERY year. It must be that we are unconcerned about the Lord's family. Let's VISIT!

--Messenger-Columbia, Tennessee

A CHALLENGE

Last Summer several men of the congregation made visits to the people of the community, passing out tracts from door to door. Since darkness comes so early, and it was agreed by all that knocking on doors after dark was not good, this work has all but ceased. We had a good thing going, now we need to meet together again, plan and enlarge our efforts now, and get ready to do more personal work from door to door in the Spring. Let's make it a couples project. But, of course, if both man and wife cannot or will not co-operate, we should not let it stop us from working for the Lord. This work is not intended to take over the work done by the zones. It is simply another effort and opportunity to work together systematically to get more done for the Lord. Everyone interested in doing personal work is asked to meet in the church auditorium Tuesday evening at 7:00. T.J.

BOYS SINGING CLASS

Recently one of the fine young boys in the third grade came to me and said that he would like to learn to lead singing. We have been meeting together once a week for several weeks now. I am wondering if there are several young boys in the congregation that would like to meet together in a class to learn to sing and to learn how to lead singing. The class would be limited to boys from grade one through six. We could meet in the Elm Street

house each Monday afternoon from 4:00 until 4:45. If others are interested, let me know and we will arrange a class for you also. T.J.

PLEASE SIGN A CARD

The elders have requested that all the adults who meet in the auditorium for Bible study at 9:30 please sign a card each Sunday morning, so they will know who is in attendance. This is being done in order to keep our attendance as high as possible during our building program. The ones who are not attending will soon be contacted and urged to be present. Our attendance has dropped some since several classes have been combined. If we lose interest during our building program it may take one or two years to build it up again. We just cannot allow this to happen. The sad part is that some may lose interest and never regain it. That, of course, will mean the loss of their souls. Our elders are watching for our souls and they are providing classes for our edification. Please be present every time, on time, and sign a card. D.B.

WHAT ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT?

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prospered we, "sell ourself for nought." OUR EXCITEMENT MAY TAKE US AWAY FROM OUR DUTY TO GOD, BUT IT NEVER TAKES US AWAY FROM THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD.

Are we excited over our spiritual condition, over our past record? AWAKE! AWAKE! D.B.

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SOME REASONS WHY I DON'T ATTEND BIBLE CLASSES

1. I don't need to know anymore about the Bible. I can give a scriptural answer to every man that asks me a reason for my hope.
2. I don't need any more spiritual strength or encouragement, because I have already overcome all there is to overcome.
3. I feel that I can set a better example by not attending than I can by attending. My light shines brighter by not having anything to do with the teaching program of the church.
4. I have found that those who do not attend Bible classes do most of the work being done by the church.
5. I have learned by observation that all preachers, elders, deacons, Bible class teachers, and faithful members never attended classes and still don't.
6. I have observed another thing about those who attend Bible classes, and it is that it tends to make fanatics of them. They feel that they should attend Sunday night and Wednesday night too. They feel obligated to attend gospel meetings too. However, this should be qualified, because I know some that are not affected in such way.
7. The best churches I know do not have Bible classes. The fasting growing churches I know do not have classes.
8. If I should attend Bible class on Sunday morning I would be deprived of some rest and sleep, because I stay up late on Saturday night and Sunday morning is the only time I get to sleep late.
9. I have stated some excuses and lies about why I don't attend and now I will tell you the truth about it.

I AM JUST NOT INTERESTED. MY FAITH AND LOVE ARE WEAK. I EVEN HAVE SOME DOUBTS ABOUT MY GENUINE CONVERSION. BRETHREN, PRAY FOR ME AND ENCOURAGE ME SOME MORE BECAUSE I DO WANT TO GROW IN THE GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

D.B.

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Church Membership	540

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Joe McBee
 Prayer..... Cone Birdwell
 Dismiss Ken Willis

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer..... Louis J. Jones
 Prayer Howard Ellis
 Dismiss..... Buddy Holland

NOTE OF APPRECIATION
 May God bless each one of you for
 your expression of love by the
 "House Warming" you gave us. We will
 strive harder to be worthy.
 The Bill Butler Family

OUR THANKS
 Our thanks to brother Monroe
 Sublette, who moved the electric
 sign on West Erwin Street without
 cost to the church.

THE SICK
 Sister Ethel Murrell is at home.
 Sister Drennan has the flu. Bro-
 ther McCurley, of the Glenwood con-
 gregation is very ill in Medical
 Center Hospital.

BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY!

IN THE SERVICE
 Jerry Hughes, son of sister M. B.
 Hughes is in the Service. He is
 stationed at Camp Polk, La.

WHEN YOU COME TO WORSHIP. . .
 Remember that God is worthy of your
 honor and praise; he is the audi-
 ence, you are the participant.
 Remember you should sing praises to
 his name, even with what you may
 consider a feeble voice.
 Remember to follow carefully the
 prayer that is led so that it may
 become yours.
 Remember to listen to God's Word as
 it is read and discussed, for your
 rapt attention will encourage the
 preacher and benefit your soul.
 Remember the sacredness and solom-
 ness of the Lord's Supper, thus
 causing you to think of the one
 represented.
 Remember to be prepared to give of
 your means cheerfully, liberally,
 purposefully.
 Remember that you have come to wor-
 ship, not to disturb others from
 worshipping by any action that would
 show rudeness to them or disrespect
 to God. ...20th Century Christian

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER 1965	
Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1965	\$3,565.00
Contributions 7,668.43	
Other Churches 90.00	7,758.43
Available for Expenditures	<u>11,323.43</u>
Loan Payments	
First Fed. Sav. & Loan \$711.75	
Coop. Sav. & Loan 75.00	786.75
Benevolent & Mission	
Bible Chair 100.00	
Herald of Truth 50.00	
Boles Home 50.00	
Tipton Home 50.00	
Sunny Glen Home 50.00	
Radio Program 232.80	
Jerry Hill 715.00	
W. Erwin 625.00	
Other 90.00	
Mike Warner (salary) 575.00	
(rent) 80.00	
E. V. Rushing 155.00	2,057.80
Materials & Supplies	
Bldg. Maint. 49.30	
Utilities 307.81	
Bible School Supplies 179.36	
Office Supplies 58.30	
Insurance 60.00	
Flowers 17.53	
Postage 40.00	
County Clerk 8.25	720.55
Withholding Tax (3rd Qtr.) 442.30	
Salaries 1,848.54	
Total Expenditures	\$5,855.94
Balance on Hand Oct. 31, 1965	<u>5,467.49</u>
Total Funds Accounted For	<u>\$11,323.43</u>

THAT INNER GLOW
 Inner Glow, it seems to
 me, is a key factor in
 personality. All of us
 have it potentially, for
 God put it into all of
 us. But we often inhibit
 it, or freeze it, by the
 attitudes we develop. This
 inner glow may be culti-
 vated by the practice of
 such simple things as
 just liking people and
 trying to be of help to
 them. The practice of
 spiritual thinking will
 also help. And, finally
 the deeper and more sin-
 cere your faith in God,
 the more you will have
 those personal qualities
 which put the glow into
 your personality.
 ...Boles Home News

BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY!
 In order for us to keep
 our mailing list up to
 date, please notify us
 when you change your ad-
 dress.

"The fear of Jehovah is
 the beginning of know-
 ledge;
 But the foolish despise
 wisdom and instruction."
 (Proverbs 1:7).

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BROKEN DOSES IN RELIGION (Number Two)

If most of us took medicine as we do religion there would be few healthy ones among us. Most of us are faithful to take medicine in hopes of getting well and living longer. However, there are a few who take medicine in "broken doses," according to their own thinking, or their own liking. Some like to do their own prescribing and they are unwilling to follow the doctor's prescription. There are some who visit the doctor and want to do their own diagnosing and prescribing. The same thing happens every day in religion. God made us and He knows what sin or transgression is. He knows what is best for us to do in order to rid ourselves of sin. He knows how we should live in order to best serve Him and our fellowman. Our diagnosis of sin is not the same as God's. Our remedy for sin is not the same as His either.

God says that sin is the transgression of the law, or knowing to do good and doing it not, or doing things in the name of religion that are not done by faith. His remedy is to believe on Him and His Son, repent of every sin and be baptized into Jesus Christ and His blood will wash away our sins. All of that is done by the direction and help of the Holy Spirit through the word.

There are some very devout religionists, both in and out of the Lord's church, who do not consider a failure to do good a sin. These same ones do not always walk by faith, to them this is not a sin either. They give little thought to transgressing God's Law. They think there is liberty every where there is not found a "thou shalt not" while others think they have found "thou shalt not's" where there is liberty. Consequently, they diagnose the cases and prescribe the medicine according to their own feelings. If they take any of God's medicine at all, it is in broken doses. They are sticklers for medicine that is easy to take but the strong and bitter kind is taken in small doses, if taken at all. They will treat a little wound on the hand, but they shy away from the treatment of the heart. Heart pills make them sick. These people who take religion in broken doses are no more Christlike now than when they were baptized, some not as much as then. Love, good works, and zeal are almost unknown factors to them because they have never liked the taste of either. If they have taken any it has been in such small doses that it has not changed their lives. Some have already gone into a coma, at least they do not seem aware of what is going on. Others seem to be delirious, because they are not conscious of the real danger they are in.

Brethren, God has given a prescription, when taken as directed, will heal the whole body. It will cure heart trouble, short-sightedness, blurred vision, sleeping sickness, Sunday headaches, etc., when taken in full doses. But there is no healing virtue in broken doses. D.B.



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Weekly Budget	...\$1,385.00
Membership	540

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Glen Howard
 Prayer Ross Walker
 Dismiss.....L. L. Gann

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....H. McCarty
 Prayer.....E. E. Degge
 Dismiss.....Chuck Cauthen

THE SICK

Sister James Hardin underwent surgery Tuesday. She is in Mother Frances Hospital.

There are several ill in the congregation who are at home; Sister D. M. Davis, sister Ethel Murrell, sister Emma Reed Smith, and brother Luther Thompson. Jan O'Bannon is at home with pneumonia.

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

Men selected to serve the Lord's Supper in November are as follows: Monore Sublette, Pete Wallace, Harvey Grier, George Welch, and Dean Bailey. L. L. Gann, Darrell Holt, H. C. Williamson, John Weaver, and Tommy Keith.

Sunday evening: R. H. Davis, O. C. Becker. Alternate, Glen Howard.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

The two large hospitals in Tyler have adopted some new rules concerning visiting the patients. Since we want to encourage as many as possible to visit the sick, we want to remind every one to follow the rules of the hospital concerning hospital visits. I think that you will find that these rules mainly are only a statement of good manners when visiting sick folks. Here are the rules as published by Medical Center Hospital. (The rules are basically the same for Mother Frances Hospital)

Visiting hours: 11:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M. Maternity Patients, 2:30 to 5:30 afternoons and 6:30 to 8:30 evenings.

Length of visits should be no longer than fifteen minutes. Passes will be issued visitors in the lobby indicating suggested time of visit.

Two visitors per patient. In private rooms, the two visitors may be in addition to members of the immediate family. In multi-bed rooms only two visitors per patient including members of the immediate family. VISITORS ARE RESPECTFULLY ASKED TO REFRAIN FROM SMOKING. In critical cases the attending physician may modify the visiting rules to meet the circumstances.

No children under twelve years of age should come to the hospital. If it is necessary to bring younger children, they should remain in the lobby with an adult.

Let's all do more hospital visitation and keep these rules in mind for the good of all concerned; the patient, your own influence, and the reputation of the church. T.J.

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MEETINGS IN THE AREA

S. Main church of Christ in Henderson - November 8 - 14, 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. Brother Wallace Gooch preaching.

Alpine and Glover church of Christ in Longview, November 7-14, 7:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. Brother Johnny Jackson preaching.

Queen and DeBard church of Christ in Palesting, November 8-14, 7:30 each evening. Brother Maurice Ethridge will be preaching.

EXPERIENCE TEACHES

There is a lesson to be learned in everything - all life, every experience teaches. In worship experiences we have some of the most powerful lessons. This is true for several reasons. We are most impressed by lessons received under strong emotional situations. Worship is a strong emotional situation. Jesus "agonized" in prayer (Luke 22:44). We are to "examine" ourselves and "discern" the Lord's body as we eat and drink the Lord's supper (I Corinthians 11:23-31). Scriptural giving helps us to become more like God, the Great, Good, Perfect Giver (James 1:17). We are not only to praise God in song, but to be "teaching and admonishing one another" (Colossians 3:16).

...Bill Patterson
 THE CHRISTIAN TEACHER

THE DISPOSITION TO DOWNGRADE

A man accused a driver of being drunk. As a matter of fact, the driver was sober and the accuser was drunk.

A woman said of her minister: "That man is mentally ill." Her saying was circulated. The minister continued his great work, but the poor woman was confined to a mental hospital for treatment.

A brother was charged with gross immorality... but when the facts were uncovered, the brother was found innocent and the charger was found guilty.

The wicked woman who accused Joseph of making improper advances had actually tried to seduce that pure young man (Gen. 39:7-18). Judas Iscariot, who charged Mary of wasting precious ointment on the Savior's feet, had been stealing from the bag (Jno. 12:1-6). That infernal personality who accused our brethren before God day and night is the sinner of all sinners.

The disposition to downgrade others is due to a weakness in the life of the downgrader - to envy, to an inferiority complex, to a desire to divert attention, to a sense of a personal guilt. It is neither fair nor sensible to believe everything. The accuser may be guilty of the specific crime he attempts to fix upon others. In spite of the seriousness of such matters, they are often humorous. A psychological law is involved. "Keep thyself pure." Trust the Lord and fear no man.
 ...Frank L. Cox

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BROKEN DOSES IN RELIGION (Number one)

The story is told of a certain man who became seriously ill and the most skilled, by reputation, physician was called in to treat him. After careful examination, the case was diagnosed to be critical but curable. The physician carefully prescribed the kind of medicine and dosage and how it was to be taken. The patient found the medicine to be very distasteful and hard to take so he divided the doses into smaller amounts and took it as he pleased, when he pleased.

What do you think of that man? What was the use of calling in a physician? The answer is none. But some may ask, where is such a man? Would anyone be so foolish as to do such thing? One would probably have to go into the field of religion to find such a person. However, in the field of religion many would be found with such an attitude.

They have confessed their illness (sins) and called for Christ, the greatest Physician, to come and prescribe. He knows the needs and prescribed exactly the right medicine and exactly the right doses. They have thrown away most of the medicine, swallowed some of it, and then wondered why they are not cured.

Nothing is stranger than man's devotion to religion when compared with his never ceasing tendency to do just a fractional part of what God tells him to do. He usually does as little as he can to get by with. He is much like the Jews of old who always brought their animals to the altar, year by year without fail, but they never brought themselves to the altar, only the animals. But bringing the animal was only a part of what God had prescribed.

God's prescription to Saul was to destroy everything about the Amalekites. Saul took only a part of the medicine. He did what the people prescribed and what he wanted to do himself. Jesus prescribed, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Many cut the dose half in two. Peter said to the inquiring ones on Pentecost, "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." Most of the religionists break this up and take it in smaller doses than the Lord prescribed. Yet they still expect healing for their souls. Why? Where is the promise?

The average Christian practices a mere fraction of what our Lord prescribed. The higher doctrines either frighten or daze him. When you begin talking about giving in order to get; dying to live; turning the other cheek; feeding and praying for the enemy; following business for the glory of God, and such like, the average Christian will look at you like a dazed man. The reason he does that is because he has been, and still is, taking the Lord's medicine in broken doses. D.B.



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October 24...382\$1,378.59
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Weekly Budget\$1,385.00
Membership 540

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer..... Howard Holland
 Prayer M. M. Haws
 Dismiss Ed Naul

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer James Massey
 Prayer E. E. Degge
 Dismiss Phillip Browning

FUNERALS
 Mrs. E. O. Tarbutton of Tyler, aunt of brother Bill Butler, passed away Wednesday. Services were held for her Thursday afternoon.

Sister George Welch's aunt, Mrs. R. C. Reeves, passed away Friday in Nashville, Arkansas.

We extend our sympathy to both families.

IN THE HOSPITAL
 Brother Frank Smith is in Mother Frances Hospital.

MEETING IN GLADEWATER
 Brother Jim Pyburn will preach in a meeting at the Quitman and Center Streets church in Gladewater, October 31 - November 4. Weekday services are at 7:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

DID YOU KNOW
 Did you know that we have a class for the ladies at 10:00 A.M. each Wednesday and they are studying the seven churches of Asia. We would like very much to have twice the number to attend, and we can very easily do it if you will come.

We have classes for Junior High, High School, College and Professional young men and women at 5:00 each Lord's Day afternoon. Brother Jones teaches the Junior High and High School and brother Brookshire teaches the College and Professional class.

Parents will you not please encourage your children to attend. You may wish some day you had done it. These classes could be doubled in attendance with the help and encouragement of the parents. The excuses for not attending now will not atone for their souls later. You had better think!

We had less than four hundred in Bible Classes last Lord's Day for about the third time this year. But we had between fifty and one hundred come in later and if they had been on time or in class we would have had the four hundred and fifty we try to have each time. However, we can have five hundred any time you are ready to attend. If we plan to fill the new educational building next Spring, we must start to work now. We cannot wait until it is completed.

SINGING: You are invited to a singing Sunday at 2:30 P.M. in Arp.

WHAT A FOOL SAID
 "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God."

But God never argues with a fool. God's book was not written for fools, it does not appeal to fools.

God says: "Come now, let us reason together." (Isa. 1:10) But fools do not reason. They throw all reason and evidence to the winds.

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth his handiwork." And with such evidence ...reasonable evidence...at hand, the divine writer says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." (Gen. 1:1)

And we take it from there. "He that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." (Heb. 11:6).

Fools do not enjoy or entertain evidence, nor a logical and reasonable weighing of facts and evidence. The idea of diligently seeking God is not for them. They have no desire to "feel after Him and find Him, though he be not far from every one of us; for in Him we live, and move, and have our being." (Acts 17:27,28)

Two things are clearly evident: First, God and the Bible do not appeal to fools, and second, fools do not appeal to God and the Bible.

Are you daily making your appeal to God for light, wisdom and guidance?

Or, do you just go along as if there were no God?

... From Just A Moment

BIBLE CLASSES - SUNDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO IN THE CHURCH!
 If you feel this way, then mail a card to the sick members, read and study your Bible diligently every day, visit all the aged, ill shut-ins, and bereaved people of the congregation. Tell your neighbors about Christ and invite them to church services, visit new members and newcomers and welcome them. Always try to bring someone in your car who lack transportation, speak an encouraging word to the elders and deacons. Express thanks to those who so faithfully teach our

Bible classes, help make this a friendly congregation by seeking out and speaking to every visitor, stay around fifteen minutes after services to talk and get to know others better, avoid making unjust criticism. Be a booster, love your brethren fervently, be on the lookout for opportunities to help the weak or poor, reclaim the backslider, restore the erring, radiate happiness and joy in the Lord.

"A busy Christian is a happy Christian."
 ...Selected

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WHAT MAKES A MAN?

Matt. 9:36, "When he saw the multitude, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."

If you have never done it sit down today and classify the men you know by measuring their virtues against their vices and when all have been weighed just see what they possess that is of permanent value. If you really know true values you will not overlook the virtue of compassion. It has been said that a hen grieves a minute over the loss of a baby chick; the cat for a week over the loss of kittens; the dog a month over the loss of his master; the mother for years over the loss of a child; Jesus in the garden shows us his grief over a lost world.

The thing that marked Jesus distinctly from other men was his compassion for all, and in a measure that never died.

Let us think of some things that do not make a man, yet we are likely to think and act as if they do.

Knowledge does not make a man. One may have a knowledge of geology, mathematics and all the sciences and he may be a walking encyclopedia, and yet be an unbearable bore. It is possible for his knowledge to become a distinct liability. If education keeps one from enjoying what he has because he happens to know of something better, or from making the best out of the circumstances he finds himself in, then it is a hindrance, and not a help.

The better singer gets about the least out of hearing singing than anyone. He often grows so critical, that when he listens to others sing, he hears nothing but discords and talks about nothing else. There is always more or less friction and lack of appreciation among people of the same profession, and this grows largely out of the knowledge they have. It can be mastered and kept in check, but many do not do it.

Wealth does not make a man. It may give him advantage over others or cause him to be recognized for his wealth instead of what he is. Being wealthy does not mean that the possessor will have compassion. Some wealthy people are cold-blooded.

Being a genius may do the world some good, but it is cold and repellent unless there is in the genius that invisible something we call compassion.

After all, nothing except the Christian virtues really make a man. Let sinners and infidels be the judge and they will say the same. They like truth, and compassion and liberality in others. They know its power.

A Christian does not desire Christ just on the ground of his power. It is his compassionate heart that draws us to Him. We must cultivate the sympathetic heart in order to be a real Christian. (Continued inside)



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CONGRATULATIONS

Layton Bailey and Sandra Lee Shugert were married last Friday afternoon in the Bailey home. We extend best wishes to them.

FUNERALS

Mr. Sammy Chandler of Mexia was buried last Friday. He was the father of sister W. S. Little.

Mr. J. H. Haddock of Van was buried Thursday in Terrell. He was the uncle of sister L. L. Prater.

Mrs. Eula Jordan of Mt. Vernon, aunt of brother J. D. Brem was buried Wednesday.

Mr. Alvin Byrum, cousin of brother Roy Driggers, was buried last Saturday.

We extend our sympathy to each family.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Karen Porter, daughter of John and Edith is in Medical Center. She suffered a fall and has a broken arm.

WHAT MAKES A MAN?

(continued from back page)
 If we wish to win men to Christ we must have compassion. All shams will reveal themselves. We cannot hold compassion as a mere sentiment, it must be expressed in deeds.

We may have a form of religion, and even enjoy the worship and still lack that invisible something called compassion. D.B.

The 4th and 5th grade class was 100% in attendance Sunday.

THE OLD BUILDING IS GONE!

The old building which was used for a place of worship for about thirty years and a Bible class building for about ten years is gone. There remains only the ground on which it stood. The Lord willing, the ground will be bare for only a short time as a new modern building will be under construction in a few days. The foundation work will start immediately. The new building will not be worth its cost if we put only wood, steel, brick, mortar, tile, etc., there must also go into the new building some prayers, sacrifices and plans. Unless we plan to make the new building a more useful instrument than the old we do not need the new one. If we think the building itself will do the work of God we are sadly mistaken. We must do the work of God in the building, and the work to be done in it is to teach the unsearchable riches of Christ. The building will be one

of beauty, but we must not gloat over the beauty and be content to say, "look what we have." While the workmen apply their skills to the erection of the building let us apply our hearts to prayer and dedication to do the best job we have ever done when it is completed. Although we will not actually be doing the construction we must be putting some sacrifices into it. We will be without a class room building until around the first of May, 1966, but during this time we will have rooms adequate to carry on our teaching program. Let me urge each member to be as faithful and patient as possible during our building program. Please do not lose your soul over a building. There are many churches who would like to have permanently what we have temporarily. Watch, with thankful hearts, the new building go up and think of the good we can do with it when it is completed. D.B.

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 * BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES AT 9:30 A.M. REMEMBER PARENTS THAT FEW*
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 * OF OUR CHILDREN WILL COME UNLESS WE DO. REMEMBER THAT THE CHILDREN*
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 * ARE LOOKING TO THE ADULTS FOR CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE. ARE WE FURNISHING*
 *
 * THE RIGHT EXAMPLE WHEN WE DO NOT ATTEND BIBLE STUDY? *
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BIBLE SCHOOL	CONTRIBUTION
October 17 ...444	...\$1,530.21
October 10 ...411	...\$1,499.99
Year Ago ...433	...\$1,063.91
Membership 542
Weekly Budget	...\$1,385.00

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
 Prayer L. G. Drennan
 Prayer Leonard Woltman
 Dismiss Louis Earl Jones

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer M. B. Beard
 Prayer L. L. Gann
 Dismiss Bill Tigert

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of Edeline Wallace acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

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 Ollie Melton.

We wish to say thank you for your expressions of sympathy and kindness at the time of the death of my step-father, Mr. Roy Mills.

Joe Willis and family

BIBLE CLASSES SUNDAY MORNING 9:30.

CAN GOD USE US AS WE ARE?

This is a delicate question, but do not form an opinion or put this aside until you have read it. This article is intended to provoke our thinking until we are prepared to be used for God. It is not that many would not like to be used, but are they prepared to be used as they are; either on earth or in heaven?

We are always urging people to do God's work, but can they do it? We have assumed that they can, and have continued to urge them, chide them, but could God use them if they presented themselves before Him? Have they surrendered and conformed to God's ways. Will their body, or their disposition, or their training make it possible for God to use them?

Sometimes neat appearing people apply for a job, they are willing to work, they need the work, yet because of disposition or lack of training they are not qualified for the job.

As we turn to the Bible for some light on the question let us look at Simon in Acts 8. God could not use him because of the impurity in his life. No doubt Simon had some good qualities but they were counter-balanced by his impurity. Pure metal or water can be spoiled by impurities and so can a Christian life that would otherwise be useful.

How many in the church today are like Simon? They have obeyed the gospel and would like to be used, but they are not qualified. Maybe impurity or immorality is not what disqualifies some of us, but it is being too occupied with worldliness to fit ourselves to serve God. Brethren the question at the head of this article is a grave one. We can put it into a pigeonhole to be dealt with later or submerge it under other interests, but that will not place us where God can use us.

God could not use King Saul. God chose Saul when the people insisted on a king and Saul wanted to serve as their king, but he would not change his disposition so God could use him. The rich young ruler had many good qualities and he came to Jesus in quest of eternal life and Jesus told him how to acquire it, but his disposition was such that he turned away in sorrow without it. Do we not pray to God that we may do his work, and yet refuse to be changed, or change so that God can use us in leading people to the Lamb of God. Now God wants us to be soul-winners and he is willing to use us, but are we prepared to be used. The opportunities are great, the work needs to be done and it is being done by some, but not by all. Why does not everyone share in this great work to the best of his ability? He has not qualified himself or does not have the disposition to do so.

D.B.

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Year Ago ...422	...\$1,106.80

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer,..... Faber Gauthen
Prayer..... Jack Beard
Dismiss..... O. C. Becker
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer,..... Joe McBee
Prayer..... Tommy Lowrance
Dismiss..... Joe Willis

RESPONSES

We welcome Bill Rozell, Rt. 2, Box 51, phone Ly 3-4898. Billy is a senior in John Tyler. He formerly worshipped at Northwest.

THANK YOU NOTE

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

The family of Lillie Warner

TO ALL MEMBERS OF WEST ERWIN

Since it is impossible for us to write each one of you individually we are taking this method of stating to you our sincere thanks for your prayers, wishes and anything that has been contributed in the way of making our trip here successful. We love each one of you and our prayers will always be in your

behalf. From time to time reports will be made to you as our work progresses.

Bertha and Eubra Rushing

FUNERALS

A number of deaths have been reported in families of members here. Brother Joe Willis' step-father, Mr. Roy Mills passed away in Conroe, Texas.

Sister Carolyn Stitt's grandmother, Mrs. C. A. Martin, passed away in Hamlin, West Virginia.

Sister Doris Terrell's grandfather, Robert Cotton of Chandler, passed away.

Sister Luther Thompson's niece passed away in Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Roy Pool, sister-in-law to sister Helen Holland passed away.

Brother Pete Wallace's sister, Miss Edeline Wallace, passed away in Hughes Springs.

Sister Ollie Melton, formerly of Tyler and of this congregation, was buried Tuesday morning at Pine Springs. Brother Brookshire conducted the service.

We extend our deepest sympathy to each family and their loved ones.

THE SICK

Sister Darlene Little's father is very ill in Mexia, Texas

SUNDAY EVENING CLASS: Captain Glen Warner will speak to the Sunday afternoon class. Be sure to attend.

MEETINGS: Check the bulletin board concerning meetings in Athens, Pine Tree and Kilgore.

THE BIBLE SCHOOL IS YOUR FRIEND!

Paul wrote to the churches of Galatia: "But it is good to be zealously affected always in a good thing, and not only when I am present with you" (Gal. 4:18). The Bible is the standard by which we determine a thing to be good. This book of God sets forth many things that are good. Everything about the Bible school is good, therefore the Bible school is your friend. It is good to teach God's Word; and it is good to study God's Word.

In the Bible school you learn about God; about Christ; and about God's plan for your salvation. This acquired knowledge strengthens your faith and makes it possible for you to resist the temptations which come upon everyone in our modern-day living. It also enables you to be a better person in your every relationships. It also enables you to render better service in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Bible school is your friend because in the Bible school a dedicated Christian is willing to take the time to prepare and teach a lesson that will help your child develop the right kind of character. Others may forget the value of the soul of your child, but not the Christian who teaches him in a Bible class.

The Bible school is your friend because Bible school helps you to live close to the Lord, and it helps you to save your soul. Shouldn't you treat your friend more kindly? ... Foster L. Ramsey.

SACRIFICE

I once read a story of two wealthy Christians. . . a Lawyer and a merchant. These two joined a party that was going around the world. In Korea one day they saw a boy pulling a crude plow, while an old man held the handles and directed it. The lawyer was amused and took a picture of the scene. "That's a curious picture. I suppose they are very poor," he said. The preacher, who was interpreter and guide, replied, "Yes! that is Chi Noui."

"When the building was being built, they were eager to give what they could to it, but they had no money; so they sold the only ox they had and gave the money to the church." The lawyer and merchant were silent for some time. Then the business man said, "That must have been a real sacrifice." "They did not call it that," replied the preacher. "They thought it fortunate that they had an ox to sell."

"On completion of the tour, both returned to their homes and took the picture to the elders and told of the incident. "I want to double my giving to the church," the lawyer said, "and give me some plow work to do. I have never known what sacrifice for the Lord really meant. A converted heathen had to teach me and I am ashamed to say that I have never given anything to the church that cost me anything."

... From Tipton Home Messenger

ARE YOU ATTENDING BIBLE STUDY AT 9:30?

Some seem to be slacking up because our building program is underway, but there is no reason for them to do it. The Bible is still being taught just the same as it was before the building program was begun. The adults meet in the auditorium and have begun a study of the book of Matthew. This is a very interesting book and one that we all need to know more about.

By not attending we are depriving our children and ourselves of a golden opportunity to strengthen ourselves for these times. The devil through modernism, atheism and every other conceivable way is constantly working to destroy the faith of us all. Bible study is designed to strengthen our faith and when it is neglected our faith grows weaker.

Why not bring your own Bible to class next Lord's Day morning and take an active part in the class. Do not come just as a spectator but a participator by reading and meditating. The study period is short so it is necessary for you to come on in and be seated and ready to enter into the study promptly at 9:30. The class will begin at 9:30 each time, because we cannot lose valuable time set aside for this good work.

Do not deprive your children of the opportunity of Bible study and the association with other Christian young people. The casualty rate among our young people is high and the only way to stop it is to do a better job of teaching the Bible both at home and in church arranged classes.

The teachers who are sacrificing their time are doing you a great favor when they teach your children. Many of our teachers do not have children to attend the classes and they are teaching because of their love for God, you children, and you.

Let us all put a little more zeal and interest in the great work of teaching. We cannot afford to pass it off as an elective because it is not. Just what if you had to be judged (given an examination) on what you know about the Bible and how often you attend. Would you pass the examination?
D.B.

ISN'T IT STRANGE - that some people are more careful about the deed to their house than they are about the security of their soul?

. . . that the little things that keep one from worship on Sunday do not keep him from work on Monday?

. . . that men who will not attend services of the church would refuse to live in a land where the church did not exist.

. . . that some who claim to have open minds do not have them wide enough for all the truth.

. . . that men will live unprepared to die and meet God when they know that they must do so and that the time may come any minute. -Selected

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September 26...410	...\$1,338.28
A Year Ago ...438	...\$1,194.49
Weekly Budget	...\$1,385.00
Membership	542

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....James Massey
 Prayer.....R. H. Davis
 Dismiss.....Ken Willis

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Bob Threadgill
 Prayer.....Dr. Walls T. Witt
 Dismiss.....Joe Willis

WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP
 Mrs. Willie Whitacre, 427 Wol-
 dert, was baptized Monday afternoon.
 She learned how to become a Christ-
 ian by listening to our radio pro-
 gram. Mrs. Whitacre is eighty years
 young and is the mother of sister
 Violet Land who also became a
 Christian as a result of our radio
 program.

CONGRATULATIONS
 Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Munsell are
 the parents of a baby boy born at
 Medical Center Hospital.

DIRECTORY CHANGES
 The Dick Fergusons have a new
 telephone number - Ly 3-6904.

THE SICK
 Pattie Ingram, daughter of David
 and Jeanette Ingram and grand-
 daughter of brother and sister H.C.
 Williamson is now home from the
 hospital. She is getting along well
 and the doctor says she can return
 to school in a few days.

SYMPATHY
 Brother Glen Warner's mother pas-
 sed away in Hugo, Oklahoma where
 she was visiting her daughter. The
 funeral services were Friday at
 2:00 o'clock in Lake Victor, Tex.
 We extend our sympathy to the
 Warner family.

AREA WIDE YOUNG PEOPLES MEETING
 The young peoples meeting will be
 at the Broad Street church of
 Christ in Mineola, Sunday after-
 noon at 2:30. Dan Danner will be
 the speaker. All are invited.

NEW ADDRESS
 Brother and sister E.V. Rushing's
 new address is 482 Wygant Road,
 Horseheads, New York 14845.

HIGH SCHOOL DAY AT ACC
 High School Day at Abilene Christ-
 ian College will be on October 16th
 this year. There will be a full
 day of activities, starting at
 8:00 A.M. It is hoped that pros-
 pective students can go. Parents,
 if you are interested in your
 children attending ACC, why not
 take them out to Abilene October
 16th.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST, 1965

Cash on hand Sept. 1, 1965	\$3,605.75
Contribution \$5,500.93	
Other Churches 90.00	5,590.93
Available for Expenditure	<u>\$9,196.68</u>

Loan Payments	
First Fed. Sav. & Loan \$711.75	
Coop. Sav. & Loan 75.00	\$ 786.75

Benevolent	
Bible Chair \$100.00	
Herald of Truth 50.00	
Boles Home 50.00	
Tipton Home 50.00	
Sunny Glen Home 50.00	
Radio Program 232.80	
Jerry Hill 715.00	
W. Erwin 625.00	
Other 90.00	
Mike Warner (salary) 460.00	
(rent) 80.00	
Bedding for Hurricane 500.00	\$2,287.80
Betsy Victims	

Materials and Supplies	
Bldg. Maint \$107.09	
Utilities 473.84	
Bible School Supplies 145.17	
Office Supplies 115.38	
Insurance 60.00	
Flowers 6.05	
Postage 80.00	\$ 987.53

Salaries	\$1,569.60
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Total Expenditures for Sept. 1965	\$5,631.68
Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1965	<u>3,565.00</u>
Total Funds accounted for	9,196.68

DO YOU READ THE
MINISTER'S MONTHLY?
 If you are not a
 reader of the Mini-
ster's Monthly and
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 the magazine is \$2.50
 a year, but in clubs
 it is \$2.00. This
 magazine is designed
 for preachers, elders,
 deacons, and Bible
 school teachers, but
 it is valuable to any
 Christian. It is one
 of the best magazines
 in print today and it
 is hoped that all of
 the leaders and
 teachers and many
 others will subscribe.

BUSINESS MEETING
 There will be a
 business meeting Sun-
 day afternoon at 3:00
 o'clock. All men of
 the congregation are
 invited to attend.

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 IT TO US ON A POST
 CARD. WE WOULD LIKE
 TO SAY THANKS TO
 THOSE WHO HAVE AL-
 READY SENT THEIRS.

EXCUSE ME, PLEASE

In Luke 14 our Lord spoke of a certain man making a great supper and bade many to come and the only response he received from some was "Excuse me, please." One had bought a field and had to go see it. Another had bought five yoke of oxen and had to go prove them. The third one had married a wife and he begged to be excused as the first two had done. There were several things these people overlooked or they probably would not have asked to be excused.

A lot of energy and time as well as expense was used to make this supper all that the host had intended for it to be. It is said that he made "a great supper," and of course this was in keeping with the host's honor. He had provided the very best for his table, and sent out an earnest invitation, "Come, for all things are now ready." It seems that the announcement of such banquet would have been sufficient to have crowded out the banquet hall, but that was not the case. Several things should have brought the people to the feast. First, the very desire of the king should have brought them. Secondly, the design of the feast should have brought them. It was for feasting and fellowship that would have brought their joy to full capacity.

Those of us who know the lessons here know that the invitation sent out was to the Jews and they refused and the Gentiles, the unworthy ones according to the Jews, accepted it. Without taking this completely out of its setting we can show you, that in principle, many today are saying by actions, "excuse me, please."

The Lord called sinners out of sin into holiness so that they might enjoy fellowship with Him and his children, but many are not enjoying this fellowship. Why? They are saying, "excuse me, please" I am too busy, I am absorbed in other things. And the other things are much less important than what they are doing. What is more important than studying the Bible? What is more important than worshipping the God who saved us? What is more important than trying to save the lost? When a person does not want to do a thing he can always find an excuse not to do it. The excuse may be as illogical as is possible to state, but to him it is an excuse for not doing what he does not really want to do.

There is a great supper (feasting on God's Word) each Lord's Day here at 9:30. How many of this congregation are saying, "excuse me, please?" Many did this before we started construction on our new facilities, but their excuses seem a little more logical now, but they are not. Any adult who wants to learn can bring his Bible and learn whether he is in his own age group or with others. His desire to learn has more to do with it than being with his own age group.

On Sunday evening, Wednesday evening, during (continued inside)

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BIBLE SCHOOL	CONTRIBUTION
September 26...410	...\$1,338.28
September 19...410	...\$1,363.35
A Year Ago ...411	...\$1,022.88
Membership.	541
Weekly Budget	... \$1,385.00

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Sam Bailey
 Prayer.....Truman Holland
 Dismiss.....Bruce Raley
 SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Cone Birdwell
 Prayer.....Howard Ellis
 DismissRonnie Stegall

BAPTIZED

Mrs. Bill (Rose) Rushing was baptized last Tuesday evening. She was baptized by brother E. V. Rushing. Our hearts rejoice when one is born anew. Rose has been attending here for a long time. She is a very fine person and we are so glad she completed her obedience to the Lord. We welcome her into our fellowship.

TO HORSEHEADS, NEW YORK

Brother and sister E. V. Rushing left for Horseheads, N.Y. Wednesday morning. They hope to arrive there in time to worship with the brethren this Lord's Day. We bid them God's speed in their new work.

BE ON TIME FOR BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY!

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies will begin meeting again for their class on Wednesday, October 6. The time is 10:00 A.M. Some have asked about the class and it has not been started due to the demolition of the old building. However, we will start October 6 and continue for, at least, two months unless we are hindered too much by noise. We will have to dismiss later while the present building is being added on to and when heavy equipment is being used adjoining the auditorium. Brother Brookshire will teach the class and it is hoped that every lady who can will take advantage of the opportunity to learn more and do more for the Lord.

THANK YOU NOTE

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

The Family of Mrs. Susie Richards

TO SERVE IN OCTOBER

Men selected to serve at the Lord's Table and the congregation for the month of October are as follows: C. B. Hardin, Austin Giesecke, Henry Holland, W. R. Womack, and James Beard. M. B. Beard, Russell O'Bannon, David Demic, Roger Knight, and Gary Weaver. Alternates are James Phillips and Bob Threadgill.

Sunday evening: Charles Graf, John Brem. Alternate: Bud Caskey.

COLORADO SPRINGS MEETING

I am glad to report a good meeting with the West Pikes Peak church in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Eight were baptized and new records were set in attendance. Some bad weather prevailed during the meeting but the interest and attendance did not wane. Brother Sydney Ellis is the preacher and the congregation is served well by brethren Cleo Smith and Arthur Nutt. It was gratifying to see the growth of the church in Colorado Springs. I am thankful for the privilege of working with those brethren again. D.B.

LONGVIEW MEETING

Brother James Lefan of Temple is scheduled to preach in a meeting at the Mobberly Avenue church in Longview, October 3-8. Week day services are at 7:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. Attend if you can.

COTTAGE MEETINGS

All who can should avail themselves of every opportunity to teach their friends and neighbors about the Lord. The Fall and Winter should be used to do more teaching because it seems to be a time of slower pace. Why not every member join in a more aggressive effort to save the lost during the next few months? I have time for one or two cottage meetings per week and if you can arrange one, but cannot teach it, please call me if it is agreeable with the one to be taught. D.B.

BRING A VISITOR TO CLASS.

NEW DAUGHTER

Don and Judy Forbes, of Guyman, Oklahoma are the parents of a baby girl born last Thursday. The B. E. Walkers are the grandparents.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Randy Shuford is in the Glenwood Clinic.

YOUNG PEOPLES SUNDAY EVENING CLASS

The young peoples class on Sunday evening is going to begin a course on How To Study The Bible. This would be a good time for those who are not in the habit of attending this class to begin. Parents you can play an important part here. The class is relaxed and rather informal. We sing a great deal and pray. I believe all the teenagers will profit from it if they attend.

EXCUSE ME, PLEASE ... (continued)

meetings and visitation evenings we are saying in essence, "excuse me, please." The excuses of the people in Luke 14 made the Master angry. Do you suppose He is any more pleased with our excuses than he was theirs? D.B.

"I will strengthen thee, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of My righteousness. Isa. 41:10

ZONE 5 will meet Monday evening at 7:00 in the Smith Memorial building.

GIVE SOMEONE A TRACT THIS WEEK!

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VOLUNTEERS

There was once a preacher of the gospel who entered the pulpit, and with a look of anxiety on his face began:

"It is very unusual for me to ask the members of this congregation to raise their hands in answer to a query. However, in order that important information may be gained, I feel that necessary. There is one in this community that is very sick. People are needed to sit up with her. It can be so arranged that each member will have to sit up only one hour a week. This request is urgent. Now, I would like to know how many of you are willing to give an hour of your time this week sitting up with her?"

Each individual raised his hand in eager response. "That is fine," stated the preacher. I believed you would whole-heartedly respond. Of course you are anxious to know

who this patient might be. She is the prayer meeting. I hope that you will keep your promise and be here to 'sit up' with our Mid-week service this week."

Of course, to us and others there is a sense of humor here. Underneath, however, there lies a great truth. . . our prayer meetings are sick. Are you contributing to this disease (neglect) by your negligence? If so, why do you not cease your negligence and assist in making our attendance grow? In helping build our attendance, you will find that you, too, will grow spiritually.

Spiritual growth is our primary aim, and who will deny that each time we worship we are strengthened? Think seriously, friend, are you guilty of neglect? (read Heb. 2:1-4 and 10:25) ... Ordis Copeland

WHICH ARE YOU?

I watched them tearing a building down,
A gang of men in a busy town;
With a ho-heave-ho and lusty yell,
They swung a beam and the side wall fell.
I asked the foreman: "Are these men skilled,
As the men you'd hire if you had to build?"
He gave a laugh and said, "No indeed!
Just common labor is all I need.
I can easily wreck in a day or two,
What builders have taken a year

to do."
And I thought to myself as I went my way,
Which of these roles have I tried to play?
Am I a builder who works with care,
Measuring life by the rule and square?
Am I shaping my deeds to a well made plan,
Patiently doing the best I can?
Or am I a wrecker, who walks the town,
Content with the labor of tearing down? ...Author Unknown



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September 12 ...480	...\$1,480.41
A Year Ago ...443	...\$1,079.99

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING Announcements and

Prayer.....Glen Warner
Prayer.....Henry Holland
Dismiss.....David Demic

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and

Prayer.....Ray Womack
Prayer.....T. J. Parsons
Dismiss.....Buddy Holland

RESPONSES

Confessed faults and asked for prayer: Mrs. E. E. Degge, Sandra Snipes, and James Sublette

SYMPATHY

Mrs. Susie Richards, mother of sister M. B. Beard, passed away Wednesday morning. Funeral services were conducted Thursday in Frankston. We offer our deepest sympathy to the family.

Funeral services will be held Friday for Mrs. Frank Dunn of Houston. She was the sister of sister W. L. Howard and an aunt of brother G. O. Howard. We express our sympathy to the Howards.

THANK YOU NOTE

The family of Bill Pickle acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

THE SICK

Brother Hillis, father of sister Juanita Graf and sister Gladys Caudle is still in Mother Frances.

Sister Jolene Welch's mother is in the hospital in Nashville, Ark.

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES

It has been decided that we will try to have classes on Wednesday evening for grades 1 through 6. The classes will meet in the Elm St. property in the same rooms they occupy on Sunday morning. Teachers and material are being secured at the present and we will be ready to start these classes Oct. 6, which is the first Wednesday of the Fall quarter. This arrangement will be good as long as it is fair weather. If the weather is bad (falling weather of any kind) all classes will remain in the auditorium as we are now doing. The students are asked to go directly to their class rooms. We will not try to all gather in the auditorium and dismiss the classes from there.

PROMOTION DAY AHEAD

In keeping with our custom, we will promote our classes on the first Sunday of October. The new quarter's material is here. We will have instructions in the various rooms as to where the students will go next Lord's Day. We can do this easily this time since so many classes have been combined. We will also publish this information in the bulletin next week.

BIBLE STUDY IS FOR ALL

THE LOST ART OF REBUKING

"Take heed to yourselves: if thy brother sin rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him" (Luke 17:3)

"Preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, REBUKE, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching." (2 Tim. 4:2)

The word rebuke means to reprove for faults, to reprimand, to address in sharp and severe disapproval according to Webster. The Greek word used in the above texts literally means to put honor upon and then to adjudge. It has the idea of careful analysis of the honors and faults of the one being judged and then rebuking with the idea of perfecting the object of the rebuke because of your feeling for him.

Any Christian who knows of a brother of his who is not living for Christ, worshipping, giving, and growing spiritually should go to him and REBUKE him. This is not meddling. This is not being unkind. This is the way the Lord himself wants Christians to treat their fellow-Christians.

However, we live in an age in which REBUKE is very unpopular.

TASKS - SMALL AND GREAT

"Always keep your eyes open for the little tasks, because it is the little task that is important to Jesus Christ. The future of the Kingdom of God does not depend on the enthusiasm of this or that

Very little rebuke is found in the home, the schools, and even in our society. People commit moral sins that a few years ago society would have tar and feathered them for the act. Young people often sport an attitude of utter disregard for authority and any kind of correction. And saddest of all, members of the church who lapse back into the sins of the world do not want the elders or the preacher or other members coming to them and talking to them about their sins. Do not rebuke me!

But hear again the words of our Master: "If thy brother sin rebuke him." That is very simple and very plain. If we realize the terrible-ness of sin, if we love our brother in the Lord, we will rebuke him when he is in sin.

Naturally the rebuke will be given with love and tenderness, but remember, it will be given. We can not ignore those whom we love. And we cannot ignore the express command of the Lord. Now, are we doing what we should be in rebuking.

- Harvey Porter

powerful person; those great ones are necessary too, but it is equally necessary to have a great number of little people who will do a little thing in the service of Christ.

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WE MUST PREACH

It is quite evident that God wants the gospel of His Son preached. "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." I Cor. 1:21.

The first, and greatest work, assigned to the Apostles was to preach the gospel. Every man that preaches today must preach the gospel if he wants to save souls, including his own. Those of us that preach must preach:

Not human experience, but divine redemption. Many have had experiences that they thought were caused by the Lord only to find out later that they were mistaken. But if one will turn to the Lord's Word and preach only what the Lord has assigned to preachers to preach the theme will be divine redemption and not a human experience.

Not economic ideals, but the gospel of Christ. All of us are interested in economics, because it is a part of the way of life. We would all like for an ideal situation to exist, the which has never existed and probably never will. But even if it did it still would not save our soul from sin. The gospel is God's power unto salvation. Economics make good talk, but does not provide spiritual salvation.

Not culture, but conversion. It is good to see a person cultured enough to do things orderly and modestly. It is good to have an appreciation for the beautiful things of life, but there is a great difference in culture and conversion to the Lord. Conversion is the turning away from sin unto righteousness. Conversion involves the turning of one's whole heart from the things of the world to the Lord. It involves the obedience of the heart to every command of Jesus Christ.

Not personal reform, but liberation from sin. Reformation is not liberation. Sometimes thieves reform, but they are not liberated. Some become disgusted with sin but are never forgiven, because they do not comply with the Lord's provisions of liberation. It is not possible for one to reform himself into favor with God against whom he has sinned. We encourage reformation with liberation as the goal, but not to stop at reformation before we receive liberation. Man may reform himself, but he cannot liberate himself from sin.

Not laws of progress, but forgiveness of sin. As a nation we have made progress in many fields, but not as much as we should have in the direction of spirituality. We know how far it is around the earth, how far it is to the moon and sun, but do we know how far it is to Jesus? We know a great deal about anatomy, but do we know about the body and blood of Jesus. We can sail the seas and orbit the earth, but have we learned to rule our spirit? (continued inside)



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September 5...411	...\$1,352.11
Year Ago.....433	...\$1,137.43
Membership.....	541
Weekly Budget.....	\$1,385.00

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Louis J. Jones
Prayer.....Henry McRuiz
Dismiss.....Clarence Strait

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Glen Warner
Prayer.....T.J. Parsons
Dismiss.....Royce Caskey

WELCOME

Brother and sister David Demic, from the Cameron Road Church in Austin, Texas came Sunday to place membership with this congregation. Their address is 528 S. Saunders. Sister Demic's name is Virginia. He is a teacher at Tyler Junior College. She is also a teacher but not teaching at this time. We are very happy to welcome this couple.

THANK YOU NOTE

The family of Mrs. Ada Davis acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

OUR MEETING

By the time you read this our

meeting will be history. Thus far we have had good attendance, good interest and good lessons. Our thanks to brother Gieger and to each of you for your contribution to the meeting. The Lord will richly reward each for his faithful service. D.B.

SYMPATHY

Brother E. C. Pickle's brother, Bill Pickle of Eustace, was buried Sunday afternoon. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

SUPPLIES TO NEW ORLEANS

We have made the largest contribution of clothing, food and bedding to our brethren in New Orleans that we have ever made to one particular place since I have been here. We actually have contributed a truck load (not a large van) of supplies to our brethren who lost their possessions in the recent flood. The church here has bought \$500.00 worth of bedding beside the other things we have sent. Thanks for your generosity. D.B.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. U. G. Rozell are the parents of a baby girl born Tuesday evening at Medical Center Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Duncan (Barbara Porter) are the parents of a baby boy born last Friday.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Eskel Dale is in Medical Center.
Jack Beard is in Medical and Surgical Clinic.

Jess King is in Glenwood Clinic.

AUDITORIUM CLASS

Brother C. B. Hardin will teach the auditorium class this Lord's Day and brother Leonard Woltman will teach the following Lord's Day. We hope every adult will be present. We have had some fine lessons and these men are capable of bringing good lessons too. We all need the benefits of the lessons. Let us be on time, 9:30 A.M. D.B.

NORTHWEST MEETING

The Northwest church will have a three day meeting, September 24, 25, and 26, with brother Alan Bryan preaching. All are invited.

OPPORTUNITY

The Rushings will preview the new R. B. Sweet Teacher Training filmstrips in view of taking them with them to New York.

They have invited those interested in teaching here to view them also. We think this will be a good opportunity to learn more about teaching effectively. They will be shown in the W. Erwin building at 7:30 P.M. Monday. All are invited.

SINGING SCHOOL

There will be a singing school at the church building in New Summerfield each Thursday evening at 7:30 to continue for several weeks (no ending date set.) Brother Louis Dickey of Troup will be the teacher.

TO THE UNIVERSITY

David Porter has enrolled at the University of Texas.

WE MUST PREACH. . . (Continued)

Not a new organization, but a new creation. Some men are looking for new organizations and are even heard to boast that their organization was never heard of a century or so ago. More thought is given to the organization of their choice than to creation of the inner man into the image of the Saviour Jesus Christ. As a rule men love organizations more than they love the truth that makes men new creatures in Christ. If we preach and practice being a new creature and become one, the Lord will add us to His divine organization, or society, the Church.

Not benefits of civilization, but the blessings of Christ. As Americans we have reaped great benefits from civilization, but the greatest blessings of all are in Christ. It is a great privilege to live here but it is greater to live in Christ, die in Him and go to heaven. If souls are saved we must preach what men need to hear and not what they want to hear. We must preach what interests God and not what man is interested in materially or socially. D.B.

MEETING IN COLORADO

Brother Brookshire is leaving Saturday morning for a meeting with the West Pikes Peak church in Colorado Springs. Brother Tom Jones and brother Dan Danner will preach next Lord's Day. Brother Brookshire will be back for the services the 26th.

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* GOSPEL MEETING *
* SEPTEMBER 12 - 17 *
*BROTHER L. L. GIEGER, EVANGELIST *
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Dean Brookshire
Prayer.....Glen Howard
Dismiss.....Bob Butler

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Russell O'Bannon
Prayer.....L. G. Drennan
Dismiss.....Billy Tigert

WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Walls T. Witt and wife
Jimmie, 1218 Sunset, came Sunday
morning to be identified with us.
They formerly worshipped at the
Central Church in Temple. They have
two children, Melisa and Thomas. Dr.
Witt is an Anesthesiologist.

Ronnie Stegall, 1500 San Antonio,
came Sunday evening to place mem-
bership with us. His home is Houma,
La. He is a student at Tyler Junior
College.

SYMPATHY

Sister O.P. Pool's brother-in-
law, Mr. Parks Grimes, of Desota,
Texas was buried Saturday.

Mrs. A.O. Davis of Cooper, grand-
mother of sister Brookshire, was
buried Tuesday. Brother Brookshire
conducted the service assisted by
brother J. D. Wheeler.

We extend our sympathy to each
family.

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE

There will be an area-wide young
people's meeting Sunday, September
12th at 2:30 P.M. in Van, Texas.
All young people are encouraged to
attend.

THE SICK

Brother Jack Beard remains in the
Medical Surgical Hospital.

*
* INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO THE *
* MEETING *
* SEPTEMBER 12 - 17. *
*

PREACHERS AND ELDERS - LONGVIEW

There will be an area-wide meet-
of preachers and elders Monday Sep-
tember 13. Meet at the Alpine and
Glover Church building for a devo-
tional at 11:15, then lunch at the
Wyatt Cafeteria at 12:00 Noon. All
Christians are invited to attend.

BROTHER GIEGER WILL SPEAK ON
KTBB SEPTEMBER 13 - 17, 12:30 NOON.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST, 1965

Cash on hand August 1, 1965	\$2,024.80
Contribution	\$7,094.49
Other Churches	90.00
Available for Expenditures	<u>\$7,184.49</u>
	\$9,209.29

Loan Payments

First Fed. Sav. & Loan	711.75	
Coop. Sav. and Loan	75.00	\$ 786.75

Benevolent and Mission

Bible Chair	100.00
Herald of Truth	50.00
Boles Home	50.00
Tipton Home	50.00
Sunny Glen Home	50.00
Radio Program	232.80
Jerry Hill	715.00
W. Erwin	625.00
Other	90.00
Mike Warner	
Salary	575.00
Rent	80.00
Tape Recorder	133.85
Mrs. Robert Frahm	116.00
(Horsheads, N.Y.)	\$2,152.65

Materials and Supplies

Bldg. Maint.	176.34
Utilities	477.54
Bible School Supplies	105.13
Insurance	60.00
Flowers	6.05
	\$ 825.06

Salaries \$1,839.08

Total Expenditures Aug. 1965	\$5,603.54
Balance on hand August 31	<u>3,605.75</u>
Total Funds accounted for	9,209.29

Bldg. Fund Balance August 31, 1965 \$17,683.48

DO WE WANT A MEETING?
(continued)

as personal ones. The best way is to invite our friends and go by for them as they do not like to drive up to a strange place where they are un-acquainted with the surroundings and order of worship, and go in by themselves.

The date is Sept. 12-17. The time is 9:30 and 10:20 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. on the Lord's Day and 7:30 week nights. The evangelist is L.L. Gieger of Fort Worth.

If we want this meeting, let us help make it a success.
D.B.

BUSINESS MEETING

All men of the church are invited to attend the business meeting Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

IF YOU LIVE OUTSIDE OF TYLER PLEASE SEND US YOUR ZIP CODE NUMBER ON A POST CARD IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE VISITOR

Attend Bible School



BROTHER GIEGER

DO WE WANT A MEETING?

To this question some are ready to say, "Sure we want a meeting." or "We have a preacher coming for one do we not?" or "We are advertizing one are we not?" A preacher can be engaged for a meeting, be preparing for one and the church advertizing it still not be ready for the meeting and maybe not even want one. It is estimated by those who conduct many meetings and work closely with a number of congregations that seldom do more than sixty percent of the members ever attend meetings where they have membership. If the meeting includes a Lord's Day, about half of the members attend only once, Lord's Day morning. According to this about forty percent of the members do not actually

want a meeting. According to attendance figures only about fifty percent of the members want more than one worship service a week. The Lord's Day evening attendance is usually cut down to half the morning attendance and the Wednesday evening attendance is about one third of the Lord's Day morning attendance.

I suppose if we accurately answer the question we will have to say that some of us want a meeting and others of us do not. It is true that some would attend if they could, but there are many who can that never make an effort. Let us change the general situation, that pretty well prevails throughout the brotherhood, here next week by having every able bodied member present every service that he can. The work of some takes them out of town, but if all of us who remain in town attend, we can have around ninety percent of the membership present at each service.

There will be only seven preaching services during our meeting. We will not have to sacrifice very much if we attend every service. Instead of looking for excuses let us pray that the Lord will help us remove every obstacle so that we can attend. Many of our friends would enjoy hearing brother Gieger so let us invite them. It is said that not many will attend any more, and it is true that some will not, but the reason they do not is because they are not personally invited or encouraged to attend. Most of our invitations are general and they are not as effective (cont. on opposite page)

SCHOOL HAS STARTED

With the opening of the public schools this week, I would like to give a word of admonition to each of our students. As you get an education this year, remember to educate the whole man. A person has three sides to his being plus a reason for being here. The development of either the spiritual, physical, or intellectual sides of a person to the exclusion of any one or two of these produces a "lopsided" man. Be strong physically. Take good care of the body that the Lord has given you. You are responsible as to how you use or misuse it. Be strong mentally. Feed your mind with good thoughts that will crowd out the evil. Be strong spiritually. We are created in the image of God and God is a Spirit. Our spirits grow as they are fed with the word of God. They are exercised as we strive to live the Christian life each day. They are refreshed as we worship God regularly in the public assemblies and in our private periods of devotion in our homes.

As you study your school subjects remember that God created the heavens and the earth and all that therein is. You cannot study any thing that does not have God as its ultimate author. Subjects that deal with the arts should be studied with the idea that God is the God of order and beauty, that God created mankind in such a way that he responds to such with a feeling of joy and satisfaction. This, men have called aesthetic experience. This is God-given and should be developed. In subjects that deal with the sciences, remember that all science is based on the observation of God's handwork. Science might be said to be the figuring out of the how God set the world up and keeps it going. Even mathematics must be considered as beginning in the mind of God. History is simply the activities of God's creation, man living and dying and being influenced by God's providence. As you go to a secular school, remember that you are from Christian homes. Many of you are Christians, you cannot be secular for God dwells within you.

T.J.

THE SICK

Brother Jess King suffered an accident at work this week cutting some tendons in his hand. He is in the Glenwood Clinic.

Brother Jack Beard was bitten by a Copperhead snake Monday. He is in Medical Surgical Clinic.

FUNERAL

Sister Russell O'Bannon's brother-in-law, Mr. Cone Richards of Cleveland, Texas was buried in Huntsville last Saturday. We express our sympathy to his loved ones.

BRING YOUR BIBLE TO CLASS.

GOSPEL MEETING SEPTEMBER 12 - 17.

L. L. GIEGER EVANGELIST

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BIBLE SCHOOL	CONTRIBUTION
August 29...452	...\$1,371.26
August 22...473	...\$1,471.56
Year Ago ...439	...\$1,191.48
Weekly Budget	...\$1,385.00
Membership	536

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....H. McCarty
 Prayer.....E. V. Rushing
 Dismiss.....Chuck Cauthen
 SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Henry McRuiz
 Prayer.....John D. Brem
 Dismiss.....Billy Tigert

THANK YOU NOTE
 Dear Christian Friends,
 I feel unable to adequately express thanks for such a generous gift. I must say it left me quite speechless.
 It is very humbling to see God's providence through you, and strengthening to one's faith. Your love and concern make my heart swell with a greater realization of the love within the family of God, even though many of you I am not personally acquainted with.
 May God richly bless you, and may your love abound more and more in his service. In Christian love,
 Edith Frahm
 Horseheads, N.Y.

COLLEGE STUDENTS
 Among our young people we have a large number attending college this Fall. If your name is not included in this list, please call the office and give us the information. We would like to have a correct list of all college students. If you would like to receive the bulletin while away from home, send us your address.

Bob Butler, Herbert Brookshire, Buddy Holland, James Teel, Layton Bailey, Pam Wallace, Judy Venable, Steve Sublette, Ramon Ivey, Jane Ann Tuel, and Gary Terrell will attend Tyler Junior College.

Ronnie Lowrance, Raymond Hardin, Judy Holland and Linda Byrd will be in Abilene Christian College.

Don Andrews, Sam Houston, Franklin Shaffer, Stephen F. Austin.

David Drennan, East Texas University.

David Hannah, Ft. Worth Christian College.

Ronnie Robbins, Lubbock Christian College.

Mike Sublette, North Texas.
 June Parris and Tommy Woltman, Harding College.

Doug Warner, Abilene Christian.
 LEAVING EAST TEXAS
 Brother Robert Bankes who has preached for the Mobberly church in Longview for about ten years will move to Ft. Worth this week. We regret to lose brother Bankes and his family from the East Texas area, but our best wishes go with them in the work at the Polytechnic church.



L. L. Gieger, Evangelist

G O S P E L M E E T I N G

Everyone is invited to attend our Gospel Meeting to be held September 12- 17. The schedule of services is as follows:

Sunday Morning
 Bible Study 9:30
 Worship 10:20
 Sunday Evening 6:00
 Monday - Friday 7:30 P.M.

Since there will be no day services, brother Gieger will also speak on our regular radio program on station KTBB at 12:30 Noon, Monday through Friday of September 13 - 17.

PRAY FOR THE MEETING - INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

BUILDING NEWS

Work on demolition of our former educational building began Monday morning. At the writing of this article all the windows and doors have been removed and most of the partitions on the third floor. We want to remind every one that to enter a building that is being torn down is risky business. DO NOT GO INTO THE OLD BUILDING. Parents, be sure to warn your children. Remember to pray concerning the construction of the building and ask God to help us as we begin to make plans for using the new class rooms in the service of teaching God's Word.
 T.J.

9:30 A.M. SUNDAY
 BIBLE STUDY IS FOR ALL

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to James Andrews who has graduated from the University of Texas School of Pharmacy.

MEN TO SERVE IN SEPTEMBER

The following men have been selected to serve the Lord's Supper for the month of September.

T. F. Holland, Ben Young, Joe Willis, Ken Willis, and Terry Woltman. M. M. Haws, Bill Tigert, Glen Warner, Pete Nichols, and Bill Howard. Alternates: D. C. Jones and Harold Browning.

Sunday evening: Cone Birdwell and Bruce Raley. Alternate: Tommy Lowrance.

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A STATEMENT FROM BROTHER RUSHING

As many of you know my wife and I, the Lord willing, will leave for Horseheads, New York around October 1st. While we do not have full support at present, we feel that we will have before that time, and in this connection the elders of West Erwin decided to support us to the extent of paying for a furnished apartment. For this we are grateful and wish to thank them.

Our duties will be many and varied in that we will assist the congregation and their minister, brother Robert Frahm, in doing personal work to those outside the church, also in several teaching capacities to those who are members of the church. In that thirty-five of the congregation of fifty have been in the church less than two years, it is the desire of the leaders there, that classes be developed to instruct women and men their relation to God and the church, their love to him and the church and love for each other, and to instruct them in methods of teaching others, also instructing men in their duties, obligations, and qualifications to develop leaders, looking forward to selection by them of deacons and elders.

Our intention again, the Lord willing, is to be there a year and since this is the case I will be out of touch with the affairs of the West Erwin congregation, I therefore have submitted my resignation as one of your elders.

You will hear from us often, as we will be advising you from time to time of the progress that is being made.

We solicit your prayers and we will be praying that God will bless you in every righteous endeavor.

E. V. Rushing

EDITORS NOTE

Brother and sister Rushing have meant much to the West Erwin church for a number of years. Their two sons and families contributed much to this church too. I want to express my personal thanks to them for what they have meant to me and my family during the years we have worked together. We love them very much and our prayers go with them to Horseheads. I am glad we are having fellowship with them and I know they will do a good work in New York State. They can be a great help to the young Christians up there. Let us all pray that the Lord will safely keep them and use them to His glory for whatever time they may choose to be with the church in Horseheads.

Dean Brookshire



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BIBLE SCHOOL	CONTRIBUTION
August 22....473	...\$1,471.56
August 15....377	...\$1,275.59
Year Ago409	...\$1,143.61
Weekly Budget	...\$1,385.00
Membership	... 536

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Ross Walker
Prayer.....	Russell O'Bannon
Dismiss.....	Dick Ferguson

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Sam Bailey
Prayer.....	Fred Strait
Dismiss.....	Joe Willis

RESPONSES

Last Friday morning Gary Weaver, son of brother and sister John Weaver was baptized into Christ. We are happy to welcome Gary into our fellowship. He will enter High School this Fall.

Brother and sister R. H. Davis, 3301 S. Broadway (Barclay Apts.) placed membership with us last Sunday. They have recently moved to Tyler from Pittsburg, Texas, and are the parents of sister Ray Womack. We welcome them.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Tommy Woltman will speak to the young people at 4:30 Sunday afternoon. Plan to attend.

PRAY FOR THE MEETING SEPT. 12 - 17.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

The Family of Eugene Adams
Thanks for the flowers and visits during my recent stay in the hospital. I especially want to thank the young people who came on Sunday afternoon. Gilbert Venable

THANKS TO MEN AND BOYS

We owe a great big thanks to the men and boys who worked so hard and faithfully in moving furniture from the old educational building last Monday. Brother Massey was in charge of the moving and he wishes to personally thank all who had a part in it. We are thankful to Tom Ramsour who is providing free storage for our furniture while the building program is going on. D.B.

WE HAD A GOOD DAY

The last day in the educational building on Erwin Street was a good one. Without any appeals or publicity we had 473 in Bible School. The contribution was back up to the budget. Thanks to everyone who helped us have a great day. On Sunday evening we had our building four-fifths filled. That was the largest evening audience we have had in a long time. Enthusiasm is running high and if you are not on the "enthusiasm wagon," hop on. WE have a big work to do and we cannot let up, too much is at stake. We need your presence, prayers and co-operation. D.B.

CLASS ROOM ARRANGEMENTS

Classes will meet as follows during the building program.

Toddlers	Ladies Lounge
2 & 3 years	Nursery
4 & 5 years	Bro. Brookshire's study
1st grade	Elm Street House
2nd grade	Elm Street House
3rd grade	Elm Street House
4th & 5th grade	Elm Street House
6th grade	Elm Street House
All Jr. High	Newspaper Office
All Sr. High	Newspaper Office
All Adults	Auditorium
College Age	Arrangements pending

All of the classes in the Elm St. house are upstairs (see diagram). The junior classes are asked to enter by the Southwest front door, and the primary children enter by the door under the carport. Junior high and High School boys and girls meet upstairs in the Newspaper office. They are asked by the Newspaper office not to enter any other room except their classroom. This is very important.

In the preschool classes teachers will rotate. Sis. Brookshire and sis. O'Bannon will teach 4th & 5th grade, Tom Jones and Gerald Montgomery will teach Junior High, Joe McBee and Jamon Kirby will teach High School. Teachers will rotate in the Auditorium. Bro. Howard Holland will teach this Sunday.

Wednesday evening classes have all been combined in the auditorium. We want to encourage all the children to sit down close to the front on both sides of the auditorium and

then the adults just as close as they can behind them. There will be some participation of the children in the program many times.

SUNDAY MORNING ONLY

Everyone will meet in the auditorium Sunday morning at 9:30. At this time all students will be given the location of their class rooms and will be accompanied to them by their teachers. This arrangement is for next Sunday only.

A VERY IMPORTANT EVENT

To many of us the most important event now is our building program, and it is important, but we must not forget our meeting which begins September 12 and continues through the 17. There will be no day services due to the demolition of the educational building and we need to be working to fill our auditorium each evening. Brother Gieger will speak on our radio program each day at 12:30 Noon the week of September 13-17. While we are thinking about a material building, let us not forget the building of character for the Lord. We can use our meeting to win souls to Christ and further the Lord's work in every area. D.B.

THE SICK

Sister Pauline Aven is in Medical Center for tests.

Bill Pickle of Eustace, brother of brother E.C. Pickle is seriously ill at this time.

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WE ARE THANKFUL?

Heb. 13:15, "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name."

Ingratitude is one of the basest of sins. All of us appreciate even a weakly "thank you" no matter how small a favor we have done for another. One who accepts favors from us with an attitude that we owe it to them is seldom the beneficiary of the second favor. We like for others to return favors we have done for them, even though we do not do the favors just to have them returned, we do like for others to "remember us in a small way."

The greatest favors and blessings we enjoy have not come from mankind, but our Heavenly Father, the giver of all good gifts. We could do little for each other, if anything, that is not either directly or indirectly connected with what God has done for us. If we are thankful for what others do for us, how much more thankful we should be for what God has done for us. God has done more for us than others have been able to do. Perhaps our parents have done more for us than others, but they are limited in supplying our greatest needs.

God is the giver of life, the giver of all that is necessary to sustain it and the greater gifts that brought salvation to us when we were sinners. One can enjoy the best of health, live in a beautiful home and still miss the greatest blessings of all, the blessings of salvation.

How thankful we should be that God provided a Saviour for us. We did not deserve Him. The Holy Spirit as a revelator, comforter and fruit bearer is a wonderful blessing to a Christian. Bibles are cheap and can be bought most any where in our nation. Most of us take for granted the glorious message it contains. Some of us are too ungrateful to read it or allow others to teach it to us. Without it we would be in total darkness and would have no "lamp" unto our feet and light unto our path."

Christian association is worth more to us than we realize. We need each other and will die spiritually when we cut ourselves off from the rest of the Christians. No man can long live separate from other Christians. We will die spiritually away from Christian association almost as quickly as fish will die out of water. How thankful we should be to have each other for encouragement and strength.

Then we ought as Heb. 13:15 reveals offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually...and give thanks to his name. In a world polluted by sin the Christian still has much to be thankful for. Let us learn the art of being thankful.

D.B.

PRAY FOR OUR MEETING - SEPTEMBER 12 THROUGH 17.



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OUR RECORDS

Bible School	Contribution
August 15 ...377	...\$1,275.59
August 8 ...423	...\$1,472.29
Year Ago413	...\$1,263.44

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and	
Prayer.....	C. B. Hardin
Prayer.....	Jack Beard
Dismiss.....	Kenneth Bennett

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and	
Prayer.....	Bob Threadgill
Prayer.....	Tommy Lowrance
Dismiss.....	James Teel

RESPONSES

We want to welcome Linda Haynes, 1418 Hawthorne. She was baptized last Sunday evening. Linda is a senior at John Tyler High School.

We also welcome James Teel, 1419 Hawthorne. He is the son of brother John Teel who preaches in Big Sandy. James is a student at Tyler Junior College.

WEDDING

Miss Glends Sue Slaton and David Wright were married Saturday evening. We extend our best wishes for a long and happy life together. Their address is 629 S. Saunders.

9:30 A. M. SUNDAY
 BIBLE STUDY IS FOR ALL

FUNERALS

We express our sympathy to the loved ones of brother Adams of Hughes Springs. He was the father of our sister Henry McRuiz. Funeral services were held in Hughes Springs Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Dick Baird passed away Tuesday and was buried Thursday in Gilmer. He was an uncle of Mrs. Carl Bell, Mrs. J. D. Brem, Mrs. T. F. Holland and Mrs. Percy Tate, and a brother-in-law to Mrs. Alice Long. We extend our sympathy to his family.

VISITORS

It was good to have Van, Joanne and Rickey Allessandro visit with us Wednesday evening. They are now living in Searcy, Arkansas where Van teaches in Harding College.

ARE YOU MAKING PLANS?

Our Meeting begins September 12, and that is hardly a month away. Precious time is going by each day and if we do not make the proper preparation for the meeting we will be doing brother Gieger an injustice. He is coming prepared to preach the gospel and we must be prepared in every way when he arrives. We need to be preparing ourselves to attend and hear, and to be making arrangements with our friends to come with us. Let us not wait until the "11th hour" to start working in behalf of our meeting. This will be our meeting and not brother Gieger's. Pray for him and work to get others to attend. D.B.

BUILDING NEWS

Here is the news we have been waiting for. The contract on our new educational building has been awarded to Mr. George Carter (the low bidder) for \$162,429.00 This includes plumbing, electrical and air conditioning work. This is higher than was estimated but labor and materials have advanced considerably since it was first decided to build.

Demolition of the old building is to start the 30th of this month, which is Monday week. We have only one Lord's Day left to meet in the old building. Every one will need to be present this Lord's Day to learn about our plans for carrying on our teaching program. With the co-operation of all we can carry on our Bible classes without any decrease. It is hoped that we enjoy an increase during our building program. Mr. Carter has asked for 60 days for demolition and 190 for construction.

Every member here owes a deep debt of gratitude to the Building Committee who worked so long and

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WEDNESDAY EVENING ATTENDANCE

We are real happy about the 303 we had Wednesday evening. Would it not be wonderful if we never fell below the 300 mark. We need your help and you need the benefits derived from such an hour of worship and study.

LISTEN TO KTBB - 12:30 NOON - MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

hard to see this building program become a reality. The Committee is made up of brethren James Massey, Bud Caskey, Ed Bullard, Bob Threadgill and Roger Knight.

The elders are to be commended for their vision and faith in leading us into this new phase of work. Our class room space was exhausted three or four years ago and our elders were in complete agreement that we need larger and better facilities in which to teach the Lord's Word.

The congregation is to be commended for giving so liberally in order to make the building possible. Our contribution is at an all time high. We must keep giving and God will keep blessing us.

Let each of us show our love for God and these men in praying daily for them while the work is in progress. We must go to the Throne of God often and ask His help to accomplish the work and then thank Him for giving us the opportunity of doing more for Him. D.B.

THE EXODUS GAME

We have had one of our best Summers so far as attendance and contribution are concerned, but we almost made a new record low Sunday. We cannot complain too much because of the good days we have had the past two months.

"I'D LIKE TO SEE SOMEONE GET HIM. ."

A well groomed lady who carried an air of refinement entered the preacher's study. "I have come to see you about my boy. He is 17 and has never given us any trouble until lately. He seems to have gotten into the wrong crowd, and I would like you to see if someone could get him into Bible school. Perhaps you have some young man who could interest him."

"We will be glad to try," replied the preacher as he reached for a pad on which to jot down the name and address. "Do you and your husband come here for services?" he asked quite innocently.

"No," the mother answered, shifting about in her chair a bit, "but we live here in the neighborhood and our son knows some of the boys in your Bible school."

"I thought it might be easier to get him into church where his parents belong," the minister went on.

"Well, you see, my husband is in business, and always away from home. When he gets in on Saturday we like to have Sundays together to ourselves. It is our only chance. Besides, he belonged to another church when we were married, and we have never gone to any church."

"I think I have a plan, then, that will get your boy into a Bible school class. We have a splendid class of business men that your husband will appreciate and another class for mothers under the leadership of a fine teacher. Now, why not next Sunday morning, all of you

come together? I will meet you here and take your son to the young men's class."

"That is very kind of you, and I do appreciate your invitation, but that will be impossible for this week-end. My husband and I have other plans," she said.

"Then why not a week from Sunday? We will have some of the ladies call on you, and you can get acquainted."

"Thank you so very much. But it was not for ourselves that I was concerned." And she was rising to go. "It's my boy. He needs the church, and I would do anything to get him interested where he could find the proper companions."

The minister arose and spoke plainly. "Yes, my good woman, I too, would like to see someone get your boy into Bible school. He, like every boy, needs to be there. But if anyone is going to get your boy into church, you and your husband are the ones who are going to have to do it. You said that you would do anything to get him in, but I guess you meant anything except yourself. If your boy's future is not worth more than a Sunday outing, then you ought not ask others to take a greater interest in him than you do."

As the minister looked out the study window and watched her drive away, he said to himself, "Yes, I would like to see anyone get that boy into Bible school, with an example in the home like that of those two parents." . . . Copied

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 BIBLE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION
 August 1...423.....\$1,504.70
 July 25....409.....\$1,471.73
 Year Ago...386.....\$1,205.47
 APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Ray Womack
 Prayer.....Ross Walker
 Dismiss.....Hal Broadfoot
 SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....H. McCarty
 Prayer.....Fred Powell
 Dismiss.....Skipper Womack

RESPONSES:
 By Membership, Tim and Nancy
 Bedwell, 607 S. Kennedy.

THE SICK
 Billy Wells has had back surgery
 this week. He is in the Methodist
 hospital in Houston.
 Ronnie Robbins has been in the Glen-
 wood clinic this week.
 Brother Degge had the misfortune of
 being accidentally shot in the thigh
 with a pellet gun this week. He was
 not injured seriously. He has spent
 some time in the Glenwood Clinic.
 Sister Lonnie Taylor, Sr. had minor
 surgery Wednesday and is in Mother
 Frances Hospital.
 Sister Myrtle Vaughn is in Glenwood
 Clinic.

Give some one a tract this week!

Door Knocking
 Last Tuesday Evening 10 people
 went out to invite people to take
 our Bible Correspondance course.
 All totaled 59 people were con-
 tacted between 7 & 8 P.M.. Tracts
 were left along with a little bro-
 chure offering our course or invit-
 ing them to have a Bible study in
 their home conducted by a teacher.
 Two individuals from denominations.
 were signed up immediately in the
 correspondance course. Others may
 as they read the tracts and become
 interested. The workers reported
 that the people contacted were fri-
 endly and seemed to appreciate
 their visits. More here at West
 Erwin need to do this sort of work.
 It is not necessary to just do it on
 Tuesday evening. Pick up some tracts
 in the foyer Sunday and go out when
 you can. You'll be glad that you
 did. Let us see if we can't make
 150 calls between Sunday and Satur-
 day. If you go on some other night
 besides Tuesday be sure to call in
 a report of how many calls you made
 just for the record.

T.J.

MORE ABOUT OUR LIBRARY
 Last week it was reported that
 our library was being readied for use
 in the new building. Sister Montgo-
 mery has spent many hours this sum-
 mer counting, classifying and cata-
 logging the books we have on hand.
 A little over a year ago the elders
 told me that I might set the library
 in order and publish a "want list."

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FIANANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY 1965

Cash on hand July 1, 1965		\$ 4,900.91
Contributions	6,091.56	
Other Churches	215.00	6,306.56
Available for Expenditure		\$11,207.47
Expenditures:		
<u>Loan Payments</u>		
1st Fed. Sav. & Loan	711.75	
Coop. Sav. & Loan	75.00	
Trest Property	2,841.17	3,627.92
<u>Benevolent & Mission</u>		
Bible Chair	100.00	
Hearald of Truth	50.00	
Sunny Glen Home	50.00	
Boles Home	50.00	
Tipton Home	50.00	
Radio Program	232.80	
Jerry Hill	715.00	
W.E. church	600.00	
Other churches	115.00	
Mike Warner	500.00	
Salary	420.00	
Rent	80.00	
Mike Warner Moving	531.45	
World's Fair Project	500.00	
Robert Frahm	50.00	2,829.25
(Horseheads, N.Y. Special)		
<u>Materials & Supplies</u>		
Bldg. Maint.	35.28	
Utilities	432.59	
Bible School Supplies	217.84	
Office Supplies	52.98	
Insurance	60.00	
Postage	40.00	
Flowers	11.66	850.35
Salaries	1,392.85	
Withholding Tax	482.30	1,875.15
Total Expenditures		\$ 9,182.67
Balance on Hand July 31		2,024.80
Total Funds accounted for		\$ 11,207.47
BUILDING FUND JULY 31, 1965		\$17,583.48

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 This job proved more than
 I could handle by myself;
 so, since several have
 expressed their desire to
 see the project completed
 I asked sister Montgomery
 to help me. Soon I will
 publish more "want list."
 If teachers are aware of
 books that will be of
 value in the church's
 library, let us know of
 them. We want to have a
 complete set of periodi-
 cals published by our
 brethren. If you have
 back issues of the follow-
 ing papers and magizines,
 bring them to the office:
 (1) Firm Foundation
 (2) Gospel Advocate
 (3) 20th Century Christ.
 (4) Teenage Christian
 (5) Power For Today
 Others will be appreciated
 also.

T.J.

BRING A VISITOR TO CLASS

BRING YOUR BIBLE TOO.

PRAY FOR THE WORK THAT

THE CHURCH HERE IS DOING.

THE HARVEST IS WHITE

The interest of the members of West Erwin in the souls that are lost in our community is becoming more intense as we hear the reports of what is being done in the Northeast and elsewhere. Last week I decided to try an experiment. I gathered a few tracts in my pocket and went out to a residential area in our city and knocked on a few doors. I had been led to believe that the people of Tyler did not approve of such procedure. I was pleasantly surprised. Having been cordially received, I passed out the tract "What is the Church of Christ," by Don Morris and asked if they had been listening to our radio program. I was surprised to learn of so many that listened. Several denominational people said that they listen regularly and enjoy it. I was so encouraged by the response that I received by myself that last Sunday evening I asked several men to go with me at a later time. Although only a small number came last Tuesday evening, we too, went out and knocked on doors. The response of the people contacted again looked favorable. Brethren, our town is ripe unto harvest. The seed has been sown by television and radio. What we need now is to go out and contact the people, giving them an opportunity to see the Great Commission in action. Tuesday evening, I am going out again. I am inviting all who want to, to join me. We have tracts and a small leaflet, which offers the correspondence course or a cottage meeting, to hand out. I will be at the church building at 7:00 P.M. We can go out by two's.

Tom Jones

There is much to do, there's work on ev'ry hand,
Hark! the cry for help comes ringing thro' the land;
Jesus calls for reapers, I must active be.
What wilt thou, O Master? Here am I, send me.
Here am I, Lord, Send me,
Here am I, Ready at thy bidding, Lord, send me.

M. W. Spencer

Compare Isa. 6:5-8

GOSPEL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

Time for our Fall Meeting with brother L. L. Gieger is rapidly drawing near. The main purpose for having Gospel Meetings is to give the people from the denominations a chance to attend one of our services when they will not have to miss one of their own. Our duty as members in this endeavor is to see to it that we invite and bring our friends and neighbors. Now is the time to start. Let's have the best Gospel Meeting in the history of the Church in this place. Begin now telling your friends and praying about the Meeting, September 12 - 17. T.J.

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July 18...423	July 18...\$1,422.54
Year Ago...349	Year Ago...\$1,737.80
Weekly Budget.....	\$1,385.00
Membership.....	532
Building Fund - to date	\$17,583.48
APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....	Cone Birdwell
Prayer.....	T. F. Holland
Dismiss.....	Bruce Raley
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....	Glen Howard
Prayer.....	M. B. Beard
Dismiss.....	Skipper Womack

THANK YOU NOTE

We want to thank each one at West Erwin for the prayers, visits, calls, and all other deeds of kindness for our mother and for us during mother's stay in the hospital. She is home now but will return Aug. 23 for surgery if she is strong enough for it. Continue to pray for her.

The N. L. Stegall Family

OUR LIBRARY

The church here has 232 volumes already in our Library. Many will remember that a good while ago we posted a want list and several individuals contributed books. Recently an interested member gave a cash donation, requesting that it be

spent on library supplies. These supplies will soon be ordered. The Library is being readied for use in the new building. T.J.

MEN TO SERVE IN AUGUST

The following men have been selected to serve Communion during August. Louis Jones, Harley Norris, Roy Driggers, Ed Naul and Billy Tigert. James Massey, T. J. Parsons, Fred Powell, Aubrey Payne, and Grant Rozell. Alternates: Doc Wright and Jerry Hughes. Sunday evening, Ray Womack and Howard Ellis. Alternate, O. C. Becker.

NEW SONG SHEET

We have received our shipment of the song "How Great Thou Art." This Sunday after the evening Worship service, we are asking the young people, and any one else who would like to help, to remain for a while to insert the song sheet in our books.

I think the use of this song in our worship services will be very effective in praise to God. This is a popular song in the religious world of our day, but it is also a great one. The music is not difficult after one becomes familiar with it. Since the song is rather long, some brethren sing the first two stanzas before they sing the chorus; then after the chorus, they sing the last two stanzas and the chorus. I would recommend that we make this our practice also. In singing the words "thou art" every (continued on next page)

one will have to be careful, for many times these words carelessly sung come out and are heard by the listeners as "th' wart." Just be sure that you sing "How Great THOU...ART. T.J.

BEING DISLIKED

In some ways those who dislike us are our best friends. They teach us caution. They are an exterior conscience to warn us against indiscretions and imprudence. We do not learn prudence from those who profess to love us.

Dislike is always honest for no one hopes to gain our favors through dislike as someone might by professing friendship. Dislike is sobering; it makes us recognize that there may be something about us which provokes dislike. It may be a carelessness about our appearance, a flaw in our personality, a thoughtlessness in our attitude toward others. Whatever it is, those who dislike us make us aware of it, not our friends. And by making us aware of our shortcoming, they may goad us into trying to overcome them.

And there is something consoling in knowing that someone dislikes us. It shows that we are important enough to attract the attention of someone who has no reason to be our friend.

There is always a challenge in being disliked--a challenge to make ourselves a better person so that our enemy may one day wonder if he is mistaken. ...Selected

FATAL ACCIDENT

Mrs. Edna Brown, sister to the late Dr. Mitchell, and Mrs. Brown's daughter-in-law were killed in a car wreck Tuesday, near Marlin, Texas. We do not know any of the details for the funerals, but thought several in the congregation would know Mrs. Brown.

A THOUSAND FLAGS IN A PEACH TREE!!

"And he arose and came to his father. But when he was a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him."

It is a story retold in every generation. A boy went bad. He was sentenced to the prison. His mother died a premature death in grief. His dad's name was disgraced. He was the scandal of his home town.

But the prison became a "pig pen" where the erring boy "came to himself." He was a model prisoner and applied himself well. The governor, after reviewing his case, pardoned him.

The boy sent a telegram to his dad involving this proposition: "I will understand if you don't want me. But if you want me, tie a white flag in the peach tree by the railroad track." You can feel the tension mounting as the train travels. Finally the boy can see the peach tree - and there was not one white flag! There were a thousand! Our God is like that.

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was bling, but now I see." -Copied

WE ARE WITHOUT EXCUSE

Romans 1:20, "For the invisible things of Him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divinity; THAT THEY MAY BE WITHOUT EXCUSE." ASV.

The gentiles had forgotten God and Paul here is saying that there was no excuse for their doing it. God's creation had revealed unto them "His everlasting power and divinity." All of us are aware of the fact that it takes power to create or make anything. The gentiles could clearly see the works of God and they were without excuse in acting as if he did not exist. They knew that "invisible things" existed therefore they were held accountable and sinned when they worshipped idols and committed immoral acts.

Even though they did not have access to revelation, as we do today, they were still expected to honor God and not become guilty of the ~~sins~~ mentioned later in the chapter. All this has been said to say that we have less excuse today to do wrong than the gentiles had in the long ago. We are certainly living in the "sunlight age" so far as knowledge is concerned. There are many passages of Scripture to provoke our thinking about being diligent in the work of the Lord, but Romans 1:20 is one that should ring in our ears much of the time.

Our excuses for not improving ourselves and doing more for the Lord are completely meaningless and empty, because we know a thousand times more than the ones to whom Paul referred in Romans 1:20. We know that God is a Spirit. We know about his pity, love and grace which has been so bountifully showered upon us. We have access to all the revelation that has ever been given to mankind and we have more of it than millions who preceded us. Yet in some ways some today fall about as far short when it comes to honoring God and faithfully serving Him as the gentiles of old did. We would condemn them for worshipping idols and this writer sees no difference in worshipping the wrong God than in neglecting to worship the right God, so far as sin and dishonor is concerned. There is as much salvation in worshipping an idol as there is in not worshipping the true and living God at all, or doing it half-heartedly when he is worshipped.

The person who refuses to obey the Lord and honor Him with his life today rejects more truth than the gentiles did in the long ago. If they were not excused then, how can men believe they are excusable today? Above all, how can one who has learned the truth hope to escape when he dishonors God, tramples under his feet Jesus the Christ, and neglects the great salvation which at first began to be spoken by the Lord? D.B.

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Weekly Budget.....	\$1,385.00
Membership.....	532

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Leonard Woltman
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin
Dismiss.....Louis J. Jones

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Tom Jones
Prayer.....Howard Holland
Dismiss.....Gerald Montgomery

RESPONSES

Confessed sins and asked for prayer: Kathy Sims.

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER PAT MACKEY

Brother P. D. Wilmeth presented to the church library three of his books in memory of brother P. E. Mackey, Jr. The books are: The Christian Home, A Father Talks To Teenagers, and Love, Courtship And Marriage.

IN SERVICE

Richard Gregory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gregory will leave this week for the Armed Service.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Brother Eldred Stevens will preach at the Omen Road church August 2-8. Services will be at 7:30 each even-

ing. Bill Butler will direct singing.

Brother W. A. Martin will preach at 8:00 each evening July 26-August 1 in Wills Point.

Brother Robert Bankes will preach at the Oakdale church July 25-30 at 8:00 each evening.

BROTHER GANUS TO PREACH SUNDAY

Brother Clifton Ganus, president of Harding College, will preach here at both the morning and evening services this Lord's Day. He will speak to young people and parents here at 2:30 in the afternoon. Brother Ganus is a good preacher, an outstanding educator and we would like to see the building filled all three times he speaks. If possible, be present at every service. D.B.

MEETING IN OLTON

Brother Brookshire will preach in a meeting in Olton, Texas July 25-30. He will be back here for the services on August 1. He requests that you pray for this meeting.

OUR FALL MEETING

Brother L. L. Gieger will preach in our Fall meeting September 12-17. We should be working and praying in behalf of it. Let us advertise this and do our best to make it the greatest meeting in the history of this church.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd (Mary Ann) Limerick are the proud parents of a boy born last Friday. They have named the baby William Floyd.

NO SLUMP THUS FAR

Thus far we have not suffered a "Summer slump" as we usually do and you are to be commended for your faithfulness. It seems that we are having our usual vacations and visitations, but we have not been affected too much, for which we are thankful. We are still over our budget for the year and our overall attendance has been such as to make us all proud because a spiritual growth is being manifested. Christianity is growth and we should be more and more concerned about spiritual things. If you have plans to be out of town, do not leave the Lord out of your plans. Thanks for your co-operation for the first two months of the Summer. Let us keep up the good work during August. D.B.

BUILDING NEWS

We have been waiting on the architect and bids for the past few weeks and we should have something to announce very shortly. The Building Committee has been working as fast as they could and some of the delay was unavoidable. It just takes more time for this type of work than most of us realize. We are running about a month late on our planned schedule, but maybe this can be made up some way when we do get started. We will just have to be patient and prayerful and think about how nice and useful the building will be when we do get it. D.B.

RADIO PROGRAM IN SCOTT CITY

The church in Big Sandy has agreed

to buy three, fifteen minute programs per week in Scott City, Kansas where brother Mike Warner preaches. As most of you know we support Mike and his family there and the brethren in Big Sandy have assumed full support of the radio program for, at least, one year. They hope to continue it longer, the Lord willing. Brother John Teel is the preacher at Big Sandy and we are glad the church there is interested in preaching the gospel of Christ beyond its own locale. D.B.

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF HUMAN RELATIONS

1. Speak to people. There is nothing so nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends, be friendly.
5. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people. You can like everybody if you try.
7. Be generous with praise- cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate of the feelings of others. Often there are three sides to a controversy: yours, the other fellow's and the right one.
9. Don't pretend to be something you are not.
10. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others. ...Selected

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WHAT IS A GOOD CHURCH?

This is a continuation of the lesson begun last week. Consult that bulletin for the other characteristics that have been mentioned.

1. A good church is united. The prayer of Jesus was that all might be one. He died to reconcile both Jew and Gentile into one body of believers. The division that exists in Christ's Body today is contrary to both Scripture and reason. The Jerusalem church was "of one heart and soul." The greatest hindrance the church faces today is the internal strife and division that exists in it. There is not an enemy that can make a dent on Christ's church when it is united according to the Scriptures. Those of us who love the church and want to see it saved, as well as to help others get in it for the purpose of being saved, must respect the Lord's Word to keep unity. The Lord has a basis for unity if we will follow it. The Bible is the basis for our faith and in matters of judgment we have elders (bishops) to whom we look for leadership.

2. A good church has good family units in it. All of the family attends Bible school and worship together at every opportunity. They not only feel obligated but they love to do it. The parents not only teach, but they train their children. They set the proper example before their children. In some places it is reported that more young people leave the church than comes into it. Usually this is a lack of proper home environment and the children live in a poor atmosphere. The parents take Christianity lightly and the children follow in their steps. If we expect this church to be good, we are going to have to save our children and this will probably take about twenty years of zealous training.

3. Good churches have good, continuous training programs. The young men are trained to preach, teach, pray, direct singing, to be elders or deacons and to be good husbands and fathers. The young women are taught to be good wives, mothers, teachers and keepers at home. Young people must be taught that God has placed responsibilities upon them and we are to teach them this and help them to develop themselves in the service of the Lord. Paul's writing to Titus are not out of date. Parents and church leaders should be familiar with Titus 2 as well as other related scriptures.

4. A good church uses every member who is willing to be used. No class of workers should be over looked. We say much about our young people and they are worthy of our help and prayers, but let us not forget our beloved aged saints. Many of them need to be encouraged and used in the Lord's service. It has been this writers observation that many of our aged saints quit work about ten to fifteen years earlier than they should. There are many, many things that aged saints can and should do. A Christian can never retire from Christianity.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
Prayer..... Glen Howard
Prayer..... M. M. Haws
Dismiss..... Ben Young

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer..... Charles Graf
Prayer Howard Holland
Dismiss..... Royce Caskey

RESPONSES

Confessed sins and asked for
prayer: Teresa Ellis, L. G. Drennan,
Dudley Brookshire, and Herbert
Brookshire.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Dewayne Henry have a
daughter, born last Friday evening.
They have named her Lisa Marie.
Linda (Heath) and the baby are doing
well. Their address is now 304
North Church.

MEETING IN BULLARD

Brother W. W. Cooksey will do the
preaching in a meeting July 18 - 25
at 7:30 each evening in Bullard.

THE SICK

Virginia and Audeen Graf had
tonsillectomies Monday. They are
at home now and doing well.

John Mackey is at home now after
being in Mother Frances a few days.
Billy Wells has been in Glenwood
Clinic but is now at home.

BROTHER HILL SENDS A GOOD REPORT

Brother Jerry Hill sends a good
report from Guatemala this time. In
fact, most of them have been good.
The brethren in Guatemala have done
a very good work in that country.
The last report stated that forty
have obeyed the gospel in recent
weeks. Jerry stated that the radio
work there is reaching many. Let
us continue to pray for the workers
down there and rejoice in that we
are having a part in the good work
they are doing.

MY PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me to see within
myself

The faults I see in others.
And may I stop and think awhile
Before I scold my brother.
And when I feel above reproach
And almost perfect too,
Let me stop, dear Lord, and think
again
And then before I'm thru,
Let me see if the beam is in my eye
And not within my brother's.
So let me think again, dear Lord
Before I scold another.

LISTEN TO RADIO STATION KTBB 12:30
NOON, MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

NOTES OF INTEREST TO EVERY MEMBER

The elders decided in the business
meeting last Lord's Day to send
further assistance to the work in
New York at the World's Fair. Good
reports have come to us from those
who have been there. The Roger
Knights, the E. V. Rushings, Maurine
Brookshire and David Drennan have
all been there this year. Next
Lord's Day evening Dr. Knight will
give a report of the work and a
collection will be taken for the
work. Please come prepared to give
something to help save souls who
are being reached through the work
being done in New York.

The elders decided to pay off the
remaining indebtedness on our park-
ing lot which is usually designated
as the Trest property. We owe
\$2,500.00 on that property.

It was also decided to invite
some one well informed on the sub-
ject of Christian education to come
and speak to our young people on a
Lord's Day afternoon and to speak
to the assembly on Sunday night. The
Lord's Day afternoon service will
be open to all who would like to
come. The lesson will be especial-
ly applicable to young people, but
others will profit who hear it.

Six hundred copies of the song
"How Great Thou Art" will be order-
ed this week and will be added to
our collection of songs. We want
to use this song some in our wor-
ship services.

BRING YOUR BIBLE TO BIBLE CLASS.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Recently the 6th grade Sunday
morning class was asked to write an
essay on their responsibilities
during the worship services. Here
is an example of the class's feel-
ing.

My first responsibility is to at-
tend church services. Once I arrive
my responsibilities begin there. I
should put the feeling of worship
into my mind. When the song direc-
tor announces the first song, I
should sing with my thoughts on the
words of the song. I should sing
with interest and with the best of
my ability.

When the person who is directing
the prayer stands I should put my
thoughts on what he is saying and
repeat the words after him.

When the minister of the church
starts preaching, I should give my
full attention to him. If the min-
ister gives a scripture and where
it is found it would be well to get
your Bible, look up the scripture,
and read it with him.

Another part of the service is
the partaking of the Lord's Supper.
During this we should think of the
death of Jesus Christ.

On the first day of the week, we
should give as we are able.

During church services we should
not whisper, or write notes to our
friends. When the closing prayer
is given, we should pray that we
will be able to attend the evening
worship and be thankful to God that
we have been able to attend this
morning.

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WHAT IS A GOOD CHURCH?

In describing churches today the descriptions go something like this, "That's a good church," "That's not a very good church," "That's a weak church," or "It's about an average church." How does one determine whether a church is a good one or an average one or below? Does a good church always have a good, widely known preacher? Does it always have an alert-wide-awake leadership? Does it have a large or small membership? Does it have a beautiful, commodious building? These are the usual questions that run through one's mind when good churches are discussed. All the above mentioned things can surely be an asset, but do not necessarily constitute a good church.

A good church does the work the Lord assigned to it regardless of its size or type of building. The size and building can be assets, but are not essentials. All churches cannot have nationally known preachers, there are not enough to go around. But a church built around any preacher is weak, regardless of its size or building. All churches are not blessed with a wide-awake leadership with vision. The leadership, as does the preacher, plays an important part in constituting a good church, but it takes more. Beside the preacher and leadership there has to be a congregation. The kind of members the church is made up of, plus the leadership and preacher, is what makes a good church. A good church has the following characteristics.

1. It is converted to the Lord, and not to men or buildings. Members that love the Lord with all their heart and seek to do his will everyday under all circumstances is a great and good church. They may be either rich or poor, that would make no difference, because each would use what he had for the Lord, if he is converted to Christ.

2. A great and good church is a loving church. The members love each other and work together because they are working for Christ. They are not seeking to occupy high positions, but they are seeking to be servants. Good churches are made up of members who work together despite the differences in personalities. They love each other and are free from jealousy, gossip, and confusion.

3. A good church does not depend upon the preacher, elders or Bible school teachers to do all the soul winning. Each considers himself a part of the great diving institution, with Christ as its head, and takes advantage of his God-given opportunities to win the lost to Christ. A good church is not ignorant of the Scriptures. We hold the Jerusalem church up as the model and they went every where preaching the word. They could not have done it if they had not known it. Most of us have been members longer than they had when they went everywhere preaching the Word. (To be continued next week.)

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 Prayer..... Bob Threadgill
 Prayer..... Roger Knight
 Dismiss..... O. C. Becker
 SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer..... Fred Powell
 Prayer..... Austin Giesecke
 Dismiss..... Jerry Hughes

THANK YOU NOTE
 Sister Dovie Norsworthy has been in Orange, Texas for about six weeks. She has written that she appreciates the cards and letters since being away.

THE SICK
 Brother Billy Wells is in the Glenwood Clinic.

BUSINESS MEETING
 There will be a business meeting of the men of the church Sunday afternoon at 3:00.

BRING YOUR BIBLE TO BIBLE CLASS.

LISTEN TO KTBB 12:30 NOON.

BIBLE TEACHERS WORKSHOP
 Ira North and a team of teachers from the Madison, Tenn., Church of Christ and other Tennessee congregations will present the program of the eleventh annual Bible Teachers Workshop July 26-29 at Abilene Christian College. Theme of the workshop is "Christian Involvement and Action."

Brother North, will deliver the evening lecture each night in the auditorium of the College Church of Christ. For information and reservations concerning the workshop contact Le Moine Lewis, Bible Teachers Workshop, ACC Station, Box 888, Abilene, Texas 79601.

FREEZING TO DEATH
 A man, making his way across a mountain in a terrible blizzard, became colder and weaker with each step. He ached, became numb, staggered, almost fell, but plunged on in a daze. Again he stumbled, and as he fell, mumbled to himself, "This is the end." But in falling his hand struck the prostrate form of another man who had fallen in the storm. He arose to his knees and began to chafe the unconscious man's hands and rub his face until he revived. He saved another life, but in so doing the exercise kept his own body warm and alive. How many are the Christians who are freezing spiritually who could save themselves by saving others. I Tim. 4:16. Let us bring someone to Bible study and worship. We might save two souls! ...Copied

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE, 1965
 Cash on hand June 1, 1965 \$4,139.09
 Contribution 5,684.41
 Other Churches 65.00 5,749.41
 Available for Expenditure \$9,888.50

Expenditures:
 Loan Payments
 1st Fed. Sav. & Loan 711.75
 Coop. Sav. & Loan 75.00
 Trest Property 150.00 936.75
 Benevolent & Mission
 Bible Chair 100.00
 Tipton Home 50.00
 Herald of Truth 50.00
 Sunny Glen Home 50.00
 Boles Home 50.00
 Radio Program 222.40
 Jerry Hill 715.00
 W. E. church 650.00
 Other Churches 65.00
 Mike Warner 195.00 1,432.40
 Salary 115.00
 House rent 80.00

Materials and Supplies
 Bldg. Maint. 576.17
 Utilities 293.57
 Office Supplies 59.41
 Bible School Supplies 73.75
 Insurance 60.00
 Postage 40.00
 Flowers 11.11 1,114.01

Salaries 1,504.43

Total Expenditures \$4,987.59
 Balance on Hand June 30, 1965 4,900.91
 Total Funds Accounted for \$9,888.50

Building Fund - June 30, 1965 \$17,233.48

NOBODY. . . Anonymous
 Fred Somebody, Thomas Everybody, Pete Anybody, and Joe Nobody were neighbors, but they were not like you and me. They were odd people and most difficult to understand. The way they lived was a shame.

All four belonged to the same church but you would not have enjoyed worshipping with them. Everybody went fishing on Sunday or stayed home to visit friends. Anybody wanted to worship, but was afraid Somebody wouldn't speak to him so Nobody went to church. Really, Nobody was the only decent one of the four. Nobody did the visitation. Nobody worked on the church building. Once they needed a Sunday school teacher. Everybody thought Anybody would do it, and Somebody thought Everybody would teach. Guess who finally did it! That's right. . . Nobody!

It happened that a fifth neighbor (an unbeliever) came to live among them. Everybody thought Somebody should try to win him. Anybody could have at least made an effort. But guess who finally won him to the Lord? That's right. . . Nobody.

... This was requested

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DON'T BE NEGLECTFUL

"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you in remembrance of these things, even though you know them, and be established in the present truth," 2 Peter 1:12.

The ones to whom Peter wrote knew what they should do (according to 2 Peter 1:12) and he was exhorting them to be faithful in performing their duties. So he said, "I will not be negligent" in my duty to you.

The church suffers much from neglect. If every Christian would be faithful to what he knows to be right, the Lord's church, as a swift army, would sweep over the world with the gospel in a short time. The name of our blessed Lord would be confessed and honored by millions who do not even know Him now.

Webster defines negligence to mean: Guilty of neglect or disregard. Careless, inattentive, indifferent or the failure to exercise the care that the circumstances demand.

The ones who have been successful in business or professional endeavors have been diligent in performing them or they would not have achieved success. They are aware of the fact that to neglect their business or profession would mean failure. Any man is to be commended who faithfully and perseveringly succeeds. But would it not be wonderful if men worked as hard and faithfully in trying to save their souls as they do to succeed in business? The Lord's work is the greatest of all and to neglect it is a tragedy of the worst sort. There are many warnings through the Bible against neglect and indifference.

Simon Peter was a human being and he made some mistakes, but when re-established or genuinely converted ("when he loved the Lord more than these") he felt keenly his responsibility to encourage the brethren not to neglect their duties to God and each other.

The writer of the Hebrew letter exhorted the brethren not to forsake the assembly (Heb. 10:25), Paul warned about neglecting Bible study (2 Tim. 2:15), he warned against failure to give as one had been prospered (I Cor. 16:2), his warnings were against neglecting prayer (I Thes. 5:17), work (Phil. 2:12), bearing burdens (Gal. 6:2), and about shining as lights (Phil. 2:15). John warned about not walking in the light (I John 1:6-7), about neglecting love for each other (I John 3:14-15), and other things too numerous to mention in a short article. The church was warned by the apostle to preach the word without alteration (Gal. 1:8-9) and to preach only the gospel (I Cor. 9:16-18).

The foolish virgins (Matt. 25) could have entered in had it not been for neglect. We are asked in Heb. 2:3 "how shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?" (continued inside)



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BIBLE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION	
June 27...437	June 27...\$1,402.25
June 20...402	June 20...\$1,479.16
Year Ago...378	Year Ago...\$1,012.99

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer. T. F. Holland
Prayer. H. McCarty
Dismiss Tommy Lowrance

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer. James Phillips
Prayer. Cone Birdwell
Dismiss Tommy Parsons

FUNERAL
Sister W. H. Land's brother, C. A. Whitaker of Mesquite, was buried Sunday afternoon. We express our sympathy to the family in their sorrow.

THE SICK
Sister Mary Gaiser is in Medical Center Hospital.
Brother Frank Smith is in Mother Frances Hospital.
Brother Jim Franklin's mother is very ill in Tennessee.

MOVING FROM TYLER
Bobby Fuller and his family are moving to Richardson this week. We wish them well in their new home.

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

THANK YOU NOTES
We want to thank each one at West Erwin, Glenwood, and Northwest church for the prayers, visits, letters, calls, and other good deeds done for us during Luther's illness and stay in the hospital. He is doing nicely now and can have company.
May God bless you and let you live a long life and you live it to the glory of God. May you make the rest of your life useful in spreading God's truth.
Luther and Vera Thompson

Many thanks for the prayers, flowers and sympathy and also for brother Brookshire's kind service during our recent sorrow.
The W. H. Lands and
The Whitaker Family

YOUTH TRIP TO SHREVEPORT
A bus has been reserved to take a group of our young people to an area-wide Youth Meeting in Shreveport, Louisiana, July 9th. The trip will cost each student \$3.00 each. The young people from the other congregations in town have been invited. We can carry as many as 41 on one bus. We will leave the West Erwin parking lot at 4:30 P.M. and arrive back in Tyler between 11:00 and 12:00 P.M. Don Ray Williams, who has been working at the West Berry church in Ft. Worth will be doing the speaking.. If you would like to go, contact Tom Jones for further details.

BE ON TIME FOR BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

MEN SERVING IN JULY
The following men have been selected to serve the Lord's Supper during the month of July. Sunday morning, North side: Leonard Woltman, W. O. Rushing, J. G. Venable, Tommy White and Ramon Ivey. South side: Faber Cauthen, Marvin Jones, Sam Bailey, Louis E. Jones, and Bob Butler. Alternates are Joe McBee, and O'Neal Tuel.
Sunday evening: Jamon Kirby and Harley Turner, alternate, Ed Bullard.

WORKSHOPS
The Teacher's Workshop at Abilene Christian College will be held July 26 - 29. The Workshop at Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas will be August 10 - 12. If you can attend either one, it will be well worth your time.

DON'T BE NEGLECTFUL . . .
(Continued from back page)
"Miss Meant-to has a comrade
And her name is Didn't-do.
Have you ever chance to meet
them,
Did they call on you?
These two girls now live together
In the house of Never-win,
And I'm told that it is haunted
By the Ghost of Might-have-been."
Brethren let us shun the damnable acts of neglect and give diligence to make our calling and election sure
D.B.

BIBLE CLASSES SUNDAY MORNING 9:30

MORE MISSION WORK
Brother and sister E. V. Rushing and sister Maurine Brookshire left this morning for New York state. The purpose of the trip is to help and encourage the brethren up there during the Meeting at the World's Fair. They will assist in a vacation Bible School at Ithaca and teach some special classes on Sunday. They will also be present at the large meeting in the Singer Bowl at the Fair. These people are going at their own expense and deserve to be commended. There were 37 Christians from Tyler and other places who are making this trip on a chartered bus. Let us continue to remember them in our prayers.
The only way that the Good News of the Savior can spread is by Christians traveling and telling the story. It is evident that many Christians are realizing their responsibility along this line. Many are using their Vacation time in this way. July 19th of this year brother Johnny Anders of the Northwest church is going with a group to Norfolk, Nebraska. They still need more workers to go with them. They will be knocking on doors to arrange Cottage Meetings and to enroll the town's people in a correspondence course. Let's all plan to do more work for the Lord this year. If you cannot go for the Master this year, make plans to GO next year. HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO THE GREAT COMMISSION?
T.J.

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I STAND AMAZED -- AND SHOCKED

Peter said, "And if the righteous is scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear?" I Peter 4:18. This lets me know that the most righteous will barely be saved. That being true, where does the lukewarm and indifferent Christian appear? I think we know.

Paul, the apostle, once listed those things he had suffered for the Lord and His Cause: beatings, stoning, perils of robbers, perils of Jews, etc. Only a few years later he could have added death for Christ. And to think that a man like Paul will scarcely be saved. Where will we appear?

Now and again we hear members that are just "too tired" to attend services. Some will say they were planning to attend but it started raining. Ask some why they do not attend faithfully and they say, "The wife isn't feeling too well", or

"one of the children ran a fever the other day." Others say that they had a little work to catch up on. Inquire as to why the child isn't in Bible Class and they say that they had so much homework to do from school on Wednesday. Whom are we fooling?

Where did members get the idea that attendance at the worship is required only if you aren't tired, have no work to do, or it doesn't rain, or no one has a fever? Is our duty to God determined by the weather?

If you stand amazed and shocked by a record of excuses like these today, just consider how "shocked" some church members are going to be at the Judgment. We know the righteous will scarcely be saved, and yet we are scarcely righteous. It is high time we put the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness first.

From the Messenger, Longview

LOVE

As a group of college students toured the slums of a city, one of the girls, seeing a little girl playing in the dirt, asked a guide, "Why doesn't her mother clean her up?"

"Madam," he replied, "that girl's mother probably loves her, but she doesn't hate dirt. You hate dirt, but you don't love her enough to

go down there and clean her up. Until hate for dirt and love for a child are in the same person, that little girl is likely to remain as she is."

Until hate for sin and love for the sinner get in a person, he will do little about the plight of the lost.

... Lamar Ave. Bulletin, Paris



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BIBLE SCHOOL	CONTRIBUTION
June 13....426	June 13...\$1,372.66
June 6.....426	June 6....\$1,424.40
Year Ago...389	Year Ago...\$1,079.50
Membership.....532
Building Fund.....\$17,046.48
Weekly budget.....\$1,385.00

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Ray Womack
 Prayer.....Sam Bailey
 Dismiss.....Skipper Womack

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....L. G. Drennan
 Prayer.....Howard Ellis
 Dismiss.....Joe Willis

SYMPATHY

Sister Robert Walker's mother, sister Mattie Jones, passed away Sunday. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning in Oklahoma City. We express our sympathy to sister Walker and her family.

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE

Make your plans to attend a meeting for young people at the Omen Road church of Christ. Wayne Poucher will be the speaker for this special area-wide youth meeting Sunday afternoon, June 27, at 2:30. His topic will be especially designed for today's young people.

THE SICK

Brother Luther Thompson hopes to be released from the hospital today or tomorrow (Friday).

ZONE 5 MEETING

Zone 5 will have a meeting Tuesday evening, June 22, at 7:30 in the Smith Memorial Building. All members of zone 5 are urged to attend.

BROOKSHIRES ON VACATION

Brother Brookshire is on vacation this week and next week. Brother Rushing will preach Lord's Day morning and brother Jones will preach that evening. Brother B. F. Baur is presenting the lessons on the radio program this week.

BE ON TIME FOR BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

WHAT IS CHARITY?

It's silence when your words would hurt... It's patience when your neighbor's curt... It's deafness when the scandal flows... It's thoughtfulness for another's woes.. It's promptness when stern duty calls... It's courage when misfortune falls. ...Herald of Truth

Scholarship can baffle; Learning can bewilder; sufficiency can chill; aggressiveness can antagonize.

That which tugs at men's hearts and pulls them to Christ is the winsome attractiveness in Jesus Christ himself, the attractiveness which ought to reside in those who claim to be his.

...William Barclay

SOME THINGS TEACHERS LIKE IN PARENTS

1. Parents who attend Bible school with regularity.
2. Parents who see that their children arrive in class on time.
3. Parents who see that their children attend classes with regularity - refusing to be 'out of town' so often!
4. Parents who appreciate (and express such) the efforts of Bible class teachers to help their children.
5. Parents who see to it that their children study their lessons.
6. Parents who will speak well of the Bible class, teacher, and those associated therewith, pointing out the good things. In short those who are "boosters," not "knockers." (If you are conscious of a problem, talk first to the teacher.)
7. Parents who are "partners" with the class teachers in the greatest work in the world! That of transplanting the Christ to the hearts and lives of people.
8. Parents who maintain discipline in the home thus alleviating class-room discipline problems.
9. Parents who will assist their children with their Bible lessons.
10. Parents who teach their children proper attitudes for both the class-room and public worship of the church.
11. Parents who realize their own responsibility in religious

training and don't leave it to the Bible Class teacher, exclusively.

12. Parents who live Christian examples in the home.

...Selected

NEEDED: EVERY MEMBER IN BIBLE CLASS

SUNDAY MORNING 9:30

AT DAY'S END

Is anybody happier
 Because you passed this way?
 Does anyone remember
 That you spoke to him today?
 The day is almost over,
 And its toiling time is through;
 Is there anyone to utter now
 A kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight, in parting
 With the day that's slipping fast,
 That you helped a single brother
 Of the many that you passed?
 Is a single heart rejoicing
 Over what you did or said,
 Does the man whose hopes were fading
 Now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it?
 Was it well or sorely spent?
 Did you leave a trail of kindness
 Or a scar of discontent?
 As you close your eyes in slumber
 Do you think that God will say,
 "You have earned one more tomorrow
 By the work you did today?"

The supreme duty of every man is to make a life. Most anyone can make a living.

IN APPRECIATION

We want to mention the teachers of the Vacation Bible School this year and give them a hearty, Thank You. We have been having a good school. The teachers have spent many hurried hours of preparation since the middle of April, and now have done an excellent job in presenting the lessons. May the Lord richly reward each one with the confidence that the students have a better chance of living more like Jesus as a result of this week's work.

CLASS	VBS TEACHER	CLASS	VBS TEACHER
Nursery	Mrs. Lillie Knight	Second Grade	Mrs. Nell Wright Mrs. Del Howard
Two Year	Mrs. Lois Weaver Mrs. Carolyn Stitt Mrs. Earnesene Shuford	Third Grade	Mrs. Katie Heath Mrs. Marie Threadgill
Three Year	Mrs. Sara Powell Mrs. Freda Walker	Third Grade	Mrs. Frances McBee Mrs. Adela Scogins
Four Year	Mrs. Velma Lemons Mrs. Becky McRuiz	Fourth Grade	Mrs. Audrey O'Bannon Mrs. Naomi Haws
Five Year	Mrs. Veda Mae Giesecke Mrs. Joyce Willis Miss Mary June Grier	Fifth Grade	Mrs. Bertha Rushing Miss Linda Byrd
First Grade	Mrs. Pauline Jones Mrs. Delle Bullard	Sixth Grade	Mrs. Maurine Brookshire Mrs. Bertha Byrd
First Grade	Mrs. Beatrice Holland Mrs. Vera Beard Mrs. Ruby Brem	Teenage Girls	Mrs. Mary Haws Mrs. Marion Rowe
Second Grade	Mrs. Margaret Montgomery Mrs. Sylvia Jones	Teenage Boys	Tom Jones
		Auditorium	Dean Brookshire

YOUR TONES

It is not so much what you say, As the manner in which you say it.
It is not so much the language you use, As the tones you use to convey it.
For words come from the mind, And grow by study and art;
But tones leap from the inner self, And reveal the state of the heart.

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BIBLE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION
 June 6....426 June 6.....\$1,424.40
 May 30....449 May 30.....\$1,367.87
 Year Ago..423 Year Ago..\$1,216.74
 Membership.....532
 Building Fund.....\$17,046.48
 Weekly Budget..... \$1,385.00

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Glen Howard
 Prayer..... Roger Knight
 Dismiss Bruce Raley
 SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer..... Joe McBee
 Prayer Monroe Sublette
 Dismiss Ramon Ivey

RESPONSES

Mrs. Howard Ellis (Maurine) was baptized into Christ last Saturday morning. We rejoice with sister Ellis and her family. Her address is 417 E. Dodge.

Sunday morning Cliff Tigert, Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Tigert, came to be baptized into Christ. His address is 2701 Brookhollow. Cliff is in Junior High School and a member of our Bible school.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mike Gregory and Miss Dana Perkins were married May 28. They are now at home at 911 East Lawrence. We wish for them a long and happy life together.

FUNERALS

Sister Jolene Welch's first cousin, Mr. Jimmy Spigner, was fatally injured last week in Nashville, Arkansas.

Sister M. B. Beard's brother, Mr. Claude Richards, was buried last Monday afternoon in Frankston. We extend our sympathy to each family.

THE SICK

Brother Luther Thompson remains in Medical Center hospital.

Sister Emma Buie and sister Dora Billingsley have both gone home from the hospital.

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to express my thanks for the prayers, visits, cards, and many kindnesses shown me during my recent illness. Charlie Shuford

We appreciate the flowers, and your thoughtfulness at the time of the death of my brother.
 Mrs. M. B. Beard

BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a business meeting Sunday afternoon at 3:00. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

GOOD LESSON

Our thanks to brother Ronnie Lowrance for a good lesson Wednesday evening.

BE ON TIME FOR BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY, 1965

Cash on hand May 1, 1965	\$1,774.13
Contribution \$7,675.60	
Other Churches 90.00	7,765.60
Available for Expenditure	<u>\$9,539.73</u>

Expenditures:

Loan Payments	
1st Fed. Sav. & Loan	711.75
Coop. Sav. & Loan	75.00
Trest Property	150.00
	936.75

Benevolent & Mission

Bible Chair	100.00
Herald of Truth	50.00
Sunny Glenn Home	50.00
Boles Home	50.00
Tipton Home	50.00
Radio Program	222.40
Jerry Hill	715.00
W.E. Church	625.00
Other Churches	90.00
World's Fair Program	578.60
Travel Expenses for	219.43
Elders and Minister	
(Scott City, Kansas)	2,035.43

Materials and Supplies

Utilities	303.55
Bldg. Maint.	15.05
Bible School Supplies	86.18
Office	110.91
Insurance	60.00
Postage	40.00
Flowers	10.85
	626.54

Salaries	1,802.00
Total Expenditures	\$5,400.72
Balance on Hand May 31, 1965	4,139.01
Total Funds Accounted For	<u>\$9,539.73</u>

Building Funds May 31, 1965	\$17,001.61
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TRUCK FROM HOME FOR AGED

Remember the 16th is the date for the truck from Gunter to be here. We want to have a good supply of food on hand for the Home For Aged. Here is a list of their needs as listed in their letter; fruit, carrots, flour, green vegetables, coffee, tea, pudding mix.

MEETINGS

There will be a meeting in Emory, Texas July 14 - 20. The theme of the lessons is Christ Is The Answer. Brother H. C. McCaghen will preach.

Brother Brookshire will conclude his meeting in Whitehouse Sunday evening.

WHY BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL?

Because it:

- B-uilds character
- I-nstills eternal truths.
- B-eautifies the life.
- L-eads to better understanding.
- E-ncourages the indifferent.

- S-upplies information.
- C-alls out latent talents.
- H-elps spread the truth.
- O-pens new doors of service.
- O-ffers opportunity to develop.
- L-eads to appreciation of God and friends.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN CONDUCTING A VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We do not conduct a Vacation Bible School just because everyone else does, nor do we endeavor to pattern our work from the demoninations. The Vacation Bible School violates no Christian principle. It is another effort to carry out the command of Jesus to "teach all nations." Jesus told us in John 6:44,45 that no man can come unto the Father unless he be taught. They cannot live the Christian life without being taught the principles of Christian living. Vacation Bible Schools are an effort to carry out the basic Christian command to teach.

Ten Possible Results of a Vacation Bible School

1. It is a means of converting souls to Christ as well as helping young Christians to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord.
2. Interested children can open doors of opportunity for teaching non-Christian parents.
3. Concentrated daily teaching is far more effective than weekly teaching.
4. It increases attendance in the Sunday morning Bible study.
5. It enriches the spiritual life of all teachers, helpers, and pupils.
6. It assists parents in carrying out the command of Ephesians 6:4 to bring up their children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." It helps to prevent delinquency.
7. The V.B.S. provides opportunity for service to many others besides teachers, and all are made to have a stronger tie to the church and its work.
8. It serves as a wonderful medium to advertise every phase of church work.
9. It is a further means in teacher training.
10. It can build respect for the Bible and for the Lord's church.

...adapted from an article by Robert D. Bankes

SUNDAY AFTERNOON BEGINNING ABOUT 1:30 the class rooms will be opened and ready to be arranged for Vacation Bible School. Teachers please report to Tom Jones for room assignments and last minute supplies. Teachers teaching on Sunday Morning and on Wednesday evening, please have your rooms cleared of any wall material, etc. unless it is to be used in Vacation Bible School.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Brother Brookshire will preach in a meeting in Whitehouse June 6 - 13, at 7:30 each evening. If any can drive down one or two evenings it would be encouraging to him.

There will be a meeting in Big Sandy beginning June 6th and continuing throughout the week. Brother M. H. Peebles will be preaching.

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May 23....409	May 23....\$1,462.78
Year Ago...386	Year Ago...\$1,137.28
Membership.....	536
Weekly Budget.....	\$1,385.00

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin
Prayer.....M. B. Beard
Dismiss.....O. C. Becker

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Joe McBee
Prayer.....T. F. Holland
Dismiss.....Jerry Hughes

V.B.S. JUNE 7-11 9:00 A.M.

FUNERALS

Mrs. Frank Honeycutt, a sister to sister Fay Wallace's mother and a sister-in-law to sister L. L. Gann, Passed away Monday. The funeral was Wednesday morning at the church in Big Sandy. We express our sympathy to her loved ones and friends.

Miss Edna Goldne's sister, Mrs. Jessie Dunn, was buried last Saturday in Houston. We express our sympathy to sister Golden and her family.

V.B.S. JUNE 7-11 9:00 A.M.

TRUCK FROM GUNTER

The truck from the Home For Aged will be here June 16. The following is a list of their needs: fruit, carrots, flour, green vegetables, coffee, tea, pudding mix. A letter from the home is on the bulletin board.

BITS OF NEWS

Sister Mathis has gone to New York for the Summer.

David Drennan has gone to New Jersey for the Summer.

Ken and Betty Willis will be in Denton this Summer.

Tommy Woltman has entered Harding College in Searcy, Ark. and will attend the Summer session.

The Waylon Willis' are visiting here prior to going to Germany.

Sister Annie Shotwell is now back in Tyler. Her address is 804 North College. She would be happy to have you visit her.

A check was given to the building fund last Sunday in memory of brother Floyd Hoppers.

V.B.S. JUNE 7-11 9:00 A.M.

MEN TO SERVE IN JUNE

The following men have been selected to serve the Lord's Supper in June: Skipper Womack, Lester Scogins, Sherrill Little, Walter Fuller, L. L. Gann, Ross Walker, Monroe Sublette, Ralph Lowrance, Fred Strait, and R. V. Threadgill. Alternates are Herbert Brookshire and Buddy Holland. Sunday evening: Jack Beard and Bud Caskey. Alternate: Henry Holland.

V.B.S. JUNE 7-11 9:00 A.M.

THE SICK

Brother Luther Thompson will have surgery Thursday afternoon in Medical Center Hospital.

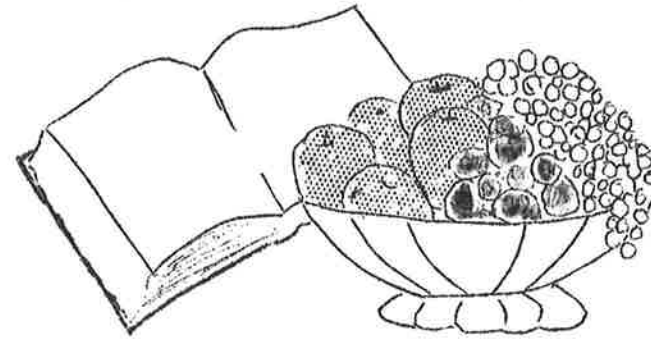
Sister Dora Billingsley is in Medical Center in Intensive Care.

Brother John Porter has been in Medical Surgical a few days.

V.B.S. JUNE 7-11 9:00 A.M.

GOD'S SON AND CHRISTIAN LIVING

This year our Vacation Bible School theme is God's Son and Christian Living. Certainly as we walk in "the Way" as the New Testament guides us we realize the impact that God's Son must have on our lives to be well pleasing to Him. A Christian must bear fruit first in his own behavior and then in bringing others to a



knowledge of God's Son. The first fruits are the graces that must adorn our lives as followers of God's Son: Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Meekness, Self-Control, etc.

The Primary objectives of this series of lessons may be listed as follows: 1. To understand that the Christian life is a school where we learn, grow and mature.

2. To study what God has to say about the Christian virtues or fruits of the Spirit.

3. To make personal commitments for growth in these fruits of the Spirit.

As secondary objectives we might list:

1. To use the Bible more and become better acquainted with it.

2. To instill a love for missionary activities.

3. To make the Bible applicable to life.

4. To help each student understand and solve their own problems in living the Christian life.

These ideas of course will be adapted to each class as the students are able to receive them. Surely all of us need to bear more fruit for the Lord. This Vacation Bible School is designed to help each one do just that. T.J.

LET'S ALL PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS YEAR MANY PRAYED IN A SPECIAL WAY AT THE TIME OF OUR SPRING MEETING. LET US PRAY FOR THE TEACHING OF GOD'S WORD IN THIS SPECIAL ENDEAVOR. PRAY FOR MANY TO BE INFLUENCED TO COME, FOR THE TEACHERS AS THEY PREPARE AND PRESENT THE LESSONS, FOR THE ONES WHO COME WHO ARE OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH, FOR THE PARENTS OF THE NON-MEMBERS WHO SEND OR ALLOW THEIR CHILDREN TO COME THAT THEY MAY BE INFLUENCED TO COME ALSO, FOR SAFETY FOR THE ONES WHO BRING MANY YOUNG CHILDREN FROM THEIR NEIGHBORHOODS.

GOD CALLS US TO CONSECRATION

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom. 12:1

If one desires to learn how to consecrate himself to God, there is no plainer verse than Rom. 12:1. The Apostle outlines several steps in doing this. Some are:

1. Consecration of the body. The Bible has much to say about the heart and all of it is important, but do you not think it is possible to forget about the body, or at least overlook some things about it being consecrated too? Paul here says, "present your bodies a living sacrifice." Had you ever thought that the church might have greater success if it began to ask men to give their bodies to God too? Should we not instruct men that they cannot abuse the body by evil habits and at the same time yield the soul to Holiness? Paul had to buffet his own body and bring it into subjection or he would become a castaway. The body has to be kept fit for the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit, because it will not stay in an unclean temple.

2. Non-conformity to the world is the next step in consecration to God. We must refuse to conform to the ways of the world. Paul said, "be not conformed to the world." No other human tendency is stronger than that of conformity to customs about him. It makes no difference how outlandish or revealing clothing might be some Christians will wear them because they want to conform to what others are wearing, or not wearing. It matters not how ugly the thing is, it will be worn if others are wearing like garments. A good many of our practices are simply based upon conformity. Yet this is one of the very things Jesus taught men not to do. He condemned religious practices which were no more than conforming to what others did for the sake of being like them.

3. Humility and exaltation are a part of consecration too. Paul said, "For I say through the grace that is given unto me to every man that is among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith." Look closely at this. It is not an urge to belittle one's own power. This is just the mistake made by man. Rather it is a reminder that our gifts are from God, and therefore, it is God's will that they possess varied capacities, and we must respect this. In doing this we are exalting them to their God-given place.

4. Consecration demands that we co-operate with others. "So we being many, are one body in Christ and members one of another." Therefore, when we have put the body under control, refused conformity to the world, and learned to respect gifts in others, (continued inside)

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May 23.....409	May 16...\$1,369.92
May 16.....359	May 9....\$1,462.78
Year Ago...411	Year Ago.\$1,092.59
Membership.....	536
Weekly Budget.....	\$1,385.00

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

- Announcements and Prayer..... Roger Knight
 - Prayer..... Faber Cauthen
 - Dismiss..... Bruce Raley
- SUNDAY EVENING
- Announcements and Prayer..... L. G. Drennan
 - Prayer..... Tommy Lowrance
 - Dismiss..... David Brennan

THE SICK

Brother Charlie Shuford is getting along well. He is still in Mother Frances. Brother Luther Thompson has been undergoing tests in Medical Center. Sister Dora Billingsley is seriously ill in Medical Center. Sister George Welch is ill at home.

FUNERALS

Funeral services were held Sunday in Mt. Pleasant for Mr. Charles Tucker, uncle of sister Cleo Sublette.

Brother E. L. Taylor's mother, Mrs. M. C. Taylor, passed away in Kaufman and funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon.

We extend our deepest sympathy to both families.

SINGING 2:30 SUNDAY AFTERNOON IN ARP

THANK YOU NOTES

We are unable to put our feelings into words, but we do want to say thank you for your sympathy, kindness, and love shown to us during our bereavement. You did everything that could have been done. Our burden of grief was made lighter because of your willingness to help us bear it. May the Lord bless each one of you.

- Elva Lee and Larry Mackey
- John, Patsy and Mike Mackey and Other Loved Ones of P.E.(Pat)Mackey

"Aunt Hallie" Fisher of Cooper, who has been in the hospital and at the Brookshires for the past two weeks, wishes to thank everyone here for being so nice to her. She appreciated every prayer, visit and the food. She had many complimentary things to say about West Erwin. She has returned to her home in Cooper.

LASTING MEMORIAL

Some of the members have given checks to the building fund in memory of brother Pat Mackey. This was done in lieu of sending flowers. Maybe others would like to do the same. He was vitally interested in the new educational building.

MOVING TO AUSTIN

After this week brother and sister Virgil Robbins and family will be moving to Austin. The Robbins have lived in Tyler for about six years. We shall miss them, but hope they are very happy in Austin.

DID YOU CAUSE IT?

Our Bible school attendance was down considerably last Lord's Day. We could be having 500 each week with hardly any effort at all. Many were gone last Lord's Day and many just did not come. If our love for the church were measured by our Bible school attendance and our interest in being present, I am afraid we would not pass the test. Some seem to feel no responsibility at all to be present. If those who do not teach or have never taught

knew how disappointing it is to prepare a lesson and have about half the class present to hear it, they would make a greater effort to be present. Brethren let us be inviting our friends, bringing them, and setting the right example before them rather than taking the path of least resistance or thinking of our own pleasures first. Do we really seek to increase our usefulness to God when we neglect to learn better how to serve Him? D.B.

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THE VALUE OF ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

1. More than 50% of the people in the United States are above the age of 24.
2. Adults have the highest capacity and deepest need.
3. Psychologists prove that adults can learn more easily than children.
4. The destination of students in every other class is the adult classes unless death or the devil intervenes.
5. Usually every adult not enrolled in Bible school is lost to other
6. Adults not attending the Bible school seldom study the Bible much at all.
7. Our boys and girls will be what adults are!
8. When adults are enrolled, we gain children. When adults come, children come.
9. NO BIBLE SCHOOL WILL EVER BE GREAT WITHOUT THOSE WHO ARE MATURE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH.

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GOD CALLS US . . . (continued from back page)

then we are ready to take the fourth step in consecration, and that is learning to work with others. Jesus could work with any who did His Father's will. So could Paul and others. A complete picture of the friction in this world causes angels to weep. This is

eliminated as people are consecrated to God. God has established a law of mutual dependence. We need each other, regardless of our personalities. When we answer God's call to complete consecration our heaviness and complainings will be turned into joys. Too, we will witness many more conversions. D.B.

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ARE YOU HONEST WITH GOD

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: Gal. 6:7.

I read of 500 men in an Eastern College Restaurant being short-changed a nickel. All but 15 noticed and asked for the nickel. Months afterwards they were all over-changed a nickel and only three returned it.

Humans are terribly dishonest with one another as is proved by robbery, frauds, debt-jumpers, thefts, etc. Many act honest for policy sake, to hold their jobs, social standing, friendship, or fear of the law. Others act honest for fear of hurting their parents, children or companions. If they could get by with dishonesty they would do it. They are honest only because they have to be. They had rather not be. Our vast credit system certainly does not prove that honesty is rooted in us in sheer love of right, which after all, is the only real honesty. We know that men are not honest with each other but there is something deeper to challenge our thinking and it is the question, "Can God trust us?" Are we honest with God?

Do we embezzle his property, destroy His gifts and lie down on His Work? None of us would keep an employee or servant that could not be trusted. Are God's things safe in our hands? Have they been so far in our lives?

Can God trust us to work for Him? We are employees of God by virtue of creation. There are some things that are inescapable, and this is one of them. We just cannot escape the responsibilities that are rooted in us by creation. Do we feign work when we are not actually working? Let each of us answer this question honestly. Have we worked for God as we know we should?

God's work must ever go on. Man alone pauses and loiters by the way-side while God works right on with whomsoever will work with him.

Are we honest with God in using the divinely given power of excuse-making? Just because we have the power to make excuses it does not make it right to do it. Some continually say why they do not attend Bible study and worship. But they know in their soul that these excuses are most always ridiculous and are offered to none but God. Who would dare to try them on his employer? It is God who orders worship. Some act as if it were the elders, preacher or men of the business meeting. Neither heat or cold or even headache would keep us from our work, party or place of amusement. Yet these things only feed and entertain the body. Surely God ought to be the last one to whom we should make excuse.

There is no sham about Christianity. We are deceiving ourselves when we think we have deceived God. We offer excuses but God knows the why.

D.B.



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May 9.....429 May 9.....\$1,462.78
Year Ago..390 Year Ago..\$1,245.10
Membership.....537
Weekly Budget.....\$1,385.00

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
Prayer. M. B. Beard
Prayer. E. E. Degge
Dismiss Pete Nichols

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer. H. McCarty
Prayer. Howard Ellis
Dismiss C. N. Strait

BROTHER PAT MACKEY

We are saddened by the sudden passing of one of our beloved elders, brother P. E. (Pat) Mackey Jr. He was in service with us only last night and was taken from our midst in a few hours by a heart attack. So far as we know every body who knew brother Mackey loved him. We express our sympathy and love to his wife, children, brothers, sisters, and other relatives. We thank God for giving this good man to us even for a seemingly short time.

THE SICK

Brother Charlie Shuford is in Mother Frances Hospital. He will have surgery Friday morning.

Brother and sister Luther Thompson have returned home from Houston. Brother Thompson will enter Medical Center Hospital either today or Friday.

THANK YOU NOTE

I thank everyone for the many visits, and for your prayers and good wishes during my recent hospitalization. In Christian love,
Darrell Holt

SCOTT CITY, KANSAS WORK

We all rejoiced to hear the good news last Lord's Day when it was announced that we are sending Mike and Barbara Warner to work with the few brethren in Scott City. Mike was a member of this congregation for several years. Barbara was baptized here and they were married here. After graduating from ACC Mike has preached for the church in Emory. We believe that Mike and Barbara will do a great work in Scott City. We welcome Mike as one of the evangelists of the West Erwin church and pray God's blessings upon them as they work in Kansas. D.B.

NEW ARRIVAL

Brother and sister Luther Thompson's son, Joe and his wife, have a baby boy, born last Friday. They live in Houston.

100% IN ATTENDANCE

The two year old class taught by sister Velma Lemons was 100% in attendance last Sunday.

TO LAKE JACKSON

Raymond Hardin, who grew up in this congregation and is now a student in Abilene Christian College, will work with the good church in Lake Jackson, Texas this Summer. Raymond will be an associate evangelist and director of the work with the young people. He will be doing most of the congregational song leading and will preach in the absence of brother Clifton Rogers, Lake Jackson's regular evangelist. Raymond will assist in some work the church there plans to do in Midland, Michigan in July.

Lake Jackson has a good church and is doing a great work. We rejoice with Raymond in being selected to work with this congregation. He will be working with a fine man in the person of brother Clifton Rogers.

NO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS

We have no late news on our educational building. The architect is working on the plans and it will take several weeks for him to complete them. A drawing of the building will be hung in the foyer as soon as it is completed. We will keep you informed as to the progress being made. If it is not mentioned you will know we are waiting on the plans and bids.

ANOTHER GRADUATE

Leon Brewer's name was left out of the list of spring graduates in the bulletin last week. Congratulations Leon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our Vacation Bible School is our next big project. This is an effort in which all may help in one way or another. We would like to suggest to young and old alike to begin inviting your neighbors to attend with you. Tell them you will provide transportation for them. This will be a good way for you to help some one learn about our Lord Jesus Christ. You may not be able to teach a class but you can bring some to a class being taught by another. We can make this our best school ever, if we work at it. If it is done half-heartedly or we depend on others to do it, it may not be worth the time and effort it takes to put the school on. If all of us do what we sometimes sing, "Lead me to some soul today," we will have a great school. Do not lose any time as the school is at hand. D.B.

BE ON TIME FOR BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

MEETING IN MARSHALL

Brother Ira North of Madison, Tennessee will do the preaching in a meeting at the South Washington church in Marshall May 31 through June 3. Services will be at 7:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 7 - 11.

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SPIRITUALITY: A NEEDED QUALITY

The church has a problem of its members resisting the spirit of Christianity in a special way in our time. I think that it is most evident in the fact that the majority do not worship enough privately. How many families have a regular period when the family gathers in one room to hear the father read the scriptures and to sing praises to God together? How many of you, when you have guests in your home, ever have a prayer together? We seem to be embarrassed about practicing piety at home in this way. The restoration of the church needs to include the private lives of its members as well as the public worship and organization of the body of Christ. A man's prayer has been said to be a good thermometer of the fervency of his spirit. This is true most of the time. A man who doesn't pray has a great void in his life. The more we pray the more we feel the need to pray. It seems that prayer often engaged in breeds a closeness to God that makes it possible to do many things that would seem impossible other-wise.

The ridicule of the world has influenced members of the church many times more than the church influences the world. The exhortation of Jesus was to be lights in the world and not to put your light under a bushel basket. The church of the first century was a devout group of people. They worshipped from house to house and that daily. That church prayed for special endeavors; take the church at Antioch for example: after Barnabas had brought Saul back there and they had worked in that city for about a year, the church decided to send them on a preaching tour at the suggestion of the Holy Spirit. That congregation prayed and fasted and laid their hands on these men and sent them out to preach. We need to do that today. Let those who are giving all their time to the service of God know that they are being prayed for. They will work harder for the Lord knowing the interest and devotion of the Lord's people in the work.

We need more prayer concerning our Bible School work. Why have we stopped having special prayer meetings? There is no good answer to be offered. The services that we have are good and fine but we ought to have more prayer meetings. When we become a praying group of people, we will find the work of the Lord prospering as never before.

T.J.

BRYAN SPEAKS

Brother Alan Bryan was with us Monday evening (during the rain) and we had fair attendance. He said some fine things that should cause us to be more dedicated to our Lord. We are sorry that more did not hear him.

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May 2.....451 May 2.....\$1,563.69
Year Ago..445 Year Ago..\$1,041.75
Church Membership.....537
Weekly Budget.....\$1,385.00
Building Fund to date....\$16,911.61
APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
Prayer.....Louis J. Jones
Prayer.....Jack Beard
Dismiss.....Hal Broadfoot
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Glen Warner
Prayer.....L. L. Gann
Dismiss.....Harry Knight

THE SICK
Sister Dora Billingsley spent a few days in Medical Center for a check-up.
Sister Brookshire's aunt, Mrs. Hallie Fisher of Cooper, had surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.
Brother and Sister Luther Thompson are in Houston and both plan to enter a hospital there. You may send them a card in care of their son, Joe Thompson, 8807 Shadowcrest, Houston 36, Texas.
Brother Jack Beard's mother had surgery in Medical Center Wednesday.
Brother Ed Bullard's father is seriously ill in Gallatin, Tenn.

NEWS OF INTEREST
Two of our elders are in Scott City, Kansas at this time in in-

terest of our placing a preacher there to work with the few brethren in that place. We hope to have a definite announcement about our plans there in a few days, maybe this Lord's Day.

The plans for our educational building have been approved by our elders and the architect is working on the blue-prints now. It will be about six-weeks before the blue-prints can be shown to builders for bids. Progress on this is slow and you will be kept informed through the bulletin. In the meantime let us work and pray for this and other efforts in behalf of the Lord's work.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS
We congratulate our High School Seniors. They are:
Layton Bailey Wade McDonald
Linda Byrd June Parris
Vicki Britton Gary Terrell
Jerry Hughes Jane Ann Tuel
David Hannah Judy Venable
Ramon Ivey Glenda Wright
Ruth Kline Tommy Woltman
Jim Lauden Pam Wallace

PROVE YOUR LOVE
More of us should be proving our love for the Word of God by being in Bible School each Lord's Day. Bible classes are for edification and some strength is gained every time we attend in the spirit of desiring to know more about Jesus and His Will concerning us. Parents are depriving their children of something precious when they keep them out of classes.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1965

Cash on hand April 1, 1965	\$3,097.13
Contribution \$5,716.26	5,806.26
Other Churches 90.00	
Available for Expenditures	\$8,903.39
Loan Payments:	
First Fed. Sav. & Loan	711.75
Coo. Sav. & Loan	75.00
Ross Walker	150.00
	\$ 936.75
Benevolent and Mission:	
Bible Chair	100.00
Herald of Truth	50.00
Sunny Glen Home	50.00
Boles Home	50.00
Tipton Home	50.00
Radio Program	243.20
Jerry Hill	715.00
W. E. Church	625.00
Other Churches	90.00
	\$1,258.20
Spring Meeting	\$ 420.60
Evangelist and Hotel and advertising	
Paving Alley	\$1,858.84
Materials and Supplies	
Utilities	316.73
Office Supplies	101.28
Bldg. Maint.	71.18
Bible School Supplies	106.28
Insurance	50.00
Flowers	118.31
Postage	40.00
	713.78
Withholding Tax (1st Quarter)	483.20
Salaries	1,457.89
Total Expenditures	\$7,129.26
Balance on Hand April 30, 1965	1,774.13
Total Funds accounted for	8,903.39
Building Fund 4-30-65	\$16,911.61

IT IS ENCOURAGING
The way our contribution has held up is most encouraging. We have a little more than exceeded our budget so far this year. Even when we have a drop in attendance the contribution holds up. Some of you are leaving your contribution and others are making it up when you return. Thanks to all who have learned to give more acceptably. I doubt that any who has increased his contribution has missed it and that he would not want to return to what he formerly gave. D.B.

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LOSSES AND GAINS CONNECTED WITH CHRISTIANITY

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 a religion of self-denial. Jesus very emphatically taught this, "if any came after him and became his disciple he would have to take up his cross and follow him." In language as strong as can be found in the Bible, Jesus said, "if any man loved father or mother, or houses or lands, or even his own life more than me is not worthy of me." Christ set the example of self-denial before his disciples.

We are unable to see the future advantages of present self-denials, because we look too much at the things that are seen rather than the things that are unseen. We think we see present advantages in living for ourselves, but we seem to forget that this shall be followed by future disappointment and eternal loss.

By rejecting Christianity and its sacrifices we may save ourselves the loss of a few worldly things for a while but eventually they will be permanently lost. We may obtain some sensual gratification of the flesh but this is only for a season. To say that one would not gain anything at all by living a life of sin is not true. The world offers some pleasurable things, but they are perishable and damnable. Moses chose rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. Sin has its honey and downy beds but not for long.

Other things we lose by becoming Christians are the smiles of the world, acclamations, distinctions, and crowns which worldlings bestow upon each other. These may all be gained in greater or lesser degrees if we seek to save our lives and not expose them to men whose ideas are diametrically opposed. In Matt. 16:25, Jesus had in mind the danger to which the early Christians were exposed. Many thousands did lose their lives, while others saved theirs temporarily by refusing to be different from the world. It takes a keen discerning spiritual mind to see the over-all advantage of denying oneself now and saving his life eternally instead of saving his life now and losing it forever.

Christianity consists in the subjection of the mind to God, in acknowledging the right of God to command of us what he pleases, to place us where he pleases and use us as he pleases. Children have no right to direct their parents. Parents are commanded to direct their children. Some children think that their parents rule is too strenuous and they seek to get from under it only to find that it lead to their downfall and destruction. Refusal to submit to the Lord's rule has ever lead to ruination. He knows what is best for us, (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS AND PRAYER
Announcements and
Prayer.....Leonard Woltman
Prayer.....M. M. Haws
Dismiss.....Ben Young

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Howard Ellis
Prayer.....Harold Browning
Dismiss.....Herbert Brookshire

THANK YOU NOTES
Dear Christian Friends: Thank
you so much for the joy you brought
me with your calls, cards, flowers,
visits and many kindnesses during
my recent hospitalization.
Mrs. Georgia Lee

We appreciate so much your visits,
prayers, cards and flowers during
my stay in the hospital.
Mrs. Betty Strait

Thank you so much for all the

cards and visits. Also for all the
prayers in my behalf. All of this
has helped me so much as it always
does. May God bless you.
Mrs. Bessie Willis

RESPONSES
We are very happy to welcome
brother and sister Jack Beard and
children, James and Betty into our
fellowship. The Beards are former
members here and have just moved
back from Brownsboro. Their address
is Rt. 2, Box 392, telephone Ly 2-
6967.

100% CLASSES
The 2 year old class taught by
Velma Lemons and the 3rd grade
taught by Katie Heath and Earnesene
Shuford were 100% in attendance
last Sunday.

THE SICK
Brother W. D. Drummond is in the
Medical Center Hospital for physical
therapy.
Brother Darrell Holt is in Medi-
cal Center for tests.
Brother M. M. Haws is in Medical
Center Hospital.

Little Kevin Womack is in Medi-
cal Center. He had minor surgery
Wednesday.

Sister E. L. Taylor is at home
after spending a few days in the
Glenwood Clinic.

BUSINESS MEETING
All men of the church are invited
to attend a business meeting at the
building Sunday at 3:00 P.M.

MEETING FOR ALL . . . MAY 10
Several weeks ago the elders de-
cided to ask Alan Bryan to come and
talk to us about church work. Since
the primary work of the church is
to educate the world about Jesus
Christ, brother Bryan will be talk-
ing about Bible school work. He has
notified us that his subject will
be "The Harvest is White." He said
in a recent letter, "Get every man,
woman, and child willing to get to
work to attend." This is exactly
what we want - - every member of
the West Erwin church to be here to
hear brother Bryan. We want all of
the people of East Texas who can to
come hear this dynamic speaker give
us a greater incentive to do more
for the Lord than we have ever even
dreamed of doing.

Brother Bryan is a native of
Birmingham, Ala. though his resi-
dence has been in Texas most of the
time. He has attended Freed-Harde-
man College, University of Alabama,
Pepperdine College, and has received
his Master of Education from Texas
Tech. He has been located in the
Lord's work with several congrega-
tions in Texas and Tennessee. Since
1962 he has been with Northside in
Dallas. He conducts approximately
twenty meetings and training series
each year. These endeavors have
carried him to some thirty of the
States.
T.J.

THE TRAINING CLASS FOR PRIMARY
TEACHERS BEGINS NEXT WEDNESDAY
EVENING. MARGARET MONTGOMERY AND
BETTY WILLIS WILL BE TEACHING.

LOSSES AND GAINS. . .
(continued from back page)
Present denials are good for us.
If you think the present losses
will not be greatly compensated by
the future gains, just stop and think
of the world's vanity, the uncer-
tainty of life, the solemnity of the
judgement, and the length of eter-
nity. If you are still undecided
weigh the mortal against the im-
mortal. Weigh time against eternity
and weigh heaven against hell. It
is far better to lose one's life for
Christ than to save it temporarily
only to lose it forever. Think on
these things.
D.B.

BE ON TIME FOR BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

YOUNG PEOPLE
Sunday, May 9, the Houston and
Broadway church of Christ will host
the Area Young People's Meeting. All
young people are invited. There
will be a panel discussion.

CHANGE IN CLASS LOCATION
The Sunday afternoon classes will
move this Sunday into the auditori-
um and brother Brookshire's office.
This is being done so that the
large air conditioning unit will
not have to operate for only two
classes.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 7 -11

ZONE 5 MEETING
Zone 5 had a very good meeting
last Monday evening with 33 present.

EDUCATIONAL BUILDING NEWS

The elders and building committee met with the Architect last Tuesday evening and decided on the design and size of the building. The Architect was told to proceed with the drawing and it is thought that actual construction will start about July 1st. A picture of the building will be drawn soon and posted in the foyer so that all can see what it will look like when it is completed. Naturally it will not look like each of us would have decided on if we had the opportunity to have selected the design, because we all live in different designed homes, but the one decided on was what the elders and committee agreed on and we should get behind the program and back it with our prayers and finances. The cost will be announced as soon as the bids come in. We can now let you know that the building will have about twenty nine rooms. One room will be large enough to accomodate about one hundred persons. This will be used for ladies classes, weddings, teachers meetings, etc. Our brethren have given this building much thought and when it is completed it will be one that all of us will be proud of and we and our children and their children can use it for at least a half century. Is it not wonderful to be a member of a congregation that preaches and teaches "the old time Jerusalem gospel" and has vision to reach out and save as many as possible. West Erwin has enjoyed a glorious past (and we hope a glorious present) but we believe the most glorious of all is yet in the future. Let us thank God for our elders and the vision they have manifested. Now let us pray for them and co-operate with them in this great step forward. D.B.

A DYING MEMBER

A story is told of a certain elder who was greatly distressed over a member of the congregation. The absent member was sorely missed, and the elder went straight to his house and found him sitting before the fire-place. The absentee, somewhat startled by the intrusion, hastily placed another chair for his visitor and then braced himself for the expected rebuke.

But the elder said not a word. Taking his seat before the fire, he silently took the tongs, lifted a glowing coal from the midst of its fellows and laid it down by itself on the hearth.

Remaining painfully silent, he watched the blaze die out. Then the truant opened his lips to say, "You need not say a word sir. I'll be at church next service where I belong."

When people separate themselves from the work and worship of Christ and His church, the fire that burns in their soul goes out. Not only do they die, but the church's work is hindered and hurt because of the loss of one soul.

...Selected

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April 25..444 April 25..\$1,448.82
April 18..454 April 18..\$1,311.88
Year Ago..340 Year Ago..\$1,084.65
Church Membership. 533
Weekly Budget \$1,385.00
Building Fund - to date \$16,909.61

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer Cone Birdwell
Prayer Howard Holland
Dismiss H. C. Williamson

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer T. J. Parsons
Prayer Henry McRuiz
Dismiss Bill Howard

RESPONSES

Confessed faults and requested prayers: Brother Bill Shuford and brother H. E. Murry.

THANK YOU NOTE

I wish to thank every one for the prayers, cards, and calls in the loss of my brother,

Mrs. Naomi Haden

100% CLASSES

The 5 year old class taught by Jan Knight and Mary June Grier, and the 1st grade taught by Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell were 100% in attendance Sunday.

ALAN BRYAN WILL SPEAK MAY 10, 7-30

THE SICK

Sister R. L. Trentham is in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Moselle White spent a few days in Medical Center Hospital.

MEN SELECTED FOR MAY

The following men have been selected to serve the Lord's Supper in May: Sunday morning, Pat Mackey, James Phillips, Harley Turner, C. N. Strait, and Phillip Browning. Also, Howard Holland, James Trentham, David Hannah, Willie Shuford, and Chuck Cauthen. Alternates: Darrell Holt and Harvey Grier. Sunday evening Ken Willis and Bob Threadgill. Alternate: Glen Howard.

MISSION WORK PLANS

Our elders are considering the town of Scott City, Kansas for our next mission effort. Two of them plan to go to Scott City May 12th and take a preacher and his wife who are interested in moving there. One of our elders has already been up there and he was impressed with the possibilities of what can be done. There are presently twenty one members in Scott City and they have a new building located in a good section of town. Those brethren are not asking for anything except a preacher. We hope to be able to supply them a preacher until the work becomes self-supporting. We hope to be able to announce by May 16th that we will soon have another preacher in the field supported wholly by us. D.B.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 7 - 11

TEACHER TRAINING SERIES

May 12th is the Wednesday that marks the beginning of the second part of our Teachers Training Series. Sister Margaret Montgomery and sister Betty Willis have prepared five to six weeks of material for Primary teachers. Both of these ladies are public school teachers who are professionally trained to teach this age group. All ladies interested in learning more about how to teach six, seven, and eight year olds will find this series rewarding. Mothers, too, will benefit from these classes.

ZONE FIVE MEETING

All members of zone 5 are urged to attend a meeting Monday evening at 7:30 in the Smith Memorial Building.

DOES THE MASTER APPLAUD?

It matters little if people do not applaud, if we please the Master. A musician once wept when a great crowd applauded his performance, because one man failed to applaud. When asked why he was affected by the fact that one man had not applauded, he replied, "He was my teacher." If we should gain the applause of the world, and fail to receive the approval of the Great Teacher, we have failed. Let us live daily with this thought in mind, and after a life of faithful service when the judgment comes, the Master will say, "Well done."

... Selected

LISTEN TO STATION KTBB 12:30 NOON

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

We will be given an opportunity this Lord's Day to again help the brethren preach the gospel in the New York area and maybe reach into many countries of the world. The elders have decided to give us an opportunity to help by having a special contribution just for the work being done at the World's Fair in New York. This contribution will be taken this Lord's Day immediately following our regular contribution. Remember that our budget is \$1,385.00 and what we contribute to the work being done in New York should be above what we regularly give here. Can we not give at least \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 this Lord's Day to assist the work in New York? It can easily be done if each member will give only one or two dollars above what he regularly gives. Come prepared to give sacrificially if necessary. We are doing much better in giving but we still have not reached the point of doing very much sacrificing. Let us all "grow exceedingly" in this phase of the work too. We should thank God for the privilege of preaching the gospel elsewhere. D.B.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Dayle Majors, son of sister Bernice Majors, who will graduate from Texas A & M College this Spring. Also to Doug Warner, who will graduate from the University of Texas. Doug and Shirley will be moving to San Antonio after the 1st of June.

HAVE YOU SEEN MY GOAT?



Excuses are the little phrases that we use to make our short comings seem less important than they really are. When a preacher is trying to encourage the members of the church to attend Bible school as they ought and hears such excuses as "had company" or "over slept" or "don't like the teacher" or sees just general indifference, it "gets his goat." How can people who have pledged themselves to the service of the Lord, offer any excuse for not trying to take advantage of every opportunity to learn more of God's Word? We rejoice to see our Bible school attendance back up to around 450.

We will have to put forth just a little more effort and we will have the 500 that we have set as a goal. Let's all make sure that we are here ourselves and then if possible bring a guest who is not a member of the church and we will find that 500 is much to low for a goal. Don't use excuses and I'll get my goat back and our goal will be met. T.J.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Remember to reschedule your plans for the month of June if at all possible to include our Vacation Bible School June 7th through 11th. Be telling your friends in your neighborhood about it. Let's see if we can't have the best school in the history of the West Erwin church. The theme is a practical one: God's Son and Christian Living. I'll be there, how about you? T.J.

WHY THE DIFFERENCE?

When the other fellow acts that way, his is ugly; but when you do it it is nerves. When the other fellow doesn't like your friends, he is prejudiced; when you don't like his, you are a good judge of human nature. When the other fellow tries to treat someone especially nice, he is up to something; when you try the same thing, you are just using tact. When the other fellow picks flaws in things, he is cranky; when you do, you are discriminating. When the other fellow says what he thinks, he is spiteful; when you do, you are frank. Why the difference?

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BIBLE SCHOOL	CONTRIBUTION
April 18..454	April 18..\$1,311.88
April 11..450	April 11..\$1,485.02
Year Ago..451	Year Ago..\$1,390.90
Church Membership.....	533
Weekly Budget.....	\$1,385.00
Building Fund to date....	\$16,809.61

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Sam Bailey
Prayer.....Virgil Robbins
Dismiss.....Don Andrews

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....James Massey
Prayer.....John D. Brem
Dismiss.....David Womack

RESPONSES

Confessed faults and asked for prayer: Brother Henry McRuiz.

FUNERAL

Sister Naomi Haden's brother, Mr. Vaughter King, passed away in Megargel, Texas and funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon. We extend our deepest sympathy to sister Haden and her family.

FLOWERS

The lilies on the pulpit Sunday were given in memory of B. D. Allsopp by the Allsopp family.

ALAN BRYAN WILL BE HERE MAY 10th.

THE SICK

Sister Betty Strait was released from the hospital Monday.

Sister Doris Gregory spent a few days in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Georgia Lee is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Don O'Bannon is in Mother Frances, but is not having company at this time.

Brother Glen Howard is in Medical Center Hospital.

MEETING

There will be a meeting at the Main St. Church of Christ in Henderson, April 26 through May 2nd. Services at 7:30 each evening (Sat. eve. service 6:30). J. Harold Thomas, evangelist.

You are also invited to attend a program presented by the ACC Chorus at the Henderson High School Auditorium, Saturday May 1, 8:00 P.M.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Delete: Mrs. Gail Debenport. She is now worshipping with the Glenwood congregation.

A CHRISTIAN ISN'T

Someone who only wears the name,
Someone who is "good,"
Someone who "goes to church,"
Someone who "belongs to" a church.

A Christian is a person who has given himself over to Jesus Christ. He acts as he does not to be a Christian, but because he is a Christian.

LISTEN TO KTBB 12:30 NOON

THE CHURCH MEMBER WITH NO FACE

Our age has strong trends towards de-personalization. We have become statistically conscious. Quite often the individual church member refuses to demonstrate a personal face to the world. He feels that if "the brotherhood" is growing, all of his responsibilities are being carried out. He is lost in the crowd (whether the congregation is large or small.) He gives spasmodically but not with personal committment or prayerful purpose. He attends worship haphazardly without demonstrating a personal reverence and conviction.

He is vaguely non-realistically Christian. His face never comforts the bereaved. His face does not encourage the eldership. His face does not reflect the personal grace of the Living Christ. He has become a faceless, zombie! He has never said, "Here am I, send me." He will miss heaven because God's eternal kingdom is prepared for the individual whose face shows lines of concern for the lost and at the same time, shines with the splendor of the Christ-centered hope.

. . . Virgil R. Trout

MODEST AND DRESS

In my opinion there are many women and girls who do not realize that many young men, and older men, do not appreciate the short skirts that most of them wear. Certainly they have not been an encouragement to those who tried to heed the teaching of Jesus that one should not look on a woman to lust after her. If more women were concerned about not revealing so much of their flesh, there might be fewer lustful looks. If Bathsheba had been more careful about where she bathed, David might not have become involved in adultery and murder. David was sinful in these thoughts and deeds, but she was not without her responsibility. Good people through carelessness can contribute to conduct which they did not intend to contribute to.

It is not without significance that, although in newspaper style a brief editorial in the Commercial Appeal (12/31/64, p.6) called the forecast of a return to longer dresses as a "Welcome Forecast." "One of the nation's leading beauty experts has told Memphians that tomorrow's girl is going to cover up her knees and assume a proper look."

This expert, head of the Maid of Cotton judges. . . probably does not realize how welcome is her prediction. It may be because of advancing years, but there are many who feel that skirts like taxes, have been too high too long.

In this matter of dress, as well as in many other things, it is too easy for us to be carried along thoughtlessly by the passing fashions of the world.

. . . By James D. Boles

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April 11..450	April 11..\$1,469.54
April 4...454	April 4...\$1,485.02
Year Ago..431	Year Ago..\$1,073.91
Church Membership.....	534
Weekly Budget.....	\$1,385.00
Building Fund - to date	\$16,784.61

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	P. E. Mackey
Prayer.....	Ross Walker
Dismiss.....	Ken Willis

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Gerald Montgomery
Prayer.....	W. H. Turner
Dismiss.....	Rodger Young

THANK YOU NOTES

We wish to thank everyone for the prayers, flowers, cards, and calls at the time of the death of our loved one.

Freda and Ross Walker

We express our appreciation to each of the ladies who rendered a Christian service to sister Maie Taylor. Leaders of Zone Four

THE SICK

Sister Betty Strait is in Mother Frances Hospital. She underwent major surgery Monday afternoon.

Sister Georgia Lee is in Medical Center. She will have surgery today. (Thursday)

MEETING A GREAT SUCCESS

Baptized: Mrs. Ed Stitt (Carolyn), 3200 Cameron, Phone Ly 3-5426; Mrs. Vera Wendt, 1417 Commerce, Phone Ly 4-3820.

Confessed Faults and Requested Prayer: Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy, Mrs. Earnesene Shuford, Mrs. Modena Jones, Mrs. Wanda Whitworth, Miss Judy Venable, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Montgomery, Mrs. Becky McRuiz, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lowrance, Mr. W. H. Turner, Mrs. Laura Tate, Mrs. Mary Haws, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Brem, Mr. Leon Brewer, Mrs. Laverne Keith, Mrs. Molly Ferguson, Mr. Virgil L. Robbins, Mr. Ronald Robbins, Mr. Joe C. Willis, Mr. Tommy Woltman, Mr. Howard Ellis, Miss Pamela Wallace, and Mr. Richard Wallace.

We are indebted to brother Virgil Trout for the many fine things he said and did for us during the meeting. Our prayer is that the meeting may bear fruit until the Lord returns.

SPECIAL EVENT

Keep the evening of May the 10th open because that is the time Alan will be with us. This is one event you can't afford to miss.

MEETING AT NORTHWEST

The Northwest church of Christ will have a Gospel Meeting next week, April 19 through the 25. Brother Ralph Starling of Ft. Worth will be preaching at 7:30 P.M. daily.

LISTEN TO RADIO STATION KTBB

MONDAY - FRIDAY 12:30 NOON

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH 1965

Cash on hand March 1, 1965	\$4,593.96
Contribution \$5,483.17	
Other Churches 140.00	5,623.17
Available for Expenditures	<u>10,217.13</u>

Loan Payments:

First Fed. Sav. & Loan	711.75
Coop. Sav. & Loan	75.00
J. C. Wynne	702.45
Trest Property	2,150.00
	<u>3,639.20</u>

Benevolent and Mission:

Boles Home	50.00
Tipton Home	50.00
Sunny Glen Home	50.00
Herald of Truth	50.00
Bible Chair	100.00
Radio Program	212.00
Jerry Hill	715.00
W.E. Church	575.00
Other Churches	140.00
Local benevolent	10.39
	<u>1,237.39</u>

Materials and Supplies

Utilities	279.89
Bldg. Maint.	37.60
Office Supplies	97.50
Bible School Supplies	242.21
Insurance	60.00
Postage	30.00
Flowers	16.11
	<u>763.31</u>

Salaries 1,479.41

Total Expenditures March, 1965	\$7,119.31
Balance on hand March 31, 1965	3,097.82
Total Funds Accounted For	<u>10,217.13</u>

Building Fund - March 31, 1965 \$16,521.61

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS TO BE CONDUCTED AFTER ALL

Plans for the new educational facilities are moving at a slower rate than we had anticipated back in January, February, and March, which are the months in which we normally plan our Vacation Bible School. Since it now appears that it will be July before actual work starts on our building, the elders decided last Sunday that we should conduct a Vacation Bible School in June. I am sure that if all will begin immediately to include this important week in our schedules that we will have a good school, even though we are working under a handicap of limited time. The material has been ordered and should be here even as you are reading this bulletin. Many teachers have already been contacted, but there are several places yet if you would like to serve the Lord as a Vacation Bible School Teacher. This year's theme is "God's Son and Christian Living." This is the fourth year of a four year series. At the present the plans are for the school to be the 7th - 11th. Let us all begin now to pray for the school and to

(continued next page)

tell our friends and neighbors about it. We have had good schools in the past; with God' helping us, we can do the same this year. It will take some sacrifice and effort to do the job well but it will be well worth the effort if one soul is brought to a knowledge of the truth and obeys his Lord as a result of what was done in Vacation Bible School at West Erwin, June 7th through 11th, 1965. T.J.

FUNERALS

Brother John Arrington, a former deacon here, passed away of a heart attack while on a business trip in Kentucky. Services were conducted for him in Arkansas Wednesday.

Brother Claude Smith, well known preacher, died in Shreveport Monday. Funeral services were Tuesday afternoon.

The grandmother of sister Juanice Wells was buried in Gladewater Sunday.

Sister Edith Porter's aunt was buried Monday in Sanger, Texas.

We extend our sympathy to each family.

CELEBRATING THE RESURRECTION

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

In baptism, which is a burial in the likeness of Jesus' death, and a resurrection in the likeness of his own resurrection, we see faith

pictured (Romans 6:1-5).

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

Finally, in the Lord's Supper, and its regular observance from week to week, we see the faith of those who believe that Christ died, was buried, rose again, ascended to the Father, and will come again. I Cor. 11:26 reads: "For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come."

Let us thank God for the resurrection of his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. The resurrection proves the sonship of Jesus (Romans 1:4). The resurrection of Christ is also a pledge that God will raise us from the dead. - Elbridge B. Linn

From the 20th Century Christian

TO MELROSE, NEW MEXICO

Brother Brookshire will preach in a meeting in Melrose, N.M. April 18-23. He will be back for services the 25th. Please pray for this meeting.

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April 4...454	April 4...\$1,485.02
March 28..420	March 28..\$1,459.35
Year Ago..423	Year Ago..\$1,242.74
Church Membership.....	532
Weekly Budget.....	\$1,385.00
Building Fund to date....	\$16,671.61

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Dean Brookshire
Prayer.....E. V. Rushing
Dismiss.....Jamon Kirby

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Louis J. Jones
Prayer.....T. J. Parsons
Dismiss.....Phillip Browning

THANK YOU NOTES

We wish to express our appreciation for your kind thoughts expressed in your many cards, beautiful flowers, telephone calls, visits, and the delicious food sent to our home during our recent sadness. May the Lord bless each of you.

Mrs. F. D. Hoppers and family

Thank you for the flowers, cards, and visits during my recent stay in the hospital. Betty Strait

THE SICK

Sister Bessie Willis spent several days in Medical Center.

Sister Betty Strait has entered Mother Frances Hospital again.

FUNERALS

Sister Maie C. Taylor passed away Monday night. Funeral services were conducted at the church building Wednesday afternoon at 2:00. Sister Taylor had no immediate family, but we express our sympathy to her many friends who sorrow at her passing.

Brother Stalnaker of San Antonio, father of sister Ross Walker passed away Tuesday. Services were Thursday morning at 10:00 in San Antonio.

Mr. Dave Veatch, uncle of sister Lonnie Taylor was buried in Lindale Thursday afternoon.

We extend our deepest sympathy to each family.

CONGRATULATIONS

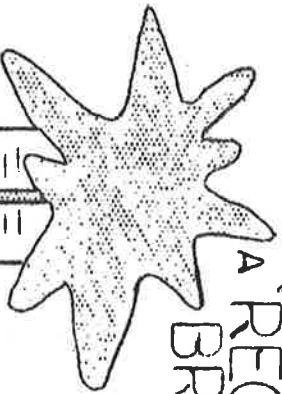
John and Lois Weaver are happy to announce that they have a new member in their family. They have a daughter now, and she is ten years old, in the fourth grade and her name is Betty. We are very happy for the Weavers and for Betty.

THOUGHTS ABOUT OUR SINGING

In our meeting next week we want to have the very best singing possible. Always in the past the singing seems to improve for the Gospel meetings. This is good. The singing sets the proper atmosphere for the reception of the lesson to follow. I have chosen "Softly and Tenderly" as the one invitation song for each service. The other songs will all be old favorites that we can all sing. Let's everyone come to the meeting and sing as we have never sung before. T.J.

LET'S MAKE NEXT SUNDAY

A 'RECORD
BREAKER'



500 IN BIBLE
SCHOOL SUNDAY

SOME POSSIBLE CONVERSATIONS

Pessimistic
Christian:

"Gospel Meetings are a failure now. We are just spinning our wheels by having meetings now."

Optimistic
Christian

"Do you know why some gospel meetings seem to be failures? It is because the members fail to do what they should to make them a success. Brethren are having great meetings where they work at it. Had you ever considered that building of homes, manufacturing companies, home appliances, travel, etc., have not failed? Why have they not failed? People are working at making these successful. Christians can succeed in the Lord's work when they try."

VIRGIL TROUT WILL PREACH IN A MEETING HERE APRIL 11 THROUGH 14. THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL SERVICE SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 3:00. HIS SUBJECT WILL BE CHRISTIANITY AND SCIENCE: A STUDY OF VITAL RELATIONSHIPS.

LORD'S DAY BIBLE CLASSES 9:30 A.M.
MORNING WORSHIP 10:20 A.M.
EVENING WORSHIP 6:00 P.M.
WEEKDAY SERVICES--MONDAY--TUESDAY--WEDNESDAY
10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

Member of another
Church:

"They tell me that the West Erwin church of Christ is a great church."

Member of yet a
different church.

"That is what I hear, but let's wait and see what kind of a meeting they have before we pass judgement. I know a good many members there and I will wait and see how well they attend and how many of us they invite."

Mr. or Mrs. Too
Busy Christian:

"I hope to attend the meeting once or twice anyway, but my club meets one night, we televise one night, the children are busy in school and it is a lot of trouble to get around and get dressed for worship. After going all day I'm ready to relax when night comes. No, I can't attend the morning services either because I have so much to do."

Faithful Christian:

"What you need to do is read and practice such scriptures as Matt. 6:33 where our Lord said, 'But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness,' and Rom. 12:1, 'I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.' Our Lord said in Luke 14:27, 'And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.'"

"Let me ask you this question, if Jesus lived in Tyler what would be His attitude toward His Father's work concerning the teaching of His Father's Word?"

Nominal Christian:

"Say, I hear THEY are having a meeting at the church, beginning next Sunday."

Faithful Christian:

"Don't say THEY, say WE. Aren't you a member too? Don't you plan to have any part in the meeting?"

D.B.

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MAN AND BEAST

Prov. 3:18-22, "I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. For that which falleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?"

In these verses it seems that the author, Solomon, reaches the lowest depths of misery and despair. He sees little advantage in the life of man over that of the beast. The special point of comparison on which he dwells in these verses is the common mortality of both of them. Let us notice the comparison.

Man and beast are possessed of bodies composed of the same element, nourished by food from the same provider, liable to the same accidents, and destined to return to the kindred dust from which they came.

Both are ignorant of when the end will come. Just a moment before the stroke of death comes they may be ignorant of its coming. When they realize the fact that it is coming they are powerless to avert it.

One resting place, the grave,

receives both of them. One difference is that man's loved ones, as a rule, mark the spot of his burial while the beast do not. Another difference is that man's loved ones re-visit the spot of the burial and the beast do not.

Man differs from the brutes around him, chiefly, in his having, what they have not, the burden of unsatisfied desires. Man has a longing for eternity where he may rest but which may be denied him unless he spends his days doing the will of the Creator.

The wise man said in verse 21, ". . . The spirit of man goeth upward and the spirit of the beast goeth downward to the earth." In this we see hope for man's immortality but none for the beast. The story is told of Alexander Campbell and Robert Owen, an infidel, taking a stroll in a pasture and discussing their forthcoming debate. They saw a cow grazing and Owen said to Campbell, "I have no more fear of death than that cow." To which Campbell replied, "neither do you have any more hope of immortality than that cow."

In the verses above Solomon does not seem to be denying the immortality of the soul, but was longing for more knowledge of it. He knew where the spirits of both man and beast were going, because he said of man in chapter 12:7, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."



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YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE FIVE MAJOR NEEDS

1. The need to find God. Young people need a basic faith to which they can tie their lives. With so many different ideologies in the world, they need a positive faith planted within their hearts.
2. The need for self understanding. Young people need to find themselves. We must guide them to the proper understanding.
3. The need for Christian vocational guidance. This age group needs to find a life work. It is our obligation to see that this is a selection of a Christian vocation.
4. The need to find a life mate. Principles of Christian morality and personal purity must be taught to our youth. They need to learn how to apply these principles to boy-girl relations, to courtship, and to marriage. They need to know the Bible concept of marriage and divorce.
5. The need to find the church and their relationship to it. They must be helped to grow into the work of the church. They must feel it is their responsibility, and not just the responsibility of old folks. They must be made to feel they are vitally needed as members, and taught to do their part.

In spite of the great strides we

TO YOUNG PEOPLE

You are cordially invited to an area-wide youth meeting for all high school and junior high school students, to be held at the Alpine and Glover Street Church of Christ,

have made, we are still losing our young people during this all important age. There are many reasons for this. The following are but a few which we must consider:

1. Failure of adults to understand that youth do not need to be treated in an extremely special way. We have tried to win young people by bargaining with them. This has failed. But if we will lift Christ before them, they will be drawn to him in the same way adults are. The gospel of Christ is God's power unto salvation.
2. Failure to use and develop the potential of youth in the program of the church today.
3. Failure to set before them an example of practical Christian living which demonstrates the joys and blessings of service.
4. Lack of conviction on the part of the church as a whole in dealing with sin.

We have a great challenge before us in guiding youth to Christ, and the Christian way of life. May the Lord help us to know and to understand youth and their problems that we might do a more effective job in the future than we have in the past. "Let no man despise thy youth." (I Timothy 4:12) . . . T.Roy Finley

Longview, Texas, April 4, at 2:30 P.M. The topic will be The Teen-ager and The Church.

THE SICK

Sister Male Taylor is in Mother Frances, but cannot have visitors.

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BIBLE SCHOOL	CONTRIBUTION
March 28..421	March 28..\$1,459.35
March 21..420	March 21..\$1,301.10
Year Ago..454	Year Ago..\$1,019.58
Church Membership	534
Weekly Budget.....	\$1,385.00
Building Fund March 28....	\$3,046.60
Building Fund - to date..	\$16,521.61

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and

Prayer.	Glen Howard
Prayer	M. B. Beard
Dismiss	Bruce Raley

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and

Prayer	Joe McBee
Prayer.	Virgil Robbins
Dismiss	Skipper Womack

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for your visits, cards, prayers and every kindness.
Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Skeeters
MEN TO SERVE IN APRIL
Men selected to serve the congregation and at the Lord's Table for April are as follows: Glen Warner, L. G. Drennan, Doc Wright, Jamon Kirby, Billy Wells, and Layton Bailey. R. E. Frederick, W. R. Womack, Hal Broadfoot and Dudley Brookshire. Alternates are George Welch and John Weaver.
Serving Sunday evening are Bruce Raley, and T. J. Parsons. Alternate, Virgil Robbins.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

The Glenwood church will begin a Meeting with brother C.E. McGaughey April 5th to continue through April

11th. Services will be at 12:10 Noon and 7:30 each evening.

The church of Christ at Queen and DeBard in Palestine will begin a Gospel Meeting April 4th to continue through the 11th. Their local preacher, James D. Medford, who recently moved to Palestine will preach. Evening services will be at 7:30.

Our own Meeting will begin Sunday, April 11th to continue through the 14th. Brother Virgil Trout of Lubbock will be preaching. Services will be at 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. Weekdays. There will also be a special Sunday afternoon service at 3:00 o'clock April 11. This is designed especially for the young people of the church,, but all are invited to attend. Brother Trout will speak on Christianity and Science.

MAN AND BEAST (CONTINUED)

The full knowledge for which Solomon longed is found in the New Testament. We read in II Tim. 1:10, "He hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." If we learn the gospel and obey it from the heart and serve the Lord faithfully we are fully assured that every longing of our heart will be satisfied. For those who know the gospel and will not obey it, or who have obeyed it and become lukewarm or indifferent it would be better for them at the judgement if they had been as the beast who goes downward to the earth. But we must give an account. See Eccl. 12:13-14. D.B.

 * OUR MEETING *
 * Our meeting date is only two weeks away and we do not have much time left in which to prepare, if we have not already done so. The meeting begins April 11th and closes the 14th. The meeting is very short and we must not miss even one service if we expect it to be a success. Brother Virgil Trout is a well known and capable preacher who will put his whole life and soul into the meeting. It would be a shame for him to come and do such good preaching and those of us who have invited him did not support the meeting. We need to make every effort to bring our friends. Just inviting them will not be enough. We will have to go a step further. D.B. *

 * A Special Sunday Afternoon Service *
 * APRIL 11 3:00 P. M. *
 * Brother Trout will speak on the Subject *
 * Christianity and Science: A Study of Vital Relationships *
 * All Are invited, but especially designed for Young People *

DO NOT SLACK UP
 We fell below the budget again last Lord's Day. We cannot afford to do that because we have too much at stake. The architect is working on our educational plans and the elders are working on placing another preacher in the mission field real soon, if plans materialize. If you have to be absent do as some others are doing send your contribution or make it up when you return. This church has reached the place to where the prayers, co-operation and contributions are the keys to our going on into the great work that we hope to accomplish. If we have not already done it, let us turn ourselves away from self, personalities and little things and look upon the Cause for which our Lord died, namely souls of men and women. D.B.

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March 21..420 March 21..\$1,301.10
March 14..424 March 14..\$1,358.41
Year Ago..429 Year Ago..\$1,045.99
Church Membership.....534
Weekly Budget.....\$1,385.00
Building Fund-to date....\$13,476.01
APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Ray Womack
Prayer.....T. F. Holland
Dismiss.....Jack Bennett
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Jamon Kirby
Prayer.....Fred Strait
Dismiss.....Tommy Parsons

RESPONSES

Nadine Chandler, Rt. 2, Box 389 and Curtis Caskey, 1911 Charlotte Drive were baptized into Christ Sunday. We are very happy to welcome these two young people.

SINGING AT GLENWOOD

The Lubbock Christian College Chorus will sing at the Glenwood church this Lord's Day afternoon at 2:30. All are invited to attend. We had this fine group last year and enjoyed them. Let us help Glenwood fill their building this Lord's Day afternoon (the 28th) at 2:30.

TRAINING FOR SERVICE SERIES

The annual Training for Service

Series will be conducted in Longview next week at the Alpine and Glover Church. The school will be March 29-30 and April 1-2 beginning at 7:30 each evening. The teachers are: Brother Clevenger, brother P. D. Wilmeth, sister Hulen Jackson, brother Robert Oglesby and brother and sister Dean Brookshire.

There will also be a Training School next week in Canton. The school begins at 7:30 P.M. The teachers are: sister Russell O'Bannon, brother Don Holton, brother James Fife, sister Gayle Oler, sister Ouida Eck and brother Elmer L'Roy.

We hope that many from Tyler will attend these schools as often as possible.

MEETING IN ATHENS

The meeting at the Robbins Road church of Christ in Athens will continue through Sunday. Friday evening we are asked to attend as a congregation. The subject will be A Plea For Christ. Brother Syd Wyatt is the preacher. 7:30 P.M.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Our attention has been called to some errors in telephone numbers in the church directory. Please make the following corrections in your directory. E. C. Pickle, Ly 2-5535; Mrs. Alma Mangum, Ly 2-5148; Roy Driggers, Ly 2-5786. If your address or phone number is incorrect, please let us know and we will publish a correction in the bulletin.

FUNERAL SERVICES

Brother Floyd Hoppers passed away early Wednesday morning. Funeral services were Thursday afternoon at the church building. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

THANK YOU NOTE

I want to thank each one for the cards, visits, and prayers during my stay in the hospital.

Earnesene Shuford

CAN YOU HELP US?

If you can you can help your self. We mean can you help us do some thing about our Bible school attendance? Last Lord's Day we had 420 present and about 150 absent, as best we could count. We are aware of the fact that we do have much illness, but not 150 ill at once. We can safely say that more than half of that number was either visiting out of town or stayed home. Brethren we need your help and the one helped most may be you or some member of your family.

Unless hindered by illness plan to be in class next Lord's Day at 9:30 A.M. You need the benefits of Bible study and we need your presence to help strengthen the work here. A Christian should never be dis-interested in the work of the Lord but more especially the greatest work He has assigned to us, that of teaching and being taught. Be present next Lord's Day and be on time.

D.B.

I AM THE CHURCH OFFICE

I am your church office, and I feel neglected. Let me tell you why: when you are planning to move, you tell every magazine, friend, milkman, utility company, aunt, cousin, etc., but you fail to tell me.

When a member of your family is ill, in the hospital, or dies, you seem to manage to call your friends except me. I like to know when you need help so why don't you call me?

Now don't you think in trying to keep up with every member here that we could use your service? Many times, I am not told when a new one arrives, or when you are ill and need a helping hand. I need to know when you move away. I am not told when announcements need to be made, and then people wonder why the office is not at work on-the-ball.

Who makes the church office function correctly? Some say the elders, some say the preachers, some say the secretary. Let me tell you who really makes it function. It is the person who relays any information that is needed. No, I don't want to hear gossip... I just want the news and information necessary to do what is right. Will you please not neglect me any longer? Help me to serve my purpose.

. . . Copied

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

THE RESOURCE OF TIME

One of the greatest resources possessed by Christian people is that of time. Admittedly, this sounds like a strange statement in view of the Biblical teaching that life is uncertain, and in view of the fact that our lives are constantly threatened by nuclear holocaust. Yet we must believe that God will give us time to do what He has commanded; otherwise we could not justify spending a single minute in anything other than direct efforts to save the lost. We would have no alternative but to begin now and work until we dropped from exhaustion or death.

Our real emphasis here is that Christians must devote more of their time to the service of God. Think what great things could be accomplished if every member of the church would devote only one additional hour per week to some productive task in the name of the Lord! Members of the church of Christ likely have enough spare time to duplicate the Apostles' work of preaching to the entire world, if that time were only turned to more useful channels. The same people who look forward to eternity with Christ often do not know how to spend just one hour in His service. Some one has raised the appropriate question, "Of what use is eternity to a man who does not know how to spend the next hour?"

The third chapter of Ecclesiastes teaches that there is "a time for every purpose under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). The Christian who claims not to have time to do the Lord's work denies that God has given him this great resource. When a student claimed that he didn't have time to do an assigned task, a teacher whom I knew would ask several other students how many hours they had in the previous day. Of course the answer was always, "Twenty-four." The teacher would then point out that all had been given the same amount of time, but there was a vast difference in the way that gift was used.

There is another and more significant way in which God has granted time to us. Peter declares that the world continues to stand because God is patient. The fiery destruction of the universe is postponed, not because some evolutionary process is incomplete, not because men have failed, accidentally or purposely, to destroy themselves; but because God is long-suffering. He is not willing that any should perish, but wants all to repent. Time is such a precious resource, and we cannot measure how much remains. It is imperative, therefore, that we make of it the fullest and most efficient use possible.

. . . Phillip Morrison
excerpt from ACC Lectureship

* OUR NEXT MEETING DATE IS APRIL 11 THROUGH 14 *
* BROTHER VIRGIL TROUT OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS WILL BE PREACHING *

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March 14..424	March 14..\$1,358.41
March 7...412	March 7...\$1,509.31
Year Ago..445	Year Ago..\$1,041.75

Church Membership.....	532
Weekly Budget.....	\$1,385.00
Building Fund, March 14...	231.00
Building Fund, to date...	\$13,318.01

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Howard Holland
Prayer.....	Monroe Sublette
Dismiss.....	Hal Broadfoot

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Glen Warner
Prayer.....	Henry Holland
Dismiss.....	Billy M. Wells

RESPONSES

Sister Joyce Willis asked for the prayers of the church.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. James Mangum, 717 S. Augusta are the parents of a baby boy born last week. They would like to express their thanks to the church for the two pints of blood from our supply at the Blood Bank.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Delete Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Gaston, 1526 N. Winona, by their request.

A MESSAGE TO THE CONGREGATION

For the last three months we have been attempting to purchase the lot West of the church building facing West Erwin, but we were unable to secure this lot. Now we are ready for the architect to start drawing plans for our new Educational building. He is doing that at this time. When he has an outline sketched, it is our intention to present it to all the teachers for them to give us any ideas they might have in regard to classrooms.

One of the elders is in Scott City, Kansas this week investigating the possibilities of sending a full time preacher to work with the congregation there. It is our intention to put a full time mission worker in the field, but we think before we decide on any place, that some of us should make an investigation of the area.

We appreciate the co-operation of the whole congregation and all working together, only good will be accomplished in the Lord's Work.

The Elders

CALLING CARDS

We have some calling cards that are useful when visiting the hospitals, calling on friends, or to give to anyone you would like to invite to worship. These are printed so that each member may use them. They help advertise the church, the time of services, and the radio program. If you can use any of these, pick them up in the foyer.

TEACHER TRAINING SERIES

Beginning March 24th we are offering a six weeks training course to all who are interested in teaching pre-school children. Sister Claye Kirby and sister Marion Rowe have been doing research and planning now for about six weeks. This course will be more specific in presenting skills, understanding, and abilities needed by the teacher of pre-school children. The training courses that have preceded this (brother Woltman's course and sister O'Bannon's course) have served the purpose of pointing out the needs of teacher training in a general way, now, this more specific class has been designed.

Definite plans are for sister Margaret Montgomery and sister Betty Willis to present a six weeks training series to the ones interested in teaching the primary grades, to begin May 5th.

All these classes are for those presently teaching, and for all who are interested in learning more about these age groups, especially mothers of these age groups. Other classes for the other age groups are still in the planning stage.

THE SICK

Brother Frank Smith is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Floyd Hoppers is in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Eleanor Birdwell is in Medical Center. She underwent surgery Wednesday.

Mrs. Eskel Dale spent several

days in Mother Frances Hospital. She is now at home.

Sister Maie Taylor is in Mother Frances Hospital.

NEED FOR BLOOD

Our supply of blood is very low at the Blood Bank. If you can give blood, go to the Stewart Blood Bank and give to the account of the West Erwin Church of Christ.

A LETTER OF INTEREST

The following letter recently came to brother Brookshire from one of the Elders of the Central church in Lufkin, Texas.

Two years ago we were fortunate to have a young married couple move to Lufkin and worship with us at Central. You will recall Kay and Benton Hardin who grew up in that congregation. Benton was recently selected to serve as one of our Deacons. This fine Christian couple are worth their weight in gold to us at Central. The works they are producing for good among us are reflections of the high character of Christian training supplied by your people at West Erwin. May God continue to bless your efforts to prepare workmen for his kingdom.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SHORT COURSES

The Life of Christ taught by bro. Glen Howard did not begin last Wednesday due to brother Howard's illness. The class will meet Wednesday in room 106 and continue for six lessons, skipping April 14 because of our meeting with Virgil Trout.

RESPONSES

Steve Drennan, 1910 S. Wiley and Debbie Little, 3522 S. Keaton were baptized into Christ Sunday.

Brother Sherrill Little and sister E. L. Taylor were restored.

THANK YOU NOTES

This is to express to all of you my sincere appreciation for all the beautiful flowers, cards, gifts, and food sent to my home during my stay in the hospital. We are so thankful for Christian friends and we are grateful for your prayers and ask for a continuation of your prayers always. You have made these days much happier for me. In Christian love.
Midge Drennan

Thanks for all the kind words and cards that came our way in the loss of our brother. May God bless every one is our prayer.

Harley and Birdie Lee Norris

THE SICK

Brother Skeeters went home Wednesday.

Brother Frank Smith is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Betty Strait is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Ronnie Lowrance spent several days in the hospital in Abilene recently.

The O'Bannon's grandson, Donnie is in the hospital in Big Lake, Tex.

Brother John Brem's mother has been ill. She is in Sunset Home.

Sister Joyce Willis and daughter have been in the Overton Hospital.

Brother Robert Stokes, formerly of this congregation is in the Seaton Hospital, room 103 in Austin. Robert was seriously injured in an accident by some explosives used in his work.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powell are the parents of a baby boy born Wednesday afternoon in Mother Frances. Sara and the baby are fine.

OUR TEACHERS MEETING

At our Teachers Meeting Monday evening the attendance was up considerable from the previous one. Out of the 57 teachers now listed as teaching we had a total of 32 teachers present, out of a total of 24 deacons we had 13 present, some of which are teaching of course. Attendance at Teachers Meetings should be better than this. We know that there is much sickness and recognize that many of our teachers are ill or have members of their families that are ill, but we just cannot help believing that more could have come if they had planned their time a little more carefully. These Teachers Meetings are designed so that the teachers of the classes will receive benefit from them if they will attend and participate in the meeting. If you are not teaching, certainly, you, as a growing Christian, are interested in learning more about teaching and knowing how your children are being taught, what the plans are for teaching in the future, etc. (continued inside)

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Year Ago...435	Year Ago...\$1,089.66
Church Membership.	532
Weekly Budget.	\$1,385.00
Building Fund March 7. . .	336.00
Building Fund - to date.	\$13,087.01

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Roger Knight
 Prayer.....Ed Bullard
 Dismiss.....Harley Turner

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....L. G. Drennan
 Prayer.....Virgil Robbins
 Dismiss..... Jerry Hughes

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY 1965

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1965	\$3,071.72
Contribution - Feb. \$5,752.61	
Other Churches 40.00	\$5,792.61
Recd. from F. M. Mathis Estate	\$3,115.25
Available for Expenditures	\$11,979.58

OUR TEACHERS.
 (continued)
 Every Christian can profit from the meeting if he will come and take an active part. Mark your calendars now for April 19th for the next Teachers Meeting. Notice that this is one week later than the regular time because of our meeting with brother Virgil Trout April 11-14. Subjects and assignments will be published in next week's bulletin. Plan now to attend. T.J.

FOR MEN AND BOYS ONLY

There is more to conducting a worship service than catches the eye. Much preparation goes into each service. Men and boys are needed for announcements, prayers, communion service, etc. If you have never had the responsibility of arranging for a worship service you do not know how much work goes into it. Below is a questionnaire that will be of great assistance to those who select the helpers each Lord's Day. Will you please fill out the form and mail it, or bring it to us. If additional forms are needed for sons in the family, please get them from the tract rack in the foyer.

I am willing to make announcements ()

I will serve the Lord's Supper to the congregation ()

I will lead prayer ()

I will offer thanks for the Lord's Supper ()

I will lead dismissal prayer()

Signed _____

PANTRY NEEDS

Our pantry is almost depleted. Please bring a can of non-perishable food the next time you come to the church building. Bring soup, juices, vegetables, etc. Do not forget it because we are receiving some calls that are very urgent. Some need the food immediately and if you will bring one or more cans

now it will help some needy person.

LADIES there are still several dishes in the foyer of the auditorium to be picked up.

BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY

There will be a meeting for all men of the church Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock.

Loan Payments

First Fed. Sav. & Loan	711.75
Coop. Sav. & Loan	75.00
J. C. Wynne	100.00
Trest Property	3,150.00
	\$4,036.75

Benevolent and Missions

Boles Home	50.00
Tipton Home	50.00
Sunny Glen Home	50.00
Herald of Truth	50.00
Bible Chair	100.00
Radio Program	222.40
Jerry Hill	715.00
W. E. Church	675.00
Other Churches	40.00
Jerry Hill(other exp.)	48.00
	\$1,285.40

Materials and Supplies

Utilities	189.80
Bldg. Maint.	70.63
Office Supplies	9.50
Bible School Supplies	117.99
Insurance	60.00
Postage	55.00
Flowers	17.93
Church Directories	103.00
	\$ 623.85

Salaries	\$1,439.62
Total Expenditures Feb. 1965	\$7,385.62
Bal. on hand Feb. 28, 1965	4,593.96
Total Funds accounted for	\$11,979.58

Building Fund February 28, 1965	\$12,751.01
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ZONE 5

Zone 5 will have a meeting next Tuesday, March 16 at the Smith Building at 7:30.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SHORT COURSES

Next Wednesday evening brother Glen Howard will begin a 6 weeks study of the Life of Christ. Bro. Howard Ellis has just completed a six weeks study of Mission Journeys of Paul.

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TEACHERS MEETING

February 15 we had the first of a series of regular Teachers Meetings. Here is an outline of that first meeting.

Devotional Service

Song: I Love To Tell The Story

Prayer: led by Harold Browning

Scripture Reading: Col. 1:24-29 by

Leonard Woltman.

Introduction

A. Appreciation of presence of all.

1. Many sick

2. Many have prior arrangements.

B. From now on the meeting will be on the 2nd Monday of each month.

I. Pass out Teacher's Handbook and explain it.

II. Invite statements from Elders

A. M. M. Haws

B. Howard Holland

C. Other Elders (Brother Rushing responded).

III. Invite statement from brother Brookshire.

IV. Ben Young spoke on what is being done about the attendance problem.

V. Leonard Woltman spoke on A Challenge. Are We Doing All That We Think We Are.

Closing prayer: Roger Knight

Next Monday evening is the time for our next regular Teachers Meeting. The following program has been

arranged;

Devotional service directed by brother Leonard Woltman.

Announcements

The remaining minutes of the meeting will be spent in Departmental meetings. The ones asked to conduct these classes have been asked to "conduct a planning session as to what the various teachers would like to have presented in these Teachers Meetings, also the leaders of these various classes for this time have been asked to present some possibilities as to what is needed and to suggest the value of such meetings."

Brother Howard will address the Adult teachers on the general theme of "All Must Teach." The ones asked to prepare to direct the classes this month are:

Jan Knight - preschool - Room #106

Mary Haws - Primary - Room #107

Maurine Brookshire - Junior Room #205

Jamon Kirby - Youth (Jr. High, and High School). Room #204

All teachers are urged to attend and to make plans now as to how you would like to be helped in these monthly Teachers Meetings. These meetings will only be as valuable as you the teachers make them. All ideas will be recorded and brought to the attention of Tom Jones, who will arrange a schedule on the basis of these suggestions to be approved by the Elders.

T.J.

REMEMBER OUR MEETING WITH BROTHER VIRGIL TROUT OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS

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TO SERVE IN MARCH

Men selected to serve the Lord's Supper in March are as follows: North side: C. B. Hardin, D. C. Jones, Ambrey Payne, Ed Naul and Tom Keith. South side: M. M. Haws, Louis J. Jones, Harold Browning, Roy Driggers and David Womack. Alternates are Joe Willis and Bill Tigert. Sunday evening: Ben Young and Charles Graf. Alternate is Howard Ellis.

COMMENDATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS

Our regular contribution last Lord's Day was \$1,533.26 and the building fund contribution was \$1,035.00. Many of us raised our contribution and I feel hardly any, if any at all, has missed it. Giving is something a Christian has to learn to do. Once he has learned to give he feels much better about it. The assurance that the Lord will bless him and be more pleased with him is a great compensation within itself. If any of you have not raised your contribution and you can do it, please do so and the Lord will see to it that you will not lose one penny of it.

We are listening for some good news to be released most any time now. The way the contribution is staying up is indicative of your interest in a new educational building and in doing more mission work. These announcements are forthcoming. We feel sure it will not be too much longer. D.B.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Effective today our telephone number here at the church building will be changed. It will be Ly 2-0809. We will have two lines beginning today (Thursday), but only one listed number. Ly 2-0809 is a rotary number and if you call the number and the line is busy it will automatically switch you to the other line. As our work increases we have a need for another line. Calls concerning Bible School work, zone work, the ill, etc. have constantly increased. Now that we are better equipped to receive your calls we hope you will call us when we can be of service. In the past some have tried, in vain, to get important news to us only to find the line busy and they gave up. We hope this has been corrected. D.B.

OUR GREATEST WEAKNESS

Our greatest weakness "now showing" is in our Bible School attendance. Too many people are coming in as the worship begins (some during worship) who could have been in Bible class if they had made a little greater effort. If you are guilty of this will you try to improve because more is involved than just yourself. Will you meditate and pray about this. Go to bed on Saturday night praying about it and arise on Lord's Day morning praying about it. Ask God to help you overcome whatever obstacle the devil is putting in your way. D.B.

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Feb. 21...397	Feb. 21...\$1,247.78
Year Ago..416	Year Ago..\$1,234.22

Church Membership.....	530
Weekly Budget.....	\$1,385.00
Building Fund....to date.	\$12,751.01

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Ross Walker
Prayer.....Monroe Sublette
Dismiss.....Roy Layton

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Russell O'Bannon
Prayer.....H. McCarty
Dismiss.....Jerry Rhodes

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Mr. Will Norris of Corsicana. He was a brother to brother Harley Norris.

Funeral services were conducted last week for Mr. I. D. Albert, in Rayville, La. He was the grandfather of sister Tom Jones.

We express our deepest sympathy to the loved ones of each family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Brother and sister Willie Freeman are the parents of a baby boy born Monday evening at Medical Center.

THE SICK

Sister Willie Shuford is in the Glenwood Clinic.

Brother C. H. Skeeters is in Mother Frances. He fell on the ice and broke his hip last week.

Brother Frank Smith is in Mother Frances.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

Our new directories have arrived and they are being mailed along with the bulletin. If for any reason you do not receive one, please call the office and we will send you one. All directories will be mailed with the exception of those to be placed in offices of the members. They will be picked up, by request, here at one of the church offices.

AREA-WIDE YOUNG PEOPLES MEETING

There will be an area-wide meeting for the young people (Jr. High, High School, and College age) here at West Erwin, Sunday afternoon at 2:30. All of the young people are invited to attend.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE DIRECTORY

Since the printing of our new directory there have been a few changes and the following corrections are listed so you may bring your directory up to date.

Delete the C. R. Cloughs, New addresses: Howard Ellis, 417 E. Dodge; Mrs. Dorothy Manson, 1012 S. Scott; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Payne, 1916 S. Donnybrook; Mrs. Ruby Vaughan, 219 S. Bonner; Mrs. Nell Stewart, 1223 S. College; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wallace, 1619 Montrose.

LISTEN TO KTBB - 12:30 NOON - MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO TEACH?

Teaching traditionally has been looked on as the process of imparting to the learner knowledge and skills required to master prescribed subjects. Success for teacher and learner has been measured in terms of the student's ability to answer the teacher's questions about the subject matter. A dictionary definition goes a little further than the traditional concept. It defines teaching as "to show how to do; make understand; give instruction to." But this definition, although accurate, leaves out the what and the who and the why of teaching.

Teaching has come to mean much more than it once did - more than any dictionary definition. Today teaching means the understanding and guiding of children as individuals and as groups. It means the providing of learning experiences that will enable each learner to grow continuously and sequentially toward his adult role in the church. From your own experience can you identify teachers whose goals and manner of teaching fit these three definitions? What definition appeals to you as a teacher-to-be? We hope you chose the third definition, for this is teaching in its fullest sense. Let us look at what teaching in this sense will mean to you. It means you will need to have a good background in Biblical knowledge, church history, and good

religious literature in general. It means you will need skill in interpreting and expressing ideas, skill in organizing ideas, skill in human relations. Only if you yourself have an adequate foundation of knowledge and skills can you provide children with the learning experiences they need for continuous sequential growth in all areas of Christian living. This is the what of teaching.

It means you will need to understand the nature of children - how they learn, how they grow, how they develop. It means you will need to work with them as individuals; you will need to work with them as groups. This is the who of teaching. It means you need to understand the people this child is associated with, the culture that provides the context of education. It means you must know what constitutes the child's immediate and adult roles in the church. This is the why of teaching.

All this is a prelude to the how of teaching. When you understand children and know what you want to teach them and why, you can begin to evaluate different teaching methods for their effectiveness in teaching the goals you have set for yourself. The methods most effective for getting perfect recitations may not be the best methods for developing thinking, responsible members of the church.

Adapted by Tom Jones

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Year Ago...406	Year Ago...\$ 940.74

Church Membership.....	530
Weekly Budget.....	\$1,385.00
Building Fund - to date..	\$11,716.01

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....James Massey
Prayer.....M. M. Haws
Dismiss.....Oscar Becker

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill
Prayer.....Fred Powell
Dismiss.....Harold Browning

THANK YOU NOTES

We want to express our sincere thanks for your prayers, get well wishes, and the food that was so well prepared and brought to our family. There is nothing like Christian friends and their love.

In Christian love,
Helen Holland

We would like to thank each of you for the cards, flowers, visits and the food. We appreciate your kindness. May the Lord bless each of you.

Henry and Becky McRuiz
Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Adams

A CAPPELLA CHORUS IN LONGVIEW

Saturday, February 27th, at 7:30, the A Cappella Chorus from Lubbock Christian College will sing in the Mobberly Avenue church auditorium in Longview. All are invited to attend. The Chorus is on tour of East Texas and after their program in Longview Saturday evening they will be in Mesquite on Sunday.

CALAMITY. . .OFTEN A BLESSING

The story is told of an only survivor of a shipwreck who was thrown upon an uninhabited island. After a while he managed to build for himself a rude hut in which he placed the "little all" that he had saved from the sinking ship. He prayed to God for deliverance, and anxiously scanned the horizon each day to hail any ship that might chance to be passing that way.

One day, upon returning from a hunt for food, he was horrified to find his hut in flames. All that he had now gone up in smoke. The worst had happened, so it appeared. But that which seemed to have happened for the worst was, in reality, for the best. To the man's limited vision, it was the worst.

To God's infinite wisdom, his loss was for the best - that for which he had prayed. The very next day a ship arrived. "We saw your smoke signal," the captain said.

Can we not take our seeming calamities, and look for God's best in them? . . . Copied

THE SICK

Donna Snipes is in Glenwood Clinic.

HOW MUCH OWEST THOU UNTO THE LORD?

1. "Tenth of all," said Abraham (Genesis 14:20).
2. "I will give a tenth," vowed Jacob (Genesis 28:20-22).
3. "Our gold, silver, and jewelry," said the children of Israel when they were about to build. (Ex. 35).
4. "A tenth and more," said the devout Jew under an inferior covenant (Lev. 27:30; Heb. 9,10).
5. "According to ability," say both the Old and New Testaments (Deut. 16:16,17; I Cor. 16:1,2).
6. "All I have," said the poor widow (Mark 12:41-44).
7. "A tenth of all," says a heathen to his false god.
8. "Your body and all that pertains to it," said the inspired Apostle (Romans 12:1).
9. "One-tenth of my income," say Seventh-Day Adventists, and others.
10. "We do not owe him anything," said the Apostate Jews. So they robbed him by withholding the gifts. (Mal. 3:1-10).
11. "Beyond our power, or ability," said the Christians in Macedonia (2 Cor. 8:3).
12. "As much as I spend on pleasure," says one, and thus he places the god of pleasure on an equality with the true and living God.
13. "What I do not need," says another. In this he does not manifest the spirit of God, the Example, who gave His only Son (Jno. 3:16).

14. "Whatever I find in my Pocket when the plate is passed," reasons one who ignores the divine law of purpose (2 Cor. 9:7).

15. "What I have, I cheerfully give," says the true Christian (Acts 3:6).

The Lord loves a cheerful giver. Upon him showers of blessings descend. Jesus, our great example, gave His life.

What is your answer, Christian friend? Do you study to know the Lord's will? Have you prayed for grace to carry it out? Is your giving regular, cheerful, purposed, proportionate, sacrificial? It must be to please God. Jimmy Allen

CONGRATULATIONS

The Ross Walkers and the Bill Butlers are new grandparents. The Rex Walkers of Boulder, Colorado have a new daughter born February 12. Brother and sister Ross Walker are in Colorado now.

Bill and Jo Butler of the Omen Road congregation have a new baby daughter born February 11. They are home now and getting along fine.

YOUNG PEOPLES MEETING

There will be an Area-Wide Young Peoples Meeting here at West Erwin Sunday, March 7th at 2:30 P. M.

NEWS OF INTEREST

James Beard, son of Jack and Zeffie Beard, formerly of this congregation will preach Wednesday, March 3 in Alba, Texas

AN ERRING CHRISTIAN

In some towns and cities there are almost as many members of the church who never attend, never study the Bible, never give of their means, and never bear any fruit for the Lord as there are who do. Many have been converted, were once faithful, and have fallen away. Their faith became weak, they lost interest, their love grew cold and they "walked no more with the Lord."

This is a sad state of affairs for a soul that was once washed from all contamination, but whenever you find a church you find some erring Christians. There are two reasons why this is sad; first, because of the soul itself and second, because of the other souls that are touched and affected by the soul that once was pleasing in God's sight. According to the Scriptures both the once-saved person and those who are not saved, and never will be because of the influence of the erring, will be lost.

The erring Christian is guilty of both positive and negative sin. There are many things a Christian must do and there are many things he must not do. The erring is guilty of both. To refuse to be positively good is to become negatively bad. When the Israelites turned away from the Lord He called them backsliders (Jer. 3:22). A Christian who has gone back to his former practices can also be classified as a backslider.

The erring certainly can not claim to be an alien, because he was at one time reconciled to God (Col. 1:21-23). Neither can he be classified as an apostate, because an apostate is one who has completely abandoned his faith in Christ, and even reached the place to where it is impossible for him to repent (Heb. 6:4-6). In connection with this be sure to read, without fail, Heb. 10:23-29.

The erring Christian is classified by the Lord as an unfruitful branch (John 15:2-6) that will be severed from Christ and burned. Or he may be identified as one like the foolish virgins (Matt. 25:1-13) who failed to make enough preparation to enter into the marriage feast. He is like the lukewarm members at Laodicea (Rev. 3:15-16) who were threatened to be spued out of the Lord's mouth unless they became hot.

It is the duty of each faithful Christian to try to restore the fallen or erring (Gal. 6:1-2) so that he might be saved from death (James 5:19-20). We need to exert every possible effort to save the erring because they are in worse condition than in the beginning (2 Pet. 2:20-21). They are perishing according to Acts 8:21.

The way "back home" for the erring is made plain by the Lord. They must repent Acts 8:22, Rev. 2:5; confess, I John 1:9; and pray through Christ, Acts 8:22, I John 2:1.

If you have grown cold and careless, quit attending, or are doing it irregularly, or if you are not bearing fruit for the Lord, (continued inside)

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Church Membership.....	530
Weekly Budget.....	\$1,385.00
Building Fund - to date..	\$10,776.01

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Leonard Woltman
Prayer.....	C. B. Hardin
Dismiss.....	L. L. Gann

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Faber Cauthen
Prayer.....	Charles Graf
Dismiss.....	Buddy Holland

THANK YOU NOTES

We appreciate everything done for us at the time of the birth of our baby girl. We would like to thank the Young Couples Class and Zone 5 for the food brought to our home.

Mr. and Mrs. Winford Richardson

Thank you for the flowers, prayers, and all the kindness shown to me during my recent stay in the hospital.

Mary Tigert

The family of Mr. Lloyd Christopher acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

THE SICK

Sister Midge Drannen is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister R. L. Trentham is in Medical Center Hospital.

Many in the congregation have the flu, virus, etc.

MOVED FROM TYLER

Brother and sister Bruce Lambert have moved to Friendwood, Texas, a suburb of Houston. We hope they will be very happy in their new home.

FROM THE ELDERS

The Elders have concluded the settling of the estate of brother F. M. Mathis and the part coming to the church here was \$8,755.25. A check for \$5,640.00 was delivered some time ago, but out of this we had to pay the estate \$5,000.00 plus interest. This amount we had borrowed from brother Mathis previously.

Today the church received a check for \$3,115.25. In an Elders meeting \$3,000.00 of this amount was allocated to be paid on the Trest property in order to reduce interest. This we feel you are entitled to know.

AN ERRING CHRISTIAN

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or if your conduct is not in keeping with Christ's teaching, our prayers go out with this article that you will repent, confess your sins, and pray. If you will God will heal your backslidings. D.B.

OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING SHORT COURSES

Brother Howard Ellis is doing an excellent job in presenting the Mission Journeys of Paul in this six weeks class on Wednesday evening. The attendance for this class has been very good. The class is now half over. Beginning March 10th another class will begin with brother Glen Howard presenting the Life of Christ in six lessons. I am sure that you will want to make your plans to attend this class. We would like for any of you to make suggestions to us as to subjects and teachers you would like to hear present the material. These short classes need to meet the needs of you who are interested in them. Let us know what you would like to study and we will give it serious consideration

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HOW AMERICANS SPEND THEIR MONEY

In an article in the Memphis Press-Scimitar, Louis Cassels says that the average American spends five cents a day to further the Kingdom of God, nine cents for tobacco, 15 cents for alcohol, 58 cents for transportation, 59 cents for taxes, and \$1.12 for food.

Members of the Lord's church are spending less on orphans and widows than we are spending on eat and dog food!

A POEM FOR THE LADIES

I took an hour at the grocery store;
At the department store it was even more.

OUR TEACHERS' MEETING

Last Monday evening we had the first in this present series of Teachers' Meetings. We appreciate the interest of all who came. At this meeting there was handed out a TEACHERS' HANDBOOK which all teachers and leaders of the church need to have in their possession. This booklet contains a summary statement from the elders to the teachers about the policies and practices desired by the eldership here. All teachers who do not have a copy may obtain one by contacting Tom Jones. Next month our Teachers' Meeting will be held on the Second Monday evening of the Month (March 8th). Notice will be given soon in the bulletin as to who will direct the various departmental classes and the subjects that will be discussed.

Then home I went to clean the house
For my sweet children and loving spouse.

It was time by then for the dinner bell,
And I thought I'd spent my day quite well.
Each day so goes from dawn 'till sundown,
So at the end I feel quite rundown.

I'm so very busy all the day;
The time just seems to slip away.
And, My!! Another week has passed
And I again missed Ladies Bible Class!

Copied.

THE PROOF OF LOVE

In 2 Cor. 8:24 Paul said, "Wherefore show ye to them, and before the churches, the proof of your love, and of our boasting on your behalf." Messengers had been sent to Corinth to pick up the contribution that had been taken for the poor saints and Paul exhorted them to be liberal and give as he had said they would do. In so doing they would prove their love for the Lord and their brethren. Giving is not the only way one can prove his love but it is probably the strongest proof of the Christian's love. When one gives himself, his heart, his service and his money he has indicated by doing this that his love is genuine.

We at West Erwin, are proving our love more this year than ever before. There are probably more efforts being exerted in behalf of the Lord's work than at any time in recent years, if not in this church's history.

The elders are proving their love by increasing their efforts to lead us into a greater work and by doing a better work as overseers. They have proved their love in many ways and are seeking to do even better.

Our deacons are serving well and proving themselves by their service to the Lord and His church. Their interest is keen and they are doing well in carrying out their assignments.

The Bible class teachers are working harder than ever. It would be impossible to estimate the hours that go into our teaching program each week. Their good work is reflected in the over-all program of the work. It would be hard to say too much about our good teaching staff and we want to give them all the credit due them.

Then there are those who prove their love who do not serve either as elders, deacons or Bible school teachers. Their work includes visiting, inviting, prayers, encouragement, etc. Without their work none of us could do as well as we are doing. Their work should not be minimized.

Love is relative and the Christian's love can either increase or decrease. We are thankful that the love of many is increasing in many ways. Our contribution last Lord's Day was \$1,526.54 and \$545.00 was given to the building fund making a total of \$2,071.54. This is proof enough that this church is ready to accept the challenge of building an educational building, support the gospel in other places and do a better work here at home. We do need to work a little harder to try to save our friends here in Tyler. We need to arrange some home Bible studies and make every effort to get them to attend our services. Not every one will agree to study the Bible or visit our services but some will. We are going in the right direction if we do not take our eyes off of the true goal.

D.B.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Sam Bailey
 Prayer.....Edgar Bullard
 Dismiss.....Pete Nichols

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 PrayerCone Birdwell
 Prayer.....Darrell Holt
 Dismiss.....David Drennan

THE SICK

Sister Matt Thomas remains in Medical Center Hospital.
 Sister R. L. Trentham is in Medical Center Hospital.
 Sister Midge Drennan is in Mother Frances. She had surgery Wednesday.
 Sister Helen Holland is in the Cotton Belt Hospital in Texarkana. She had surgery Tuesday.
 Sister Annie Lee Jordan is in Coats Brown Hospital.
 Brother Adams, from Hughes Springs and father of sister Henry McRuiz, is at the McRuiz home. He would enjoy your visit.

BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a business meeting Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. All men of the church are invited.

TEACHERS MEETING

There will be a general teachers meeting Monday evening, February 15th at 7:30 in the auditorium. All teachers, co-teachers and every one interested in the Bible school program are invited and urged to attend.

FUNERAL

Funeral services were conducted for Mr. Lloyd Christopher, brother of sister O. P. Pool Thursday in Terrell. We extend our sympathy to sister Pool and family.

THANK YOU NOTES

A note of thanks has been received from Dan Danner for the contribution of \$112.25 made by individuals from the congregation here for books to help build up a religious library at the Bible Chair at Tyler Junior College.

We wish to express our appreciation to you for the prayers, cards, and flowers at the time of the death of my brother.

Jack Bennett and family

We so appreciate all your kindness, and most especially your prayers.

Ralph & Florene Lowrance & Boys

TEACHERS

Remember the class for women teachers Sunday afternoon at 4:45.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY 1965

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1965	\$2,535.66
Contribution - Jan. \$6,973.32	
Other Churches 90.00	\$7,063.32
Available for Expenditure	<u>\$9,598.98</u>

Loan Payments:		
First Fed. Sav. & Loan	711.75	
Coop. Sav. & Loan	75.00	
J. C. Wynne	100.00	
Trest Property	150.00	\$1,036.75
Benevolent and Mission:		
Boles Home	50.00	
Tipton Home	50.00	
Sunny Glen Home	50.00	
Herald of Truth	50.00	
Bill Lowry	40.00	
Bible Chair	100.00	
Radio Program	243.20	
Jerry Hill	715.00	
W. Erwin church	625.00	
other churches	90.00	
Queens church of Christ	1,000.00	
(Worlds Fair Work)		
Garden Oaks church	200.00	\$2,498.20
Materials and Supplies		
Utilities	246.65	
Bldg. Maint.	38.89	
Office Supplies	57.95	
Bible school supplies	211.07	
Insurance	60.00	
Postage	85.00	
Flowers	6.44	706.00
Salaries		\$1,829.41
Withholding Tax 4th Qtr. 1964		456.90
Total Expenditures for Jan. 1965		\$6,527.26
Balance on hand Jan. 31, 1965		<u>3,071.72</u>
Total Funds Accounted for		<u>\$9,598.98</u>

Bldg. Fund Balance on hand January 31, 1965 \$10,361.01

THE SOURCE OF WISDOM

There is no other book so varied as the Bible, nor one so full of concentrated wisdom. Whether it be of the law, business, morals, or that vision which leads the imagination in the creation of constructive enterprises for the happiness of mankind, he who seeks for guidance in any of these things may look inside its covers and find illumination. The study of this book in your Bible classes is a post-graduate course in the richest library of human experience.

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A REPORT FROM THE ELDERS

We had a good crowd for worship services Sunday, but we were disappointed in our Bible school attendance. We all need to work together to improve our attendance. We are working to get out Educational building started because we feel this is badly needed. Every business, whether spiritual or material must have a base from which to work. Jesus worked in several areas of Palestine but he commanded his apostles to tarry in Jerusalem and begin their work in that city. Later on they went in other parts of Judea, Samaria, and finally to other nations. If we have an adequate building with class rooms large enough for the teachers to do a better job of teaching, our children can one day be prepared to take the gospel to others. All will not be public speakers but they can teach the gospel and live the Christian life wherever they go. We have good teachers who are teaching the truth of our Lord, but they need a more adequate building with better equipment with which to teach. Many of our young people who were taught here are now teaching the gospel in other places and we want this good work to continue. We must always strive to do better and that is why we want to erect a better educational building. We

know that all things work together for good to those that love the Lord and are called according to his purpose. We believe God will help us to erect the new building.

To keep you informed here is a summary of our financial condition. We owe \$44,019.97 on our church building. The parking lot (Trest property) cost \$15,000, we now owe \$8,536.34 on it. The property on the loop cost \$10,000 and we owe \$796.63 on it. The preachers home on Ridgecrest was purchased from Mr. Dark about five years ago at a cost of \$17,200 and we still owe \$7,424.54 on it. At the present time we have \$10,361.01 in the building fund. We have about \$8,000 more pledged. We hope to have the \$30,000 we want when construction actually starts on the Educational building. The value of the church's property being what it is and the amount of indebtedness being \$60,777.48, we think that the church is in good financial condition and that it is time to improve our facilities. We feel that it is one of our duties as elders to see that the church is financially able to take care of its obligations and if you have any helpful suggestions they will be appreciated. Thanks for your cooperation.
The Elders

 BROTHER VIRGIL TROUT OF LUBBOCK, TEXAS HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR A SHORT
 MEETING WITH US APRIL 11-14. LET US ALL BEGIN TO PRAY FOR THE MEETING.

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BIBLE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION

Jan. 31...397 Jan. 31...\$1,370.62

Jan. 24...438 Jan. 24...\$1,240.85

Year Ago..426 Year Ago..\$1,187.34

Church Membership 532

Weekly Budget \$1,385.00

Building Fund - to date \$10,161.01

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and

Prayer.....Ray Womack

Prayer.....Edgar Bullard

Dismiss.....Bruce Raley

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and

Prayer..... Bob Threadgill

Prayer..... Gerald Montgomery

Dismiss..... Herbert Brookshire

SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Jack Bennett family in the loss of his brother at Lufkin last Friday. The funeral was Saturday.

Also to sister L. L. Gann and family whose mother was buried in Big Sandy last Lord's Day.

Let us remember these and others in our prayers from time to time. Many members of this church have lost loved ones recently and we hope that we have shared, as best we could, their grief.

LECTURESHIPS

Lectureships that we feel will be of interest to those of us in this area are:

Oklahoma Christian College, Feb-

ruary 7-11. Abilene Christian College, February 21-25. Harding College, February 22-24, "The Preacher and His Relationship to the Congregation." Cleon Lyles, speaker.

THANK YOU NOTES

We wish to thank each of you for your prayers, visits, flowers, the food, and your willingness to share with us our sorrow when my brother was taken from us recently.

J. G. Venable

We wish to express our thanks to you for the flowers, cards, and prayers at the death of my mother, Mrs. L.A. (Ma) Honneycutt.

Mrs. L. L. Gann and family

I want to express my appreciation to each and everyone for every kindness shown to me during my recent illness.

Jo Warner

THE SICK

Sister H. McCarty had surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.

Sister Mary Tigert had surgery Monday in Medical Center.

Sister Matt Thomas is in Medical Center.

Sister L. G. Drennan is in Mother Frances.

Brother Louis J. Jones is in the Glenwood Clinic.

Brother Ronnie Robbins was in an accident early Monday and is in Medical Center.

Sister Polly Whiteside is in Mother Frances.

Sister Henry McRuiz's father, bro. Adams from Hughes Springs, is in Medical Center.

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Men selected to serve the Lord's Supper in February are: Leonard Woltman, J.G. Venable, Ken Willis, Joe McBee and Grant Rozell. James Massey, W.O. Rushing, Virgil Robbins, Sherrill Little and Dean Bailey. Alternates: Harley Norris, Fred Powell. Sunday evening: G. O. Howard, Cone Birdwell. Alternate, Pete Nichols.

WE START THEM YOUNG

We have a class for toddlers that we encourage the mothers to take their children to as soon as they are able to walk. Those whose children have gone to this toddlers class will know how important it can be. Sister Virgellyne Shuford is going to start this week with the class as teacher for the next few months. Let us encourage all parents of toddlers from about 12 months up to about 24 months to enroll your child in this class this Sunday. The room number is 108.

CLASS FOR WOMEN TEACHERS

All of the ladies who teach and any who are interested in teaching are encouraged to attend sister O'Bannon's class Sunday afternoon at 4:45.

AREA-WIDE YOUTH MEETING

Time: Sunday, Feb. 7 at 2:30 P.M.

Place: Church of Christ, 360 Neches

Jacksonville, Texas

Program: Boles Home Boy Singers and

Speaker, Tommy Woltman of Tyler.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND

GOOD AND BAD

Some parts of our services looked real good last Lord's Day and some of it was a little bad. There was more good than bad for which we are thankful.

Our Bible school attendance fell the lowest for the year, and most of it can be attributed to so much sickness, and deaths. Several families were out of town due to the loss of loved ones, and this is understandable. We have more illness than at any time since January of last year. But one thing that is not so easily understood is how our Bible school attendance was so low and our worship so high. On January 24th we had 438 for Bible school and our worship attendance was lower than last Lord's Day.

There is a bright side to it all and this is reflected in our interest and giving. Would it not be wonderful if our contribution would remain at the \$2,700.62 which was contributed last Lord's Day? (\$1,370.62 regular and \$1,330.00 building fund) That is not at all unreasonable for a church that is being blessed like this one.

Our thanks to each of you and let us not become satisfied with ourselves. We should strive a little harder each day to improve. We are going in the right direction. Faith, zeal and love will carry us on to where we ought to go. D.B.

RADIO BROADCAST

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MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

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." James 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, when man and women feed their souls on that which is worse than carrion.

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 plain of life. It is also a

mark of ignorance denoting someone does not have a 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." James 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 their 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 Ramsey

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Jan. 17...434	Jan. 17...\$1,487.83
Year Ago..405	Year Ago..\$1,043.90

Church Membership.....534
Building Fund - to date...\$9,031.01
Weekly Budget.....\$1,385.00

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Pat Mackey
Prayer.....G. O. Howard
Dismiss.....Ken Willis

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer..... Ben Young
Dismiss.....Buddy Holland

RESPONSES

Sandra Snipes came Sunday morning to be restored.

THE SICK

Sister R. L. Trentham is in Medical Center Hospital. She had surgery Monday.

Sister Matt Thomas is in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Jo Warner is in the Glenwood Clinic.

FUNERAL

Mr. John Lowrance, brother of brother Ralph Lowrance passed away

last Sunday. Funeral services were held in Morris, Oklahoma Tuesday.

Brother J. G. Venable's brother was buried last Sunday afternoon.

We extend our deepest sympathy to each of these families and to their loved ones.

LONGVIEW MEETING

There will be a meeting at the Pine Tree church of Christ in Longview Jan. 31 through Feb. 5 with David Ingram, local evangelist, doing the preaching. The week-day services are at 7:30 P.M. There will be a special service this Lord's Day afternoon beginning at 2:30 which will include a praise service of songs and prayers. Pine Tree is a new work and all are invited to attend the meeting and see the new building.

BELOW THE BUDGET

For the first time this year we fell below our budget of \$1,385.00. We feel sure it was because so many were away this past Lord's Day. It is hoped that all will make up their contribution this coming Lord's Day and help us reach our budget. Our budget is not out of our reach at all, in fact we could very well give about twice what we are giving. We are doing better than ever before, but we must not be content until we know we are pleasing the Lord. Our program of work can be no larger than our giving. Much depends on our giving whether we are present or absent.

ANOTHER REPORT

The Education Committee, as was reported in last week's bulletin, is active. As a beginning of another phase of our plans to improve our Bible School program, this committee which is made up of two elders, Howard Holland, M. M. Haws, two deacons, Leonard Woltman, Ben Young (Ben Young was absent for this meeting) and Tom Jones, met last Monday evening with six ladies; Maurine Brookshire and Ophelia Woltman, Margaret Montgomery and Betty Willis, Claye Kirby and Marion Rowe, for the purpose of laying before them plans for a teacher training series for our teachers. At the present these plans include the following:

1. Six-weeks training classes for each department, taught on Wednesday evening.

2. The teachers working two to an age level (pre-school, 18 months through 5 years; Primary, 1st grade through 3rd grade; Junior, 4th grade through 6th grade) will work closely with the elders, making written reports to them as to what they have to present in advance of their presenting it, etc.

3. Each of these series will be one at a time to allow those interested in more than one age level to attend all series.

4. These series will be evaluated, revised, and repeated next year with different ones presenting the material.

In a few weeks the Education

Committee plans to meet with a group of men who will be asked to conduct a similar series for Jr. High, High School, and Adult teachers. T.J.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Winford Richardson, 1605 Goliad are the parents of a baby girl born Wednesday morning. The Richardsons attend the Young Couples Class.

READ EVERY WORD

You are urged to read every word of the bulletin each week because some important information will be printed. Our elders have promised you that you will be kept abreast with what is planned and what is being done. They believe that each member has a right to know what the church here is doing and they want to keep you informed. Unless you read the bulletin you will miss out on what the church is doing. The elders cannot announce, in detail, every Lord's Day what has been done or is being planned. That would take too much time and detract from our worship hour. We would like to print as many announcements as we possible can and if you know of any that are of interest to the entire church call us by 8:30 Thursday morning and we will print them.

D.B.

RADIO BROADCAST

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MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

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COMMITTEE REPORT

The Education Committee has been working hard for the past week discussing and planning ways and means for improving our Bible Class program of work. We have been concerned with improving our overall courses of study on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening. We have been concerned with what we can do about improving our attendance. More than 50 telephone calls were made last week before Wednesday night and about the same number were made this week to those in the classes who were absent.

We are also interested in helping the teachers to teach to the best of their ability. Classes have been arranged for them and more are planned in the future. T.J.

NEW CLASSES

Next Wednesday evening a new class will begin. It is the first
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JUST SUPPOSE

Just suppose the Lord should begin tomorrow to make people sick as they say they are on Sunday.

Just suppose the Lord should make some people as poor as they say they are when asked to help finance His program.

Just suppose the Lord should take away the child whom the parents use as an excuse for staying away from church.

Just suppose the Lord should strike dead all who lie about giv-

in a series of six weeks courses. The schedule is as follows:

January 27 through March 3
Paul's Missionary Journeys taught by Brother Howard Ellis.

March 10 through April 14
Life of Christ

April 21 through May 26
Seven Churches of Asia

If these classes are well received more will be announced. These classes are not limited as to sex or age. All are welcome, individuals and couples. T.J.

ATTENTION LADIES

This Sunday afternoon will be the third class taught by Sister Audrey O'Bannon. This is a class for teachers and any who would like to attend. There will be only three more class periods after Sunday. Any of the ladies of the church interested in teaching are urged to attend. The time is 4:45 P.M.
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ing as they have prospered.

Just suppose the Lord should let some parents look into the future and see what their example and lax control did for their children.

Or just suppose all Christians should really live consistently and prove by their lives that they should really love the Lord.

Yes, just suppose - and then by the help of the Lord, go forth and live and serve as if eternity were coming right soon.

... Selected

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Jan 10.....439	Jan. 10...\$1,387.33
Year Ago...404	Year Ago...\$1,090.32

Church Membership.....537
Building Fund - to date....\$9,031.01
Weekly Budget.....\$1,385.00

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Faber Cauthen
Prayer.....Howard Holland
Dismiss Louis Earl Jones
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....James Phillips
Prayer.....H. McCarty
Dismiss.....Jim Franklin

RESPONSES
Restored: Julia Phillips, 630 Barbara.

Membership: Mrs. Woodie Howard, 512 Mockingbird Lane, Phone Ly 3-6243. Mr. and Mrs. G.O. Howard and son Bill Howard, Rt. 2, Box 602A, Phone Ly 3-9836. We are happy to have the Howard family to work and worship with us. Bill is a 10th grade student in John Tyler. Brother Howard works for Humble. Mrs. Woodie Howard is his mother. They formerly worshiped with the Glenwood congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Broadfoot came

Sunday to be identified with us also. They have recently moved here from Amarillo. Their address is 3929 Jan. Phone Ly 4-3654. He also works for Humble. They have two small children. We welcome this good family.

TO INFORM YOU
The elders want the congregation to know about our missionary work that we have done in January.

We sent \$75.00 to brother Guy N. Woods to be applied on his travel expenses to Aruba, \$1,000.00 for the World's Fair work in New Your, \$200.00 for the Lloydminster church in Canada, \$625.00 to brother Jerry Hill in Guatemala, \$40.00 to brother Bill Lowry in Larned, Kansas, and \$50.00 for the Herald of Truth. Also we send \$50.00 each month to three orphan homes, Sunny Glen, Boles, and Tipton. This makes a total of \$2,140.00 for this January.

We want to congratulate the congregation on the co-operation and fine Christian spirit in everyone working together for the Cause of Christ. We appreciate the budget being met each Sunday. It is the intention of the elders to keep you informed as to how the money is being spent that you are giving each Sunday to the Lord's Work. We welcome any suggestions that you might have that will be helpful to the church in any way. We want every member to feel that he is a part of this work. May God bless you and keep you. The Elders

BE ON TIME FOR BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY

THE SICK

Sister Jewel Gann's mother is seriously ill in Gladewater, Texas. Brother John Brem's mother is in Sunset Home, Area G, Room 26. She would enjoy your visit.

Sister Myrtle Vaughn and Brother William Addison from this congregation are in Sunset home and would enjoy a visit from you. Sister Vaughn has been ill. She is in Area G, Room 29. Brother Addison is in Area G, Room 20.

Sister Darrell Holt is in the Glenwood Clinic.

Sister Matt Thomas is in Medical Center.

LEAVING TYLER

The C. R. Clough family is moving to Texarkana this week. They have meant much to the church here and we appreciate everything they have done. We shall miss them, but our best wishes go with them. Their address is 2952 Marion, Texarkana, Texas

A SPIRITUAL MIRROR

The Bible is timeless because it deals with the timeless themes of justice, righteousness, and salvation from sin. As long as men sin they will find that the Bible hits them between the eyes. The Bible is a spiritual mirror which reveals man as he is. Man will always be interested in a book which tells him the truth about himself. Human nature has not changed. It will not change except as it is trans-

SPECIAL SERVICES AT EMORY

There will be a special meeting Sunday afternoon January 24 beginning at 3:30 in Emory, Texas at the Church of Christ.

- 3:30 - Gospel Singing
- 3:45 - "Glorifying God Through Christian Service." Dean Brookshire, Tyler, Texas.
- 4:15 - Gospel Singing
- 4:30 - "Glorifying God Through Personal Spirituality." Paul Forshey, Mineola, Tex.
- 5:00 - Covered Dish Supper Community Center
- 6:30 - Meet back at church. Gospel Singing
- 6:45 - "Working Relations In The Congregation" Cecil Allen, Van, Texas.

ZONE 5 MEETING

Zone 5 will have a very important meeting next Tuesday evening at the Smith Memorial Building. Bring a covered dish for Supper. Everyone is urged to attend this meeting. The time is 6:30 P.M.

formed by the power of the gospel. God made man and knows what to tell him to capture his interest and convict him of sin. No other book gives man such a satisfactory answer to his soul's deepest questions: "Where did I come from?" "Where am I going?" "Why am I here?" As long as men ask these questions they will not find the Bible out-of-date or old fashioned! M. Norvel Young-20th Century Christian

WHAT CONSTITUTES A SCRIPTURAL CHURCH?

What is your concept of a Scriptural church? Would you say it is one that practices immersion for the remission of sins; wears the God-given name(s); observes the Lord's Supper every First Day of the week; sings without the aid of mechanics; has elders, deacons and an evangelist; does not have cake sales, rummage sales, or beg business men for money in order to carry on the work; does not furnish entertainment for its members out of the church treasury? Certainly the above things would constitute a church, but is that all it takes to constitute a scriptural church? What about zeal, love and work? Would the gospel have been preached all over the known world by the Apostles and gospel preachers if they had done nothing except become members of the church, worshiped, and been content to say we have done what it takes to become a church and we are worshiping right?

Doing what the Lord commands to become a member of the church and worshiping right should not be minimized, but the church is not fulfilling its mission without all of the characteristics that glorify its Head, Jesus the Christ.

We are taught to be zealous for the Lord and His Cause. "Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality." Rom. 12:11-13.

SCRIPTURAL CHURCH?

A church made up of members that are more interested in their own welfare than they are the souls of men should not be designated as being patterned after the one in the New Testament. When one is raised he is taught to seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Col. 3:1. When one becomes a member of the church all things are to become new, because he is a new creature. 2 Cor. 5:17. He becomes pure and holy.

Members of the church who are zealous in their own business and are slothful and negligent in the Lord's business cannot lay claim to Scripturalness in its entirety. Jesus said to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and the material things would be added. It takes no more faith to accept this than it does to accept what the Lord commands in becoming a Christian. Christians are taught to love the Lord with all of their heart, soul, and mind. Matt. 22:37. Love is the motivating force behind our service to God and our fellowman. When we love God as we should we are going to do His Will zealously and uncomplainingly. What our hands find to do we are going to do it with all of our might, if we are doing our best to follow the Scriptures. No church has a right to claim Scripturalness that does only a part of what Christ teaches.

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Jan. 3....416	Jan. 3....\$1,486.69
Year Ago..398	Year Ago..\$1,208.81

Church Membership.....	531
Building Fund - to date...	\$8,921.01
Weekly Budget.....	\$1,385.00

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin
Prayer.....Joe McBee
Dismiss.....Dick Ferguson

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Glen Warner
Prayer.....Jack Stringer
Dismiss.....Harry Knight

RESPONSES

Restored: Mrs. Maxine Clyburn, 300
North Border, Apt. #4.

Miss Fleeta Chandler, Rt. 2, Box
389.

Terry Woltman, 2823 Rollingwood.
Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Billy M.
Wells, 729 Barbara have recently
moved to Tyler from Jacksonville. We
are happy to have them worship and
work with us. Their phone is Ly 4
2226.

OVER THE BUDGET AGAIN

We went over the budget by \$2,00
last Lord's Day. The amount we

went over is not much to boast
about but it does prove our will-
ingness to support a good budget.
The year has started off in a won-
derful way and many are saying they
believe this will be a great year
for the Lord's people at West Erwin.
Things are looking much better and
we thank God each day for so many
fine Christians who are doing more
for the Lord. This is fruit to
your account. God will see that you
are richly rewarded. D.B.

ZONE MEETING

There will be a meeting of the
members in zone 4 next Tuesday
evening at the City Recreational
building from seven till nine.
Brethren Henry Holland and James
Phillips are leaders in this zone.
We plan to discuss several things
that will enable us to do a more
efficient work for the Lord. Please
keep this date open and be present
if you can. We would like to have
all the elders present if they can
attend. Some of the elders are busy
in other zones but we would like to
have them attend if their schedule
permits. D.B.

STIP AND THINK

Our fiscal year is almost one
fourth gone. It began November 1st
and it is now January 17th. We have
a little more than nine months to
do what we plan to do this fiscal
year. We do not have any time to
lose.

BE ON TIME FOR BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY

BIBLE SCHOOL WORK

Our thanks to those who are work-
ing so hard to improve our Bible
School work. These brethren along
with the fine staff of teachers are
doing a good work. As averages go
in most churches this size we are
about on par with the rest. But
from what I have been told none are
satisfied to be average and we are
going to work to be what the Lord
wants us to be rather than be con-
tent to be average. We are capable
of doing much better and I believe
that we will, God being our helper.
Brethren when you pray do not for-
get the Bible School work because
several hundred souls are presently
involved and the work we do now
will affect thousands in the years
to come. D.B.

APRIL MEETING

Brother Virgil Trout of Lubbock
has been scheduled for a short
meeting in April. The date is April
11-14. By the time you receive this
bulletin we will have only about
three months to work in behalf of
the meeting. Let us all begin to
pray for the meeting. Brother Trout
is a most capable man and he will
bring some good lessons. It is not
too early to begin advertizing the
meeting. Tell your friends and be
preparing them for the meeting. D.B.

COURSE OFFERED AT BIBLE CHAIR

Brother Dan Danner will be teach-
ing a course each Monday evening

from 7 till 9:30 at the Church of
Christ Bible Chair, Tyler, Junior
College. This course is for anyone
who would want to further their
knowledge of the Old Testament by
this College-level course. It will
be the Old Testament Survey and
may be taken for credit or you may
just sit in. The cost for credit
is \$20.00. The first class meeting
will be February 1, 1965.

MISSION WORK

The church here is vitally
interested in mission work. Our
plans are to support another
preacher in some place as soon as
arrangements can be made. Since the
man and place have not been select-
ed as yet the elders decided to as-
sist brother Guy N. Woods, a man
whom we know and love, in a mission
meeting in the Island of Aruba in
the Caribbean. A few brethren are
meeting there and they are not able
to support the meeting by them-
selves. We are sending brother
Woods \$75.00 on his travel expenses.
He is donating his time in the
meeting. D.B.

TEACHER TRAINING CLASS

The class taught by sister
O'Bannon had a good beginning last
Sunday with thirty ladies present
from West Erwin and other churches.
All ladies are invited to attend
whether you are teaching or not. The
time is 4:45 P. M. each Sunday
afternoon for five more weeks.

WEST ERWIN MEMBERSHIP
 We enter 1965 with 529 names on the roll that we keep. Of this number 6 are away in school, 3 are in the service, 15 are shutins (some are able to be out occasionally), 28 seldom attend and presently 17 are not attending at all. We have not had all of the 529 names on the roll during all of 1964. Several faithful families have become members of the church during the past year. Some have been with us for only a few months and some even a shorter time.

With this number the elders have set a budget of \$1,385.00 per week during 1965. A budget of this amount will not challenge us too much as we contributed \$1,207.88 per week during 1964. With our numerical and spiritual growth we should meet our budget without much of a sacrifice on the part of any of us. We are capable of doing

more, but I am thankful to God for the vision of our elders in giving us an opportunity to do more each year.

Included in our budget is the salary for another evangelist to be supplied by us in a field to be selected by the elders. Many have been wanting to do this for a long time and now we have the opportunity, so let us be liberal and share the gospel with others.

Also included in the budget is the added payment of our educational building, the which we hope to be in, not later than Fall.

We can make this the greatest year in the history of the West Erwin church if we will only use the talents God has given us. The Lord has certainly opened up some ways for us to increase our usefulness and it is hoped that all will respond in every way that he can.
 D.B.

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CHECK THE RECORDS

Records are published in the bulletin each week so that you may know how many attended Bible School and how much was contributed. What is more important is that each one of us should check the records and ask ourselves how much fellowship we had in them. The records will never be as high as they should be until each of us do what we can. We must not criticize the records because they are ours, we made them.

THE SICK

Kenneth Bennett is in Mother Frances Hospital. He had surgery Monday.

Lonnie Taylor, Sr. entered Mother Frances Hospital Wednesday afternoon for surgery.

BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a business meeting of the men of the congregation this Lord's Day afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. All men are urged to be present.

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

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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	8:00 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
Jan. 3.....416	Jan 3.....\$1,486.69
Dec. 27....387	Dec. 27...\$1,163.57
Year Ago...424	Year Ago.\$1,021.89
Church	Building
Membership.529	Fund.....\$8,801.01
Budget.....	\$1,385.00

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Roger Knight
 Prayer.....E. V. Rushing
 Dismiss.....Harold Browning

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....T. J. Parsons
 Prayer.....Austin Giesecke
 Dismiss.....Louis Earl Jones

CONGRATULATIONS

James Allen Sims and Miss Ellen Gilmore were married in Abilene December 28. We wish for them a long and happy life together.

TRAINING CLASS

The class for women teachers of the church, taught by sister O'Bannon will begin Sunday afternoon at 4:45 in room 203. This is the class several have asked for. It is for all women who are now teaching and any who are interested in teaching in the future. This class will meet for six weeks.

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.

Mrs. W. T. Turner and family

Many thanks for your kind remembrances during the Holiday Season. May God's richest blessings be yours all through the New Year,

Mrs. Evalyn Stone

I wish to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for the wonderful things you have done for me during my illness, for the food, the gifts, the visits, and the prayers. Also, the wonderful Christmas basket. May the Lord bless each of you.

Mrs. Vera Wendt

A thank you note was received from the Home For The Aged in Gunter, Texas for the books, magazines, and 32 aprons from the Ladies Sunday Morning Class.

BUILDING FUND

To date \$8,901.01 has been deposited in the building fund. About \$11,000 more is pledged to be paid by March 1st. We will need about another \$10,000 to reach our planned \$30,000. I believe there are enough good people here to supply this amount by the time it is needed.

D.B.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 1964

Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1964	\$2,062.60
Contribution Dec. 1964	\$5,242.45
Other churches	90.00
Available for Expenditures	<u>5,332.45</u> \$7,395.05

Expenditures

Loan Payments:	
1st Fed. Sav. & Loan	\$711.75
Coop. Sav. & Loan	75.00
J. C. Wynne	100.00
Trest Property	150.00
	\$1,036.75

Benevolent and Mission:

Boles Home	50.00
Tipton Home	50.00
Sunny Glenn Home	50.00
Herald of Truth	50.00
Bill Lowry	40.00
Bible Chair	100.00
Radio Program	222.40
Jerry Hill	715.00
Cheer Baskets	76.74
	\$1,354.14

Materials, Supplies, Etc.

Utilities	309.67
Bldg. Maint.	28.23
Office Equipment	423.50
Office Supplies	41.23
Bible School Supplies	89.85
Insurance	60.00
Flowers	5.00
Postage	55.00
	\$1,012.48

Salaries \$1,456.02

Total Expenditures for Dec. 1964	\$4,859.39
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1964	<u>2,535.66</u>
Total funds accounted for	\$7,395.05

WHAT WILL RELIGION DO FOR ME?

If my religion is the true religion that Jesus brought in to the world, there are six things it will do to make me a better citizen.

1. The Religion of Jesus makes one desire to repair injuries done to another.

2. The Religion of Jesus makes its possessor willing to forget and forgive injuries inflicted by another.

3. The Religion of Jesus makes all men brothers and equals.

4. The Religion of Jesus makes men better masters and servants, better employers and employees.

5. The Religion of Jesus makes us willing to suffer wrong on behalf of another.

6. The Religion of Jesus makes us pray for the blessings of God upon one another.

... Boles Home News

BE ON TIME FOR BIBLE SCHOOL - 9:30 SUNDAY MORNING