

LAST BULLETIN IN 1966

This is the last bulletin of this year. We have published fifty issues during 1966 and we hope you have enjoyed each one and derived much good from reading The Visitor another twelve months. We have tried to write and print articles of interest to all. We have tried to keep the congregation informed about the Lord's work here and in this area. A financial report has been published each month so that each member may know how much money is contributed and where it has been spent. As we look back over 1966 we can see some definite progress in several areas. Probably the greatest progress we have made has been in our work of teaching. The new educational building is an addition that we have a right to be proud of. We have now used it five months. While we are proud of our building, it would be almost

worthless were it not for the fact that we have a great dedicated staff of teachers. Five days each week we have preached the gospel of Christ over KTBB, the most powerful radio station in Tyler. Each lesson has gone out with a prayer for the success of changing lives into the image of Jesus Christ.

We are thankful for all that has been accomplished, but we are not satisfied. Our one and only resolution should be to try to do more in 1967. Let us all work and pray that 1967 may be the greatest year ever in the life of each one of us. God is willing to use us if we will only allow Him to do so. The greatest hindrance to the progress of each one is himself. Each of us can be a blessing in some way if we only try. God grant that 1967 may be the most fruitful year for us all.  
D.B.

NEW BOOKS FOR THE CHURCH LIBRARY

The following books are now ready for use in our Library.

The Fool of God by Louis Cochran. This is a Novel based upon the life of Alexander Campbell. The Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin by J. A. Headington and Joseph Franklin. The Life of Elder John Smith by J. A. Williams. The Bible vs. Modernism by Charles Roberson and Allison Trice. Roman Catholicism

Against Itself, Vol. I by O. C. Lambert, Christ Crucified by G. C. Brewer. This is a book of sermons with a lecture on Evolution. The Triumphant Jesus by L. R. Wilson, The New Testament Church by F. B. Srygley. Congregational Development by L. R. Wilson, How To Teach The Bible by Joseph M. Gettys. Handbook on Baptism by J. W. Shepherd, Salvation From Sin by David Lipscomb.

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as an elder of the church in Woodville, Texas last Sunday.

APPOINTED ELDER

Brother Bob Rushing was appointed

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## Church of Christ

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Dean Brookshire - Mike Warner (Scott City, Kan.)



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December 25..\$3,317.67	..... 358
December 18..\$2,739.90	..... 455
A Year Ago...\$2,435.61	..... 348

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Howard Ellis  
Prayer.....Walls T. Witt  
Dismiss.....R. M. Mayo  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Tommy Lowrance  
Prayer.....Jamon Kirby  
Dismiss.....Pete Nichols

RESPONSES

Miss Pam Robbins, 3234 Keaton, came Sunday evening asking for the prayers of the church.

THANK YOU

Mr. & Mrs. E.L. Taylor, Mrs. Mary Sims, Mrs. Minnie Stegall, and Mrs. Willie Whitaker express their appreciation for the "Cheer Baskets" sent to them during the holidays.

I wish to thank the congregation for the many prayers offered in my behalf. Your thoughtfulness has meant much to me.

Mrs. W. R. Riley

IN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank the many people, both in the church and others, for

their help in bringing a little happiness to children in Boles Home. Especially do we want to thank Mary Prater, who in addition to furnishing her pick-up, took a gift to each of the children in one of the cottages. Because of your generosity, these sixteen children know that someone cares.

Not until you have personally visited Boles Home, can you know the personal satisfaction and gratitude in knowing that whatever you do for them, the rewards are greater for yourself by showing these children that someone does realize that they exist just as you and I.

The Bill Whitworths

MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men selected to serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in January are as follows: Bob Threadgill, H. C. Williamson, Don Baker, Bill Butler, Jr., and Curtis Caskey. C. B. Hardin, Guy Potts, John Weaver, Gary Terrell, and Reagan Phillips. Alternates are: Dennis Stansbury and M. H. Shaffer.

Sunday Evening: James Phillips and Louis J. Jones. Alternate, Louis E. Jones.

THE SICK

Brother J. D. Taylor was dismissed from Mother Frances Sunday.

Brother Charles Graf is in Mother Frances. He had surgery Tuesday.

Brother W. H. Gourley underwent surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances.

RE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

A PRIVILEGE TO SHARE

For several years we have been sharing our parking lot with the employees of the Courier-Times and they in turn share theirs with us. This arrangement has worked real well for all concerned and it is our desire for the present arrangement to continue. Since we are all human and some do not understand the agreement, it is only natural for some of us and some of the employees of the Courier-Times to violate the agreement. When this is done let us not get excited and say and do things that would be un-Christian. They have about 135 employees and we have more than 500 members and both of us have new ones coming in from time to time who do not know the agreement we have with them. Let us then be patient with them and they in turn will be patient with us.

The agreement we have with the Courier-Times is for them to use our lots six days a week only, except when we are having special day services such as a meeting, funeral, etc. We, in turn, are permitted to use their lot all day Sunday and Wednesday night. We are not supposed to use their lot anytime during the daylight hours except on Sunday.

The owners and management of the Courier-Times are very anxious to co-operate with us and we must in turn co-operate with them. We have enjoyed a good relationship with them for a long time and this speaks well for all. Let us be con-

siderate and display the spirit of Christ at all times. Good neighbors always consider it a blessed privilege to share with the worthy who appreciate it. D.B.

MANY VISITORS

We had many visitors during the Christmas holidays. Visitors are always welcome. We were very pleased to have so many of our boys and girls who are away in school home for the holidays.

We enjoyed having the Warners from Scott City, Kansas and the Porters from Oakley, Kansas. Bro. Warner gave a report of the work in Scott City Wednesday evening and preached for us Sunday morning. Bro. Porter gave a brief report of the work in Oakley and preached Sunday evening. The Lord's work in both places is making progress and we are happy to have fellowship with them in the work in Kansas.

WEDDINGS

Miss Linda Caudle and Eugene Gill were married last Friday evening here at the church building.

Miss Judy Holland and David Vestal were married Monday in Abilene. We extend best wishes to each couple and wish for them a long and happy life together.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Herbert Brookshire on receiving his Class A Barber license recently.

LISTEN TO KTPB 12:30 NOON

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### PROCRASTINATION

When a Bible reader begins to think about procrastination, the first character that comes to his mind is Felix. He is a classic example of one putting off the most important thing until he thought he would have a convenient season. Felix was not an ordinary man. He held a high position and could have wielded a great influence for good. He had an influence, because all of us have, but his was bad. To begin with, he was an unlovely character. He was quite a conniver. He listened to the gospel preached by Paul but secretly hoped to receive a bribe for his release. Felix heard Paul politely several times, but never with a desire to become a Christian. On one occasion Paul got a little hard with his preaching when he "reasoned of righteousness, self-control, and judgement." This lesson terrified Felix but no visible results occurred except that he trembled. When he learned what the Lord wanted him to do, he became terrified and instead of yielding to God he allowed procrastination to take over. This was probably the supreme opportunity of his life and he threw it away. He started waiting for the "convenient tomorrow" that never has and never will come. Practically all of our failures come through procrastination. It is so easy to postpone today's duties till tomorrow, and that is what so many of us do. Few of us are aware of just how deceptive procrastination is. The procrastinator depends upon an uncertain future.

Some think that procrastination is a third choice, but it is not. Indecisive procrastination is decisive. We either do Christ's will or we do not. There is no middle ground on which to walk. We do not have three choices of doing the Lord's will. There is no scriptural basis for postponing the most important thing of life. Many of us are under the delusion that we will do what we know we should when the time is right. The time for doing the Lord's will is right now. There are more things than we are aware of that must be done now or never. There is such a thing as waiting too late. Some have waited too late to visit their physician. Some have waited too late to start training their children. Some churches have waited too late to start training men to serve the church as elders. They have waited too late to use their opportunities and the Lord gave them to others who would use them. There are members of the church that have stayed away from Bible school too long and lost their desire to attend. Others have waited too late to start back to worship. They became calloused to spiritual obligations. The most dangerous thing one can become is a procrastinator. We fear modernism, communism and other destructive forces working among us, but brethren let us not overlook probably the most deadly foe of all, procrastination. It will claim millions of souls.

D.B.



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December 4..\$3,724.05 .....	432
A Year Ago...\$1,944.92 .....	416

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Joe McBee  
Prayer.....Fred Strait  
Dismiss.....Jack Stringer

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....David Demic  
Prayer.....R. H. Davis  
Dismiss.....David Hannah

THE SICK

Brother Frank Smith is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Billy Wells has returned home from the hospital in Houston.

Sister W. R. Riley is not getting along too well and requests that we all remember her in our prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS

Kenneth and Alma Bennett have a new son, Bradley Cole, born Monday at Medical Center Hospital. They are doing well.

The M. H. Shaffers have a new grandson born last week to their daughter and her husband. They are also getting along well.

CORRECTION

The B. E. Walker's telephone is listed incorrectly in the church directory. It is Ly 3-5942  
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WEDDING

You are invited to attend the wedding of Miss Linda Caudle and Wilson Eugene Gill Friday evening, the twenty-third of December at Eight O'clock. The reception will be held at the Church of Christ Bible Chair, 1415 South Baxter St.

MISSION REPORT

Two more encouraging reports have come from brethren Warner and Porter. Both plan to be with us during the holidays. They have been invited to preach here on Sunday, the 25th. Brother Warner will preach three times on the radio while he is here. We are looking forward to having the Warners and Porters with us. Let us pray that they have a safe journey to us and back home.

WANT A COTTAGE MEETING?

We have ten men who have been studying for some time and are now ready to teach some cottage meetings. Let us help them arrange some classes. If they are prepared and willing to teach, we ought to co-operate with them and help arrange some classes. Many of us think our friends would resent our asking them if they are interested in such class, but in this we are mistaken. It is a rare exception for one not to appreciate another showing concern for his soul. This church ought to be proud of these men and pray for their success.

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

SEASONS GREETINGS

Maurine, the boys, and I want to express our best wishes to every member of this church and to those who read our bulletin. We hope that each of you have received the very best of everything this year and shall continue to do so throughout the approaching year. Our prayer is that each of you may have many years yet in which to enjoy the good blessings of God here and to be blessed eternally in the heavenly clime.

We have been privileged to enjoy nine holiday seasons together and each year has been filled with the richness of love and appreciation. Thank you for every thing you have done for us and we covet your prayers that we may be a blessing to each of you and the Cause of Christ in this city.

In Christian love,  
Dean Brookshire

THANKS TO THE WHITWORTHS

Thanks to the Whitworths for their interest in the children in Boles Home. They plan to keep two of the children in their home during the holidays and they have been working to collect some needed items for the home and some toys for the children. It would be good if more people would take it upon themselves to show compassion upon the unfortunate. We hope the Whitworths have set a precedent that will bear much fruit through the years.

SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to sister E. E. Degge and her family. Sister Degge's brother, brother Douglas Qualls, passed away Saturday in Loveland, Colorado.

HOME FROM VIET NAM

We rejoice with the Gregorys because of the return of their son, Richard, from a year in Viet Nam.

Ladies Class will meet again Jan.4.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING

This is another reminder to attend the Wednesday evening singing at the Glenwood building. December 28th. The Omen Road church will be the host this year. For the past few years the four churches of Christ, West Erwin, Northwest, Omen Road, and Glenwood have met together the last Wednesday evening of the year to enjoy a praise service. We hope to overflow the Glenwood auditorium this year. Make your plans to attend this great service.

NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK

Our custom has been not to publish a bulletin during the holiday season due to the enormous amount of mail being handled and so many engaged in festivities that the bulletin will likely be put aside and not be read.

TELL SOMEONE ABOUT OUR DAILY RADIO  
BROADCAST - KTBB 12:30 NOON.

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## THE OLD AND NEW COMPARED

### First Covenant

1. Carnal law from Sinai
2. Engraven on stone
3. Covenant of flesh
4. Dedicated by animal blood
5. Circumcision in the flesh
6. Weak and unprofitable
7. Ministration of death
8. Letter that killed
9. Carnal ordinances
10. Figures of the true
11. Pattern of heavenly things
12. Bondage to the flesh
13. Yoke none could bear
14. Shadow of good things to come
15. Offerings repeated yearly
16. Could give no good conscience
17. Could not take away sin
18. Could not give righteousness
19. Could not give the inheritance
20. Could not give perfection
21. No blood of Christ shed
22. To one nation only
23. No Spirit of Christ come
24. Christ not preached in fact
25. The kingdom had not come
26. No law of Christ ratified
27. No foundation stone laid
28. Earthly and temporal
29. Tabernacle on earth
30. Throne on earth
31. Musical instruments
32. Types and prophecies
33. Schoolmaster to bring to Christ
34. That which was done away

### Second Covenant

1. Gospel from Mount Zion
2. Written on tables of the heart
3. Covenant of the Spirit
4. Dedicated by blood of Christ
5. Circumcision of the heart
6. Mighty and everlasting
7. Ministration of life
8. Spirit that gave life
9. Reformation
10. The true
11. Heavenly things themselves
12. Liberty in Christ
13. Easy yoke of Christ
14. The very image or substance
15. One offering for all
16. No more conscience of sins
17. Sins remembered nor more forever
18. Righteousness in Christ
19. In Christ is the inheritance
20. We are perfected in Christ
21. Christ's blood shed on the cross
22. To every creature under heaven
23. The Holy Spirit descends
24. Christ preached to all nations.
25. We receiving a kingdom
26. Gospel law ratified by his death
27. Christ becomes foundation
28. Spiritual and eternal
29. Tabernacle from heaven
30. Throne in heaven
31. Melody made in the heart
32. Antitypes and history
33. No longer under schoolmaster
34. That which remaineth

The above was submitted by brother H. J. Holland.

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY MORNING 9:30



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 December 4..\$3,724.05 .....416  
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Bob Threadgill  
 Prayer.....Charles Graf  
 Dismiss.....Bruce Raley

SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....H. McCarty  
 Prayer.....James Phillips  
 Dismiss.....Ted Snipes

RESPONSES  
 By membership and restoration from unscriptural worship: Mr. H. Guy Potts, 1525 Charlotte Drive, telephone Ly 2-8449. We are very happy to welcome brother Potts into our fellowship. He is Chief Clerk in the Industrial Department of the Cotton Belt.

THANK YOU NOTE  
 Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness of me during my recent stay in the hospital.  
 T. J. Parsons

WEDDING  
 We extend best wishes to Miss Glenda Wright and Larry Little. They were married November 22 and are now living in Greenville, Texas

THE SICK  
 Brother William Addison is ill at the Sunset Home.  
 Brother Frank Smith is in Mother Frances Hospital.

OLD NOTE  
 We still have three more Sundays in December to reach our goal of paying off our old note(auditorium) by December 31. We are sure that some will want to contribute to this before the first of the year. Many that have already given may want to give more. The balance on this note is \$7,465.65 Elders

GOOD WORK STARTED  
 The ladies of the church are asking for good, clean, reparable clothing to be brought to the Elm Street house. Also bring old sheets (to be made into bandages) and any quilts you do not need. Good clean clothing of any kind is needed. Also, canned or non-perishable food may be brought at any time for the pantry. The ladies have started working each Thursday in the Elm street property. All who can are invited to have part in this good work.

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

COURAGE  
 Be sure that you are right. Then move forward without fear. Awareness of the righteousness of your course gives courage. "Be strong and of good courage."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER, 1966

Cash on hand November 1, 1966		\$1,681.72	
Contributions for November		5,957.68	
Available for expenditures		<u>7,639.40</u>	
Loan Payments			
First Federal	\$1,835.25		
Cooperative	75.00	\$1,910.25	
Benevolent and Mission			
Bible Chair	100.00		
Herald of Truth	50.00		
Boles Home	75.00		
Tipton Home	75.00		
Sunny Glen Home	75.00		
Mike Warner	534.00		
Dalton Porter	466.80		
Radio Program	218.40		
Advertising	209.70	\$1,803.90	
Materials and Supplies			
Bldg. & Grounds	114.87		
Utilities	309.86		
Bible School Supplies	44.53		
Office Supplies	92.30		
Insurance	60.00		
Flowers	19.65		
Postage=	80.00	721.21	
Salaries			1,251.80
Total Expenditures for November		\$5,686.96	
Balance on hand November 30, 1966		<u>1,952.44</u>	
Total Funds Accounted for		<u>7,639.40</u>	

MAKING MISTAKES  
 Some one has said, "He who makes no mistakes seldom makes anything else." But a wiser still has said, "It is not the mistakes that makes a man, but it is the wise use of mistakes that enables man to be made." The diamond is polished with its own dust.

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE!  
 You are invited to share a wonderful experience with the young people of the Crockett Road Church of Christ. Lindy McDaniel, pitcher for the San Francisco Giants, will be the principal speaker for a youth meeting in Palestine on Saturday night, December 10th, at 7:30. Place of meeting will be the David Crockett auditorium (behind the football field). We are encouraging and expecting a very large number of friends from the denominations to attend.  
 Won't you be with us too?

Lowell D. Wallace  
 Crockett Road  
 Church of Christ  
 Palestine, Texas

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#### IS YOUR HEART BURNING?

During a time of discouragement Jeremiah said, "...I will not make mention of him, nor speak anymore in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay." Jer. 20:9.

Jeremiah was interested in souls but was seeing little response and he became discouraged. He never lost his compassion for those who faced impending punishment. He was possessed with one of the rarest Christian virtues, a passion for souls. He lived before the Christian era, but he had a virtue that every Christian ought to have, and must have to be Christlike. A Christian that is out of sympathy with the lost is unlike Christ in that respect.

Jeremiah did not intend to pursue his work any further because he was belittled and chided, but he had something in his heart that would not let him keep quiet; and that which would not allow him to be silent was the Word of God. It burned in him as a fire shut up in his bones.

The Christian who has no passion for the lost is revealing that something is lacking in his heart. Some of us say we cannot teach or talk to the lost and we are probably telling the truth. If the right thing is put in the heart, and that is the Word of God, brethren, we are going to start talking. We are going to see very little visible results until some of the members begin doing some of the talking. Preaching is important, but the church that depends on the preacher to do all the talking or is concerned only with him having the Word in his heart will soon be a church in name only.

In the New Testament we are impressed over and over by the fact that Christians, both men and women, were urged to learn the Word of God and teach others. Timothy went to Ephesus to teach but he was instructed to teach others so that they could be teachers too. What he had learned, he was to commit to faithful men so they could teach others also.

The Church that is depending on its preacher to do all the personal work or house to house teaching is not patterned after the one Jesus established. Every member of the church ought to be concerned about the lost and show it by trying to be soul-winners himself. Here are some things that will help each Christian to see that he has a responsibility in this work. First, he must be convicted that a divine commission was committed to him. See Matthew 28:20 and I Timothy 3:15. Second, by a consciousness of a debt owed to humanity. See Romans 1:14 and Jude 3. We are debtors to man and trustees of the gospel. Third, by a hearty persuasion of the truth of the message. If the gospel is true, men cannot be saved without it. Furthermore if it is true, it reveals both the love and terror of God. Fourth, by sacrificing for (continued inside)



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Nov. 20....\$1,632.72	.....476
A Year Ago.\$1,310.42	.....420
Wednesday Evening Attendance ...	328

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Announcements and  
Prayer.....Ross Walker  
Prayer.....C. E. Caskey  
Dismiss.....Don Baker

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Cone Birdwell  
Prayer.....Austin Giesecke  
Dismiss.....Bill Shuford

#### RESPONSES

We welcome into our fellowship brother and sister Bill Butler, Jr. Their address is 501 Sunnyhill Dr. Bill works for the city. He is head of the Data Processing Dept. We are very happy to have Bill and Jo and their two little girls with us.

#### SINGING

The annual singing and praise service conducted by the churches of Christ in Tyler on the last Wednesday evening of each year will be directed by the Omen Road church of Christ this year. Due to the size of their building, they are using the Glenwood building this year. Keep in mind the singing on December 28, at the Glenwood building.

#### SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION SUNDAY

All money contributed over \$1,500 will apply to retiring the debt on the auditorium. The debt is now about \$9,000. It would be well if each one would check his giving and see if he has given as he has been prospered this year and if not, December would be a good time to make it up.

#### MEN SERVING IN DECEMBER

Men selected to serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in December are as follows: Sunday morning, Glen Howard, Ralph Lowrance, O'Neal Tuel, R. V. Threadgill, Billy Chandler, T. F. Holland, Ken Bennett, Bill Henderson, Mark Ellis, and David Rozell. Alternates are David Drennan and Bill Tigert.

Sunday Eve. John Brem and Henry Holland. Alternate, Charles Graf.

#### IS YOUR HEART. . .(continued)

others sake. See Col. 1:24 and Rom. 9:1-3. Fifth, by being convinced that my own soul will be lost unless I try to save others. See Matt. 20:1-16; I Cor. 15:58; Gal. 6:10.

Soul-winning is both rewarding and discouraging. The rewards are greater than the discouragements. If there is no "fire burning" in your heart, kindle one. At the judgement we will be glad we tried and sorry if we did not. D.B.

"More money is spent for chewing gum than religion... we are told. Perhaps, this is because gum is used daily."

#### GOOD TEACHERS MEETING

Tuesday evening will have to go down as one of the best teacher's meetings we have had in years. The fifty-six who came was proof of the interest so far as attendance was concerned. Other manifestations of interest were greater than the attendance figure.

Our teachers are doing an excellent job and yet they are still trying to improve themselves. We are still hopeful of a greater number in attendance for Bible study Sunday at 9:30. The hard work our teachers are doing will pay off if they continue their faithful sacrificial work.

We are working and praying in behalf of those not yet attending. We have ample room and prepared teachers, so why not come and profit from a study of God's Word?

Another teacher's meeting will be conducted in January, the Lord willing. Departmental groups will meet together as they did this past Tuesday. Be looking forward to the meeting. Come if you can and encourage others to attend. D.B.

#### THE SICK

Brother T. J. Parsons is getting along well in the Glenwood Clinic.

Sister Gladys Caudle had surgery Monday and went home Wednesday from the Glenwood Clinic.

Brother Grier remains in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Billy Wells is in Houston in the Methodist Hospital.

Sister Mary Limerick spent a few days in Glenwood Clinic this week.

#### ARE YOU HELPING OR HONKING?

A woman driver was having difficulties getting her automobile started after it had stalled in traffic. The gentleman(?) in the car behind her insisted on expressing his impatience with her by blowing his horn every few seconds. Finally, the lady, worn out by his thoughtlessness, stepped out of her automobile, walked back to the "honker's" car and said, "I'm having some difficulty in getting my car started. If you'll go and see if you can start it, I'll honk your horn for you."

A lot of folks in the church do more honking than helping! There are more talkers than workers, and more criticism than labor. The ones who do the most honking generally do the least working. They may have never preached a sermon, taught a class, led a song, or served as an elder, but they do know just how it should be done. They are like the chronic objector who was asked for his suggestion on a project being discussed in a business meeting. He said, "You go ahead and make the plans, and I'll tell you what's wrong with them! It is much easier to criticize than to do the work."

Of course, anyone who drives much is going to be honked at now and then. Don't lose your temper. Maybe you need waking up. And, anyone who tries to accomplish something for the Lord is going to find a good many horn-honkers also!

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(Sept. Thru May)

#### EVANGELISTS

Dean Brookshire - Mike Warner (Scott City, Kan.)

### RISING TO HIGHER THINGS

Most of us have been pointed to the higher things of life. We have all been encouraged to "Hitch your wagon to a star." We have sung, "Lord plant my feet on higher ground." Often in our prayers we ask the Lord to lead us to higher and nobler service.

Before school age we point our children to school. In the primary we point them to high school and from high school to college. We believe that the more they learn and apply, the better qualified they will be to serve God and their fellowman. We call this going higher.

Christians need to learn this important lesson too. The more we learn of God's Word and the better applied, the higher we go spiritually. It may sound paradoxical, but the way up in Christianity is down. One reason some Christians do not rise higher is because they will not go low enough to go higher. Jesus taught the apostles that the greatest in the Kingdom would not be those who sat on his right or left hand, but those who served the most faithfully. "And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your minister (bondservant)."

Imagine the surprise of those who desired to be the greatest, being taught a lesson by their Master that they were not too good to wash one another's feet. He girded himself and showed them how. And he added, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

The church member that sings the loudest and prays the longest is not necessarily the one going higher. Jesus taught in the beautitudes that the poor in spirit, they that mourn, the meek, merciful, pure and peace-makers would be blessed. No blessing was promised to the proud and idle. We usually think of one going higher who increases his bank account, adds acres to his farm, gets more public recognition, but this is not God's way of going higher.

The apostles were promised that they would be elevated, but it was through service. The service was preaching, teaching and rendering aid to the poor. Any church or Christian that desires to go higher must never lose sight of the things that lead upward. The church that concentrates on and prepares for the work the Lord taught and then does it will go higher both in the sight of God and of men. The community will not respect a church that only meets for worship anymore than it will any human institution. But the church that strives to win souls, that is interested in the poor will be looked upon with favor. Did this not occur in Jerusalem?

In order to rise to higher things we have to think we can and desire to do it. We will never rise above our thinking and planning. We will not rise higher by just being against something, although we must be against sin in every form, but we are going to have (continued inside)



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
Announcements and

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

SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and

Prayer..... Ray Womack  
Prayer..... J. D. Brem  
Dismiss..... Skipper Womack

RESPONSES  
Richard Wallace confessed public sins and asked to be restored to fellowship. We are proud of our courageous young people and believe they are worthy of our prayers.

SYMPATHY  
We extend sincere sympathy to Charles and Betty Sue Harris in the loss of an infant daughter. Grave-side services were Monday. Brother and sister Harris are members of the Omen Road church. Betty Sue is a daughter of sister Ethel Payne.

IN THE HOSPITALS  
Brother H. T. Grier, Sr. is seriously ill in Mother Frances.  
Brother Billy Wells had back surgery Wednesday in Methodist Hospital in Houston.  
Brother T. J. Parsons suffered a

heart attack last week. He is in Glenwood Clinic, and is not having visitors right now, but is getting along nicely.

NEW BOOKS  
New Library books that have arrived are listed below.

Clark's Commentary, 6 Volumes,  
Barnes Notes On The New Testament-  
11 volumes,The International Standard Bible Encyclopaedia- 5 volumes,  
Baker's Bible Atlas, Halley's Bible Handbook, Unger's Bible Handbook,  
Commentary on James- Guy N. Woods,  
Commentary on Peter, John, Jude-  
Guy N. Woods, Commentary on Second Corinthians, Galatians - David Lipscomb, J. W. Shepherd, Commentary on Hebrews-Milligan, Commentary on Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians-David Lipscomb, J. W. Shepherd.

The Search For The Ancient Order-West, 2 volumes, Hardeman, Bogard Debate, Catholicism Against Itself-O. C. Lambert, The Two Covenants-Johnson, The Scheme of Redemption-Milligan,The Christian System-Campbell, The Heart of Hebrew History-H. I. Hester, The Church of Christ-Phillips,Memoirs of Alexander Campbell-Richardson, How We Got The Bible-Lightfoot, Why We Believe The Bible-Dehoff, Youth's Courtship Problems-Murry.

Principles of Teaching-Eavey,  
Teaching For Results-Edge, Blue print For Teachers-Sisemore, A Primer For Teachers and Leaders-Ford.

More books are on order and will be arriving soon.

TEACHERS MEETING  
All meetings that are related to teaching the Word of God are important. We want every teacher, church officer, and interested person to be present next Tuesday evening, Nov.29 at 7:30 for a meeting in interest of the Bible school work here. We are doing a good work but none would say that we are doing our best. We want to improve in every way possible. We must not give up till we have included every able bodied person in this work. We need to discuss ways of reaching those who are not attending, as well as discussing materials, methods, equipment, etc. We plan to meet in a group for about twenty-five minutes and then have departmental meetings for about forty minutes. Please keep Tuesday evening open and let us have good attendance.

NEW SON  
The Jerry Hills are the proud parents of a baby boy born November 15. His name is Robert David and he weighed 8 lbs. and 4 ozs. The Hills continue to do a good work in Guatemala. Let us continue to remember them in our prayers.

WE COULD HAVE  
We could have had 500 for Bible classes last Sunday, but we had only 476. There were enough late comers, some in the foyer, waiting for classes to end to have made up the difference. We had some sick and others out of town. I still say we can have 500 every Sunday when we make up our minds to do it. We have

the teachers, class rooms and every thing it takes except the desire on the part of some. Would it not be a good idea for all of us to join in prayer about this matter. It is too serious to be taken lightly.

D.B.  
RISING TO HIGHER. . .(continued)  
to be for something. There is power in positive thinking. We must not let some erroneous positive thinking scare us from doing as much as the Lord commands of us. Churches of the Lord do not go to the Bible heights by sitting and opposing every thing denominations do, because there are somethings that denominations do that we ought to be doing. They have shown us that vision and zeal will win people to their cause. If we had the same vision and zeal we could win the same amount in proportion to Christ.

When Christians learn to work together, put away childish and pettish things, forgive each other, quit criticizing each other, and go out and serve, we will be a city set on a hill that cannot be hid. Every Christian ought to get down low, way down low, on their knees, prostrate if necessary (we are not too good to do it, Jesus did) and ask God to help us remove pride and selfishness, then we will rise higher. We can never exalt ourselves, we must follow the Lord and He will do the exalting.

Brethren, exaltation comes through service and not just worshipping.  
D.B.

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**SOME SIGNS OF A TRUE DISCIPLE**  
A disciple is a learner. As we use the word, in most instances, we are referring to a follower of Christ. One must certainly be a learner of Christ before he can become his follower.

There are many good reasons why all men should be true disciples of Christ. One becoming his disciple, is following the greatest character that ever blessed the world. A true disciple of Christ gets more out of life (and gives more too) than any other course he could pursue. Any other way of life except true discipleship is only transitory. True discipleship culminates in everlasting life in heaven. Let us notice some evidences of a true disciple.

First, he is known by the teaching he holds. Timothy was told to, "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt save thyself, and them that hear thee." I Tim. 4:16. True disciples of Christ shun the doctrines of men (Matt. 15:9) and declare only the doctrine of Christ (Gal. 1:6-8). One seeking for verses to substantiate his belief has not submitted himself to the teaching of Christ. Perverting verses to make them sound like he believes is not true discipleship. To be a follower of Christ one has to put the teaching of Christ before his own feelings, desires and any human instruction.

Second, a true disciple is known by the spirit he manifests. Christ

was faithful to all of his Father's Will. He was humble meek, and gentle. He had an obedient spirit, a self-denying spirit, a forgiving spirit and a courageous spirit. To be a follower of Christ we must possess these same characteristics.

Third, a true disciple is known by the manner of love he manifests. Secret orders and civic clubs have badges or insignias by which they are known. This is also true of a genuine disciple of Christ. He does not wear a peculiar kind of dress, a clerical cloak, a ribbon or a metal badge. He wears a beautiful spotless robe of love. Jesus said in John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye love one another." One void of love is no more a true disciple than one who is void of faith. "Now abides faith, hope and love and the greatest of these is love." Christianity is a life of love. A life motivated by love. A life void of love is an empty hull. God is love, Christ was sent through love, His love brought salvation to the lost and the Christian's love must be from the whole heart and unfeigned.

Fourth, a true disciple is known by the fruit he bears. A barren life in no way depicts Christlike-ness. A non-fruitbearing person has no right to claim discipleship of Christ. The fate of fruitless disciples is described in John 15:6. The fruit of a spirit is described in Gal. 5:22-23. Can each of us say, I am a true disciple of Christ? D.B.



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
Prayer.....Glen Howard  
Dismiss.....Ken Bennett

SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....James Massey  
Prayer.....M. B. Beard  
Dismiss.....Henry McRuiz

#### THANK YOU NOTES

Mr. Drummond and I are so grateful to all of you for the many kind things done and said during my illness; and for your thoughtful concern all the time he has been ill. Our association with friends in West Erwin is such a joy; and we trust that you understand how much we love and appreciate each of you.

Mary and W. D. Drummond

The family of Eva Kelley acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Pauline and I truly appreciate the flowers, prayers, cards, and words of sympathy at the time of the death of my father. D. C. Jones

#### 100% ATTENDANCE

The Toddlers class, Four year old class, and First grade class were all 100% in attendance Sunday.

#### TO SERVE IN NOVEMBER

The following men have been asked to serve the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in November. R. H. Davis, J. D. Taylor, Dean Bailey, Gary Aven, Royce Caskey, Monroe Sublette, David Womack, Skipper Womack, Gary Weaver, and Larry Caskey. Alternates are Phil Browning and Bill Howard.

Sunday evening: L. L. Gann and David Demic. T. J. Parsons is the alternate.

#### THE SICK

Brother Harvey Grier, Sr. entered Mother Frances Hospital again Monday evening.

Jeff Willis entered Mother Frances Tuesday afternoon to have Dental Surgery Wednesday.

Sister Janie Chelf suffered a heart attack last week. She is in Medical Center.

Brother Billy Wells has entered Methodist Hospital in Houston for treatment.

#### BEST WISHES

We extend congratulations and best wishes to Miss Annie Lee Jordan and Mr. J. W. Rupard who were married recently. Their address is 1265 Fulton Ave., Sacramento, Calif. 95825.

#### HOSPITAL VISITATION

The elders who volunteered to visit the week of November 20th are Ross Walker and R. C. O'Bannon. If you need them, call them. They may not learn of your illness unless you or some one calls them.

#### BUILDING UP OUR LIBRARY

We are making plans to build up a library to meet the needs of all the members who will avail themselves of it. Sister Margaret Montgomery has been appointed Librarian. Those on the committee to buy books are: Brother Brookshire, brother Leonard Woltman, brother Glen Howard, and sister Montgomery. We already have some good books in the Library and others have arrived that have not been catalogued. We now have \$411.00 to use for buying books; this includes about a hundred dollars worth that have already arrived. We hope to build up a library that will be a great asset to our leaders, teachers and all who will use it. Why not do more reading this winter and less televising.

#### PAT BOONE'S CONFESSION

"On Sunday evening, October 2, at Inglewood Church of Christ, I confessed to my Lord and to the congregation my many faults, and asked to be restored. I have felt an increasing need to rededicate my life and service to Jesus, and to apologize to people in the Church everywhere for the occasional burden my life as a Christian entertainer may have been to you. I feel that the Lord has placed me in a unique position of opportunity and responsibility, and I want to use this position for Him: but over the past several years, I feel that I've made serious errors of judgment and have hurt the Cause of

Do you have any books that belong to the church? Some are missing and have been for a long time, maybe several years. How about looking through your books and see if you have any that belong to the church's Library.

A policy that all of us must adhere to, is that no book is to be taken from the Library without it first being checked out. There will be a time limit on each book. The Library room is well arranged for study and any one is welcome to come and study any day of the week. The room is well lighted and heated and cooled.

Next week we plan to publish a list of new books. We will do this occasionally as space permits. D.B.

Christ and my own Christian influence more than once.

I fervently want to be the Christian servant, father and husband first - and then, perhaps, the entertainer. I owe so much to my dear wife, Shirley, whose judgement has often been more clear and Christian than mine, and to many a Christian friend who has prayed and cautioned and counseled. I beseech your forgiveness and your prayers that God will guide me only into paths of righteousness, for His name's sake."

E. Note: This confession appeared in the October issue of Action.

# West Erwin Visitor

## MISSION REPORTS

We have had recent reports from Scott City and Oakley, Kansas. Brother Mike Warner sent an encouraging report of the work in Scott City. Their attendance is holding up well and they have some interested ones in attendance. They are doing some cottage meeting work too. Barbara has not been well of late, but the last report said she was getting along better. She has been confined to bed for a short time.

Brother Porter's report from Oakley was very encouraging too. The attendance and contribution shows a good gain. Several cottage meetings are in progress there and they are hopeful of some results soon from these meetings.

We, as you know, support these two men and their families in the work in Scott City and Oakley, and we should try to keep ourselves informed about their work. I felt that it would be good to start with this issue and each month hereafter, or as often as they send in reports, to keep you informed about the work they are doing. We should be interested in the Lord's work everywhere, but since we are supporting these men, we ought to be well informed about the work at each place because we are having fellowship with them.

Both of these families receive our bulletin but this hardly seems enough. As we have time, we ought to write and encourage them and let them know we are deeply interested in them and that we are praying for them. If you will send a card or note of encouragement, it will mean much to them. Here are their addresses. Mike Warner, P. O. Box 153, Scott City, Kansas 67871, and Dalton Porter, P. O. Box 8, Oakley, Kansas 67748.

## ELDERS VISITING

The elders are now visiting the hospitals regularly. This week brethren Hardin and Threadgill are visiting. Their wives too, are visiting. If you would like for the elders to visit you, or members of your family, please let them know. They do not have access to the hospital register as I do and they almost have to know who is there before they go. Our elders have offered their help, now let us use them when they are needed. If you have spiritual problems, they will gladly help you, if it is within their power. The week of November 13, is the time for brethren M. M. Haws and H. J. Holland to visit the hospitals. I will visit as I have time and in the meantime, if I can help you, please feel free to call me. D.B.

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Oct. 30 ..\$1,434.38	.....456
Year Ago..\$1,283.86	.....406

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	L. G. Drennan
Prayer.....	Roger Knight
Dismiss.....	J. D. Taylor
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and Prayer.....	Faber Cauthen
Prayer.....	Jack Beard
Dismiss.....	Ed Bullard

RESPONSES

We welcome sister John H. (Jean) Davidson into our fellowship. She formerly worshipped at New London. Sister Davidson and her husband and two small children, Kay and Kyle live at 3904 Driftwood. Their telephone is Ly 3-5566.

THANK YOU NOTE

The family of J. M. Jones acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

THE SICK

Brother Harry Knight spent a few days in Glenwood Clinic, but is now at home.

Sister Matt Thomas is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Dexter Browning is in Mother Frances and will undergo surgery today (Thursday).

Sister Bonnie Williamson and brother William Addison have been dismissed from the hospitals.

FUNERAL

Mr. J.M. Jones, father of brother Jelly Jones was buried in DeLeon, Texas last Saturday. We extend our sympathy to Jelly and his loved ones.

YOUNG PEOPLES MEETING IN COMMERCE

Brother James Greer, Bible Chair Director at Commerce, invites our young people to attend a meeting for young people, November 19 and 20. David Gatewood and Doug Tucker, students at Abilene Christian College will be the speakers. The Boles Home Chorus will sing at 2:30 on the 20th. If any plan to go, please let me know and I will furnish you with more information.  
 D.B.

WHO IS THE LOSER?

When you do not attend Bible School you are not the only loser. Those you influence, especially your children, also lose. Teachers are prepared, the best of rooms are provided and all some lack is to prepare their hearts and we will have a great increase in attendance. There is the possibility that some are shutting up the Kingdom of Heaven against others.  
 D.B.

THE 6th GRADE CLASS of Patsy Young and Louise Geskey was 100% Sunday.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER, 1966

Cash on hand October 1, 1966	\$1,475.42
Contributions for October	7,685.36
Available for Expenditures	9,160.78

Loan Payments

First Fed. Sav.	\$1,835.25
Coop. Sav. & Loan	75.00
	\$1,910.25

Benevolent and Mission

Bible Chair	100.00
Herald of Truth	50.00
Boles Home	75.00
Tipton Home	75.00
Sunny Glen Home	75.00
Mike Warner	647.50
Dalton Porter	583.50
Australian Mission	100.00
Radio Program	228.80
	\$1,934.80

Materials and Supplies

Bldg. and Grounds	275.83
Utilities	509.34
Bible School Supplies	174.71
Office Supplies	60.80
Insurance	60.00
Flowers	19.43
	\$1,100.11

Salaries	\$1,788.00
Third Quarter Withholding Tax	745.90

Total Expenditures for October	\$7,479.06
Balance on hand October 31, 1966	1,681.72
Total Funds Accounted for	9,160.78

Bldg. Fund Bal. Aug. 31, 1966	\$6,381.59
Contributions Sept. and Oct.	583.00
Total	6,964.59
Expenditures for Sept. and Oct.	5,665.48
Balance on hand Oct. 31, 1966	1,299.11

VISITORS

The following visitors signed cards last Sunday. We are always happy to have guests and invite them to return at every opportunity.

Gene Frizell, Garland, Texas; Mrs. Colena Norwood, Corsicana, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Hall, Houston, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Paden and Joy Beth, Ennis, Texas; Pamela Sue Morris Ennis, Texas; Shan Martin, Dallas, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holland and girls, Paris, Texas; Lora Copeland, Purdon, Texas; Belinda and Charisse Sudduth, Bedford, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Pettigrew, Houston, Texas; Pauline Priddy, Bedford, Texas; W. H. Bragg family, Bedford, Texas; From Tyler: Jim Wilson, Gay Lynn Pettigrew, and Rita Parker.

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 is the regular scheduled business meeting of the church. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

## IT PAYS TO GIVE

"Give and it shall be given unto you; pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

IT PAYS TO GIVE! Truly it is "more blessed to give than to receive" and the one who gives is the one much more blessed. Some are prone to make light of this, to say it is wrong, and they fail deeply to appreciate the true meaning because they lack the experience of giving. Until one has learned to give with pleasure, with cheer and with some sacrifice, he has not prepared himself to receive the "blessing."

Sacrificial giving is made up of two components: First, LOVE. To give on any other basis isn't sacrificial. Forced giving, pressure giving, or any other kind, except because of love is not sacrificial or pleasing. Second, PAIN. To give of one's surplus only is not sacrificial, but to give with some pain, to deny one's self in order to give, plays a part in sacrificial giving. Some give 25% to 35% of their income on this basis.

IT PAYS, SPIRITUALLY TO GIVE! When loving giving is accomplished there wells up within one's life a sense of deep satisfaction in having a part in God's work. IT PAYS TO GIVE to Christ's cause in a material way for Christ promises to give "full measure, pressed down" to those who give. Some say, "I can't afford to give," but the very reverse is true. We can't afford not to give for God prospers a giver. Trust the Lord and He will not fail you. Let us lay up treasures in heaven by giving more to the Lord now.

...John G. Young

## REMEMBER THE FIRST SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER

Remember next Sunday is our Sunday to make an all out effort to pay off the loan on the auditorium. We owe a balance of \$12,078.87. We are very anxious to get this loan paid off as we want to remodel our auditorium in the near future.

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL - 9:30 SUNDAY MORNING

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October 23...\$1,516.65	..... 412
A Year Ago...\$1,561.35	..... 409

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Leonard Woltman  
Prayer.....Dick Ferguson  
Dismiss.....Clarence Strait

SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Glen Howard  
Prayer.....T. F. Holland  
Dismiss.....Ed Bullard

RESPONSES  
Bill Taylor, son of brother and sister J. D. Taylor, was baptized into Christ Sunday evening. Bill is a senior in Chapel Hill school. His address is Rt. 7, Box 451C.

THANK YOU NOTES  
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
The fellowship of this church meant a great deal to our husband and father, E. E. Degge. We appreciate deeply the flowers, the food, the calls, and every act of loving concern which you showed us, and even more deeply the respect which these same acts showed him. None of us will soon forget what you did.

The family of E. E. Degge

We wish to thank all our friends for the visits, cards, gifts, and

prayers for our daughter, Shelia, during her stay in the hospital.  
Fred and Betty Strait

SINGING AT NORTHWEST  
There will be a singing at the Northwest church of Christ here in Tyler this Sunday, November 6 at 2:30. Brother Palmer Wheeler, well-known song director will be present. All are invited to attend and enjoy the singing and fellowship.

FUNERAL  
Brother E. E. Degge was stricken Saturday evening and died suddenly. His health had been poor for some time, but his going was unexpected, as he had been quite active all day Saturday. Brother Degge had preached the gospel of Christ for a number of years. Since moving to East Texas, he preached for the church in Jamestown for about four years. He preached here at West Erwin several times in my absence and taught classes when he was able. The Degges have been friends of ours since 1947. They and the Caskeys (Louise is their daughter) have made many friends in the Tyler area. We extend our sympathy to all the loved ones and pray that God may supply their needs now and forever.  
D.B.

100% ATTENDANCE  
The Sunday morning first grade class taught by sister Pauline Jones and sister Eleanor Birdwell was 100% in attendance last Sunday morning.

THE SICK  
Sister Bonnie Williamson underwent eye surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Matt Thomas is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother H. T. Grier, Sr. hopes to go home today (Thursday) from the hospital.

Brother Dexter Browning is still in Mother Frances hospital. He suffered a stroke last Friday, but is much improved.

Little Kelly Rowland, daughter of the Robert Rowlands will enter Mother Frances Hospital Monday for tests. She will be there over night.

THE MEISTERSINGERS  
The Meistersingers from Lubbock Christian College were well received and appreciated by those who heard them. Their program was as inspirational and enjoyable as any I have ever heard. Others expressed the same feeling. The boys and girls were very appreciative and complimentary of the hospitality shown them. Those of you who missed hearing them missed something that would have helped you more than words can describe. The Tuesday morning devotional was more than worth the time and effort of any to attend it. Our deepest thanks to the ones of you who kept the boys and girls.  
D.B.

BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY  
Several are buying books for the library in memory of brother Degge. If you would like to buy a book in

memory of him or any friend or loved one, we would like to hear from you. There are several books we badly need right now. Or, if you would like to buy a book or donate one, we would appreciate it.

The books that are bought in memory of others have written in them the name of the one in whose memory the book is bought and the name of the donor.  
D.B.

THE LORD'S SUPPER  
The following men will serve at the Lord's Table and the congregation the first two Sundays in November.

North side: E. V. Rushing, Roy Driggers, Cone Birdwell, Terry Woltman, Cliff Tigert. South side: K. Max Haws, U. G. Rozell, Jr., Dalton Jones, Mike Hannah, and Steve Drennan. Alternates are: Fred Powell and Steve Sublette.

Sunday evening: Howard Ellis, and Glen Warner. Alternate, Dudley Brookshire.

MEETING  
The Alpine and Glover church in Longview will be in a meeting November 7 through 13. Brother Melvin Wise will preach. Evening services will be at 7:30 each evening.

The ladies are invited to attend a special class Thursday at 9:45. The subject will be "The Christian Home." A Dutch luncheon will follow at Wyatts Cafeteria.

ALL DEACONS are reminded of their regular meeting, Tuesday 7:30 P.M.



## CHOICES WE HAVE TO MAKE

Life is filled with choices. Every responsible person has to make choices. We often hear some say they just cannot decide, but in reality they have already made a choice because they have already made up their mind not to make a decision. Often men say, "well I just cannot decide to become a Christian." They feel as if they had made no choice, but they have; they have decided not as yet to become a Christian.

Choices are important because they decide our happiness, our finances, and our destiny. We often say that we did not have the opportunity that others had and this may be true, but had you ever thought that maybe many opportunities came that were not used wisely. Some say that they never had the opportunity for a good job and this may be true because their choice was not to prepare for it. Many are where they are materially, physically (not meaning age) and spiritually because of choices. Some have chosen not to work (much), not to save, not to educate themselves, and not to serve. Many would deny this because they are not aware that their choices have made such a difference in their lives.

Many Christians choose not to be spiritual. All of us could be spiritual if we would only decide that we want to be. Men do not become spiritual not reading the Bible, not praying, not worshipping, and not serving others. Spirituality is something that is developed. It is something that has to be bought. It is bought with time, effort, and sacrifice. Anytime any Christian decides that he wants to do more and become better, all he has to do is just to put forth a greater effort. This is the snag on which many hang. They choose not to pay the price.

To hear some talk you would think that God did not want them to improve themselves, and that He is against them and is hindering them. They talk about having only one talent, some say they have only one talent, some say they have none, and since they have only one, why go to the trouble of using just one. The one talent man had the same opportunity as the two and five talent men. He made a different choice. He decided not to put his to use and they decided to put theirs to use. God gave to each what he was capable of using and He gave to each the power to choose whether or not he would use what he was given.

Those who are physically able, make choices every time edifying services are conducted by the church. Those who choose wisely become more spiritual and those who do not, slip a little farther away from God's purpose for them. Each one makes a choice of the amount of income he will give. Those who choose to give liberally enlarge their spiritual hearts and those who give little, deprive themselves of rich blessings. The opportunity is equal, but the desire is not. Each one is what he is spiritually because of the choices he has made.

D.B.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Louis J. Jones  
Prayer.....Gerald Montgomery  
Dismiss.....Wilmer Little

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Tommy Lowrance  
Prayer.....W. H. Turner  
Dismiss.....Ralph Lowrance

RESPONSES

Miss Sue Ann Ferguson, daughter of brother and sister Dick Ferguson was baptized into Christ Sunday. We are very happy to welcome Sue Ann into our fellowship.

THANK YOU NOTE

Dewey and I want to thank each one who visited me while I was in the hospital and at home. Thank you for the many cards; telephone calls, the delicious food, also the beautiful flowers the church sent to my mother's funeral. Your kind expression of sympathy was deeply appreciated. We feel it a great joy and privilege to have fellowship with such wonderful Christians. May God's richest blessings be with you always. In Christian love,  
Buck Frederick

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE SINGERS

The Lubbock Christian College Meistersinger Chorus will sing here next Monday evening at 7:30. That will be October the 31st. This chorus is made up of fifty-four voices and is directed by brother Charles E. Cox. One of our own boys, Ronnie Robbins, is a member of the chorus. The schedule is for the bus to arrive here at the building at 4:00 P.M. and the singers are to be brought back to the building by 7:00. They will need to be back here at the building the next morning by 7:00 and each would like to have a sack lunch for the noon meal.

We want to thank each one in advance for their willingness to keep the singers. Christians are supposed to show hospitality and you have shown yours in advance.

October 31 is Halloween night, but what better way could we and our children spend it than to hear some real good singing by Christian boys and girls? Let us all be present and prove to them and our visitors that we are interested in our young people and the work they are preparing themselves to do for the Lord.  
D.B.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother H. T. Grier, Sr. remains in Mother Frances. He has improved some.

Sister W. R. Riley is in Medical Center Hospital.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING- Sunday afternoon 2:30 in Rusk. All are invited.

TO SELECT MEN FOR PRAYERS

Brother G. C. (Doc) Wright has been appointed to select the men for the announcements and prayers on the Lord's Day. The men are asked to please cooperate with brother Wright and notify him if you cannot serve. It causes a great deal of anxiety for the time of the service to arrive and the ones who have been selected not show up for their part. It often causes a delay in the service because some one else has to be sought out for the job. And even then they are not prepared to do their best. Brother K. Max Haws has selected the men for announcements and prayers for about three years. We want to thank him for his time and the good job he has done.

OFF DAY

We had so many off from home last Sunday that it made it an off day for us all the way round. We were a lot below our potential or even normal. It is regrettable that some had to be out of town because of illness of loved ones. Two families that we know of, the Tommy Whites and Sam Baileys were away because of illness of their loved ones. Tommy's mother is ill in Hillsboro and Sam's father is ill in Houston. There may be other illnesses that have not been reported.

We ought to be having 500 in Bible School every Sunday and our contribution ought to never be under \$2,000.00 per week. We can have this any time we decide to put

Christ first. We will have illness from time to time, but illness is not what is keeping our attendance and contribution down. It is something that starts with an "i" but it is not illness, it is indifference. An after thought - maybe this is a spiritual illness. D.B.

MEETINGS

The Omen Road Church of Christ will have a meeting Oct. 31st-Nov. 4th. Services at 7:30 P.M. Brother Marvin A. Bryant will preach.

Brother Austin Siburt will preach in Commerce Oct. 30th through Nov. 3rd. Evening services at 7:30.

WHO IS AT FAULT?

If I prefer to sleep late rather than to arise early enough to attend Bible school?

If I prefer television on Sunday evening to worship?

If I prefer to spend the money God has entrusted to me on myself instead of giving as I am prospered?

If I hold grudges in my heart and hate when I should be praying for and seeking to do good to those that despise me?

If I do not try to win anyone to Christ? If I bury my talent? If I am not spiritual?

Who will be at fault if I hear "depart from me, ye that work iniquity?"

Really who will be at fault? Muh? Who did you say? You had better put the blame where it belongs because it will be too late after your life has ended here. D.B.

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## THOUGHTS FROM BROTHER BROOKSHIRE

We had a great day last Lord's Day. Our Bible school attendance was not as high as we had hoped, but we are happy that we had as many as we did. We had several families with illness that held our attendance down some and most of them expressed regret at not being able to be present.

Many of our friends came to the Open House in the afternoon. At least one thousand toured the plant. Some estimated more, but regardless of the number we were thrilled to have so many of our friends come to see our new building.

We are indebted to our good teachers and their helpers for preparing the building so beautifully for the occasion. Many hours of planning went into the preparation of the rooms and the work they did, in my estimation, has never been surpassed. We have one of the most dedicated teaching staffs to be found. We also have as much talent as can be found anywhere. Our teachers can do anything any others can do and many of them can do some of the most outstanding art work one will ever see anywhere. We are most fortunate to have so much talent and we appreciate each one for their good work. Each lesson is Bible filled and Christ centered. Soul saving is the aim of each teacher. We ought to pray daily for our good teachers. The West Erwin church is now blest with the proper combination for a steady, healthy growth. This church has one

of the best plants to be found and one of the most dedicated teaching staffs to be found. How can we fail? We will not as long as Christ remains the center of our affection.

Our thanks to every one who helped to make the Lord's Day the success it was. Without the help of each one, we could not have had such a great day. It would be hard, if it could be done, to find a better spirit than prevails here now. Let us work and pray to keep it this way.

Our elders are to be commended for their interest in doing their part in the hospital visitation. Two of them will visit the hospitals each week. They have worked out their own rotation and the members of the church may expect them when they are hospitalized. Of course, they will need the cooperation of the members. Those of you who enter the hospital should contact one of the elders or contact us at the church office and we will pass the news on to the elders. Our elders do want to serve us, but many times they are not called on. If you need to have a visit from one or more of them let them know that you do need them, and they will gladly come when they can arrange to do so. We must keep in mind that most of them work and they cannot drop their work and come at our convenience each time, but they want to serve as best they can and we need to help them to be able to serve us better.



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and Prayer.....	Tommy Lowrance
Prayer.....	Ralph Lowrance
Dismiss.....	Joe Willis
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and Prayer.....	Dalton Jones
Prayer.....	W. H. Turner
Dismiss.....	George Welch

THANK YOU NOTES

I deeply appreciated all who remembered me while in the hospital with cards, visits, gifts, and prayers. In Christian love,  
Mary Sims

We are grateful for your kindness and love shown to us at the time of the death of my mother.

Mrs. E. S. Cherry and family

IN THE SERVICE

Ramon Ivey left last Sunday for the Army. Ruth will be here until it is possible for her to join him.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

Sunday Morning: "The Call To Service." Sunday evening: "The Cure for Prejudice."

FUNERALS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the R. E. Frederick family. Brother Frederick's mother, Mrs. Mary Alice Frederick was buried Wednesday at Blooming Grove, Texas

Brother W. J. Inman of Palestine, and a brother-in-law to sister Ola Dunwoody was buried Thursday at 10:00 A.M. in Palestine. We extend our sympathy to the family.

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE CHORUS

The Lubbock Christian College Meistersinger Chorus will be here Monday evening, October 31, at 7:30. There will be 48 or 50 boys and girls. We will need about 25 homes for them Monday night. If you would like to keep two or more, please call the office.

TUCSON MEETING

Due to our devoting the bulletin toward the opening of our new building, nothing was said last week about the meeting in Tucson. There were two responses. Brother Ralph Russell is now preaching for the University church. He and his wife are very dedicated Christians. I believe we will be hearing good things from there in the future.

D.B.

THE SICK

Brother H. T. Grier, Sr. remains in Mother Francis Hospital.

Mrs. Moreland, mother of sister Nell Stewart would enjoy having some of the ladies visit her. The address is 1223 South College.  
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THE SICK. . Continued

Brother Kenneth Bennett has been in Winston-Salem, North Carolina for tests. He will probably be home by the time you read this.

Let us always remember the sick in our prayers.

MEETINGS

The Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville will have a gospel meeting October 23-28. James D. Medford will be preaching. Weekday services, 7:30 P.M.

The Central Church of Christ in Lufkin will be in a meeting with L. L. Gieger preaching October 24-30. Weekday services will be at 9:30 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

RECENT HERALD OF TRUTH WORKSHOP

Brother Dean Brookshire was one of the featured speakers in the Herald of Truth Workshop held at the East Burleson church in Marshall on September 14 - 15. Theme for the workshop was "Unto All The World." Speeches and panel discussions informed those in attendance at the two day affair. Several inspiring, new color Herald of Truth films were viewed. The Burleson church, with 200 members, will support Herald of Truth programs with \$6,500 in 1967. This amount was subscribed from free-will offerings and will not be taken from the local work budget. All persons participating in the workshop received spiritual impetus to greater evangelistic efforts in the coming year.

...Released from Herald of Truth

OUR PRIVILEGE: BIBLE STUDY

The apostle Peter said, "Long for the spiritual milk which is without guile, that we may grow thereby unto salvation" (I Pet. 2:2). The one who is eager to take advantage of every opportunity for studying the Bible recognizes the inseparable connection between receiving the nutriment of God's Word for the soul and the ultimate obtaining of salvation. It was the Lord who said, "Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled" (Matt. 5:6). Think of the countries in the world where the people do not have the advantages of studying the Bible. In Italy there is such a shortage of Bibles because Bible study is repressed, that the people literally beg for a copy of the New Testament. But there are people in our own midst who are not interested enough in God's word to get up one hour earlier. Get the contrast between the one who never misses Bible study and the one who doesn't come. ...Byron Fullerton

OUR LIBRARY

Now that we are in our building and settled down for what we expect to be a greater work, let us begin working on our library. If any of you have good books you would like to contribute, we would welcome them, or we will be glad to order any book for you. Let us set our goal of at least a one thousand volume library, and then use it. In the meantime, we should be using the books that we do have. D.B.

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### GO FORWARD

"And the Lord said unto Moses, wherefore criest thou unto me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." Ex. 14:15.

This language was addressed to the Israelites who were about to launch out into a new experience of crossing the Red Sea and for them, going into unexplored territory. They were where they were because they had followed God's leader, Moses. They were encouraged not to be afraid because they would see the salvation (deliverance) of the Lord. They received the promise that God would fight for them and they were told to hold their peace. To achieve their ultimate goal they had to go forward. If they had stood still the results would have been disastrous. The Lord parted the waters of the Sea and they walked across on dry ground. When their enemies tried to follow they were destroyed because it was not God's will that their enemies should go with them into the wilderness.

Things went well with the Israelites as long as they remembered the Lord's words "go forward," but when their faith weakened and they stood in doubt they encountered serious trouble. Their dissatisfaction with conditions caused them to murmur, complain and wish for the departed land of servitude. Their wish was not granted and they suffered for their complainings. Their sufferings were of the very worst kind, they fell in the wilderness and never reached the land of promise. They had dull ears, stubborn wills and evil hearts of unbelief. How different it would have been if they had always remembered the words of God through Moses "go forward."

The West Erwin church has gone forward, we have crossed the sea of an outmoded building, into facilities that enable us to better teach and glorify the great name of the true God. We have not moved into the wilderness of satisfaction thinking that we have completed our journey. We have only begun and we have confidence that God will bless our efforts as long as we trust in Him and follow the leadership of our Deliverer, Jesus the Christ. We have the sad example of those of old who displeased the Lord and we must profit by their mistake.

The purpose of our new educational building is not to plant seeds of unbelief, murmurings and dissatisfaction, but just to the contrary. We have not erected a building to satisfy our ego, but to mold lives into the image of our blessed Lord who has promised to us a land of rest. God has much more in store for us now than he had for those who left Egypt in the long ago. In view of this, we must not, and shall not with God's help, stand still, long for the past, or become self satisfied. We are determined to utilize our building only to the glory of God. Just because we have moved in, we do not plan to sit down. We are going forward. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good." D.B.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
Prayer. . . . . Ross Walker  
Prayer. . . . . R. C. O'Bannon  
Dismiss . . . . . Faber Cauthen

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer. . . . . Bob Threadgill  
Prayer. . . . . M. M. Haws  
Dismiss. . . . . T. F. Holland

THANK YOU NOTE

The family of Alice Kennedy acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

600 IN BIBLE SCHOOL!

MEN SERVING IN OCTOBER

Men selected to serve the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in October are: W. R. Womack, Walls T. Witt, Pete Wallace, J. M. Whitworth, Roger Young, Tommy Lowrance, Joe Willis, Jamon Kirby, Wilmer Little, Billy Chandler. Alternates are Fred Strait and Chuck Cauthen.

Sunday evenings: H. McCarty, and Henry McRuiz. Alternate, Virgil Robbins.

600 IN BIBLE SCHOOL!

THE SICK

Sister W. D. Drummond is in Medical Center Hospital suffering from a back ailment. She is in traction. Brother H. T. Grier, Sr. is very ill after suffering a stroke. He is in Mother Frances Hospital.

OUR SYMPATHY

Sister E. S. Cherry's mother, Mrs. W. F. Kelly passed away Tuesday. Her funeral was held in Houston. We express our sincere sympathy to the Cherry family.

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

The members here are requested to use the parking lots East of the alley between Elm and Erwin. Let's fill these lots and save the others for our visitors. Those who can conveniently do so are requested to sit near the front. This applies to all three services Sunday. Come immediately from Bible class to the auditorium.

OUR GUESTS

Last Sunday the following visitors signed cards. We are always happy to have visitors and cordially invite you to return and worship with us at every opportunity.

Lewis Hogue, Houston, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. I. L. George, Muskogee, Oklahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Thomas and family, Longview, Texas; Mrs. Bill Frady, Fort Worth, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gunter, Baytown, Texas; Mrs. Bob R. Morgan, Larose, La.; Mrs. Sue Vora, Tyler, Texas.

*This is the Sunday!*

- . . . Of the Formal Opening of our new Educational Building.
- . . . We are looking for 600 in Bible School.
- . . . Brother John Stevens will speak three times.  
10:20 Sunday Morning  
2:30 Sunday Afternoon  
6:00 Sunday Evening
- . . . We are expecting at least one thousand of our friends to visit us.
- . . . We are expecting to be the greatest day attendancewise in the history of this church.

IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WE NEED *YOU!*

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## THE DEPARTED

I saw a cartoon the other day that depicted a preacher preaching to a mere handful of members scattered throughout the auditorium. He began his lesson by saying, "Today I want to speak concerning our departed... Some have departed to the lake, others to the golf course, others to visit, etc.,etc...."

Being a preacher for several years, I have felt the same way and at times acted the same way till I learned that it did no good to speak to the "departed" who were not present. Some good can come from admonishing the faithful not to depart, but rebuking the present because of the absent is unfair to those who have come to worship and hear something of real need to them.

In Heb. 10:24-25, the writer says to, "consider one another to provoke unto love and good works." He continues by saying in verse 25, the latter part, "but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." The writer is saying here that the provoking unto love and good works and exhorting should be done before the assembly is held. To wait until the assembly is held is to waste time on the "departed" because they are not present.

This simply means that Christians must be personal workers, which does not always mean knocking on doors, week-days as well as on Sunday. Many times through the week we see those who have become unfaithful and it is our obligation to encourage them to become faithful and even rebuke or shame them when it is in order. This includes not only the preacher and elders, certainly they have an obligation to discharge, but so do all Christians. See Gal. 6:1-2 and James 5:19-20. If you are spiritual you are taught to restore one who has been overtaken in a fault. Gal. 6:1 does not mean just to mention it to some one else and tell him how much you regret it, but the Lord says, "restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

It is necessary for some to be away from home occasionally and this article is not directed to them. It is true that some are gone so much that they are almost useless so far as work and dependability are concerned. These are in the minority for which we are thankful. We have many who feel an obligation to the Lord and His church and they regret it when they are unavoidably hindered. There are some things all of us will have to depart from if we expect to be eternally saved. They are:

1. Psa. 34:14, "Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace and pursue it."
2. II Tim. 2:19, "Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity."

Then there some things we cannot depart from if (continued inside )



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#### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....M. B. Beard  
Prayer.....Walls T. Witt  
Dismiss.....W. O. Rushing

SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Glen Warner  
Prayer.....Jack Beard  
Dismiss ..... Layton Bailey

#### RESPONSES

Sister Arthur (Ann) Layton came Sunday morning to be restored. We are very happy to welcome sister Layton back into our fellowship. Her address is 512 So. Fenton.

Mrs. Layton (Happy) Bailey was baptized into Christ Sunday evening. We rejoice with Happy and her family. Their address is 1136 East Lake.

#### THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to express my appreciation to each of you for the many kind deeds shown to my aunt, Miss Edna Golden, not only during her illness and death, but also during the many years that she was a member of this fine congregation.

Mrs. Dorothy Hulsey

Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any words of thanks can ever express.  
The E. S. Cherry Family

#### ZONE MEETING

Zone 5 had a very fine meeting Monday night with 36 attending. A lot of good comes from this Christian fellowship.

It has come to the elders attention that all zones are not having their regular meetings. We know of no better way, other than the regular worship service, for Christians to get together several times a year and have a nice meal and discuss the work of the church and just plain visit with each other. We want to encourage all zones to restore their meetings at least every two months. If every one puts their heart in it, we think a lot of good will continue to come from these meetings. ...The Elders

#### FUNERAL

Sister Martha Alice Kennedy, 510 Lindsey Lane, passed away last Thursday afternoon. Funeral services were held for her Saturday afternoon in Lindale. We extend our sympathy to each member of the family.

#### WORSHIPPING IN CHANDLER

Randall and Judy (Venable) Grogan have placed membership with the congregation in Chandler. He will be leading the singing for the congregation there.

#### THE SICK

Brother Frederick underwent eye surgery Monday. He is in Medical Center hospital.

Brother Bill Shuford is in the Glenwood Clinic.

Sister Floyia Payne went home Wednesday from the hospital.

Sister Sims hopes to go home on Thursday.

Shelia Strait is still in Medical Center hospital.

#### HIGH SCHOOL DAY

Abilene Christian College High School Day will be Saturday, October 22. There will be activities from 8:30 A.M. until 7:30 P.M. A letter explaining the activities is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

#### SERVICES SUNDAY

Brother E. V. Rushing will preach here Sunday morning and brother Leonard Woltman will preach Sunday evening. Brother Brookshire will return from Tucson Monday.

#### MEETING IN KILGORE

The Houston and Broadway church in Kilgore will conduct a meeting October 9 - 14. Brother Robert K. Oglesby will preach. You are cordially invited to attend each evening at 7:30.

#### AREA-WIDE MEETING

Sunday afternoon, 2:30 in Van there will be an area-wide young peoples meeting. All are invited.



ART AND SCIENCE OF GOOD BIBLE TEACHING will be brother John Stevens sermon subject October 16th at the 2:30 Open House Service.

THE DEPARTED. . .(continued). we hope to be eternally saved. They are:

1. Heb. 3:12, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God."

2. I Tim. 4:1, "Some shall depart from the faith."

If we do not depart from sin, or if we do and later depart from the faith, we shall hear the Lord say, "Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt. 25:41.

D.B.

#### 100% BIBLE CLASSES

Classes with 100% in attendance last Sunday were: 5 year old class, teachers: Mrs. Mary Drummond and Mary June Grier. 2nd grade class, teachers: Mrs. Margaret Montgomery and Mrs. Mary E. Grier. 5th grade, teachers: Mrs. Lamern Bailey and Mrs. Maurine Brookshire.



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### WEDNESDAY

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

### EVANGELISTS

Dean Brookshire - Mike Warner (Scott City, Kan.)

## AUDITORIUM CLASS

Brother M. B. Beard has agreed to teach the auditorium class for the next two or three Sundays. He is a good teacher and we want to encourage all of our adults who normally attend to be present as well as others who have not been attending. We would like to have all the adults to attend one of the classes arranged for them. We have several and you can find one that you will profit much by attending. Brother Howard Holland, who has been teaching the auditorium class, will be visiting different classes for a while.

There are three things that every great church has; they are: a good teaching program, a good missionary program and a good (liberal) benevolent program. It should be added that such a program is built upon unity and motivated by love. D.B.

## THANKS TO THOSE WHO PREACHED

My special thanks to brethren E. E. Degge and Leonard Woltman for the good lessons during my absence. It is good to have men who are able and willing to preach when they are needed. Many have expressed their appreciation for the lessons they heard from these men. I am grateful to Dean Bailey and Dudley Brookshire for their lessons on Wednesday evening, as well as the other young men who participated in the service. We have much talent here and we are thankful to God for each one who does what he can to further the Lord's work. D.B.

## PROMOTION DAY

Sunday is promotion day in our Bible classes. The Toddlers through the 6th grades will go to their regular rooms and will be immediately shown to their new rooms. It is very important that all be on time as this will cut down on confusion. Due to the size of some classes some room changes had to be made. Brother Cauthen's class will now meet in room 215. The college class will now meet in room 214. Those who have been promoted to the 11th grade will now meet in the room just off the foyer.

Classes and teachers will be posted on all three bulletin boards. Please check them if you are in doubt. There will be men on both floors to assist you to your room, if you need such help.

## TO TUCSON

Brother Brookshire will leave Sunday evening for Tucson, Arizona for a meeting beginning Monday to continue through the 9th. He will be home the evening of the 10th. Brother B. E. Bawcom will speak on the radio while brother Brookshire is away. Please pray for the meeting.

## MEETING AT BULLARD

October 2 - 6, brother Frank Cox will preach at the Bullard Church of Christ. Thursday night has been designated as West Erwin night. All are invited and urged to attend. Evening services are at 7:30.



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September 25...470	...\$1,515.15
September 18...453	...\$1,309.77
A Year Ago....410	...\$1,338.28

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Louis J. Jones  
 Prayer.....E. E. Degge  
 Dismiss.....Bill Shuford  
 SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Roger Knight  
 Prayer.....O. C. Becker  
 Dismiss.....Phillip Browning

RESPONSES

Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Massey came Sunday evening to be restored and to place membership. We are very happy to welcome Melvin and Judy. Their address is 126 Mobile, their phone is Ly 2-7425. Melvin is a veterinarian. His clinic is located on the Jacksonville Hwy. Judy is a homemaker. They have one little boy, Matt.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for your cards, visits, and food. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

The Billy Martins

Thank you for the visits, cards, and flowers during my recent stay in the hospital.

Mrs. E. L. Taylor

THE SICK

Sister Sims is in the Glenwood Clinic. She is recovering nicely from knee surgery.

Sister Earnesene Shuford is in the Glenwood Clinic.

Shelia Strait, daughter of brother and sister Fred Strait had surgery Tuesday. She will be in the hospital for about two weeks.

FUNERALS

Brother E. S. Cherry's mother passed away last week. Graveside services were held for her Saturday at Hester Cemetary near Alto, Texas.

Sister Edna Golden passed away in a nursing home in Waco last Friday afternoon. Funeral services were held for her Sunday afternoon in Hillsboro, Texas.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of each.

YOUNG PEOPLES MEETING

There will be a meeting for young people (and older ones too) at the Mobberly Ave. church in Longview Sunday from 2:30 - 3:30. Brother Robert Bankes of Ft. Worth will be the speaker. Brother Douglas Rohre is the preacher for Mobberly Ave. and he invites all young people to be present for the meeting.

ZONE 5 MEETING

Zone 5 will have a covered dish supper Monday evening, October 3 at 7:00 in the Smith Memorial Building. All members of this zone are urged to attend. Roger Knight and R. H. Davis are the leaders.

THE IMPORTANT DATE

October is "The Date" for every member of this church to get ready for. This is the official date of the opening of our new educational building. We want to encourage every member here to make plans to stay home on that date and be in Bible school and bring all the friends we possibly can. Our goal on October 16th is to have 600 in Bible school. This congregation has never had that many yet. It is possible for us to have 700 if we work a little harder. We solicit your prayers and co-operation.

There will be three services on

MEN TO SERVE IN OCTOBER

The following men have been asked to serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in October.

Ross Walker, Willie Shuford, W. S. Little, Tom Keith, Richard McCarley, H. J. Holland, Aubrey Payne, C. H. Strait, Richard Wallace, and Grant Rozell. Alternates: Skipper Womack and Ed Haul. Sunday evening: Ken Willis and L. G. Drennan. Alternate is R. M. Mayo.

October 16th. Our regular morning and evening services plus one at 2:30, after which our friends will be given a tour of our new plant.

Brother John Stevens, assistant to the president of Abilene Christian College will speak at all three services. Brother Stevens is a good speaker and you will enjoy hearing him. He has been a special friend of many here for a long time and he will do us much good. He is the type of man you would like for your friends to hear. Remember the date is October 16th. D.B.

CLOVIS MEETING

We enjoyed a good meeting with the 16th and Pile church in Clovis this past week. There were eleven responses. Brother Robert H. Hawkins has been preaching there for six years and the church has enjoyed a phenominal growth. The church there carries on a great program of work. The Lord willing, we shall be with them in another meeting in 1971.

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 \* ELDERS DEACONS TEACHERS \*  
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 \* There will be an important meeting this Sunday afternoon at 3:00 per-  
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 \* taining to our Bible School work and the official opening of our new  
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 \* educational building. Please make every possible effort to be pres-  
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 \* ent. This meeting is a must if we have a successful day October 16.  
 \* \*\*\*\*\* D.B. \*\*\*\*\*

DO YOU BELONG?

A gospel preacher was asked if John and Jane Doe belonged to the church were he preached. He replied, "No, they do not belong to the church here. They are members, but they do not belong to it."

"It's like this," the preacher explained, "Neither their time, their affection, their energy, their money, nor their influence, belongs to the church."

Well, we wonder what kind of membership these people have in the church. The preacher told us. "They came to us and we received them in good faith, thinking they were seeking spiritual fellowship and service, but their attendance has been so infrequent they have no sense of belonging to the church-family, and the church has not been a spiritual home to them. They never refer to the church, its elders, and its work as our beloved brethren, our faithful elders, our work, but it is always 'those church members,' 'those elders,' and 'what are they doing over there.' THE IDEA OF SERVING HAS NEVER ENTERED THEIR MINDS, and in the highest sense, they have never entered the church. Actually there is not an ounce of John and Jane Doe that truly belongs to the church. All they have ever added is their name on the roll"

Tragic truth! Yes! The rolls of local churches are loaded with names that are "members only." This is their only indication of love for Christ. But Bible love is ACTIVE and not PASSIVE! Christ expressed His love by dying for us. Will we manifest our love by living for Him? Begin again by attending classes, Sunday morning and evening worship, and continue to attend every service, that you may be inspired to really belong to Christ and His church.

... Selected

"I'D RATHER FIGHT THAN SWITCH!"

If you are a TV viewer of any sort you probably have seen the humorous commercial in which an attractive young lady with an "Ipana" smile and one shiner leisurely drages on a fag, enjoys the flavor to the fullest, and with a suggestive wink tells the eager male viewers that she had rather fight than switch cigarette brands. Something is then said about being "aggressively loyal."

This reminds me of a sentiment that is widespread in religious circles. There are some folks who are so wrapped up in the errors of denominationalism that they had rather fight than switch churches, literally. Or, maybe, even be lost in torment forever and ever. One or two have said as much to me. They didn't have black eyes but I might have, had I pressed them further!

It is tragic when brethren in Christ are so involved in sinful practices that they had rather fight than give these up (continued inside)

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A Year Ago.....\$1,079.99	...443

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Russell O'Bannon  
Prayer.....Henry Holland  
Dismiss.....Tommy Lowrance

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
Prayer.....Sustin Giesecke  
Dismiss.....Larry Caskey

#### RESPONSES

Sister E. L. Taylor asked for the prayers of the church.

#### THANK YOU NOTES

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

The Family of J. W. Slaughter, Jr. I appreciate so much the visits, cards, and remembrances of me during my recent stay in the hospital.  
Miss Bonnie Williamson

#### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class now meets at 9:45. Sister Brookshire is the teacher. All ladies of the church are urged to attend. A class is provided for children.

REMEMBER OCTOBER 15

#### THE SICK

Sister Mary Sims is in the Glenwood clinic. She underwent surgery on her knee Tuesday morning.

Sister E. L. Taylor is in the Glenwood Clinic.

Sister Minnie Stegall is in Mother Frances Hospital.

#### FOR TEACHERS

Remember promotion of all classes through High School is Sunday, October 2. Due to the size of the classes, there may have to be some new assignments of rooms. You have worked hard and co-operated so wonderfully well and those of us who work with you appreciate your work very much. We are thankful for your devotion to the Lord and this church is largely what it is because of you. D.B.

#### PANTRY ITEMS

Our pantry is now depleted. Two Jr. High girls have volunteered to store the food and keep a record of it. Bring canned or non-perishable food.

I'D RATHER FIGHT. . . (continued)  
I have seen them get their "dander" all stirred up when questioned about their sins because they had no desire to turn from them. There is none quite so enslaved as the servant of sin!

Brethren, we all need to be more "aggressively loyal" in the work of the Master, more dedicated to His Cause, more determined that we will give neither Him nor the church a black eye. . . . L. D. Fluitt

#### ADULTS IN BIBLE STUDY

Do adult (in age) Christians need to be regular in Bible Classes? The devil really gained a great advantage when he led religious folks to swallow the lie that children ought to be sent to Bible school. I'm not denying that children ought to have much Bible teaching; it's the idea that it does not matter too much whether the grownups go to Bible classes or not that is so destructive. In most churches of our Lord the most pitiable section of our spiritual development is the indifference of so many adults to the Bible study program. They are against Bible classes; they just feel it immaterial whether they attend regularly, study their lesson, or take an active part. Brethren (adults), this ought not to be. It would be just as sensible to say it does not matter whether adults eat regularly and plentifully if they are to continue doing hard work. Only the idle, sickly adult feels no need for regular nourishing meals. The same is true in the Lord's kingdom. I challenge you to find a hard working adult in the church who looks with indifference on Bible study, in classes or out. They know they must have it to continue to have spiritual strength for their tasks ahead. If you don't seem to be able to do much for the Lord, the chances are you are in great need of a regular, rich diet of God's Word. Did you ever stop to consider that most of the gospel is directed to the mature in age; only now and then does it speak to children or even young folks directly. I say this with sadness, but we have far too many adults who are indifferent about Bible study, even on Lord's day morning. Won't you consider these truths seriously and determine as an adult to insure health and strength so you can do much work for the Master?  
... Wilbur C. Hill

#### IN COLLEGE

The following young people of West Erwin have recently entered college. If you know of some one in college not listed below, please let us know.

#### ABILENE CHRISTIAN

Linda Byrd  
James Teel  
Ronnie Lowrance  
Raymond Hardin  
(graduate work)

#### HARDING CHRISTIAN

June Parris  
Tommy Woltman

#### LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN

Tommy Parsons  
Ronny Robbins

#### EAST TEXAS UNIVERSITY

Herbert Brookshire  
David Drennan

#### UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Buddy Holland  
Jerry Rhodes

#### SHREVEPORT BUSINESS

SCHOOL Linda Caudle

#### TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE

Pam Wallace  
Tommy Keith  
Steve Sublette  
James Sublette  
Leon and Sandra Brewer  
Jane Ann Tuel  
Dudley Brookshire  
Linda Majors  
Mary June Grier  
Sherry Lemons  
Lloyd Turner  
Randall Grogan

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## WORKERS TOGETHER

"We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain." II Cor. 6:1.

Salvation came to mankind through men who worked together with God. The apostles, who were Christ's ambassadors, preached the gospel of Christ faithfully and their hearers were exhorted not to receive the grace of God in vain. If they regarded the preaching of the apostles lightly and passed it by heedlessly, they received God's grace in vain because it did not accomplish its intended purpose. For any institution, whether it be a home, business, or the Lord's church, to be successful it must be organized or have co-laborers. Each must be faithful to his appointed duties.

Jesus planned years in advance for the establishment of His church. He selected and equipped twelve apostles and sent them out to tell others about the approaching kingdom (the church) before it was established. He selected seventy others and equipped them for the work of readying people for his kingdom. They were all workers together for God.

When the church was established, the apostles soon set the church in order by ordaining elders in every city, and these likewise were workers together with God. The work of the Lord's church has always been a joint effort. The assignments were according to the abili-

ties of the workers. All did not do the same work, but all worked together to the same end of saving souls.

It is the Lord's will that every member be a worker. None were saved from their sins just to be spectators or visitors. Christians are not ornaments they are workers.

In most congregations the greater portion of the members have no earthly idea of how much planning and work goes into the program of work being done. Some come to worship in a building that is ready at all times for use. The ones who attend Bible classes walk in and sit down with no idea of either the time or money spent to have the room prepared and neither are they conscious of the time the teacher has spent in preparing for the lesson. All of this is not done by any one, but by many. It takes much time, effort and money to carry on the Lord's work. The next time you come to worship or attend a class, pause a moment and think of the planning and cost of having such services. Then while you are thinking, another thing to think about is just how much of your time and money helped make this possible.

Few of us ever think of the time and effort spent in selecting men to serve the Lord's Supper to the congregation. Letters are written each week, telephone calls are made and person to person contacts are made after we gather for worship.

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September 11	.....424
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Total.....\$2,262.24	
September 4.....\$1,397.21	.....456
A Year Ago.....\$1,480.41	.....480

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....H. McCarty  
 Prayer.....Virgil Robbins  
 Dismiss.....O. C. Becker

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Fred Powell  
 Prayer.....Jamon Kirby  
 Dismiss.....Herbert Brookshire

RESPONSES

Miss Jan Whitus was baptized into Christ last Sunday evening. She is a student at Tyler Junior College. Jan lives on the Frankston Highway, her telephone number is Ly 2-0718. We are happy to welcome Jan into our fellowship.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much for the visits, cards, and gifts during my stay in the hospital.  
 Chuck Cauthen

LISTEN EACH WEEKDAY  
 RADIO - KTBB 12:30 NOON

OFFICIAL OPENING DATE

The official opening date of our new educational building has been set for October 16th. Brother John Stevens of Abilene Christian College has been invited to preach for us on that day. There will be an afternoon service at 2:30 at which time brother Stevens will speak, after which we will conduct tours through the building. Be inviting and telling your friends about October 16th. We are going to have 600 in Bible School on that day with your co-operation. Mark this date on your calendar and every one make every possible effort to be home on the 16th.

E. V. RUSHINGS

Brother and sister E. V. Rushing will be coming home around the first of October. This will complete their year in Horseheads, New York. They have been a great help to the church there and will be greatly missed. We pray for their safe return to us and welcome them home.

MEN TO SERVE IN SEPTEMBER

Men selected to serve the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in September are as follows:

North Side: Harold Browning, Ken Bennett, Jack Bennett, Carl Bell, and John Lane. South side: Harley Turner, T. J. Parsons, Joe Willis, Dick Ferguson, and Dudley Brookshire. Alternates are: Cone Birdwell and Ike Gaiser.

Sunday evening: Ed Bullard and John D. Brem. Alternate, Jack Beard.

CLOVIS AND TUCSON MEETINGS

Brother Brookshire will be engaged in a meeting in Clovis, New Mexico with the Sixteenth and Pile church, September 19-25. He will be with the University church in Tucson, Arizona, October 3-9. Sister Brookshire will accompany him on these meetings. Your prayers in behalf of these two meetings will be deeply appreciated.

GLENWOOD MEETING

Brother Ira North of Madison, Tenn. will be at the Glenwood church September 19th and 20th at 7:30 P.M. There will be two services each evening. Tuesday morning brother North will speak to the ladies of this area on the subject, "If I Were A Woman."

THE SICK

Sister Mary Sims is in the Glenwood Clinic suffering from a knee injury.

Sister Billy Martin had surgery since the last bulletin. She was in Medical Center hospital, but is home now recuperating nicely.

BEST WISHES

We extend best wishes to Miss Linda Haynes and James Teel who were married September 10 in the Chapel. They will make their home in Abilene. James is a student in Abilene Christian College. Linda will enroll at mid-term.

FOY E. WALLACE, JR.

An appreciation dinner will be held for brother Foy E. Wallace, Jr. on his 70th birthday in the gymnasium of Fort Worth Christian college, September 30 at 7:30 P.M. Brethren Benson, Lemmons, Brownlow, and Banister will speak. Brother Wallace is so well known in this area some might like to go, if so write Noble Patterson, 2709 Race Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76111. The tickets are \$1.75 each.

SCOTT CITY AND OAKLEY, KANSAS

Encouraging reports have come from brother Warner in Scott City and brother Porter in Oakley. We are happy to have fellowship in the work at both places. From all reports, both men are working hard and both congregations are progressing.

MOVED

Buddy and Janet Holland are now living in Austin where Buddy is enrolled in the University. They will be missed here.

WORKERS. . . continued

Operating a Bible school for four or five hundred is a big operation and it is costly. The more of us that work and contribute, the easier and better the work is done. We are workers together with each other, but we are also working with and for God, D.B.

REMEMBER OUR OPEN HOUSE - OCTOBER 16, 1966

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## DEPENDABILITY

So many of us are so changeable and vacillating today that the word dependability hardly makes a dent on our heart. We find so much restlessness and dissatisfaction characterizing so many till it is almost impossible to find a dependable person when it comes to the work of the Lord. A promise to do a thing does not mean that it will be done. There is a mental reservation that it will be done provided that nothing comes along that we had rather do.

Undependableness is not found in religion alone, but it is in practically every walk of life. One's word today does not mean that it will be kept. When a promise is made, we only hope the promisor will keep it.

In the business world employers are finding it harder and harder to find stable, dependable employees. Employees are finding it harder to find employers who will keep their word. When the hand of either is called, he replies, "well you just misunderstood me, I meant something else." Under his breath he knows he is lying and that he did not intend to keep his word if he could get around it.

This is a sad state of affairs, when we cannot depend upon each other, but it is sadder still when Christians cannot be depended upon to keep their word with either God or man. Many have walked down the aisle with the promise in their hearts that if the Lord would for-

give their sins, through the blood of Christ, that they would be faithful to the very end. Since that time they have almost or altogether forsaken the Lord. If the work of the Lord depended on them, there would be little, if any, done. If the Bible school work depended on them, there would never be another Bible class. If all did as they do, seldom if ever, would the Lord's Supper be observed. There would seldom be a Sunday evening or Wednesday evening service. If each Christian was as undependable as they, there would not be enough money given to buy song books. Was this what they promised the Lord when they were forgiven? Was this what they had in mind when they requested to be baptized into Christ? Surely not, because no faithful preacher or Bible class teacher ever taught such a thing.

Some people are impetuous and emotional. But this can be overcome if one will study God's Word and examine his life in the light of it, while at the same time he is seeking to do better. If his ultimate goal is to become stable or dependable, he can do so by becoming rooted and grounded in the truth. Arguing the loudest that we have the truth is not the best way to impress our friends. Undependability speaks louder than our claims. The best argument that any Christian can make is a good faithful demonstration of the life and teaching of Jesus, our pattern. D.B.



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Howard Holland  
 Prayer.....Ken Willis  
 Dismiss.....Ted Snipes

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Fred Powell  
 Prayer.....Jamon Kirby  
 Dismiss.....Royce Caskey

RESPONSES

Requesting Prayers:

Steve Drennan and Debbie Little came Sunday requesting the prayers of the church.

Membership:

Sister Virginia Key, Rt. 9, Box 345, Telephone TR-7-3773. Sister Key's husband teaches at Winona. We welcome Virginia back home.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all who visited us, prayed for us, sent cards, food and helped us in any way during our recent stay in the hospital. We appreciate everything that was done for us. Our Christian friends meant much to us during our illness.

Brother and Sister E. S. Cherry

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

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies Bible Class will resume next Wednesday, the 14th, at 10:00 A.M. Sister Maurine Brookshire will be the teacher. All ladies are urged to attend. If you drive, call some one who might not come if transportation is not furnished. This class could easily start off with one hundred in attendance, and it is hoped that this is only the starting number. The class will meet in the Chapel.

DOUBLE EXODUS

We experienced a "double exodus" last Lord's Day. We had an exodus in and out of Tyler last Lord's Day. Attendancewise we had one of our best holiday week-ends due to the fact that so many of our visitors came to Bible Study. We are growing here in this area. Some stay home with their company, but most of us are bringing our visitors with us. This is commendable. We hope those who left town were in Bible school too. We were down in contribution, but most, if not all, will make it up this Lord's Day. Thanks in advance to those of you who will.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S MEETING

There will be an area-wide young people's meeting in Van the 11th, at 2:30 P.M. All of our young people are invited to attend.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Brother Jim Willis is in Glenwood Clinic for a few days.

HERALD OF TRUTH  
 WORKSHOP

The Burluson Street Church in Marshall is having a Herald of Truth Workshop September 14th and 15th. The first service will be at 7:30 the 14th. Thursday will be spent in discussions, panels and prayer. If any can go and spend Thursday, it would be a profitable day. Brother Brookshire will speak at 5:30 Thursday.

BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a business meeting Sunday afternoon. All men of the church are invited to attend. The time is 3:00 P.M. All deacons are asked to meet at 2:45.

ATTENDANCE

WEDNESDAY EVENING, 306

To forgive is Divine.  
 To forget takes restraint.  
 To forget you forgave  
 Is the mark of a saint.

NEW CLASS-Sister Modena Jones will begin a class for Ladies Wednesday evening.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST, 1966

Cash on hand August 1, 1966	\$ 797.32
Contributions for August	5,913.54
Available for Expenditures	<u>\$6,710.86</u>

Loan Payments

First Fed. Sav. & Loan	711.75	
Coop. Sav. & Loan	75.00	786.75

Benevolent and Mission

Bible Chair	100.00	
Herald of Truth	50.00	
Boles Home	75.00	
Sunny Glen Home	75.00	
Tipton Home	75.00	
Radio Program	222.40	
Mike Warner	534.00	
Dalton Porter	466.80	
E. V. Rushing	155.00	
August Meeting	350.42	2,103.62

Materials and Supplies

Bldg. and Grounds	337.58	
Utilities	470.69	
Bible school supplies	302.85	
Office Supplies	176.22	
Insurance	60.00	
flowers	16.05	
Postage	40.00	1,403.39

Salaries

Total Expenditures	\$5,484.66
Balance on hand August 31, 1966	1,226.20
Total funds accounted for	<u>\$6,710.86</u>

Bldg. Fund Bal. 8/1/66	\$6,883.51
August Contributions	1,000.00
	<u>7,883.51</u>

First Fed. Sav. and Loan	1,501.92
Balance August 31, 1966	<u>6,381.59</u>



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## SUNDAY

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Evening Classes .....	5:00 P. M.	Evening Worship .....	6:00 P. M.

## WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class .....	10:00 A. M.	Bible Classes .....	7:30 P. M.
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## DOING GOOD

There are many ways in which one may imitate some of the great qualities of Christ, such as being pure, worshipful, and prayerful. But one of the things that he did is often overlooked by many and it is that he helped others. It was said of him that he went about doing good. Being holy and worshipful is only partial imitation of Christ. If we would be wholly like him, we must imitate every example he left for us.

Many of us cannot preach, teach publicly in a class, direct the congregational singing, serve as a bishop, or deacon, but we all do have something in common, we can do good to others. This is as much of Christianity as any other thing we might be able to do. To me, this proves the great value of doing good, because he planned it so that all of us can do this one thing.

Paul taught the Galatians, as we have the opportunity let us do good to all men especially unto them who are of the household of faith. James said that pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

There are some who think the whole of pure and undefiled religion is just to keep themselves unspotted from the world. But, if that is all one ever did, who would provide for the needs of the un-

fortunate? John said that when we see a brother in need and shut up our heart of compassion against him, how dwelleth the love of Christ in us?

The example of the Samaritan in Luke's record shows that we are to do good whether we know the person or not when such an opportunity presents itself. Jesus told the lawyer that the Samaritan proved to be his neighbor, he commended him and told the lawyer to go, and do thou likewise. Christians must divide their worldly goods with others, but there are other things that must be divided too.

We are taught in Galatians 1, that when one is overtaken in a fault to restore him. That is a good work too. James says if one errs from the truth and is converted that the one who converts the sinner from the error of his way has saved a soul from death and has hidden a multitude of sins. There is no doubt but what restoring a fallen brother is a greater work than dividing our worldly goods with him. And too, the fallen brethren are about as common as the destitute in this world's goods. None of us would have to look very far to find an erring brother. Why not do good by trying to restore him to his first love? Then there are some discouraged and down-hearted ones among us, why not do good to them by encouraging them, by showing Christian love to them.

D.B.

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BIBLE SCHOOL	CONTRIBUTION
August 28,....442	...\$1,402.81
August 21,....450	...\$1,632.48
Year Ago,....452	...\$1,371.26

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Glen Howard  
Prayer.....Ken Willis  
Dismiss.....Ted Snipes

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Cone Birdwell  
Prayer.....Joe Willis  
Dismiss.....Tommy Parsons

REQUESTING PRAYERS

Royce Caskey came Sunday request-  
ing prayers of the church.

THANK YOU NOTE

We would like to express our sin-  
cere appreciation for all that was  
done for us during our stay at West  
Erwin. We thank each and every one  
for the gifts, words of encourage-  
ment and the thoughtful prayers.  
Our address is 1404 Bond St. Houma,  
La. We would enjoy hearing from  
all. May God richly bless you all.  
Ronnie and Joanne Stegall

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Bonnie Williamson, sister  
E. S. Cherry, and Chuck Cauthen,  
are all in Mother Frances Hospital.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men selected to serve the Lord's  
Table and the congregation the  
first two Sundays in September are  
as follows: North side: Russell  
O'Bannon, B.J. Martin, David Hannah,  
Layton Bailey, Gary Weaver, South  
side: Leonard Woltman, George  
Welch, A. Z. Aven, Ramon Ivey, and  
Dean Bailey. Alternates are W. O.  
Rushing and Pete Nichols.

Sunday Evening: Joe McBee, and  
M. B. Beard. Alternate: Bruce Raley.

BEST WISHES

Miss Judy Gail Venable and Randall  
Grogan were married Saturday even-  
ing. They will make their home in  
Tyler.

Miss Betty Suzanne Fouts and  
Franklin T. Shaffer were married  
Saturday in Lancaster, Texas. They  
will make their home in Nacogdoches  
and attend Stephen F. Austin.

We extend best wishes to each  
couple for a long and happy life  
together.

OMEN ROAD MEETING

The meeting at the Omen Road  
Church will continue through Sunday.  
Brother O. J. Russell will be  
the speaker Friday and Saturday  
evenings at the Omen Road building.

MEETING IN HENDERSON

The South Main Church of Christ  
in Henderson will conduct a Gospel  
Meeting September 5 - 11. Services  
will be at 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.  
Brother C. E. McGaughey will preach.

FUNERAL

We express our sympathy to brother  
M. A. Slaughter and family. Brother  
Slaughter's brother, J.W. Slaughter,  
passed away Wednesday. Funeral  
services will be Friday in Dallas.

LABOR DAY ENCAMPMENT

There will be a "Labor Day  
Encampment" at Camp Deer Run, Sept-  
ember 3 - 5. The cost and needed  
items are posted on the bulletin  
board. If you are interested, you  
may call the office or check the  
bulletin board.

YOUNG PEOPLES MEETING

There will be a meeting for the  
young people of the East Texas area  
at Carthage September 11, beginning  
at 2:30 P.M. All of our young  
people are invited. The adults are  
invited too and encouraged to at-  
tend. The program will include  
singing from 2:30 - 3:30.

AREA-WIDE LUNCHEON

The regular area-wide luncheon  
for preachers, elders, deacons, and  
their wives, and other interested  
persons will be held at the Service  
Cafe in Canton, September 19, at  
7:30 P.M. Brother Robert Bell of  
Dallas will speak. If you are in-  
terested in attending, contact  
brother Clarence Price, Minister of  
the Pecan and O'Neal Streets Church  
of Christ in Wills Point, Texas by  
Friday, September 16.

ATTENDANCE - WEDNESDAY EVENING, 320

WAYS TO MAKE OUR BIBLE SCHOOL  
A SUCCESS!

1. Pray for it daily, for the  
teachers, for the students, for  
everyone we are interested in.

2. Use our phones and every other  
means to urge others' attendance to  
the classes. Offer to drive by and  
take to Bible classes those whom  
you invite.

3. Talk the Bible school UP...  
never down. Be enthusiastic about  
its possibilities wherever you go.  
Enthusiasm will spread from you to  
others.

4. Be on time...make it a point  
to be a few minutes early...for if  
you are exactly on time, you are  
late, for the classes start on time.

5. Make all visitors and others  
comfortable. Welcome and get ac-  
quainted with other people after  
each service. Remember that this  
is the congregation where we worship  
and the visitors are OUR visitors.

6. Distribute gospel literature,  
Post cards, and personal invitations  
each week.

7. Remember that the Bible study  
is for the purpose of saving souls.  
The good done by each class cannot  
be determined after each meeting,  
but its far-reaching effects will  
never be known by all.

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## LOVEST THOU ME MORE THAN THESE?

Whether Jesus had reference to Peter's profession of fishing or to the other disciples when he asked the above question makes no difference so far as the following thoughts are concerned. So far as it is known, no one knows exactly to which the Lord referred. Some of the best scholars take both views.

The main thought is that if Peter loved either his profession or the other disciples more than he did the Lord, he would not have been qualified to do the great work the Lord wanted him to do. The work he wanted him to do was to feed his lambs and sheep. This account is found in John 21:15-17.

We may be living in one of the most difficult times, when it comes to faithful service, since the church began. We read and hear much about persecutions, trials, and martyrs in the first two or three centuries of Christianity. Our hearts almost bleed when we read of the suffering of those who dared to be faithful in the face of such torture. It hardly seems possible that some would be so inhuman as to inflict such punishment upon those who were serving the Lord. But, when we think of those who died, just losing their bodies, we are glad they remained faithful to the Lord, so their souls were saved eternally.

The guiding influence behind all the suffering and death of the early saints was Satan. No doubt he would do the same today if the law allowed, but we had some forefathers who were thoughtful and thankful enough to draw up a constitution to allow us freedom of worship. Now Satan is no longer permitted to take us and torture us bodily through his emissaries, so he uses other approaches. These approaches are more deadly than that of persecution, because they destroy the soul. Satan's work is to separate us from the Lord. It matters not how it is done. One way of separating us from God, to Satan, is as good as another.

Lethargy is just as dangerous and damnable as was the denial of Jesus, the Christ before their tormentors rather than to suffer the punishment. One does not have to deny that Jesus is the Son of God to be lost. One can love a life of ease and unconcern and be as displeasing to God as the most avowed skeptic. The Lord and His Cause must be loved by us more than anything else in life.

The man who expends all of his energy for materialism loves the Lord less than he does that. The pleasure seekers who slight the Lord's work and the worship and spends more time and money on pleasure than he does on the Lord, loves the Lord less than he loves his pleasure. The one who never (and there are many) opens his Bible loves other things more or he would study. The man who will sacrifice and spend all his money for things he really does not need and gives stintingly to (continued inside)



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BIBLE SCHOOL	CONTRIBUTION
August 21...450	...\$1,632.48
August 14...460	...\$1,407.53
Year Ago....473	...\$1,471.56

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....L. G. Drennan  
Prayer.....M. M. Haws  
Dismiss.....Bruce Raley  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Glen Howard  
Prayer.....Fred Strait  
Dismiss.....David Drennan

OUR THANKS  
Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cates, who gave us a check for one thousand dollars. Mr. Cates was the Architect on our educational building. Many have said that it is one of the most beautiful and best constructed buildings they have ever seen. Several, who are not members here have told us that it is the most beautiful building in Tyler. Others have said, "It really sets off West Erwin Street." We appreciate Mr. Cates work and the gift that came from them. We only hope that we were as kind and understanding as he was, and did our part as he did his.

The Elders

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

NURSERY FACILITIES  
We now have two nursery facilities in operation every Sunday morning, (including Bible School) Sunday evening, and Wednesday evening for the convenience of all parents. Both nurseries are staffed. Care is taken to provide clean, sanitary facilities. The nursery in the educational building is for crib infants. The facilities off the foyer upstairs serves the toddlers. We are happy to provide this service for you and hope you will avail yourself of it.  
(s) Leonard Woltman

VISITATION A SUCCESS  
Our visitation program Tuesday evening was supported well and an estimated six hundred packets were distributed. Ninety one came to either visit or furnish transportation. Thanks to all who came and worked. A few more evenings like last Tuesday evening and we will have distributed our amount of three thousand. The visitors are being well received and nothing but good can come from this kind of work. Next time we visit why not come and help us. You will be glad you did. It is an experience you will long remember. It is a faith strengthener. Our next visitation will be at 7:00 P.M. Tuesday, August 30th. This will be the last one until the children are well settled in school. D.B.

BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS  
Our Bible School attendance is as good as the average, but we are not satisfied to be average. Our first thought is to please the Lord. We do not believe He will be pleased till we have one hundred percent of the members, their children and all of our friends we can influence, to study His Word. We had 450 last Lord's Day and we also had more than fifty, most of whom are faithful, out of town or vacationing. We can easily have six hundred any time you are ready to come. Besides the more than fifty out of town we had at least one hundred who were in town, but did not attend. We now have the facilities and teachers and all we need is enough members with the love and desire and this church will reach its greatest heights in its all important program of teaching. Really, is your conscience clear about this matter of studying God's Word? D.B.

LOVEST THOU ME. . . (Continued)  
the Lord, loves those things more than he does the Lord. Those who absent themselves from worship to entertain friends or to be entertained, loves them more than he does the Lord. In this, actions are louder than words. We are to love the Lord with all the heart and if we do, everything else will be second. Do we love Him more than these, whatever they are? D.B.

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THE CONTRIBUTION  
The contribution was up some, for which we are thankful, but we are looking forward to the time when our contribution is at least two thousand each week. That is easily within our reach and far below our prosperity. Thanks to those of you who are so faithful to give and our prayer is that others of us will learn to give liberally. By giving liberally and cheerfully we never lose, because God has promised to see to it that we will gain. D.B.

BEST WISHES  
Miss Judith Faye Yates and Raymond Hardin were married August 18 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. They will make their home in Abilene, Texas at 774 East North Fourteenth Street. We extend our best wishes for happiness to them.

IN THE HOSPITALS  
Sister Bonnie Williamson is in Mother Frances Hospital.  
Chuck Cauthen is in Mother Frances Hospital for tests.

MOVING  
We regret to lose the Ronnie Stegall and Bill Smith families. The Stegalls have gone back to Houma, La., and the Smiths have gone to Cisco, Texas.

GARD OF THANKS  
We received a card of thanks from the Gunter Home for Aged for the bountiful supply of food picked up by their truck last week.

## OUR LIBRARY

The library which belongs to the church has been moved into the office that has been used by the preachers since its erection about ten years ago. The books have been catalogued by sister Margaret Montgomery, and you may check out the books and make use of them as you have need of them. We hope that many will take advantage of the good books we have and will use them to better prepare themselves to teach and serve the Lord.

It has been suggested by some, and I concur wholeheartedly, that it would be good for us to begin buying books in memory of Christian friends and loved ones and leave a lasting memorial that will do good for years. There is nothing objectionable to sending flowers to a funeral of one we love, but the family of those who die had rather have their loved ones name in a book that will preach and teach for years to come. Why not give this some serious consideration and let us build up a good library that young and old alike might enjoy and profit from our having it. If you would like to buy a good book or contribute one, it would be welcomed. Who will start this by buying one or more books? D.B.

## GOOD ATTENDANCE WEDNESDAY EVENING

291 were present for Wednesday evening services. Brother Don Sikes, director for the Bible Chair spoke to us.

## BIBLE SCHOOL

It is good to see our Bible school attendance on the increase. This is proof of your love for the truth. We are expecting five hundred to be our minimum attendance once vacations are over. If all who vacation away from here would attend and those who come here would do the same, attendance would not be so erratic and neither would it be with other congregations.

We are having adults to attend who have not done so before, or not consistently, and this is good because it encourages the children to attend.

All of our young married couples ought to be in class regularly. We have a good many couples not in attendance. A good way to start marriage off is by being just as faithful to God as possible. In some instances some have stopped attending for a while and never came back. How sad.

Those who attend the class in the chapel should (must) use the front door if you happen to be late. A good policy is not to be late, but be on time every time. D.B.

## YOUNG PEOPLES MEETING

There will be an area-wide young peoples meeting Friday evening at 7:30 in Gladewater. The meeting will be at the Quitman at Center Church of Christ. Brother Leonard Gunter will be the speaker. Also a film, What Is Christianity will be shown. All young people are invited to attend.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Venable  
 request the honour of your presence  
 at the marriage of their daughter  
 Judy Gail  
 to

Mr. Randall Robert Grogan  
 Saturday, the twenty-seventh of August  
 at seven o'clock in the evening  
 West Erwin Church of Christ  
 Tyler, Texas

Reception  
 Church of Christ Bible Chair  
 1415 South Baxter Street

OUR MEETING  
 Our meeting closed with three responses, two baptized and one placed membership. One was baptized on the Lord's Day following the meeting. We are thankful to God that He allowed brother Stephenson to come our way and preach such wonderful sermons. Brother Stephenson's preaching was plain, kind, filled with Scripture and provoked much thinking. We are thankful to those of you who attended the meeting and made the attendance as large as it was. To those who showed Christian hospitality to the visiting preacher (and the Brookshires) we are grateful. Brother Faber Gauthen directed the congregational singing in a fine way and we appreciate his work. D.B.

BEST WISHES  
 Miss Sandra Snipes and Leon Brewer were married last Saturday evening in the Chapel. We extend congratulations and wish for them a long and happy life together.

BIBLE SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION	
August 14..460	...\$1,407.53
August 7..431	...\$1,429.72
Year Ago ..377	...\$1,275.59

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Louis J. Jones  
 Prayer..... H. McCarty  
 Dismiss..... Mike Martin

SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer ..... Dalton Jones  
 Prayer..... David Demic  
 Dismiss ..... Don Baker

RESPONSES  
 Sister Clifford (Elva) Cotton, 301 South Boon came last Thursday during the meeting to place membership with us. She formerly worshipped at the Pearl St. church in Denton, Texas. Her telephone is Ly 2-6116.  
 Becky Young, daughter of brother and sister Ben Young was baptized Sunday. We welcome Becky into our fellowship.

IN THE HOSPITAL  
 Brother W. H. Turner is in Medical Center Hospital.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT NORTHWEST  
 A Vacation Bible School will be conducted at night. The time is 7:30 to 8:45. There will be classes for all ages and all are invited to attend. Date: Aug. 22 - 26.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY, 1966

Cash on hand July 1, 1966		\$2,973.60	
Contributions for July		6,230.27	
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E. V. Rushing	155.00		
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Materials and Supplies			
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Utilities	398.87		
Bible School Supplies	193.18		
Office Supplies	14.40		
Insurance	60.00		
Flowers	11.55		
Postage	90.00	2,710.90	
Salaries		2,039.95	
Withholding Tax		808.20	
Total Expenditure		\$8,406.55	
Balance on hand July 31, 1966		797.32	
Total Funds accounted for		\$9,203.87	
Building Fund Balance July 1, 1966		\$2,865.76	
Contributions for July		4,017.75	
Balance on hand July 31, 1966		\$6,883.51	

VISITATION  
 Keep next Tuesday evening, Aug. 23, open for visitation. We need all the help we can get. Would it be asking too much to ask at least for one hundred workers next Tuesday evening? Do we not have that many people who are interested in the souls of their friends, neighbors and loved ones?  
 We now have room for others to study and worship with us, let us tell them about it and invite them to come. Many in Tyler do not even know where we are located and many have never been invited to our services. Let us make it our business to tell them about Jesus. D.B.

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FOR PARENTS ONLY

This article is in behalf of our children. It is in interest of the souls of those that have been intrusted into our care, those whose lives are suppose to be guided by us. I am not appealing to those of us who have waited too late, but to those of us who still have them in our homes and whose lives can still be influenced to do God's Will.

We are told that a child's behaviour pattern is set by the time he is seven or maybe younger. If this is true, and no doubt it is, then these years are most important in the lives of these children. Parents do not have any time to waste. We cannot let a day go by without putting some of God's Word into the innocent and precious hearts of these little ones. No parents should ever let an opportunity go by to have them taught by others. This means that they should be in Bible class and Worship every time these are conducted. Children learn something every time they are in attendance. This is true from infancy through adolescence on into manhood. The greatest impact that can be made on the lives of our children is by us. Right in your own homes. This is not taking anything away from the church either. The church has a responsibility, but so do we as parents. Our children spend more time with us than they do in classes and worship assemblies. We cannot neglect them all the week and expect the teachers to instill righteousness in their hearts in one, two, or three hours a week, or maybe less time than that, depending on how often they attend. Our children learn more from us, as parents, than they do from their teachers. We would like to blame those who teach, but we need to take an introspective look into our homes and the time we spend in guiding them spiritually. Our children see our actions, hear our words and they know exactly what we think of the Lord and His church.

Often the remark is made that the church is losing about half of the children between high school and graduation from college. They are lost to the church, but the church that carries on a good teaching program has not lost them, **THEY WERE LOST BY THEIR PARENTS.**

Would you keep your children out of school as you do out of Bible classes? Would you allow your children to go to school as unprepared as you do to Bible classes? Few, if any parents, would allow it. While we are feeding, clothing, and educating our children do not forget they have never-dying souls. We are responsible for our children as long as they are in our homes. D.B.



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING	
Announcements and Prayer.....	Russell O'Bannon
Prayer.....	Ray Womack
Dismiss.....	Terry Martin
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and Prayer.....	James Phillips
Prayer.....	David Hannah
Dismiss.....	Wilmer Little

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for your kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy.  
The family of Usko Mackey

The family of Woodie Howard acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

TRUCK FROM GUNTER HOME FOR AGED

The truck from Gunter Home for Aged will stop here August 17. They have need at this time for: coffee, tea, fruit and fruit juice, diet fruit, sugar, vegetables, and cereals. We do not know the time of the arrival of the truck so it will be best to have your contributions here before Wednesday, Aug. 17th.

THANKS TO THE BUILDING COMMITTEE

The elders want to thank the building committee, brethren James Massey, Edgar Bullard, Roger Knight, Bob Threadgill, and C. E. (Bud) Caskey for the excellent job they have done, the long hours they have worked, the many, many meetings they have had with the building contractor and architect in erecting our new educational building. We want to thank brother L. G. Drennan for assisting the building committee in selecting colors. Thanks also to brother Monroe Sublette for the beautiful sign. Last, but not least, we want to congratulate the entire congregation for your patience while the building was being erected, and for all your special contributions.

The West Erwin congregation is growing and will continue to grow as long as we all work together for good. The scriptures teach that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

The Elders

WELCOME TO TYLER

Brother Don Sikes has been selected as the new Bible Chair Director at Tyler Junior College. We hope his work will be very successful. We encourage our boys and girls who can to include a Bible class in their course of study and to attend the devotionals as often as possible.

WEDDING INVITATION

Miss Sandra Snipes and Leon Brewer will be married Saturday evening, 8:00 P.M. in the chapel. All members and friends are invited.

WANTED

Someone to do the janitor work here at the church building August 29 through Sept. 12th while brother Butler is on Vacation. If you are interested in this job, contact T. J. Parsons, Phone Ly 4-7701 or Ly 4-4848.

RESPONSES

Gary Aven, 1912 N. Emerson and Miss Linda Lackey, 3211 Berry Hill Drive, were baptized into Christ this week. Gary is the son of brother and sister A. Z. Aven, Linda is the niece of sister Fred Strait, and is making her home with the Straits. We welcome these young people into our fellowship.

GOSPEL MEETING

The church of Christ in Whitehouse will conduct a meeting August 15th through the 20th, 7:30 P.M. Ray Tatch of Troup will preach the 1st three nights and L. E. Carpenter of Tyler will preach the last three nights. You are invited.

Final report on the meeting will be made in the bulletin next week.

MOVING

We regret to lose the Ken Gode family. They have moved to San Marcos, Texas.

FROM SCOTT CITY, KANSAS

Dear Brethren,  
Our "campaign" ended officially last evening with our final meeting in the theatre. And while there is a great deal of work and teaching left to do, this effort has already been a great success. Souls have been, and are being taught the gospel, God has been glorified, and we have all had a part in fulfilling the great commission. It will be months, perhaps even years before we know all the good that has been done as a result of this effort.

To each and every one of you that had a part in this effort, we want to express our thanks. The young people who came and conducted the survey made an excellent impression on the town's people. And we were all amazed and thrilled at the number of classes and correspondence courses they set up. We owe a special thanks to Tom and Sylvia Jones who worked untiringly for the two weeks they were here. They were a tremendous asset to the whole effort. And to Maurine Brookshire, K. Max Haws, and John and Edith Porter, who taught cottage meeting classes, our heart-felt thanks.

There are others who ought to be named, but space just doesn't permit it. However, you know who you are, and more importantly, the Lord knows who you are.

May God bless each of you for every effort and every prayer.

The church in Scott City



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(Sept. Thru May)

#### EVANGELISTS

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### WHAT KIND OF A FOOL HAD YOU RATHER BE?

There are many kinds of fools in the Bible. There is the daring fool that says there is not God. There is the fool that builds his life upon the sand. Then there is the fool that trusted in riches. The fool that is right in his own eyes, and the fool that makes a mock at sin. Paul said "we are fools for Christ's sake," 1 Cor. 4:10, and then added, "ye are wise in Christ." This is said in irony. Some of the Corinthians boasted of their wisdom and highly esteemed themselves. But they were not willing to condescend to the level of those who had preached the gospel to them. Paul and others had been made a spectacle to the world or put on exhibition for sport like criminals were before execution. This is a case of the pupils knowing more than the teacher before they had become well acquainted with the subject. Some of the Corinthians really felt sorry for such ignorant men as Paul, Apollas and Cephas. So Paul resorted to irony or satire in I Cor. 4 to teach them a much needed lesson.

Some are considered fools for Christ's sake today. Some of the world's fools are:

1. Those who believe the Bible to be a revelation from God. Some claim to believe it with a great deal of deletion. The stories of creation, the flood, virgin birth of Christ, Jonah and the whale, the resurrection and hell, must all be deleted along with some other things.
2. Some consider those fools who believe God's plan for man's salvation. Open ridicule is made of one who believes and takes at face value the answer given to the question of "What must I do to be saved?" The idea of a penitent believer being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of his sins and receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit is narrow-mindedness of the worst sort. The very idea of going the same hour of the night to be baptized is fanaticism.
3. Some of the members of the church feel sorry for those who believe they should increase their Bible knowledge and are faithful to attend Bible school. They sympathize with those of us who enjoy worshipping more than once a week. To them it is foolish to "run up to the building two or three times a week." They are not aware that there would be no church services to attend if all did as they do, attend only occasionally.

The world calls us fools because we sacrifice a little for Christ; but someone has said, "I'd rather be called a fool for being a Christian than to be a fool by not being one."

D.B.



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BIBLE SCHOOL  
 July 31.....528  
 July 24.....455  
 A Year Ago.....423  
 CONTRIBUTION

July 31.....\$1,646.23  
 July 24.....\$1,425.86  
 A Year Ago.....\$1,504.70

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Dean Brookshire  
 Prayer ..... C. B. Hardin  
 Dismiss ..... Bob Threadgill

SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer ..... Leonard Woltman  
 Prayer..... Howard Holland  
 Dismiss..... Truman Holland

THANK YOU  
 We want to thank all of our friends in Tyler for the wonderful party given for us last Monday. The silver tray is beautiful. We want to invite each of you to visit us in Longview. Our address is 1915 Leona. Tom, Sylvia, and Heidi

TRUCK FROM GUNTER  
 The truck from the Gunter Home for Aged will be here August 17. See the bulletin board for their needs.

THE SICK  
 Sister Edna Golden is still in Mother Frances Hospital, but will be moved to Waco in a few days.

Sister Modena Jones fell Tuesday and suffered a broken ankle.

Brother Harold Browning had surgery Monday. He is home now.

Mrs. Don Crook, sister of brother Jim Franklin, is in Mother Frances.

Sister Carolyn Womack had surgery Wednesday in Medical Center.

Sister Glenda Wright is in the Glenwood Clinic.

FUNERAL SERVICE  
 Sister Woodie Howard, Mother of brother Glen Howard, passed away late Monday evening. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon. We express our sincere sympathy to her loved ones.

ATTENTION MEN  
 Brother C. E. (Bud) Caskey has been appointed to select men to serve the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays of each month. He will replace brother Harold Browning who has done a wonderful job for the past three years. This is a very important job and we, the elders, would like for the men asked to serve in this capacity to contact the ones appointed for this work, if for any reason you are unable to serve. If you will do this, then replacements may be made before the services start.

Brother Gerald Montgomery has charge of the appointments for the first two Sundays in the month. Brother K. Max Haws has charge of appointing men to make the announcements and lead the prayers. Your co-operation with these men will be appreciated very much.  
 The Elders

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 \* OUR MEETING BEGINS THIS LORD'S DAY WITH BROTHER GEORGE H. STEPHENSON \*  
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 \* DOING THE PREACHING. THE LORD'S DAY SERVICES WILL BE THE SAME AS \*  
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 \* USUAL. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY WE WILL HAVE SERVICES AT 10:00 A.M. \*  
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 \* AND 7:30 P.M. WE ARE HOPING AND PRAYING FOR THE LARGEST CROWDS AND \*  
 \*  
 \* GREATEST NUMBER OF CONVERSIONS WE HAVE EVER HAD IN A MEETING. THE \*  
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 \* ATTENDANCE WILL DEPEND ON US. IF EACH OF US COME AND BRING OUR \*  
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 \* FRIENDS, THE BUILDING WILL BE FILLED EACH EVENING. WE CAN HAVE A \*  
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 \* LARGE NUMBER AT 10:00 IF WE MAKE THE EFFORT. WE WILL HAVE A GOOD \*  
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 \* MEETING IF YOU WILL PROMISE GOD AND YOURSELF, AND LIVE UP TO IT, \*  
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 \* THAT YOU ARE GOING TO BE PRESENT EVERY TIME YOU POSSIBLY CAN. \*  
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NOTE OF APPRECIATION  
 The elders are thankful to each one who has worked or contributed anything to our moving into the new building. Your fine co-operation is greatly appreciated.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER  
 The following men have been asked to serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in August. West side: James Massey, M. H. Shaffer, H. C. Williamson, Bill Shuford, Steve Smith. East Side: Louis J. Jones, Louis E. Jones, Pete Wallace, Tommy Parsons, James Beard, Alternates: John Weaver and Marvin Jones.

Sunday evening: L. G. Drennan, and T. J. Parsons. Alternate: Fred Strait.

BIBLE CLASSES  
 We are proud of the number 528 for Bible Classes last Lord's Day. We had made no special drive, but we did enter a part of the new educational building. The adult classes did not meet in the new building last Sunday due to their rooms not being ready. All rooms will be ready this Lord's Day and we are looking for you to be present. Each member should come prepared to become a regular student of God's Word.

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#### THOUGHTS FROM BROTHER BROOKSHIRE

Our meeting with brother George Stephenson begins August 7 and continues through the 12th. Are we ready for the meeting? The purpose of the meeting is to save the lost and strengthen the saved. Let each of us remember this is our meeting and we must be present every time, if at all possible. Many now claim that only about half of the membership support meetings, but I believe we will do much better. Be sure to encourage your friends and neighbors to come with you.

It was a thrill to hear of the good work our group did in Scott City, Kansas last week. They set up fifty three cottage meetings and enrolled 138 in the Bible correspondence course. Those making the trip and helping in the work were: Pam Wallace, Fleeta Chandler, Pam Stringer, Betsy Parris, Donna Ivey, Jeannie Caskey, Royce Caskey, Cindy Henderson, Dudley Brookshire, Tommy Keith, Georgianna Drennan, Wilmer Little, Pam Robbins, Glen and Jo Warner, Joe Willis, Maurine Brookshire, Tom and Sylvia Jones, Virginia Davis from the Glenwood church and Jan Arnold from Gilmer. Those from West Erwin who are working during the meeting this week are Tom and Sylvia Jones, John and Edith Porter, and K. Max Haws. We are surely thankful for the ones who went and for the ones who made it possible for them to go.

We have the records of three Lord's Days in this bulletin because we did not publish the bulletin for two weeks. Look at the Bible school attendance and see how well we did with classes scattered here and there. You are to be commended for your faithfulness during our building program. The Lord's Day the attendance was so low was when we had the group in Kansas and many on vacation. The contribution has held up well too. Many have learned to leave their contribution or make it up when they return.

This Lord's Day is the time. It is the time when we enter our new educational building. You have waited patiently for ten or eleven months for this building and now the time has arrived when we can use it. We do mean use it, we hope by every member. Every one will assemble in the auditorium and be assigned to their class. The pupils will go with their teachers to their rooms. Elsewhere in the bulletin you will find the teachers and room numbers, but we want to meet together shortly before class time. Please, come just a little early. We want to encourage everyone to be present. We would like to have every member present and start the work off in a big way. We will be looking for you. Do not disappoint us.

GEORGE H. STEPHENSON WILL PREACH IN A MEETING AT WEST ERWIN AUGUST 7 - 12.



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BIBLE SCHOOL  
 July 24.....455  
 July 17.....379  
 July 10.....435  
 A Year Ago.....409  
 CONTRIBUTION  
 July 24.....\$1,425.86  
 July 17.....\$1,613.25  
 July 10.....\$1,551.93  
 A Year Ago.....\$1,471.73

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer..... John D. Brem  
 Prayer..... Willie Freeman  
 Dismiss..... Chuck Cauthen  
 SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer ..... Bill Smith  
 Prayer ..... O. C. Becker  
 Dismiss ..... James Teel

RESPONSES  
 Since the bulletin was last published we have had the following responses,  
 Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Martin and sons, Mike and Terry. The Martins moved here from Amarillo. Mr. Martin is with the U. S. Navy. Mike will be a Junior in High School and Terry is in College. The address is 1526 Graham, telephone Ly 3-7004  
 Baptized: Mark Cauthen, 1903 S. Fleishel.  
 Restored: Mrs. Darlene Little, and Miss Linda Miller.

THANK YOU NOTES  
 We wish to express our appreciation for the flowers, food, and every act of thoughtfulness at the time of the passing of my mother.  
 Bill Butler and Family  
 Thanks to every man, woman, boy, and girl who came and helped move the furniture and supplies into the new building. It was the finest co-operation we have ever seen.  
 Thanks to each of you for a job well done. The Elders

FUNERALS  
 We express our sympathy to the O'Bannons. Mr. Dock McCulloch, a brother-in-law to brother Russell O'Bannon was buried Wednesday in Huntsville, Texas.  
 Brother Usko Mackey of West Mountain passed away Wednesday Evening. The funeral was Friday. Brother Mackey was a brother to sister Modena Jones and the late beloved P. E. Mackey, Jr. We express our sympathy to the relatives.

IN THE HOSPITAL  
 Sister Edna Golden is in Mother Frances Hospital.

WHO WILL MAKE IT A SUCCESS?  
 Too often we depend on the preacher for all the success of a meeting. This is unfair, because he will only preach to the ones we influence and bring. It takes the work of both the preacher and every member of the church to make a meeting a success.

CLASSES, TEACHERS - FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Class	Teachers	Room Number
<b>PRESCHOOL</b>		
Toddlers	Gracie Rowland - Dorothy Hulsey	101
2 Years	Velma Lemons - Verda Driggers	102
3 Years	Johnnie Stringer - Pam Wallace	109
4 Years	Claye Kirby - Joyce Willis	103
5 Years	Jan Knight - Mary Drummond	104
<b>PRIMARY</b>		
1st Grade	Pauline Jones - Eleanor Birdwell	208
2nd Grade	Margaret Montgomery - Mary E. Grier	206
3rd Grade	Betty Willis - Maxine Smith	205
<b>JUNIOR</b>		
4th Grade	Penny McDonald - Bertha Byrd	204
5th Grade	Maurine Brookshire - Nancy Butler	203
6th Grade	Patsy Young - Louise Caskey	211
<b>JUNIOR HIGH</b>		
7th Grade	Gerald Montgomery - Jack Stringer	213
8th Grade	Howard Ellis - Harold Browning	202
9th Grade	Jamon Kirby - Ben Young	201
<b>SENIOR HIGH</b>		
10th Grade	Jack Beard - Bob Threadgill	215
11th Grade	Joe McBee - Fred Powell	210
12th Grade	Glen Howard - Ken Willis	209
<b>ADULT</b>		
College	Leonard Woltman	Room just off Foyer
Couples (up to 25)	K. Max Haws - Louis E. Jones	107
Couples (25 to 35)	Glen Warner - Ray Womack	106
Couples (35 to 45)	Faber Cauthen	214
Couples (45 to 55)	Dean Brookshire - C. B. Hardin	Chapel
Couples (55 and over)	M. M. Haws	108
Ladies Class	Audrey O'Bannon - Dewey Frederick	105
Auditorium Class	Howard Holland	

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## THOUGHTS FROM BROTHER BROOKSHIRE

Last Lord's Day was one of the best holiday weed-ends we have enjoyed in a long time in so far as interest, attendance, and contribution are concerned. We had numerous ones out of town, but it seems that we had more visitors to attend Bible school this time than ever before. We had four calls early Lord's Day morning wanting to know the time Bible school started. Only one ask the time for worship. It is hoped that those of you who were away were as faithful to attend as our visitors were here. Our attendance would have been much higher if our own members who were in town had come. We had several families who came in after the worship service started and if they had been here for Bible school we would have gone above the 450 mark.

Our Education Building is nearing completion. We hope when we do move into it we will move in with enthusiasm and the co-operation of every able bodied member. Every church ought to have as its goal to enroll every member in Bible school, because many of the members never read the Bible any other time. Some know so little about the Bible they do not appreciate a lesson from it. We are going to do our best to help every member overcome this defect. We do not plan to do it by "nagging," but by making the lessons so interesting they will appreciate them more. We must make a greater effort to reach those who have no desire to study and grow

spiritually because if one does not enjoy the truth and worship now he would be unfit for such a majestic place as heaven. Many have misunderstood the purpose of Bible School and they still argue that we only want them to attend so the "count" will be larger, but that is not the truth at all. It is true that we are interested in a larger number, but we are interested in training all to be more Christlike so they will be fitted for heaven when they die. If we were interested only in numbers to brag about, we would put on some shows and entertainment or put on a banquet. These always draw more than a Bible class. If you are approached about attending a Bible class, consider it a compliment because some one loves you and they are interested in your soul.

There are a good many elderly people who would like to have you visit them and if you will take the time to make their hearts glad, I will furnish you with names to visit. Some of the elderly members feel unloved and unwanted, but they are not. It is more neglect on our part than anything else. It would be a great work if some of the couples or women or just anyone who can would visit them and cheer their hearts. It would cheer our hearts too. Contrary to the belief of many they would be glad to see someone other than the preacher. Try visiting them once or twice a month. It will pay rich dividends.



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CONTRIBUTION	BIBLE SCHOOL
July 3...\$4,017.75	..... 416
June 26..\$1,494.92	..... 403
Year Ago.\$1,452.47	..... 417

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....L. G. Drennan  
 Prayer.....T. F. Holland  
 Dismiss.....Dean Bailey

SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Fred Powell  
 Prayer.....Faber Cauthen  
 Dismiss.....Bill Howard

WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP  
 Mrs. Tasula Wehunt, 2304 Elgem,  
 phone Ly 3-7465. Sister Wehunt  
 came to us from Omaha, Neb. Brother  
 Wehunt is in Viet Nam.

THANK YOU NOTES  
 We shall always remember with  
 deep gratitude your comforting ex-  
 pression of sympathy.

The family of Roy H. Clyburn  
 The family of Evivian L. Tilley  
 acknowledges with grateful appreci-  
 ation your kind expression of sym-  
 pathy. Cone & Eleanor Birdwell

We want to thank the church, the  
 ones who sent flowers, those who  
 called, and each one who sent cards  
 and visited during the illness and  
 death of our brother. May God bless  
 you always.

The Fredericks, Beckers,  
 And Laura Sparks

THE SICK  
 Sister J. D. Taylor's father is  
 seriously ill in Oklahoma.

FUNERALS  
 Funeral services were held Friday  
 in Paris, Texas for Mr. A.B. Smith.  
 He was a brother to sister Sparks,  
 siter Becker, and sister Frederick.  
 Sister Vivian Tilley, sister to  
 brother Cone Birdwell, was buried  
 last Friday in Brownsboro, Texas  
 We extend our deepest sympathy  
 to each family.

VISITATION - A GREAT SUCCESS  
 Wonderful, marvelous, remarkable,  
 and probably unprecedented could  
 be used to describe the work done  
 by about forty workers Tuesday eve-  
 ning. I wish you could have seen  
 the enthusiasm of the workers. Our  
 thanks to all the workers, includ-  
 ing the ones who came and furnished  
 transportation. About 350 packets  
 were distributed and all were well  
 received with few exceptions. D.B.

MEETINGS  
 Brother Brookshire will be in a  
 meeting at Reece next week.  
 Brother Baur will be in a meeting  
 at Troup July 10-16. Services at  
 7:30 each evening.

NO BULLETIN  
 THE VISITOR will not be published  
 the next two weeks (July 14 and 21)  
 since sister Nelda Browning will be  
 on vacation. D.B.

LISTEN EACH WEEKDAY  
 RADIO-KTBB 12:30 NOON

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE, 1966

Cash on hand June 1, 1966	\$4,697.54
Contributions for June	\$4,695.35
Available for Expenditures	\$9,392.89

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

Benevolent and Mission	
Bible Chair	100.00
Herald of Truth	50.00
Boles Home	75.00
Tipton Home	75.00
Sunny Glen Home	75.00
Radio Program	232.80
Mike Warner	534.00
Dalton Porter	350.10
E. V. Rushing	155.00
Scott City Ch of Christ	250.00
	1,896.90

Materials and Supplies	
Bldg. and grounds	30.50
Utilities	172.47
Bible School Supplies	28.85
Office Supplies	245.43
Insurance	60.00
Flowers	6.16
	543.41

First Fed. Sav. & Loan	
(6 mo. interest on money	
advanced on new bldg.)	1,704.68
Salaries	1,487.55

Total expenditures for June	\$6,419.29
Balance on hand June 30, 1966	\$2,973.60
Total Funds accounted for	\$9,392.89

Bldg. Fund Balanced, June 1, 1966	154.16
Contributions for June	2,711.60
Bal. on hand June 30, 1966	2,865.76

ATTENTION LADIES  
 THE GLEANERS, a new  
 magazine for women and  
 girls interested in  
 missions, has just  
 started by-monthly  
 publication under the  
 direction of the Park  
 Row Church of Christ,  
 Arlington, Texas.  
 It is edited by Becky  
 Tilotta.

Subscriptions are  
 \$2.50 per year or \$2.00  
 in groups of five. The  
 magazine is sent free  
 to mission women over-  
 seas.

You may call Mrs. B.  
 E. Bawcom, Ly 2-6715 or  
 send your subscription  
 directly to the Park  
 Row church in care of  
 THE GLEANERS.

BUSINESS MEETING  
 There will be a busi-  
 ness meeting of the men  
 of the church Sunday  
 afternoon at 3:00. All  
 men are invited to at-  
 tend.

TWO BIG EVENTS  
 Remember, we have two  
 big events coming up.  
 Entering our new build-  
 ing and our meeting.  
 AUGUST 7 - 12. BROTHER  
 GEORGE STEPHENSON.

**"ALL THE CHURCH CARES ABOUT IS MONEY!"**

By: William S. Banowsky

Have you ever heard that statement? If you are associated with a dead and do-nothing church then perhaps you haven't. But if the congregation you worship with sends missionaries, houses orphans, feeds the hungry, and clothes the needy, then somebody occasionally complains: "All the church cares about is money."

If the charge is true, it puts the church in bad company. The one indictment that can be consistently brought against every sordid segment of society is: "All they care about is money."

All the liquor industry cares about is money. That is a true statement, despite the fact that it is seldom said. Liquor interests have no regard for a man's family. They don't care about accidents and mangled bodies caused by drinking. They do not care about "skid row" and the human lives left shattered.

All the tobacco companies care about is money. I know for sure they don't have much feeling for a breath of good clean air in a jetliner cabin. They don't care about stained fingers, lips, lungs, or perhaps even the cancer to which they may have contributed. They don't care about wasted budgets.

All the movie industry cares about is money. Not morals, not integrity nor human dignity - just money. And before this list begins to sound like a medieval diatribe, let me hasten to add that far too much of the respected establishment - industry, businessmen, salesmen of all kinds - apparently care only about money. At least if one would judge by the cut-throat economic habits of our time.

Now what about the church? The church cares about the lost and dying. The church cares about the sick and underprivileged, and discouraged. The church cares about the home and the community, about immorality and lawlessness.

The church must not care much about money because it gives away every penny it can get its hands on to advance the Kingdom of God. Here's the only interest the church has in money: it's a form of energy, a kind of fuel which can be used to bless people spiritually.

The kind of man who says, "All the church cares about is money," is telling you more about himself than about the church. The church has absolutely no terminal interest in money whatsoever.

The church merely wants to assist the brethren by translating the root of all kinds of evil, which the brethren can't take with them, into treasures which moth and rust cannot destroy.

If you ever again hear anybody else make the statement, you'll be prepared to set them straight.

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June 26.....\$1,494.92

June 19.....\$1,458.26

A Year Ago.....\$1,402.25

BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26.....403

June 19.....410

A Year Ago.....437

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and

Prayer..... Louis J. Jones

Prayer.....Bob Threadgill

Dismiss.....Dudley Brookshire

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and

Prayer ..... L. G. Drennan

Prayer..... Ronnie Lowrance

Dismiss..... Bill Shuford

RESPONSES

We welcome brother and sister J. D. Taylor into our fellowship. They came Sunday to confess wrongs and to place membership with us. Their address is Rt. 7, Box 451C. Their telephone is Ly 4-4954.

Mike Brett came Sunday confessing sins and for prayer.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Ray Womack is in Mother Frances. She had surgery Monday.

Sister R. C. O'Bannon had minor surgery Monday in Mother Frances.

Brother Cherry is still in Mother Frances.

SPECIAL ATTENTION

Next Lord's Day is the first Lord's Day in July and that means all the contribution will go into the building fund. We would like to see every member have a part in this good work.

SIXTH GRADE CLASS

Sunday afternoon, June 19th, the Wednesday evening 6th grade class had a regular Bible Class at the home of an 85 year old shut-in, brother A. E. McKeever, 1326 East Line. Brother McKeever would appreciate visits. He is a member of the Northwest congregation. Sixth grade students participating were: Glennis Jones, Betty Oliver, Reagan Phillips, and Debbie Potts.

BULLETIN EARLY

The bulletin is being mailed a day early this week due to Nelda having medical treatment beginning Thursday. She will be out of the office a few days.

NEW ADDRESS

Sister Annie Shotwell has moved to 205 North Fuller. Her telephone number is Ly 3-9528. She always appreciates your visits.

"The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear. Fine counsel is confusing, but examples are always clear."

"Our Christianity is one of the few things which improves with use."

MOVING TO LONGVIEW

Nearly four years ago my family and I moved to Tyler as an associate evangelist with the West Erwin Church. Since that time we have had a most enjoyable and profitable work. Many have heard that we are leaving and have asked us our plans. Until this last week our plans were rather vague and indefinite. I have wanted to go back to college for some time now to take some college courses to qualify myself to teach school. I will begin to work on this plan this Fall on a limited scale at Stephen F. Austin State College. Beginning the first week in August, we will move to Longview to work in

a similar way with the Alpine and Glover congregation. But before we go, there is much work to be done here. We must make final preparations to go to Scott City, Kansas. We will be there the last two weeks of July. In the mean time there will be the new class rooms to occupy and the regular work of the church must go on.

This is not a good-by. Let us all work together to the glory of the Lord in every endeavor. We can make the next month and those ahead the most glorious time in the history of the West Erwin Church.

Tom Jones

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HOW CHRISTIAN ARE WE?

Did you know?

That the PAGANS gave more than ten percent to their idol gods?

We've often stated that Israel gave tithes; but history tells us that Greece, Rome, Egypt, Babylonia, and Ethiopia gave a tenth to their gods?

That members of the church of Christ gave an estimated three percent to five percent of their income to the true and living God? Since this is an estimation, it might be lower.

That the church of Christ is tenth (10th) in size, numerically among religious groups in America, but 30th in giving? Yes, how Christian are we?

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men serving the Lord's Supper to the congregation for the first two Sundays in July are as follows:

Glen Howard, Tommy Lowrance, Bill Henderson, Ronnie Stegall, and R. V. Threadgill. Henry Holland, Joe Willis, Bill Tigert, Herbert Brookshire, and Billy Chandler. Alternates are O'Neal Tuel and James Phillips.

Sunday evening: Dalton Jones, and Fred Powell. Alternate: Ben Young.

A DATE TO REMEMBER

August 7-12 is the date for our meeting with brother George Stephenson.

LISTEN TO RADIO STATION KTBB EACH WEEKDAY - 12:30 NOON!



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(Sept. Thru May)

#### EVANGELISTS

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### YOU MAKE THE DECISION

"And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved," Acts 2:21. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," Rom. 10:13.

The decision to be saved from past sins and live a faithful Christian life is one that belongs to us and not the Lord. The Lord has done every possible thing that justice allows a free moral agent in order for him to be saved. The idea of begging God to save us or prevailing upon Him to save us "if it be thy will" is not in harmony with divine instruction. God made it possible for all men to be saved and we make the decision ourself. The definition of decision is, "to make up one's mind, to determine, to settle, to conclude." It implies firmness which is the ability to stay with what one decides.

Decision is one of the most distinguishable marks between the weak and strong. The strong make right decisions based upon the Bible and stay with them, as best they can, and the weak make decisions but seldom live by the best ones.

We hear some talk as if God would make the decision for them as to whether or not they became Christians. The Father in heaven wills that all men be saved. We are the ones who make the decision to believe, trust, and obey His Word. If the decision depended upon God alone, none would be lost. But until we have made the decision to

be saved, or to do the Lord's Will, we have made the decision not to be saved. Jesus said he "stands at the door and knocks," and we have to decide to let him in or keep Him out.

The greatest and wisest decision of all is to become a member of the Lord's church, and be faithful to the Lord's trust. All others pale into insignificance when this one is thought through and carried out. It is the decision of the Christian as to whether he puts the Kingdom of God and His righteousness first, second, or last. He has the divine prerogative to do that now, but he will not have the choice of his eternal abode. Before one decides how well or how poorly he serves the Lord in His church, he ought to sit down and think the matter through. There are two things that must be given our most serious consideration. The first is, the cost and joy of going to heaven. The second is, the cost and horror of going to hell.

You, my brethren, under normal circumstances, make the decision about attending Bible School and studying in your home. You make the decision about the amount you give. You also make the decision of teaching to the best of your ability, ministering to the needs of others, worshipping when you can, etc. Jesus asked, "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

D.B.

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June 19....\$1,458.26	.....410
June 12....\$1,578.52	.....409
A Year Ago.\$1,479.16	.....402

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Howard Holland  
Prayer..... Charles Wingrove  
Dismiss..... U. G. Rozell, Jr.

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer..... Louis J. Jones  
Prayer..... T. J. Parsons  
Dismiss..... Skipper Womack

#### THANK YOU NOTES

I wish to thank each one who, in any way, remembered me during my stay in the Clinic. Thank you for the cards, flowers, etc., and especially for your prayers in my behalf. Mrs. E. E. Degge

I want to thank you so very much for your visits, cards and prayers during my stay in the hospital. Earnesene Shuford

#### RESTORATION AND MEMBERSHIP

We welcome Bill and Jo Henderson and their daughter, Cindy back to West Erwin. May God richly bless our labors together. The Henderson's address is Rt. 2, Box 457. Their telephone is Ly 3-4131.

#### TEACHER'S MEETING

There will be an IMPORTANT teacher's meeting here at the building next Tuesday evening at 7:30. Teachers, this meeting is a must and we are counting on every teacher being present. This includes both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening teachers. We want to distribute teacher's books and prepare to enter our new building. Every member interested in Bible class work is invited. D.B.

#### FUNERAL

Mr. Roy Clyburn, brother of Walter Clyburn, died Sunday. Burial was in Burkburnett Monday. We express our sympathy to the family.

#### NEW BABY

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Wells are the parents of a baby girl born Monday at Medical Center Hospital.

#### WEDDING

We extend best wishes to Wayne Fuller and Miss Elizabeth Kellis who were married June 18.

#### IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother E. S. Cherry will be in Mother Frances hospital for several weeks. He can have company.

Brother Ralph Lowrance is in Medical Center hospital.

Shelia Strait, daughter of Fred and Betty Strait, is in the Glenwood Clinic.

LISTEN EACH WEEKDAY TO RADIO KTBB  
12:30 NOON.

#### THE BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHER

We as teachers need to recognize that students learn from every experience. He may learn what you want him to learn or he may not. His experiences in a situation may be quite different from what was intended. Now a teacher cannot give the student the experience...that he must undergo himself! This fact is the reason why teaching in modern concepts is described as a mature person assisting a less mature person to reach a greater degree of maturity in any particular field. Every student is teaching himself, but with the guidance of the teacher. The empty, soon forgotten, rituals of forced memorization of material is similar to coercing someone to eat. The teacher should help the student to

see things accurately and clearly, so that they are accepted, remembered and used. A student that is led to see the material in his "mind's eye" will remember it more easily, for it has become a part of his direct experience. The more meaning he can see in it, the better it is remembered and the more it may be utilized in new situations. This we need: To learn to use Bible learning in every day living.

To help yourself, answer the following questions: What do I need to know about perception to help my students to observe more carefully? What do I need to know about ways to make learning more meaningful? How may I teach to insure that the students will make use of what they learn? T.A.J.

#### A PRAYER FOR YOU

Last Lord's Day morning in our worship here at the church in Scott City, a prayer was led in your behalf. One of the Christian men here directed our minds --as we all approached the Throne of Heaven to give thanks and to petition our God. Part of that prayer was with YOU in mind. We prayed, "Father, touch the hearts of our brethren at West Erwin in Tyler that they will decide to come and help us in our campaign for souls next month."

As of this writing, we have only one definite commitment from one young man there. We need at least

19 more. We are putting our trust in the Lord that He will lead enough of you to come help us that the most good might be done.

... Mike Warner  
NOTE: At this time at least fifteen have committed themselves to go to Scott City to work in their Campaign for Souls.

#### FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING

Brother Ritchie writes that the fourth-Sunday singing is scheduled to be at Overton, June 26, at 2:30. It is their hope that a number of us will attend.

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## STEADFAST FOR OURSELF AND VAGILLATING FOR THE LORD

If there is anything any more fickle than a man it is two men. He loves you today and hates you tomorrow, even though you are the same both days. He is your friend today and foe tomorrow. He is your protector today and destroyer tomorrow. Faithful today and unfaithful tomorrow. This has ever been the history of man whose heart is not firmly fixed on the way of the Lord.

One time at Lystra the Lord healed a cripple through Paul, an apostle. The Lyconians said, "The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men, Acts 14:11. They called Barnabas "Jupiter" and Paul "Mercurius." They brought oxen and garlands unto the gates and would have done sacrifice with the people, but Paul and Barnabas restrained them. Later Jews came from Antioch and Iconium and turned the Lystrians away from Paul and Barnabas and they gave their consent to have Paul stoned to death.

Why this sudden change of mind? Had Paul said or done something to cause them to change so suddenly? There had been no change in Paul, but those vacillating people had changed. This is seen quite often in the work of the Lord. Some obey the gospel and you would think they would love and revere the Lord the rest of their lives. They declare more vehemently than did Peter; that he would never deny the Lord, and they do not last much longer in service to the Lord and His church

than did he during the crucial hour. Restore him and he starts out again and you know from his conversation and presence that this is the time for him to get set and stay put, but he is off again in a short time.

Why does this happen to so many people? Do they not know what steadfastness means? Sure they do, because they can define words. They know that steadfast means, "firmly established or fixed, unchanging, not fickle or wavering." If they did not know that, how could they operate a business or stay employed? There are several reasons why church members vacillate or waver in mind and action, when they do not in other things. Probably the main reason is that they are really not converted to Christ. Their love is shallow. They are emotional only and emotionalism untaught or unguided is likely to go in any direction. The next reason is that they are more materially minded than spiritual. They can see only the present. They know that the body has to be fed, clothed and housed, but they are not aware that the soul is more valuable than the body. The third reason is that they can neglect the Lord and His church without any signs of present outward punishment. If God punished his children publicly or privately as parents do their children, there would be better behaviour in the Family of God. No Christian will(continued inside)

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June 12...\$1,578.52	..... 409
June 5....\$2,878.74	..... 421
Year Ago..\$1,372.66	..... 426

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Louis J. Jones  
 Prayer.....Ross Walker  
 Dismiss.....Ronnie Stegall

SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Ray Womack  
 Prayer.....Dalton Jones  
 Dismiss.....Ramon Ivey

THANK YOU NOTE  
 Thank you for the food, visits,  
 and phone calls, during my mother's  
 illness. We have appreciated each  
 act of kindness. Continue to remem-  
 ber each of us in your prayers.

Jolene and George Welch

MEETINGS IN THE AREA  
 Brownsboro church of Christ, June  
 20 - 25. Brethren B. F. Baur, Bill  
 Darnell, and John Henry Morgan will  
 speak two nights each in the order  
 in which they are named. The time  
 is 7:30 P.M.

Brother Brookshire will be in a  
 meeting at Big Sandy next week  
 beginning Monday evening. There  
 will be evening services only at  
 7:45.

IN THE HOSPITALS  
 Brother Ralph Lowrance is in

Medical Center.  
 Brother Cecil Allen, preacher for  
 the Van Church, had surgery Tuesday  
 in Medical Center.

Sister Vivian Tilley from Browns-  
 boro, sister to brother Cone Bird-  
 well, is in Medical Center. She  
 cannot have company.

MEN SERVING IN JUNE  
 The following men have been asked  
 to serve the Lord's Supper the last  
 two Sundays in June. Morning: Sam  
 Bailey, U. G. Rozell, Jr., Ken Ben-  
 net, Bill Howard, and David Rozell.  
 T. F. Holland, John Brem, Roy Drig-  
 gers, Dean Bailey, and Mark Ellis.  
 Alternates: David Demic, and David  
 Drennan. Evening: Jack Beard and  
 Cone Birdwell. Alternate:Ike Gaiser.

MOVED AWAY FROM TYLER  
 Robert and Sue Parris have moved  
 and are now living in Dallas.  
 Bob Butler is now working and  
 living in Houston.

STEADFAST. . . (continued)  
 ever make any degree of progress  
 until he learns that steadfastness  
 is just as important in living the  
 Christian life as it is in making a  
 living. Think of what the church  
 could do if every member rose on  
 Lord's Day morning to study and  
 worship as they do to make a living  
 on Monday morning, would go out to  
 seek the lost as they do to be  
 entertained, would give to the Lord  
 as they do to themselves. One of  
 the most needed lessons now is  
 steadfastness. D.B.

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 \* FLASH! FLASH! FLASH! \*  
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 \* We have arranged for three will be looking for prospects. \*  
 \* cars, with adult drivers, to go The workers will leave Tyler, \*  
 \* to Scott City, Kansas to work in Saturday, July 16th and return \*  
 \* their Campaign for Souls in July. Saturday, July 23rd. The trans- \*  
 \* We also have about ten committed portation is free. Meals and \*  
 \* to go and work, but we need about lodging after the workers arrive \*  
 \* five more workers. This work can are free. The only cost will be \*  
 \* be done by high school, college the meals eaten going and coming. \*  
 \* students, or older ones. The WHO WILL GO? The workers will be \*  
 \* workers will be going from door under adult supervision at all \*  
 \* to door extending invitations to times. Will you consider going \*  
 \* attend the meeting and to offer or letting your son or daughter \*  
 \* home Bible study courses to be go? Let me know immediately, \*  
 \* taught by adults working in the because this information needs to \*  
 \* second week of the campaign. No be in the hands of brother Mike \*  
 \* teaching is to be done by workers Warner shortly. \*  
 \* the first week, because t h e y Dean Brookshire \*  
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TWO BIG EVENTS COMING UP  
 We have two big events coming up ground floor. There are always a  
 shortly. One is the opening of our few unseen things to be done which  
 new educational building and the also takes time. The chapel will  
 other is our gospel meeting with be completed and ready for use in  
 brother George Stephenson, August about two weeks. The concrete work  
 7 - 12. around the building is still to be  
 No opening date has been set for done. We will be in the building  
 our new building, but it should not soon now and I want to say again it  
 be too long. Just as soon as the is worth waiting for and I believe  
 contractor gives us a date we will all who have seen it will say the  
 "broadcast it from the housetop." same. You will say it too when you  
 We are very anxious to move in, but do get to see it. There remains  
 we just cannot do it until the work much to be done by us as a church  
 has been completed. The second before we are ready to occupy the  
 floor is about completed except for building. We do not have much time  
 the tile on the floor. The ceiling left for either of our big events.  
 and floor tile are lacking on the D.B.

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### PAUL'S GOAL AS A TEACHER

The goal of education is to lead children from one level of maturity to another. We all seem to know how a teenager should act, how a sixth grader should act, etc. We tell our children to act their age. In the above thoughts physical maturity is not the primary idea, but is not excluded. One educator has said that there are five criteria required in analyzing the quality of maturity attained by a child: (1) a satisfactory fulfillment of one's capacities, (2) an adequate, balanced self-concept based upon self-insight, (3) an ability to meet reality without developing crippling emotional and mental conflicts. (4) the ability to love beyond oneself, and (5) adjustment to a creative participation in one's environment.

What is the goal of the Bible school instruction given at the church building? As the public school teachers realize that there is more to education than knowing the facts, we as teachers in the Bible schools of the church need to realize that the facts of the Bible are to be known not as an end in themselves, but as a means to an end. Are we systematically leading the children from one level of spiritual maturity to another? Do we have any objective means of determining the spiritual maturity that a particular age level should be expected to achieve? Perhaps, a spiritual meaning may be placed with

value on the above five criteria. We have heard time and time again that what the church needs is maturity in its members and leadership. Have we not contributed to this lack of maturity many times because the training that was given in the Bible school situation lacked maturity as a goal. Overstreet has said that education is "...encouraging the immature to become mature." A mature Christian has a trained disciplined mind, knows Bible facts, has the feeling for others and has the sense of responsibility that he needs for the fullest Christian life. A goal of maturity thus serves both the individual and the church, for the mature Christian can at once live a full satisfying personal life and be a competent citizen in the Kingdom of God.

Never has maturity been more needed. Probably no age has ever been so demanding in terms of human relations, in terms of knowledge and understanding, and in terms of values. Maturity is crucial for our survival, as individuals and a nation.

"Him (Jesus) we proclaim, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man mature in Christ. For this I toil, striving with all the energy which he mightily inspires within me." Col. 1:28,29

T.A.J.

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May 29.....\$1,358.18	..... 428
Year Ago..\$1,424.40	..... 426

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Walls T. Witt  
 Prayer.....David Hannah  
 Dismiss.....Ed Naul

SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Glenn Howard  
 Prayer.....Fred Strait  
 Dismiss.....Phillip Browning

THANK YOU NOTES

We wish to express our appreciation for every act of kindness and love shown to us at the time of the death of our beloved husband and father.  
 The family of C. H. Skeeters

Dear Christian Sisters,

A most sincere thanks for your much appreciated gift. I would like so much to meet you all. In my heart I have a warm spot for all Texas people, for all I have met have been so friendly and kind. We enjoy the Rushings so much here and know you must miss them.

In Christian love,  
 Sister Neva DeGroat

GOSPEL MEETING: Alba, Texas, June 13 through 17 at 8:00 p.m. John Morgan of Kilgore will preach.

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 \* BUILDING FUND \*  
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 \* TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED..\$20,000.00 \*  
 \* Funds received \*  
 \* to date: 7,732.91 \*  
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 \* BALANCE NEEDED BY \*  
 \* JULY 3, 1966.. \$12,267.09 \*  
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WELCOME

We welcome brother and sister Virgil Robbins and their two children, Pam and John. They have recently moved back to Tyler from Austin, and will have fellowship with us. Their address is 3415 Birdwell and their telephone is Ly 2-3084

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister E. E. Degge is recovering from surgery in Glenwood Clinic. She will probably be home by the time you read this.

GOOD REPORTS

Wednesday evening we enjoyed brother Edwin Rasco's report of the work of the church in Italy. We also enjoyed hearing a report of the work in Oakley, Kansas by brother Dalton Porter. As you know we support brother Porter and his family in their work in Kansas.

AREA YOUTH MEETING

There will be an Area Youth Meeting in Alba, Texas, Sunday, June 12 at 2:30 p.m. James Beard will be the speaker.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY 1966

Balance on hand May 1, 1966	4,563.66	
Contributions for May 1966	5,722.97	
Available for Expenditures	\$10,286.63	

Loan Payments		
First Federal	711.75	
Coop. Sav. & Loan	75.00	786.75

Benevolent and Mission	-	
Bible Chair	100.00	
Herald of Truth	50.00	
Boles Home	75.00	
Tipton Home	75.00	
Sunny Glen Home	75.00	
Radio Program	222.40	
Mike Warner	647.50	
Dalton Porter	583.50	
E. V. Rushing	155.00	
Advertising	49.50	2,032.90

Materials and Supplies		
Bldgs. and grounds	39.24	
Utilities	353.65	
Bible School Supplies	107.52	
Office Supplies	301.78	
Insurance	60.00	
Flowers	5.00	
Postage	50.00	917.19

Salaries	1,852.25	
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Total Expenditures for May	5,589.09
Balance on hand May 31, 1966	4,697.54
Total Funds accounted for	\$10,286.63

Bldg. Fund Balance May 1, 1966	1,059.99
May Contributions	3,794.17
Total Building Funds	4,854.16
Paid to First Fed. Sav. & Loan	4,700.00
Balance on hand May 31, 1966	154.16

HERALD OF TRUTH  
 NEWS RELEASE

Norvell Slater, WFAA TV (Channel 8) Dallas, religious program director, has announced that at 7:00 a.m., Sunday morning, June 12, WFAA-TV will begin broadcasting the new Herald of Truth color television series.

WFAA-TV is the largest television market in Texas, and is cabled into an additional 19 cities.

Robert Holton, nationally known veteran of television, radio and motion pictures, will be featured in the "God Has Spoken" series during the first six weeks of broadcasting. After that time, the "Worlds in Conflict" series, featuring Batsell Barrett Baxter, will be shown. Both series are in full color.

The Herald of Truth is supported by Churches of Christ around the world. Currently in its 15th year, it is now aired over 125 television stations and broadcast over 462 radio stations.

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 \* HOW FAR WILL YOU GO? \*  
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 \* How far does your commitment to part, but it might mean one in-  
 \* Jesus Christ go? Does it go far dividual soul's salvation. \*  
 \* enough to cause you to give up a Brethren, we here in Scott City \*  
 \* week of your time and energy to must have your help to make this \*  
 \* help carry the Gospel to lost evangelistic effort a success. \*  
 \* souls? Is your commitment to Already great plans have been \*  
 \* Christ deep enough to compel you made and sacrifices have been \*  
 \* to travel almost 700 miles from given toward this campaign. But \*  
 \* home to do His work? Is it deep unless enough of you will come to \*  
 \* enough to cause you to give up help us, much of what has been \*  
 \* that fine vacation that you plan- done was for naught. \*  
 \* ned, in order to serve the Mas- \*  
 \* ter? \*  
 \* Certainly not everyone can go not let us - and possibly your- \*  
 \* to a foreign country to serve as self and your Lord - down. Will \*  
 \* an evangelist, but many could you not make a definite commit- \*  
 \* come to Western Kansas for one ment to come to Scott City in \*  
 \* week. That wouldn't really rep- July? \*  
 \* resent a great sacrifice on your \*  
 \* \*  
 \* .. Mike Warner \*  
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**MUSIC CAMP**  
 A class in music will be held at Camp Deer Run this year from June 13 - 18. Details are too lengthy to publish in a bulletin. See the details and instructions on the bulletin board. You will also find instructions on the bulletin board about enrolling for one or more sessions this Summer.  
 Camp Deer Run is not a church supported camp. It has not asked or received funds from church treasuries. It is supported completely by individuals. It is a good place for boys and girls to spend two

weeks in a Christian environment. The cost is nominal. D.B.

**TO SERVE COMMUNION IN JUNE**  
 The following men have been selected to serve at the Lord's Table and the congregation the first two Sundays in June: M. M. Haws, Jack Bennett, Bruce Raley, David Womack, and Mike Hannah. Faber Gauthen, Harley Norris, Glen Warner, Wilmer Little and Royce Caskey. Alternates are Doc Wright and Tommy White.  
 Sunday evening: Ray Womack and Henry McRuiz. Alternate: Howard Ellis.

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CONTRIBUTION

May 29.....	\$1,342.12
May 22.....	\$1,358.18
A Year Ago.....	\$1,367.87

BIBLE SCHOOL

May 29.....	428
May 22.....	463
A Year Ago.....	449

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
 Prayer.....R. H. Davis  
 Dismiss.....Layton Bailey

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Fred Powell  
 Prayer.....Fred Strait  
 Dismiss.....Rodger Young

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of Mrs. J. P. Bennett acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to you for all the visits and calls during my recent stay in the hospital. Bessie Willis

FUNERAL

Brother C. H. Skeeters passed away suddenly early Sunday. Services were held Monday afternoon. We extend our deepest sympathy to sister Skeeters and family.

WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP

By membership  
 Mr. and Mrs. Don Baker, 1307 W. Dobbs, telephone Ly 3-7656. Sister Baker's name is Dannie. Don works for the T. P. & L.

Mrs. H. G. Potts Jr. (Nettie) 1525 Charlotte Drive, telephone Ly 2-8449. Sister Potts confessed wrongs and asked for prayer in her behalf.

Miss Debbie Potts, daughter of sister H. G. Potts.

Confession  
 Miss Donna Snipes confessed wrongs and asked us to pray for her.

MEETINGS IN THE AREA

The Mobberly Avenue church is having a meeting June 12-17 with brother T. B. Crews of El Paso doing the preaching. Services are to be at 7:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M.

The church at Van will be in a Vacation Bible School June 6 - 10 from 9:00 till 11:00 A.M. Their Gospel Meeting will be June 6 - 12 at 7:30 P.M. week days. The speaker will be Boyd Fanning of Longview.

THE SICK

Sister E. E. Degge had surgery Wednesday in Glenwood Clinic.

Sister Edna Golden spent a few days in Mother Frances this week.

Sister Emma Reed Smith has not been well. She is at her home.

MOVED AWAY

Sister Anita Hidalgo and her family have moved to Nacogdoches.

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 \* BUILDING FUND \*  
 \* JUNE 5, 1966 \*  
 \* Next Lord's Day all the contri- \*  
 \* bution will go into the build- \*  
 \* ing fund to retire the debt on \*  
 \* our present building. The con- \*  
 \* tribution has been a little low \*  
 \* for the past two Lord's Days, \*  
 \* and with the make-ups, which we \*  
 \* hope to have from those who \*  
 \* have been out, we should have a \*  
 \* good contribution. If you can- \*  
 \* not be present, please mail \*  
 \* your contribution or send it by \*  
 \* some one. The elders are giving \*  
 \* every Christian here an oppor- \*  
 \* tunity to have part in this \*  
 \* work. No pressure is being \*  
 \* applied. It is simply a free- \*  
 \* will offering. We hope every \*  
 \* member plans to give something. \*  
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 \* TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED..\$20,000.00 \*  
 \* FUNDS RECEIVED: \*  
 \* to date... 4,854.16 \*  
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 \* BALANCE NEEDED BY \*  
 \* JULY 3 \$15,145.84 \*  
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WEDNESDAY EVENING - JUNE 8

Brother Edwin Rasco of the Glenwood congregation will speak to us Wednesday evening, June 8. Brother Rasco has recently traveled in Italy and plans to talk to us concerning the work of the church there. He will have slides to show us.

OUR NEW BUILDING

The workmen are on the finish work now and much of it has already been done. But much remains to be done. As yet we cannot say when we will get to occupy the building. It is down to a few weeks though. The planning and workmanship is superb. It is worth waiting for, as all who have seen it readily agree.

Many have marvelled that our Bible school attendance has held up so well under the circumstances. The main reason is because we have so many fine Christians here. Complaining and staying home won't complete the building any faster. In fact, we would have lost ground spiritually if we had allowed our class room situation to hinder us. Faithful Christians refuse to be hindered unless it is something beyond their control.

Let us all pause and thank the good Lord that we will soon have something that we have been in need of for a number of years. Now that God has helped us get it, let us determine to use it faithfully to His glory. D.B.

WELCOME TO TYLER

We welcome brother B. E. Bawcom and family as workers with the Northwest congregation. We wish for them happiness and success.

OUR YOUNG MEN

Our young men did remarkably well Wednesday night. We are proud of each one. We are looking forward to hearing others at a later date.



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## THOUGHTS FROM BROTHER BROOKSHIRE

There will be an important meeting here May 31 at 7:30 P.M. Every member of the church is invited, but we specially want to emphasize that we are inviting only those who want to do something for the Lord. We will discuss doing some personal work, Bible school work and getting ready to enter our new educational building. The purpose of this meeting is not to try to get anyone to go out and help distribute the brochures, because there is much to be done beside going from door to door. No one will be embarrassed by being over persuaded to do something he is not qualified to do. We are expecting every elder, deacon, Bible class teacher, regardless of the age or time you teach, and every one who is interested in doing personal work. If you do not fall into either of these categories, there are some things you can do. So come one, come all. Next Tuesday evening is the date. 7:30 is the time. Church auditorium the place.

If we can have 463 in some makeshift and combined class rooms (wasn't that wonderful) why can we not have 500 or more each Lord's Day when we get into our new building. We can, and the only thing that will keep us from it is disinterest. If we are really interested and care about souls, we are going to work to teach every member, children of the members, and our friends. Our new educational

building will accommodate six hundred and if all the West Erwin members and their children came, we would almost fill the building with out going beyond the membership here. But only about fifty percent of the adult members now come, and this we hope to overcome. We hope to create a desire in the heart of every member here to hunger and thirst for the Word of God. We believe there are some good people here who just have never taken Bible school work seriously.

It is hoped that it will not seem trite to mention at this time that when you start on your vacation that the church here will need your continued financial support. Our program of work is planned so close that when a few fail to give, it seriously affects the work.

We all want to keep the Scott City, Kansas work in mind and those of you who plan to go and help before and during their meeting should be talking it up so others will desire to go too. The work in both places we support in Kansas, Scott City and Oakley, is on the increase. The last report we had from the Rushings, the work in Horseheads, N.Y. is holding up well in attendance considering that they are in the midst of changing preachers. Brother Kelly Jones, Jr. will become the preacher there July 1st.

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CONTRIBUTION	
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May 15.....	\$1,538.00
A Year Ago.....	\$1,462.78
BIBLE SCHOOL	
May 22.....	463
May 15.....	421
A Year Ago.....	409

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Bill Smith  
 Prayer.....M. M. Haws  
 Dismiss.....Jamon Kirby

SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....H. McCarty  
 Prayer.....Charles Graf  
 Dismiss.....Tommy Parsons

THANK YOU NOTES  
 Thank you for every expression of  
 kindness and for your prayers dur-  
 ing my recent illness.

K. Max Haws

We wish to express our heartfelt  
 thanks for the cards, prayers, and  
 good wishes and also for the nice  
 visits to my mother, Mrs. Willie  
 Whitaker. The W. H. Lands

IN THE HOSPITALS  
 Judy Venable was in Mother Frances  
 Hospital a couple of days for ob-  
 servation after an automobile ac-  
 cident.

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WEDDING  
 Miss Ruth Kline and Ramon Ivey  
 were married last Friday evening at  
 the church building. We extend  
 best wishes to them for a long and  
 happy life together.

CONGRATULATIONS  
 We extend congratulations to  
 Jency McDonald and Debbie Young.  
 Both girls recently received the  
 Rotary Citizenship Award. This is  
 a very high honor. Jency is grad-  
 uating from Roberts Jr. High and  
 Debbie from Moore Jr. High.

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING at Arp this  
 month. Enjoy an hour of singing at  
 2:30 P.M. Sunday afternoon.

"I used to think that the idea  
 that monkeys had changed into men  
 was silly. I have always hooted at  
 the idea that one species could  
 change into another. But having  
 seen so many people become 'night  
 owls' on Saturday night, and then  
 become 'bed-bugs' on Sunday morn-  
 ing, I'm beginning to wonder."

JUNIORS AND SENIORS HONORED

Recently a group of church mem-  
 bers planned and gave a formal ban-  
 quet in honor of the Juniors and  
 Seniors in high school. The prime  
 purpose of the banquet besides  
 honoring these young people was to  
 provide good Christian entertain-  
 ment at this time of the year when  
 so many parties are given for them  
 where unchristian activities are  
 practiced such as dancing and  
 drinking of intoxicating beverages.  
 The members of the West Erwin  
 church were all contacted by letter  
 and asked if they would as indi-  
 viduals give to pay for this annual  
 affair. \$231.00 was collected from  
 individuals from West Erwin. Mem-  
 bers from the other congregations  
 in town brought the total amount  
 collected up to \$505.19.

Brother Rex Kyker was the speaker  
 for the occasion and music was  
 provided by a quartet from ACC. We  
 were rather disappointed that more  
 Juniors and Seniors did not come  
 although we had around sixty young  
 people to come. From the group of

thirty-one Juniors and Seniors from  
 West Erwin, the following are the  
 ones who came. We are sorry that  
 we do not have room to list all of  
 their guests. Sharon Anders, Dean  
 Bailey, Dudley Brookshire, Fleeta  
 Chandler, Georgianna Drennan, Sue  
 Gode, Mary June Grier, Bill Howard,  
 Donna Ivey, Tommy Keith, Wade  
 McDonald, Tommy Parsons, and Donna  
 Snipes.

As Committee members we would  
 like to have suggestions from the  
 Juniors and Seniors, as well as  
 you who are adults and support the  
 party, as to how we can make the  
 occasion truly more significant in  
 the eyes of those for whom it is  
 planned.

Those on the committee who freely  
 gave of their time and effort to  
 honor Christian young people want  
 to thank each person who had a part  
 in making this year's banquet as  
 successful as it was.

Bud and Louise Caskey  
 Tom and Sylvia Jones

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SCOTT CITY CAMPAIGN  
 Week of Personal Work - July 17 - 23  
 Gospel Meeting - Johnny Ramsey - July 24 -31

WEST ERWIN MEETING  
 August 7 - 12  
 George H. Stephenson, Evangelist

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## TOO TIRED AND TOO BUSY

I am either too busy or too tired. How many times have we heard these words when it comes to church work or church related meetings. Some get too tired to attend Wednesday evening, too tired to get up and attend Bible study on Lord's Day morning, too tired to attend Lord's Day evening, etc. But how many members did you ever hear of being too tired for a social function. Yes, it is true they are tired, but they go most every time, do they not?

It is true that some get tired and sick from over work or too much going, but the point is that some Christians make a greater effort to go to a social function than they do to go to worship and attend to church work. Some even feel left out when they are not invited to a social function, but they seldom, if ever, complain if they are left out of the work of the church. Why do you suppose this happens? Why do you suppose a Christian will make a greater effort to go to a function of some kind on Tuesday or Thursday evenings and will make less effort to study and worship on Wednesday? Why do you suppose one will arise early on every day of the week and go to his job or business and will not make the same effort on Lord's Day morning? If it is rest that one needs, why not get the rest Saturday morning or some other week day morning?

In answer to turning down a social get-to-gether, one says he does not want to insult the one who has

invited him as it might appear that he did not like him if he refused. Another says he would lose his job if he slept or rested on week day mornings. Has it ever occurred to you, brethren, that God has invited you to Bible study and worship and that He too can be insulted? Or have you ever thought about losing your soul which is much more important than any job, as important as they may be to our existence and happiness.

If you should delve into the answers to why people slight the Lord's work and worship and feel badly about entertaining the idea of not accepting every possible invitation to other functions, you might be surprised. There are many people who are as badly deceived as was Simon Peter about denying the Lord. They over estimate their faith, love, and devotion. They are just not as interested as they think they are and their glaring inconsistencies prove it.

People are busy and they are tired. But if they are too busy and too tired for the Lord, it seems that they would be too busy for other things that are less important. Those who were too busy to accept the King's invitation to the marriage of His Son were destroyed (Matt. 22:2-7). One day, and it may be soon, we are going to lay down all present activities and die, and none of us will be too busy or too tired to do it. Neither will we be too busy to stand (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Sam Bailey  
 Prayer.....Dr. Roger Knight  
 Dismiss.....James Phillips  
 SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Glen Warner  
 Prayer.....Gerald Montgomery  
 Dismiss ..... Bill Butler

THANK YOU NOTE

Your thoughtfulness and Christian deeds will long be remembered. We thank you for the food, visits, and flowers, but most of all for the prayers that were prayed for my recovery.

Mrs. W. H. Turner and Family

FUNERAL

Mrs. J. P. Bennett, mother of brother Jack Bennett, passed away Tuesday in a Dallas hospital. Funeral services were Thursday in Lufkin. We express our sympathy to the Bennett Family.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Brother I. M. Howell, formerly of this congregation, is very ill in the Municipal Hospital in Glade-water, Texas.

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He that abideth in Me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing. John 15:5.

TOO TIRED AND TOO...(continued)  
 to be judged and to spend eternity somewhere. Can we slight the Lord and His work and make heaven our home? Please do not say that you are too tired or too busy to think about this. D.B.

ATTEND BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

THREE MEN ON A WALL  
 Three men were walking on a wall  
 Feeling, Faith, and Fact.  
 When Feeling got an awful fall,  
 And Faith was taken back.  
 So close was Faith to Feeling,  
 He stumbled and fell too.  
 But Fact remained  
 And pulled Faith back,  
 And Faith brought Feeling too.

WHY I COME TO ASSEMBLE WITH THE SAINTS

We all know that it is our duty to attend worship regularly and can give chapter and verse for it (Heb. 10:25). We all know that we are suppose to receive a blessing from the worship. Many times we leave the service somewhat disappointed because the preacher didn't say just what we thought he ought to have. We all want to learn something new from the sermon or have our faith strengthened again by listening to the grand old themes. About half of our worship service time is spent in listening to the sermon. While I would not minimize the importance of preaching the word from the pulpit, I think that we need to give more attention to our singing and praying than we do. Not necessarily more time, but more thought and effort to these acts which we do as worship. Judging by the continual late arrival of many and the non-participation in the singing, the reason for coming to the service is, for many, for the purpose of hearing a sermon. But this is not the only, or should I say, the main reason for attending the service. The Christian attends worship with the purpose of worshipping God. In his singing and praying he continually confesses, "I believe that God is and that he is worthy to be praised." The purpose of our living on the earth is to praise God. The most evident and direct way to do this besides a

dedicated life is the devotion to regular assemblies to sing and pray and to study his word. Over and above what I can get out of the services as a selfish blessing personally, I am concerned with what I can do to make this service bring glory and honor to God the Father and His Son. Certainly I can be quiet before the service and reverent all through it. Surely I can do more than just whisper the songs and hymns. A study of many of the Psalms will teach us the proper attitude in attending the worship services of the church. "I will bless Jehovah at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in Jehovah: The meek shall hear thereof, and be glad. Oh magnify Jehovah with me, and let us exalt his name together." Ps. 34:1-3. "Make a joyful noise unto God all the earth: Sing forth the glory of his name: Make his praise glorious. Say unto God, How terrible are thy works! Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee. All the earth worship thee, And shall sing unto thee; They shall sing to thy name. Ps. 66:1-4.

I assemble with the Saints to worship God! If I give all that I am as a part of singing, praying, and meditating, I will receive a blessing from every service.

T.A.J.

GEORGE H. STEPHENSON WILL PREACH IN A MEETING AT WEST ERWIN AUGUST 7 - 12.

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## JEHOVAH LIVETH!

In the second chapter of Judges we find this statement of Jehovah: "Because this nation hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations. . . that by them I may prove Israel. . ." Israel had sinned; this sin had separated her from God (Isaiah 59: 1,2). Israel was dead, but God lived on. God sent his natural blessings of sunshine, rain, seed-time and harvest. He was very much alive upholding the universe by the power of his word. Israel was dead morally, spiritually. She was separated from her God. The fidelity of the creature does not determine the state of the creator. A great work of art or composition of music of a past generation may not be appreciated by a modern generation, but that does not mean that the artist or composer was any less a genius. It means that this generation is dead or insensitive to the great attributes of the genius. The spirits of the artists of past generations are still alive in their works. The word of God is quick and active (i.e. alive and powerful) and a generation of men that refuses to read and learn that word and thus allow the seed to germinate and grow does not destroy the word, it lives for ever (I Pet. 1:25).

In the past few weeks, I have

heard several say, God is dead for you, if you do not allow him to live in you. Brethren, this is backward! The dead body ceases to exist, but the soul of that body continues to exist even throughout eternity. Just so, created man may die spiritually but God, his creator, lives on and on. Is it not blasphemous to say, God is dead in any sense of the word?

Jehovah liveth; and blessed by my Rock;  
And exalted be the God of my salvation,  
Even the God that executeth vengeance for me,  
And subdueth peoples under me.  
Psalm 18:46,47

Thy hand will find out all thine enemies;  
Thy right hand will find out those that hate thee.

.....  
For they intended evil against thee;  
They conceived a device which they are not able to perform.

.....  
Be thou exalted, O Jehovah, in thy strength:  
So will we sing and praise thy power. Psalm 21:8,11,13

God lives on upholding even the unrighteous by the natural laws, and will be alive to punish the wicked in His own time. T.A.J.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Faber Cauthen  
 Prayer.....Bob Threadgill  
 Dismiss..... Harold Browning

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
 Prayer..... Dr. Walls T. Witt  
 Prayer ..... David Demic  
 Dismiss..... B. E. Walker

THANK YOU NOTE

During my recent illness and stay in the hospital, I want to thank you for the cards, visits, and your prayers that meant so much.  
 Mrs. Erma Sanders

BABY GIRL

Layton and Happy Bailey are the parents of a baby girl, Kimberly Joan, born last Friday, May 6. The Sam Baileys are the proud grandparents.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Willie Shuford and sister Jim Willis are in Glenwood Clinic. Sister Willis is there for tests. Brother Drummond and brother K. Max Haws are in Medical Center. Sister Polly Nichols is in Medical Center for tests. Sister Lorene Venable is in Mother Frances for tests. Sister Myrtle Vaughn is now in a rest home in Longview.

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May 8.....\$1,480.07	.....418
May 1.....\$3,680.53	.....421
Year Ago.\$1,462.78	.....429

TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men serving the Lord's Supper the last three Sundays in May are as follows: Ed Bullard, Ed Naul, Aubrey Payne, Herbert Brookshire, Steve Drennan. Ross Walker, O.C. Becker, R. M. Mayo, Steve Sublette, Cliff Tigert. Alternates: Ken Bennett, Jim Franklin.

Sunday Evening: Bud Caskey and L. G. Drennan. Alternate: Roger Knight.

SPRING GRADUATES

We extend congratulations to our High School and College graduates. High School Seniors are:

Dudley Brookshire	Sherryl Lemons
Linda Caudle	Linda Majors
Chuck Cauthen	Wade McDonald
Steve Cherry	Tommy Parsons
Mary June Grier	Billy Rozell
Sue Gode	Sandra Snipes
Linda Haynes	James Sublette
Tommy Keith	Lloyd Turner

Sherryl Lemons has been elected to the National Honor Society.

Graduating from College are:  
 Abilene Christian College  
 Raymond Hardin  
 Judy Holland  
 Tyler Junior College  
 Herbert Brookshire  
 Bob Butler  
 Jerry Rhodes

Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Kline request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Ruth Elaine to

Mr. Ramon Anthony Ivey on Friday, the twentieth of May Nineteen hundred and sixty-six seven-thirty o'clock in the evening West Erwin Church of Christ Tyler, Texas

Reception immediately following ceremony Church of Christ Bible Chair

A REAL COMPLIMENT

Many compliments have been paid to us for our friendliness. This is a great compliment and one that each should be proud to hear. Let each of us always introduce ourselves to strangers and welcome them to the services. Invite them back and invite them into your home if it is possible for you to have company. If our visitors live here in town, we should try to visit them at their convenience. Some people who have never moved or maybe have moved only once or twice in a life time hardly know what it means to be in the midst of strangers. It is always good to visit with our friends and talk with them after services, but let us never neglect our visitors to visit with those we know well and are with often. Many churches are rather cold and only stare at their visitors. No one likes for this to happen to him, "Let's shake hands and be friendly." D.B.

THOUGHTS FROM BROTHER BROOKSHIRE

During the closing weeks of our building program we must be patient and faithful to attend our respective classes so we will be ready to move into our new building with all the zeal and enthusiasm that faithful Christians ought to have. With our hearts set on learning more about God's Will, we should keep happy and interested. The real aim of any Bible class, regardless of how comfortable or uncomfortable the meeting place may be, is to learn more truth to help us live better.

Parents, come to the auditorium class and be sure that you bring your children to their classes. Let us strive to keep this a Bible learning and Bible practicing church. If we love the truth and the Lord's church, we ought to prove it enthusiastically. How about every able bodied member being here every time, on time, with a Bible in hand ready to study. We (and the Lord) will be looking for you this Lord's Day. D.B.

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 \* TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED \$20,000.00 \*  
 \* Bal. 5-1-66 \$4,740.52 \*  
 \* Rec. 5-8-66 113.64 \*  
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 \* NEEDED BY JULY 3 \$15,145.84 \*  
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 WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY to sister Ken Gode. Her brother, Mr. A. J. Smith was buried last week in Monroe, Ga.

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CALENDAR OF SERVICES

## SUNDAY

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## WEDNESDAY

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

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## WILL THEY GO ALL THE WAY?

A meeting of unusual interest is being conducted in Dallas this week. The meeting is being conducted by representatives of several well-known denominations. The purpose of this meeting is to try to work out a plan for those denominations, representing about twenty-four million people, to merge. For a number of years each denomination has been teaching a different doctrine, practicing different items of worship, and governed by a different form of government. Evidently the leaders see the folly of division and believe that more can be accomplished united (or in union) than in division. Not knowing the motive behind all of this I am not in position to say just what prompted such meeting and why those churches want to be together. All through the years they have considered one another brethren (with the exception of the Disciples of Christ maybe, they use to claim to be different, but not any more) even though they did not believe and practice the same things. They all taught, or do now, that some of the commandments of the Lord are non-essential and that one church is as good as another. They have held many things in common, but one of the representatives said on a newscast Monday that he believed they would have a harder time selling it to their members than to each other.

This article is not intended to be critical but thought provoking

and instructive. Those same leaders have done a good job through the years on selling their members on error and keeping back some of the truth from them. Do they now fear that if they get closer to the truth it will be harder to sell the people on it? Or do they fear getting too close to family sentiment for some to leave their former teaching, or just what is it?

The men conducting the Dallas meeting are going in the right direction if they will go all the way. If they will do away with all of their creeds, feelings, and family sentiment, unscriptural names and practices and go all the way back to the Bible and Bible only, they will have accomplished what should have been done long, long ago. A different church for those with a different taste has no scriptural basis. The Bible is our only guide (2 Tim. 3:16-17), God our only Father, Jesus Christ our only Saviour and Mediator and the Holy Spirit the only life in the word to create us anew in the image of God.

During the restoration period the ones who left denominationalism to become Christians, no more and no less and nothing else, dropped all human teaching and practice and went back to the Bible for their guide. My prayer is that the ones who are trying to guide the destiny of twenty-four million souls will guide them into the truth that will make (continued inside)

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CONTRIBUTION

May 1.....	\$3,680.53
April 24.....	\$1,411.71
A Year Ago.....	\$1,563.69

BIBLE SCHOOL

May 1.....	421
April 24.....	338
A Year Ago.....	451

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	L. G. Drennan
Prayer.....	Austin Giesecke
Dismiss.....	Ralph Lowrance

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Henry McRuiz
Prayer.....	Fred Powell
Dismiss.....	Bill Shuford

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so very much for your many visits and for the services. Your kindness will always be remembered. Please thank the members of your church for the food and their kind deeds.

Mrs. Leroy Cotton and Children

Dear Ones: Words cannot express my thanks for your many visits, while in the hospital, and most of all the donation of blood. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Sister Marie Hopkins  
 Alpine and Glover, Longview, Tex.

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 \* BUILDING FUND \*  
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 \* TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED \$20,000.00 \*  
 \* Bal. 4-24 \$1,059.99 \*  
 \* Rec. 5-1 3,680.53 \*  
 \* 4,740.52 \*  
 \* NEEDED BY JULY 3 \$15,243.48 \*  
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 \* Each one is to be commended \*  
 \* who had a part in making last \*  
 \* Lord's Day successful. During \*  
 \* the rain 421 came for Bible \*  
 \* School and the contribution \*  
 \* was \$3,680.53. If you were \*  
 \* absent and would still like to \*  
 \* have a part in the building \*  
 \* fund contribution, just make \*  
 \* out a check and mark it for the \*  
 \* building fund. Either put it \*  
 \* in the collection plate or mail \*  
 \* it to Box 728. We would like \*  
 \* to give every member an op- \*  
 \* portunity to have a part in \*  
 \* this good work. \*  
 \* \* \* \* \*

WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP

By Baptism: Mr. Johnny Mack Whitworth, 215 S. Baxter. Phone Ly 3-0437.

By Membership: Mrs. Johnny Mack (Sue) Whitworth.

OUR ATTENDANCE

It seems that a rain always keeps some of the members away from worship (but not from work) but we are elated over our attendance last Lord's Day. Why not come on and help us have 500? We can have 500 any time you are ready.

WILL THEY GO? . . .  
 (continued)  
 them free (John 8:24).  
 If a person is going to be religious, with but little more effort he can be religiously right as easy as being religiously wrong. Evidently each group can see some wrong with the other or they would all join one of the churches instead of trying to resolve their differences and be one body. It is this writers hope that prejudice will not blind them to the beautiful s a v i n g truth of our Lord.  
 D.B.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Drummond is in Medical Center. Sister Willie Shuford is in the Glenwood Clinic.

Brother K. Max Haws is in Medical Center, but is unable to have company at this time.

BE IN BIBLE CLASS  
 SUNDAY MORNING.

INVITE A FRIEND TO  
 COME WITH YOU.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1966

Balance on hand April 1, 1966		\$ 4,389.95
Contribution, April 1966		5,984.74
Available for Expenditures		\$10,374.69
Loan Payments		
First Fed.Sav. & Loan	711.75	
Coop. Sav. & Loan	75.00	786.75
Benevolent and Mission		
Bible Chair	100.00	
Herald of Truth	50.00	
Boles Home	75.00	
Sunny Glen Home	75.00	
Tipton Home	75.00	
Mike Warner	530.00	
Dalton Porter	467.20	
E. V. Rushing	155.00	
Radio Program	243.20	
Advertising	19.80	1,790.20
Materials and Supplies		
Bldg. and Grounds	532.58	
Utilities	225.85	
Bible School Supplies	165.51	
Office Supplies	29.79	
Insurance	60.00	
Flowers	17.30	
Postage	50.00	1,081.03
Withholding Tax (1st Quarter)	678.40	
Salaries	1,474.65	
Total Expenditures for April		\$ 5,811.03
Balance on hand April 30, 1966		4,563.66
Total Funds accounted for		\$10,374.69
Building Fund Balance April 1, 1966		520.74
April Contributions		539.25
		<u>1,059.99</u>



# West Erwin Visitor

## LET'S BE CREATIVE

A word frequently seen in the description of successful men and women is "Creative." "He has a creative mind." My conception of "to create," and "creation" has always been colored by the fact that God is the creator and man is the Creature. We are here as a result of God's creation. Webster's dictionary has these meanings: Create (1) to bring into being; to cause to exist. (2) Hence: a. To invest with a new form, office, or character; to constitute. b. To produce, form, or bring to pass, by influence over others; as to create a favorable opinion. (3) To produce as a work of thought or imagination, esp. a work of art. Creative (1) Having the power or quality of creating. (2) Productive. In a recent class discussion this question was brought up. "What will happen to the written word of God if godless scholars continue to translate and edit it?" I don't know... but, I do know that God will protect His word. The world experienced a period described as the dark ages because scholarship ceased. The reformation and restoration of learning, especially Bible knowledge, has brought about our modern standard of living.

The point of this article is this: We need to be creative. We need to create in the minds of our youth that Biblical scholarship must never be left in the hands of the unbelievers. We need to create a desire in the hearts of young men and women the desire to produce new and fresh songs and hymns that will move and inspire us and our children as much as the hymns of the past few centuries. We need to create in our minds the desire to sing the praises of God. One method of determining the spiritual fervor of a congregation is to listen as it sings the gospel songs and hymns. We need to create a situation where the congregation is not tied to the hymnbook and the songs found therein. If a man wrote a masterpiece of hymn music, he would have a hard time getting it sung in the average congregation for two reasons, we are tied to the old and familiar and to that within the song book. Creativeness in this field of the work of the church has been stifled for the want of expression. One step in remedying the situation would be to encourage every member of the congregation to learn to some degree to read music. Then to have a period frequently where newer songs could be learned. It would help a great deal if every member of the congregation would sing with more vigor and vitality, especially those who sit in the back of the auditorium. ...be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father. Eph. 5:19 (RSV) T.A.J.

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CONTRIBUTION  
 April 24....\$1,411.71 .....338  
 April 17....\$1,440.72 .....418  
 A Year Ago..\$1,448.82 .....444

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Ray Womack  
 Prayer.....C. E. Caskey  
 Dismiss.....Ronnie Stegall

SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....James Massey  
 Prayer.....Jack Beard  
 Dismiss.....Buddy Holland

NOTE OF THANKS  
 Dear Brethren and Friends: I want to thank you for sending me the WEST ERWIN VISITOR. I have been receiving it for several years. My son John, who passed away a year ago, attended church there for a number of years. We have visited there several times. West Erwin has some precious memories for us.  
 Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Arrington  
 Stephens, Ark.

NEW ARRIVALS  
 Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Keith have a new baby girl born April 21. They have named her Mary Elizabeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Freeman have a new daughter born late Wednesday evening.

CONGRATULATIONS  
 Congratulations to John Dove III,

son of John and Evelyn Dove former members here, who has been named to the National Honor Society. The Doves now live in Pinellas Park, Fla.

THE SICK  
 Sister Inez Turner and Brother Drummond are still in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Whitaker, mother of sister Land, is in the hospital in Grand Saline.

Sister Leonard Woltman's sister, who lives in Lubbock, had serious surgery last Tuesday.

Let us remember to pray for the sick and their loved ones.

WORK ON OUR BUILDING  
 Work on our building is progressing nicely. By the time you read this, all of the sheet rock and much of the paneling will be up. If you want to see the building you will have to do it real soon because the contractor said after the finish work and painting starts that no tours will be allowed until the building is completed. The roominess and beauty surpasses the expectations of many of us.

BIBLE CHAIR LECTURESHIP  
 The annual TJC Bible Chair Lectureship will be held May 2 - 6. Brother Tom Loney, preacher for the Southwest church in Houston will be the speaker. The evening services are at 7:30 and the morning services at 10:50 Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. All are invited.

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 \* BUILDING FUND \*  
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 \* TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED..\$20,000.00 \*  
 \* Bal. 4-17-66 \$940.74 \*  
 \* Rec. 4-24-66 119.25 \*  
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 \* NEEDED BY JULY 3....\$18,940.00 \*  
 \* \*  
 \* This is another reminder \*  
 \* this Lord's Day all of the \*  
 \* contribution will go into the \*  
 \* building fund toward retiring \*  
 \* the old note on our present \*  
 \* property. The elders are \*  
 \* counting on every one of us \*  
 \* doing the best we can this \*  
 \* Lord's Day. Please come pre- \*  
 \* pared to give liberally. If we \*  
 \* will compare our giving with \*  
 \* God's goodness it s h o u l d \*  
 \* provoke us to give as we are \*  
 \* prospered each time. This is \*  
 \* a time when every member, young \*  
 \* and old, should give something \*  
 \* extra. None of us are too \*  
 \* poor to give some. Pray over \*  
 \* the matter and if you pray \*  
 \* earnestly you will give liber- \*  
 \* ally. If you cannot be present \*  
 \* call some member to come by \*  
 \* and pick up your contribution \*  
 \* or mail it to the church at \*  
 \* Box 728. \*  
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SYMPATHY  
 Brother J. J. McCurley, of the Glenwood congregation, passed away Tuesday. His funeral was held Wednesday afternoon. We express our deep sympathy to his loved ones.

SICK, BUT HOPE OF RECOVERY  
 The Bible School attendance looked real sick last Lord's Day due to the heavy rains, sickness and visiting away. We hope to enjoy full recovery by next Lord's Day. If you are physically able, why not start to Bible School and resolve to be in regular attendance. Those of you who have planned and planned to start will never find it more convenient than now. In fact, it may be easier for you now than it will be later. When your will has been destroyed, the desire gone and the conscience completely seared, it will be too late for exhortations. We are not striving to make a "big show" or "splash", we are interested in precious souls. Yours is one of them.  
 D.B.

. . . An Interesting Item  
 The Church of Christ in Madison, Tennessee opened their new building April 3, with a seating capacity of 3,000. 6,648 attended worship and 5,5508 were present for Bible study.

MEN TO SERVE  
 The following men have been asked to serve Communion the first two Sundays in May: R. C. O'Bannon, H. McCarty, W.S. Little, Buddy Holland, Chuck Cauthen. H.J. Holland, Jim Willis, Louis E. Jones, Skipper Womack, Richard Wallace. Alternates are Willie Shuford and C.N. Strait.  
 Sunday Evening: Harley Turner and Joe McBee. Austin Giesecke, Alternate.

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### PRIDE WHICH ERECTS ITSELF AGAINST GOD AND MAN:

The following thoughts are some that I have adapted from a word study by Mr. William Barclay. The words being studied are words that contain these ideas: Wanton insolence; one who acts with wanton insolence, and to treat with wanton insolence. The basic idea in all is "The pride which erects itself against God and man alike." One has said that the root meaning is violent over-stepping of the mark, the insolence of triumph, and the pride of life that tramples under-foot the laws of God and man. The basic evil is that when this 'pride' enters into a man's heart that man forgets that he is a creature and that God is the Creator. It is the sin whereby a man forgets his humanity and makes himself equal with God.

Here is what some of the Greeks thought about the sin we are discussing. Plato has it: When opinion conquers, and by the help of reason, leads us to the best, the conquering principle is called 'temperance' but when desire, which is devoid of reason, rules in us, and drags us to pleasure, that power of misrule is called 'insolent pride.' Aristotle describes this sin with these ideas: Speaking with deliberate attempt to insult and to give offence... that deliberate way of slighting a man, which is bound to beget anger... it is wanton insolence done simply for pleasure it gives to see somebody suffer. The source of the pleasure found in

insolent action is the feeling that in injuring others we are claiming an exceptional superiority to them. It is easy to see that to the Greeks this was the cruelest of all sins. Let us now turn to the Bible and see how inspiration guided men to use these awful words. In Acts 27:10,21 it is used simply of the disaster which will follow a sea voyage taken against the advice of Paul. In another case one of the Scribes complains that Jesus has treated the scribes with insolence in his denunciation of them (Luke 11:45). This type of pride is spoken of as one of the characteristic sins of the pagan world (Rom. 1:30). One of these words is used by Paul to describe his own conduct toward the Church in the days when he was a persecutor (I Tim. 1:13). Twice another one of these words is used of the treatment which Paul received at the hands of his persecutors on his missionary journeys (Acts 14:5; I Thess. 2:2). In the list of his sufferings in II Cor. 12:10, Paul includes the things he suffered from 'wanton insolence.' Jesus uses the word of the treatment which he himself knew he would suffer at Jerusalem (Luke 18:32). In Matt. 22:6 the conduct of the men who ill-treated and killed the messengers of the king who brought the king's invitation to the feast illustrates most fully the actions of this sin.

God has sent his invitation into the world, (continued inside)

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April 17...\$1,440.72	.....418
April 10...\$1,555.32	.....442
A Year Ago.\$1,311.88	.....454

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Glenn Howard  
 Prayer.....David Hannah  
 Dismiss.....Dean Bailey

SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Henry Holland  
 Prayer.....Ed Bullard  
 Dismiss.....David Demic

THANK YOU NOTE  
 I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the delicious food, many visits, and all the expressions of concern received during my recent illness.  
 Mrs. Gracie Rowland

MEETINGS IN THIS AREA  
 The Negro brethren on North Tenneha are having a meeting April 24 - May 6 with brother Evans from Terrell preaching. Time of service 7:30 P.M.  
 The Queen and DeBard church in Palestine is having a meeting April 24 - 28 at 7:30 each evening. Brother Doyle Goodspeed, Jr. of Jacksonville will preach.

BE IN BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY MORNING

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 \* BUILDING FUND \*  
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 \* TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED.....\$20,000.00 \*  
 \* Balance 3-31-66 \$520.74 \*  
 \* Received 4-17-66 420.00 \*  
 \* NEEDED BY JULY 3, 1966 \$19,059.26 \*  
 \* \*  
 \* IN ORDER TO RETIRE OUR PRESENT \*  
 \* INDEBTEDNESS OF ABOUT \$20,000, \*  
 \* THE ELDERS HAVE REACHED THE \*  
 \* DECISION TO APPLY ALL THAT IS \*  
 \* CONTRIBUTED ON THE FIRST LORD'S \*  
 \* DAYS OF MAY, JUNE, AND JULY TO- \*  
 \* WARD THIS GOAL. WE WOULD LIKE TO \*  
 \* MOVE INTO OUR NEW EDUCATIONAL \*  
 \* BUILDING FREE OF ANY DEBT EXCEPT \*  
 \* ON THE NEW BUILDING ITSELF. LET \*  
 \* EACH OF US CONSIDER THIS MATTER \*  
 \* SERIOUSLY, PRAY FERVENTLY AND \*  
 \* GIVE LIBERALLY. THE EDLERS ARE \*  
 \* CONFIDENT THAT THIS AMOUNT WILL \*  
 \* BE CONTRIBUTED, BUT IN ORDER TO \*  
 \* INSURE IT EACH WILL HAVE TO GIVE \*  
 \* AS GOD HAS PROSPERED HIM. THANKS \*  
 \* FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION. \*  
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THE SICK  
 Sister Turner returned to Medical Center Hospital late Monday evening. She has pnwmonia.  
 Brother Drummond is in Medical Center Hospital.

YOUR CO-OPERATION IS APPRECIATED  
 Many have filled out the worker's sheet included with the bulletin last week. Many have not turned one in. Please do this as soon as possible. Extra copies are in the foyer.

THOUGHTS FROM BROTHER BROOKSHIRE

The 1966 major league baseball season is now under way, but before the season actually started the players went through a period of training so they would be ready when the season opened. Some were holdouts and as a consequence they have not done too well. Some will probably be hampered all the year. Now we do not plan a baseball team but we do plan to open a new educational building in a few weeks and we need to be ready to get off to a fast start when it is opened. In order to do this we need to be training. Those not in attendance need to be getting use to studying and sitting in classes. Those of us who are teaching need to be making preparation to do a better job of teaching. We will be having a meeting soon for all teachers, and those interested in teaching, also for any of the members who want to learn more about Bible school work, so when such meeting is held cancel everything and come. We must not wait until the building is ready for use to get ready ourselves.

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PRIDE WHICH ERECTS ITSELF... and men reject it... this is man erecting himself against God, man in his pride defying God, man forgetting that he is a creature and that God is Creator, man in arrogance turning his back on God This

I am thankful to the elders for giving us an opportunity to give to retire our old debt. Giving is "fruit to our account" and it is "laying up treasures in heaven." I have given to a number of building programs and have never regretted one dime of it. The Lord has always returned a hundredfold. There is nothing more rewarding than investing our lives and money in the souls of the present and succeeding generations. A Christian should not dread to give, but he should look forward to it, because it enlarges his heart and enriches his soul and makes him more like Christ.

Commendations are in order for the good crowd we had Lord's Day evening during the rain. A few let it hinder them but not many. It is good to work with people who are guided by love and a desire to worship rather than the weather. Our crowds of late have been exceptionally good. Keep coming and keep inviting.

(continued from back page)  
 is man deliberately hurting God. It is the most hurting and most humiliating thing in the world to offer love only to have that love spurned and contemptuously refused.  
 Adapted by T.A.J.

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WE NEED TO KNOW. . .

It has been several years now since we have given the members of West Erwin an opportunity to express themselves as to how they feel that they can best be used in the Lord's work here at this place. Many newcomers and those who have more recently obeyed the Gospel may have been overlooked. We want to use everyone who wants to be used if at all possible. There may be some who, in times passed, have not felt ready to lead a public prayer or to take some other public lead in the worship services, who now after praying over the matter and growing spiritually have decided that they would like to be used. As we anticipate entering the new classroom facilities new classes will be begun and old classes revived, we are going to need new teachers. Much work is in the planning stage, we need to know who is willing and ready to "March for the Master."

You probably have already noticed the "Work Sheet" which was inserted in your bulletin if you are a member of this congregation. We think that it is pretty well self-explanatory, but if you have a question about any item mentioned, please feel free to call the church office or Tom Jones and we will be glad to go over the matter with you. Each member of the church should fill out a sheet. Failure to

co-operate in this matter, of course, indicates that you do not wish to be used. The decision of to use, or not to use, and when to use who, of course, is left up to the elders and the men who are working closely with them in making the assignments. If you are not used and have not been asked after a reasonable length of time, it would be wise to contact one of the elders to learn if there is a reason or if it is just an oversight. We have a good congregation here of willing workers. We know that the fullest co-operation in this matter will be expended by all. You may return the work sheet to the office by mail or bring it by. Additional copies will be available at the services this coming Sunday.

We would like for everyone to give serious consideration to the matter of teaching. Remember Heb. 5:12. Even if you do not think that you can teach at this time, if you are interested in learning to teach either children, adults, or teenagers we would like to know about it. We need to maintain a large reserve of teachers to fill needs when they arrive. Special classes are being contemplated, numerous teachers will be needed. Let us hear the call and answer, Here am I, Lord use me.

T.A.J.



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BIBLE STUDY IS FOR EVERYONE! BE ON TIME SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

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April 3....\$1,567.99	.....445
A Year Ago..\$1,469.54	.....450

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Louis J. Jones  
Prayer.....O. C. Becker  
Dismiss.....George Welch  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....T. J. Parsons  
Prayer.....Charles Graf  
Dismiss.....David Drennan

RESPONSES

Baptism: Charlotte Ann Chandler, Rt. 2, Box 389, was baptized last Sunday. Charlotte is in the sixth grade.  
David Rozell, 510 N. Parkdale, was also baptized Sunday. He is in the eighth grade. Both Charlotte and David attend Bible school regularly.

THANK YOU NOTE

The family of Mrs. Buna Brem acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. The food, prayers, flowers, and words of encouragement made our sorrow easier to bear.

John D. And Ruby Brem

LISTEN EACH WEEKDAY TO RADIO KTBB  
12:30 NOON.

BUSINESS MEETING

The men of the congregation are urged to be present at 3:00 Lord's Day afternoon for the regular business meeting. Men come and keep abreast with what is being done and what is being planned.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Turner is still in Medical Center.  
Sister Marion Rowe is in Medical Center.  
Larry Mackey is in the Glenwood Clinic. He had surgery Tuesday.

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER

THE CAMPAIGN  
SCOTT CITY, KANSAS  
JULY 18 - 31

OUR MEETING WITH

GEORGE STEPHENSON OF FORT WORTH  
AUGUST 7 - 12

By keeping these dates in mind some may be able to arrange their vacation and spend some of the time in Kansas or arrange your vacation to where you can be home for the meeting. Since it is so important that we "seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness" why not do your best to keep this time open for these special efforts for our Lord. As Christians we must never lose sight of sacrificing for the Lord. If it is possible to re-arrange a vacation so as to be home for a meeting, it would be too small a sacrifice to even mention, would it not? D.B.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JACKSONVILLE

The church in Jacksonville will have the formal opening of their new building this Lord's Day at 2:00 P.M. They have moved from Neches Street to Corinth Road (FM 768). All who can are invited to go to Jacksonville and enjoy a worship service and then tour the new building. Brother Brookshire has been invited to speak and brother Rasco has been invited to direct the singing. Others in this area will be on the program. See the invitation on the bulletin board. Doyle Goodspeed is the evangelist in Jacksonville.

BUILDING PROGRESSING NICELY NOW

The new educational building is looking so much better the past two or three weeks due to the workmen reaching the place where the work really shows up. Few here realize what a magnificent and useful building we will have when it is completed. It will greatly surpass the expectations of most of us. Why not stop by on Saturday or Lord's Day afternoon and tour the building. The workmen are not here on Saturday and they are usually gone by 4:30 each afternoon so come by when you can and see what we will have to use for the Lord shortly. As yet no completion date has been set. We hope in about sixty days, but this is just the writers guess and not the contractors promise. D.B.

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY!

GOOD TEACHERS CLASS

We had a good class with the teachers of juniors last Tuesday evening. We would like to encourage all of our elders, deacons and others who are interested in our teaching program to be present and get as well acquainted with the teaching program as possible. Since we will soon be using new improvements we need to improve ourselves so we can use the building to a greater advantage. D.B.

OUR VISITORS

The following signed Visitor's Cards last Sunday. Visitors are always welcome and cordially invited to return at every opportunity: Angee Strickland, Ft. Worth; Mike Frederick, Arlington; Jennifer Hamilton, Arlington; Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Hudson, Greenville; Patti Mallow, Wichita Falls; Mrs. Mack Lancaster, Sulphur Springs; Mickey Howard, Biloxi, Miss.; Mrs. Rochelle Williams, Eldorado, Illinois; Mr. and Mrs. James R. Shuford, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hillin, Wichita Falls; L. G. Wright, Longview; Mr. and Mrs. James Hardin, Shreveport, La.; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Trimble, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. John Gideon, Ft. Worth; Clay Frederick, Arlington, Lillie Mae Ginn, Dallas; Mrs. Alma Irby, Dallas; Nanette Schrumpt, Tyler; Mr. and Mrs. Eldon McCurley, Tyler; Glenda Walding, Tyler; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holley, Corsicana; Mr. C. E. Clark, Arp; Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Berry, Arlington; Willie Chummuck, Sulphur Springs.

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(Sept. Thru May)

#### EVANGELISTS

Dean Brookshire - Tom A. Jones - Mike Warner (Scott City, Kan.)

### BROTHER BROOKSHIRE'S THOUGHTS

I know every faithful member is rejoicing over our Bible school attendance the past two Lord's Days. The ones who are attending are the ones being benefitted but still I want to express my thanks to each of you for your interest in the teaching program. Some will be out of town this Lord's Day because it is a holiday week-end, and others of us will have company. Why not bring your company to Bible Study. Do not stay home with them because if you do they will think less of your Christianity. Remember, we never impress people by compromising with them or being slothful.

Our new educational building is looking better all the time. In another week or two most of the work should be confined to the inside. Some of that work will be slow but we should be in the building before too many more weeks. Won't it be wonderful to have such a fine building to use for the Lord's work? Each one of us should plan to improve our work along with the new improvements we will have to use.

Last Lord's Day was a great day with us. Much rejoicing took place and there was something to rejoice about. Five were baptized and four placed membership. I believe we could experience many days like last Lord's Day if we get out and work for the Lord and ask Him to bless our labors. If we work

with persistence and patience the Lord will bless our labors. We can't just ask once and quit, we must continue to teach our friends the way of salvation and show them the joy we derive from living for the Lord.

If each able bodied family in this church would start being friendly with and talking to (in the right way) another family, in one year we could convert at least one hundred. It is good to be together and Christians need to be together, but we need once or twice a week to either go into homes of those who are not Christians or invite them into our home. By doing this we won't have to give up our close friends but we will gain other friends and win some of them to Christ. How about trying it for a while.

While we are talking about the lost, let us not forget the backsliders. There are many of them to work with too. Many of them just need some encouragement. Some of them think we don't love them because we haven't visited them. Let us prove our love to them. Visit them, call them or write them a nice letter.

There is much to do and the time is short. Let us not waste all of our time or consume it upon our own desires. Others need us and the need is urgent.



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Announcements and	
Prayer.....	Glen Warner
Prayer.....	T.J. Parsons
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SUNDAY EVENING	
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Prayer.....	Leonard Woltman
Prayer.....	C. B. Hardin
Dismiss.....	Rodger Young

WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP

By Baptism

Mr. Ted Snipes, 1804 E. Houston. Ted is purchasing agent for Western Paper Co.

Mrs. Ronnie (Joanne) Stegall, 205 West Oakwood.

Angela Stansbury, Rt. 7, Box 149C. Angela is in the 6th grade and attends Chapel Hill School.

Lou Ann Driggers, Rt. 7, Box 85. Lou Ann is in the 6th grade and attends Chapel Hill School.

Cynthia McBee, 2811 Rollingwood, Cynthia is in the 7th grade at Moore Jr. High School.

By Membership

Brother and sister Eddie Stansbury, Rt. 7, Box 149C, Telephone Ly 3-1202. Brother Stansbury is a cement contractor and sister Stansbury (Dorothy) does relief office

work for Woldert Canning Co. Most of her work is done during vacation time.

Sister Joan Sutton, Rt. 7, Box 149E, Telephone Ly 2-2890. Joan is a first grade teacher at Chapel Hill. She is the Stansbury's niece.

By Membership and Restoration  
 Dennis Stansbury, a junior at Chapel Hill school and the son of brother and sister Eddie Stansbury.

HEED THE CALL!

In Acts 16:6-10 is recorded the occurrence in which the Apostle Paul had a vision and received the "Macedonian Call." This call expressed a need - the need to preach the good tidings of Jesus to the people of that area. Believers cannot help but thrill at Paul's immediate response to the call.

West Erwin has received a call to, "Come on over to Scott City and help us." Brethren, the need is no less vital. There are souls here living and dying without Christ.

The call is no less urgent. We need YOUR help. We cannot reach these people without help.

The purpose is no less noble. This is the work of serving God and of leading souls to the Master.

Paul left immediately to go to Macedonia. Will you begin immediately to pray and plan for this evangelistic endeavor?

Who will heed the call?

...Mike Warner

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY!

LISTEN TO KTRB 12:30 NOON WEEK DAYS

FUNERAL

Brother John Brem's mother, Mrs. Buna Brem, passed away early Wednesday morning. Funeral services were Thursday afternoon at the Lloyd James Funeral Home. We express our sympathy to her family.

THANK YOU NOTE

We would like to express our deep appreciation to each one for the many nice things you have done for Ronnie and Joanne since they have been in Tyler. We enjoy reading the bulletin each week.

In Christian love,  
 Mr. & Mrs. N.L. Stegall

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Erma Sanders entered Medical Center Hospital Thursday. She will have surgery Friday.

Sister Inez Turner remains in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Myrtle Tucker is in Newburn Hospital room 115 in Jacksonvill, Tex. Remember her with a card or letter. She would enjoy hearing from some of us.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH 1966

Balance on hand March 1, 1966	\$4,194.41
Contributions, March 1966	5,657.97
Available for Expenditures	\$9,852.38

Loan Payments		
First Fe. Sav. & Loan	711.75	
Coop. Sav. & Loan	75.00	786.75

Benevolent and Mission		
Bible Chair	100.00	
Herald of Truth	50.00	
Boles Home	75.00	
Sunny Glen Home	75.00	
Tipton Home	75.00	
Mike Warner (salary & rent)	515.60	
Dalton Porter	332.90	
E. V. Rushing (rent)	155.00	
Radio Program	212.00	
Advertising	39.60	1,630.10

Materials and Supplies		
Bldgs. and Grounds	102.06	
Utilities	261.73	
Bible School Supplies	520.93	
Office Supplies	38.89	
Down payment on new pews	625.00	
Insurance	60.00	
Flowers	5.00	
Postage	40.00	1,653.61

Salaries 1,391.97

Total Expenditures	\$5,462.43
Balance on hand March 31, 1966	4,389.95
Total Funds Accounted For	\$9,852.38

Building Fund Balance, March 1	92.74
March Contributions	428.00
Balance on Hand March 31, 1966	520.74



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### LEADERS WHO LEAD. . .

In studying for the Ladies Bible class recently I came upon this passage that impressed me. I believe that the lesson ought to be shared with the whole church. The passage is found in Judges 5:2. It is the opening passage of the "Song of Deborah." Israel had just experienced a great triumph over the enemies of the Lord's people; thus Deborah and Barak sang this song. There is quite a difference in the translations of this verse, but the lesson I am interested in here is the one taught in the American Standard Version and the Revised Standard Version. "That the leaders took the lead in Israel, that the people offered themselves willingly, bless the Lord." The leaders in this case were Deborah and Barak. Barak, you will remember, seems to have been in a position to lead but had lacked faith in himself, or should we say that he lacked faith in God's willingness to work through him. Deborah had to challenge and strengthen the man to do his duty. How many men in the church are acting like Barak? We have received the commands: Go, Teach! Watch and Pray! Contend for the Faith! Be ready to give an answer to all who ask concerning the hope in you! What are we go-

ing to do about it? Deborah said, "Did not the Lord say..." Let the godly wife and mother challenge us today. Let us rise up and be the leaders that God wants us to be. Praise God when the leaders lead. But there is a second part to the verse.

"That the people offered themselves willingly." Once the strong men have taken the lead, once the program has been outlined and the way has been announced, who will follow? It has been said that where there is good leadership there is an equally good "followship." To be a doer, a carrier out of good ideas, is no little task. All cannot be the leader, but all can support the work. A work has been announced: We need Christians to go to Kansas for one week of work in Kansas. We need Christians to make substantial contribution toward retiring a debt in order that we may do something else, we need Christians that are willing to knock on doors and make contacts for the Lord here in our own city, we need teachers of Bible classes and those who will come and study in the classes. Bless the Lord when the people offer themselves willingly to do the work set out by the leaders.

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each evening.

### MEETINGS

The Glenwood Church will have a meeting April 3 - 8. Brother Clifton Rogers will be preaching. The services are 12:10 Noon and 7:30

The Eastview congregation in Kilgore will have a meeting with brother J. D. Walker April 3 - 9. Services will be 7:30 each evening.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....18.....	Glen Warner
Prayer.....16.....	T. J. Parsons
Dismiss.....21.....	Ed Naul
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....	H. McCarty
Prayer.....	Jamon Kirby
Dismiss.....	Tommy Parsons

RESPONSES  
 Miss Charlene Graf, daughter of the Charles Grafs, came Sunday evening to be baptized into Christ. Charlene is in the sixth grade and is faithful to attend Bible classes.

OUR VISITORS  
 The following signed Visitor's cards Sunday: Bob and Peg Davis, Jackie Davis, Kim Davis, Robert Davis, and Mrs. A. C. Aechternacht, all of Dallas. Martha Demere, Denton, Tex.; Mrs. Sammie DeFratus, Del Valle, Tex.; Memory Wasmuth, Pasadena, Tex.; Larry Smith, Denton, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. H.G. Broadfoot, Clyde, Tex.; Mr. & Mrs. Benny Petters & sons, Mesquite, Tex.; Earnest Pickle, Palestine, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. James Rozell, Athens, Tex. Our guests are always welcome and invited to return.

MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER  
 Men selected to serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in April are as follows: North side: Louis J. Jones, John Weaver, David Hannah, Gary Weaver, and Steve Smith, South side: James Massey, Pete Wallace, Harvey Grier, Ramon Ivey, and James Beard. Alternates are: George Welch and Dean Bailey. Sunday evening: Fred Strait and Monroe Sublette. Alternate: Darrell Holt.

CONGRATULATIONS  
 Don and Wanda Weathers are the parents of a baby son, born last Sunday morning in Victoria. Brother and sister Ross Walker are the grandparents.

IN THE HOSPITAL  
 Sister Inez Turner is in Medical Center Hospital.

4th and 5th GRADE BOYS AND GIRLS  
 For several weeks the 4th and 5th grade Sunday morning class has been preparing a program of scriptures and songs. They will present the program Saturday afternoon at the Sunset Home. About 18 boys and girls will participate.  
 The following children in this class have a perfect attendance record for the last quarter: Kenny Browning, Mark Whitworth, Mark Cauthen, Jeff Ellis, David Grier, and Becky Young.

LISTEN EACH WEEKDAY TO RADIO KTBB  
 12:30 NOON.

BROTHER BROOKSHIRE'S THOUGHTS  
 For some time I have been thinking about trying to write an article containing the thoughts of the one that appears below. It was written by brother Joe Laird and I saw it in the Crockett Road bulletin from Palestine. Brother Laird has expressed my feelings better than I could have done myself.  
 D.B.

THANK GOD FOR PEOPLE LIKE YOU  
 Of necessity, much of our writing, preaching and visiting is directed to the weak and unfaithful. Although few of them seem to realize it, the lukewarm and careless church member will one day go to torment unless he repents. Christ, who gave His all for us, won't accept half a love or our half-hearted service.  
 offer, we know they will not cause you to forsake the Lord. You make whatever sacrifice is necessary. You have no more time than the unfaithful members do, but somehow you manage to find time to fully serve the Lord.

However, we want to reverse that order here. This article is not addressed to you who have to be begged, petted and pampered before you will attend the services of the church and still are absent as often as you are present. This isn't for those who only give the church their excuses and grumble the most while doing the least.  
 Whenever a good program is put before the church, no one even wonders what your response will be or whether you can be counted on to see it through. When you accept an assignment, it is a foregone conclusion you will see it through. You don't flirt with sin or see how worldly you can become without completely apostatizing.

Our vocabulary isn't large enough to tell those who can be depended upon at all times how very much we appreciate you. It matters not how many meetings the elders may call within a week, we know you will be present. The weather nor any amount or kind of company are ever able to cause you to treat lightly your responsibility. Whatever attractions or distractions the world may  
 We appreciate you even more because you demand no special attention or praise for your service and you do not consider that being regular and faithful to God is a grievous burden or a great feat of valor. You are a good example to our younger members and an inspiration to all of us. You make the work of an elder or preacher much lighter. Thank you for being the kind of person you are. A crown of righteousness will be yours at the last day!

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY!

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## A CHANNEL OF BLESSINGS THAT HAS BEEN DAMMED

One of the many things that was once fairly common but which has now been given up by most every one in this modern age, is the family prayer circle. This great channel of blessings has been dammed up by the varied lives of the members of the family and the entrance of television into the living room. Much can be said for the family that sets a time where all the members of the family must be together and then with the father taking the lead engage in worship to God. The great influence of one's faith on another's would only be one blessing among many. We hear about families that are torn by quarrel-ing children and husbands and wives that do not trust each other. Can you imagine a family that meets to-gether daily to talk to God and read the scriptures that allows petty jealousies and childish dif-ferences to long remain? The church today is in dire need of families who will take the time to worship daily in the home. It is the father's place to initiate such action and to use his authority and position as head of the house to see that it continues in the proper spirit. But, of course, if the father is not willing or for some reason not able to take the lead, the rest of the family surely must proceed to worship daily on their own.

One might ask why has the average home in the church ceased to be a

place of prayer and study? I be-lieve that the reason first lay in the complacency of the family. Grandfather lived on a farm, his time was his own, his children did chores on the farm, they were a unit. But the children grew up, moved to town and worked on a pay-roll, soon the busy schedules of modern urban living had crowded out the time for family wor-s-h-i-p. Materialism, may be listed as a contributing factor to the compla-cency followed closely by the love of pleasure. Soon we became a people going to worship on Sunday morning, holding a form of Godliness but denying the power thereof. We sing of the Faith of our Fathers while we never realize that to do us any good that Faith of our Fathers must be kindled in our own heart. As a seed planted, begins life as a small entity, grows by m e a n s of food and light, so faith must be planted in the heart by a reading of God's Word. It must be fed and exercised and then it will grow to be like that great Faith of our Fathers which many of us seem to have idolized. The great faith and Bible knowledge of past generations in the church is some-thing to be proud of. Let us not neglect the present generation by lack of family worship and religi-ous training in the home which can be strengthened in the Bible class room. Let's break that Dam.

T.A.J.

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Announcements and  
Prayer.....Joe McBee  
Prayer.....L. L. Gann  
Dismiss.....Joe Willis  
SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Howard Ellis  
Prayer.....Bill Smith  
Dismiss.....Steve Smith

RESPONSES  
Restored: Layton Bailey, 1804 S.  
Fleishel was restored Wednesday  
evening.

THANK YOU NOTES  
Your comforting expression of  
sympathy will always be remembered  
with deep gratitude. We wish also  
to thank each one for the food and  
lovely flowers.

Charles and Juanita Graf  
In times of sorrow Christian  
friends are a wonderful source of  
encouragement. We are very grate-  
ful to each of you for your kind-  
ness at the death of our father. The  
flowers, food, cards, and words of  
comfort were all very much appreci-  
ated. Ike Gaiser Family

I want to thank you all for being  
so kind and thoughtful, for your

many visits to me in the hospital.  
You will never know how much  
brighter they have made my day.  
Sister Marie Hopkins  
from Alpine and Glover, Longview

CONGRATULATIONS  
Dr. and Mrs. Walls T. Witt are the  
proud parents of a baby girl born  
Monday in Medical Center Hospital.

FUNERAL  
Funeral services were held Monday  
afternoon in Texarkana for Mrs.  
Nancy Graf, mother of brother  
Charles Graf. We offer our deepest  
sympathy to the family.

THE SICK  
Brother John D. Brem's mother, Mrs.  
Buna Brem, is very ill with pneu-  
monia in the Glenwood Clinic.

Sister C. B. Hardin, Jr. is re-  
covering from surgery in Medical  
Center Hospital.

Sister Land's mother, sister Whit-  
aker, is now at sister Land's home  
and would enjoy a short visit.

Brother Walter Fuller is in Medi-  
cal Center undergoing tests.

Brother and sister Pool have had  
the flu. She is home from the hos-  
pital now, but he is still in Tex-  
arkana in the Cotton Belt Hospital.

MEETING NEWS  
Brother Brookshire called his  
family this week and reported that  
he is well and enjoyed a good meet-  
ing in Floydada. There were good  
crowds in attendance and 21 re-  
sponses. He will be home the 23th,

I CAN DO THIS  
Often we are asked, "What can I  
do to help the church grow?" Or,  
"What can I do to save souls?" There  
are many things you can do; and if  
you will learn to do these things,  
you will contribute more than you  
will ever be able to realize.  
1. Speak to people. There is noth-  
ing as nice as a cheerful word  
of greeting.  
2. Smile at people. It takes 72  
muscles to frown and only 14 to  
smile.  
3. Call people by name. The sweet-  
est 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 were a genuine  
pleasure.  
6. Be genuinely interested in  
people. You can like people if  
you try.  
7. Be generous with praise-cautious  
with criticism.  
8. Be considerate with the feelings  
of others.  
9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of  
others. There are usually three  
sides to a controversy - yours,  
his, and the right side.

LEARNING TO BE CONTENT (I Tim. 6:6-14)  
Bible Thought: "Not that I speak  
in respect of want: for I have  
learned, in whatever state I am,  
therewith to be content" Phil. 4:11  
Ours is an age of anxiety and un-  
rest occasioned by economic, social,  
political and military problems.  
This unrest has destroyed the tran-  
quility and usefulness of millions.  
It is heartening, in the face of  
such problems, to read of one who  
had learned to be content. Paul, in  
learning that lesson, had done so  
not because of easy and favorable  
circumstances; but even in tremen-  
dous trials.

In learning to be content, Paul  
had not simply ceased to care. He  
was not a Stoic, equally unmoved by  
triumph or defeat. Nor had he be-  
come self satisfied. Neither had  
he allowed himself to become re-

signed to fate. He was not like  
the fox who failed to reach the  
luscious grapes and convinced him-  
self that they were sour anyway. But  
Paul had learned to place himself  
in agreement with the circumstances  
brought upon him. He realized that  
contentment is an active rather  
than a passive virtue. He had  
learned to live from within instead  
of from without. Christ within  
means happiness and victory.  
Undergirded with this principle  
Paul fortified himself against the  
dangers of prosperity, the scourge  
of poverty, the passing of his  
youth, the loss of public approval,  
the unfaithfulness of friends, even  
the loss of freedom. So can we  
with a proper exercise of faith.

...Norman Vaughn  
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### CHALLENGED

Last week the senior and junior high classes on Sunday evening heard a tape recording of Stanley Shipp's talk given at the Glenwood church recently. Brother Shipp held the teenagers' rapt attention for one hour in which time he challenged them concerning their lives as Christians. Some of the ideas that he set forth were these:

Our nation will be invaded and taken over by a powerful force, the youth of today. Are you preparing for your part in this take over? Control of self is not the responsibility of the adults alone, but we must learn early in our lives to control our emotions and activities. God uses us as a powerful force for good if we will but ask Him in prayer and allow Him the freedom in our lives that He wishes.

We need dedication which will be manifested in the following ways: More prayer, more Bible reading, more personal evangelism, and a personal commitment that I as a young person will sometime in my life go to a field where the church is weak and will spend some time there building it up.

Brother Shipp challenged the young people to read the New Testament through in 30 days. About 14 of our young people committed themselves to the task. They will have to average 9 chapters a day but this is no herculean task. Just think of the Bible knowledge that would be gained the rest of the year if each one of us would sit down and repeatedly read our New Testament through. Each time we would reread it, it would become more familiar and meaningful. This coupled with earnest and fervent prayer could make the West Erwin church grow in such a way that growth will be seen not only in numbers but in the spirituality of the members and the magnitude of the work being done to the glory of the Lord.

Brother Shipp mentioned one other thing that I wish to repeat here. We hear a great deal about the campaigns and cottage meeting work that is being done over the nation. He reports that the majority of this work is being done by the youth of the church, college age down through the teenagers. Would it not be wonderful if the more mature in the Lord would take the lead and give direction and guidance to the enthusiasm of the young. Pray that these young people may have long lives in the service of the Master. May they never lose their self control and their dedication to the Master.

T.A.J.

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 \* SCOTT CITY CAMPAIGN \*  
 \* Week of Personal Work - July 17 - 23 \*  
 \* Gospel Meeting - July 24 - 31 \*  
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WEST ERWIN VISITOR

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March 13....\$1,328.79	.....418
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Joe McBee
Prayer.....	Howard Holland
Dismiss.....	Dalton Jones

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	L. G. Drennan
Prayer.....	Fred Strait
Dismiss.....	Steve Drennan

THANK YOU NOTES

We want to express our thanks to you for your visits, food, cards and especially for your prayers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark  
Joyce and Joe Willis

Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy.

The John D. Walling Family

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Charles Graf's mother is very ill in Watley Hospital in Texarkana, Texas.

Sister Dot Hardin is in Medical Center Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Curtis have a baby daughter born last Thursday in Medical Center.

WHAT IS A CAMPAIGNER?

We are encouraging, pleading, and praying that a number of you from West Erwin will come to Scott City, Kansas in July and take part in our "Campaign for Christ." We need for you to be a "Campaigner;" and let me tell you what a campaigner is:

1. A campaigner is a Christian. He may be a businessman, teacher, housewife, student, retired, etc. but Jesus Christ is the One whom he is following in this life.

2. He is a Christian who is not going to wait any longer to GO. He realizes that "Go ye" means "GO me."

3. He is a faithful Christian who has a burning love for both his Lord and for lost souls.

4. He is one who realizes he has a talent and is willing to use it for the glory of God rather than bury it.

5. He is one who is willing to sacrifice for his Master. He is willing to give up vacation time and even time with his family for the Lord.

6. He is one who walks by faith and is willing to put his shoulder together with other Christians and "March for the Master."

Brethren, the fields are white unto harvest. We need you. Make your plans to come. God will bless you for it.

Mike Warner

ZONE 5 WILL MEET Tuesday evening, March 21, 7:30 p.m. at Luby's cafeteria.

YOUNG PEOPLES MEETING

There will be an area young peoples meeting Sunday, March 20, at 2:30 P.M. in Hallsville, Texas. The speaker for this meeting will be brother Cleo Scott of Temple, Texas. All are invited.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING SCHOOL

Emory Church of Christ, March 21-25, 7:15 - 8:00 P.M. special classes, song directors class, class for teachers of young people.

8:00 - 8:45 P.M. General assembly singing and instruction for ALL Christians.

Teachers: Dan Danner, Phyllis Fox, and Betty Heijl.

MEETING - March 21-27, South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. Walter A. Brown, evangelist.

TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men selected to serve the last two Sundays in March are as follows: North side; Sam Bailey, H. C. Williamson, Marvin Jones, Bill Shuford, and Reagan Phillips. South side; C. B. Hardin, R. E. Frederick, Harry Knight, B. G. Tigert, and Terry Woltman, Alternates are M. H. Shaffer and Ralph Lowrance.

Sunday evening: John D. Brem and R. H. Davis. Alternate: T. J. Parsons.

LORD'S DAY SERVICES

Brother Ronnie Tyler, director of the Kilgore College Bible Chair, will speak at both services Sunday, and to the young people Sunday.

ARE YOU YET A CHILD?

There is within the church today an attitude which is difficult for me to understand and one which is entirely foreign to the teaching of the New Testament. That is, the idea among many members that they must be begged and pampered into doing their duty to Christ and the church. Some must be continually begged and coddled into attending the services of the church and always begged to support the gospel with their contributions.

All this reminds me of the "spoiled" child who must be implored and pleaded with to take his medicine, even when he is burning up with fever. Or the frail child whose parents must beg and coddle into eating nourishing food when he is slowly dying of malnutrition.

"These things ought not so to be."

Remember this. It is YOUR soul that will be lost and spend an eternity in hell. You should not need to be begged into doing those things needed to save that soul. At the judgment of all the world, the Lord will not plead and beg people to enter the gates of the Eternal City. In fact, He will say only one of two things to you: "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world," or "Depart from me ye cursed, into eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels." (Matt. 25:34, 341)

Which of these will it be for you? ... Carl D. Willis

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(Sept. Thru May)

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### IN ANSWERING QUESTIONS FROM OUR FRIENDS

In the Sunday evening Young Peoples Class several times recently there has arisen a discussion of some of the conversations carried on by members of the class with their friends at school. This reflects the attitude of our modern youth that he is eager to share his knowledge of the Bible with those who are not members of the church. Many times we who are older would be put to shame when we compare the way our young people are mission minded and we are not. In these discussions one problem creeps up everytime. It is reflected in the question they are asked, "You are the people that think your church is the only one going to heaven, isn't it?" or "Don't you believe that I'm going to hell because I'm not a member of your church?"

When confronted with such questions we need to understand that prejudice against the truth is being manifested. If one answers with a sincere "yes" then the questioner is pleased and closes his mind saying "I thought so. I don't want to talk to you about it any more." Then he will assume the attitude that you are the prejudice one. There is a way to handle this problem though without closing the mind of the questioner. Brother Gatewood in the little book, YOU CAN DO PERSONAL WORK offers this suggestion: "If a person asks if you believe that the church of Christ

is the only true church, you can ask him what he thinks about it. He will be compelled to say that there is one great church of which we are all members. Then you can say that you agree with him, but that this church is not composed of different sects which believe and practice different doctrines. You can then give him a lesson on unity and teach him the truth about the one true church; where as, if you had answered his question directly and said, that the church of Christ is the only true church, he would have closed his mind and would not have listened to anything you said. We should never be ashamed of the truth at any time, but when we are answering questions of that nature, we should especially remember that there is more than one way or manner of answering. We should do our best on all occasions to keep a person's mind open to the truth rather than close it by making some unwise statement before we have time to teach the truth on an issue.

As we are preparing to do more personal work here in Tyler and some even to go to Kansas, let us be studying ways and means that we can do this more effectively. There are several tracts in the rack in the foyer that will give you help and also some books in our library. If you wish to read one of the books, see me. T.A.J.

PLAN NOW TO GO TO SCOTT CITY, KANSAS IN JULY!

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 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....M. B. Beard  
 Prayer.....M. M. Haws  
 Dismiss.....Pete Nichols

SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Louis J. Jones  
 Prayer.....Tommy Lowrance  
 Dismiss.....Richard Wallace

WELCOME  
 Restoration and Membership: Mrs.  
 Eugene (Tommie) Johnson, 2339 Swan-  
 ne. Telephone Ly 3-8833.  
 Mrs. Velma Hicklen, 1306 E. Idell,  
 Telephone Ly 2-2536.  
 Membership: Mrs. Buddy (Janet)  
 Holland, 219 South Bonner.

THANK YOU NOTE  
 During a time like this we realize  
 how much our Christian friends  
 really mean to us. Thank you for  
 the bountiful food, cards, flowers,  
 and most of all thank you for your  
 prayers.  
 The Family of Mrs. L. Van Huss

BUSINESS MEETING  
 The regular monthly business  
 meeting for the men of the church  
 will be held Sunday at 3:00 P.M.

OUR SYMPATHY  
 Sister Myrtle Walling's brother,  
 John D. Walling of Beaumont, passed  
 away Monday. Funeral services were  
 Wednesday at Grapeland.

Funeral services were conducted  
 Tuesday for brother J. T. Baird of  
 the Glenwood congregation. He was  
 related to some here at West Erwin  
 and known by many.

WEST TEXAS MEETINGS  
 Brother Brookshire will preach in  
 meetings at Floydada March 14 - 20,  
 and Acuff March 21 - 27. He will  
 be back home the 28th.

Sister Brookshire will be teach-  
 ing in the Teacher Training School  
 in Dallas for four days next week,  
 beginning Monday evening. She will  
 be with the Wynnewood church in  
 Oak Cliff.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE  
 Brother Dalton Porter will speak  
 to us Wednesday evening March 16.  
 He will be here in connection with  
 the work in Oakley, Kansas.

THE SICK  
 Cliff Tigert is in Medical Center  
 Hospital. He was injured playing  
 ball at school.

Sister Gracie Rowland has been  
 dismissed from the hospital but  
 will be confined to her home for  
 about two weeks.

Mr. Clark, father of sister Joyce  
 Willis, has been released from the  
 Hospital.

Sister Linda Caudle re-entered  
 the Glenwood Clinic Tuesday.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY 1966

Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1966 \$3,265.10  
 Contributions 5,654.47  
 Available for expenditures \$8,919.57

Loan Payments  
 First Federal 711.75  
 Coop. Sav. 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  
 Mike Warner  
 (Salary) 418.40  
 (Rent) 80.00  
 E. V. Rushing 155.00  
 Radio Program 222.40  
 Advertising 29.70 1,205.50

Materials and Supplies  
 Bldg. & Grounds  
 Maint. 89.76  
 Utilities 222.18  
 Bible School Sup. 677.74  
 Office Sup. 148.69  
 Insurance 60.00  
 Flowers 5.00  
 Postage 40.00 1,243.37

Salaries 1,489.54

Total expenditures \$4,725.16  
 Balance on Hand Feb. 28, 1966 4,194.41  
 Total Funds Accounted for \$8,919.57

THE SICK (continued)  
 Sister Owene Lusk, daughter of  
 sister Ruby Vaughan had surgery in  
 the T. B. Hospital Wednesday.

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 305

WEDDING  
 Miss Janet Lane and  
 Buddy Holland were  
 married last Friday. We  
 extend to them best  
 wishes for a long life  
 together. Their address  
 is 219 South Bonner.

ATTENTION LADIES  
 Brother Tony Ash will  
 speak to the Ladies  
 Bible Class at North-  
 west next Tuesday morn-  
 ing at 10:00. Our  
 Ladies Class will meet  
 with them Tuesday and  
 will not meet here on  
 Wednesday

5:00 O'CLOCK CLASS  
 The Teenage Sunday  
 evening class will  
 meet at 4:45 p.m. this  
 Sunday to hear a re-  
 cording of the talk  
 made last Saturday at  
 Glenwood by brother  
 Stanley Shipp. Every-  
 one is invited.

MEETINGS  
 There are three  
 meetings in the area  
 next week. Brother  
 Cleo Scott will be in  
 Hallsville, March 14 -  
 20th. Brother Wayne  
 Poucher will preach in  
 Athens the 13th-18th,  
 and brother Tony Ash  
 will be in a meeting  
 in Tyler at the North-  
 west church March 14-  
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#### LET'S GO TO KANSAS THIS SUMMER

During the recent Abilene Lecture-ship brethren Walker, Haws, Wright, and Jones met with brother Warner and brother Schinnerer from Scott City, Kansas. We discussed the work that is being planned for this Summer. The idea is that from 15 to 20 young people (teenage and college age) along with a couple of "older" folks spend the week of the 17 - 23 of July taking a religious census, passing out tracts and inviting people to the gospel meeting which will be held in Scott City July 24 - 31. Brother Johnny Ramsey will be the preacher. A second group of about seven couples (14-18 individuals) would come from West Erwin for the meeting during which time they would call on contacts made the first week and conduct home Bible studies. This second group would consist of more mature adults and would be augmented by five young men from the West Texas School of Preaching. Tom Jones has been asked to co-ordinate the workers. There is more information on the bulletin board in the church foyer along with a sheet of paper to sign for those interested in going. The church in Scott City will house and feed the workers but we will have to furnish our own transportation there and back. There has been some talk of a chartered bus. The town has facilities for any who might wish to stay in commercial accomodations. WHO SHALL GO? Lord, send me.

#### FUNERALS

Sister Cleo Sublette's grandmother, Mrs. Van Huss, was buried last Saturday afternoon.

Services were held for Mr. Odell Rountree Monday morning. It would be good if some of the ladies would call on Mrs. Rountree at 239 South Oakland. She works during the day.

Services were held Tuesday afternoon for Mr. A. L. George. He was a brother to sister Luther Thompson and the father of sister Mary Gaiser and brother Lloyd George.

We want to express our deepest sympathy to each family.

#### EXTRA CLASSES

Since sometime in November we have been having a class for elementary age boys in song leading. We have had a good class and hope to show you in a few weeks some of the results of that class by letting one or two of the boys lead a song on Wednesday evening. Now we are wondering if there are not some high school boys and girls that would like to study the Bible on some week night. Mention was made of this earlier in the school year but nothing much ever came from it. One has come to us and suggested that he would like to participate in a class such as this. If there are others who would like a week-night Bible class other than Wednesday, let brother Jones know.

LISTEN EACH WEEKDAY TO RADIO KTBB  
12:30 NOON.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
Prayer..... Leonard Woltman  
Prayer..... Faber Cauthen  
Dismiss ..... Herbert Brookshire

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer..... Fred Powell  
Prayer ..... Bob Threadgill  
Dismiss ..... Phillip Browning

RESPONSES

Tommy Parsons came Sunday morning  
to be restored.

MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men to serve the first two Sun-  
day's in March are as follows:  
North side; Glen Howard, Ken Willis,  
Billy Tigert, David Drennan, and  
James Sublette. South side; Henry  
Holland, David Demic, Tommy Low-  
rance, Ronnie Stegall and Bob  
Butler. Alternates are Joe Willis  
and Harley Norris. Sunday evening:  
James Phillips and Ben Young. Al-  
ternate is Jack Beard.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hidalgo are  
the parents of a baby boy born Mon-  
day in Medical Center.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies class had a good  
beginning Wednesday with about 40  
ladies present. We had an intro-  
duction to the book of Judges and  
began the discussion of the book.  
We are looking forward to having a  
good class in the coming weeks.  
Plan to attend and study with us.

THE SICK

Sister Joyce Willis father, Mr.  
Clark, re-entered the hospital for  
surgery Wednesday. He is in Mother  
Frances.

Brother Charles Graf's mother is  
seriously ill in Texarkana.

Linda Caudle was in the Glen-  
wood Clinic for a few days this  
week.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks to each and every one of  
you for the prayers, the visits, the  
cards and the gifts of love during  
my recent stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Pauline Aven

Thank you so much for your  
prayers and visits and every kind-  
ness shown during my recent illness.

Mrs. Mary Butler

The family of Mrs. Paul Willis  
acknowledges with grateful appre-  
ciation your kind expression of  
sympathy.

Ken and Betty Willis

RANDOM THOUGHTS FROM BROTHER BROOKSHIRE

Three more elders and five more deacons were ordained last Lord's Day.  
The elders are brethren Leonard Woltman, Bob Threadgill, and R. C.  
O'Bannon. The deacons are brethren Fred Strait, Fred Powell, Glen Howard,  
Joe McBee, and Jack Beard. This makes a total of eight elders and  
twenty-five deacons. We have enough man-power in these thirty-three men  
to carry out a program of work second to none in the brotherhood. Let  
us pray for them to lead us in the greatest soul-saving campaign that  
this church has ever enjoyed. This church will not rise above their  
leadership so let us encourage them to set the right kind of example be-  
fore us. You and I can either be a help or hindrance to their leader-  
ship and my prayer is that not one of us will ever hinder or discourage  
them in any way.

There are some things we outgrow but one of them is not Bible study.  
There is no hint in the Bible that a Christian should ever quit studying  
the Word of God. Many of our aged Saints who cannot get out as they  
once did have traded their Bibles for television. It is good to enjoy  
some programs, but there is a great danger in one losing practically all  
of his spirituality. Concerning Bible study we must always remember  
that we are examples. One who wilfully absents himself from Bible study  
sets a poor example since we claim to be Bible loving people.

Brother Stanley Shipp will be at Glenwood next Saturday. You will  
enjoy brother Shipp. He is a very unusual man. He is deeply spiritual,  
enthusiastic and manifests a deep concern for the lost. It will do our  
young people much good to hear him. Older ones will enjoy him too. All  
who can are invited to go to Glenwood Saturday and enjoy the day of good  
things. Check with us if you need further details.

The past few days work has been stepped up on our educational building.  
At this writing some more of the steel is erected. If the weather per-  
mits, the workmen should make a good showing on the building this week  
and next. Once the roof has been completed there will be no stopping of  
the work. We are anxiously looking forward to the completion of the  
building. You are to be commended for your faithful efforts while we  
are trying to carry on our teaching program under the handicap of having  
no suitable or adequate space. Our weakest area during this time has  
been more noticeable among the adults. But this was true when we had  
access to our old building. Maybe when the new building is completed  
we can create more interest among our adults. Why do you adults not  
pray to God to help you to have more interest in the work of our blessed  
Lord?

# West Erwin Visitor

## THE SIN OF PRESUMPTION

Psa. 19:13, "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression."

The sin of presumption is probably the most common sin committed by religious people. It is the basis of denominationalism. Take presumption out of denominationalism and you would have Christianity and nothing more.

The word presumption means, to take for granted; to suppose on reasonable grounds; to form confident or arrogant opinions, or daring.

The Christian life is not one of presumption but of faith. We walk by faith. Christians accept what the Bible reveals and take nothing for granted. Christians are not forerunners, but followers. God's ways are not our ways, His thoughts are not our thoughts. Things that are highly esteemed by us may be despicable in God's sight.

God has said much about presumption. To keep us from the practice of it He has given scripture showing the consequences of taking matters into our own hands.

God has always been intolerant of presumption and it is stated plainly in Num. 15:30 what the outcome will be to those who practice it. Here is what God says, "But the soul that doeth ought presumptuously, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the Lord, and that soul shall be cut off from among the people." From this verse none were excused. Native and stranger were treated alike, they were both cut off from among the people. Concerning a presumptuous prophet the Lord said in Deut. 18:20, "But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name which I have not commanded him to speak, or shall speak in the name of other Gods, even that prophet shall die." In order to please the Lord a prophet had to speak what God commanded. He was not allowed to take any liberty and speak his own mind or opinion because he knew nothing of the mind or will of God except what God had revealed to him. So it is today, men know nothing about the Will of God except what he reads in the Scriptures. Peter speaks of the daring kind that speak against authority in 2 Pet. 2:10, "Presumptuous (daring ASV) are they, self-willed, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. "The most daring person is one who will speak against the Word of Almighty God.

David knew that wilful, intentional or deliberate sins would cut one off from the grace of God. He also knew that presumptuous teachers are tyrants who try to bring one, who should be a servant of God, a servant unto himself. David is praying that the Lord would keep back, withhold or restrain him altogether from committing this (continued inside)

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LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies Bible Class will meet Wednesday, March 2 at 10:00 A.M. All ladies who do not work away from home are urged to attend.

LET'S BE CONSISTENT

In this day and age we hear more and more about the denominations. The current teaching characterized by the statement that "God is Dead" is taking the denominations by a storm. Many good honest folks are refusing to accept such. The time is ripe for New Testament Christians to be more active in their everyday proclamation of the gospel. Many will be able to see where the denominational doctrines and sects have taken them. They will be attracted to a simple plea of New Testament Christianity. We need to be consistent with our plea, thus the following admonition is timely.

Christ" as "churches (assemblies) of Christ." When we speak of "the church of Christ's" doing something we creat a wrong image. Some do not know that there is no organizational or denominational connection between these churches. We know that these are simply congregations of "Christians only" seeking to follow the New Testament pattern without denominational affiliation, but others often do not know of this. When we say one must be a member of the church of Christ to be saved, people think we mean that people must "join our denomination" to be saved. They hear our members talking about "our church," "Church of Christ Congregations," "Church of Christ papers, literature, schools, etc." They interpret this denominationally and thus may be excused for misunderstanding. Let us try to communicate correctly to them." ..J.W.Roberts

T.A.J.

"If we believe that we are not a denomination, let us manifest this position consistently. Let us avoid the use of the term "The Church of Christ" in a denominational sense. What we actually have in our fellowship or brotherhood is not so much "the Church of

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ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE

Check the bulletin board concerning young peoples meeting at Glenwood Saturday week.

East Texas Tuberculosis Hospital.

Brother Jim Willis has been in Glenwood Clinic but will go home today.

Brother T. J. Parsons is now at home.

THE SICK

Sister Mary Butler entered Mother Frances Wednesday evening for surgery this morning (Thursday).

Sister Joyce Willis' father, Mr. Clark, had surgery Tuesday morning in Mother Frances and is doing well.

Sister Ruby Vaughan's daughter, Mrs. Owene Lusk, has entered the

TO SPEAK AT GLENWOOD

Brother Brookshire has been invited to speak to the teachers at Glenwood next Monday evening at 7:30. If any from here would like to go they would be welcome.

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 Dismiss.....Jamon Kirby

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 Prayer.....Tommy Lowrance  
 Dismiss.....Ronny Stegall

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of William T. McCarty acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the many lovely cards, your visits and prayers during my recent stay in the hospital. May God bless each of you. In Christian love,  
 Mrs. Lilla Tigert

FUNERAL

Mrs. Paul Willis, step-mother of brother Ken Willis passed away Sunday evening. The funeral was Tuesday afternoon. We express our sympathy to Ken and his family.

THE SIN OF PRESUMPTION. . .

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great sin. He knew that the person who knowingly and perseveringly disobeys-God, despises His Law, defies Divine justice and practically denys the Lord that bought him and does despite unto the Spirit of Grace.

David felt insecure and he was begging God to assist him in evading this terrible sin. We have the written Word of God that was designed to direct our steps in the paths of righteousness. When we adhere to it, we will be free from that great transgression of the sin of presumption. In Heb. 2:1-2 the writer speaks of transgression and disobedience. Disobedience is refusing to hear and do. Transgression is passing by or going beyond. Presumption is transgression. It is the sin of altering, changing, substituting or minimizing the commands of God. It is speaking where God has not spoken, acting where God has not commanded.

The way to keep from committing the sin of presumption is to "let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer." D.B.

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Mike Warner (Scott City, Kan.)

### LONGSUFFERING

The words in the New Testament that are translated as 'longsuffering' and 'to suffer long' are characteristically Biblical words. They do not occur in other writings of ancient Greek literature at all, and only very seldom in later Greek. They are essentially Christian words, for as we shall see, they describe a Christian virtue which to the Greek was no virtue at all. These words have two uses.

1. They describe the 'steadfast spirit which will never give in.' It is that spirit of 'patience' and faith which will ultimately inherit the promise. It was because Abraham patiently endured, that he in the end received the promise (Heb.6:15). 'Patience' is a virtue that the Christian must have as he waits for the Day of the Lord, and he may learn it from the 'patience' of the farmer as he waits for the crop, and from the 'patience' of the prophets who never gave up their hope in God (James 5:7-10). The Christian must have this 'longsuffering' which can endure delay and bear suffering and never give in.

2. They describe the 'attitude that a man should have toward his fellow-men.' This is the typical New Testament use of the words. Longsuffering has been described as the spirit which could take revenge if it liked, but utterly refuses to do so. It is the spirit which will never retaliate. Now this is the very opposite of Greek

virtue. The great Greek virtue was the refusal to tolerate any insult or injury. To the Greek the big man was the man who went all out for vengeance, much like the offended 'cowboy' in the western movies. But to the Christian the big man is the man who, even when he can, refuses to take vengeance. (a) This patience with men is the characteristic of the 'Christian leader.' It is that very quality which Paul claims to be the proof of real apostleship (II Cor.6:6; compare I Tim.1:16; II Tim.3:10). No one can ever lead and guide and direct in a Christian manner without this Longsuffering. (b) It is the characteristic of the 'preacher' (Tit. 2:2). Without it the preacher would be driven to pessimistic despair and to that irritability which wrecks preaching. (c) It ought to be the characteristic of 'every Christian.' It is included in the fruit of the Spirit (Gal.5:22) Without it men cannot walk worthily of their Christian calling (Eph.4:2; Col.3:12). It must be exercised toward all men (I Thess.5:14). It is one of the great characteristics of Love (I Cor. 13:4). There can be no such thing as a Christian fellowship without 'longsuffering.'

And the reason for that is just this--longsuffering is the great characteristic of God. (Rom.2:4; 9:22) It was God's longsuffering which delayed the flood in the days of Noah until the ark was built (I Peter 3:20). (continued inside)



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Ross Walker  
Prayer.....Sam Bailey  
Dismiss.....Fred Strait

SUNDAY EVENING  
Announcements and  
Prayer.....Faber Cauthen  
Prayer.....T. J. Parsons  
Dismiss.....Tommy Parsons

#### RESPONSES

Mrs. Daniel (Jerri) Curtis, 2218 Martin La. came Sunday to be re-stored and to place membership with us. Sister Curtis has been worshipping with the Glenwood congregation.

Miss Linda Majors, Rt. 2, Box 229 came to be identified with us. She has moved to Tyler from Eunice, New Mexico. Linda is a senior at John Tyler High School. We are happy to welcome both of these ladies into our fellowship.

We welcome the Bill Smith family. Maxine and Steve expressed a desire to have fellowship with us Wednesday evening. Bill will remain in California for a while. Their address is 3415 Birdwell.

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY!

#### THE LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The ladies class will begin meeting again the first Wednesday in March at 10:00 A.M. Brother Tom Jones will be teaching lessons from the Old Testament.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Ben (Maxine) Freeman are the parents of a baby son born last week in Medical Center.

#### IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Pauline Aven is in Medical Center.

Brother T. J. Parsons is in Medical Center.

Brother C. H. Skeeters is in the Glenwood Clinic.

#### WHY NOT ALL?

Practically every bulletin that comes to me has in it words of encouragement and rebukes relating to attending Bible Classes. Why do some attend while others do not? Why do we not all attend Bible classes and the time and energy we spend trying to get the members to attend can be spent in trying to win others to Christ, or are we still trying to win some of you to Christ? D.B.

#### WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

We want to extend a cordial welcome to all of our visitors and invite you to return at every opportunity.

LISTEN EACH WEEKDAY TO RADIO KTBB  
12:30 NOON.

#### TEACHERS MEETINGS

Brother Jones and I are meeting with different groups of teachers each week to view the teaching films and discuss ways and means of bettering our Bible school work. We plan to have meetings with each age group until we have completed the series. We would like to have any one come who is interested in learning more about teaching. When the new educational building is completed we will need more teachers and we want to improve ourselves in every possible way. The response to the meetings has been good. We want to be ready to do a better job when the building is opened. Our plans are to enroll at least one hundred more pupils when we enter our new building. In order to do this it will take the co-operation of all. Some will need to teach, some invite and bring and some who are not now attending will have to bring themselves. We are going to have one of the best plants to be found so let us be ready when it is ready for use.

#### ACC LECTURESHIP

This is just another reminder to those of you who might be able to attend the lectureship. This is good for any Christian, but it is especially good for preachers, elders, deacons, and Bible School teachers. If you do plan to go you will need to make overnight reservations. The date is Feb. 20 - 24.

#### SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men serving the Lord's Supper the next two Sundays are T.F. Holland, W.R. Womack, Dalton Jones, Bill Howard, and Mark Ellis. M. M. Haws, Howard Ellis, U.G. Rozell, R. V. Threadgill and Billy Chandler. The alternates are J. G. Venable and O'Neal Tuel. Sunday evening: Henry McRuiz and Bruce Raley. Alternate, Fred Powell.

#### A DECENCY AND ORDER ATTENTION

Those who serve the Lord's Supper to the congregation should stay in the building until the last song and prayer have been completed. The service has not ended when the supper has been passed to the congregation. Would it not be better for those who serve to remain in the foyer and worship until the service ends rather than go outside and visit? Let us begin and close the worship service with deep reverence.

#### LONGSUFFERING (continued from back)

It is that very longsuffering which is responsible for man's salvation (II Pet. 3:9,15). If God had been a man, he would long ago have taken his hand and wiped out the world, but in his 'patience' he bears with the sins, the follies and the disobedience of men.

The great obligation which rests on the Christian is just this--he must be as patient with his fellowmen as God has been with him.

Selected and adapted by T.A.J.

# West Erwin Visitor

## TRUE RELIGION

The basic meaning which lies behind true religion is "the right attitude to God and to the holiness, the majesty and the love of God." This can be reduced further by using the word righteousness. The question now comes, "What is the right attitude?"

1. True religion or godliness, comes through the divine power of Jesus Christ (II Pet. 1:3). Without the vision of Jesus, without the help of Jesus, without the presence of Jesus, true religion is impossible. I Tim. 3:16 speaks, about the 'mystery of godliness.' In New Testament times a mystery was a divine secret, unintelligible to the outsider, but open and precious to the true worshipper. So Jesus brought to men the secret of true religion. In Him men both see God and learn how to worship God.

2. But although true religion is the gift of the power of Jesus Christ, it is none the less something which a man must struggle and battle to attain. We must train ourselves to religion (I Tim. 4:7). We must follow after religion (I Tim. 6:11).

3. This gift and this struggle combined bring three things. (a) Godliness brings trouble. The man who will live for Christ must expect to receive persecution (II Tim. 3:12). To be different from the world, to have a different set of standards and a different set of aims, is always a perilous thing. It is not peace but glory that Christ offers us, (b) Godliness or true religion brings power. It was holiness and power combined that the Jerusalem crowds saw in Peter and John (Acts 3:12). Christ never sends a man a task without also sending him the power to do it. In these times, the Christian alone has the power to stand four-square against the assaults of all evil. (c) Godliness brings God. For the true worshipper of God, the way is ever open to God (John 9:31). In every time of trial the Christian has continual access to and contact with the power of the Eternal.

4. Godliness is the origin of all true doctrine and of all true thinking (I Tim. 6:3; Tit. 1:1). One of the great neglected truths of the Christian life is that one's insight and understanding of God and His ways are morally conditioned. God can only tell a man what that man is capable of receiving and understanding. The closer a man lives to God, the more God can say to him. To learn about God we must first of all obey God. It may well be true that the man who says that he cannot understand the Way of Life does not want to understand it, and may even be afraid to understand it.

5. True religion does not separate a man from his fellow men. To his godliness, as an essential part of it, he must add brotherly love (II Pet. 1:6,7). True religion looks both to God and to man. There is a religion which separates a man from his fellow men. (continued inside)

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BIBLE SCHOOL

February 6.....441  
 January 30.....378  
 A Year Ago.....408

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
 Prayer.....C. B. Hardin  
 Prayer.....E. E. Degge  
 Dismiss.....Ralph Lowrance  
 SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer.....Roger Knight  
 Prayer.....Jim Franklin  
 Dismiss.....Kenneth Bennett

THANK YOU NOTE

The family of W. E. Argo acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

FUNERALS

Brother Jim Willis' sister passed away Monday evening. We express our sympathy to the family.

We express sympathy to the O'Briens. His sister passed away in Paris, Texas last Week.

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 is the time for the regular monthly business meeting for the men of the church. All men are urged to attend.

VISITORS

We had a large attendance Sunday with many visitors. Our visitors are always welcome and invited to return at every opportunity.

TRUE RELIGION. . .

(continued from back page)

It may make him decide to leave the life of the world for the life of contemplation and meditation and prayer. But prayer and contemplation and meditation, great and essential as they are, are imperfect and even unchristian, if they do not result in ACTION. The Christian does not live with God to avoid his fellow men, but rather to be able better to solve the problem of living together.

6. True religion is not limited to the worship and services of the church. True religion begins at home. Those who would be real servants of Christ and of his Church must remember that the first duty of religion is to their own household (I Tim. 5:4).

There can never be a church of Christ which is not founded on the Christian Home; and the most important religious work is not the work that is done in public, but the work that is done in the privacy of the home, and amidst what ought to be the circle of those most dear. True religion, like charity, must begin at home, even if it is also true that it cannot stay there but must go out to the wider sphere of the church and of the world.

Selected and adapted by T.A.J.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY 1966

Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1966 \$7,241.00  
 Contributions 7,231.69  
 Available for Expenditures 14,472.69

Loan Payments

First Federal Sav. 6,911.75  
 Cooperative Sav. 75.00 \$6,986.75

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  
 Queen's Church of Christ  
 (World's Fair Work) 124.00  
 Mike Warner-Salary 523.00  
 " " Rent 80.00  
 E. V. Rushing-Rent 155.00  
 Radio Program 243.20  
 Advertising 9.90 \$1,435.10

Materials and Supplies

Bldg. & Grounds Maint. 189.10  
 Utilities 286.09  
 Bible School Supplies 360.01  
 Office Supplies 2.00  
 Insurance 60.00  
 Flowers 9.50  
 Postage 40.00 946.70

Salaries \$1,839.04

Total Expenditures for Jan. \$11,207.59  
 Balance on Hand Jan. 31, 1966 3,265.10  
 Total Funds Accounted For 14,472.69

BIBLE LAND PICTURES

Monday evening, February 14th at 7:30 o'clock brother Chester Hill, evangelist for the Park Row church of Christ in Arlington, Texas will show pictures of the Bible Lands at the Glenwood building. We are all invited to attend.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Sister Lilla Tigert is in Medical Center.

FORGOTTEN?

Robert M. Hutchins said, "To destroy the Western tradition of independent thought, it is not necessary to burn the books. All we have to do is to leave them unread for a couple of generations."

The same thing can happen in religious matters. You don't need to burn Bibles to make people forget God. Just let them continue to leave them unread and unstudies.

When was the last time you read the Word of God or attended Bible class? The easiest way to remain ignorant of the Lord's Will and forget anything you ever knew about the Bible is to leave it alone. -Copied

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## ATTENDANCE AND TEACHERS

Attendance is down below 400 again. Of course, the cold weather brings on colds, flu, and pneumonia and we don't expect the sick to attend the services, but this lays a greater responsibility on the shoulders of those who are well to be at the Bible classes as they are scheduled. We all need to resolve that nothing short of real causes will prevent us from studying God's word with His saints on Lord's day. With the co-operation of all we can maintain our Bible classes above the 400 mark. I want to use this medium to express at this time my thanks and admiration for the teachers during this time of the year. It is hard to maintain a good spirit when so many are absent and the class changes from Sunday to Sunday. The teacher's continued efforts are appreciated by all.

There is nothing like regular class attendance by the students to build the teacher's morale. When a teacher can see progress in learning and understanding in a child, it gives her confidence in what she is doing and, of course, as a result, does a better job continually. On the other hand, when the children's attendance is spasmodic, little or no progress can be detected, so the teacher is constantly wondering whether or not she is doing her job. Parents, we owe it to our children and to their teachers to see that our class attendance is regular. Incidentally, regular attendance will help in every age group, adults as well as teenagers and the younger age groups.

One way to have good attendance is to keep up the interest in class seven days a week. The only way I know how this can be done is for the parents to know what the students are studying and to discuss these subjects frequently with their children. It will be surprising how much more visible progress each child who is thus exercised will manifest. The goal of the whole Bible class effort is to present Bible facts and principles in such a way that they may become a powerful influence to each individual, molding his life to conform more and more into the image of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

T.J.

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## MEN TO SERVE IN FEBRUARY

The following men have been asked to serve Communion the first two Sundays in February. They are: North side; Ed Bullard; Aubrey Payne, Tommy White, Royce Caskey, and Wilmer Little. South side; Glen Warner; Roy Driggers; Jack Bennett; David Womack, and Mike Hannah. The alternates are Doc Wright and Ed

Naul.

Sunday evenings: L.G. Drennan and Charles Graf. Harcly Norris is the alternate.

THERE ARE SEVERAL "lost" Bibles and Commentaries in the foyer on the South side of the building. Check and see if one of these belongs to you.



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BIBLE SCHOOL

January 30.....378  
January 23.....368  
A Year Ago.....397

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer..... Russell O'Bannon  
Prayer..... Joe McBee  
Dismiss..... O. C. Becker

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer..... Leonard Woltman  
Prayer ..... James Phillips  
Dismiss ..... Tommy Keith

FUNERAL

Mrs. Anita Pool Barns, daughter of brother O. P. Pool, passed away in Los Angeles last Sunday. Funeral services were Monday. We express our sympathy to brother Pool and his family.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Pauline Aven is in Medical Center Hospital. She had major surgery Tuesday.

Sister Georgia Lee is in Medical Center. She hopes to go home today.

Karen Porter is in Mother Frances Hospital.

RELIGIOUS, BUT NOT RIGHTEOUS

A statement made me marvel recently. "People are more interested in being religious than in being righteous." Religion and righteousness should go hand in hand. Perhaps this is why James added "pure" to religion when he offered religion as righteous. "Pure religion" is righteous.

But again - our lesson. A sister said, "My religion would not allow me divorcing him." But her "religion" did not prompt her to be a sweet wife and work at having a good marriage. She had religion but not righteousness.

And this is primarily our trouble. We have "religion" enough to want our name on some church roll. We will go to much trouble to get our "letter" somewhere, but we have not righteousness to be responsible and dedicated.

We have enough "religion" to argue who is right, but not enough "righteousness" to teach cottage meetings and save a soul.

We have enough "religion" to know giving is a part of duty, but not enough "righteousness" to give liberally, regularly, and lovingly. We know enough about religion" to attend once a week, but not enough "righteousness" to attend every service.

Perhaps our trouble is "religion" Jesus said, "hunger and thirst for righteousness," not religion. Perhaps we have "religion" but not "righteousness." We offer God "re- (continued on next page)

BIBLE AND HEART QUIZZ

1. Has your faith led you to obey Jesus Christ, God's Son? \_\_\_\_\_  
Heb. 5:9
2. Has your faith in Christ given you love, joy, and peace? \_\_\_\_\_  
Phl. 4:6-7
3. What answer would you give one who asks you for a reason of the hope within you? \_\_\_\_\_ I Pet. 3:15
4. When you pray God, the Father to forgive you of your sins, what must you first do? \_\_\_\_\_ Mk. 11:25-26
5. In order to call God, 'Father,' one must of necessity be a son; how can one be sure that he or she is a 'child' of God? \_\_\_\_\_ Gal. 3:26-27; Rom. 8:14-16; Mt. 5:9; I Jn. 3:10
6. How do we prove to the world that we are His disciples? \_\_\_\_\_ Jn. 13:35
7. Does a person LOVE GOD who refuses to obey His word? \_\_\_\_\_ Jn. 14:23-24
8. Whom did Jesus say, 'Is My mother, brother, or sister?' \_\_\_\_\_ Mt. 12:48-50
9. Whom did Jesus say He likened unto a wise man? \_\_\_\_\_ Mt. 7:24
10. By the same word, whom did He say was a foolish man? \_\_\_\_\_ Mt. 7:26-27
11. On what day and from what place was the gospel of Christ first preached? \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 1:4,8; 2:1-47.
12. What did Peter command the stricken audience to do when they asked, "What shall we do?" \_\_\_\_\_ Acts 2:38
13. What is the hope of the hypocrite? \_\_\_\_\_ Job. 8:13 & 27:8-9
14. Who is a hypocrite? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\* \* J.R. Newman-Gilmer, Tex.

RELIGIOUS, BUT NOT RIGHTEOUS  
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"ligion" but not "righteousness." Think on this! What do we have? What has your "religion" prevented, developed, grown into? If not into righteousness it is "wrong." Get "right" with God.

Charles Hodges  
Ft. Worth, Tex.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for your expressions of love and kindness during my stay in the hospital. Thank you for the cards, flowers, and the visits. Pete Nichols

We wish to say thank you for the cards, calls, and visits. Also thanks to the ones who brought food. May God bless each of you.

Ruby and John D. Brem

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY!

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### THE POOR IN SPIRIT

"Blessed are the POOR IN SPIRIT." In the sermon on the Mount, Jesus blessed various states of mind and gave a result for each. The poor in spirit are a class of people who are destitute spiritually. They have nothing of and by themselves. Thus, they look for help. Because they look for help, they shall find it... "theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Jesus said in Matt. 6:33, Seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you. Then he gives the admonition to seek the kingdom and the righteousness of God.

As we want to preach the gospel to all in Tyler, we are eager to see visible results of our preaching. Many have talked to their friends and are discouraged because of no or little results. Maybe we are forgetting a very important aspect of those whose hearts are like the good ground described in Mark 4:8. In order for the seed to produce fruit, it must fall in ground that has been cultivated. Maybe we need to spend more time in cultivating the attitude of "poor in spirit" before we begin to lay the seed of the kingdom. If we can arouse the

feeling in the heart of an individual that he is lost and helpless and in need of a savior, then we can point out that the Bible holds out salvation for all who will come and receive it on God's terms.

One who actually realizes his spiritual poverty without God will make efforts to overcome this lack; just as one who is financially poor makes effort to overcome that lack. The spiritual blessings once obtained after a realization of the spiritual poverty of the past should not be soon turned loose. However, the apostle Paul was amazed at some (i.e. Galatians) who so quickly turned away and he raised the possibility that they had not been truly converted. cf. Gal.3:4. Let us all consider the life without Christ, let us then turn and rededicate our lives to his service, realizing the rich blessings which are ours in Christ. Let us live lives that openly manifest the riches of Christ, in order that others may see our spiritual prosperity, realize their destitution, and seek to overcome it.

T.J.

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\* KEEP THESE DATES IN MIND WHEN YOU PLAN YOUR VACATION! \*  
\* West Erwin Gospel Meeting: George H. Stephenson, Evangelist \*  
\* August 7 through 12 \*  
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\* Scott City, Kansas Campaign: Week of Personal Work - July 17 - 23 \*  
\* Gospel Meeting - July 18 - 31 \*  
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#### BIBLE SCHOOL

January 23.....368  
January 16.....423  
A Year Ago.....438

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Louis J. Jones  
Prayer.....David Demic  
Dismiss.....Dalton Jones

#### SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....James Massey  
Prayer.....Ross Walker  
Dismiss.....Louis E. Jones

#### THANK YOU NOTE

I wish to say a sincere thanks for all the visits, cards, calls and flowers I received from you during my recent stay in the hospital. I have been made aware again, of how much your Christian association means to me. In Christian love,  
Bessie Willis

FIFTH SUNDAY SINGING - Jan. 30 at 2:30 P. M. at Arp, Texas. You are invited to attend.

IN ABILENE - Brother James Teel is now in Abilene attending ACC.

WE HAD MANY VISITORS last Lord's Day. We are always happy to have guests and invite you to return at every opportunity.

#### FUNERALS

Funeral services were held Monday for brother Fred Powell's grandfather.

Brother H. McCarty's brother passed away Tuesday. Funeral services were Thursday in Pineland.

We express our deepest sympathy to both of these families.

#### LECTURESHIPS

It would inspire any Christian to attend either or all of these Lectureships, or any Lectureship at any Christian College. These are not legislative meetings, they are instructional and inspirational. If you do go it would be well worth your time to attend some of the classes. There are classes designed to help leaders and teachers of all age groups. D.B.

Abilene Christian College, Feb. 20 through 24.

Oklahoma Christian College, Feb. 13 through 17.

Lubbock Christian College, Jan. 30 through Feb. 3.

Freed-Hardeman College, Feb. 6 -11.

#### THE SICK

Brother Frank Smith is in Mother Frances Hospital.

LISTEN TO KTBB 12:30 NOON  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

#### PREACHERS GOING AND COMING

Tyler and the East Texas area is experiencing a turnover in preachers in some locations. Brother John W. Anders, who has been with the Northwest church for almost ten years, has been invited to preach for the Central congregation in Bryan, Texas. Brother Anders will be missed by all of the Christians in Tyler for he is a powerful influence for good. He has, on occasions, helped us with the radio program which the church here supports five days a week. He has preached for us several times during the exchange of preachers among the Tyler congregations and has taught in our Vacation Bible School. We will miss them but certainly wish them God's speed in their new work. Sister Anders and the children will remain in Tyler until the end of this school year. Brother Anders begins his new work February 6th.

#### GILMER LECTURESHIP

The church in Gilmer has planned a lectureship for Jan. 31 through Feb. 4 at 7:30 each evening. The speakers and subjects are: Monday, God Is, Dean Brookshire; Tuesday, God Spake, Gayle Oler; Wednesday, God Loves, J. R. Newman; Thursday, God Dwells, Earl Craig; Friday, God Judges, B. F. Baur. Brother J. R. Newman is the preacher in Gilmer and he invites all who can to attend the lectureship.

Paul Hubbard, who has been preaching for the North Tenneha congregation, has accepted an offer from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Brother Hubbard has been in Tyler for a good number of years. Part of that time we contributed part of his support. We also wish brother Hubbard and his family well in this new endeavor in working for the Lord in the northern section of the United States.

We want to welcome brother Douglas Rohre into the East Texas area. Brother Rohre is preaching for the Mobberly Ave. congregation in Longview. Brother Rohre began preaching in 1952 at Geronimo, Okla. He is a graduate of Abilene Christian College, holding a B.S. and a M.A. degree. From 1957 to 1959 he was director of the Bible Chair at West Texas University in Canyon, Texas. They come to Longview from San Angelo, Texas. They have two children. T.J.

#### WEDDING

Ronnie Stegall and Miss Joanne Prejean were married January 21. We wish for them a long and happy life together. Their address is 207½ West Oakwood.

#### BOY'S SONGLEADING CLASS

The boys who have been attending the class on Friday afternoon are reminded to meet at 4:00 P.M. We have been having a good class and would like to encourage others to attend. T.J.

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WILLIAM TELL - SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING

In the sermon of Jesus recorded in Matt. 5-7, Jesus made this statement: But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness... We, as followers of Him, have the responsibility of seeking to be governed by the will of God and to follow, to the best of our understanding, that which is right in this life. Some people have the idea that they have the right as Christians to come as close to sinning as they can, if they think they can avoid the act itself. For example, many people would never think of using the Lord's name in vain, yet they think it acceptable to use the "softened form" of the name, as the dictionary puts it, i.e. gosh, gee, golly, etc. Some would never think of "getting drunk" but the occasional "social drink" does not receive a second thought. Christians abhor the thought of adultery or fornication being committed, but some cannot see that dancing is an act introducing and leading to adulterous ideas. But we must not condemn dancing and let other actions of a similar nature of young people go unnoticed. It is just as wrong to sit in parked cars in front of the house or on a seldom traveled road and see how much each can stimulate the other's sexual desires. This is done by many young people today and seems to be one of the most popular activities of dating. I think that most of the young people here at West Erwin have enough wisdom to avoid such situa-

tions, but the warning is always timely.

The Law of Moses has in it some principles of righteousness that never pass away. We ought to read the books of Exodus and Leviticus and notice what points are said to be righteous and what is unrighteous. We can learn lessons seldom taught today that need to be expressed. With such a parade of almost nakedness on T.V., movies, and the public and private swimming places, we should re-read such passages as Leviticus 18 and 19:17. With these passages, apply the statement of Jesus in Matt. 5:28, But I say unto you, that everyone that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Let us, as parents and teachers of young people, learn the principles of righteousness taught in God's Word and teach them to our children. We live in a wicked and adulterous generation. It will take a lot of strength to overcome this world, but the trying of our faith produces steadfastness, and steadfastness, when allowed to work, makes us to be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing. cf. James 1:2,3. Not restraining our youth from activities that have potential dangers connected with them might be compared to William Tell who tried to shoot an apple off his son's head. He wanted to come close, not to kill. His shot fell low. Let us flee from evil as far as we can. T.J.



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CONTRIBUTION

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January 9.....\$1,709.46  
A Year Ago.....\$1,487.83

BIBLE SCHOOL

January 16.....423  
January 9.....422  
A Year Ago.....434

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Glen Howard  
Prayer.....T. F. Holland  
Dismiss ..... Kenneth Bennett

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer..... L. G. Drennan  
Prayer..... M. M. Haws  
Dismiss..... Rodger Young

THANK YOU NOTE

Brother and sister W. H. Turner wish to express their appreciation for your prayers and kindness in bringing food, for the cards and visits to sister Turner during her stay in the hospital and after her return home.

THE SICK

Sister John D. Brem is in Glenwood Clinic. She has pneumonia.

Brother Roy Driggers spent a few days in Mother Frances this week.

Brother Pete Nichols underwent surgery last Friday and is getting along well. He is now at home.

Brother Frank Smith had surgery Thursday morning at Mother Frances.

GOOD LESSON

We want to express our thanks to brother Dean Bailey for the good lesson last Sunday evening.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

It was announced last Lord's Day that our elders (pastors) believe that this church needs some additional elders (pastors) and they suggested that we submit names of those whom we believe to be qualified to serve. They also suggested that we submit names for additional deacons. Before doing this please read the following scriptures concerning the qualifications and work of elders, I Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-11; Concerning their work read I Peter 5:1-4; Acts 20:28-31; Heb. 13:17; I Tim. 5:17. Since elders are shepherds read John 10:7-18. For the qualifications of deacons read I Tim. 3:8-13. Before submitting any names pray to God for wisdom so that the Will of God might be done. D.B.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, or life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38,39

LISTEN TO KTBB 12:30 NOON  
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

WE ARE DOING BETTER

Few, if any, of us did our best last year but in some ways we did better than we have ever done. One way we improved was in our giving. Our regular weekly contributions surpassed \$1,500 and our building fund contribution averaged \$400.00 a week, making a total of more than \$1,900 a week. That is the most this church has ever contributed in a twelve month period. That averaged out to about \$4.00 per member counting the shutins and children. Now that we have learned that we can give and not lose anything we will probably give more this year.

Our attendance has been exceptionally good, except for holiday week-ends, and this is reflected more in the evening attendance than any where else. Some are now attending the evening services that never attended before. They lacked the interest and energy it took to get up and get ready to attend. Now that they have started to attend they see what they have missed and they enjoy being present. They are not likely to quit because they are receiving some strength. There are still a few who do not either give or attend because they do not know the joy of doing it, but the ones who have learned it are happy and Satan would now have quite a time talking them out of it or putting enough stumbling blocks in their

way to keep them at home or encourage them to go somewhere else.

We still have a lot of work to do on our Bible school work, but we are improving in this area too. We do not have adequate space to do a good job of teaching, some classes had to merge, and we have classes in about every nook and corner, but we have not done badly even under these circumstances. We could have done much better and it is expected that we will when we get in our new building. It is this writer's hope that some do not die before the new building is completed because they have been neglectful during this waiting period. Some Sundays we have between fifty and one hundred come into the auditorium just as the class is ending or after it has ended. As attendance goes, ours is as good as many others with memberships larger than ours, but we are not content to say we are doing as well as others. We want to do as well as the Lord wants us to do. We can never do it as long as we make no effort to increase our knowledge which in turn is designed to increase our spirituality.

This is still not a perfect church, but it is a good one and with the help of God and the faithful we hope to grow more in grace and knowledge this year.

D.B.

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME. WE INVITE YOU TO COME AGAIN SOON.

THOUGHTS FOR THE COMING YEAR

How much thought have you given to planning your participation in what we commonly call "church work" this year? Have you considered spending your vacation at one of the workshops for teacher training or perhaps going to some mission field with a group to knock on doors for Christ? We need to be laying our plans now. The Summer will be upon us before we know it. Let us all resolve to give more to the Lord this year; more time as well as more money. Read the brotherhood papers, check the church's bulletin board in the foyer, read the bulletin each week noticing what is being done and what is being planned to be done.

We want to knock on every door in Tyler this year during a planned program of personal work. Will you be ready to do your part?

Let's also plan to train our selves in exercising godliness every week. I have in mind to try harder to pray better both publicly and privately. I have in mind to sing more and better publicly and privately. I have in mind to study the Bible more and better in the classes and privately. Let's make this a glorious year for the Lord's church here at West Erwin. As the classrooms become ready, let us get ourselves ready for a more effective work. T.J.

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NEW EQUIPMENT

Recently we reported that several pieces of audio-visual equipment had been ordered to be used in the classrooms and cottage meeting work. We have received two of the filmstrip-record player combinations. They are fine products and can be used with pride that they are the best tools available. The Sunday evening classes are now viewing The Life of Christ in the auditorium and The Book of Acts in brother Brookshire's study. If any adults would like to see the filmstrip being shown in the auditorium, it is suggested that you arrive at 5:30 P.M. Anyone wishing to use the equipment for a cottage meeting, etc., may contact the office. We would like to encourage

our teachers to make use of these machines as often as they deem advantageous.

BIBLE COURSE AT TJC

A Bible course taught on a college level will begin at TJC January 31st. This will be one of the classes of the Bible chair which meets each Monday evening from 7:00 until 9:30. Those wishing to receive college credit will pay the regular tuition fee. Those not wishing to take the course for credit will, of course, not be charged. The subject will be The Life and Letters of Paul.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delightheth in his way. Psalm 37:23

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building fund....\$ 310.00  
January 2, 1966 Total....\$1,552.92  
A Year Ago .....\$1,387.33

BIBLE SCHOOL

January 9.....422  
January 2 .....421  
A Year Ago .....439

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill  
Prayer.....Howard Holland  
Dismiss.....Tommy Keith

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and  
Prayer.....L. G. Drennan  
Prayer ..... Walls T. Witt  
Dismiss ..... James Sublette

RESPONSES

Mrs. Gracie Rowland, 3823 Apple-  
tree Lane; restored.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton G. Jones came  
Sunday morning to be identified  
with us. They formerly worshipped  
with the Northwest congregation.  
They have three children. One,  
Glynis, is also a member of the  
church. The Jones' live at 2419  
Devine and their phone number is  
Ly 4-7376. We welcome the Dalton  
Jones family into our fellowship.

We welcome Mrs. Robert (Anita)  
Hidalgo into our fellowship. Sister

Hidalgo was baptized into Christ  
last Saturday afternoon. She and  
her husband live at 300 W. Houston.

PROGRESS

Our old note on November 8, 1965  
was \$38,635.98. With the generos-  
ity of the congregation making  
special contributions to the build-  
ing fund, this note has now been  
reduced to a balance of \$22,532.10.  
It is our hope that we can retire  
this old note by the time we start  
paying on the new building.

The Elders

BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a business meeting  
of all the men of the church this  
coming Sunday afternoon at 3:00.  
Let us all plan to be there. It  
would be good to spend some time in  
advance thinking about the work  
that needs to be brought up. These  
meetings are occasions where you  
have the opportunity to express  
yourself concerning the work and to  
hear the ideas of others. Each  
meeting should cause each indivi-  
dual to be closer to the work and  
stronger in the faith.

NEW PARKING LOT READY FOR USE

Several weeks ago our elders  
leased a new parking area just East  
of the Courier-Times parking lot  
we now use. This lot will accomo-  
date 37 cars and is now ready for  
use. This additional parking area  
is available to us Sundays, morning  
and evening, and on Wednesday even-  
ings.

BIBLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We want to make special mention  
of our good Bible school attend-  
ance. The last two Sundays showed  
a marked increase from the "holiday  
period." Many expected our Bible  
school attendance to decrease dur-  
ing the time we are in crowded con-  
ditions, but the opposite has oc-  
cured. This can be the result of  
two things: Good conscientious  
teachers and people that love to  
study God's Word. There is one  
point though that is disturbing  
that is especially evident to those  
leading the worship from the pul-  
pit, namely, the fact that fifty to  
a hundred people come into the  
auditorium after Bible school is  
over. Some are visitors, but the  
majority are people with their  
names on the roll here at West  
Erwin. Our attendance has been

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THE SICK

Sister W. H. Turner has gone home  
from the hospital.

Sister D. M. Davis is in Medical  
Center Hospital.

Sister Bessie Willis is in the  
Glenwood Clinic with pneumonia.

Brother Hillis, father of sister  
Juanita Graf and sister Gladys  
Audle is in Mother Frances Hospi-  
tal.

Karen Porter has had surgery on  
her arm, but is at home now.

good. We are proud of it, but it  
could be so much better. We have  
been signing cards in the audi-  
torium class to check the roll and  
it seems that there is always be-  
tween 100 and 150 absent. Let us  
all stop and consider our ways for  
a moment. Let each resolve, "Unless  
providentially hindered I will not  
absent myself from Bible study or  
worship." This includes every period  
of study or worship that is pro-  
vided for you.

There is not one among us that  
cannot benefit from worship and  
Bible study at the times scheduled.  
Let us not show our lack of zeal  
for righteousness by our lack of  
wanting to study about it and to  
worship. We can have more than 450  
in Bible classes next Lord's Day if  
all will resolve to come. T.J.

MEN SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men serving the Lord's Supper the  
last three Sundays in January are  
as follows: North side, Faber  
Cauthen, Clarence Strait, Jim Willis,  
Billy Rozell and Richard Wallace.  
South side, Russell O'Bannon, J. E.  
Whiteside, R. M. Mayo, Phillip  
Browning, Rodger Young. Alternates  
are Roger Knight and Jamon Kirby.

Sunday Evening: M. B. Beard, Bob  
Threadgill. Alternate, Bud Caskey.

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## AUDITORIUM MANNERS

The back seats should be left for those who come late, and those who have small children who might disturb. Others should sit close to the front.

When small children disturb, they should be taken from the auditorium then returned after being subdued.

Be sure to share your song-book with those who may be nearby who do not have a book, so that all may worship God in song.

Don't make a bale of hay of yourself at the end of the seat and make people climb over you in order to find a place to sit. It may be inconvenient to go to the center of the seat, but it is the polite thing to do!

As you enter the auditorium, leave your boisterous laughter, joking, and

talking on the outside. Prepare yourself to worship God by a period of quiet before the first song.

Children are just children, but should be taught not to run and play in the building either before or after the services.

If someone should be late and enter after services have started, don't turn and stare.

Don't use the last song to put on your coat; don't start out of the building during the last prayer.

Don't stand in the doorway or on the steps in order to carry on a conversation.

When you leave the auditorium, do so with the resolution in your heart to return to the next service

. . . Selected

## AND HE RESTRAINED THEM NOT . . .

While reading in the book of First Samuel the other day I was impressed by the fact that God told Eli that his son would be punished and that his house or family would be brought to destruction because he restrained not his wicked sons. It seems that Eli had the "modern" philosophy of just talking to his children and expecting them to heed the admonition. He told them, "Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings from all this people. Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear; ye make Jehovah's people to transgress..." I Sam. 2:23,24. The point I wish to emphasize here is that as long

as a child is a minor and in his father's house, the father is responsible for his action. The father should be in a place of control over the lives of his children. He should see to it that they attend worship and study periods provided for them. He should see to it that they learn to study the Bible for themselves in private study. He should see to it that their morals are what they should be. If any of these things are lacking, the parent, who is trying to follow the Bible's teaching, will exert what ever is needful to "restrain" or motivate his children. (continued inside)



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     regular... \$1,415.35  
     building fund.. \$ 137.57  
 December 26, 1965 Total... \$2,435.61  
 Year Ago ..... \$1,486.69

BIBLE SCHOOL  
 January 2, 1966 ..... 421  
 December 26, 1965 ..... 348  
 A Year Ago ..... 416

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer ..... Sam Bailey  
 Prayer ..... Jack Beard  
 Dismiss ..... Joe Willis  
 SUNDAY EVENING  
 Announcements and  
 Prayer ..... Glen Warner  
 Prayer ..... Ken Willis  
 Dismiss..... Mark Ellis

RESPONSES: Mary Prater came Sunday  
 to be restored.

THANK YOU NOTE  
 Dear Christian Friends, I surely  
 do thank you for the "Cheer Basket"  
 It was so nice of you to remember  
 me in this way.  
 Mrs. Evalyn Stone

THE SICK  
 Sister W. H. Turner is in Medical  
 Center Hospital.  
 Sister Mathis has gone home from  
 the hospital.  
 Brother Robert Parris is at home

after several days in the hospital.  
 He has a broken leg, but is getting  
 along well.

Brother Wayne Taylor spent sever-  
 al days in Glenwood Clinic this  
 week.

Brother Glen Warner is in the  
 Glenwood Clinic.

IN VIET NAM  
 Richard Gregory, son of Mr. and  
 Mrs. Nick Gregory is now in Viet  
 Nam. Remember Richard and pray for  
 his safety. Here is his address,  
 PFC Richard D. Gregory U.S. 54367567  
 HHT 1st SQ 9th CAV.  
 1st CAV. DIVISION  
 A.P.O. San Francisco, Calif. 96490

ATHENS LECTURESHIP  
 There will be a lectureship at the  
 Robbins Road Church of Christ in  
 Athens, January 9 - 16 at 7:30 each  
 evening including Sunday. The theme  
 is "A Christian's Place In Our  
 World Today." The following men  
 will speak, in this order: James  
 Medford, P. D. Wilmeth, Mark N.  
 Terrell, Syd Wyatt, John W. Anders,  
 Wyatt Sawyer, Glen Gray and Dean  
 Brookshire. Check the bulletin  
 board for subjects.

WEDDING  
 Miss Ela Brett and Rickey Medders  
 were married December 19, 1965. The  
 ceremony was performed by L. J.  
 Meadows, uncle of the bride. They  
 will be at home at 240 S. Fannin.  
 YOUTH MEETING - The area-wide youth  
 meeting is in Canton Sunday, Jan.  
 9th at 2:30 P.M. All are invited.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER 1965  
 Cash on hand Dec. 1, 1965 \$6,231.40  
 Contributions \$5,847.35  
 Other Churches 90.00  
     5,937.35  
 Available for Expenditures 12,168.75

Loan Payments  
 First Fed. Sav. & Loan 711.75  
 Cooperative Sav. & 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  
 Advertising 49.50  
 East Providence, R.I.  
 Church of Christ 100.00  
 Mike Warner (Salary) 460.00  
     (Rent) 80.00  
 E. V. Rushing 155.00  
 Holiday Baskets 40.00 1,417.30

Materials and Supplies  
 Bldg. Maint 87.92  
 Utilities 271.00  
 Bible School Supplies 120.25  
 Office Supplies 85.55  
 Insurance 60.00  
 Flowers 5.00  
 Postage 70.00 699.72

With-holding Tax 482.30  
 Salaries 1,541.68

Total Expenditures for Dec. \$4,927.75  
 Balance on hand December 31 7,241.00  
 Total Funds Accounted For 12,168.75

AND HE RESTRAINED...  
 (continued from back)  
 "And ye fathers, pro-  
 voke not your children  
 to wrath; but nurture  
 them in the chastening  
 and admonition of the  
 Lord." Eph. 6:4. The  
 idea of let youth make  
 decisions about form-  
 ing habits that will  
 rule their lives until  
 death and determine  
 the souls destiny is  
 not a Biblical one.  
 "Train up a child in  
 the way that he should  
 go" means more than  
 just telling them what  
 is right. It includes  
 telling of righteous-  
 ness, enforcing right-  
 eousness, and setting  
 a righteous example.  
 Then when the child is  
 on his own he will  
 know no other way. Let  
 us work with God to  
 save the young.

T.A.J.

CONGRATULATIONS  
 Bill and Jo Butler  
 have a new daughter,  
 born at Mother Frances  
 Wednesday afternoon.  
 Mary and Bill Butler  
 are the grandparents.

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