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CALENDAR OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible School	9:30 A. M.	Morning Worship	10:20 A. M.
Evening Classes	5:00 P. M.	Evening Worship	6:00 P. M.

WEDNESDAY

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

EVANGELISTS

~~Tom Brooks~~ Mike Warner (Scott City, Kan.)

THE TROUBLES OF LIFE

'Man that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble.' (Job 14:1). This statement of Job is just as true today as it was when it was written in the long ago.

In every period of history man has had his problems and his burdens. The fact that one is a Christian does not necessarily mean that he will not have burdens, but he does have the assurance that the Lord will give him strength to bear the burdens of life. In Psalms 55:22 we read, "Cast thy burden upon the Lord and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." Peter tells us, "Casting all your care upon him for he careth for you." People who believe the Bible believe the Lord will help them with their burdens. However, there are many people who look upon religion itself as another one of the burdens of life. Instead of finding religion something which helps with burdens, they find it something which adds to the troubles and trials of life. They feel that having to go to worship is a burden. They do not look upon prayer as something which is a privilege, but rather a duty. They do not regard Bible study as a source of delight, but rather as another drudgery. But we may rest assured that if we really follow the teaching of Christ, religion is not a burden but rather something that helps us bear our burdens.

Christians have found a refuge in the troubles of life. They can say with the Psalmist, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea," (Psalms 46:1,2). Christians do not know what the future holds, but they know who holds the future. They have trust and confidence 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). Christians realize that what suffering they are called upon to bear is very light when they contemplate the joys of heaven itself, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, (2 Cor. 4:17).

Christians also look forward to living in a home when this life is over where there are no troubles, no tribulations, no temptations, and no cares. Let us never forget the wonderful promises which God has given to us that he will help us when we experience the troubles of life.

G.H.S.

THE OLD AND THE NEW

We are temporarily using old bulletin covers this week, but hope to have a "New Look" in the very near future.



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin
Prayer.....Faber Cauthen
Dismiss.....Darrell Holt

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....George Stephenson
Prayer.....Glen Warner
Dismiss.....Jamon Kirby

RESPONSES

Restored to fellowship:
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nichols, Rt. 2
Box 282R.
R. V. Threadgill
Miss Debbie Little

FUNERALS

Mr. G. C. Nelson, a brother to our sister Tigert, passed away Tuesday in Mt. Pleasant. Funeral services for him will be on Friday.

Brother O. P. Pool passed away early today (Thursday). Funeral services will be 3:30 Friday afternoon at Burks-Walker Funeral Home.

We extend our deepest sympathy to sister Tigert and her family and to the family of brother Pool.

THE SICK

Sister J. D. (Irene) Taylor had major surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Ted (Dorothy) Snipes had major surgery Monday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Annie Shotwell is recovering from eye surgery in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Walter Clyburn is now at home following surgery in Dallas.

Sister Janie Chelf underwent major surgery last Thursday in Medical Center and is now at home.

Brother Marvin Jones has been in Glenwood Hospital but is now home.

YOUNG PEOPLE REMEMBER!!

The fellowship planned for all of the young people from 7th grade thru college is scheduled for Saturday, Massey's Farm, at 6:00. We shall meet at the building at 6:00 p.m. and then go to the farm. This will be Sadie Hawking's nite for everyone at the party. Come dressed as a "Dogpatch Citizen" in true attire and be sure to invite your friends. Plan now to come and enjoy the fun! Food and entertainment will be provided for all!

BIBLE CHAIR

All who are interested are invited to take a free non-credit course in Beginner's New Testament, Greek, to be held in the Church of Christ Bible Chair building on Thursday evenings beginning Sept. 12th at 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Please Come! Don Sikes, Director

DID YOU HELP?

Everything seems to be returning to a normal pattern after a Summer of vacations and activity, including our Bible School attendance. Last Lord's Day there were 481 present for our classes with an almost capacity crowd at the morning and evening worship services. Let's continue to grow in interest and concern for the work here. If you weren't present for classes last week, make it your aim to be there this Sunday along with your family. With your help, we'll be over 500 for many Sundays to come! G.M.

TEACHER'S MEETING

Our regular monthly Teacher's Meeting is planned for this Sunday evening at 7:15 p.m. This will be immediately following the evening worship service as we normally have done. It will be a very important meeting in that we have just promoted our classes as well as made various changes in the Bible School curriculum. Teachers, bring your ideas and plan to present your needs at this time of discussion. Our program will include Brother Jim Bill McInteer as guest speaker by the wonder of electronics. Plan now to be present for this important meeting. G.M.

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON

On this Sunday morning I plan to use as my sermon topic, "Making A Success of Marriage." This Sunday is the Wedding anniversary of my wife and myself. It has been my

custom for many years to preach a sermon relative to marriage or the home sometime near the date of our anniversary. This sermon is preached because I feel that in our day we need to give emphasis to the importance of marriage and the home, and also I like to pay tribute to my companion who has faithfully and loyally assisted me in the work of the Lord for many years. G.H.S.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

We were delighted with the fine number who came for the fellowship meeting on last Tuesday evening at the Rose Garden Center. The food was delicious and all of us had a wonderful time together. We are so thankful for the kindness which has been extended to all of us during the time we have been living in Tyler. We are encouraged by the enthusiasm and the interest which you have shown in all of the work which we are endeavoring to do. We are glad to be a part of the family of Christians meeting at West Erwin Street. G.H.S.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

Mrs. Ola Dunwoody's new address is 522 West Sixth Street. Elmer Hawkes telephone is incorrectly listed in our directory. It should be Ly 4-3967. Delete David Harris. He is now living in Carthage, Texas. We hope David will be very happy and successful in his new work.

329 present last Wednesday evening.

ATTENTION, WOMAN

Every woman in the West Erwin Church is invited to be present for the Ladies' Bible Class on this coming Wednesday, September 11, at 9:45 in the morning. Some of you work outside the home and will be unable to attend, but we hope that many of you will plan to attend each week. Plan to bring others with you and help us have a wonderful class every week.

We are going to study lessons from the book of Genesis. While we recognize that we are now living under the New Covenant, yet we believe there are many practical lessons which may be learned from the book of Genesis, the first book in our Bible. Paul declared, "For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope." (Romans 15:4).

Not only does the Bible class for women afford an opportunity for growth in Biblical knowledge, but it also affords an opportunity for Christian women to have fellowship with one another and for them to do a greater work for the Lord.

Women have always had an important role in the work of the church. Some have the mistaken idea that there is not much for women to do in the church. It is true that women do not serve in the capacity of elders or deacons and do not do the work of evangelists. However, women were often commended in the New Testament for their work in the Lord's church. Some liberal teachers of our day have accused Paul of being a "woman hater" because of certain restrictions he placed on their work (I Tim. 2:11, 12; I Cor. 14:34). But how could one think of Paul as a "woman hater" when one remembers the many times women were praised by Paul? Notice these words of commendation by Paul for Phebe.

"I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea: That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succorer of many, and of myself also," (Rom. 16:1,2).

Paul also paid a beautiful tribute to the Christian women in Philippi who had helped him in his work. He wrote "And I entreat thee also, true yokefellow, help these women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow laborers, whose names are in the book of life," (Philippians 4:3).

It is interesting to study the friendship of Paul and Aquila and Priscilla, who followed the same trade, that of tent making. The strong ties of love and fellowship between Paul and these great Christians are shown in these words: "Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus, who have for my life laid down their own necks: (continued inside)

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Evangelist - ~~Dean Brookshire~~



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August 25..\$1,743.32 438
Year Ago...\$1,729.90 426

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....George H. Stephenson
Prayer.....Louis J. Jones
Dismiss.....Dalton Jones

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
Prayer.....Ross Walker
Dismiss.....Mickey Howard

RESPONSES

Baptized: G. R. Medders, 213 West Shaw. We are very happy to welcome brother Medders into our fellowship.

Restored: Mrs. Janelle Caskey.

FUNERAL

We extend our deepest sympathy to the J. D. Taylor family. Brother Taylor's father was buried t h i s week in Colony, Oklahoma.

REMEMBER THE FELLOWSHIP MEETING

September 10 at 6:30 p.m. is the date and time for the covered dish dinner in the Garden Center building. Every family is invited and urged to be present. All eating utensils, napkins, bread, and drinks will be provided, however it will be helpful for the ladies to bring extra serving spoons, knives, etc.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for your many kindnesses, expressions of sympathy, flowers, cards, and food at the death of Mrs. W. L. Kirkpatrick.

Mrs. Beatrice Harris and David Mrs. Verna Johnston

Thank you very much for singing at my mother's, Mrs. Bessie Templeton, funeral. Mrs. Valerie Bailey

The Family of Dean Taylor acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

THE SICK

Sis. Ted Snipes is in Mother Frances.

We are happy that Charlene Graf and Charlotte Chandler returned to their homes August 27 from the hospital in Houston. Both girls are getting along well.

Sister Janie Chelf had surgery Wednesday in Medical Center.

Sister Walter Clyburn will undergo eye surgery in Dallas on Friday.

Brother O. P. Pool is in Cotton Belt Hospital in Texarkana.

Sister Shotwell entered Medical Center Thursday for surgery.

JUST FOR TEACHERS

Thanks for your help in making the annual promotion with success and very few problems. It was a sad goodbye to a fine class and hello to another outstanding group that promises even greater challenges. Please get your new class roll in by next Monday as well as advising us of any needs. Let's work for greater goals in teaching God's Word!
G.M.

COLLEGE STUDENTS FROM WEST ERWIN

The following is a list of our students and the college they will be attending this Fall. We hope the list is correct, but if your name is left out or the college is incorrect, it is through error and unintentional.

TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE

Gary Aven	Bill Howard
Phillip Browning	Mickey Howard
Audeen Graf	Wilmer Little
Mike Hannah	Vicki McCarley
Grant Rozell	Donna Snipes
R. V. Threadgill	Bill Taylor
David Womack	Gaylon Turner
Skipper Womack	Richard Wallace
Stephen Ward	Dennis Stansbury
Georgianna Drennan	

LAMAR TECH

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

Gary Terrell Linda Byrd

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Jim Lauden

ABILENE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Pam Stringer

RAILROAD INSTITUTE, Atlanta, Ga..

Gary Giesecke

DAVID LIPSCOMB NORTH TEXAS U.

Chuck Cauthen Pam Wallace

TEXAS TECH HARDING COLLEGE

James Sublette June Parris

Tommy Keith Betsy Parris

MEDINA CHILDRENS HOME

The truck from Medina Children's Home came August 23. We had approximately \$150.00 in clothing and groceries for them.

LISTEN TO KTBB - 12:30 NOON

Monday through Friday!

WOMEN . . . (continued from back) unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles," (Rom. 16:3,4). Priscilla worked in co-operation with her husband in the work of the Lord. She, along with her husband, helped to teach the preacher, Apollos, the way of the Lord. The Bible says, "And he (Apollos) began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly," (Acts 18:26).

Older Christian women have an obligation to teach younger women. If they are going to be qualified to teach, they must learn God's Will. The Bible teaches concerning older women, "That they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things; That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed." (Titus 2:3-5).

Ladies, we appreciate all that you mean to the church. We know that you furnish the inspiration for much that is done by the men. We are thankful for those of you who teach, for those who visit the sick, minister to the needs, and who do so much that may not be seen. Let us work for a great class on each Wednesday morning!

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Evangelist - Dean Brookshire

MAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

The Bible teaches that everyone is responsible to God for his own conduct. "So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God," (Romans 14:12). Man has always tried to evade responsibility and has often blamed others for his own wrong doing. In the garden of Eden, Adam blamed his wife for his own sin. He said, "The woman whom thou gavest me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." (Genesis 3:12).

In a sense, Adam blamed the Lord for his wrong doing, for he told God, "The woman whom thou gavest me was responsible." Even today we sometimes blame God for our own wrongs. We say, "I can not help being like I am," or we say, "What is to be will be." While we do not deny that God has a part in the affairs of the world, yet the fact remains that man is a free moral agent, responsible for his own deeds and actions. In this life man may choose to walk the narrow way which leads to life or the broad way which leads to death, (Matt. 7:13, 14).

We are often like the lawyer of Jesus' time who wanted to "justify himself," (Luke 10:29). We try to justify our failure to live the Christian life and our failure to serve God. Some blame their sins

THE FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING will be held at Reese on August 25th at 2:30 P.M. Your are invited.

and failures on their parents. No one would deny the value of proper guidance and training of children, but many have been able to rise above poor environment and inadequate training to become respected Christian citizens. Some blame the shortcomings of the church or hypocrits in the church for their own failure to assume responsibility. Even criminals will try to justify themselves and blame others for the crimes they have committed.

It is true that more may be expected of some individuals than others. The parable of the talents teaches us that the greater an ability the greater is our responsibility. Each one is expected to use his talent or talents to the best of his own ability. No one can assume the responsibility which belongs to another. The parents may not assume the responsibility which belongs to their children. A wife cannot assume the responsibility which belongs to her husband. "For every man shall bear his own burden," (Galatians 6:5).

It is a sobering thought to realize that we must all answer to God for our own conduct on this earth.

George H. Stephenson

NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK

You will not receive the bulletin next week. Sister Browning will have a week of vacation. The next VISITOR will be printed Sept. 5.



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August 11..\$1,778.71400
Year Ago...\$1,300.22398

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill
Prayer.....Ben Young
Dismiss.....Ed Naul

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....K. Max Haws
Prayer.....Jim Scarborough
Dismiss.....H. McCarty

RESPONSES

For Membership: Miss Jan Bynum, 2505 Shenendoah. Jan is the daughter of brother and sister Mack Bynum. She will be going to school here this year.

To Be Restored: Mr. Howard Ellis, Mark Ellis, Miss Georgianna Drennan, Miss Tanna Stone.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Remember to mark your calendar September 10 at 6:30 p.m. This is the date for our fellowship meeting to be held in the Garden Center building. Plan to be present.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

A.M. BUILDING UP THE CHURCH

P.M. FORMULA FOR SUCCESSFUL LIVING

FUNERAL

Mr. William Lee Kirkpatrick, the father of sister Beatrice Harris, and sister Verna Johnston, and the grandfather of David Harris was buried Thursday afternoon. Services were in Bullard Methodist Church. We extend our sympathy to the family.

PROMOTION DAY - SEPTEMBER 1

All Bible classes thru the 12th grade will promote Sunday, Sept. 1. The new literature for our Sunday morning classes will be introduced.

The following information is important to the teachers.

(1) Bell signalling the time for changes to be made will ring at 9:30. The present teacher is requested to accompany students to their new room.

(2) Please complete a new roll of student's names and place with your attendance slip.

(3) The new material is to be introduced and lesson 1 completed if possible. If not, complete along with lesson 2 next Sunday. G.M.

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASSES: NOTE!

Because of the unexpected delay in printing of the 20th Century literature for our Wednesday evening classes, we must continue with our present literature until Oct. 2. Promotions will be made during the same week as Sunday morning, but old literature will be used. As soon as it arrives, we'll get it to you. G.M.

PARENTS AND THE BIBLE SCHOOL

The teaching and instruction of God's Word unto every man is the God-given task of the Church today. Every other work in which we engage should be subordinate and secondary in its relation to the effective proclamation of God's Word. We must continue to publicly preach the gospel even in the face of the anti-religious attitude that prevails in our country. Pulpit evangelism is vitally important and is an avenue of teaching that is powerful and yet, the personal instruction in the Bible classes should and does accomplish the final task of answering questions and creating conviction through concentrated study. With this knowledge, we as parents must realize the inescapable need that our youngsters present to us as their "shepherds" in life today. If we would "train up a child in the way that he should go," the instruction of God's Word is necessary. Every opportunity to better instill the precepts of Christianity in that child should be employed. Too many mothers and fathers in the church today are very negligent in teaching God's Word to their children. We are concerned about Junior's academic standing, social standing, cultural background, and then we, strangely enough, allow him to "fall flat on his face," religiously speaking. Parents who don't attend Bible Classes themselves can expect very little interest from their children! Our problem of Bible School

attendance is not with our children, it's right square on the shoulders of our parents! The only way we can be effective in Bible school efforts is through parents who will support it by attending themselves and then teaching their children the importance of the study of God's Word. Parents, please support the Bible school in these few basic ways:

(1) Be a faithful member of a class yourself.

(2) Bring your children and enroll them in classes.

(3) Be certain that your child prepares his lesson.

(4) Don't leave it up to your child to evaluate his class or teacher. If he has problems, have the interest to discuss it with the teacher.

(5) PRAY FOR AND SUPPORT THE BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS G.M.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister J. D. Taylor is in Mother Frances Hospital.

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE Class will meet September 11, at 9:45 a.m. You are encouraged to attend this class. It will be taught by brother Stephenson. If you do not work away from home, put this class in your schedule so that it may grow toward a new record in attendance.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLASS WILL be taught Sunday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. by brother Stephenson.

THE IMPORTANCE OF PREACHING

The world, as a whole, does not attach much significance to preaching. However, the Bible teaches that God chose preaching as the method by which men are brought to salvation. The Bible tells us, "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe," (I Cor. 1:21).

In Paul's day, as in our day, men were not saved by worldly wisdom. There were brilliant philosophers among the Greeks in New Testament times. They excelled, in some areas, some of the learned men of our day. But they had not found God simply through human wisdom. Neither will men in our enlightened age ever come to know God save through a knowledge of Christ. Paul said, "For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom. But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God," (I Cor. 1:22-24).

The importance of preaching is clearly revealed in a study of the book of Acts. In this book we have the record of many conversions. In all of these conversions, the gospel had to be taught before the individuals were saved. For example, in the conversion of Cornelius, we read how the prayers of this righteous man had gone up to God as a memorial to God, but he had to send for a preacher to tell him what to do to be saved. God's angel did not tell Corenlius the plan of salvation, but he told Cornelius, "Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose surname is Peter; who shall tell thee words, whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved," (Acts 11:13,14).

Jesus appeared to Saul on the Damascus road, but Jesus did not tell him what to do to be saved. He told Saul to go to Damascus and there it would be told him what he should do. Later, the Lord directed a preacher, Ananias, to go to Saul to tell him what to do in order to be saved. Saul was told, "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord," (Acts 22:16).

Before Jesus went back to heaven, He gave His followers a charge to preach the gospel to the world. (Matt. 28:19,20; Mark 16:15,16). The gospel must be preached for it is God's power to save the believer, (Rom. 1:16). The importance of preaching is further taught in these words: "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? ...So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God," (Romans 10:13,14,17).

Preachers must teach those who have not been (continued inside)

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Announcements and

Prayer.....C. B. Hardin

Prayer.....R. E. Frederick

Dismiss.....G. C. Wright

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and

Prayer.....Gary Montgomery

Prayer.....R. H. Davis

Dismiss.....Clarence Strait

RESPONSES

Three of our very fine young people were baptized into Christ last Sunday. They are: Jennylene Emmons, 2211 Old Bullard Rd. Danny Addington, 2904 Shaffer Lane, and Gary Willis, 2308 Sarasota.

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend our very best wishes for a long and happy life together to Jan Whitus and Bill Howard who were married last Friday evening.

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother E. L. Taylor's brother, Mr. Earl Dean Taylor, passed away Monday in Dallas. Funeral services were held Wednesday in Kaufman. We express our sympathy to the family.

TRUCK FROM MEDINA CHILDRENS HOME

We do not have a definite date, but the truck will arrive the week of August 19-23 to pick up groceries and items we have collected for the home. The following items are needed: hair spray, creme rinse, shampoo, hair rollers, bobby pins, tooth paste, razors & blades, jelly (all kinds), extracts & spices, syrup (all kinds), cake mixes, Instant tea, detergents, cleansers, paper towels & napkins, was & foil paper, dry cereal, coffee, sugar, shortening, cooking oil, salad dressing & mustard, crackers, catsup, canned meat, salmon & tuna, powdered sugar, canned pineapple, pineapple & grapefruit juice, twin sheets, bath towels, ladies seamless hose, cocoanut.

THE SICK

Sister Linda Allmon underwent Surgery in Mother Frances Wednesday.

Sister Tommie Johnson is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother O. P. Pool is in the Cotton Belt Hospital in Texarkana.

Charlotte Chandler and Charlene Graf underwent corrective spinal surgery Tuesday in Houston. At this writing both girls are getting along satisfactorily. Their address is: Methodist Hospital, Southwest Wing, room 551(Charlene) and room 552(Charlotte), Houston, Tex. 77025.

THANK YOU for your many kindnesses, expressions of sympathy and food during the illness and death of Mr. Jones. Mrs. R. P. Jones

CHIMALA MISSION HOSPITAL

The following letter was recently received in connection with soap and bandages collected and shipped from here to the Chimala Hospital.

"We have received the two barrels of bandages and soap that you shipped in January. We thank you so very much for these items and for your continued interest in the Lord's work at Chimala. We want you to know that we appreciate your sacrifice of time, effort and expense in providing these things for the hospital. We are sending you a picture of Tabia. She has been with us for almost a year and her treatment has required many, many hundreds of yards of bandages, provided by faithful Christians such as yourselves. Tabia's feet were burned severely when she fell into the fire during an epileptic seizure. Thank you again for administering to our needs."

The letter and picture are on the bulletin board in the foyer.

MOVING FROM TYLER

Don and June O'Bannon and family left August 13 to make their home in Roscoe, Texas where both will be associated with the public schools.

Brother Larry Hardin has moved to Dallas and will be worshipping with the Garland Road church there.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
A.M. "Enemies of Christ."
P.M. "I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel."

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Caskey
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Betty Jean
to

Mr. Dudley Keith Brookshire
Friday, the sixteenth of August
Nineteen hundred and sixty-eight
at eight o'clock
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT time at Henderson this Saturday, August 17. An outstanding all-day program has been planned with many events that will prove interesting to all. We shall leave the building at 10:00 a.m. for Henderson and will return by 10:00 that evening. We'll buy our lunch, but dinner will be "on the house!"

...PREACHING(continued from back) baptized, but they also have a responsibility to teach those who are baptized all things Jesus has commanded, (Matt. 28:19,20). Paul told the preacher Timothy, "If thou put the brethren in remembrance of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine, whereunto thou hast attained,"(I Timothy 4:6).

George H. Stephenson

ANOTHER WEDDING INVITATION was received for the wedding of Barbara Lee Norris and James Paul Moore, Jr. August 17, 8:00 o'clock at the North Jefferson Church in Mt. Pleasant.

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FROM YOUR PREACHER

I want each of you to know that I am delighted with the fine way you have received us at West Erwin. I was very pleased with the fine number present for all of the services and with the spirit of enthusiasm and good will which seemed to characterize all who were present last Sunday. We appreciate the kind words of introduction from brother Ross Walker and the fine song service led by Faber Gauthen. The prayers were fervent and sincere. I have never attended a Teacher's Meeting which was conducted in a better way than the Teacher's Meeting Sunday night. You are most fortunate to have a man of the ability of Gary Montgomery working with you.

We are pleased to be settled in the home at 300 Ridgecrest. We appreciate the improvements made to the house and feel that we are going to have a very comfortable and pleasant place in which to live. We hope that you will want to come to

see us and visit with us.

I am aware that it is not so important whether or not the services and work of the church pleases me. The important thing is that all of us should seek to please the Lord. My first aim should be to please the Lord in my work as a preacher. Your aim should be to please the Lord in whatever service you render in His name.

I regret that I must be away so soon after moving here, but I am preaching in a gospel meeting with the Parkway Drive Church in Lubbock which was scheduled five years ago. Of course, it will be good to be in Lubbock and to see many of our friends we met while preaching for the Broadway church. We ask for your prayers that good may come from efforts in the meeting.

We look forward to our return next week and to the weeks ahead as all of us renew our efforts to build up the Lord's Kingdom in Tyler. Geo. H. Stephenson

NEW BIBLE SCHOOL CURRICULUM

After much consideration and examination of many available materials, an organized curriculum has been selected for West Erwin. A number of elders and deacons reviewed the materials available and made recommendations. Our desire is to institute a plan of coordinated Bible Study that will eliminate the problems of repetition, overlapping, and lack of depth as much as possible. It is our desire

to provide the type of program that will offer our students a thorough study of God's Word during the 17 years that he may attend the Bible classes of West Erwin.

The series published and edited by 20th Century Christian has been selected as our plan of study. It will be followed in every class from the Toddlers to the 12th grade. One of its outstanding features is (continued on page 3)



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CONTRIBUTIONS	BIBLE SCHOOL
August 4...\$2,071.99467
July 28...\$1,569.64419
Year Ago...\$1,702.99495

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

	Morning	Evening
Announcements and		
Prayer..T. F. Holland	David Demic	
Prayer..Glen Howard	Travis Fletcher	
Dismiss..F.A.Jones	Steve Drennan	

SYMPATHY

Mrs. Romilder Robbinson of San Angelo, Texas, a sister to our sister Vaughan, passed away July 31. We express our sympathy to sister Ruby Vaughan.

RETURNED TO TYLER

Donna and Mickey Howard are now living in Tyler following Mickey's discharge from the Armed Services. Their address is Lamplighter Mobile Home Park, Van Hwy. We are very happy to welcome them back to West Erwin.

THE SICK

Brother L. E. Carpenter is in the Glenwood Hospital following surgery. Sister Janie Chelf is in Mother Frances. She had surgery Tuesday. Sister Odell Malone is in Mother Frances Hospital. Sister Walter Clyburn is now home

from Dallas after eye surgery. Sister Alice Long is in Medical Center Hospital.

WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moore request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Beverly June to Mr. Guy Dean Plowman on Saturday, the 17th of August, 1968 at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, at the North Jefferson St. Church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant, Texas. Reception following the ceremony, 410 N. Lide.

IMPROVEMENTS

We have signed a contract with Mr. George Carter, the same man who constructed our educational building, to begin work remodeling the auditorium August 19. We are glad to get this work started so we will be able to do more mission work. It is a historical fact that churches who allow their property to run down, fail to keep up with the times, find that their attendance and contribution drop continually. Because of this, they are unable to do any mission or benevolent work. Fortunately, we don't have that problem at West Erwin. Everyone is agreed that we must continually improve ourselves locally so that we can help in other places.

Ross Walker

REMEMBER THE TRUCK FROM MEDINA Children Home will be here the week of August 19-23. Check the list of needs posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY 1968

LOAN PAYMENTS

First Federal Sav. & Loan	\$1,123.50
East Texas Sav. & Loan	111.42
Cooperative Sav. & Loan	75.00
Stephens Parking Lot	100.00
	\$1,409.92

BENEVOLENT AND MISSION

Bible Chair	100.00
Herald of Truth	100.00
Tipton Home	75.00
Boles Home	75.00
Sunny Glen Home	75.00
Radio Station KTBB	212.00
Mike Warner (gross)	540.00
Scott City Radio Program	40.00
Dalton Porter (gross)	540.00
Foy Richey (mission)	100.00
ACC Workshop	300.00
	\$2,157.00

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	420.78
Building and grounds	155.65
Office Supplies	283.43 101.49
Addition to Residence	
300 Ridgecrest	4,753.00
Insurance	141.76
Flowers	7.50
Postage	58.00
Bible School Supplies	283.43
LOCAL SALARIES (gross)	1,379.88

Total Expenditures for July, 1968	10,868.41
Total Contributions for July	6,912.61
Expenditures in excess of contributions	3,955.80
Contributions short of budget for July	827.39
Contributions short of budget this Calendar year	4,179.77

CURRICULUM (continued) that the Wednesday evening material is coordinated with the lesson theme on Sunday morning for each class. Many of the teachers are excited about the many aids that are provided with this new series. Our earnest prayer is that we shall be able to better instill God's Divine Words in the hearts of our children. Let us fervently and faithfully work toward this goal, ever knowing that the full measure will never be accomplished. G.M.

THE REGULAR BUSINESS Meeting for men of the Church will be this Sunday at 1:30 P.M.

NEXT WEDNESDAY EVE. Bro. Andrew Brewster will be our speaker next Wed., Aug. 14. He and his wife plan to labor for the Cause of Christ in a supported effort in Cape Cod, Mass. Plan to be present and hear the plans of this young couple and their desire to serve the Lord.

WELCOME!! GEORGE H. STEPHENSON FAMILY

After weeks of expectation and eagerness on the part of every member of West Erwin, the George H. Stephenson family has moved to Tyler to join hands with us as fellow-laborers in the Lord's vineyard. The work that becomes our task as members of this congregation has been truly strengthened with the addition of this Christian family. They come to us from the Southside church in Fort Worth where brother Stephenson has served as the evangelist for a number of years. His work as evangelist and minister for the West Erwin congregation will be a wonderful blessing to us because of his past outstanding efforts for the Lord. We are truly thankful for their presence in our midst and the good that shall be accomplished with them.

As members of this congregation, we must lift up our eyes to behold greater heights for the Lord's people who meet at West Erwin. Yet, we must not and cannot expect a sweeping spiritual change to be produced by the presence of a new minister and evangelist. True, his zeal and fervor can excite us to stronger faith, but we must be God-made and not "man-made" workers. Let's do more in a better way of that which we've been doing for these years of spiritual accomplishment at West Erwin. It will be no more his responsibility to attend to the needs of the congregation than yours other than those tasks and opportunities specifically directed to him. As a body of the Lord's people, He expects things of those who gain in strength. With ability comes responsibility and that includes correctly employing the abilities of this great Christian servant and his family as well as every member of this congregation. With this in mind, pray for the elders that they might so lead this flock of Christians that we shall accomplish the Lord's Will in all things. Let our personal desire be that we become true "workers together with God."
G.M.

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY MORNING 9:30.

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Contribution Bible School
July 28...\$1,569.64419
July 14...\$1,729.38419
Year Ago...\$1,798.92462

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
Prayer.....Ross Walker
Prayer.....M. B. Beard
Dismiss.....Jack Beard
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Joe Wyatt
Prayer.....Harley Turner
Dismiss.....J. M. Steele

RESPONSES

Debbie Driggers, daughter of brother and sister Roy Driggers was baptized into Christ last Sunday. Debbie is a regular member of the Bible School.

THE SICK

Sister Walter Clyburn will undergo surgery in Dallas on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rowe, parents of Dr. Ralph Rowe are in Mother Frances Hospital for tests.

Nancy Hannah is in Mother Frances for tests.

Brother and sister Luther

Thompson have not been able to attend worship recently because of illness.

FUNERAL

Mr. R. P. Jones passed away Monday evening. Funeral services were conducted on Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at Burks-Walker. Our deepest sympathy is extended to sister Jones and family.

NEW SON

Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Chambless are the parents of a baby boy, Bryan Neill, born Monday in Mother Frances.

CAMPAIGN IN WHITEHOUSE

The small but dedicated group of Christians meeting at Whitehouse are planning a tremendous effort for the Cause of Christ in that area. This Campaign will be conducted in the Whitehouse football stadium with brother Jay Lockhart of the Glenwood church as the speaker. Brother Edwin Rasco will lead the singing. Our help and support is needed to make this event a success for the Lord's work in Whitehouse. Services will be conducted at 8:00 p.m. August 5 thru 9. Let's all plan to be present at least two nights during the week! Christ will be there (Matt. 18:20), will you? G.M.

WORKSHOP REPORT

We've been looking for the right word to express the tremendous benefit that was realized by all who attended the Workshop which is annually conducted on the campus of Abilene Christian College. Let's us just say "serendipity!" This odd word well describes our feelings about the many outstanding classes, lectures, and training sessions that were attended by the teachers. It was truly a discovery of great fortune that we never knew could exist in such abundance. Our thanks as a group to the congregation for providing our means in making the trip. Next year, our attendance goal is 50. Will you be one of 50? The theme for the '69 Workshop is AND THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT. By the way, plan for "Serendipity!" G.M.

ALL-DAY YOUTH RALLY IN

HENDERSON - AUGUST 17

Young people, begin now to plan for this event! We would like to have a large group of our teen-agers to attend this outstanding event. A caravan of cars will leave the West Erwin building at 9:00 on Saturday, the 17th. Guest speakers, panel discussions, group sessions, and fellowship are scheduled

through-out the day. Plan now to attend this event! G.M.

CALLING ALL TEACHERS

Our monthly general Teacher's Meeting will be held in the chapel immediately after services this Sunday, Aug. 4. We want every Bible school teacher to be present. Our attendance has been good and we want others to plan to attend. An agenda for the meeting is prepared and ideas are presented that will be helpful to you in teaching God's Word.

A number of those who attended the Teachers Workshop in Abilene last month will present their views of the value of the event and highlights of their personal experiences of the trip. Also, we shall discuss our plans for the new organized curriculum in literature for West Erwin. As a vital part of the Educational program at West Erwin, you will want to be present. The meeting will begin at 7:15 and conclude at the conclusion of business. If you need to have dinner before coming to services to prevent your absence, please do so. This is important for you and your work as a teacher. G.M.

LISTEN TO KTBB - 12:30 NOON

A GOOD LIFE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR LOCKED LIPS by Charles Hodges

(Condensed from an article in Firm Foundation)

We have always preached that we use a "thus saith the Lord" for all we say or do. That the power is in the Word of God. ("It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe" and "for the Word of God is quick and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart") True, this is what we believe, but in the last few years, we have seen a drifting from this attitude to one of "I'd rather see a sermon than to hear one any day." Someone has said, "You can preach a better sermon with your life than with your lips!" But this is not true!

True, consistency in living is better than hypocrisy, and practicing what we preach is vital and necessary, but it is false to state that a Christian can preach a better sermon with his life than with his lips. In Acts 2, Peter was thought to be drunken by his actions, but with his lips, he converted 3,000 people. The eunuch was not baptized because of Phillip's life, but because of what he spoke. A consistent life helps the word, while a hypocritical life hinders, but the power is still "in the Word."

Perhaps, this idea explains many of the weaknesses and problems among us. Many people excuse themselves from teaching by word of mouth by the lives they lead. But A GOOD LIFE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR LOCKED LIPS. Paul said that servants of God must be apt to teach. Christianity begins and ends with preaching, both in the pulpit and out of it.

Paul is unanimously recognized as a great teacher. However, in all of his teaching, no set systematic organization was installed. He did set elders and deacons in each congregation, and we do not mean to say that organization is not good nor necessary. A systematic Bible school program is an asset, but sometimes we have more faith in our programs, aids, and methods than in the Word itself. Many Christians rely on the preachers and the Bible school teachers to do all the teaching, while they just live "good lives." Paul was very successful in his preaching and the early church grew rapidly, but it is not said nor implied that people came to Christ because of the good lives of the early Christians. Rather it was the power of the Word that they preached. The power is still where God put it - in Word and Truth and not in meritorious lives.

Anyone can preach a better sermon with their lips than with their lives. No man can begin to live the full measure of the fullness of Truth. Too many of us sit back, content to let the others preach, and we think that our good lives will be enough but we are deceiving ourselves. Good moral lives, shining examples (continued inside)

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July 21	\$1,889.01	419
July 14	\$1,729.38	397
Year Ago	\$1,441.85	424

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

	Morning	Evening
Announcements & Prayer...	M. M. Haws	Joe Wyatt
Prayer...	Ray Womack	Jack Stringer
Dismiss..	Bill Shuford	C.T. Langham

BAPTIZED

We are very happy that Pam Potts, daughter of brother and sister Guy Potts, was baptized Sunday morning. Pam will enter jr. high school this Fall. Add her name to your directory.

IN APPRECIATION

Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy.

The Family of Herschel Painter

Written words cannot fully express how very grateful we are for your every sympathetic note, card and prayer. The floral arrangement was beautiful and so deeply appreciated. Such thoughtfulness truly helped sustain us in our time of grief. Thank you and God bless you,
The L. M. Woltman Family

The family of Mrs. Myrtle Tucker acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Joyce Reed and Family

AREA MEETINGS

Part of a letter from the church in Whitehouse, Texas.

"The small group of Christians in Whitehouse have planned great things for the Lord's work, and we seek the aid of all Christians in the near East Texas area.

A Campaign for Christ will be held in the football stadium in Whitehouse during the nights of August 5th thru 9th. Brother Jay Lockhart will be our evangelist, and brother Edwin Rasco will be directing the singing.

We especially seek your public and private prayers. The Lord's work must grow in and with Whitehouse."

Brother Paul Mayfield is in a meeting this week with the church in Teaselville. It will continue thru Saturday evening. Services at 8:00 p.m.

Brother Doyle Goodspeed will conduct a meeting in Troup from July 28 to August 2. Services will be at 8:00 p.m. every evening.

SINGING

There will be a singing Sunday afternoon, 2:30 at the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville. This is the regular 4th Sunday Singing for this area.

REMEMBER. . .

Brother George H. Stephenson and his family will move to Tyler July 30th. Brother Stephenson will begin preaching for us the first Sunday in August. Everyone should make a special effort to be here and hear him. We are looking forward to their arrival in Tyler next Tuesday.

TEACHERS ATTENDING WORKSHOP

The following are attending the Teachers Workshop being held this week at Abilene Christian College: Marian Rowe, K. Max and Mary Haws and Melody, C.T. and Julia Langham, Margaret Montgomery, Johnnie and Pam Stringer, E. V. and Bertha Rushing, Patsy Smith, Ray and Carolyn Womack, Inez Talley, Gary and Sandra Montgomery. Also several children are in the group.

LOST BOOKS

Recently an inventory of the Library was made and the following books are unaccounted for. If you have one, please call the office, so that we may know where it is.

NEW COMMENTARY ON ACTS OF THE APOSTLES, VOL. 1, by J. W. McGarvey. THE HOLY SPIRIT, by Eugene Smith; WHY WE BELIEVE THE BIBLE, by Geo. W. DeHoff; THE CHRISTIAN HOME by P. D. Wilmeth; OBJECT TALKS WITH PAPER AND SCISSORS, by Francis C. Brown; and OBJECT TALKS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS, by Ruth Clark.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Brother Roy Driggers is in Mother Frances Hospital.

A GOOD LIFE. . . (from back page) of Christianity at work, will help to draw one to Christ, but unless we open our mouths and teach by word the message of salvation, the results will simply be more good, moral people, measuring themselves by themselves, and satisfied that their good lives will carry them to Heaven.

When we as individuals open our mouths and begin to teach God's Word, each one teaching one, the results will be stronger, faithful, more dedicated Christians.

WHAT WOULD YOU THINK. . .

If the Lord loved the Scriptures so much that . . .

When He was 12 years old, He knew enough Scripture to answer the question of religious leaders.

When tempted, He refused and quoted Scripture as the reason why.

When asked to read at His home synagogue, He knew where to find the proper passage.

When others questioned His religious conduct, He always used Scripture as His authority.

When refuting false teachers, He said they erred because they knew not the Scriptures.

When in bitter agony on the cross some of His last words were passages from the Scriptures.

Don't you think He would want you to study the Scriptures in Bible School this Sunday morning?

DIRECTORY CHANGE The J.A. Fergusons have moved to 1509 N. Fannin.

...STOP ...LOOK ...LISTEN TO THE BIBLE SCHOOL!

In a day and age in which everything and everybody has an opinion, it would not be unusual to hear the Bible School expressing its views in its own personal manner. The lazy days of Summer almost invariably bring times of neglect and lonesomeness to our "church-related" friend. Give just a few minutes of your time to ...stop ...look and ...listen to our Bible School as "he" explains his predicament!

STOP

- ...you are going to be judged by a Book that you know nothing about! (John 12:48)
- ...too, you are disobeying God's commands when you fail to come to Bible Classes when it is possible. (Heb.13:17; 10:25; 2 Tim.2:15)
- ...when you fail to come, you are rejecting the One who died for your sins! (John 15:7)

LOOK

- ...at the people who, by your example, see no need to be concerned about Christ.
- ...at the children whose parents will one day say, "I did all that I could," and yet they are never seen at Bible School.
- ...up to God and say, if you can, "Jesus is all the world to me," and then still stay at home next Sunday.

LISTEN

- ...to the dedicated teachers who disappointedly ask, "What am I doing that keeps people from coming?"
- ...to the Psalmist as he says, "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my way," How long has it been since your path was brightened?
- ...to the voice of a nation filled with lawlessness and immorality and wonder, "would it help if I gave more time, attention, and concern to the study of God's Word?"

May God help us to realize the wonderful privilege that is ours to study His Holy Word without any suppression! Take your family and be present in Bible classes this Lord's day! Classes at West Erwin begin at 9:30 A.M. ... We'll be looking for you! G.M.

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July 7....\$1,758.18

A Year Ago\$1,579.06

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and

Prayer.....Tommy Lowrance

Prayer.....M. B. Beard

Dismiss..... Bill Henderson

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and

Prayer.....Monroe Sublette

Prayer.....Ben Young

Dismiss..... Randall Grogan

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother Avarett, of Tucumcari, New Mexico passed away last Saturday. He was the father of sister Leonard Woltman. If you would like to send a card to sister Woltman, their address is 3618 Princess Lane in Dallas, 75229.

Sister Dell Howard's father, Mr. H. J. Painter, Sr., passed away suddenly last Sunday afternoon in Garland, Texas. Funeral services were held Tuesday.

Sister Myrtle Tucker passed away Tuesday in Jacksonville. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon in Jacksonville.

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

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Lonnie Taylor entered Mother Frances Tuesday for tests.

Sister Susan Johnson is in Medical Center.

Mrs. Frank Wayne Smith (Kay) will enter Mother Frances Monday.

Brother H. C. Birdwell, brother to Cone Birdwell is in Glenwood Hospital. He would enjoy your visit.

DIRECTORY CHANGES AND CORRECTIONS

We regret so much the errors discovered in the new membership directory. Every effort was made to have it complete, but through error the names of sister Jack (Zeffie) Beard, and sister Walter (Eura Mae) Clyburn were left out. Also add brother and sister J. B. Gray, 2417 Pine Burr, Ly 7-7320. They were listed in last week's VISITOR, but came too late to be included in the directory. Sister Wilma Greene's telephone number is incorrect, it should be Ly 3-0080.

Sister Clara Smith recently moved to Kirtland, New Mexico and brother and sister Ken Willis are now in College Station, but will move to Waco in late August. We sincerely regret to lose these fine Christians from West Erwin but hope they will be very happy in their new homes. Please make these changes in your directory.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will arrive at West Erwin the week of August 19-23 to pick up groceries and items that we have for them. A list is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer of items needed.

THANK YOU NOTE

I appreciate so much the many cards and telephone calls following my accident and stay in the hospital. Mrs. Eula Pool

WILL YOU HELP?

About this time last year many in the congregation helped a little boy enter the State School for Deaf Mute children in Austin. He is in need of blue jeans, size 6 or 8, slim. Also long sleeve shirts, size 6 or 8, a rain coat, socks, a pair of gloves, and toilet articles. If you can help, give the articles to sister Marian Rowe or put your package in the barrel in the foyer marked for this purpose.

MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following will serve the last two Sundays in July. Henry Holland, Billy Chandler, Gary Aven, Phillip Browning, and Kenneth Browning. L. L. Gann, Roy Driggers, Tommy Lowrance, Ralph Lowrance, and Aubrey Payne. Alternates are: Rodger Young and Harvey Grier.

Serving Sunday evening: Wilmer Little and James Sublette.

CAMP DEER RUN

Several young people from West Erwin will be attending Camp Deer Run the 7th session, August 4 thru 16. If you are interested, we still have a few brochures in the office for your information.

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

CHANNEL 23 PSALM!

The TV set is my shepherd. My spiritual growth shall want. It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for the Cause of Christ, because it requireth all my spare time. It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian because it presenteth so many good shows that I must see!

It restoreth my knowledge of THINGS OF THE WORLD AND KEEPETH ME FROM STUDYING GOD'S WORD! It leadeth me in the paths of failing to attend worship services, and in doing nothing in the Kingdom of God!

Yea, though I live to a hundred, I shall keep on viewing my TV, as long as it will work. For my TV is my closest companion. Its sound and its picture they comfort me! It presenteth entertainment before me and keepeth me from doing important things with my family. It filleth my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the Word of God!

Surely, no good things will come of my life, because my TV offereth me no time to do the Will of God! And I will dwell with the devil and his angels forever! ...Copied

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY.

Morning: Tragedies In Religion Today.

Evening: Lets Do More Than The Jews.

ELDERS-TEACHERS WORKSHOP

Twenty-two teachers from West Erwin are planning to attend the Workshop in Abilene. They will leave early Monday morning and return Thursday evening.

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CAMP DEER RUN REPORT

Well, it is certainly good to return to civilization after two weeks in the rugged woods of East Texas! Our "vacation" at Camp Deer Run was filled with many hours of spiritual fellowship and accomplishments. Although we were away from our work at West Erwin, you can be assured that no greater investment of time could have been made.

By the way, who is the person that stated, "the young people in the Church today are just not spiritual?" Well, let it be known that I object! During the evening devotionals I sat and listened to 125 energetic voices sing "How Great Thou Art" and wondered in amazement at the love that dwelt in the hearts of each of them. Oh, they were the typical carefree, bushy-headed teenagers of today, but each possessed a deep understanding of God. Approximately three hours per day were spent in concentrated Bible study. In my class of senior high campers, there were many mornings when the class would be highly involved in Bible discussion long after the whistle had blown ending the class. We conducted frank discussion periods about these young people and their responsibilities in the Church of today. The same youngster who had told you a corny joke would advocate a deep need for unity in the church today to eliminate the friction that exists in congregations. Later, another young lady who starred in the baseball game that afternoon would sit down beside you and ask, "How can I get my daddy to go to church with me?" Throughout the week the same kids who yelled the loudest in silly antics would be the most diligent in memorizing God's Word about love in I Cor. 13. The very same boy who broke the rules by talking during "quiet time" is the young man who would lead the meaningful, touching prayer for the girl injured during the day's activities. Yes, I want my voice to be heard with pointed tones as I state the spirituality of our young people today. Never let the warped and perverted minority overshadow the host of God-fearing, dedicated Christian young people in the church today. During these two weeks of spiritual effort at Camp Deer Run in East Texas, I was again informed about our younger generation. Let it be said with firm conviction, There are still young people who "remember now the Creator in the days of their youth!" G.M.

NEW BIBLE SCHOOL QUARTER BEGINS

Our Summer quarter of Bible School study began last Sunday, July 7. New materials were distributed the week prior and all classes were to begin the new lessons together. If you, as a teacher, do not have enough books, please let us know and they will be ordered.

Parents, encourage your children to make the most of this prepared material by studying his or her lesson every week. (contd. inside)



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....James Massey	
Prayer.....Joe McBee	
Dismiss.....Gerald Montgomery	
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....Glen Warner	
Prayer.....Walls T. Witt	
Dismiss.....Bruce Raley	
THANK YOU NOTE	

Dear Christian Friends, Thank you for your visits during my long stay in the hospital. Sincerely,
Floral Reynolds, Gladewater, Tex.

YOUNG PEOPLE TO SIX FLAGS, JULY 18
An all-day trip to Six Flags is planned for you as young people on Thursday, July 18. We plan to leave the church building at 7:00 A.M. with a sleepy group that will return that evening with a bundle of happy times. Each person making the trip should take about \$7.50 in cash to pay for ticket and eats. All young people in the congregation from the 6th grade and up are urged to attend. G.M.
IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Wilma Greene is in Mother Frances Hospital for tests.
Sister Pearl Goodman is in Mother

Frances Hospital.
Sister Susan Johnson has been in Medical Center Hospital.
Sister Eula Pool was injured in an automobile accident last week, and is recovering at home.
WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP
Membership: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gray, 2417 Pine Burr Road, have recently moved to Tyler from Kaufman. He works for Fair Oil Co. We are happy to welcome the Grays.

REMEMBER THE WORKSHOP, JULY 22-25
The time is almost here and interest is continuing to mount! Our last count indicates that about 21 adults from West Erwin are planning to participate in this period of Christian education for teachers, elders, and any others who sense the urgent need to strive for excellence in our teaching programs.
The "exodus" for Abilene Christian College will depart from the West Erwin building at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, July 22, and will arrive in Abilene with adequate time for registration at 2:00 p.m. Don't miss this outstanding experience! G.M.

NEW QUARTER (continued)
We want to realize the fullest amount of good from every financial and spiritual investment that is made at West Erwin.

In the weeks to come, a study will be completed in connection with a change in study material. The decisions reached will be incorporated at the beginning of the next quarter. G.M.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE 1968

LOAN PAYMENTS	
First Federal Savings & Loan	\$1,123.50
East Texas Savings & Loan	111.42
Cooperative Savings & Loan	75.00
Stephens Parking Lot	100.00 1,409.92
BENEVOLENT AND MISSION	
Bible Chair	100.00
Herald of Truth	100.00
Tipton Home	75.00
Boles Home	75.00
Sunny Glen Home	75.00
Radio Program-KITBB	243.20
Mike Warner - Gross	675.00
Scott City - Radio Program	40.00
Dalton Porter - Gross	675.00
Local Benevolent	12.00 2,070.20
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	
Utilities	538.64
Bldg. and grounds	146.67
Office Supplies	13.08
Bible School Supplies	101.83
Insurance	141.76
Flowers	5.00
Postage	64.00 1,010.98
LOCAL SALARIES	
Total Expenditures for June	6,527.98
Total Contributions for June	9,020.79
Contributions in excess of expenditures	2,492.81
Contributions short of budget for June	654.21
Contributions short of budget this Calendar year	3,352.38

BUSINESS MEETING
The regular business meeting of men of the church will be Sunday, at 1:30 P.M.

DEACONS MEETING
Deacons will meet Sunday afternoon following the regular business meeting.

GOSPEL MEETINGS
July 8-14, 8:00 p.m. Chandler Church of Christ, Verdell Vaughn will be preaching.

July 15-19, 8:00 p.m. B. F. Baur will preach in Brownsboro at the congregation where brother L. E. Carpenter is the regular preacher.

July 15-21, 7:30 p.m. Church of Christ at Queen and DeBard in Palestine. Brother L.L. Gieger will be preaching.

SINGING
Sunday, July 14, 2:00 p.m., Winnsboro Church of Christ.

ZONE 14
Zone 14 will meet Monday evening at 7:00 at Joe McBee's, 2221 Brookhaven.

WHAT ABOUT THE OLD TESTAMENT?

By Woodrow Wilson, Professor of Bible, Abilene Christian College

The Old Testament is often neglected by members of the Lord's Church. Except for a few of the historical narratives, the average member of the Church knows little about the Old Testament. The sections dealing with the wisdom, devotional and prophetic literature of the Old Testament are seldom studied or applied to the present age. Many of the more commonly quoted passages are taken out of their context, and some are misapplied and even abused.

It is true that the Old Testament was written primarily to and for the Hebrews, but it was preserved for the Christian's instruction and encouragement. The Old Testament was not "done away with." The Old covenant that God made with the Hebrews has been replaced by the new covenant between Christ and his Church, but the Old Testament as a message from God is still vital for present needs. One should not go to the Old Testament to find out how to become a Christian, but he can go to the Old Testament for help in being a better servant of God. A knowledge of the Old Testament will assist the Christian in living a better life.

Below are listed some contributions of the Old Testament:

- (1) It tells many things about God and His nature not found in any other place.
- (2) It shows many things about man and his nature not found elsewhere.
- (3) It tells of the origin, nature and consequences of sin.
- (4) It reveals the greatest religious teachings found anywhere outside the New Testament.
- (5) It presents the highest moral and ethical standards found anywhere outside the New Testament.
- (6) It aids one in developing his spiritual and devotional life.
- (7) It helps one to solve many practical problems in family life, economics, national and civil relationships, education of children, psychological and health conditions, etc.
- (8) It has some historical information not known from any other source.
- (9) It gives the only true account of God's people, Israel, and of God's dealings with them.
- (10) It contains some of the finest examples of literary excellence known to the world.
- (11) It gives expression to some of the loftiest conceptions, deepest emotions, and most beautiful sentiments known to man.
- (12) It gives a better background for understanding the New Testament.

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Announcements and
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill
Prayer.....Mack Bynum
Dismiss.....Bill Howard

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....K. Max Haws
Prayer.....Ken Willis
Dismiss.....Jim Franklin

RESPONSES

For Prayer and Membership:
Mrs. Bobby J. Center (Rebecca),
801 N. Parkdale, Telephone Ly 2-8601.
Mrs. Georgia Lowery, 2932 Orr Dr.
Telephone Ly 4-5310

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bullard are the happy parents of a boy born Monday in the Glenwood Hospital. Many will remember Ron and Bonnie attending services here before moving to Greenville, Texas.

GOSPEL MEETING

Harold McRay, Evangelist will be in a meeting with the church in Canton, Texas, July 8 - 14. Week day services will be at 8:00 p.m.

NEW BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY

The following new books are now in the church library.

CROWNING FIFTY YEARS, a book of Abilene Christian College Lectures.
WHY I AM A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, by Leroy Brownlow.
GOSPEL SERMONS, by T. W. Brents.
THE HOLY SPIRIT, Ft. Worth Christian College Lectureship.
GREAT PREACHERS OF TODAY, by Roy F. Osborne.
DRAMATIC PLAYS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN, by Hazel Chapel Fagan.
MINISTER'S MONTHLY, Vol. 12
THE HOME AS GOD WOULD HAVE IT, by Daisy M. Sewell.
GOD SPEAKS TO WOMEN TODAY, by Eugenia Price.
A WOMAN'S WORLD, by Clyde M. Naramore.

SARAH'S DAUGHTERS, by Kitty Jones Culwell.

GOD'S PSYCHIATRY, by Charles L. Allen.

IF I BE LIFTED UP, by Batsell Barret Baxter.

WAR AND CONSCIENCE, by Allen C. Isbell.

SPEAKING FOR THE MASTER, by Batsell Barrett Baxter.

A HAPPY MARRIED LIFE, by William S. Deal.

MORE PRECIOUS THAN GOLD, by Lottie Beth Hobbs.

CHAIN - REFERENCE BIBLE, Frank Charles Thompson.

ACC BIBLE TEACHERS WORKSHOP

Brochures concerning the Teachers Workshop in Abilene are now in the office. Pick one up for details.

THE DEVIL KNOWS YOU!

We usually think of God knowing all that we do, and all that we think, and all that we are. But we rarely think of Satan being very well acquainted with us. Actually, we rarely think of Satan at all. He is dismissed as being an imaginary being, living only in the minds of the unenlightened for the sole purpose of frightening people. The same Book that tells us of God, also tells us of Satan. The Bible tells us of the knowledge and the abilities possessed by the wicked one.

The devil knew of Christ and His condition after fasting. He went to Christ after he had fasted forty days and nights. He tempted the Saviour: "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread." (Matt. 4:3) The devil knew that this would be the weakest point in the spiritual armor of Christ. Just as the devil knew Christ and His weakened physical condition, even so does he know us. He tempts us with that which is desirable and attractive to us. He

knows what is alluring and pleasant to us, and uses such things to gain control of our lives. He also knows what we do not like and appreciate and does not waste his time in offering such things to us.

Christians must be sober and watchful because Satan as a roaring lion, "walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." (I Peter 5:8) This is one of the many appearances of Satan, but not the only one. He is also pictured as making himself a minister of light. (2 Cor. 11:13-14) This ability possessed by Satan makes even more necessary the care and vigilance that the Christian must exercise lest he be devoured (overcome) by Satan.

To offset this knowledge and ability possessed by Satan; the Christian must know himself; then he must know the Bible and the kind of man that God wants him to be; and then he must be able to recognize sin and sinful practices. Only in this manner can the Christian be successful in living the Christian life. ... Foster Ramsey

TAKE A VACATION BUT NOT FROM GOD!

It is often refreshing to get away from it all, but where could we go to get away from God? (Psa. 139:7)

Wherever you go, plan ahead so that you can worship God on the Lord's Day. Carry your Bible with you and read it some every day - as you drive or rest. Don't forget your financial responsibilities at

home; leave, send back, or bring when you return, your full contribution. (Don't make God finance your vacation.) Always act and dress in such a way that your reputation would not be hurt if all of your acquaintances saw you every day you are away. ... Via Wood St. Sherman, Texas

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TO THE WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST

The time will soon be here when my family and I will be moving to Tyler to join hands with you in the work of the Lord. I have pleasant memories of two gospel meetings in which I preached for the West Erwin church in past years, and now I am looking forward with much anticipation to the privilege of serving you as your local evangelist. I hope and pray that our work together will prove to be very pleasant and fruitful.

I am thankful that I have known and respected the ministers whom you have had in the past. I count your two previous ministers, Dean Brookshire and L. L. Gieger, as very good friends of mine. Of course, I can not and would not want to take the place of brother Brookshire. Each individual must make a place for himself. I know that brother Brookshire and his good family had the love and respect of all of you for many years, and they will always have a special place in your hearts. We feel that as time goes by our love for one another will also grow and that as

we share in our work together our lives will be made fuller and richer.

I am thankful for the splendid group of men who serve as your elders, and I am thankful also to know of your love and esteem for Gary Montgomery who serves in such a fine way in his work with you. It will be a pleasure to have him as a co-worker and fellow minister of the Word.

I want to promise you that it will ever be my aim to preach the Gospel of Christ faithfully and earnestly as I know how. My wife and I look forward to using whatever talents we possess in a way which will accomplish the most good. We solicit your prayers and look forward to the support and cooperation of each of you in the work which we endeavor to do for our Lord. May all of us be used by our Lord in such a way that the Cause of Christ may be built up in Tyler and in other places where the influence of the West Erwin church may be felt.

... George H. Stephenson

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WHERE TO LOOK IN THE BIBLE

When "things look 'blue,'" read Isaiah, chapter 40. When tempted to do wrong, read the 139th Psalm. If you are facing a crisis, read the 46th Psalm. When you are discouraged, think over Psalm 23. When business is poor, read Psalm 37. When you are lonely or fearful, read over Psalm 27.

When you are anxious for dear ones, read the 107th Psalm. When you plan your budget, read Luke's Gospel, chapter 19. If you are sick or in pain, read Psalm 91.

To live successfully with your fellowmen, follow Romans, chapter 12. For an inward peace, consider the 14th chapter of John's Gospel.



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Roger Knight
Prayer.....James Phillips
Dismiss.....Rodger Young

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Glen Warner
Prayer.....Henry Holland
Dismiss.....Harold Browning

RESPONSES

Restored: Mrs. R. H. Freeman, Jr.
(Maxine), 3111 Andy Lane.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We deeply appreciate your thoughtful expressions of sympathy which were of the greatest comfort to us in our sorrow. Our Christian friends mean so much to us and you do make our sorrow easier to bear. We want to thank those who sang and brother Montgomery for the beauty and perfection of the service which you rendered.

The Family of Berta Adair

LISTEN TO RADIO STATION KIBB
12:30 NOON, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

BE A PART OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL!
A CLASS IS PROVIDED FOR EVERY AGE.
SUNDAY MORNING 9:30

GUEST PREACHER SUNDAY

Brother Raymond Hardin, the son of brother and sister C. B. Hardin, Jr., will be with us Sunday for both services. Raymond was raised in the West Erwin congregation. I am sure he will bring us good lessons. We are fortunate to have young men able to preach the Word in its purity. We are proud of the fact that several young men from this congregation are now preaching the gospel. We will be looking for you Sunday. ...Ross Walker

LEAVING TYLER

We regret to lose the Virgil Robbins family from West Erwin. They are moving to San Antonio this week. We hope they will be very happy in their new home and work.

COMMENDATION

we want to commend the 429 who attended Bible study last Lord's Day. We want to encourage you to come back Sunday and bring someone with you. If you were not here last week, let us encourage you to come and help make this one of the best Summers at West Erwin. Church work is the most important work we can do. If we lose our soul, we have lost everything. Elders

"To LOOK is one thing. To SEE what you look at is another. To UNDER-
STAND what you see is a third. To LEARN from what you understand is still something else. But to AXT on what you learn is what really matter."

ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP?

The story is told about a preacher who got up on Sunday morning and asked for volunteers to this tune: "How many of you would sit up one hour per week with a very sick one?" Just about every hand in the congregation went up. He continued, "We have one who is very sick, and we have arranged a schedule so that each of you will have to sit up just one hour on one night of each week." After the great show of hands made by Christians who were anxious to sit up with a sick friend, they asked who the sick one was, to which he replied: "OUR WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS!" so, we shall expect each of you for one hour to sit up with this sick one. ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING? ... borrowed

AIN'T FARMIN' AS GOOD AS I KNOW HOW!

A hustling solicitor for a farm journal was canvassing in a farm community trying to get subscriptions for his paper. He approached an old farmer who was leaning on a rickety fence in front of a delapidated house reflectively chewing a wisp of hay which dangled across a chin bristling with a two week's growth of whiskers. "My paper will be of immense value to you," argued the salesman. "By reading it you will be able to do better farming, do it more economically, and you will naturally make more money." The farmer shook his head decisively. "Hope," he said, "Tain't no

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother Dalton Porter's uncle, Mr. Elston Porter of Mabank, was buried Wednesday, June 19. Dalton held the funeral services. Our sympathies are extended to the Porter family in their time of sorrow.

IN COLONIAL MANNOR

Sister Emma Reed Smith has been moved from Mother Frances Hospital and is now in Colonial Mannor, 930 South Baxter.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SPEAKER

Brother Foy Richey, Jr., son of brother and sister Foy Richey, will speak Wednesday evening, June 26. It has been suggested that the sr. high and college classes remain in the auditorium for this service.

use fer me to read your paper, young feller. I ain't farmin' now as good as I know how."

This incident suggests the thought that most of us, like the farmer, are not doing as well as we know to do. And the worst part of it is, most of us never will. It is not instruction and opportunities we need as much as incentive and determination to make effective use of that which we already have. We realize that we can do almost anything we will do, but our wills are weak and wobbly. The need is to do only as well as we know to do.

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"FINIS"

I have written a number of articles for our bulletin since July, 1958 that have been difficult to write, but this is the most difficult of all because it is the "finis."

After I have said over and over again that I thank you for all you have done for us and meant to us, and that we appreciate every word of encouragement, every deed done for us, it all still seems inadequate. I find it humanly impossible to express my feelings. I do not want to appear to be an ingrate, because I am not. Few preachers have enjoyed as many good things as my family and I have during our labors together. We shall carry all of these good thoughts in our hearts to our graves and we also have tangible gifts that remind us of your love. I look back with pride to the day when the elders came to where we labored and invited us to come and work with you. We left a good pleasant work, but as much as we love them, we have no regrets of coming here, because we have had a good pleasant work together too.

I appreciate every effort our elders have made in behalf of the Lord's work here and elsewhere. They are all good men and I believe they should be given all the credit and honor due them. I love them and always will. I have tried to follow their leadership. Our work together has been, I think, as unified as is possible for a preacher and elders to be, and I am especially proud of it over a longer than usual tenure. My love is not confined to the elders alone, because I love every member of this church. I hope we have made friendships that will stand all during this life and be carried over into eternity. Every member of this church means much to me. The aged, some who are shutins, have warmed my heart many times. The young people here are among the best to be found any where. The younger and older married couples have been a source of inspiration to me. This could be summed up by saying, so far as I know, no person has worked harm to me and most, if not all, have been a great help.

Due to our heavy work load we have not been able to be out and among the members as much as we would like to have been during the past four years. Since our radio program was begun in April, 1964, I have had no less than seven lessons a week and sometimes as many as ten, beside the hospital visitation and other visits and work that is common to a preacher. I have had little time for recreation and social visits. This is not a complaint, nor is it a regret, it is simply an explanation. I thank you for the opportunity of work. I would like to close this with the words of Paul to the Corinthians. "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Dean Brookshire



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Prayer.....M. M. Haws
Dismiss.....Dudley Brookshire

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
Prayer.....T. F. Holland
Dismiss.....Charles Graf

RESPONSES

Miss Gale Malone, 6100 Garland St.
was baptized into Christ last Sun-
day. Gale is the daughter of the
Odell Malones' and is an eighth
grade student at Boulter Jr. High.

PEP MEETINGS NEXT MONDAY EVENING

- #1 C.T. Langham, 2400 Belvedere
 - #2 Wayne Fears, 3423 Martha
 - #4 & 5 Roy Roberson, 1429 Sunset
 - #6 Gary Montgomery, 203 Alpine
- ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.!

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Wayne Taylor had surgery
Tuesday in Medical Center Hospital.
Sister Emma Reed Smith is in
Mother Frances Hospital.

OUR NEW ADDRESS

Our address in Longview will be
1005 South Fredonia. Our telephone
number is 753-2839. The church
building is located at 1303 Mob-
berly Avenue and the telephone num-
ber, 753-3243. We would enjoy hear-
ing from you and having you visit
us.

To our friends and relatives who
have been receiving the WEST ERWIN
VISITOR because of our living and
working here, you will not receive
THE VISITOR after this week unless
you request it. Those of you who
have been receiving THE VISITOR may
receive the MOBBERLY REMINDER if
you will request it. D.B.

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 25

Every family of the congregation
is invited and urged to be present
for this congregational fellowship
to be held at Rose Center building
on Saturday evening beginning at
6:00. This covered-dish dinner is
to honor the Brookshires' for their
faithful service to the Lord's work
at West Erwin during the past ten
years. Bring your dinner and enjoy
the fellowship and association of
Christians together.

All eating utensils, napkins,
bread and drinks will be provided.
A program that will be enjoyed by
all has been planned for the event.
Brethren Massey, O'Bannon, and Potts
have served as the committee in
charge of planning and arrangements
Plan to attend!

LUBBOCK CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Brother F. W. Mattox, president
of LCC, will speak to interested
Christians Monday evening at 7:00
at the Blackstone Hotel. He will
tell the story of LCC and plans to
make it a four year school. The
dinner will be free and no solici-
tion for money will be made. If you
can go, please notify brother Brook-
shire not later than Sunday or call
brother Jim Welch of Glenwood.

VBS AT WEST ERWIN! ARE YOU READY?

It's only 11 days before the
Vacation Bible School will begin!
We have been busily making our
plans for another week of exciting
and profitable Bible study together.
The theme for this year, "My God Is
Real," is a series of lessons pre-
pared by the R. B. Sweet Company of
Austin. These materials were writ-
ten by some of the outstanding
teachers in the brotherhood and of-
fer some excellent lessons for
every class. All of the teachers
for the VBS have been gathering
materials, preparing teaching aids,
and studying their lessons to pro-
vide the best in instruction for
every person. They will be rewarded
by the presence of a record number
of students who will be interested
in studying the Bible. Young people,
begin now to invite your friends to
be your guests during the week of
June 3 thru 7! G.M.

YOU ARE INVITED to the singing at
Arp, Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

GENERAL TEACHERS MEETING SUNDAY

Final plans will be made for the
VBS during this teacher's meeting
to be held immediately after ser-
vices this Sunday evening. All
teachers of the classes are urged
to be present along with every VBS
teacher. A program of teacher
evaluation will be presented for
each person present. Plan to meet
in the chapel immediately after the
evening services. G.M.

SPECIAL VBS "LAP" CLASS

A new class will be provided this
year due to the many new arrivals
within our congregation. This class,
to be taught by sister Carolyn Wom-
ack, will meet in the nursery faci-
lities behind the auditorium. It
has proven very successful in the
past because of the convenience
that is offered to the busy mother
in that she may tend her baby and
still have the opportunity of re-
ceiving a lesson. Too, it removes
the problem of trying to keep the
little ones content through an
adult class. The adult material of
our selected series will be used as
the text. The teacher, Carolyn
Womack, is an experienced mother and
a very competent Bible teacher.
Mothers, I know you will want to be
present for this class each night
during the VBS! G.M.

BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.
THERE IS A CLASS FOR EVERY AGE

317 PRESENT WEDNESDAY EVENING!

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VBS IS READY. . . ARE YOU?

Next Monday evening we shall begin a week of Bible study for all who have a desire to learn more about God's Word. For the past few weeks the teachers have been preparing diligently to make this VBS one of the best ever. The lessons to be presented based on the theme MY GOD IS REAL are basic truths about the wonders of the Heavenly Father that we all need to renew in our minds. Many additional materials and aids have been purchased to assist the teachers in presenting the most effective lessons possible. Yes, VBS at West Erwin is ready for

success in its greatest measure. Now, the next question is for you as a family and members of West Erwin. ARE YOU READY?? You are the most important part of the success of our week-long study. I know you will want to give your time for the most important purpose to be found, studying the Word of God. Parents, let nothing interfere with the need for attendance at VBS next week. Bring your neighbors with you as a special guest. We'll be looking for you each evening next week at 7:00. VBS is ready... are you? G.M.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR VBS

The plan will be followed nightly in our Vacation Bible School. If changes are necessary, they will be announced at the beginning of the nightly sessions.

7:00 - 7:10 General Assembly

- (1) Announcements and Opening Remarks

- (2) Song

- (3) Prayer

- (4) Dismiss to Classes

7:10 - 7:15 Reassembly Time

7:15 - 8:10 Study Period

- (1) First Bell - 8:05

- (2) Final Bell - 8:10

8:10 - 8:15 Reassembly Time

8:15 - 8:30 Final Assembly

- (1) Attendance Report

- (2) Songs for Young People

- (3) Announcements about Tomorrow

- (4) Songs

- (5) Closing Prayer

THE SICK

Brother Joe Wyatt had surgery Monday in Glenwood Clinic.

Sister Lera Bennett is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Emma Reed Smith is still a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Ed Bullard's father is in the Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee. *Room 6105*

Sister R. H. Davis' brother, Mr. George Davidson is very ill in the hospital in Cleburne.

MEN SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in June: Glen Howard, Foy Richey, Odell Malone, Joe McBee, Jeff Ellis. Louis J. Jones, Ed Bullard, Howard Ellis, Dalton Jones, and Mark Cauthen. Alternates are Henry McRuiz and Jack Beard. Sunday evening, Larry Hardin, and Mark Ellis.



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING	
Announcements and Prayer.....	R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer.....	Roger Knight
Dismiss.....	Wilmer Little
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and Prayer.....	Louis J. Jones
Prayer.....	T. J. Parsons
Dismiss.....	Don Weathers

ASKED FOR PRAYER: C. T. Langham

HEARTFELT THANKS
 My family and I want to express our heartfelt thanks for the nice party given in our behalf Saturday night. We appreciate the gifts and love bestowed upon us. Those who were in charge of the party did the most magnificent job I have ever seen. The kind sweet words spoken by brother Walker Sunday morning will be remembered as long as we live. The years we have worked together have certainly enriched the lives of the four of us.
 Our prayer is that this church will continue to enjoy the good fellowship and unity that now exists. During this transition period the elders need your prayers and co-operation even more than

they have in some time. Please express your love to them and be patient till another preacher is brought in to work with you. I hope you will volunteer your services to assist the elders in every way you can. The elders have been good and kind to us in every way, we love them as well as each of you dearly. I hope the next preacher will receive the same good treatment that we have enjoyed. Love him and work with him as you have with us. If you will, the Lord will continue to bless your efforts.

Last, but not least, we express our love and appreciation to those with whom we have worked each day here at the building. They have meant much to me. May each of you enjoy now and forever the tender mercies of our heavenly Father.

The Brookshires
 Dean, Maurine, Herbert and Dudley

INFANT NURSERY STAFFED
 The nursery for infants is now staffed for your convenience during each worship hour and Bible Class.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF WEST ERWIN CHURCH
 As I stated Sunday, it is our hope and prayer that we will have 500 in our Bible School Sunday morning. We need your influence and support to carry the work on. Let us all work harder each day for the Cause of Christ. Be looking for you Sunday, bring someone with you.

Ross Walker
DEACONS WILL MEET SUNDAY afternoon at 2:00 at the building.

A CHANGE IN OUR WORSHIP SERVICES
 Elders Haws and O'Bannon have been giving much study in the past weeks to continued efficiency and order in our worship services. As Christians, our times of worship should be as reverent and orderly as possible. The master of our native tongue, Daniel Webster, has defined reverence as "a feeling of respect and awe made manifest." This conveys the need for deep purpose and order in our services. With this

ADULTS... VBS IS FOR YOU!
 There are times in the flurry of planning for a VBS that we fail to emphasize the adult opportunities in the week of study. There are three excellent classes being offered to encourage your attendance and study as an adult.
 Sister Louanna Bawcom from the Northwest congregation will be teaching a series of lessons especially for the ladies entitled "The Christian Woman at Work." Many of the ladies will want to be present for every lesson that she will present.

Brother Doyle Goodspeed f r o m
IN THE SERVICE
 Larry Caskey will leave in about two weeks for the Army.
 Werner Green left last week for the Air Force.
 Bob Butler left Tuesday for California and will go from there to Saigon.

Let us continue to remember each of our service men in our prayers.

in mind, some changes will be instituted this Lord's Day, June 2, in our services. The Lord's Supper will be observed during the first part of the services before the lesson for the morning. Our offering will be made at the last of the services. You are also requested to place your attendance card in the offering plate for collection. Further announcements will be made at the beginning of the services on Sunday. G.M.

Jacksonville is scheduled to present a series on the theme, "The Scheme of Redemption" with certain highlights regarding Christian Leadership. We already appreciate his fine ability to present forceful and useful lessons.
 The College age and young married students will study together in a class taught by brother Montgomery in what we hope to be a discussion-filled class for all to learn and participate.

Again, we say, Adults, VBS is for you! G.M.

"I BROUGHT '1'"
 This is an important note for all of the kids! We want you to bring as many of your friends next week for VBS as possible. For every person that you bring, you will be given a blue button that displays the words "IBROUGHT '1'" to everyone you meet. How many buttons will you receive next week?? It's up to you!

IT DOESN'T TAKE AS LONG AS YOU THINK - By Esther Sabel

How long does it take to read through the Bible?

Some people are afraid to start reading the Bible because it seems such a formidable task. But there are only four books in the New Testament, for example, that take over an hour to read: Matthew, Luke, John, and Acts.

There are several books that can be read in less than three minutes by even the average reader: Titus, Philemon, II John, III John, and Jude. And in the Old Testament, Obadiah consists of only one short chapter. So, though the Bible is a library of 66 books, some of them are briefer than a chapter in the latest novel.

The New Testament has been read aloud publicly in 15 hours and 25 minutes. And the Old Testament can be read by a moderately rapid reader in as short a time as 30 hours.

Following is the time required by a fairly rapid reader to read each book of the New Testament. Check yourself by this.

Matthew	1 hr. 23 mi.	Ephesians	13 mi.	Hebrews	26 mi.
Mark	46 mi.	Philippians	8 mi.	James	8 mi.
Luke	1 hr. 25 mi.	Colossians	8 mi.	I Peter	10 mi.
John	1 hr.	I Thessalonians	7 mi.	II Peter	7 mi.
Acts	1 hr. 20 mi.	II Thessalonians	4 mi.	I John	8 mi.
Romans	35 mi.	I Timothy	10 mi.	II John	1 mi.
I Corinthians	28 mi.	II Timothy	7 mi.	III John	1 mi.
II Corinthians	23 mi.	Titus	3 mi.	Jude	7 mi.
Galatians	13 mi.	Philemon	1 mi.	Revelation	41 mi.

Though this would not allow for contemplation as you read, it should permit you to do a fairly careful reading. A rapid reader will do it in less time; a slow reader will require more time, especially for books that are more theological than narrative in nature. I have known people who have read the entire Bible in 26 hours, reading large portions each day.

One of the main reasons most people have never really read the longer books in the Bible is that they have never tried to read them in one sitting. But except when making a careful study, this is really the way in which a book should usually be read. Try it sometime.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....C. B. Hardin
 Prayer.....Bob Threadgill
 Dismiss.....R. V. Threadgill

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....W. R. Womack
 Prayer.....W. H. Turner
 Dismiss.....Tommy Keith

CONGRATULATIONS
 Linda and Gene Gill are the happy
 parents of a baby son born early
 Wednesday morning at Mother Frances
 Hospital.

FUNERAL
 Brother Harry Knight passed away
 Monday in LaPorte, Texas. Funeral
 services were conducted here for
 him Wednesday morning. We express
 our deepest sympathy to sister
 Knight and family.

E. V. RUSHING'S LEAVING FOR N.Y.
 Brother and sister E. V. Rushing,
 faithful members of West Erwin,
 will be leaving June 14 for Horse-
 heads, New York to assist the
 church there in preparation and
 operation of a Vacation Bible
 School Series. The church there re-
 quested the help of the Rushings

and they are being sent under the
 direction of the elders for the 8th
 and Harrison church in Harlingen,
 Texas. The Rushings are dearly
 loved by these brethren in New York
 for the diligent and faithful work
 that they did in 1965 and 66. Our
 prayers and encouragement are cer-
 tainly extended to them that much
 good can be accomplished. G.M.

CHANGES IN PERSONAL WORK PROGRAM
 In giving consideration to our
 present program of work here at
 West Erwin, the elders have insti-
 tuted some changes in the personal
 work program that will be effective
 on June 16. No PEP meetings will
 be held this week prior to the be-
 ginning of this new work. These
 changes were necessary to continue
 our present work in the same fine
 manner in which it has been con-
 ducted in the past months. Due to
 the assignment of the bulk of re-
 sponsibilities in both the evange-
 listic and educational areas to
 brother Montgomery for a period of
 time, it was decided that the basic
 operation of the PEP program would
 be assumed by the Deacons with
 various other works being assigned
 in this respect.

Deacons living in various geogra-
 phical locations in the city have
 been assigned certain areas nearest
 them. The manner in which they will
 operate and the list of assignments
 will be given in next week's bul-
 letin. We can be justly thankful
 to God that we have so many capable
 men who serve and labor in this
 congregation. G.M.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY, 1968

LOAN PAYMENTS
 First Federal Savings & Loan \$1,123.50
 Cooperative Savings & Loan 75.00
 East Texas Savings & Loan 111.42
 Stephens Parking Lot 100.00 1,409.92

BENEVOLENT AND MISSION
 Bible Chair 100.00
 Herald of Truth 100.00
 Boles Home 75.00
 Sunny Glen Home 75.00
 Tipton Home 75.00
 Radio Program 232.80
 Mike Warner 540.00
 Scott City Radio Program 40.00
 Dalton Porter 540.00 1,777.80

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES
 Utilities 500.24
 Bldg. and grounds 471.83
 Office Supplies 105.21
 Bible School Supplies 371.34
 Insurance 131.26
 Flowers 7.50
 Postage 52.00 1,639.43

LOCAL SALARIES 2,116.25
 Total Expenditures for May 6,943.40
 Total Contributions for May 7,442.55
 Contributions in excess expenditures 499.15
 Contributions short of budget for May 297.45
 Contributions short of budget
 this calendar year 2,698.17

SUCCESS IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 On the first evening of the school, even with
 threatening weather, we had 291 present. The 2nd
 evening the attendance increased to 342. On Wed-
 nesday evening, 373 were present for Bible Study.

GOSPEL MEETING
 The Omen Road Church
 of Christ will have a
 Gospel Meeting June 9-
 19 with Wayne Poucher
 of Ormand Beach, Fla.
 speaking. Services will
 be 7:45 each evening.
 You are invited to
 attend.

BUSINESS MEETING
 The regular busi-
 ness meeting will be
 Sunday at 1:30 P.M.
 There are many impor-
 tant items that are
 to be discussed at
 that time which
 should concern every
 member of the congre-
 gation. Every male
 member is urged to be
 present.

REMEMBER THE PICNIC
 Parents, I know the
 kids won't let you
 forget the picnic Sat-
 urday morning at 11:00
 at Bergfeld Park! We
 want every one to come
 and enjoy this time of
 fellowship. Bring your
 lunch and the cold
 drinks will be fur-
 nished. This will be
 a wonderful way to
 close a week of profi-
 table Bible Study. G.M.

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SAVING THOSE WHO ARE LOST

By Thomas A. Shaver, Associate Professor of Bible, ACC

One of the most disturbing questions we can ask ourselves is this: "Am I really doing all that I can to save the lost?" The answer for most of us is, "No!" If we are aware of the fact that we are not taking advantage of our opportunities to reach others for Christ, then why do we not try to be more faithful in this vital concern?

We may feel that we are too busy with other things; we may be convinced that other people do not want the gospel; we may be afraid that we might offend some friend or customer; or we may feel that this is a job for the preacher.

Saving lost souls is the primary work of each and every Christian on the face of this earth. The Great Commission instructs us to preach and teach every person. We must warn the wicked (Ezekiel 3:18,19); we must go from house to house (Acts 5:42 and Acts 20:20); we must restore erring brethren (Gal. 6:1 and James 5:19,20); and we must study dilligently so that we may be ready

VBS WAS A SUCCESS!

Saturday morning we concluded a week of Bible study with a picnic at Bergfeld Park. Many have commented that this was one of the best yet for West Erwin in the endeavor of Vacation Bible School! The average attendance was 319 with a high of 373. It was a wonderful experience for all to see the interest and enthusiasm of the young

to give an answer to any man who would ask us about our hope. All of this must be done so that we may bear fruit for Christ in this world (John 15:1-8).

Virtually every Christian makes a number of contacts every day that potentially might become opportunities to tell someone about Jesus Christ, what He has done for us and what He can do for them. The Christian who fails to see these opportunities is blind and the Christian who fails to use the opportunities he sees is indeed unwise.

What the world needs most is Christ and if we do not tell others about Him, then there is no hope. But there is hope! Not only is Christ the answer to human problems, He is also the Way to eternal life. If we value the souls of men as Christ does, we will make every sacrifice, expend every ounce of energy, and use every opportunity to persuade others to follow Him. May the Lord bless us in this great work of personal evangelism.

people. We must all agree this is one of our most worth while efforts in terms of teaching our children the Will of God. A special thanks to all who invited their friends to study with us. Every teacher did an outstanding job. Yes, VBS for '68 was a success from almost any way you measure...thanks to YOU.

G.M.



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Ross Walker
Prayer.....James Massey
Dismiss.....Joe Willis

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Fred Powell
Prayer.....Henry McRuiz
Dismiss.....B. E. Walker

WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP

We welcome brother and sister J. M. Norris, 829 Trenton. They have moved to Tyler from West Monroe, La., where they were members of the Whites Ferry Road congregation. Brother Norris works for United Gas Pipeline Co. Sister Norris is a homemaker.

THANK YOU LETTER

Recently a letter of thanks was received from Boles Home. It was addressed to the Ladies of West Erwin. The following is part of the letter.

Dear Friends: We can hardly express our gratitude to you for making the travel uniforms for the Bel Canto Singers. We realize what a task that was and we appreciate your love and concern for us. Also, it was such a saving, financially.

...They look so nice in their orange and green outfits. All of the clothes fit remarkably well...

Dear Christians, We want to express our appreciation for your prayers and all the nice things that you did for my family during the time of our need, especially the ladies who sat up with mother. God bless you. The McKinnis Family

GUEST SPEAKERS

Brother Mike Warner will preach for us Sunday Morning and evening. Mike and Barbara are supported by this congregation in Scott City, Kansas. The last Sunday of June, Raymond Hardin will preach morning and evening. He is presently doing graduate work at Texas Tech.

CONGRATULATIONS

Shirley and Doug Warner are the parents of a son, Glen Benjamin, II born in Abilene, June 1.

BIBLE READERS

The following 4th grade students of Vacation Bible School read the books of I and II Timothy during the week of the school. This class was taught by sister Audrey O'Bannon and sister Naomi Haws.

Tonja Bartley, Phillip Boyd, Donna Bynum, Jimmy Ferguson, Kyle McRuiz, Tracy Moghess, Donnie O'Bannon, Bart Lemons, Sheila Strait, Laurie Rowe, and Kevin Womack.

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

SUMMER "PEP" PROGRAM BEGINS JUNE 16

The newly organized program of personal work for West Erwin will begin next week on Monday, June 16. As outlined last week, this work will be organized and conducted by the deacons of the congregation. Assignments have been made to the various elders and deacons who are taking part in this program.

The deacons will be directing the visitation of newcomers, shut-ins, and referrals from the elders that are assigned to them. The deacons in charge of the zone will call meetings for visitation and other purposes at such time that he feels it is necessary. In the future, much of the congregational work in addition to visitation will be directed by these zone leaders.

The elders of the congregation

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YOUNG MEN TO SPEAK

Next Wednesday evening, June 19, the young men from the Sr.-College class will present the period of worship and study for all classes 6th grade and up. We are very proud of these fine young Christians who possess such fine abilities. It is certainly a credit to their parents as well as this congregation. Be present for this exceptional service. G.M.

GOSPEL MEETING

Beginning Monday, June 17th through June 23rd, brother John Henry Morgan of Hartsford, Conn. will be preaching in a meeting in Mt. Pleasant. Services will be 7:30 each evening.

will be visiting in other areas of the PEP program. All responses in our worship services will be visited by the elders overseeing the work in that zone in which the person lives. In addition, much of their time in visitation will be spent in encouraging and counseling with unfaithful members. Some of these cases will be referred to the deacons as well as the preachers for their attention.

Our desire is to increase the involvement of every member in the PEP program to the fullest extent. By this type of organization we shall be able to accomplish more for the Lord. The deacons will be calling on many of you as members for your assistance in this work. Be ready unto every good work! G.M.
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THE SICK

Sister Emma Reed Smith is still a patient at Mother Frances Hospital. Sister Walter Clyburn was a patient in Mother Frances this week.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men have been asked to serve the Lord's Supper the last three Sundays in June.

Clarence Strait, Fred Powell, W.O. Rushing, John Lane, and Tommy Keith Fred Strait, J. M. Steele, Bill Taylor, J. D. Taylor, and T. J. Parsons. Alternates: R. C. O'Bannon and H. McCarty. Evening: Ben Young and Harley Turner.

MEET OUR NEW MINISTER

It was with great pleasure that we announced that brother George H. Stephenson has been secured to be a part of our work here at West Erwin. In our careful consideration of those whom we contacted, we believe that one of the finest evangelists in the brotherhood will be working with us. The present arrangements indicate that he will be joining us about July 30th.

George H. Stephenson is a native of Collinsville, Texas, the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Stephenson. He was baptized at the age of twelve by E. R. Watson and began preaching at the age of fifteen. He was graduated from Abilene Christian College in 1936 magna cum laude. His wife is the former Alice Miller of Collinsville. They are the parents of three sons. Their eldest son is a preacher and an instructor in Harding College. Another son is presently serving in the Armed Forces and the youngest son is twelve years of age.

Brother Stephenson has been preaching for the Southside church in Fort Worth since January of 1963. Other churches he has served as local evangelist include the Broadway church in Lubbock, Texas, the Highland Street church in Memphis, Tenn. and the Tenth and Broad Streets church in Wichita Falls, Texas. He has conducted gospel meetings in various parts of the nation and has appeared on college lectureships of nine of our Christian Colleges. He is on the editorial staff of the Twentieth Century Christian and The Firm Foundation. He is one of the trustees of Boles Home and has served on the Advisory Board of Home for Aged in Gunter.

We are eternally grateful for the patient attitude that you have expressed as members while we prayerfully accomplished our task. Brother Stephenson will be a great addition to our work with all of his fine capabilities. Begin now to pray for him and his family. West Erwin will continue to do great things for the Lord as long as we strive to follow Him in every decision in this life. ... The Elders

BROTHER MONTGOMERY AT DEER RUN

In keeping with a commitment made last year, brother Montgomery will be serving as Spiritual Director at Camp Deer Run from June 24 through July 5. Camp Deer Run is located fourteen miles East of Quitman on farm road 2088. A number of youngsters from West Erwin will be attending this fine Christian encampment during the Summer months. Bible classes are conducted three times daily with additional spiritual emphasis throughout the week. Outdoor recreation and fun rounds out the activities with good Christian fellowship for all. (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	M. M. Haws
Prayer.....	Foy Richey
Dismiss.....	W. O. Rushing

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	John D. Brem
Prayer.....	L. L. Gann
Dismiss.....	Phillip Browning

ACC ELDERS-TEACHERS WORKSHOP

"Keys to Greater Service" will be the theme of the 14th annual Bible Teachers Workshop at Abilene Christian College.

Dr. Carl Brecheen, workshop director and associate professor of Bible and religious education, announced that the event is scheduled for July 22-25.

Jim Bill McInteer, minister of West End Church of Christ, Nashville, Tenn. will be the speaker for daily devotionals at 10:00 a.m. He is business manager for 20th Century Christian and Power For Today.

Teachers from Tennessee, Oklahoma and Texas will direct training sessions for elders as well as teachers. The elders workshop was phased in the teachers' meetings last year.

I know that as many as can will want to attend this outstanding

GUEST SPEAKER FOR JUNE 30

Brother Raymond Hardin, former West Erwin member and now Gospel preacher, will be the speaker in both services on Sunday, June 30th. Ray is presently engaged in graduate study at Texas Tech in Lubbock. He is the son of our brother and sister C. B. Hardin, Jr. We look forward to having him present these lessons to us.

THANK YOU NOTE

Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy.

The Harry Knight Family

ACC ELDERS-TEACHERS WORKSHOP

event. To encourage the attendance of members at West Erwin, the elders have agreed to pay registration and transportation cost for all attending the workshop. Our current plans are to charter a bus for transporting all who attend from Tyler if sufficient participation is obtained. About fifteen individuals have already indicated that they plan to attend from West Erwin.

Housing is available at a cost of \$1.50 per person per night. Meals can be purchased at an inexpensive rate on and near the campus. All classes will be held in the newly completed coliseum with complete air-conditioning.

Make your plans now to attend! Call the church office, Ly 2-0809 and make your reservations.

G.M.

A MATTER OF PRIDE!

It is a note of expressed pride that is needed when considering the fine abilities of our evangelists who labor so faithfully in the State of Kansas. Both brother Warner and brother Porter are outstanding men that are truly dedicated to the Cause of Christ. It was our privilege to hear two splendid lessons brought to us by Mike Warner from Scott City, Kansas last Lord's Day. I know you are encouraged to know that we have such capable men who stand and preach the Truth. We were delighted to have Mike, Barbara, and the children with us this past week.

You may have wondered in times past what you as A Christian and member at West Erwin can do in the work in Kansas. First of all, the greatest thing you can do is ask the Heavenly Father to bless and guide them. Our "effectual and fervent prayer" will be a source of strength to all of them. Secondly, support the program of work being

done at West Erwin with word and financial ability so that these and other works of evangelism may be done. We have all been commanded to "Go and preach the Gospel." This is not simply a direction to preachers, but rather to every member who can and must accomplish the task in many ways. Paul said, "And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" Let us do our part in sending the Truth. Lastly, you can assist the work of these families by taking time to write letters of encouragement to them. Just a knowledge that we are supporting the work provides strength for the efforts of the Porters' and the Warners'. The addresses of both are listed below for your information. Will you take the time to do these things for the work in Kansas? You can if you will!

Dalton Porter Mike Warner
521 Radloff Ave. 1004 Church
Oakley, Kan. 67748 Scott City, Kan.
67871

IN THE HOSPITAL

Sister Emma Reed Smith is still in Mother Frances Hospital.

MONTGOMERY AT DEER RUN...(Contd.)

During this time, please call sister Browning at the church office about any matter that needs attention. The elders will be available to attend to the current needs of the work. The daily broadcast on KTBB at 12:30 Noon will be presented by tape recording with brother Montgomery as the speaker.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please turn in all library books by Wednesday, June 26th for inventory. Books may be checked out again after Wednesday.

4TH SUNDAY SINGING will be 2:30 Sunday afternoon in Bullard. You are invited to attend.

CLASSES FOR EVERY AGE!
BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

PREPARE TO MEET THY GOD

"Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel." said Amos in Amos 4:12.

To Israel, because of her oppression, were these words addressed; To us, because of our sinfulness, procrastination and indifference, the same words are applicable.

Whatever importance may be involved in other events of human experiences, undoubtedly, none can outmeasure the event that must take place in the experience of every one of us meeting God. Some may lightly consider, or even refuse to consider, this momentous question but the event will occur anyway. Some may doubt the existence and authority of God, but that will not nullify the event. Some may disbelieve or scorn the thought of having to meet God face to face, to give an account of the deeds done in the body, yet the fact remains, if the Bible is true, that the meeting is inevitable. No amount of unbelief, theorizing, philosophizing, objection or protestation can ever change this fact.

All Bible readers know that the condition of the soul will determine the nature of the meeting with God. One's good standing with the people, good deeds approved by most men or financial attainment will avail nothing. One may have had connections with every social and civic club that time permitted and still not be prepared to meet God.

If we meet God prepared to live with Him in heaven forever, some preparation must be made here and now. The meeting will be one of joy or grief, blessedness or anguish, triumph or defeat, salvation or condemnation. This, of course, depends on how one lives and how much love and respect he shows for God and His commandments.

The way to prepare is spelled out more clearly in such scriptures as Psa. 119:9, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word." 1 Pet. 1:22, "Seeing you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently."

Jésus sent the apostles to preach the gospel to every creature and said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned." Mark 16:15-16. The first sermon under this commission the inquirers were told to "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit," Acts 2:38 To remain prepared they were taught to, "continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, and in breaking of bread and prayers." Acts 2:42. Are you prepared to meet God? DB.

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BIBLE SCHOOL

..... 464

.....447

.....430

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and

Prayer.....Gary Montgomery

Prayer.....K. Max Haws

Dismiss.....Fred Strait

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and

Prayer.....Tommy Lowrance

Prayer.....Louis Jones

Dismiss.....Ted Snipes

MORE HONORS

We have learned that Jency McDonald Has been inducted into the National Honor Society and she has been appointed as a Tyler Representative to Girl's State in Austin this summer. Jency is a student at John Tyler High. Congratulations Jency.

We are proud of our fine Christian young men and women at West Erwin. We enjoy receiving news about their achievements. If there are others who have received honors, please let us know. DB

LADIES BIBLE CLASS has been discontinued until next fall.

MY LAST SERMONS HERE

My last four sermons here will be, the Lord willing, the first four that I preached at West Erwin. It would be interesting to know how many remember the sermon titles. I probably would not, had I not kept a record. My feelings and love for this church have not changed and I prefer to close my work as it was begun. Let us work and pray that the last two Lord's Day will be the best that we have ever had together.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Donna Ivey and Glen (Mickey) Howard who were united in marriage last Friday evening, we extend our best wishes for a long, happy, and useful life together. May the Lord richly bless them in every way. They will make their home in Montgomery, Alabama for a few months. DB

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for the visits cards, flowers, and especially for the prayers while I was in the hospital. In Christian love,

Mrs. J. F. (Lillie) Knight

I wish to thank the class for the lovely flowers. It means so very much to have good Christian friends who wish you well. I appreciated your cards, visits, and prayers while I was confined to the hospital. In Christian love,

Ike Gaiser

REQUESTED PRAYERS: Larry Mackey

ILL AT HOME: Sis. R. L. Trentham

VBS SPECIAL 1968!!! "THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN AT WORK"

A very special opportunity is planned for the ladies of the congregation during our approaching VBS. A class designed for you and your needs has been planned and an excellent teacher has agreed to come. Knowing the tremendous part that the Christian woman is able to play in the church, it was important that we provide a stimulating class directed to you.

Entitled "The Christian Woman at Work," this series of lessons centered around the work of women in the church will be directed by sister Louanna Bawcom of the Northwest congregation in Tyler and the wife of the Northwest minister, B.E. Bawcom. Their years in the mission fields along with an effective work during the past years gives sis. Bawcom a storehouse of experience and ability. Every lady in the congregation will want to be present for each class during the week. Topics for the week are:

1. "Be a Real Christian at Work"
2. "Help Your Family To Be Better Christians"
3. "Be Full of Good Works"
4. "Learning How To Teach Others"
5. "Go Into All the World" GM

SUCCESS AT CAMP DEER RUN!

After much effort and hard work a new dining hall will be dedicated at CDR this Saturday, May 18. You are invited to bring a basket lunch and enjoy the occasion.

"PLEASE DON'T KEEP IT A SECRET"

Tell everyone you know! Talk about it constantly! Become a busy-body about the whole matter! Our Vacation Bible School for 1968 is almost ready to begin. In less than 3 weeks we shall begin a concentrated study based on the theme "My God is Real". The teachers are preparing diligently for your class. Now...will you begin to prepare for a success on June 3-7 at 7:00 each evening by inviting someone to be your guest during the week? VBS IS GREAT IN 68! GM

CHRISTIAN JUNIOR - SENIOR BANQUET MAY 18

This outstanding event planned in honor of eleventh grade and graduating seniors will be held this Saturday evening, May 18, at 8:00 in the Rose Center Building. This year's banquet promises to be one of the best ever created by interested Christians in Tyler. Our thanks to all of you in the Tyler congregations who contributed financially to make this possible. It's a deserved investment in the Christian youth of the Church today! GM

A TIP OF THE HAT!

Yes, it is certainly in order for those young men who recently conducted an inspiring service on Wednesday evening. It is wonderful to know of the capabilities that these young men possess. Because of busy schedules, we shall postpone the next program until after VBS which is June 3-7.

SAINTLY BUSINESS

In John Chapter 21, Jesus had assigned to Simon Peter some saintly business when he told him to "feed my sheep." Peter inquired as to what would become of John and Jesus told him in verse 22, "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me."

Regardless of our occupations, as Christians our full time responsibility is to live and labor for the King of Glory. Making a living and providing for our families is commanded by God. However, we must remember that this is secondary. Our most important work is "Saintly Business." Living the Christian life does not cause one to neglect his secular business or his family. In fact, it causes one to do these much better. There will come a time when men will not go to their businesses and they will have no families to provide for or they will not be here to provide for them. Saintly business is the only business that will survive this world. In view of this, can we afford to neglect the only eternal business in which it is possible to engage? Jesus not only told us how to live but he showed us how. We are taught to have the same mind of Christ. "Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, being obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross." Phil.1:5-8. While upon the earth Christ was about His Father's business. Because of its effect upon others and the importance of it we ought to first attend to saintly business. Too, we owe it to God, our friends, and ourselves to do first things first. D.B.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 12 Business Meeting 1:30 p.m. All men urged to attend.
- May 13 PEP Visitation Meetings - 7:00 p.m.
- May 18 Christian Junior-Senior Banquet - Rose Building 8:00 p.m.
- May 25 Congregational Fellowship - Rose Center Building 6:00 p.m.
- June 3-7 Vacation Bible School-Theme: "My God Is Real" 7:00 p.m.
- June 12 Wednesday Evening - Young men in charge of Worship
- July 22-25 Elders and Bible Teacher's Workshop - Abilene Christian College, Abilene, Texas

THESE ARE YOUR CHRISTIAN OPPORTUNITIES... WILL YOU USE THEM?

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Gary Montgomery
Prayer.....	O. C. Becker
Dismiss.....	H. McCarty

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Gary Montgomery
Prayer.....	Louis J. Jones
Dismiss.....	Ralph Lowrance

THANK YOU NOTES

I wish to thank the church for prayers, flowers and kindness shown me while I was in the hospital.

Mrs. Olie Cooper

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

NEW BOOK

Sister Hazel Fagan has written a new book entitled, DRAMATIC PLAYS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN. She has donated a copy to our library. If you would like to buy a copy, check with sister Fagan. The book is being well received. D.B.

WILL YOU HELP?

Many thanks to the ones who have already given to help with the expenses of the annual junior-senior Banquet. May we encourage those of you who still plan to help to do so by Sunday, May 12. Only about half of the money needed from West Erwin has been raised. This party is for the purpose of honoring our young people and giving them Christian association. The Harold Brownings' and the Gary Montgomerys' are on the committee from West Erwin.

THE SICK

Brother J. M. Steele is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Ike Gaiser had surgery again Monday in Medical Center.

Sister Emma Reed Smith is in Intensive Care in Mother Frances.

Brother Percy Tate is in Mother Frances.

Little Ann Margaret Bailey was injured in an automobile accident Monday evening.

PEP TEAM MEETINGS

- #1 Henry McRuiz, 3214 Autumn Leaves (this week only, Tuesday 7:00 p.m.)
- #2 C. T. Langham, 2400 Belvedere
- #3 None this week.
- #4 Meet with Team #5
- #5 Faber Cauthen, 1903 S. Fleishel
- #6 Don Weathers, 1808 Easy St.

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

BE A PART OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL
THERE IS A CLASS FOR EVERY AGE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL 1968

LOAN PAYMENTS

First Federal Savings & Loan	1,123.50	
Cooperative Savings & Loan	75.00	
East Texas Savings & Loan	111.42	
Stephens Parking Lot	100.00	1,409.92

BENEVOLENT AND MISSION

Bible Chair	100.00	
Herald of Truth	100.00	
Tipton Home	75.00	
Sunny Glen Home	75.00	
Boles Home	75.00	
Radio Program	222.40	
Mike Warner-Gross	540.00	
Mike Warner-Rent	40.00	
Dalton Porter-Gross	540.00	
Local Benevolent	102.22	
1967 Operation Doorbell Support	200.00	2,069.62

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	441.82	
Bldg. and Grounds	50.12	
Office Supplies	56.45	
Bible School Supplies	332.52	
Insurance	131.26	
Advertising	71.78	
Flowers	44.66	
Postage	52.00	1,180.61

LOCAL SALARIES

1st Quarter Withholding Tax	2,101.88	
Total Expenditures for April	1,086.37	
Total Contributions for April	7,848.40	
Expenditures in excess of Contributions	7,272.42	
Contributions short of budget	575.98	
(116.82 for April)	467.58	
Contributions short of budget this calendar year	2,400.72	

AWARDS

Terry Woltman has received an academic scholarship from Lubbock Christian College.

Jeanie Caskey recently received the Homemaking Award at John Tyler. She received a place setting of silver.

SENIORS

Our apologies to Richard McCarley, Cheryl Gregory, and Bobby Ingram. Their names were left off the list of Spring graduates listed in last week's VISITOR.

WE CONGRATULATE our young people on their achievements. ATTENTION LADIES

If you are helping to make the travel uniforms for Boles Home Chorus, please leave them in the Library by Sunday. There are three more sets of shirts to be made.

GOSPEL MEETING

The Alpine and Glover church in Longview will have a meeting May 13-19th. Brother Hugo McCord will preach each evening at 7:30.

BACKSLIDING

It is common to hear that we have some problems facing us or that we are in the midst of problems. That this is true no one will deny if he knows any thing about the truth or our circumstances. It seems that we really have no new problems that have not been common through the centuries. The main problem now and has always been is that of backsliding. To backslide is to turn back or away. It is a turning away from God or turning back into sin after having been in favor with God. The word backslide is not a New Testament word, but it is mentioned about sixteen times in the Old Testament. The meaning of the word is taught in the New Testament and Christians are warned against it. II Pet. 1:10 warns against backsliding when Peter wrote, "Wherefore the rather brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall." Various reasons may be given for backsliding but none are acceptable to God, and there are good reasons why God will not accept excuses because man is left without excuse.

We now have both the Old and New Testaments with all the warnings, examples and exhortations to be faithful and what happened to those who went astray. A guaranteed formula is given in II Pet. 1:5-7 to keep us from falling. He also says, "for if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." The things referred to in verse eight are adding (supplying) to our faith virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; and to knowledge, temperance (self-control); and to temperance, patience (steadfastness); and to patience, godliness (humble reverence and deep piety toward God); and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. This is to be done with diligence because these things only work in our lives as we permit them to do so. When other things crowd them out we are going to become unfruitful and fall. And when this happens we will not be granted an entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The Israelites in the Old Testament backslid when they turned away from God to other things. They would not read or listen to the reading of the law. Those who were charged with this responsibility neglected it and they all became susceptible to false teaching and were led away into idolatry. If their hearts had been receptive to the Word of God, then this would not have occurred. It did not have to occur, they just allowed it to. No Christian is forced to backslide (fall away) he just allows it to happen. Practically every church of Christ is plagued with numerous backsliders. It is tragic in that they are losing their own souls and are stumbling blocks to others. Let us pray that they may repent.
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Announcements and
Prayer.....Ed Bullard
Prayer..... Mack Bynum
Dismiss.....Ken Bennett
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....K. Max Haws
Prayer.....Glen Howard
Dismiss.....C. T. Langham

RESPONSES
Membership: We welcome brother and sister Odell Malone (Louise), Rt. 6, Box 472. Their telephone number is Ly 3-2888. Brother Malone works for Tyler Pipe.
Baptized: David Fuller, 914 Bell-
aire.
Restored: Mrs. Sandra Brewer, 1804 East Houston Street.
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shuford; 1812 Melba Drive.

IN THE HOSPITALS
Brother Ike Gaiser is in Medical Center Hospital.
Sister Lillie Knight is still in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Jean Oliver
requests the honor of your presence at the marriage of her daughter Donna Lynn Ivey to Glenn Orville Howard, junior Sergeant United States Air Force Friday, the tenth of May at eight o'clock in the evening West Erwin Church of Christ Tyler, Texas
Reception following Women's Building

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS
According to our records the following will be graduating from our high schools this Spring.
Gary Aven Betsy Parris
Phillip Browning Grant Rozell
Jeanie Caskey R. V. Threadgill
Larry Caskey David Turner
Sharen Chambliss Stephen Ward
Nadine Chandler Gary Weaver
Gary Giesecke Terry Woltman
Audeen Graf David Womack
Mike Hannah

We extend to each of these our very best wishes. Brother Brookshire has been invited to preach the baccalaureate sermon at John Tyler on the afternoon of May 26.

CONGRATULATIONS GLENWOOD
On April the 21st, Glenwood, one of our sister congregations, had 807 in Bible School and 927 for worship. We rejoice in their accomplishment. Beside the record attendance they had one of the best meetings in the history of that congregation with brother Jay Lockhart, local minister, preaching.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS June 3 - 7 7:00 till 8:30 P.M.

<u>Preschool</u>	<u>Teachers</u>		<u>Room</u>
<u>Lap Class</u>	Caroly Womack		upstairs nursery
Toddlers	Marian Rowe	Jan Whitus	101
		Jeanie Caskey	
Two Years	Lois Weaver	Becky McRuiz	102
Three Years	Frances McBec	Nettie Potts	109
		Debbie Potts	
Four Years	Judy Massey	Donna Snipes	103
Five Years	Johnnia Stringer	Pam Stringer	104
<u>Primary</u>			
First Grade	Pauline Jones	Dell Bullard	215
Second Grade	Nell Wright	Wanda Whitworth	205
Third Grade	Carolyn Stitt	Floyia Payne	206
<u>Junior</u>			
Fourth Grade	Audrey O'Bannon	Naomi Haws	202
Fifth Grade	Julia Langham	Inez Talley	211
Sixth Grade	Bertha Rushing	Zeffie Beard	201
<u>Junior High</u>			
	Joe McBee		108
<u>Senior High</u>			
	K. Max Haws	Gerald Montgomery	105
<u>College & Young Adult</u>			
<u>Ladies</u>	Gary Montgomery		106
<u>Adult</u>	Louanna Bawcon		Chapel
	Doyle Goodspeed		Auditorium

REMEMBER VBS WORKSHOP, MAY 4

This will be an excellent time for every teacher to complete his or her plans for a successful class. If you have not acquired your material for examination, it is suggested that you do so at your earliest convenience. We shall be available to assist you in any way in planning your class. Many of you will want to review filmstrips, plan decoration of rooms, and many other tasks that may need special attention. Brother Montgomery will be available at the building from 9 to 5 to assist you in this all-day workshop for each of you. Don't fail to come! VBS is only 4 weeks away.

A RESPECTABLE SIN

There is no respectable sin in the sight of God, but there are many in the sight of men. Many who pride themselves that they do not engage in different forms of worldliness have no conscience when it comes to the use of the tongue.

Some Christians are like the Pharisee of Luke 18 who bragged on himself for all the good things he did and the ugly things he did not do, but he was not conscious of the great fault that nullified any good that he was doing. His life was void of humility. He was filled with braggadocious pride. There are Christians who compliment themselves on the fact that they do not drink intoxicating beverage, that they do not steal (this will be questioned later in this article) and that they pay their debts. But they may be guilty of what is considered by many a respectable sin, that of talebearing. In some instances this has been more damaging than any other sin one might commit. Among the sundry laws that Moses delivered to the Israelites he said in Lev. 19:16, "Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among the people." Even if a story is true and no good can come from telling it, it ought to be kept a secret. Solomon said in Prov. 11:13, "A talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter." Things have been innocently told that were not intended to do any damage but have snowballed and caused heartaches, division and strifes. If that which was told had been kept a secret there would have been joy and accord. Solomon goes on to say, chapter 26:20, "Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth."

We read in the 3rd chapter of James that the tongue is one of the most unruly members and it is called an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. No man can tame it, but it can be controlled and will have to be controlled or we will be excluded from that "City that lieth forsquare." Talebearing is stealing. It is stealing one's reputation and happiness. Talebearing violates one of the most sacred laws Jesus ever gave men to keep them united in love, "As ye would that men should do unto you do ye even so to them." No man would like to be the object of talebearing and he ought not to be the perpetrator of talebearing.

This sin may be respectable in our sight but we may be scripturally assured that it is not in God's sight. Anything that violates the Word of God, causes division in the Lord's Body, destroys friendships, and breaks up homes, cannot be respectable in the sight of Him who authored them. The Christian's body and every member of it belongs to God. When a Christian engages in talebearing he is lending his tongue to the Devil. The tongue has a high and noble use, such as teaching sinners, admonishing the discouraged, singing praises, and praying to God.(contd. inside)

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 Prayer.....R. H. Davis
 Dismiss.....Mark Ellis
 SUNDAY EVENING
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 Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
 Prayer.....James Phillips
 Dismiss.....Steve Drennan

THANK YOU NOTES

We wish to express our deepest gratitude for the many visits, prayers, and good wishes during our recent illness and sorrow and also for the beautiful Azalea.

W. H. & Violet Land
 Mere words cannot express my sincere, heartfelt appreciation for all your visits, prayers, cards and words of encouragement to me during my recent stay in the hospital. Once again I am made to realize what it means to me to have you for Christian brothers and sisters.

Bessie Willis
 Thanks for each one who remembered us while Harry was in the hospital. We appreciate every card, all the best wishes, especially your prayers for us. The surgery Harry had was successful and beneficial

but his general condition does not improve, which makes it impossible for us to return home. It is with very much sadness we must say goodbye to the congregation where we worshipped for so long. We will always remember our dear friends and feel like West Erwin is our church home. We hope we will still have your prayers. May God bless each one there.

Brother & Sister Harry Knight, Sr.
 WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP
 Placed Membership: Mrs. Earl (Jean) Parsons and daughter, Miss Claudia Parsons, 3408 Shady Trail, Ly2-2160.

OUR SYMPATHY
 Funeral services were held Tuesday for brother Frank Smith. We express our sympathy to his family.

IN THE HOSPITALS
 Sister Vera O'Brien is in the Glenwood Clinic.
 Sister Lillie Knight remains a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

PEP MEETINGS NEXT WEEK
 #1 Fred Powell, 3306 Rolling Hills
 #2 E. V. Rushing, 1500 Crescent Dr.
 #3 None
 #4 Jamon Kirby, 906 Moorehill
 #5 Joe McBee, 2221 Brookhaven
 #6 Dean Brookshire, 300 Ridgecrest
 YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!

A RESPECTABLE... (Contd. from back)
 Jesus said that we would give account at the judgement for every idle word we have spoken, Matt. 12: 26. Sanctify your tongue to a holy use. D.B.
 315 PRESENT WEDNESDAY EVENING.

ALL-DAY WORKSHOP, SAT., MAY 4
 Our Vacation Bible School for 1968 is only 5 weeks away! Many of the teachers have already begun their preparation for what promises to be the best yet. The theme, "God is Real," suggest a topic that is very important in the life of every person. This year's material is filled with new ideas, additional aids, and many other helps that will help make our efforts to teach God's Word a success.

Saturday, May 4, an all-day workshop will be conducted at the

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET SET FOR MAY 18
 The date for this annual event in honor of our 11th and 12th grade students has been set for Saturday evening, May 18, at 8:00 p.m. at the Rose Center Building. This year's banquet promises to be one of the best ever sponsored by members of the Church in this area. It is truly a privilege for each of us to give our support to honor these students who have represented the Lord's Church in our schools throughout their school years. Our efforts to provide such Christian activities for them is but a small token of appreciation muchly de-

PARENTS NEEDED
 Bro. George Campbell, Director of Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., has advised us that Christian parents are needed to provide Christian homes for children ages 4 to 12. Some newly born infants are also

building to assist the VBS teachers in their preparation. Brother Montgomery will be available the entire day to provide any assistance that is needed. Many of the teachers will want to complete charts, plan decoration of rooms, review filmstrips, acquire needed supplies, and many other tasks that will make this the best VBS in West Erwin history! The workshop will be conducted from 9 to 5 on Saturday, May 4. Come any time during these hours and do your planning early. G.M.

 served. Members of the Planning Committee have carefully arranged this year's function with an evening of outstanding entertainment, excellent food, and Christian fellowship. It certainly appears to be a wonderful occasion that none will want to miss. As parents of these young people, encourage them to plan and prepare to attend.

As in years past, the funds will be provided by members of the local congregations. If you have not made your donation, the Harold Brownings' and the Gary Montgomerys' are serving on the committee for West Erwin and will be happy to receive it.

 available periodically for adoption. The home of a Christian couple could be filled with joy by one of these precious souls. If interested, write Christian Homes of Abilene, Inc., P.O. Box 717, Abilene, Texas 79604, or contact bro. Montgomery.

SATAN WILL KEEP TRYING

"And when the devil had completed every temptation, he departed from him for a season." Luke 4:13 These are the words that Luke penned about the Devil when he had exhausted every avenue of temptation and failed to get Christ to yield to him. It says he "completed every temptation," but it was only for a season, because he intended to come back.

We can learn much about the work of the Devil, how he tempts people, how he is to be overcome and how subtle he is, by reading the temptation of Jesus. The Devil tempts you and me in the same way that he tempted Jesus. There is one thing that will be emphasized here and it is, the Devil's inactivity toward the Lord was only for a season. He did not leave Jesus alone for the rest of his life. He left him for just a season. Satan approached Jesus through the Pharisees, Sadducees, and even some of the disciples. He did not give up till Jesus died.

The Corinthians had their minds corrupted from the simplicity of the gospel. This is often done through Satan's emissaries by telling others that some Scriptures do not mean what they say, or by saying that some of the commandments of Christ are nonessential. Those who would be righteous are directed by him into places that the Lord never intended for his people to go. They are told to do less than Jesus taught or to go beyond what He taught. When they seem secure in Satan's kingdom, he departs from them for a season, but if they make an effort to learn more and become what Jesus would have them to be, he appears again.

Christians are tempted, not above that they are able to bear, through the same avenues that Satan used on Christ. He did not use any new devices on Christ because he had used them on Eve several milleniums before. They are: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. He does not announce that I am going to tempt you through one or all of these, he just uses such subtlety that we are not always aware of his presence. Christians are admonished to be watchful and take heed lest they fall, or that Satan should get an advantage over them. He tempts us through neglect of Bible study, prayer, worship and service, or to gossip or covet. Anything to stunt our growth and keep us weak for his assaults is playing into his hands. We are to give diligence to make our calling and election sure, because the Devil as a roaring lion is going about seeking whom he may devour. If he is not seen as a lion, he may be seen as an angel of light. One thing for sure, if he is not present he will be back in a season. We are taught to draw nigh unto God and the Devil will flee from us. The way to live the most successful life is to live nigh to God at all times. If we do not, the Devil will be back in a season. He does not plan to give up as long as there is a chance to gain our allegiance and gain our soul for eternal ruin. D.B.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
Prayer.....Jack Stringer
Dismiss.....Jim Franklin

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
Prayer.....James Phillips
Dismiss.....Bill Henderson

WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP
Baptism: Mrs. Jean Fuller, and
children, Nina, Andy, and Jimmy.
Their address is 914 Bellaire, the
telephone is Ly 3-1933.

Confessing sins: Sister Jimmie
Estelle Brown. She also requested
that we all pray for her that she
might have the courage and strength
to bear her burden and live more
acceptably for the Lord.

Membership: Brother and sister
Foy Richey, 3006 Orr, phone Ly 4-3078,
placed membership Wednesday evening.
Sister Richey's name is Mary, Bro-
ther Richey works for Humble.

CAKES TO BOLES HOME
About 75 cakes and 20 or 30 boxes
of cookies and do-nuts were sent to

Boles Home. We appreciate the co-
operation of each one and our
thanks to Bill Whitworth for de-
livering them to the home.

THE SICK
Sister Lillie Knight had surgery
Tuesday morning. She is now in the
Intensive Care Unit in Mother
Frances Hospital. She will be back
in her room in a day or so.

MOVED FROM TYLER
Brother and sister Harry Knight
are now residing at 119 Oakdale,
La Porte, Texas 77571. Brother
Knight's condition has not improved
and they have gone to be near their
daughters. Send the Knights a card
or letter.

GOSPEL MEETINGS
Glenwood church of Christ, April
21-26. Brother Jay Lockhart, local
preacher will be speaking each week
day at 12:10 Noon and 7:30 p.m.

Henderson church of Christ, April
21-26. Brother Elred Stevens of Dal-
las will preach at 10:00 a.m. and
7:30 p.m.

GLENWOOD YOUTH DAY - APRIL 27
A day filled with activities is
planned at the Glenwood congrega-
tion with Jay Lockhart as the key-
note speaker. Theme for the day of
activities beginning at 9:00 a.m.
with registration and ending at
1:45 p.m. is "Morals and Manners
Matter." The day will be filled
with panel discussions, speakers,
and many spiritual privileges.

YOUNG MEN TO DIRECT WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP
Beginning next Wednesday evening, April 24, the senior high school and college age young men of West Erwin will be in complete charge of worship services for the evening. This new program of participation and training will be a regular monthly event scheduled for the 4th Wednesday evening of each month. Every phase of the worship will be planned and directed by our young men. Brother Roger Knight, who serves so ably as the teacher for this group on Wednesday evenings, will offer adult guidance and supervision to their efforts.

This added phase of work in our educational program serves to indicate the awareness of our leadership in developing and inspiring young men to become capable ser-
vants for the Lord by developing

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BAR-B-Q FOR YOUNG PEOPLE!! FOOD...FUN...FELLOWSHIP
Young people, this is our first major fellowship this year and we want you to make your plans now to come! Because of the interest and generosity of some men in the congregation, we have been provided enough barbecue to feed our entire group of young people! This event will be held at Massey's Lake House on Friday evening, April 26. We shall meet at the church building at 5:30 and proceed by cars to the lake. All of the young people from the 7th grade classes and up are urged to attend. Plan to enjoy the food, fun, and fellowship that is always present at these activities. In addition to these plans, we shall be privileged to hear a guest speaker, brother Dale Foster, the minister for the Mineola church, who can give us the needed spiritual boost needed to provide a complete evening of fellowship as Christian young people. Invite your friends and dates...plan now to be present and enjoy this time of great fun. G.M.

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FROM THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART

Due to lack of space in the bulletin last week, nothing was said about the liberal offering to the Cause of Christ in Perth, Australia. The amount was \$633.00 and you are to be commended for your love and common interest in the souls of those you do not know and probably will never meet in this life. It is not likely that many, if any, of us ever see the land we have helped to purchase. Many of us were well impressed with the presentation by brother Dale Graham. He used no pressure, but kindly presented the needs and gave us an opportunity to respond. In the usual way, the members here responded. I do not recall our elders here failing to give us an opportunity to have fellowship in any good work. Beside these occasional opportunities a good program of work is carried on each year and we can have fellowship in it each week.

Thus far this year we have done well in attendance and contribution, but not as well as we are capable of doing. A number of hindrances have occurred, some over which we had no control, but it is my prayer that this will be another great year for this church. This church is in a transition period and will be in it for a number of weeks, but this must not hinder us from giving our best to the Lord in every way. It is not easy for a church to change preachers. Neither is it easy for a preacher to change churches. But when a change is made with complete understanding and trust, it makes it much easier. I have tried to be understanding toward your feelings and you have toward mine and this promotes good fellowship to the end. We should try hard to enjoy the best of Christian fellowship so that we may be able to enjoy an eternal fellowship. To this end your prayers are deeply appreciated.

While our eldership is in the process of selecting a preacher for the work here let us be as patient as possible and pray for them daily. These men want to do what is best for the church here and I have confidence that they will. They have guided this church to its heights now and they are more capable now than ever. Experience and a close fellowship with God makes one a better leader. I hope that every member will make whatever contribution he can to keep this church great and with each passing year the letters "er" can be added to the word great.

D.B.

BIBLE LECTURESHIP AT KAUFMAN is MEETING IN TRINIDAD scheduled for April 22 through 26. Brother Dalton Porter will conduct a meeting in Trinidad, Texas with speakers each evening at 7:30. You are invited to attend. beginning April 15.



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 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
 Prayer.....Roger Knight
 Dismiss.....Tommy Keith

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
 Prayer.....Jack Beard
 Dismiss.....Larry Caskey

WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP
 Mr. Frank Willis, 2308 Sarasota
 Ly 4-5698, was baptized last Friday
 evening by Bud Caskey. Brother Wil-
 lis works for Industriail Towel.

Stephen Ward, Rt. 3, Box 518B, was
 baptized after services Wednesday
 evening. Stephen is a senior at
 Rebert E. Lee.

THANK YOU NOTES
 Mother and I would like to ex-
 press our gratitude for the many
 remembrances, visits, and prayers
 during my recent illness.

Larry Mackey
 Your kind expression of sympathy
 is acknowledged with grateful ap-
 preciation.
 Mr. Oscar F. Pyles and family

THE SICK
 Kellie Womack sustained burns and
 is in the Glenwood Clinic.

Sister Bessie Willis will go home
 in a day or two from Glenwood Clinic.
 Brother Frank Smith is in Mother
 Frances Hospital.

Sister Howard Holland is in the
 hospital in Overton. She recently
 underwent surgery there.

PEP MEETINGS NEXT WEEK
 #1 Fred Strait, 3211 Berryhill
 #2 Jack Beard (call Ly 2-2779)
 #3 None
 #4 Louis E. Jones, 920 Moorehill
 #5 Joe Wyatt, 2924 Tanglewood
 #6 Gerald Montgomery, 322 Winchester

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 1968
 Plans are being completed for an
 outstanding effort in our VBS this
 year. Many good suggestions and
 thoughts were presented in the
 monthly teachers meeting conducted
 last Sunday. With such an early
 start, there is no reason why we
 should not have an outstanding pro-
 gram. Teachers have been contacted
 and materials have been purchased.
 Many of these fine teachers have
 already begun the preparation for
 their part in this effort.

June 3 thru 7 is the time sched-
 uled for our VBS with classes each
 evening, 7:00 thru 8:30. A sched-
 ule of time will be printed before-
 hand so that you will know about
 the length of study periods. Make
 your plans around these dates and
 plan to attend Vacation Bible
 School at West Erwin this year. G.M.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH 1968

LOAN PAYMENTS		
First Federal Sav. & Loan	\$1,521.73	
Coöperative " "	75.00	
East Texas " "	111.42	
Stephens Parking Lot	100.00	1,808.15
BENEVOLENT AND MISSION		
Bible Chair	100.00	
Herald of Truth	100.00	
Sunny Glen Home	75.00	
Tipton Home	75.00	
Boles Home	75.00	
Radio Program	222.40	
Local Benevolent	46.56	
Mike Warner	459.85	
Mike Warner (rent)	40.00	
Dalton Porter	616.85	
Meeting (Reuel Lemmons)	300.00	
College Church (Victoria)	628.00	2,738.66
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES		
Utilities	450.67	
Bldg. and grounds	29.03	
Office Supplies	649.80	
Bible school Supplies	24.20	
Insurance	233.50	
Flowers	29.44	
Postage	52.00	1,468.64
Local Salaries		2,258.38
Total Expenditures for March	8,273.83	
Total Contributions for March	9,587.45	
Contributions in excess of expenditures	1,313.62	
Proposed budget for March	9,675.00	
Contributions short of budget	87.55	

YOUNG MEN TO CONDUCT
 WEDNESDAY EVENING
 SERVICES

The young men com-
 prising the senior
 high and college group
 will have the complete
 charge of services for
 one Wednesday evening
 per month. These cap-
 able young men will
 serve as speakers, song
 directors, prayer di-
 rectors, and in other
 phases such as scrip-
 ture reading. More
 will be said next week
 about this change.
 G.M.

TEENAGE CHRISTIAN

Several have indi-
 cated they would like
 to subscribe to the
 TEENAGE CHRISTIAN. If
 you would like to
 receive this publica-
 tion, leave your name
 and money in the of-
 fice in the next few
 days.
 The cost is \$3.00

BUSINESS MEETING, Sun-
 day afternoon 1:30. All
 men are urged to be
 present.

SAYING "NO" TO GOD

There are millions saying "no" to God. Not audibly but by actions. Few realize how dangerous it is to say "no" to God. It is not like saying no to our earthly superiors for whom we work or with whom we trade. Many have rebelled against our government, but the consequences of doing this are not as greatly to be feared as saying "no" to God.

There are many now to whom the words of Isa. 65:12 are applicable, "I will destine you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter; because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake ye did not hear; but ye did that which was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I delight not." Israel had said no to God and they were bowing down to other gods. God had been longsuffering with them, but the time was fast approaching when they must be awakened to their sense of responsibility. Solomon states in Prov. 1 that a fearful and awesome thing would happen to those to whom the hand of love had been extended and the words of wisdom had been rejected. The "no" of rebellion will one day bring down the wrath of God unless the rebellious become obedient. Paul wrote concerning the disobedient in the second Thes. letter, "rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus: who shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and the glory of his might."

In saying "no" to God, one not only rebels against His Word, but he manifests a spirit of disrespect. Both sons of Matt. 21 were disrespectful. One said he would not go work in his father's vineyard, but later he repented and went. The other said he would go and work in his father's vineyard and went not. The son that turned his no into a yes found favor with his father.

Most of us operate now on busy schedules and we have to dispense time so as to be able to do all that we need to do and want to do, and if there is not enough time to go around, we usually eliminate God and His work. Is this not the same as saying "no" to Him? We do not actually say "I will not," but God is pushed aside or His work is done when all the other things are taken care of first. This is reversing the divine order. God ought to come first in our lives and the time we have left we can utilize on ourselves. Saying "no" to worship, Bible study, and prayer is a complete refusal to give God that which rightfully belongs to Him and benefits us. When one withholds his giving, he is withholding blessings from himself, as well as from others. There is no gain in refusing to give because what one keeps he loses. Saying "no" to anything that God requires of us is a mistake of the worse sort. D.E.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and

Prayer.....C. B. Hardin

Prayer.....Roy Roberson

Dismiss.....Mark Ellis

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and

Prayer.....Cone Birdwell

Prayer.....Virgil Robbins

Dismiss.....Chuck Cauthen

THANK YOU NOTES

During a time like this we realize how much our friends mean to us. Your kind expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Jim Kimmel Brown.

The family of Mrs. Sammie Butler Ferrell acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Your flowers and words of sympathy were greatly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Mayo

Your expressions of sympathy and the beautiful flowers were greatly appreciated at the time of the loss of our brother, J. F. Davidson.

Marikate and Bob Davis

CAKES TO BOLES HOME

The ladies here are requested to bake cakes for the children in Boles Home to be delivered April 12. It is hoped that we can take, at least, one hundred cakes and boxes of cookies to the Home April 12.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Brother Brookshire will teach the Ladies Bible Class for the next two months. All ladies are invited and we would like to have the largest class ever. There will be a class for the children. The time is 9:45 till 10:30 each Wednesday morning. The study will be Philipians.

AREA MEETINGS

Jacksonville, Corinth Road, April 8-12, 7:30 p.m. Brother Jimmy Phillips is the preacher.

Mineola, April 14-19 at 7:30 p.m. Brother Jim Hawkins of Abilene will preach. On Friday evening the service will be for the young people. Following the worship hour there will be a period of fellowship at the Mineola Savings and Loan Bldg.

NOTE TO SUNDAY MORNING TEACHERS

With the beginning of our Spring quarter of study, please advise us if you don't have sufficient material. Also, we need a current list of class members for each class to use in preparing new attendance slips for the classes. Please turn these lists in with your reports this Lord's day. G.M.

THERE IS A BIBLE CLASS FOR EVERYONE.

THE SICK

Sister Vera O'Brien has been ill at home for two weeks.

Brother Land is still a patient in Glenwood Clinic.

Betsy Parris underwent surgery in Medical Center Wednesday morning.

Bill Butler, Jr. is in Mother Frances for tests.

Mrs. Wayne Taylor is in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Jim Willis will enter Glenwood Clinic Thursday for surgery.

BABY BOY

Randy and Judy Grogan are the parents of a baby boy, Randy Jr., born April 1, in Mother Frances.

OUR MEETING

We closed a good meeting last Friday evening with brother Reuel Lemmons doing the preaching. From the standpoint of the good he did the church, it was, in my estimation, a great meeting. All who were privileged to hear him were strengthened for our time. We owe brother Lemmons a great debt of gratitude for the help he gave to us. Brother Jay Lockhart preached a wonderful lesson on Monday morning and we appreciate him for his work. We wish to also express our thanks to brethren Cauthen and Montgomery for directing the singing. D.B.

ATTENTION ALL LADIES

The Wednesday evening Ladies Class meeting in room 105 continues to enjoy many good lessons from a number of capable teachers. Sisters

Bertha Rushing and Modena Jones have done outstanding jobs in the past months. To continue in this fashion, sister Marion Rowe has been selected as the teacher for the new course of study. The first meeting of the class some two weeks ago met with excellent response and interest. The lessons will be directed to current topics in Christian living along with class discussions based on many problems that might arise in our contemporary Christian life. It would be difficult indeed to find a more capable and interested person than Marion Rowe to serve as teacher for such a class. Her educational and professional background along with Christian interest make her well qualified for this class. All of the ladies of the congregation are encouraged to attend. You will enjoy this unique study. G.M.

TEACHERS MEETING SUNDAY EVENING

Our regular monthly Teachers Meeting will be conducted in the Chapel this Sunday evening, April 7, immediately after services. Plans and preparation for the Vacation Bible School will be the topic for the meeting. Teachers for the VBS have been selected and contacted. We are really interested in all of these teachers being present along with our regular staff. Please come with your ideas and suggestions that will help to make our VBS the best ever! Your children are welcome at these meetings, so plan to let nothing hinder your attendance.

REJOICE EVERMORE

The words "Rejoice evermore" are found in I Thes. 5:16. The Bible has much to say about rejoicing. The word rejoice means to feel joyful, be glad, to be jubilant or exuberant. Do you believe that the average Christian today feels and expresses the joy that the Lord intended for his children to feel and show to others? The average Christian that this writer knows is far from being filled with the joy that can be his. If one is a Christian, what does he have to worry and fret about? Wars, famines, and every form of human suffering pall into insignificance when one is completely cognizant of the value of a soul and the hope of heaven. External circumstances brings deep concern but it does not drive away joy. Peter and John rejoiced that they could suffer for the Lord and those whom he loved. Paul and Silas sang praises while in prison. Many of the early Christians had no homes and lost their possessions to persecutors and they were still instructed to rejoice. You may think this is hard to do, but it is not as difficult to do as one might think, if he weighs everything in the balances of the scriptures. What is there of real and lasting value that a Christian has to lose? Persecutors and tormentors cannot keep God from loving us. Enemies cannot keep Christ from mediating for us. God has more strength than all the combined forces of the world. With every temptation God can make a way of escape. Paul could do all things through Christ who strengthened him, and so can we. If this is true, what should keep us from rejoicing?

Is it possible that we are too concerned about our earthly homes. We ought to keep in mind that every earthly home is temporary. But there is a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. The hope of going there after a few short years here should fill our hearts with joy. We may be overly concerned about food and clothing, but knowing that we are partakers of the bread of life and clothed with righteousness ought to make us jubilant. The Lord has promised to supply our needs provided that we seek our greatest need. Your deepest concern may be your sins and it should be, but the Lord is able to forgive every sin that we are able to repent of. The difficulty is not on the part of God accepting us, but rather on our part not being willing to repent of our sins. This nation may soon become impoverished due to war, inflation, or a famine, but the Christian does have something of a permanent nature to hold to that is not promised to a non-Christian. Having God as our Father, Jesus Christ as our Saviour, the Holy Spirit as a comforter and help, the written Word as our infallible guide and the promise that we would never be forsaken ought to cause any normal person to rejoice. Add to this heaven and that makes it complete. Brethren, let us rejoice and be exceedingly glad for great is our reward in heaven.

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Prayer.....R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer.....W. H. Turner
Dismiss.....R. V. Threadgill, Jr.

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Glen Howard
Prayer.....Dudley Brookshire
Dismiss.....Ed Naul

RESPONSES

Restored: Larry Hardin, 2200 Suanne.

THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to express my appreciation and gratefulness for the beautiful flowers and kind prayers in my behalf during my recent bereavement and stay in the hospital.
Wilma Greene

Your visits, cards, and calls were very much appreciated while I was in the hospital. In Christian love,
Verda Driggers

I would like to express my appreciation for the calls, visits, and all kindness shown to me while I was in the hospital.

Ray Wright

PEP MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

- #1 Fred Strait, 3211 Berryhill
 - #2 Jack Beard (call Ly 3-9887)
 - #3 None
 - #4 Jamon Kirby, 906 Moorehill
 - #5 Joe Wyatt, 2924 Tanglewood
 - #6 Gerald Montgomery, 322 Winchester
- WHY DON'T YOU TAKE TIME TO VISIT???

THE SICK

Brother W. H. Land is still a patient in Glenwood Clinic.
Sister Lillie Knight is in Mother Frances Hospital.

FUNERALS

Mrs. James Ferréll, sister to brother Bill Butler, Sr. was buried last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. O. F. Pyles, daughter of brother and sister A. O. Mayo was buried in Waco last Sunday.

We express our deepest sympathy to each family.

PREACHERS-ELDERS LUNCHEON

The Preachers and Elders luncheon will be held Monday at 11:30 A.M. at Youngbloods. Any interested Christian may attend.

YOU ARE INVITED TO a Gospel Meeting at the Northwest Church of Christ, April 1-7 at 7:30 e a c h evening. Ralph Starling, Evangelist.

100% IN ATTENDANCE The 2 year ol class taught by Velma Lemons and Verda Driggers had perfect attendance last Sunday.

THE DEFINITION OF OUR GOAL IN BIBLE SCHOOL

Last Lord's Day, we had a wonderful beginning for our gospel meeting with an attendance of 519 for our Bible classes. The expressed interest of West Erwin members in studying God's Word is a definite gauge of our spiritual concern. In the final consideration, we failed to reach our designated goal of 600 in classes. Yet, we ought to give careful attention to the true purpose of any special effort for numbers in the Lord's work. What is our ultimate objective in such a self-extended challenge? It must be nothing more or less than a dedicated effort to strengthen one another in "the most holy faith." Those members who fail to attend

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OUR PART IN THE AUSTRALIAN WORK

Didn't you feel a deep concern for souls after listening to brother Dale Graham relate the story of the work in Perth? It was a wonderful privilege for all who attended to know the success of the Lord's work. Our elders want each of us to have the opportunity to participate in this work. Therefore, a special contribution will be taken after the regular offering this next Lord's Day. I know you will want to give freely to the Lord in this good work. The blessing in giving is ever present for us.

G.M.

THE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL for this year has been rescheduled for June 3 through 7 at 7:00 p.m. It seemed needful after learning of

Bible classes through neglect are enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destroying the faith that should be poured into the hearts of their children and friends.

Are you one of the members of West Erwin who fail to see the importance of studying God's Word? After classes last Lord's Day, about 300 additional souls were present for worship. It is beyond our comprehension that these fine people find no need to study God's eternal Word. If you're one of these "anti-Bible School" members, our prayer is that you will join us in our efforts to study God's Word together. We'll be looking for you next Lord's Day!

G.M.

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the city-wide meeting planned with brother Wayne Poucher by the Omen Road congregation during our former dates. Materials for the VBS will be distributed at the April teacher's meeting.

G.M.

NEW QUARTER BEGINS APRIL 7

Our new Spring quarter of Bible Classes begin on this date. All of the new materials that are presently in the classrooms should be passed out to the students this Sunday morning, March 31. As teachers, if you find a need for more books, please advise us as soon as possible. With cooperative weather before us, there is no reason why we cannot see a marked increase in interest and attendance in our Bible Classes. Will you do your part? ? ?

G.M.

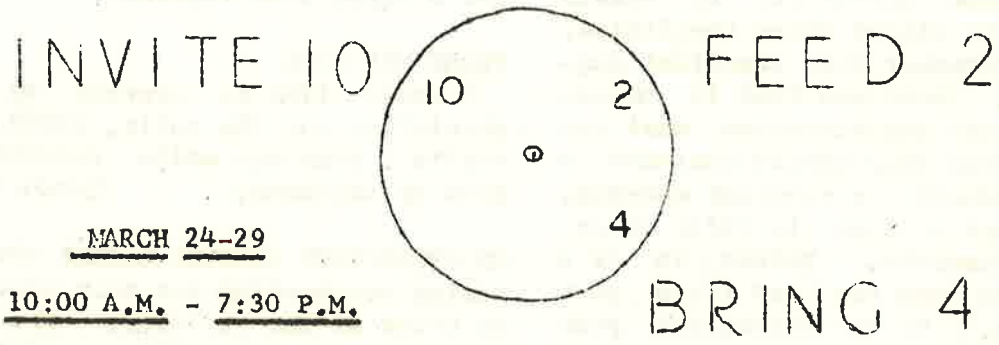
THE FORMULA FOR SUCCESS!

In the illustration below you can find the answer to our hopes for a successful series of gospel meetings! A well-known soft drink manufacturer has made it a familiar slogan, 10-2-4. To borrow the thought, let's use the numerical arrangement as our order of work in taking the gospel to our neighbors and friends. If we would have others to hear the powerful lessons to be brought by brother Lemmons, we must let others know about our plans. Will you take the time to follow this simple and yet effective plan? Yes, it is your responsibility as a member of the West Erwin congregation. I know you will want to have a part in the success of the meeting and the saving of souls! Here is the way it works:

INVITE 10.....Among the great host of your personal friends, you will invite 5 couples or families, or ten individuals who will agree to be your guests.

FEED 2.....An invitation to be your guests for dinner will assure their presence at services that evening. It will also cement your friendship for further study. Every friend you have is worth one meal!

BRING 4.....After your dinner and fellowship, it will be fully understood that your friends are to be your honored guests at our services. If you appear excited about our speaker, they will want to hear him!



MARCH 24-29

10:00 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
 Prayer.....Jim Scarborough
 Dismiss.....F. A. Jones

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Roger Knight
 Prayer.....O. C. Becker
 Dismiss.....Larry Hardin

FUNERALS

Services were held Monday for brother Jim Brown, who passed away early Saturday.

Mr. Fred Davidson of Garland was buried Sunday afternoon. He was a brother to sister Bob Davis.

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

THE SICK

Sister Whitaker remains in the Glenwood Clinic.

Sister Alton Cooper is in Medical Center.

Sister Verda Driggers is in Mother Frances for tests.

Sister Bessie Willis has been in Glenwood Clinic for tests.

Brother Percy Tate has gone home from Mother Frances after being there for tests.

"PEP" MEETINGS

- #1 Fred Powell, 3306 Rolling Hills
- #2 Guy Potts, 1525 Charlotte
- #3 Roger Knight, 1310 Dogwood
- #4 Louis E. Jones, 920 Moorehill
- #5 Bob Threadgill, 1520 San Antonio
- #6 Gary Montgomery, 203 Alpine

WE PLAN TO ADVERTISE THE MEETING ON THIS NIGHT. COME!!

NEW ARRIVAL

A baby daughter came to live with Ken and Betty Willis last Monday. She was born February 12. They have named her Staci Lynn. We congratulate this fine couple on the new addition to their family.

WORK DAY - THURSDAY

The ladies who work together in the Elm Street building will be working every Thursday in the weeks to come. You are encouraged to come and have a part in this work.

HEAR DALE GRAHAM, WEDNESDAY MARCH 20

We were privileged as men at the monthly business meeting to hear a part of a thrilling story told by brother Dale Graham. He has recently returned from Perth, Western Australia where the gospel is finding a tremendous reception from zealous and dedicated people. In order to meet the challenge before them, the church there is in need of some assistance. You will be able to hear this story and need presented by a dedicated man, brother Graham, on Wednesday of next week. Don't miss this special treat! All classes will stay in the auditorium.

A WELCOME PROBLEM!

It is indeed a privilege for certain problems to present themselves. During the past few months, our attendance for Sunday morning services has grown to the extent that we are completely filling our auditorium. This is a wonderful problem! But it will necessitate a few minor adjustments in our habits. It is very important that we take our seats as near the front as possible. In the past few weeks a number of visitors have had to be brought to the front of the building while services were in progress. Many families who sit at the back have no reason to do so. Isn't it strange that we want the front seat at the ball game, the back seat at church services, and the middle of the road when we are driving?? Thanks for your help!

600 IN BIBLE SCHOOL MARCH 24
 NURSERY FACILITIES

It has been decided by the elders that parents who make use of the nursery facilities would be asked to care for their own children. It has become unfeasible to retain someone to attend these facilities. Please remember this important suggestion. Those who find it necessary to use the nurseries must remember that they should continue a mood conducive to reverent worship. It is not a place to visit or exchange comments. Rather, it is a place to care for and train your children. We do appreciate your assistance in this matter.

600 IN BIBLE SCHOOL MARCH 24

YOUNG PEOPLE YOUR INTEREST AND ABILITY IS NEEDED! The elders have asked that you help in advertising by distributing door-knockers as we did last year. Meet in the chapel after services Sunday night for a few minutes to discuss plans. This includes 7th grade thru college.

YOUNG PEOPLE...PLAN TO ATTEND!

A great youth rally is planned in Longview for this Sunday, March 17, at 2:30 p.m. Coach Elgin Conners from Longview will be the speaker. All young people from the 7th grade thru college are urged to attend. Meet at the building at 1:00 p.m. All Christian young people of the Tyler congregations plan to go together on the Glenwood bus. Come and enjoy the fellowship. We plan to be back at the building by 4:30. Regular Sunday evening classes will be conducted. G.M.

600 IN BIBLE SCHOOL MARCH 24

WEDDING

Miss Sharen Krewall and Rocky Neil Chambless were married Saturday evening. We extend best wishes for a happy life together.

THANK YOU NOTE

I would like to express my appreciation for the calls, cards, and visits I received while recovering from my accident. Linda Byrd

AN ATTRACTIVE OUTDOOR BANNER advertising our meeting has been erected in front of the building. Many people passing by will be visibly invited to be our guests.

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PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS

"And ye are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: (I Peter 2:9).

Among the first Christians every man knew that he had access to God in holy matters. The church was a company of believers in Christ--each doing what he could in the public services of worship and each doing his part in evangelizing others to the faith and ministering to the needs of those about him. They had "all things in common." They were "one in Christ." The slave was equal with the freeman in Christ. No one was "over" another Christian in the sense that he was more important. The "office" of the elder and that of the deacon was not one of rank, but one of service. They were honored because of the work they did. There were no titles among early Christians that were reserved for a special few. They all were called "brethren," "Saints," and "Christians."

Church history will bear out that

the idea of a "clergy and laity" grew quite slowly over the centuries. The Reformers could find no scriptural ground for this development. In fact, our Lord Jesus and His little company had no division into clergy and laity. In manner, speech and mood Jesus identified Himself as what today would be called a layman. And the disciples who really looked like laymen, were the preachers who were sent out.

The New Testament word for clergy (Kleros) refers not to a special order among Christians, but to all Christians. And the word for laity (laos) refers not to a recipient part of the congregation but to all Christians.

The direct access of each man to the only Mediator, Jesus Christ, demands that there be no one else standing between the believer and Jesus. In other words, no one needs a mediator between you and your Mediator. Therefore, the whole church as priests had direct access to God through their one Mediator, Jesus. (see I Timothy 2:5)

Truly, we are ONE in Christ.

-Harvey Porter

OUR MEETING

MARCH 24 - 29 REUEL LEMMONS
WEEKDAY SERVICES 10:00 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.
EVERY MEMBER ATTEND EVERY SERVICE

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 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
 Prayer.....Dean Brookshire
 Dismiss.....David Demic
 SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Ross Walker
 Prayer.....M. B. Beard
 Dismiss.....Ken Willis

RESPONSES
 Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ferguson, 845
 South Donnybrook were baptized last
 Friday afternoon. They recently
 moved to Tyler from Gilmer, Texas.
 Their telephone is Ly 2-2939. We
 welcome this fine couple into our
 fellowship.
 Restored: Bill Butler, Jr., and
 Mrs. Mary Butler.

FUNERALS
 Funeral services were held in
 Oakland Cemetary Sunday afternoon
 for sister Willie Whitaker.
 Sister Wilma Greene's son, Mr.
 Lynn Clark, was buried Tuesday
 afternoon.
 We express our deepest sympathy
 to each family.

WEDDING
 We extend best wishes to Miss
 Frances Gail Cooney and David Lynn
 Hannah who were married last Friday
 evening.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION
 Thank you so much for the cards,
 calls, visits and prayers during my
 recent illness. Janie Cheif

We wish to express our deep
 gratitude to every one who visited
 my mother and assisted in any way
 during her long illness and in the
 funeral services. We wish to apolo-
 gize for missing most of the visi-
 tors, though we knew you came. In
 Christian love, Violet Land

BE ONE OF THE 600 IN BIBLE SCHOOL!

- OUR CHECK LIST
1. I have PRAYED for the meeting.
 2. I Have PRAYED for brother
Lemmons.
 3. I have PRAYED, by name, for
those I want to see saved or
restored.
 4. I have INVITED my friends and
neighbors.
 5. I have ARRANGED my time so
that I can attend every ser-
vice.
 6. I have OFFERED transportation
to encourage someone to
attend.

THE SUCCESS OF OUR COMING MEETING
 IS THE BUSINESS OF EVERY MEMBER.

HOW TO BE A SLAVE
 The moment that you start hating
 a man, you become his slave. He
 controls your thoughts, invades
 your dreams, absorbs your cre-
 ativity, and determines your appe-
 tite. He affects your indigestion,
 robs you of your peace of mind and
 good will, and takes away the
 pleasure of your work. He ruins
 your religion, nullifies your
 prayers, and you can't enjoy a va-
 cation any more. He destroys your
 freedom of mind, and he hounds you
 wherever you go. You cannot get
 away from the man you hate. He is
 with you when you are awake and he
 invades your privacy when you eat.
 He is close beside you while you
 drive your car, affects your atti-
 tude on the job, and distracts your
 mind so you can have neither ef-
 ficiency nor happiness. He in-
 fluences even your tone of voice
 when you speak to your boss, your
 wife or your child. He requires you
 to take medicine for indigestion,
 headaches and loss of energy. He
 steals your last moments of con-
 sciousness before you go to sleep.
 You want to be a slave to somebody?
 Go find some person and hate him!!
 -Copied

A SUCCESSFUL MEETING
 The following suggests a good
 lesson about "A Successful Meeting."

- A-mbition to save lost souls.
- S-incere preparation for service.
 - U-ndying faith in God's power.
 - C-ourage to discuss the Scriptures.
 - C-onstantly advertising the meeting.
 - E-nergetic and enthusiastic.
 - S-peak to visitors, ask them back.
 - S-purn the devil, draw night to God.
 - F-aiithful in attendance.
 - U-take the lead in converting one.
 - L-istening with desire to learn.
 - M-aking no excuse for the sermon.
 - E-verybody singing the gospel songs.
 - E-ncouraging the preacher.
 - T-urning self from other entertainment
 - I-nviting friends and neighbors.
 - N-ow is the time to be busy and work.
 - G-ointing to God each day in Prayer.

THE SICK
 Ray Wright had surgery last Mon-
 day in Glenwood Clinic.
 Larry Mackey is ill and has been
 taken to Dallas for treatment.
 Sister Constance Berry suffered a
 broken ankle a few days ago.
 Brother W. H. Land entered Glen-
 wood clinic Wednesday and will have
 surgery Friday.

FOR EVERY MEMBER
 Each member of this church ought
 to feel that the meeting will be a
 failure without their presence,
 prayers, and work. Few people in
 Tyler, who are not members of the
 church of Christ, know brother Lem-
 mons, therefore they will attend
 only through our friendship and in-
 terest shown to them. Each of us
 should work as if this would be the
 last meeting we and our friends
 will be privileged to attend. D.B.

GOD'S WAY

"God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these days spoken unto us by His Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds." Heb. 1:1-2

God has always provided for His own. His way has always been the best way and the right way. In the Old Testament they were told, "As for God, His way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried: He is a buckler to all them that trust in Him." (II Sam. 22:31) The way of God is perfect because it is God's way. If it were man's way it would not be perfect because of his imperfections. It was said of Christ before he came that he would "give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:79) God's way came to us through His Son Jesus Christ (Heb. 1:1-2 and John 14:6). Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Jesus Christ has spoken God's way unto us. God said for us to "hear ye Him." (Matt. 17:5) Christ is our only way. He is not one of many ways, but The Way. There is salvation in none other (Acts 4:12). He is our only Mediator, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time (I Tim. 2:5-6).

When God began speaking to us through Christ and made Him our mediator this became a new and living way. In Heb. 10:20, "By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh," This shows that Christ did not come to improve on some way, he came with a new way. It was not the law of Moses carried over and re-dressed, but was completely new in every way. The way of God through Christ is so superior to the law of Moses, there is hardly any comparison between them. God does not now condemn the deeds without bringing the motives into judgement. "There was a time of ignorance that God winked at, but now commands all men everywhere to repent." (Acts 17:30) When the New Testament was completed, God had revealed His way more fully to men than at any time during His history. In fact, God has revealed all to us that he plans to reveal. There is nothing more that He needs to reveal. He has given us the "perfect law of liberty." This is the only law that has ever brought complete forgiveness of sins since man's fall. It was prophesied to be a way of holiness. (Isa. 35:8) We are a purified people (Titus 2:14) and the apostle Peter exhorted us to be holy for I (God) am holy (I Peter 1:15-16).

The Way of God is called "Strait and narrow" (Matt. 7:13-14). It is the way of joy, but not a way that is void of sacrifice (Matt. 16:24). God's Way is the way of hope, safety and certainty. D.B.

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 Announcements and

Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
 Prayer.....Jim Scarborough
 Dismiss.....Clarence Strait

SUNDAY EVENING APPOINTMENTS
 Announcements and

Prayer.....T. F. Holland
 Prayer.....Joe McBee
 Dismiss.....Travis Fletcher

RESPONSES

Brother and sister Mack Bynum and son, Jay came Sunday to be identified with us. Their address is 2505 Shenendoah, phone Ly 2-5031. Her name is Bennie, she is a homemaker. He is Assistant production Superintendent for Fair Oil Co. Jay is in the 11th grade at Lee High. They formerly lived in Marshall.

Brother and sister Jack Emmons, 2211 Old Bullard Road, Ly 4-2356 also came Sunday. They are former members of West Erwin. They have been living in Dallas. He has a collection agency. Her name is Dorothy.

We are very happy to welcome both families into our fellowship.

RECENTLY MARRIED

Miss Susan Hudgins and Robert Barron were married in the Chapel February 23.

Mrs. Emma Earl and Mr. Otto Carter were married February 22. They will live in Midway, Texas

We extend best wishes to each couple.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for the flowers and cards at the time of the death of my sister, Mrs. Bess Kennedy.

Mrs. Bernice Andrews

THE SICK

Sister Alton Cooper had surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.

Dr. Roger Knight's father had surgery Monday in Glenwood Clinic.

Sister Willie Whitaker is in the Glenwood Clinic.

Brother James Trentham is in Medical Center.

Brother Jim Brown is critically ill in Mother Frances.

Sonja Gambrel is in Mother Frances

TO GLENWOOD CONGREGATION

Brother and sister Billy Martin, Terry and Mike are now worshipping with the Glenwood congregation.

PEP TEAM MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

MONDAY EVENING 7:00

- #1 Travis Fletcher, 3428 Lee
 - #2 Bud Caskey, Dallas Highway
 - #3 Howard Ellis, 417 E. Dodge
 - #4 David Hannah, 2002 Wall St.
 - #5 Joe McBee, 2221 Brookhaven
 - #6 K. Max Haws, 3801 Birdwell
- "U" CAN HELP "I" SOUL!

NEW TEACHING AIDS

The privilege of serving as teachers of God's Word is constantly made more effective through the use of aids and equipment now available. Here at West Erwin we continue to add to the supply of aids that are available. Our desire is to provide for you as a teacher the tools necessary in doing the best job possible.

Recently we purchased two very important pieces of equipment for your use. Both of these additions will make our teaching program much more effective.

The Dry Mounting Press is now available to use in laminating, mounting, and preserving teaching charts and pictures. This will enable us to prepare the materials that we now have so that they can be used continually. It is a much needed aid that you need to learn

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TEACHERS MEETING

Our regular monthly teacher's meeting will be conducted in the chapel Sunday evening immediately after services. Our new equipment is to be demonstrated by brother John Spencer along with discussion about other matters of importance to you. All teachers and assistant teachers are urged to attend as well as anyone else interested in Bible teaching.

BROTHER REUEL LEMMONS WILL PREACH IN A MEETING HERE MARCH 24 THRU 29. SERVICES WILL BE 10:00 A.M. AND 7:30 P.M. PLAN TO ATTEND.

to use in your teaching. The Thermo-Fax Desk Copy Machine has been acquired to provide us the needed equipment to prepare overhead transparencies as well as duplicating certain needed materials. If you haven't used the overhead projector, now is the time to learn how easily you can incorporate this visual aid into your lesson.

Both of these new pieces of equipment will be demonstrated and explained at the teacher's meeting this Sunday evening immediately after services. Brother John Spencer from Gilmer, the sales representative, will be present to give demonstrations and to supervise your training in using this equipment. I know you will plan to be present if at all possible for this important meeting. G.M.

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"GYM" PARTY PLANNED

A fellowship for all young people from the 10th grade through college is planned for Friday evening, March 8 at 6:30. We shall meet at the church building and go to our destination from there. Come dressed to participate in a night of basketball, volleyball, and other activities. Plan now to be present! G.M.

TEACHER'S MEETING SUNDAY EVENING AFTER SERVICES IN CHAPEL. BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.

Classes for every day.

WHAT KIND OF A MEETING WILL WE HAVE?

March 24 - 29 will not be just an ordinary date for members of the West Erwin church and their friends. This will be a special occasion because this is the date of our meeting with brother Reuel Lemmons doing the preaching. Any time there is an opportunity to worship the Lord and hear the glorious gospel of Christ, it is no ordinary occasion. And add to this the opportunity for our friends and loved ones to hear the gospel, it becomes more special. Some may nonchalantly think that it is just another meeting, so what! It is true that it is another meeting and there have been thousands conducted before and there will be many more, if the Lord wills, but this is not the right attitude to have toward a meeting. Every meeting is important, but what makes them important? Is it not the fact that souls are involved? What could be done in Tyler that would be of more worth to men and women than hearing the unsearchable riches of Christ? Is there any other message that could be brought to our ears that would save our soul? Who among us is wise enough to know just who will and who will not obey the gospel? Some have been invited to meetings that did not seem to be prospects at all and they obeyed the Lord before the meeting closed. There is no doubt in my mind but what there would be some young people obey the gospel if their parents would only bring them every night. There are some companions that could be won to Christ if the other would take the lead and be as faithful as they should be. It is almost, if not altogether, impossible to get our children or companion interested in something that seems to hold no interest to us.

Our meeting is not being conducted to improve our physical health, it would be good if this could happen to some who are ill. Neither is the meeting being conducted to tell us how to improve our finances and this is something that all would like to do. Our meeting is for never-dying souls that must spend eternity in only one of two places. Where they will spend eternity depends largely on what we do as faithful Christians. Only God knows how many have been saved from sin in what we call revivals, protracted, or gospel meetings. We can have a great meeting here at West Erwin if we put forth the efforts that ought to be put forth for such a worthy Cause. Should we not get more excited about our meeting than we do about any thing else that could happen here?

Let us all join our hearts in fervent prayer for brother Lemmons. Then let each one of us select some one who is not a Christian and pray for him several times a day and invite and offer to bring him to the meeting. If the one we brought obeyed the Lord, we would experience a happiness we would never forget. We can have a great meeting if we really want one.
D.B.

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 Prayer.....C. B. Hardin
 Prayer.....K. Max Haws
 Dismiss.....J. D. Taylor

SUNDAY EVENING APPOINTMENTS
 Announcements and
 Prayer..... James Massey
 Prayer..... Charles Graf
 Dismiss.....Edgar Bullard

RESPONSES
 Miss Donna Snipes came Sunday for prayer.

NOTE OF THANKS
 Thank you for every kind deed done during my recent hospital stay. Every thing was appreciated so much.
 Nettie Potts

MEETING IN NEW MEXICO
 Brother Brookshire leaves Friday for a meeting in Melrose, New Mexico beginning Sunday to continue thru the 15th.

REMEMBER, THE SUCCESS OF OUR COMING MEETING IS THE BUSINESS OF EVERY MEMBER AT WEST ERWIN!

CAMP DEER RUN
 A number of young people from this congregation have attended Camp Deer Run in the past few years. The 1968 sessions begin June 3 and continue thru August 24. Brother Montgomery will be serving as Director for the 4th session, June 23 thru July 5. It would be a wonderful experience for all of our young people to enjoy these two weeks of Christian encampment. All who attend must be at least 10 years of age. Watch the bulletin board for more information. There will be more in the bulletin at a later date.
 G.M.

THE SICK
 Marshall Phillips has been in the Glenwood Clinic with a broken leg. He is now at home.

Little Lisa Freeman is now at home after being in Medical Center a few days.

Sister Whitaker is in Glenwood Clinic.

Sister Alton Cooper underwent surgery again Wednesday and remains in Medical Center.

Brother Frank Smith is at home after additional treatment in Houston.

Brother Jim Brown is still critical in Mother Frances Hospital.

ALL MEN of the church are urged to attend the business meeting Sunday afternoon at 1:30.

600 IN BIBLE SCHOOL-MARCH 24!

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 Radio Program 232.80
 Local Benevolent 38.84
 Mike Warner 462.85
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MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES
 Utilities 444.74
 Building and grounds 130.63
 Office Supplies 95.83
 Bible School Supplies 514.42
 Insurance 182.41
 Flowers 23.55
 Postage 52.00 1,443.58

Local Salaries - Tax 243.78 1,858.87
 Ins. 32.90

Total Expenditures for February	\$6,403.51
Total Contributions for February	6,842.04
Contributions in excess of Expenditures	438.53
Proposed Budget for February	7,740.00
(1,935.00 per week)	
Contributions short of budget	897.96
(224.49 weekly for Feb.)	

600 IN BIBLE SCHOOL MARCH 24 - PRAY FOR THE MEETING!

OUR GOAL IS 600!
 Remember, it is our goal! If you as a member of West Erwin will come, we shall reach our goal of 600 in Bible Classes on March 24. With a current membership of approximately 580, it should take little effort to reach our mark. Every member will be contacted in an effort to create the interest needed for our drive. All teachers have been asked to contact all absentees. Parents, plan now to bring your family and be present. It will be a wonderful way to begin our gospel meeting!

600 IN BIBLE SCHOOL MARCH 24, 1968

PANTRY NEEDS: Coffee, shortening, tea, and sugar.

LITERATURE for the next quarter is in the work room. All teachers may pick up their literature any time this month.

WHY I BELIEVE IN THE RESURRECTION

By Tom Olbricht
Associate Professor of Bible
Abilene Christian College

I believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ because the report that he arose appears in the New Testament. But for many in our time such a reason is not persuasive. What can be said to the person who hesitates at this answer?

One approach, which I believe has great force, is to present grounds for believing those who reported that Jesus Christ arose. It is obvious from reading the account of the empty tomb that those who wrote them believed that Jesus rose from the dead. Are these people to be trusted?

We ordinarily believe a person if his behavior is consistent with the news he reports. If it is not, we discredit his account. A man who warns of an approaching hurricane, but who makes little effort to protect his own property from the storm, creates doubts about his warning.

The behavior of the disciples of Jesus Christ after his death supports their claim that he rose from the grave. They went out to announce his resurrection to a world which like ours was sceptical. But what they did was not mere talk. They put their life on the line as a testimony to their conviction. Reports from the second century strongly support the conclusion that each of the twelve met his death because he proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. And not only they, but myriads who believed because of their testimony.

The triumph of Christianity in the third and fourth centuries is a knotty problem for historians if in fact the resurrection is a myth. Other religions claim revelation, but only one announces a resurrection. The triumph of the resurrection faith must always haunt the one who hunts alternative explanations for the empty tomb.

JUST A LOOK AT MYSELF

"One day I looked at myself, at the self that Christ can see;
I saw the person I am today; and the one I ought to be.
I saw how little I really pray; how little I really do;
I saw the influence of my life, how little of it was true!
I saw the bundle of faults and fear I ought to lay on the shelf;
I had given a little bit to God, but I hadn't given myself.
I came from looking at myself with my mind made up to be,
The sort of person that Christ can use, with a heart He may always see."

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Dean Brookshire
Prayer.....T. F. Holland
Dismiss.....Phillip Browning

SUNDAY EVENING APPOINTMENTS

Announcements and
Prayer.....Louis J. Jones
Prayer.....Dalton Jones
Dismiss.....Louis E. Jones

MEETINGS IN THE AREA

South Washington Street Church of Christ in Marshall will have brother Willard Collins, of Nashville, Tenn. March 1-3, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 and Sunday at 10:40 and 6:00.

Church of Christ in Chandler will have brother W.W. Cooksey preaching for them Feb. 19-23 at 7:30.

Mobberly Avenue Church of Christ in Longview will have bro. Robert Banks preaching in a meeting there March 3-8, with services twice daily at 7:00 and 7:30.

Quitman and Center in Gladewater will have their meeting March 4-10 with brother Jack White doing the preaching.

OUR OWN MEETING

Our own meeting with bro. Reuel Lemmons is not far away. It is March 24-29. Services have been set at 7:00 and 7:30 daily, except on Sun. The Sunday services will remain the same as usual.

We are praying and hoping for a great meeting. Brother Lemmons will come well prepared to do the preaching. All that is needed is for us to do our part. By knowing our meeting date and the hours, we can better arrange our plans to be present as often as is possible and we have plenty of time to be talking with our friends and inviting them and bringing them with us.

SINGING

There will be a singing at the Church of Christ in Rusk Sunday afternoon Feb. 25 at 2:30. A singing group from Shreveport will be present.

ROYCE WAS HOME

It was good to have Royce Caskey home for a few days. He is leaving today (Thursday) for Korea. Let us remember our boys who are in the service in our prayers.

Parents please keep us informed when your son is transferred. We mail the bulletin to each one and I write letters to each one. DB

NEW ARRIVAL

Bro. and sis. Roger Knight are the proud parents of a baby girl born Sunday evening, February 18, 1968. They have named her Amy Elizabeth.

CHARACTERISTICS OF TEACHERS

These are only a few characteristics that the teacher should attempt to exemplify in his or her life. One should carefully study the life of the Master Teacher and attempt to imitate every phase of His life and method.

CONSECRATION-The teacher must not only be consecrated to the task of teaching but also to the Christian life. He must be able to say, "It is no longer I that liveth, but Christ that liveth in me".

LOVE-One cannot be a faithful teacher unless one has a full measure of love for God and for his word. He must love to serve God. He must love not only his fellowman but also himself, as God would have us to appreciate and love that which he has made of us.

DEVOTION-In order to serve faithfully as a teacher, one must be devoted to the task of teaching and to those that one would teach.

PRAYER-The Christian must pray and even so the teacher must pray constantly that the work done will fulfill God's purposes. Each pupil should be prayed for constantly.

FAITH-The teacher must have abiding faith in God and His will. He must have faith in men as God's creatures who can be led to become more like God.

PURPOSE-No one can faithfully discharge the responsibility of teaching without having purpose in such teaching. Teaching is not an aimless gathering of souls, but it is the attempt to teach God's will to God's children or to those we strive to lead to become God's Children.

FAITHFULNESS-The teacher must be faithful. This not only means to be faithful at all services of the church, but faithful also to discharge every responsibility assigned.

VISION-An increased vision of the wonderful opportunities possible in the educational work is needed if progress is to be made.

PATIENCE-Time is needed to accomplish anything worthwhile. Certainly this is true in teaching and training people. The teacher must have a full measure of Christian patience.

Selected - "Working for The Lord" ----Alan Bryan

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HOW WOULD YOU USE IT?

If some one, who is able, should deposit \$1,440.00 to your bank account each morning and tell you that each penny had to be spent that day, how would you spend it? It would be understood that what you had left over that day would be cancelled and the same amount of \$1,440.00 would be deposited the next day, and on and on for the rest of your life.

It is quite certain that no one is going to deposit that amount of money to our account, but it is a certainty that God gives us 1,440 minutes each day to be used and none of it is carried over into the next day. What we use for God is saved and the other is taken away from us. We cannot borrow one minute from tomorrow and we cannot bring one minute from yesterday over into today. The fact that we either use it or lose it ought to be sobering to each of us. Just how would you use the money? Would you consume it all upon yourself? How do we use the allotted time? What does the Bible teach us about how we should live?

We must, with the help of God, provide for our own. It is wrong for able bodied people not to work. One who does not work deprives himself of much joy. The same is true in religion because we are to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling. The working Christian is a happy Christian. A form of Christianity that costs nothing returns no joy to the heart. Happy people are busy and busy people are happy. The sick, injured or infirm often express regrets of having time on their hands that they cannot use.

God has instructed us to use some time for worship. This is more beneficial to us than most of us realize. It is something that has to be done with regularity to benefit us most. Erratic worship does not bring us close enough to God to receive His richest blessings. It is something that must be done in spirit and truth. Will-worship satisfies only the worshipper, but scriptural worship honors God and enriches the soul of the worshipper.

Some of the God given time ought to be spent listening to God. This is done by reading His word. The better acquainted we get with some people, the more we love them. The better acquainted we get with God, the more we love Him. The more of God's characteristics we learn, the more we love and appreciate Him. Those who know little about His grace, mercy, and the unfolding of His plan for us, hardly, if ever, allow God to occupy the place in their lives that He deserves.

Some of the 1,440 minutes ought to be spent in telling others about the wonderful Saviour that was provided for our salvation. Each day ought to be spent seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. D.B.



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A Year Ago ...\$1,550.17424
APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements & Prayer..T.F.Holland
Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
Dismiss.....R.V. Threadgill
SUNDAY EVENING APPOINTMENTS
Announcements and
Prayer.....Cone Birdwell
Prayer.....Fred Strait
Dismiss.....Wilmer Little

RESPONSES

We welcome Linda and Gene Gill into our fellowship. Gene came to obey the Gospel and Linda (formerly Linda Caudle) came to be identified with this congregation again. Their address is 1221 West 4th. Gene is employed by Kelly-Springfield and Linda is a homemaker.

Tim Bedwell, 902 S. Chilton came to be restored.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the flowers, cards, letters, and visits at the death of my brother, Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy

Thank you for your thoughtfulness, the flowers were beautiful.

Mrs. Alice Long

It is with humble and grateful hearts we want to express to the church our deep appreciation for the prayers which were offered for Jim's recovery, the kind words of encouragement and the visits. May the Lord bless each one of you is our prayer.

Jim and Estelle Brown
Thank you for your prayers, visits and every kindness during my stay in the hospital.

Ralph Lowrance

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men have been asked to serve the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in February. K. Max Haws, Ted Snipes, Joe Willis, Larry Hardin, and Bill Henderson. Truman Langham, Harvey Grier, Rodger Young, Jamon Kirby, and Darrell Holt. Bill Howard and Joe McBee will serve as alternates. Evening: Cone Birdwell and Henry McRuiz.

THE SICK

Brother Harry Knight, Sr. has had surgery in Houston. Sister Knight is with their daughters in La Porte. If you would like to send a card to the Knights, the address is 119 Oakdale, La Porte, Texas 77571

Brother Jim Brown remains a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Walter Clyburn is undergoing tests in Mother Frances.

Brother John Jackson is in Mother Frances.

Sister Janie Chelf is in Medical Center.

Sister Alton Cooper is also in M.C.

WE ARE MOVING

After serious and prayerful consideration I submitted my resignation as one of the evangelists of this good church and accepted an invitation to move to Longview to work with the Mobberly Avenue church. I do not have the command of words to express my heartfelt thanks for the privilege of working with you for almost ten years, or will be ten by the time we leave. The good men who serve this congregation as elders fulfilled every promise they made to us. They have great plans for the future of this church and it is our prayer that every member will co-operate fully. We are aware that we are leaving a good church, but we believe we are going to work with a good one too. The Lord willing, we plan to begin working with Mobberly Avenue the first Lord's Day in June.

Dean Brookshire

WEDDINGS

Congratulations and best wishes to Miss Kathy Sims and Eddy Taylor; Miss Betty Ann Henley and Dean Bailey. Both couples were married last Saturday.

FIVE REASONS WHY I SHOULD ATTEND BIBLE CLASS THIS SUNDAY!

STRENGTH will be given thru the Word, (I P 2:2; Heb. 5:12-14)

COURAGE can be obtained, (Heb. 4:12)

GUIDANCE is afforded all who will heed the call, (Ps. 119:105; Jno. 16:13)

ASSURANCE thru Christ is yours. (Jno. 6:35; Matt. 24:35)

ASSISTANCE in living the Christian life. (2 T. 3:16-17)

CLASS AT GLENWOOD

Remember the class at Glenwood each Lord's Day afternoon at 4:15. Brother Brookshire will speak this Lord's Day on "Prayer in Worship" and brother Cox will speak on the subject, "How To Pray."

CONGRATULATIONS

Dewitt and Prissy Jones are the happy parents of a baby girl born Tuesday evening in Ranger, Texas. She has been named Gena Joy.

Mr. and Mrs. David Schubarth have a new son, Ricky Glen, born Wednesday evening.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL..June 10-14

It may seem a very long distance from February, but it really is only a short time. Keep these dates in mind as you plan your Summer vacations and trips so that you will be able to lend your support to this important program. Classes will be conducted nightly from 7:00 to 8:30 including the short program of singing.

The final plans for teachers and materials will be made at the March teacher's meeting.

PEP MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

#1 Henry McRuiz, 3214 Autumn Leaves
#2 Jack Stringer, Call Ly 2-2557

for instructions.

#3 Jean Oliver, 2620 Pineburr

#4 Ken Willis, 814 E. 8th

#5 Roy Roberson, 1429 Sunset

#6 D. C. Jones, 428 Holiday Lane

U R needed to help your team!

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IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL

After a long period of holidays and illness, our Bible school attendance is climbing back to our normal number. Our attendance last Lord's Day of 463 was the best we have experienced this year. It was a pleasure to see you here! Let's continue to encourage those who do not attend regularly as well as our friends who might come with us. Teachers, continue to contact your absentees with the true concern of Christian teachers interested in their souls. Be sure that you check on your "missing souls" next week. There's no reason why we can't go beyond any reasonable number as our goal of 1968. By the way, it is good to see you in Bible School!

G.M.

BEST WISHES

Miss Myra Miller and Mike Sublette were married February 3 at the Walnut St. Church of Christ in Greenville. They will make their home in Garland. We extend best wishes for a happy life together.

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"IF!" This is the pivotal word. It can be done! It must be done! The "IF" is up to you.

It's just as simple as Benjamin Franklin said: "For want of a nail the shoe was lost; for want of a shoe the horse was lost; for want of a horse the rider was lost; for want of a rider the battle was lost; for the want of a battle the kingdom was lost - and all for the want of a horse-shoe nail."

I'm suggesting that for the lack of films the stations will be lost, for the lack of stations the message will be lost and for the lack of the message souls will be lost. With the loss of the soul - all is lost.

The Herald of Truth needs our support! D.B.

WHAT DOES P E P MEAN TO YOU?

Last Monday evening there were 58 faithful members going about the city of Tyler seeking out those people who might need spiritual assistance. They knocked on the doors of 79 families with a true spirit of Christian concern. It was truly a wonderful privilege for all. It does as much for the visitor as it does the person or persons visited. Question...what does PEP mean to you? It may be unnecessary in your opinion or possibly just too much activity for you. Plan to be present at the next meeting and find out what PEP can mean to you as a member of West Erwin!

G.M.

REMEMBER THE ABILENE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE LECTURESHIP, FEBRUARY 18-22.

NEW ARRIVALS

Ramon and Ruth Ivey have a son, Dana Ray, born January 27. Their home is Ft. Eustis, Va.

Eskel and Rebecca Dale have a new son born last Sunday in Medical Center Hospital.



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
 Prayer.....Joe Wyatt
 Dismiss.....Jack Stringer

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....James Phillips
 Prayer.....Bob Davis
 Dismiss.....Chuck Cauthen

RESPONSES
 Sister David Schubarth (Paula)
 came Sunday to be identified with
 us. She and her husband recently
 moved to Tyler from Lovington, New
 Mexico. Their address is 2901
 Crestview. We welcome sister Schu-
 barth into our fellowship.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION
 Thank you so much for the kind-
 ness shown to us during the time of
 my hospitalization and recovery at
 home. Your many expressions of
 Christian love and encouragement
 are sincerely appreciated.

Nelda Browning
 We want to say thank you for the
 beautiful flowers, the prayers, and

for every act of kindness shown us
 at the time of the death of our
 brother and uncle, Mr. H. S. Horne.

Mrs. Eula Drennan
 L. G. Drennan and Children
 Thank you so much for the cards,
 calls, visits in the hospital and
 at home during my recent illness.
 Dewey Frederick

WEDDING INVITATION
 You are invited to attend the
 wedding of Miss Betty Ann Henley
 and Dean Bailey Saturday evening at
 7:30 in the Chapel of the West
 Erwin Church of Christ.

FUNERALS
 Sister Alice Long's brother, Mr.
 Kimbell of Jacksonville, was buried
 last Sunday afternoon.

Sister Bernice Andrew's sister,
 Mrs. Bess Kennedy, will be buried
 Friday at 2:00 p.m. in Kilgore.
 Sister Dovie Norsworthy's brother,
 Mr. Deasley, was buried in Lufkin
 Tuesday.
 We express our deepest sympathy
 to each family and their loved ones.

IN THE HOSPITALS
 Brother Ralph Lowrance underwent
 surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.
 Brother Virgil Robbins is in Med-
 ical Center for tests.
 Sister Janie Chelf has suffered a
 heart attack and is in Medical
 Center in Intensive Care.
 Brother John Jackson had surgery
 Thursday in Mother Frances.
 Mark Cauthen is in Mother Frances
 for tests.

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 Total Expenditures for January, 1968 7,249.45
 Total contributions for January, 1968 6,617.27
 Expenditures in excess of contribution 632.18

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 * PRAY FOR OUR MEETING
 * MARCH 24 THROUGH 29. REUEL LEMMONS, PREACHING
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LADIES, THIS IS YOUR
 OPPORTUNITY!

Yes, the ladies of
 the congregation find
 many needy projects
 in the benevolent
 program that meets on
 Tuesday and Thursday
 of each week in the
 Elm Street building.
 You'll find these
 interested ladies
 sorting, mending, and
 pressing clothing,
 marking canned goods,
 preparing household
 goods, and other
 tasks that will fill
 the empty hand of
 some needy person. The
 building is open the
 entirety of these
 designated days.
 You're urged to come
 and have a part in
 this good work. G.M.

THERE WILL BE A WORK-
 SHOP IN LONGVIEW, FEB-
 RUARY 16-17 WITH ALAN
 BRYAN. CHECK THE BUL-
 LETIN BOARD IN THE
 FOYER FOR INFORMATION.

There will be a busi-
 ness meeting Sunday
 * afternoon at 1:30. All
 * men of the Church are
 * urged to be present.
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 * LISTEN TO KTBB EACH
 * NOON - 12:30

MORE MEANINGFUL WORSHIP

1. Worship begins as I close the door of my home. On my way, I pray for the church, for the minister, and for those who worship far and near...
2. Before I enter the house of God, I pause a moment that I may cast off and leave outside all things and thoughts unbecoming to a child of my Heavenly Father: Hates, grudges, frettings, worldly cares, and sinful thoughts...
3. The moment I enter the door of this house of worship I cease all conversation. I come in silence, for great things arise out of quietness and minister to me and to those about me....
4. As soon as I am seated, I bow my head in prayer. I pray for the church and its great causes. I ask God to be near me now...
5. I join in the singing of hymns and bow my head during the prayers. I think about the words of the sermon and let their meaning and spirit go down to the roots of my soul...
6. As I lay my offering on the plate, I say a prayer of thanks for my money and I ask God's blessing on its use here and to the uttermost parts of the earth...
7. Throughout the service I think of God objectively. As power, peace, strength, love, He is all I need for life as it should be...
8. I listen as the minister preaches from God's word and I seek to apply his message to my life. I pray for him as he preaches...
9. When the service has ended, in Christian friendliness I speak to those whom I know and also to those who are strangers to me...
10. As I pass through the outer portals, I dedicate my life to walk this week the high road with Christ....

Author Unknown

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Russell O'Bannon
 Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
 Dismiss.....David Demic

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Tommy Lowrance
 Prayer.....Dudley Brookshire
 Dismiss..... Bill Henderson

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men have been asked to serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in February:Sammy Ellis; Gary Aven, Jackson Dunn,Jack Beard, Leonard Woltman,Ross Walker, Sam Bailey, L. L. Prater, Terry Woltman and Jeff Ellis. Alternates: Travis Fletcher and Walls. T. Witt
 Sunday evening: Glen Howard and Bruce Raley, with E. C. Pickle as alternate.

OUR SYMPATHY

Our Christian concern and sympathy is extended those in our midst who have endured the loss of loved ones. Our prayer is that God will comfort each of you in the hours of sorrow.

Mrs. Maude Frazier of Hughes Spgs., the aunt of Sis. Cleo Sublette was buried on Saturday, January 20.

Services for Mr. "Lefty" Williamson of Tyler, the brother of Sister Bonnie Williamson, were conducted last Saturday, January 27, at Burks-Walker-Tippit.

Henry S. Horne, the brother of Sis. Eula Drennan and uncle of Bro. L. G. Drennan, passed from this life Monday in the Mineola Hospital. The services were conducted Wednesday at 2:30 P. M. in Sulphur Springs.

Services for Nellie Edna Earl sister-in-law of Sis. Emma Earl, of Austin, were conducted in Palestine Wednesday morning.

THE SICK

Sis. Zena Wright of Big Sandy, the daughter-in-law of Bro. and Sis "Doc" Wright, is a patient in the Mother Francis Hospital.

Sis. Judy Massey is doing well after surgery at Medical C. Hosp.

Bro. W. D. Drummond is at home after a stay in Medical Cent. Hosp.

Mrs. Mabel Lewis, sister to Jim Willis remains a patient at Mother Francis Hospital.

Sis. Willie Whitaker is scheduled to be released Thursday (today) from Glenwood Clinic.

Sister Dewey Frederick is doing well at home after surgery.

Bro. Jim Brown is out of Intensive Care but still is in Mother Francis Hospital after some slight improvement.

TEACHERS MEETING
SUNDAY EVENING AFTER SERVICES

"CAN OF THE WEEK"

I hope we're not asking too much in requesting an item a week for the pantry which provides for the needy. These items can be placed in the barrels in the foyer. Item for this week: CANNED MEAT

PLANS FOR TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM

Our meeting the first of this month provided a wonderful start to the establishment of a monthly teacher training program. The very informative lessons along with the materials displayed were just the element needed to encourage us.

Our tentative plans to begin this program next Sunday, February 4, will be advanced to a later date due to a need for further preparation of the workroom and material that is needed. We are definitely going to begin the program, but our desire is to be as well organized as possible.

This Sunday evening after services there will be a meeting of all teachers of all classes in the Bible school program. A Teacher's Newsletter will be prepared for you and handed out at the meeting. We want to especially urge all assistant teachers to be present for the meeting. Some of the young ladies of the congregation will be present to care for the children. So plan to stay after services for this meeting. It will be conducted in the chapel. Be thinking of questions, requests, and comments that you might have about the Bible School program.

"PEP" TEAM MEETINGS

All six teams met throughout the city on January 22nd to begin "PEP in '68". The weather cooperated and the attendance was considered good, as we take into consideration the prevailing sickness. The interest shown by those who attended was excellent and provided the spark needed to get started with success. But we did miss you (?) and are looking for you next week at the meeting. If you don't know your team, please call the church office or check the map in the foyer for information. Come and be a visitor for the Lord next Monday evening! The following schedule is for meetings to be conducted on Monday, February 5, at these locations:

TEAM		
#1	Fred Strait	3211 Berryhill
#2	Glen Howard	Loop 323 (across from John Tyler)
#3	Ross Walker	536 Park Heights
#4	Louis Jones	920 Moorehill
#5	Joe Wyatt	2924 Tanglewood
#6	Ed Bullard	2623 Cameron

NOTES OF GRATITUDE

"The kind and encouraging words of sympathy and concern expressed by the members of West Erwin has made my burden lighter and more bearable. May God bless each of you."
 Bro. Mac McCarty

The family of Bro. J. M. Nelson wishes to express their sincere appreciation to all for the many expressions of kindness and sympathy afforded the family during the illness and death of Bro. Nelson.

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Evangelist - Dean Brookshire

OUR BUDGET

The budget for the year of 1968 was discussed briefly Lord's Day morning and a copy was distributed to every member. The elders hope you have studied the budget closely and will have a big part in the work that is planned with our souls in the balance. And there are hundreds of souls involved other than our own.

The budget was prepared by a committee of men, not all elders, and sent to the elders for approval. So you see the budget was not adopted without serious consideration and prayer.

Our budget is higher this year than it has ever been, but it is not near out of our reach. The budget requires \$1,935.00 per week and our average for 1967 was \$1,820.00. That is an increase of less than 25¢ per member per week. There is hardly a person in this church that cannot increase his contribution 25¢ to \$1.00 per week and some could increase theirs from \$1.00 to maybe \$25.00 per week. We have grown in our giving and this has been reflected from year to year but we want to keep growing because we want to go to heaven. None of us are selfish enough to want to go alone. Our giving will help to take others with us.

The elders have outlined an excellent budget for us this year. Let us cooperate with them each Lord's Day throughout the year. It is hoped that each member will resolve to contribute as much as he can whether present or absent. We should work harder this year to do more for the Lord because it may be the last year we will ever be privileged to work for him on this earth. DB

KANSAS MEETING

Brother Brookshire will leave Friday morning, the Lord Willing, for Scott City, Kansas for a meeting Jan. 28-Feb. 2. Most of you remember that we support brother Mike Warner and his family in the work there. They are doing an excellent work in that city. It is my prayer that I may be able to contribute something to it during the meeting. We solicit your prayers that we may have a great meeting, that I may have a safe journey and stay well.

We have recently received monthly reports from brother Warner of Scott City and brother Dalton Porter of Oakley. Their reports are most encouraging with the exception of a flu epidemic in Oakley. It has hindered their attendance some. But the work is doing well at both places. We ought to thank God that He has given us the privilege of working with these two good men at these places. It is hoped that all of us will pray often for them and encourage them in every way we can. DB



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January 21 \$1,649.43	430
January 14 \$1,506.36	358
A Year Ago \$1,478.64	421

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Roger Knight
 Prayer.....W. H. Turner
 Dismiss.....Joe Willis

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Tommy Lowrance
 Prayer.....Larry Hardin
 Dismiss.....Ken Willis

MOVING

The Leonard Woltnans are moving to Dallas as soon as they sell their house. He has received a promotion with his company. We congratulate him on receiving his promotion but we regret to lose them from the work here. So far as their working for the Lord, we will have no fear, because they are going to work wherever they go. I want to express my appreciation for every contribution they have made to West Erwin. He was appointed an elder and served as conscientiously as any man I have ever seen. We love them and appreciate them and pray that God will continue to bless them. DB

BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL AGES SUNDAY 9:30 A. M.

NEW COURSE OF STUDY ON SUNDAY EVE.

Last Sunday marked the beginning of a new study in the Senior High-College Class on the subject, "Do's and Don'ts for the Christian." Our material is based on a book by LeRoy Brownlow by the same title, along with other ideas and materials regarding the various subjects. If you're not attending this Sunday afternoon class, you'll want to be present for this interesting study. GM

LEADERS IN "PEP"

The following men will be serving as leaders in "PEP" for the next quarter of work. We are so thankful for their interest and dedication to this work for the cause of Christ. Please give them your fullest cooperation when they call upon you. Support your team and help them do a good job in visiting others.

TEAM

#1	Fred Powell	Fred Strait
#2	Glen Howard	Jack Stringer
#3	Roger Knight	Howard Ellis
#4	Louis Jones	Jamon Kirby
#5	Joe McBee	Roy Roberson
#6	Don Weathers	D. C. Jones

REQUESTS PRAYERS

Brother H. McCarty came forward Sunday evening confessing sins and asked an interest in our prayers. We love him and appreciate him and he is to be greatly admired. Let each of us remember him in our prayers and show him every act of kindness we possibly can. DB

FUNERAL

Mr. Odell Taylor, nephew of Bro. Lonnie Taylor, Sr. and sister Eula Hoppers was buried in Canton Sunday. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE OURSELVES

There will be a series of classes at the Glenwood Church on "Applied Christianity" which will consist of lessons designed to help us do the work of the Lord more efficiently. Brother Frank L. Cox is the coordinator of this series of lessons. Preachers and others from all the congregations of the churches of Christ here in Tyler will be invited to teach. Subjects and teachers will be announced as soon as the arrangements have been made. These lessons will be on Lord's Day afternoon from 4:15-5:15. The initial lesson will be Feb. 4, with brother Cox doing the teaching. It is hoped that all will welcome the opportunity to improve himself and do more for the Lord. DB

THANKS FOR YOUR INTEREST

It was very encouraging to see the large number of our teachers present last Tuesday evening, Jan. 16th., for our Teacher's Training Program. I am certain that all who attended were enlightened and encouraged by the informative lesson by Bro. Chance and the educational remarks given by Bro. Spencer. It proved to be another fine experience to help us in teaching God's Word. Plans are being made to acquire some of the equipment that was demonstrated in the meeting. GM

MARRIED

Mary June Grier and Werner Green were married Last Friday. They will make their home in Mineral Wells. We extend our best wishes for a long and happy life together.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

For the helping hands that were extended at the tragic death of our young grandson, Michael Smith, and the visits, prayers, cards and flowers during both visits to the hospital and for the cheer basket at Christmas, we very humbly say "thank you." Mr. & Mrs. J. B. Johnson

We would like to express our appreciation for all of the cards, flowers, visits, and prayers during our recent stay in the hospital.

Bob and Fleta Butler
 Thank you so much for the cheer basket that we received during the holidays. Bro. & Sis. W. H. Land

The family of W. L. Nichols acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy. We especially appreciate the prayers, cards and visits.

Pete & Polly Nichols

THE SICK:

Sister Whitaker, aged mother of sister W. H. Land, fell and broke her hip. She is presently in the Glenwood Clinic.

Jim Brown remains in serious condition in Mother Francis Hospital. Mabel Lewis, sister to Jim Willis is seriously ill in Mother Francis. Please remember the sick and their loved ones in your prayers.

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Evangelist - Dean Brookshire

"PEP" IS READY, ARE YOU?

The year of 1968 has already been blessed with many good happenings for all of us. Our busy schedule has prevented the beginning of "PEP" until now. The new team captains have met and the first meeting has been planned. We are counting on even greater success than last year with the revisions that have been made. There's no doubt in our minds that those faithful members who worked so hard before will be the sparkplugs of our success again. There's really no reason why you cannot give the Lord 2 hours of your time every other week. Plan now to do it!

Here are some facts that you need to remember. It might be well to make yourself a note in a convenient place.

1. All 6 teams will meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings.
2. Meeting time will be 7:00 unless otherwise noted.
3. Meeting schedules will appear in bulletin week prior.

Help, please! There are a small number of yellow visitation cards that have not been turned in. Please hand those to us during this week.

Let's remember our slogan for this year, "Each one TEACH one!" We'll be looking for you Monday evening!

"PEP" TEAMS MEETING SCHEDULE:

- #1. Fred Powell
3306 Rolling Hill
- #2. Glen Howard
Dallas Hwy. Across from John Tyler
- #3. Roger Knight
1310 Dogwood

- #4. Jamon Kirby
906 Moorehill
- #5. Joe McBee
2221 Brookhaven
- #6. Don Weathers
1808 Easy Street

NEW WORKROOM FOR TEACHERS

A new addition which will greatly help every Bible School teacher has been made to the facilities at West Erwin. You may have noticed Eleanor Birdwell standing with yardstick in hand and pointing the first graders to their new room! She was not administering spats, but rather directing traffic! Their graciousness to move has provided the long needed work area for the teachers. Room 207 (where 1st. grade formerly met) has been converted to the Teacher's workroom. All teaching aids and equipment can be found there as well as sufficient work area to permit convenient preparation. All supplies are located next door in Room 208. A constant inventory is being kept for the use of teachers. Go by and browse in this area and plan to make full use of its provisions any time during the week. The building is normally open Monday thru Friday 8:30 A.M. to 3:30. On Saturdays, it is open from 8:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon. As we expand our teaching aids, we plan to add many useful items for the teacher. A Cross-Index file covering the entire Bible is being prepared by Sis. Marion Rowe and Sis. E.V. Rushing. Our humble thanks to them. It will be ready in the near future and will serve as a catalog of all available aids and materials.



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January 14 \$1,506.36 358
January 7 \$1,635.12 336

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Ross Walker
Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
Dismiss.....J. D. Taylor

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Fred Powell
Prayer.....W. H. Turner
Dismiss.....Phillip Browning

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
The following men have been asked to serve the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in January: Billy Chandler, John Lane, Tommy Keith O'neal Tuel and C. B. Hardin, Ed Bullard, Joe Wyatt, Don Baker, Don Weathers and Larry Caskey. Alternates: Wilmer Little and Phillip Browning. Sunday evening: Dick Ferguson and Gerald Montgomery.

MOVED
Sister Emma Earl has moved to Austin. She was faithful to visit the shut-ins and one of the most liberal contributors to our food supply. We will miss Sister Earl.

LISTEN TO KTBB MON.-FRI. 12:30;KZAK 12:00;KLTU TUES. 5:15;KZEY 8:00 SUN.

RADIO PROGRAM
Dear Friends:

On Sunday, February 4, at 8:30 AM Herald of Truth will premiere on the NBC Radio Network bringing to listeners, throughout the country, an added measure of religious insight in a time of world crisis.

We welcome the opportunity to present this valuable public service and extend sincere congratulations to the Churches of Christ and its spokesman, John Allen Chalk.

Sincerely,
Stephen B. Labunski
President NBC Radio Division.

Editors Note:
Many have prayed and hoped for the opportunity of preaching the gospel of Christ to the entire nation. The opportunity has been presented. It costs to do this but it will be worth it to get the gospel to a lost and dying nation. We are having fellowship in the good work of preaching to thousands and now we can have fellowship in preaching to millions.

OUR SPRING MEETING
Brother Reuel Lemmons, editor of the Firm Foundation, is scheduled to preach in our meeting March 24-29. The time is not far away for us to be preparing our hearts to do what we can to have a great meeting. May I suggest that each one of us pick out some one who is not a Christian, or who has fallen away, and begin praying for them. We do not need to reveal to any one else who that person is but pray fervently for their salvation. DB

DOWN BUT NOT DISCOURAGED:
We do not like to print low attendance and low contribution but that is what we have been forced to do so far this year. As much as we regret to see such low figures we regret much more the many illnesses that have caused it. Before the bad weather and flu, pneumonia and other respiratory conditions set in we were going along at good high figures and the interest was never better. Let us hope and pray that conditions will improve and all can be back to normal health soon. We certainly do not encourage anyone to endanger his health but we do want to insist that all return as soon as they possible can. There is strength in Bible School and Worship and all need the benefits derived from these. We must remember that the expenses of the church go on whether we are absent or present. Church expenses go on "in-season and out of season". Illness usually increases the expenses at home but let us remember Him from whom all blessings flow.
We are eagerly awaiting the time when we get back to normal but until then let us all be patient and pray one for another. There are too many good people here who love the Lord for the work to suffer very much. Some who are unable to attend will probably send in their contribution or make it up in full when they return.
WE'LL SEE YOU IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY MORNING IF YOU ARE NOT ILL! THE TIME IS 9:30 A.M.

IN APPRECIATION
To say simply "thank you" seems wholly inadequate for all the prayers, visits, food and encouragement so many of you have given us during Randy's stay in the hospital but all of us do appreciate everything more than mere words can express. The Joe Wyatt Family.

FUNERAL
Sis. H. McCarty's departure came as a shock. She was laid to rest Wed. We extend our love and sympathy to Bro. McCarty and other loved ones. Word has just been received that Brother J. M. Nelson passed away in Texarkana last night. We extend our sympathy to his loved ones.

THE SICK
Bro. Jim Brown is still in ICU at MF. Sis. Nelda Browning is recuperating nicely at home. Bro. Bill Shuford has been in the Glenwood Clinic suffering from pneumonia. Marian Rowe's father's condition is not as serious as it was first thought to be.

NEW BABY
The B.E. Walkers are proud grand parents again. Mr. and Mrs. Don Forbes of Guyman, Okla. are the parents.

RESTORED
Sally Arington was restored to fellowship with God and the Saints here Wednesday night. We welcome her back and pray that God will richly bless her to do His Will the rest of her life.

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Evangelist - Dean Brookshire

DO YOU CONSIDER THE POOR?
Psa. 41:1, "Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble." Prov. 19:17, "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." Matt. 19:21, "If thou wilt be perfect go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven; and come follow me."

One could hardly find a subject, if he could, more clearly taught than that of helping the poor. This does not mean those who refuse to work, those who spend their income on intoxicating beverages, night-clubbing or gambling, or some other sinful and useless way. Helping these kind of people only assist them in doing more wrong. A problem that perhaps none have the real answer to is that some of these people have innocent children that have to suffer unless Christians or others supply their need. Shall we allow the helpless innocent children to go hungry and cold? Proper investigation and some straight talk and some more straight talk might help to discourage the undeserving adults. But we cannot by physical force stop the drunkard from drinking or the gad-about mother from gadding. Still there are many deserving ones who must be helped if we follow the teaching of our Lord. Any church that does any amount of benevolent work will occasionally help the unworthy but this ought not to discourage us from helping the deserving. Soon there will be a report on the bulletin board concerning the good work done in 1967 by those who are deeply interested in our benevolent program. We hope that much more will be done this year. Let us consider the poor and the Lord will deliver us in time of trouble. Some may not believe this but I do.

DB

TEACHER'S TRAINING PROGRAM RESCHEDULED

The city-wide Teacher's Training Program originally scheduled for last Tuesday evening was postponed due to inclement weather and rescheduled for next Tuesday, January 16, at 7:30. Indications are that this outstanding program is a point of interest for all of us. Every Bible School teacher at West Erwin must be present if at all possible! There will be a blessing reserved for all who attend. Time will be allotted at the end of the program for counseling and questions from the audience. GM

BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY AFTERNOON---1:30, ALL MEN ARE INVITED

No man having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.....Jesus



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January 7..\$1,635.12	336
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A Year Ago..\$1,601.24 437

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Faber Cauthen
 Prayer.....Ray Womack
 Dismiss.....Randy Grogan
 SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Glen Howard
 Prayer.....Charles Graf
 Dismiss.....Ed Bullard

NOTES OF APPRECIATIONS

The following have expressed their thanks for the food and cheer baskets: Mrs. Mary Sims, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Jones, Lora Dee and Milton Taylor, Mrs. Dora Billingsley and Robert S. Parris.

I would like to say thank you for every visit, prayer, and expression of love shown me during my stay in the hospital. In Christian love,
 Zeffie Beard

An expression of thanks has been received from the Mayo's for the visits, cards, and prayers while he was in the hospital.

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

"PEP" KICK-OFF TIME.....JANUARY 22!

With the blessings of a new year before and around us many are anxious to proceed with PEP for 1968!

Due to holidays, weather, and our Teacher's Training program, it will be delayed until Monday evening, January 22, at which time all 6 new teams will meet for the first meeting of the year. Meeting schedules will be prepared and visits will be made on that night if at all possible. Team Captains and the first meeting places will be announced in next week's bulletin. If you did not receive any notification of your assignment, please contact Donna Ivey at the church office. As per the new system, you will be visiting in or adjoining the zone in which you reside. Prior to this program, this was not the case because of the effort to personally contact every member to involve them in "PEP". However, we now feel that every member has been sufficiently exhorted by Team Captains so that this will not be done this quarter. So, plan now to do your part in "PEP" in 1968. Let this be our slogan, "Each one TEACH one."

SECRETARY ILL

Sister Nelda Browning, who has been the efficient secretary here for more than six years, is in the Mother Francis Hospital where she underwent surgery Wednesday. She will possibly have a second operation before she is dismissed. Becky McRuiz will work until Nelda returns

FINACIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER, 1967

Cash on hand, Dec. 1, 1967
 Contributions for Dec., 1967
 Available for Expenditures

Loan Payments

First Fed. Sav. & Loan	3,123.50
Coop. Sav. & Loan	75.00
East Texas Sav. & Loan	145.40
Stephens Parking Lot	100.00
	3,443.90

Benevolent and Mission

Bible Chair	100.00
Herald of Truth	100.00
Boles Home (regular contb. and paint)	81.64
Sunny Glen Home	75.00
Tipton Home	75.00
Radio Program	232.80
Mike Warner	577.50
Mike Warner (rent)	40.00
Dalton Porter	583.50
Local Benevolent	72.42
Cheer Baskets	92.00
	2,029.86

Materials and Supplies

Utilities	400.28
Bldg. and grounds	118.31
Bible School Supplies	76.60
Office Supplies	96.75
Flowers	31.91
Postage	80.00
Insurance	89.21
Taxes	441.79
Local Salaries	1,334.85
Total Expenditures for December	2,533.73
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1967	9,342.34
Total Funds Accounted For	4,703.01
	14,045.35

MINEOLA YOUTH RALLY
 THIS SUNDAY

3,295.48 All young people of
 10,749.87 the congregation will
 14,045.35 meet at the building

at 1:30 Sunday to depart for Mineola for a period of Christian fellowship. Parents encourage your teenagers to attend this event. A group of our young people will present several vocal selections. Brother Montgomery has been asked to serve as the main speaker.

NOTE Sunday evening classes will not be held because of the Youth Rally.

THE SICK

Sister Squire is in Medical Center Hosp.
 Sister H. McGarty is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Jim Brown is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother J.M. Nelson and Brother O.P. Pool are in the Cottonbelt Hospital in Texarkana.

Brother T. J. Parsons father is seriously ill in Dallas.

There are numerous others ill at home.

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10:00 A. M.

Bible Classes

7:30 P. M.

Evangelist - Dean Brookshire

HOW TO BE HAPPY IN 1968

Jesus taught His disciples in John 13:17, "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." There are certain things that we must know and do in order to be happy, but there are certain causes of unhappiness and these must be avoided. There are many things that cause unhappiness but only a few will be named.

1. Unhappiness is caused by an unprepared heart. When problems arise and Christians begin to worry, fret and make irrational statements, it is very evident that this comes from an unprepared heart. A prepared heart is not always able to see the final outcome of the problems that arise but it knows that they will never be bigger than God's power and mercy. In the hour of personal and national trouble, "Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord and do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgements." Ezra 7:10. We are told in the book of Ezra how he prepared his heart. It was by "prayer and confession" and "purpose and confidence." If we want to be happy we must learn the commandments of the Lord and obey them. Learn the promises the Lord makes to us and enjoy them.

2. Unhappiness is caused by an unforgiving spirit. There are many things that rob the soul of the grace of forgiveness. Some are: jealousy, pride, conceit and having oneself enthroned in his heart. No Christian is happy while holding a grudge in his heart. Jesus did not hold a grudge in his heart against the tormentors of his day. He freely forgave those who crucified him. The very moment a Christian refuses to forgive, his spiritual progress comes to a standstill and his soul begins to wither.

3. Unhappiness is caused by an unstable mind. An unsettled mind is not promised anything good from the Lord. An unsettled mind allows doubts and fears to creep in and this causes God to withhold needed blessings to make one happy. To have a settled mind means that we know we are doing our best to live as the Lord requires of us. The settled mind knows where he will be on the Lord's Day and he knows what he will do. When he leaves worship he has the good feeling of having studied and worshipped in spirit and truth. The day in which we live requires a sound and sober mind. Without it Christians will be tossed to and fro.

4. Unhappiness is caused by unsettled habits. Careless habits have wrecked many a Christian's life that would have been happy had they kept their bodies under control. This is the day of addiction and many Christians are so addicted to some things, they are miserable without them. Christians must always buffet their bodies and keep them under control. Men will always be happy when they know and do what Jesus teaches.
D.B.



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Dean Brookshire
 Prayer.....John Brem
 Dismiss.....F. A. Jones

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....James Phillips
 Prayer.....Ray Womack
 Dismiss.....Travis Fletcher

IN APPRECIATION

The following have expressed their appreciation for the fruit baskets received during the holidays: Mrs. Vannie Lee, Mrs. Alice Long, Mrs. Dexter Browning, Mrs. Evalyn Stone, Mrs. Emma Reed Smith.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men have been asked to serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in January: Fred Strait, J. M. Steele, J. E. Whiteside, Mark Ellis, and Mark Whitworth. Fred Powell, Jim Willis, Pete Wallace, David Rozell, and Mark Cauthen. Alternates: Wayne Fears and Jamon Kirby. Sunday evening: T. J. Parsons and Guy Potts, with Henry McRuiz as alternate.

RESPONSES

Brother and Sister Jim Scarborough from Bowie came to be identified with us Wednesday evening. Their address, temporarily, is 117 West Phillips, Apt. 20. Brother Scarborough is employed by Burks-Walker. We are happy to welcome them into our fellowship.

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother Pete Nichol's father was buried last Sunday afternoon in Terrell. We extend our deepest sympathy to Pete and family.

THE SICK

Randy Wyatt, young son of brother and sister Joe Wyatt, is still in the Glenwood Clinic. Brother R. M. Mayo is in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Monroe Sublette had surgery today (Thursday) in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Jim Brown is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Squire is in Medical Center Hospital.

Many in the congregation are now ill or recovering from flu and colds.

THE CHURCH RECEIVED several greeting cards from local business firms during the holidays. They were:

- Story-Wright
- Breedlove Nurseries
- James Williams Plbg. Co.
- Martin Engineering Co.
- Jim Kennedy Electric Co.
- Burks-Walker-Tippit

BOLES HOME CHILDREN

The D. C. Jones', Joe Willis', Don Bakers, and Bill Whitworths, all had as their guests children from Boles Home the 28-31. This is so commendable that we deem it worthy of mention. We do not know what all was done for the children, only we learned that the Whitworths took fourteen large dolls to the Home and bought new wardrobes for the two boys and two girls that they kept. It is wonderful to have such warmhearted Christians here. None of these four families know that this is being written. If others kept children in their homes, it was not reported. We would like to know it if you did. D.B.

AREA YOUTH RALLY AT MINEOLA

Attention, all young people! The young Christians at Mineola will be the host for this event on Sunday, January 14 at 2:30 p.m. Make your plans now to attend. You'll be glad you did! We plan to participate in both group and congregational singing. Guest speaker for the occasion will be Mike Montgomery's father, Gary. But don't let that discourage you...there will be more. We shall meet at the building at 1:30 and depart from there. (Refreshments will be served). G.M.

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

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IT IS TIME TO BEGIN PREPARATION FOR OUR MEETING THIS SPRING. IT WILL BE OUR PRIVILEGE TO HAVE BROTHER REUEL LEMMONS PREACH FOR US MARCH 24 THROUGH 29. PRAY FOR THE MEETING!

GUEST SPEAKERS FOR TEACHERS

Next Tuesday evening, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. there is a special treat in store for all persons interested in Christian education. The outstanding program has been especially planned to help us begin our Monthly Teacher's Workshop. All of the congregations in the city have been given a special invitation to attend. Guest speakers will be brother John Spencer from Gilmer and brother C. H. Chance from Dallas. Brother Spencer will be discussing the various audio-visual aids and their use in our Bible School teaching while brother Chance will advise us regarding curriculum, material, and the basic objectives in a teaching program. Every member of this congregation will be blessed by attending! G.M.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our words of encouragement and congratulations to the young men who have been engaged in a study of Congregational Song Directing on Wednesday evenings. They have completed their work and much improvement has been made. Brother Don O'Bannon has been the able teacher for this special class and has done an outstanding job in developing the talents of these young men. Our congratulations for a job well done to both students and teacher! G.M.

THE SUFFERING OF CHRIST

One of the wonderful statements about Jesus is to be found in Heb. 5: 7-9, "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."

This passage of scripture teaches us that Jesus lived in the flesh. While he was God's Son and therefore divine, yet at the same time he took upon himself human flesh. He knew the meaning of hunger, thirst, weariness, suffering, and pain. This great verse of scripture teaches us that when he offered up prayers with strong crying to him who was able to save him from death that the prayers were heard. We realize that the prayers of Gethsemane were heard even though Christ had to drink the cup of suffering. He left the garden of Gethsemane to endure the cross and to face with courage the doing of God's Will in the offering of himself in love for us.

This verse teaches us that Christ learned obedience by the things which he suffered and also that this led to his perfection. We are told in Heb. 2:10 that he was made perfect through sufferings. Jesus' work was not perfect until he had suffered. This does not mean that there was ever a time in the life of Christ when he did wrong. There was never any sin in his life. However his work was not perfect. It was not complete until he had endured suffering. The suffering he endured qualified him to become our high priest and to be able to sympathize with us in all of our sufferings.

Through the ages Christians have had the assurance that Christ, who has suffered, can be with them in their sufferings. Paul tells us that if we suffer with him, we may also reign with him, II Tim. 2:12. It is through the trying experiences of life that we may develop a Christ like character. An old proverb says, "All sun and no rain makes a desert." In our day we hear much about peace of mind but we should be reminded that the symbol of Christianity is not a pillow, but a cross. It is true that Christianity will fill our hearts with peace and joy, but this is in spite of and not because of outward circumstances. Paul was filled with joy even though he endured untold suffering. Christians should not have a martyr complex, neither should they spend their time in pessimism, expecting the worst. However, they should be prepared to accept whatever tribulation they may have and through Christ turn every sorrow into glorious victory of faith.

G.H.S.

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Announcements and
Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
Prayer.....O. C. Becker
Dismiss.....David Hannah

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Fred Strait
Prayer.....J. D. Taylor
Dismiss.....Ted Snipes

RESPONSES
Mr. and Mrs. Harlan C. Parker,
Rt. 1, Wills Point, Texas came Sun-
day in response to the invitation,
Mrs. Parker to be baptized into
Christ and Mr. Parker to confess
faults and ask for prayer.

Sunday evening Jo Ellen Willis
was baptized into Christ and her
mother, Mrs. Joe Willis came asking
for prayers of the church.

Also, Sunday evening Miss Claudia
Parsons came confessing wrongs and
asked for prayer.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Frank Willis
was baptized into Christ by brother
Montgomery. Her address is 2308
Sarasota.

HEAR THESE SERMONS SUNDAY:
A.M. WHAT IS THE CHURCH OF CHRIST?
P.M. WHAT VALUE IS THE OLD
TESTAMENT TODAY?

THANK YOU NOTES
Thank you so much for the many
cards, letters, visits, and food
during the illness and death of Mr.
Pool. Your kindness is appreciated
so much.

Mrs. Eula Pool and family
The flowers, cards, and visits
were appreciated during the time of
the death of my brother.

Mrs. Lilla Tigert
Sister Annie Shotwell wishes to
express her thanks for your visits
and kindness during her illness.

THE SICK
Sister Annie Shotwell will be at
sister Grace Whyte's home while re-
covering from eye surgery.

Mrs. Eula Hoppers is in Mother
Frances Hospital.

Sister Leora Tate is in Mother
Frances Hospital.

Sister Dorothy Manson has been in
Mother Frances for tests.

Sister Irene Taylor hopes to go
home from Mother Frances by Friday.

Little Shane Bennett is now at
home following an appendectomy.

Mr. Lewis Vawter, Jr., a brother-
in-law to sister Pete Wallace is in
Medical Center for eye surgery.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to brother
Robert S. Parris at the death of
his sister, Mrs. Bert W. Burns of
Medford, Ore. She passed away on Wed.

A young cousin to sister Nettie
Potts, Charles Barbosa, III, 10 years
old, was fatally injured in Dallas
and buried Wednesday. We express
our sympathy to the loved ones.

BOOTH AT EAST TEXAS FAIR
An exhibit telling of some of the
work of the churches of Christ in
Tyler is being prepared for the
East Texas Fair. The Omen Road
church is taking the lead in pre-
paring the exhibit with the help of
members of all the congregations.
Be sure to visit the booth when you
attend the Fair next week.

MIXED-UP SUPPER
All college students are invited
to a "Mixed-Up Supper" Friday even-
ing, 7:30 at the Church of Christ
Bible Chair.

McMILLAN APPRECIATION DINNER
On September 30, 7:30 p.m., an
appreciation dinner in honor of
brother and sister E. W. McMillan
will be held in the Town Hall, Big
Town Shopping Center, Highway 80
East at Loop 12 in Dallas. Guest
speakers including Dr. Jack Bates,
Joe Cannon, Dr. Rex Johnston, Presi-
dent Don Morris of Abilene Christ-
ian college, and President Clifton
Ganus of Harding College will il-
lustrate the quality lives of the
McMillans as a Christian family, as
missionaries, as educators, and as
a preaching family. Dr. Ganus will
deliver the keynote address. The
dinner is being planned by the
Ibaraki Christian Foundation, and
brother McMillan's 20 years of
service to the school in Japan
will be highlighted.

If you would like to attend this
dinner, please contact brother,
Stephenson.

RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD
In a day and age when the divine
precepts are being tested by the
restless winds of religious liber-
alism, it is vitally important that
we maintain a firm defense of the
Truth. This can be possible only
when we, as Christians, learn to
"rightly divide the word of Truth."
In Paul's exhortation to Timothy,
these words seem to express a need
for understanding and using the
Word of God in an effective way.
Unless we fully comprehend the
prophetic and glorious scheme of
God's redemption of man, we can
never become truly profitable ser-
vants.

The Bible classes at West Erwin
are planned to aid you in gaining a
greater knowledge of God's Word.
Learning to "rightly divide the
Word is important in your spiritual
life. Be present this Lord's Day
for Bible Classes at 9:30. G.M.

ADDITION TO OFFICE STAFF
Sister Frances McBee has been
added to the office staff at the
church beginning this week. She
will be assisting in various phases
of the work at West Erwin, and re-
place Donna Snipes who has been
with us for a number of months. Our
thanks to Donna for her faithful
work and welcome to Frances.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the 4th
Sunday singing at New Summerfield
Church of Christ, Sunday, 2:30 p.m.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

This is truly a time for rejoicing! Our hearts are overflowing with thanksgiving for the record contribution made last Sunday. We are thankful for the many blessings God has given us and for the prosperity which has enabled the members of the church to make the wonderful contribution to help pay for our beautiful auditorium. Truly we are thankful for the prosperity of our time which enables us to make this fine contribution. I can remember when some of the larger congregations of the brotherhood thought that they were doing well when they had an annual budget of \$15,000, and now in one Sunday we have far exceeded that amount. Not only are we thankful for the prosperity which we enjoy which enabled us to make such a contribution but we are thankful that members of the West Erwin church have had the disposition of mind to give as the Lord has prospered. This shows a love and devotion to the Lord and to the church for which He died. Furthermore, this contribution shows that there is a wonderful spirit of co-operation upon the part of all of the members of this good church. This spirit of co-operation and enthusiasm of the members here will enable the church to look forward to doing greater things for Christ in the future.

We want to thank the many who came by our home last Sunday for our Open House. We were delighted to have so many of you to call upon us. We want you to feel free to visit with us on other occasions as well. Not only were we pleased with the large number who came from Tyler, but we were also delighted to have many of our friends come from out of town. At this time of the year we are made to realize how wonderfully we have been blessed by knowing Christian people many places. We appreciate more than we can say the many cards you have sent to us and the other expressions of love you have given to us during these days. We are truly thankful that we are privileged to work with you at West Erwin and we pray that the future will be a time of spiritual prosperity for all of us. I would like to express to each of you the sentiment of the prayer recorded in III John, verse 2, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth."

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"Seven days without prayer and Bible Study makes one weak."

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Youth Class, Sun. Afternoon..... 36

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer..... Ron Beard
Prayer.....Gerald Stephenson
Dismiss..... Jay Bynum

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer..... Louis J. Jones
Prayer Mike Warner
DismissTerry Stephenson

RESPONSES

To Be Restored: Rodger Young and
Betty Beard.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Dovie Norsworthy's brother,
Mr. Weldon Beasley, of Hialeah, Fla.
is seriously ill following a stroke.
She requests the prayers of the
church in his behalf.

Sister Ernest Pickle is in Medi-
cal Center Hospital for tests.

Mrs. Charles Lemons is in Medical
Center for tests.

Mr. Jerry Caudle has been in the
Glenwood Hospital.

LISTEN TO KTBB 12:30 NOON

SINGING - WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Everyone is urged to be present
on this coming Wednesday night,
December 25, for the annual singing
of the congregations in Tyler. We
are pleased that this year is the
time for the West Erwin church to
serve as host for this annual
period of fellowship and worship.
No doubt many of our members will
be out of town, however, many will
have relatives and friends visiting
with them on that day. We hope
that many will come to meet with
other Christians in Tyler and par-
ticipate in the singing. The time
will be 7:30.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. - "What Think Ye Of Christ."
P.M. - "Little Things."

ONE WAS ANDREW

In the Greek, the word "Andrew"
means "strong man." How the Lord's
Cause needs many "Andrews." Andrew
was willing to find first his own
brother, Simon. He was a man of few
words - his message to Simon was
simply this: "We have found the
Messiah." (John 1:41). Consider the
effect of these FIVE WORDS upon the
history of mankind! Phillip, too,
was a man of few words - "Come and
see" was his challenge to Nathanael
(John 1:46). Consider this thought
"A word fitly spoken is like apples
of gold in network of silver!" (Prov-
erbs 25:11). WHY NOT INVITE SOMEONE
TO THE SERVICES OF THE CHURCH?

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

Attend Bible Class,

YOU NEED HIM

Every Sunday, 9:30 a.m. is a
special time set aside for Bible
Study. Much work is done through
the week to ready the classrooms,
and the teachers prepare lessons
beneficial to the spiritual growth
of those who come. With all of these
efforts to teach God's Word ef-
fectively, it is very discouraging
to the teachers and difficult to
understand why so many refuse this
opportunity to learn more of God.

None would deny that it is good
to study the Bible. Can you not see
that failure to attend Bible study
is sin. (James 4:17) Your refusing

to attend not only separates you
from God, but, also says to Him, "I
know all I need to about you, Lord,
so just keep blessing me."

If you really knew all you need
to, you would realize that he can-
not continue to bless you if you
refuse to follow His Will. (II Tim.
2:15) He will not welcome one to
Heaven who has not welcomed His
word into their lives. Why not
come and take your place in Bible
Study Sunday morning so the Lord
will have a place for you in
heaven. You need Him. -Ron Beard

WHAT WOULD YOU THINK. . .

If the Lord loved the Scriptures
so much that - - -

When He was 12 years old, He knew
enough Scripture to answer the
questions of religious leaders.

When tempted, He refused a n d
quoted Scripture as the reason why.

When asked to read at His home
synagogue, He knew where to find
the proper passage.

When others questioned His reli-
gious conduct, He always used
Scripture as His authority.

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE HAPPY PEOPLE

We see too many sad faces and glum dispositions among God's children.
To long faces and heavy hearts Jesus says, "Let not your hearts be
troubled" and "be of good cheer." Why shouldn't God's people be the
happiest people in all the world? All we have to give us to be Christ-
ians is sin." We have "all spiritual blessings in heavenly places." We
are "sons of God" and "friends" of Christ. We can come boldly to God's
throne of grace. We have been washed in the blood of the Lamb. So wear
a smile and radiate happiness. Happiness attracts others to the Savior.

... Trine Starnes - 20th Century Christian

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

I wish it were possible to have a personal visit with each member of the church every week. Of course, this is impossible, but I would like on this page to visit with you and to talk with you from week to week concerning various activities of the church as well as teaching concerning the Lord and His Will.

It is good to be settled at home after being away for portions of two weeks during the month of October. We were gone on two very important missions. First, I was preaching in a five day meeting with the Tenth and Broad Church in Wichita Falls. As most of you know, I preached for this congregation years ago and was with them when the present building was erected in 1948. It was wonderful to be back for their home-coming meeting and to be associated with many whom we had known and loved in years gone by. There was a measure of sadness as we reflected on those who are no longer among the living but who have gone on to their reward. All in all the meeting proved to be worthwhile and we feel that good was accomplished, especially among some who were restored to their first love after having been out of service in the Lord's work for some time. Then, last week we were in

Norfolk, Virginia making preparation for and participating in the wedding of our second son, David who was married on Saturday, October 19 to Jane Bennett. David and his bride will be moving to Texas in a few weeks.

We are very pleased with the prospects for the future of the West Erwin church. We look forward to the completion of the renovation of the interior of our church auditorium. We are pleased to see the fine interest which is shown upon the part of so many of you. We were encouraged by the fine services we had last Sunday. I am thankful for the sermon which was preached by Gary Montgomery and feel that his lesson was very timely. His lesson was based, as you know, upon Paul's instruction in II Cor. 8:8 when he told the Corinthians to show the sincerity of their love by their giving. If we really love the Lord we would prove it, not only by our giving, but by our consistent service. If we really love the Lord as we should we would be liberal in our giving. We would be faithful in our attendance and we would be diligent in our service. The great need is for greater love which will show as we render greater service for our Lord.
G.H.S.

PLEASE BE SURE TO MOVE YOUR CLOCK BACK AN HOUR ON THIS SUNDAY MORNING. THIS IS THE DAY FOR THE CHANGE FROM DAYLIGHT SAVING TO STANDARD TIME.

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Announcements and
Prayer.....Roger Knight
Prayer.....M. B. Beard
Dismiss.....Cone Birdwell

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Jack Beard
Prayer.....John D. Brem
Dismiss.....Steve Drennan

RESPONSES

Membership: Brother and sister T. G. Bell, 122 Rowland Place came Sunday to be identified as members of the Church. The Bells lived in Tyler a number of years ago and have been living in Wheaton, Ill. We welcome them back to West Erwin. Gary Fox, Rose City Mobile Ranch, and a student at Tyler Junior College also came Sunday to be identified with us. We are very happy to welcome Gary.

Baptized: Five of our young people were baptized into Christ on Sunday. They are all faithful members of the Bible school.

Laurie Rowe, 430 S. Chilton.
Tony Fears, 3423 Martha
Ken Jones, 2419 Devine
David Grier, Rt. 2, Box 28
Mike Willis, 2308 Sarasota

THANK YOU NOTE

I wish to thank everyone for the cards and flowers and the visits from the members of the church and from brother Montgomery.

Mrs. George Meek

GREGG COUNTY CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST

Good crowds, splendid brotherly co-operation, excellent lessons, and fine singing has characterized the beginning of this fine effort by the churches in the Gregg County area. Brother Jimmy Allen will be presenting powerful lessons nightly at 7:30 thru October 27.

A chartered bus from the West Erwin congregation carried supporters Tuesday evening and many have gone at other times. Let's all give our support in this wonderful effort.

G.M.

HALLOWEEN PARTY FOR YOU!

A night of fun and spooks is planned for all young people on the bewitching night, Thursday, Oct. 31. Every teen-ager and college student will want to be present to enjoy this haunted event. Witches' Porridge will be provided for all, so come hungry and dressed in some fitting costume for the occasion. We shall ride on a "stack" of witches' broomstraw from the church building to our destination. Be there and ready at 6:30 p.m. Bring a friend and enjoy the fun!

G.M.

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

Morning: Five Great F's.
Evening: Praying As Jesus Prayed.

BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM

This meaningful statement made by Jesus has been made clearer in meaning during these past few weeks as we have witnessed the manifestation of dedicated and godly parents and teachers.

An excellent number of our young people have obeyed their Lord in baptism and set their sails on the sea of Christian living. Truly the fruits of many years of loving concern is evident in the personal step of each soul. What a wonderful Christian blessing it is to know that such fine Christian teachers are giving their time and ability to instruct children in the way of the Lord. My opportunities to talk with these young people reveals a sound knowledge of God's Will that has been carefully folded into their tender and receptive minds. Such sound and capable teachers of divine principles have provided the purity of faith needed to mold

FUNERAL

Mrs. Ellen Valente, a twin sister to our sister Evalyn Stone passed away Wednesday in Dallas and was buried Friday morning in Garden Valley. We extend our sympathy to the family.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Brother Jess King is recovering nicely from major surgery last week in the Glenwood Hospital.

their spiritual future. Every teacher in each age level has a profound influence on the life of every pupil.

As with every concerned parent, we can also recognize the fruit of loving parents who have given countless moments in "nurturing them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord." The goal of every mother and father ought to be two-fold: namely, a Christian life and a Christian home for each and every child. This will be the fruit of their labors and the joy of their crown. Therefore, every effort must be expended by us to lead them in the paths of righteousness. These young people have been given that kind of guidance in reaching the first plateau. Let it be a moment of counting the Christian joy that is ours as teachers and parents in seeing the young at heart as they "secure their heart" through obedience to the Will of Jehovah.

G.M.

A NEW ARRIVAL

Rex and Queda Walker are the parents of a son born September 28. He weighed five pounds and two ounces, and they have named him Cody Rex. Brother and sister Ross Walker are the grandparents.

NOTE THESE CLASSROOM CHANGES

Sunday Morning: Young Married to 25, from 110 to 107.
Wednesday Evening: New Convert's Class, from 110 to 106.
Sr. High-College Girl's Class, from 106 to 107.

THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD

"And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us: yea, the work of our hands establish thou it." (Psalm 90:17)

The beauty of the world around us and man's ability to appreciate the beautiful are evidences of the existence of a Divine Creator. Man's aesthetic sense is not just something in his sense organs. Dogs hear better than man, but they have no delight in hearing a symphony nor in listening to a beautiful chorus. Birds have wonderful eyes, but they are not the world's great art critics. Where did man's sense of the beautiful originate? Evidently from the God who made a world of beauty which is seen on every hand, whether we look at the sky above us or the earth below us. It is seen in the smallest flowers of early Springtime as well as the giant trees of the forest. Even the icy regions of the poles and the sandy expanse of the deserts have their own peculiar beauty.

The beauty of the Lord is seen not only in nature, but in human life. In spite of the selfishness and greed which is seen on the

earth, yet the world still has its unselfish, generous men and women whose lives are a benediction to others. No beauty is greater than the "beauty of holiness" seen in the lives of God's noble men and women who are dedicated to the service of the Lord and humanity.

Christ exemplified in His own life the splendor and grandeur of the beauty of the Lord. His love for God combined with his love for all men - saints and sinners as well; His compassion; His gentleness; His forgiveness; His courage; all are a part of the beauty of the Lord. We may have the beauty of the Lord in our own lives by surrendering ourselves to Christ. The ugly life of sin may be discarded for the beautiful life of holiness when we come to Christ. Penitent believers are said to be baptized into Christ. In baptism we come into Christ, and we also put on Christ. "For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." (Galatians 3:27). "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" (Rom. 6:3) G.H.S.

BUS TO LONGVIEW ...CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST

Remember the CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST in Longview at the Gregg County Fair Building, October 20-27 at 7:30 p.m. A Chartered Bus will leave the West Erwin building at

6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 22 for all who would like to attend as a group. The cost will be shared by all attending and will be \$1.70 per person. Plan to attend!

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Announcements and Prayer.....R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer.....Charles Graf
Dismiss.....Tommy Lowrance

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and Prayer.....Dick Ferguson
Prayer.....Joe Wyatt
Dismiss.....Truman Langham

RESPONSES

Membership: We welcome brother and sister Averyt Smith and children, Debbie and Kim into our fellowship. They formerly worshipped with the Winewood Hills Church in Dallas. Brother Smith works for Briggs-Weaver, Inc. Sister Smith (Eleanor) is a homemaker. Debbie is a junior in Lee High School and Kim is a 7th grade student in Hubbard. We are happy to welcome this fine family. Their address is 1706 Sybil.

Baptized: Nancy Hannah was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. She is a 6th grade student and the daughter of brother and sister David Hannah. We welcome Nancy.

NOTS OF APPRECIATION

We are so grateful and appreciative for all the personal visits,

prayers, cards, letters, phone calls, and expressions of love shown us at home before going and while in the hospital and also after our return home. Luther isn't feeling as well as we would wish, however we thank our Lord daily for all the many blessings he has bestowed upon us. We want to thank the Glenwood Christians also. We love all our Christian friends, especially at West Erwin. May the Lord bless you all. Luther and Vera Thompson

He said, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you." We feel that He did just this through the many acts of kindness and love that helped us to bear the death of our Mother and grandmother, and there is great comfort in the thought that a loving God knows best.

The Family of Grace Edith Whyte

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Jess King underwent surgery Wednesday morning at the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Zora Lunceford is still a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

SUNDAY EVENING CLASS ...5:00 P.M.

Every young person at West Erwin should be attending this class! If you're in grades 7 thru college, you have an invitation to be present. At present, we are discussing the topic, "Questions People Ask About My Religion." Come and study with us. G.M.

AN INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE

In an age when preparing for unexpected demands seems to be so vitally important, it is also needful that we give thought to our spiritual investments. There are very few who have not insured their lives with some type of financial protection that will reap benefits in the future. But there is a more far-reaching question that we must ask ourselves. What kind of spiritual investment am I making for the future? Concerning our investments, Jesus said, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."

YOUR ATTENDANCE IN BIBLE CLASSES IS A SOUND INVESTMENT IN YOUR SPIRITUAL FUTURE. Our attendance has been below our normal average for the past few Sundays. It may be possible that you have not been able to come. We've been missing you! Teachers have been preparing lessons with care with the hope that you, along with others, would be present for a time of spiritual growth. The facts show that many of our absentees are adults and not children. How can we expect a greater attitude from our young when the older seem to be unconcerned about their spiritual investments in the future?? Remember Jesus' words, "for where the treasure is, there will thy heart be also." INVEST IN BIBLE SCHOOL THIS SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M. G.M.

TEACHERS MEETING SUNDAY EVENING

Our regular monthly Teachers Meeting will be this Sunday evening in the Chapel immediately after services. All teachers are urged to be present for this time of discussion and planning with those who give their time and efforts in teaching the Word. In addition, a special invitation is extended to any member who would like to come and cultivate the desire and ability to teach God's Word. Additional capable teachers are always needed in a congregation of this size and we do want to encourage you to be present. Our guest speaker for this month, by the means of electronics, will be Paul Faulkner, Evangelist and Christian Educator, who will present some very unique ideas about the Christian life. Be present for our period of discussion and planning which will be followed by this very informative and informed speaker. G.M.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Serving the last two Sundays of October: Bob Threadgill, Joe Willis, George Welch, Pete Wallace, and Ben Young. C. B. Hardin, Jr., Ted Snipes, F. J. Parsons, Foy Richey, and Roy Driggers. Alternates are: Harley Turner, Bruce Raley. Sunday evening: R.H. Davis and W.R. Womack.

"I am the Bread of Life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst." John 6:35

REWARDS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

One of the greatest joys we may know is the joy which comes through serving the Lord. If we are true Christians, we will want to serve the Lord regardless of the reward we shall receive, but it is encouraging for us to realize that the Lord richly blesses those who do His will.

The Bible teaches us in Heb.6:10, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward His name in that ye have ministered to the saints and do minister." Also, we are taught in Heb.11:6, "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him."

Jesus is not a hard master. He does not ask us to serve Him because he wants life to be a burden to us. The happiest people are those who are dedicated to the service of God and their fellowmen. The most miserable people are those who are self-centered, unable to see the needs of others. A mother sacrifices for her children, and later she finds her greatest joy in the accomplishments of her own sons and daughters. No one ever performs any act of kindness but that he is blessed more than the one helped.

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DIRECTORY CHANGE--Sister Annie Shotwell's phone number is Ly 3-9880

It is still "more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

It is a joy to work with fellow Christians and a joy to know that we as Christians are workers together with God. "For we are laborers together with God." (I Cor. 3:9) We may be partners with the One who brought order out of chaos and who filled the heavens with the stars when we share in the work of preaching the gospel and building up the church. It is a joy to know "our labor is not in vain in the Lord." (I Cor. 15:58) Christ knows every kind deed we may do and no effort put forth for Him is ever lost. Our greatest investment is the investment of time and talent in the Lord's service.

The deeds we may do as Christians live on after death. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (Rev. 14:13) Then we have the assurance we may enter into a richer service in our heavenly home. "And there shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it: and his servants shall serve him: and they shall see his face, and his name shall be in their foreheads." (Revelation 22:3,4)

G.H.S.

Brother Stephenson and brother Montgomery have been away this week in meetings. They will return this Friday afternoon.

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October 6....\$1,839.00	409
September 29.\$5,398.32	445
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....M. M. Haws
 Prayer.....H. McCarty
 Dismiss.....W. O. Rushing

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Dick Ferguson
 Prayer.....Monroe Sublette
 Dismiss.....Rodger Young

RESPONSES
 Kay Rozell, Restored

THANK YOU NOTES
 Thanks to every one for the phone calls, visits, and cards while I was ill. It is so good to have Christian friends. Mrs. Eula Hoppers
 We shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expression of sympathy.
 The Family of Mrs. Willie Williamson

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES CLASS
 Next Wednesday sister Audrey O'Bannon will teach the Ladies Class. All of the ladies who do not work away from home are encouraged to attend. After class several ladies plan to stay and work on the corsages for shutins.

CONGRATULATIONS
 Mr. and Mrs. Hulén Hulsey are the happy parents of a baby girl born Wednesday morning in Mother Frances Hospital. Dorothy and the baby are doing well.

THE SICK
 Sister George Meek underwent eye surgery Wednesday in Medical Center Hospital. By Friday or Saturday she will enjoy your visit.

Sister David Hannah was in an automobile accident last Friday and has been in Mother Frances Hospital.

Debbie Potts has a broken nose as a result of an injury at school last Friday.

Reagan Phillips was in the Glenwood Hospital briefly. He has a broken arm.

Brother Lester Scogins has been in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

Mr. W.A. Chandler is in the Glenwood Hospital for tests.

OUR SYMPATHY
 We extend sincere sympathy to the family of sister Grace Whyte, who passed away unexpectedly last Sunday evening. She was the mother of sister Ted Snipes. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday by brother Dean Brookshire.

Mr. J. M. Baker, grandfather of sister J. L. Trentham, passed away Tuesday evening in Henderson after a long illness. We express our sympathy to the family.

Our sympathy is extended to sister E. E. Degge in the recent loss of two nephews who died a short time apart.

WHAT HAPPENS AT 12:30 EACH WEEKDAY?
 "Oh," you say to yourself, "there are a number of things going on about that time each day." Perhaps you're eating lunch along with the family or maybe it's about the time you are driving back to work. If you are a teen-ager, it could be right in the middle of your lunch time at school. Well, we're hoping that you remember that a certain congregation of New Testament Christians presents a fifteen minute program of Bible-centered teaching on station KTBB, 600 on your radio dial. Sometimes we just wonder how many of our own members are faithful listeners and encourage their friends to be in the radio audience. Brother George Stephenson is the regular speaker and presents many fine lessons that will spiritually strengthen you every day. His many years of teaching experience bring a wealth of information to the teaching of

God's Word. During his time of absence, brother Gary Montgomery serves as the speaker.
 Surely you realize the efforts that are put forth to present this effective work. The broadcasting time is obtained at a cost of over \$200.00 per month. This work is planned by the elders in an effort to further proclaim the Word. In addition, many hours of study is necessary in the script preparation. It affords you the opportunity of doing personal work at any time by simply encouraging your friends and loved ones to listen. Through your efforts, someone may hear and learn the fullness of God's Word.

We are thankful for the opportunity of presenting this program in the interest of the Cause of Christ. Let's give our full effort in supporting this work of ours!

G.M.
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WHAT WOULD YOU DO?
 What would you do if the Lord took your contribution on Sunday and multiplied it by ten, making that your income for the week? How much would you make? Would you be satisfied with your salary?
 "I'd better start giving to the Lord as He gives to me, Lest he start giving to me as I give to Him."
 ...Reuel Lemmons

YOU ARE INVITED to attend a gospel meeting at the South Main church of Christ in Henderson, Oct. 14-20 at 7:30 p.m. Jay Lockhart, evangelist.

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY-9:30 A.M.
 BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY 1:30 P.M.

A VISIT TO ABILENE

On Thursday of last week I was privileged to go to Abilene with Gary Montgomery, B. E. Bawcom of the Northwest church, and B. E. Baur of the Omen Road church for an all day meeting of preachers at Abilene Christian College. We had a very enjoyable trip although it was tiring since we left here at 4:00 o'clock in the morning on Thursday and arrived back in Tyler about 2:00 o'clock in the morning on Friday. Our day was filled with lectures, classes, and panel discussions in regard to the work of a gospel preacher. The fellowship with some 250 other preachers was very inspirational. I feel that all who were present went away with renewed spiritual zeal and with determination to be more effective workers for the Lord.

In the evening we attended a banquet where Reuel Lemmons served as master of ceremonies and Don Morris, president of Abilene Christian College, was the principal speaker. I was pleased and greatly encouraged by the remarks made by Don Morris in regard to the aims and purposes of Abilene Christian College. I was impressed with his statements in regard to the efforts of the administration to maintain the proper attitude toward the Bible. I have always had the highest regard for the integrity and character of Don Morris. I have always felt that he was one of the finest Christian men I have ever known. I feel that he has always loved the Lord and the church and that his life, in regard to Christian education, has always been to be faithful and true to the Will of God. I was glad to hear brother Morris express words of assurance that the administration and board of trustees of the college endeavor to secure men on the faculty who are loyal to the teaching of the Bible. It is their aim and desire to have only individuals teach in the college who believe the Bible to be God's Word and who recognize that Jesus Christ is the son of the living God. It is good to know that on the board of Trustees of Abilene Christian College, in addition to various professional and business men, there are four gospel preachers: Reuel Lemmons, John Banister, Hulen Jackson, and Robert Bankes. All of whom are sound in the faith and dedicated to the teaching and preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I feel that those of us who are interested in Christian education can have an amount of assurance that the college will remain true to the Bible with these sound gospel preachers helping to direct the policies of the school.

I left the college with renewed confidence in the school and with a sympathy toward its aims and ideals. I have a personal debt which I owe to Abilene Christian College for all that it has meant to me. It is a human institution and like all human institutions it has made mistakes, but it has also made a wonderful contribution to the (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....T. F. Holland
 Prayer.....W. H. Turner
 Dismiss.....James Phillips

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Glen Warner
 Prayer.....Austin Giesecke
 Dismiss.....Jamon Kirby

RESPONSES - WELCOME

Baptized: Miss Ginger Rozell, Rt. 2, Box 51 was baptized Sunday evening. Ginger is a 7th grade student.
 Restored: Mr. Bill Rozell and Miss Mattie Rozell, Miss Cindy Henderson.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wayne Smith welcome into their home a new baby daughter, one month old. They have named her Julia Kay.

THANK YOU NOTES

I wish to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, visits. They were very much appreciated and needed during my serious illness. Bod bless you all.

Mrs. Dorothy Snipes

Thank you for your visits, cards, flowers and every kindness during

my recent illness and recovery.
 Mrs. J. D. Taylor

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Alice Stephenson will be teaching the women's class on this coming Wednesday morning at 9:45. All of the women of the church are urged to be present to hear Mrs. Stephenson present a lesson which should encourage everyone to be more faithful to the Lord.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

E. V. Rushing will bring the lesson for the auditorium class on this coming Wednesday evening, Oct. 9. We are thankful to have brother Rushing, a faithful gospel preacher, as one of the members of this congregation and hope that a large number will be present to hear him.

OUR VOTE OF THANKS

It was our privilege a couple of weeks ago to hear a gospel lesson presented by brother Ronnie Lowrance, who along with his fine wife, Linda, labors with the Lord's church in Iraan, Texas. West Erwin can be justly proud of the young men from this congregation such as Ronnie who are serving as gospel preachers. Our thanks and encouragement to them in their work.

THE SICK

Brother Luther Thompson is in Medical Center for eye surgery.

Sister Jean Parsons was in the Glenwood Hospital a short time this week.

MEETING IN WICHITA FALLS

I am scheduled to be in a gospel meeting beginning on this Sunday, October 6 to continue through Thursday, October 10 with the 10th and Broad church in Wichita Falls. This Sunday marks the 20th anniversary of the building of the meeting house at 10th and Broad Streets. I was with this church, as the local evangelists, when the building was built 20 years ago and was with them when they met at 10th and Austin Streets previous to this time. It will be a privilege to be back in Wichita Falls for this occasion and we hope and pray that much good will be accomplished in the meeting. We solicit your prayers that much good may be done. G.H.S.

FUNERAL

We extend our sympathy to brother and sister H. C. Williamson in the passing of his mother. Funeral services were Thursday in Gladewater.

A VISIT TO... (continued from back) building up of the kingdom of the Lord here on this earth as it has trained men and women to become leaders in the church throughout the world. In our world today, which is filled with so much teaching contrary to the Bible, it is good to know that we may lend our support to Christian schools where our young people will be associated with teachers who still believe the Bible to be the Word of God. G.H.S.

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

MEETING IN GRAHAM

I will be working with the church in Graham, where I was reared, in a gospel meeting next week, Oct. 7-9. It is a very special privilege for us to be invited to have a part in doing the preaching for this effort. We solicit your prayers for the success of the meeting. G.M.

TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in October: Glen Howard, Ed Bullard, Dalton Jones, David Demic and Mark Ellis. Louis J. Jones, Harold Browning, Howard Ellis, O'Neal Tuel, and Jeff Ellis. Alternates are: Joe McBee and Joe Wyatt. Sunday evening: Bill Howard and Glen Howard, Jr.

CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST

Make plans now to attend the meeting in Longview October 20 thru 27 in the Gregg County Fair Grounds. Brother Jimmy Allen will be the speaker for this campaign.

SERMONS THIS SUNDAY

A.M. "REDEEMING THE TIME"
 P.M. "A SEPARATED PEOPLE"

WHEN YOU HAVE figured out how an employee can do a half-hearted job, disregard the instructions of his boss, miss a week's work whenever the notion strikes him...and still keep his job...You will then know how a Christian can neglect the work of God, skip the worship services, and STILL be called faithful.

WHAT A FAILURE TO GIVE INDICATES

Leroy Brownlow, well known evangelist and author, in his excellent book, **SOME DO'S AND DON'TS FOR THE CHRISTIAN** lists ten things which may be indicated when one fails to give.

1. In some instances, a lack of teaching. We are what we have been taught. One may be a liberal giver or a stingy giver depending on his teaching.

2. In other cases, rebellion toward God. God's law teaches giving (I Cor. 16:2; II Cor. 9:7). The person who understands this and does not obey is guilty of rebellion. He is set on having his own will in contrast to this spirit: "Not my will, but thine be done."

3. That one is religiously lopsided, that he believes the Bible in spots. He thinks the alien has to obey Acts 2:38, but that the Christian does not have to obey I Cor. 16:2. He thinks Christians have to follow the example of assembling on the first day of the week to take the Lord's supper, but that they do not have to obey the command to give. Just what kind of religion is this?

4. A lack of faith in God's Word. We show our faith by our works (Jas. 2:18), rather than by our professions. It is easy to tell what a person believes by what he does.

5. A lack of interest in mission work. The church is to support the truth, for it is the pillar and ground of the truth (I Tim. 3:15). The church must send men out (Rom. 10:13,14), but it cannot do this without finances; therefore, a refusal to give is a refusal to preach the gospel.

6. A lack of interest in benevolent work. The church is the only benevolent institution known to the Bible. The church in Jerusalem had a "daily ministration" (Acts 6:1). Other passages: Eph. 3:21; Col. 3:17. A miserly contribution will force the church to have a minor program of benevolence.

7. A lack of interest in the local church. It takes money to get things which are needed in building up a congregation. To decline to give is equivalent to saying, "Let the local church die." But who wants to live in a community where its influence is not felt?

8. A lack of cooperation. We are to work together (II Cor. 6:1). One may not be able to give much, but all of us together can.

9. A love for money. One may refuse to give because he is a lover of money more than a lover of God (I Tim. 6:10). Covetousness is idolatry (Col. 3:5), and those guilty of it cannot inherit the kingdom of God. (I Cor. 6:10).

10. That you are a poor investor. You are investing your money some way. Roger Babson said, "One dollar spent for lunch lasts five hours. One dollar spent for a necktie lasts five weeks. (Continued inside)

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FAIR BOOTH A SUCCESS

The effort to present the story and plea of churches of Christ in Tyler to the area has been successful in many ways. Hundreds of religious tracts and booklets have been distributed along with many personal contacts made by booth workers. A number of people have already been enrolled in Home Bible study courses. The co-operative effort between Tyler congregations has certainly been a thrilling result. A big "thanks" to those West Erwin members who had a part in its success.

THE SICK

Sister R. M. Mayo is in Medical Center after having eye surgery.

Sister Johnnie Stringer is in Medical Center.

Sister Floyia Payne's sister, Mrs. Zora Lunceford, is in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister A. O. Mayo is now at home after being hospitalized following an accident in her home.

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS MATERIAL

The new booklets for the junior and primary classes are now available in the Teacher's Workroom. The new 20th Century Christian coordinated Wednesday evening material will be used in grades 1 thru 6 and will be a continued study of the Sunday morning themes. Teachers, get your books now and begin an examination of the content. Pre-school teachers will continue with Firm Foundation for this quarter.

G.M.

PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE

As you are able to see, we are experiencing some inconvenience in seating and passing in the auditorium, especially on Wednesday evenings. We all realize that it is due to the remodeling of the auditorium facilities. Because of this, we are asking that all students go directly to the classes on Wednesday evening for the next few weeks. Thanks for your fine co-operation.

NEW CONVERT CLASS TO BEGIN OCT. 6

A special study designed and planned for New Converts will begin on Wednesday, October 11, in Room 110 with brother K. Max Haws and brother M.M. Haws as the teachers. This class is a fundamental study of the Church and the Christian's privileges and responsibilities. A basic understanding of the Bible-centered teachings of the Lord's church on various topics will be emphasized. Every person young or old, who has recently become a member of the church is encouraged to become a regular member of this class. Those young people who are new Christians will be only temporarily absent from their regular class to allow them the opportunity of attending this new class. A regular outline for each student will be used along with charts, visual aids, filmstrips, and other means that will make the study an interesting and profitable one. A letter telling more about this 18 week course will be sent to all individuals who have obeyed the gospel during the past few months.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY EVENING

All of the young people are urged to attend this activity which will be held at the home of Charlene Graf, 1809 Charlotte, immediately after services Sunday evening. Drinks and refreshments will be provided by several of the young people. We're looking forward to a good visit with Charlene, who along with Charlotte Chandler underwent spine surgery last month and will be confined for some time. Everyone had a wonderful time at Charlott's party last week. Plan to go this week!

YOUR HELP APPRECIATED

Occasionally hospital patients from the congregation are not found on the hospital records. If you enter the hospital or know of one entering, a call to the church office would be helpful in making sure no one is overlooked.

WHAT A FAILURE TO GIVE INDICATES
(continued from back page)

One dollar spent for a cap lasts five months. One dollar spent for an automobile lasts five years. One dollar spent in the service of God lasts for eternity." You cannot take your money with you, but you can send it on ahead of you (Matt. 6:19,20). Here is one of the most meaningful epitaphs ever engraved:

What I saved I lost,
What I spent I used,
What I gave I have.

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

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Announcements and
Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
Prayer.....E. V. Rushing
Dismiss.....Bruce Raley

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Louis J. Jones
Prayer.....Charles Graf
Dismiss.....D. C. Jones

RESPONSES

Ann Montgomery was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. Ann is a 6th grade student and a regular member of the Bible school. We welcome her into our fellowship.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for the calls, visits, cards and prayers during my recent illness. Mrs. Janie Chelf

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Willie D. Gaiser.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

10:20 A.M. THREE MARKS OF A GENUINE CHRISTIAN!
6:00 P.M. A REVIEW OF THE NEW TESTAMENT!

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

LET US SHOW OUR THANKS BY OUR GIVING

As the year 1968 draws nearer to a close, all of us should pause to count the many blessings which we have received from our Heavenly Father during this year. All of us should be impressed with the great way that we have been blessed. When we look at the other parts of the world. We should be made to realize that those of us who live in America have the greatest opportunities and the greatest material prosperity to be found in the world. When we see the dark spiritual condition of so much of the world that lies in ignorance and superstition, we are even more conscious of the great blessings we have received in a spiritual way by living in this country where the Bible has been preached and where we have had an opportunity to know about New Testament Christianity.

Our thanksgiving should be more than the saying of words. A wife loves to hear words of affection and appreciation, but the words sound rather hollow when her husband refuses to provide for her and for her family.

Paul wrote to the Corinthians encouraging them to give that they might "prove the sincerity of your love." (II Cor. 8:8) We might well add that our giving will prove the sincerity of our thankfulness as well as the sincerity of our love.

This Sunday, December 15th is the day set aside by the elders to raise funds to pay for the work which has been done on the auditorium of the West Erwin Church building. Surely we are thankful for this work and for the beauty of our building. This is a work which many say has been needed for a long time and which can contribute much to our worship for years to come. All of us should be thankful that we may have a part in helping to pay for this achievement. We are truly thankful that many have already expressed their willingness to make substantial contributions at this time. It is our prayer that everyone will be willing to sacrifice and really show our appreciation to the Lord for his blessings during this year. It will be wonderful to get this work behind us and to enter into the New Year with new challenges and new opportunities to serve Christ here and throughout the world. G.H.S.

ATTENTION LADIES

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class has been dismissed for three weeks. The class will meet again on January 8, 1968

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December 1..\$1,707.86	429
A Year Ago..\$3,732.11	413
<i>Youth Class - Sun. Eve.</i>	<i>36</i>

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....James Massey
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Dismiss.....Ben Young

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....George Stephenson
Prayer.....Jack Beard
Dismiss.....F. A. Jones

THANK YOU NOTES

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Roger Dale Tandy.

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

The Roy H. Guess Family

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Wilma Green is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Glen Warner has been in Medical Center for tests.

Brother Ginn has returned home from Glenwood Hospital.

LISTEN TO KTBB 12:30 NOON - 25

Monday through Friday - 21

Mr. and Mrs. George McCarley
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Vicki Jean
to

Mr. Jimmie Earl Brookshire
on Friday, the twentieth of December
Nineteen hundred and sixty-eight
at seven o'clock
West Erwin church of Christ Chapel
Tyler, Texas

OUR NEW ASSOCIATE MINISTER

It is with much joy that we enter our new work with the West Erwin congregation. We consider it a privilege to be associated with this fine church. May we solicit your aid, especially through prayer, that all of us work together to accomplish much good for the glory of God and the salvation of the lost.
Ron and Iris Beard

A SMILE

A smile costs nothing, but makes richer both its giver and receiver. It happens in a flash, but the memory sometimes lasts forever. It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed, or stolen, and its value to everyone (even its owner) is increased when it is given away. So, if in your daily hurry and rush, you meet someone who is too weary to give you a smile, leave one of yours. For no one needs a smile quite so much as he who has none to give. -Selected

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

10:20 A.M. "Such As I Have." George Stephenson
6:00 P.M. "Prayer." Ron Beard

MIKE WARNER TO SPEAK

Brother Mike Warner and his family will be in Tyler during the holidays. The elders have asked Mike to speak on Wednesday evening, December 18th concerning the work in Scott City, Kansas where he is supported by this congregation. We look forward to having brother Warner speak to us again.

ARE YOU IN BIBLE CLASS?

If you are not presently enrolled and actively attending a Bible class, then much effort for you has been spent in vain.

Money was spent on classrooms. Are you using them? Are you getting any returns on this investment? Not if you are not in Bible class.

Elders have planned and provided the educational Bible courses that fill these rooms. Are you taking advantage of this wonderful opportunity to get a more organized understanding in a planned study of the Bible? Not, if you are not in a Bible class.

Teachers work hours preparing the

MEN SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the last three Sundays in December. Bill Henderson, Monroe Sublette, O'Neal Tuel, Harvey Grier, and F.A. Jones. J.M. Steele, Joe Willis, J.D. Taylor, Ben Young, and J.M. Norris. Alternates: Fred Strait and Eddie Stansbury. Evening, Harley Turner and Ray Womack.

material to study and to stimulate the minds of their students. Have you been receiving the benefits of this preparation? Not, if you are not in Bible class.

Materials are often provided. Are these materials helping you in building up your interest in Bible class.

Much has been done. Prayers are offered that your needs be fulfilled. If you are not actively engaged in Bible study, the whole effort is a failure as far as you are concerned.

Why not accept this invitation to attend. ...Copied

THE VALUE OF ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Many adults do not attend Bible Study regularly and do not feel any obligation to encourage others to attend either. Adults, please give careful consideration to the following.

Adults have the highest capacity and deepest needs.

The destination of students in every other class is the adult class.

Usually, every adult not enrolled in Bible School is lost to the other aspects of church work.

Adults not attending Bible School seldom do much Bible studying at home or at other times.

Our boys and girls will be what adults are!

When adults are enrolled, we gain children. When adults come, children come.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

We are indeed thankful for the completion of the work in our auditorium. The building is very beautiful and should be conducive to an atmosphere of reverence and dignity. Let us all endeavor to make our worship acceptable in the sight of God. "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." (Hebrews 12:28)

We are grateful to the building committee and those who worked with them for a job well done. Brother Ross Walker has devoted many hours to this work, working with the architect, contractors, etc. We are thankful for the co-operation of the members during the time our auditorium was being redecorated. We are glad we were able to carry on our worship during all of these weeks.

With the lovely facilities we now have for worship and Bible study, let us all determine to do more and more for the building of the Cause of Christ at West Erwin. G.H.S.

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OPEN HOUSE

Please remember the Open House planned at the Stephenson Home, 300 Ridgecrest on Sunday afternoon, December 15. Call between the hours of 2:00 to 5:00. Mark this on your calendar. All members and friends are invited.

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OUR VISITORS LAST LORD'S DAY

We are always happy to have guests and hope that you will return often. The following signed visitors cards last Sunday. Among these are some of our college students. Bill Faulkner, Marshall; Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Becker and children, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beard, Chandler; Jerald and Rene Dobbs, Dallas; Julie Rushing, Abilene; Mike Menasco, Abilene; John M. Tammaro, Abilene; Pam Stringer, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Trimble and Cindy, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Randall Grogan and Robby, Dallas; Mrs. D. H. Keys and Sons, Chilton;

RON BEARD - ASSOCIATE MINISTER

We are glad to have Ron Beard to begin his work this week as an associate minister. He will be working with us in visitation, in educational work, and with our various activities for young people. All young people are urged to be present Sunday evening at 5:00 o'clock for the young people's class.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parris, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Willis, Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Travis Aven, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Werner Green, Port Lavaca; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Psencik, Denise and Diane, Temple; Mr. and Mrs. Don O'Bannon, Donnie and Jan. Roscoe; Tom Keith, Abilene, Jerry and Joyce Rhodes, Austin; From Tyler: Mrs. Gloria Hightower and Debbie, Tracy Magness, Jimmy Brookshire, Carrye Davis, Kathy Henderson, Joel Page, Terry Thornborrow, Mrs. Richard L. Harris and Robert Gilmer.

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MORNING EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer...Ross Walker David Demic
Prayer...Fred Strait Ron Beard
Dismiss...W.O.Rushing Wilmer Little

FUNERALS
Brother H. C. Birdwell, brother to our brother Cone Birdwell was buried Monday in Brownsboro.

Brother Ernest Pickle's niece was buried Monday in Athens.

Dr. Ralph Rowe's grandmother was buried in Prescott, Ark. last Saturday.

We express our sympathy to each family and their loved ones.

THANK YOU NOTE

We are grateful for every act of kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our brother H. C. Birdwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Cone Birdwell

REMEMBER, DECEMBER 15TH IS THE DAY SET ASIDE TO PAY THE BALANCE WE OWE THE CONTRACTOR FOR REMODELING OUR AUDITORIUM.

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY
Morning - "What is in Thine Hand?"
Evening - "Criticizing God."

WHAT ARE YOU GIVING
Jesus gave His head for a crown of thorns
He gave His back to the cruel lash
He gave His face to rude human spittle
He gave His shoulders to carry the cross
He gave His hands to be pierced
He gave His blood for the remission of sins
His spirit He gave to God.

What are you giving? Your hands to His work?
Your love to the lost?
Your time in His service?
Your money to carry on His work?

Some day Christ will ask what you gave
What you are giving now will determine your answer
"What I saved, I lost. What I spent, I used.
But what I gave, I have."

DINNER TO HONOR GAYLE AND MARY OLER
A dinner is being held this Friday night, December 6 in Greenville to honor Gayle and Mary Oler for their work with Boles Home. Brother Oler began his work as superintendent of Boles Home twenty-five years ago. Brother Stephenson is one of the speakers who will be paying tribute to the Olers for the splendid work they have done. Brother Stephenson and Ross Walker are both on the board of trustees of the home who are appointed by the elders of the church in Terrell.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 1968

LOAN PAYMENTS
First Federal Sav. & Loan 1,123.50
East Texas Sav. & Loan 111.42
Cooperative Sav. & Loan 75.00
Stephens Parking Lot 100.00 1,409.92

BENEVOLENT AND MISSION
Bible Chair 100.00
Herald of Truth 100.00
Tipton Home 75.00
Boles Home 75.00
Sunny Glen Home 75.00
Local Radio Program 243.20
Mike Warner 540.00
Scott City Radio Program 40.00
Local Benevolent 25.00 1,273.20

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES
Utilities 551.79
Bldgs. & Grounds 157.08
Office Supplies 1,004.43
Bible School Supplies 213.62
Insurance 122.06
Flowers 30.77
Postage 62.00
Auditorium Remodeling 8,377.50 10,519.25

LOCAL SALARIES 2,219.05
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 15,421.42
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION FOR NOVEMBER 7,639.00
EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF CONTRIBUTION 7,782.42
CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET FOR NOV. 101.00
CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR 2,235.81

BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of the month and the time for the regular business meeting. All men of the church are invited to attend at 1:30 p.m.

IN THE HOSPITAL
Sister Earnesene Shuford is in the Glenwood Hospital. She had surgery last Friday.

Brother E. L. Taylor continues to be a patient in the V. A. Hospital in Dallas. His address has been changed to Ward 1, South, Room 149. He would like to express thanks for the cards he has received. Brother Taylor will probably be hospitalized several more weeks.

MONTGOMERY'S ADDRESS
Gary and Sandra's address in Jacksonville is Rt. 2, 902 Sherwood Lane. The church address is Corinth Road Church of Christ, P.O. Box 1509, zip code 75766.
SINGING - DEC. 25th

Remember the singing for all the congregations of the church in Tyler will be the last Wednesday night of the year. The date is Dec. 25th. This is the sixth year for this event and West Erwin Church is the host for this year.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

THANKSGIVING

This is the time of year set aside as a time for thanksgiving. I am thankful that the leaders of our nation have recognized a supreme being and that all blessings have come from Him. We are thankful for the men of the past who helped to make this nation and who recognized that we are dependent upon Almighty God for everything that we have.

The Bible teaches that Christians are to give thanks at all seasons and under every circumstance and condition of life. We are commanded in I Thessalonians 5:18, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." Also, we are taught in Ephesians 5:20, "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." You will observe that we are to be thankful because the Bible teaches and commands it. It is not optional with the Christian. If he obeys the commandments of God, he must be thankful.

The sin of ingratitude is found in our Bible side by side with every kind of evil and immoral act. In the catalogue of sins found in the first chapter of Romans we read, "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." Rom. 1:21.

If we will take time to count our many blessings, we will all be grateful. We should remember the many material blessings that we enjoy as we live in this great country. We should be thankful for our liberty and our freedom. We should be thankful for our homes, for our friends, and for our health.

Christian people are especially grateful for the spiritual blessings which they find in Christ, Ephesians 1:3. We should ever be thankful for the great gift of Jesus to the world and the fact that he has made it possible for us to have eternal life. How thankful we should be that we have the privilege of worship. Many people in the world have not been as abundantly blessed as we have as we live in this great land of freedom and opportunity.

As we pause to count our blessings, I would like to express to you my appreciation for the privilege of serving as the preacher for the West Erwin congregation. You have been very gracious and kind to us since we have moved into your city. We have been encouraged to endeavor to do our best. We dolicit your continued support and prayers as all of us work together to build up the kingdom of God. Let us all be grateful that we have the honor of being "workers together with Him." 2 Cor. 6:1.
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....George Stephenson
Prayer.....M. M. Haws
Dismiss.....Louis E. Jones

SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer..... Gary Montgomery
Prayer.....Roger Knight
Dismiss.....Fred Powell

RESPONSES

Mrs. Frank Wayne Smith (Kay) was baptized Tuesday morning by brother Gary Montgomery. We are very happy to welcome Kay into our fellowship.

NEW WORKER IN OAKLEY, KANSAS

We were very happy to have brother Jim Morrow as our speaker for Sunday evening. The elders agreed to support brother Morrow as the evangelist for the church in Oakley, Kansas. Jim and Linda are a very fine young couple and we are happy to have fellowship with them in the work in Oakley. Also visiting with them from Kansas were Dr. Terry Nelson and Tom Schertz.

TRUCK FROM MEDINA HOME

Please remember the truck from Medina Children's Home will be here the week of December 2-6, to collect the articles we have for them.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Sherrill Taylor is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Robert Parris is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Werner Green underwent eye surgery on Tuesday in Corpus Christi, Texas.

NEW BABY

Mr. and Mrs. David Lynn Hannah are the parents of a baby boy born last Thursday. They have named him Dempsey Darrow. David and Ruth Hannah are the proud grandparents.

AREA-WIDE FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

The area-wide fellowship luncheon for preachers, elders, and any other interested member of the church and their wives will be held in Kilgore at the Streamliner Restaurant at 11:45 a.m. Monday, December 2nd. The meal will be \$1.75.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Sister Judy Brown moved to Dallas last week following a transfer and promotion with the Telephone Co.

Sister Estelle Brown has moved to Huntington, Texas

MEN SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in December: K. Max Haws, Aubrey Payne, Jim Scarborough, Richard Wallace, and Sammy Ellis. Bill Butler, Jr., Lester Scogins, Roy Driggers, Bill Taylor, Dwain Strait. Alternates: L. L. Gann and John Weaver. Sunday evening: R. V. Threadgill and Rodger Young.

OUR FAREWELL TO YOU

It is with hearts filled with a mixture of emotions that we bid our farewell to you. A wave of sadness meets the brightness of tomorrows filled with a wonderful challenge and possibilities of unlimited opportunities to serve the Master. After a number of weeks of careful and fervent consideration, we presented our resignation to the West Erwin elders on November 3. This most difficult decision was reached only after much prayer and observation of the work that Almighty God would have us to be endeavoring to do in His vineyard. It is my desire to again be actively engaged in the daily efforts of local evangelism as well as the opportunities of regular pulpit teaching. No other cause has prompted our decision in any way. Our relationship with the fine elders of West Erwin continues, to my knowledge, to be one of harmony and agreement. In addition, our work with my beloved co-worker, George Stephenson, is a wonderful Christian privilege unmarred by any suggestion of difficulty.

We have accepted the invitation of the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville, Texas to serve as the evangelist for that fine congregation. Our acceptance was preceded by much discussion regarding the Lord's work there and its possibilities. It is our feeling that an unlimited challenge is before us with a fine group of dedicated Christians. I shall be engaged in full-time radio preaching, more extensive meeting work, along with the daily challenges of a more directed effort in the local work. Our plans are to begin our work there on December 8.

Our total relationship with you has been one of Christian inspiration and joy. Almost all of our efforts have required a very close association with many of you with a hope that every endeavor has brought some accomplishment to the glory of the Lord. Some of the finest people anywhere are to be found here and we shall long remember our work together. It has been our desire to give as dedicated and conscientious an effort as possible to each and every task assigned us by the elders. Our thanks to all who were so co-operative in our efforts to accomplish these tasks.

Our humblest prayer before the Heavenly Father is that this good congregation will continue to accomplish even more for the Lord in days to come. May His richest blessings rest upon each of you.

Gary Montgomery and Family

SINGING LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT OF '68

This year will be the sixth year for the singing held annually on the last Wednesday night of the year. It is the West Erwin congregation's turn to host t h i s

praise service for which all four congregations meet together. The date is December 25. We hope to have our building filled.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

THE POWER OF THE WORD

'For the word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword...' (Hebrews 4:12)

God's word has always been a source of power. The Bible teaches that God's word made and upholds the world about us. "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." (Psalm 33:6). "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." (Hebrews 11:3).

Before God's word was spoken, there was neither light nor life. (Genesis 1:2). Just as God's word brought natural life into existence, His word is also the source of spiritual life. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63).

The power of the word is seen in the life of Christ. He spoke to the troubled waters, "Peace, be still, and there was a great calm." (Matt. 8:23). He spoke the word and brought sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and cleansing to the leper. He spoke the word which brought Lazarus, who had been dead four days, from the tomb. Some day, Jesus will speak the word which will restore life to all who are in the grave. (John 5:28,29). The word of the Lord gives strength to all in whom it abides. "I commend you to God and to the word of his grace which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them that are sanctified." (Acts 20:32). We are taught to "receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your souls." (James 1:21).

The Bible contains the word of God. (II Timothy 3:16,17). Good men alone did not write the Bible, because whoever wrote the Bible declared that it was the product of the Holy Spirit. Good men would not have misrepresented. However, evil men did not write it, for it severely condemns evil men, and reveals deceit as low, base, and vile. Human wisdom did not produce the Bible, for it contains so much knowledge that human wisdom did not possess at the time the Bible was written. Text books which were used in schools a generation ago are now discarded and out of date but the Bible contains wisdom adequate for our spiritual needs in our day and in every generation.

If you let God's word find a place in your life and heart, you will find a joy which passes understanding and a hope of a greater life than this.
G.H.S.

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY MORNING, 9:30 THERE IS A CLASS FOR EVERYONE!

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thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy.

The family of Mrs. Ira Hooker

DINNER TO HONOR MONTGOMERYS

A "covered dish" dinner in honor of Gary and Sandra Montgomery will be held Monday evening, November 24, at 6:30. Everyone is invited to bring a dish and to share with others in expressing our appreciation and love for the Montgomerys as they leave us for their new duties in Jacksonville. All eating utensils, napkins, bread and drinks will be provided. Ladies please bring extra serving spoons, knives, and etc.

NEW CO-WORKER

Announcements were made recently to the effect that Gary Montgomery has accepted work with the church in Jacksonville to be their minister. Gary has done an outstanding work with the West Erwin Church and he and his wife, Sandra, will be greatly missed. However, we know that he will do a fine work in Jacksonville and our prayers and best wishes go with him and his family. His last Sunday with us will be December 1.

We are pleased that the elders have secured Ron Beard as a co-worker and fellow-minister. He will begin his work at West Erwin on December 8. Ron has been working with the Ridgley West Church in Fort Worth for the past two years. He has done a good work and we are (continued on next page)

glad that he will soon assume his new duties here. His wife, Iris, has been a teacher in the Fort Worth schools. We look forward to their arrival in Tyler. G.H.S.

ATTENTION, ALL TEACHERS!

Our regular monthly Teacher's Meeting will be conducted this Sunday evening immediately after the evening services. The courses of study for the coming Winter Quarter will be discussed at that time along with other items of interest for West Erwin teachers. All of the material for the student curriculum beginning December 1 has been received and placed in the classrooms with the exception of Wednesday evening 2nd through 6th grades. We have been assured that it will arrive before the time it is needed. Sunday morning teachers should pass out the new material this Sunday, November 24, and give the students adequate time to prepare the first lesson of the quarter.

Our Teacher's Meetings have been well attended in the past and we are looking for a fine number this month. Sister Marian Rowe will present the program for the evening in a presentation and discussion of the new Teacher's Workroom Filing System. Plan now to be present for this important meeting which will be concluded by 8:00 p.m. G.M.

NEW TEACHERS FOR SENIOR GIRLS

Sister Alice Stephenson and sister Bertha Rushing are the new teachers for this Wednesday evening class

which meets in room 107. Various themes are presently being emphasized prior to the selection of new material for the next quarter. I know every young lady in this age group will want to be present for every class. None more capable than these fine Christian mothers could have been chosen. Our thanks to sister Jane Jones and sister Molly Ferguson for the fine work that they have done in the past.

TRUCK FROM MEDINA

The grocery truck will arrive from Medina Children's Home during the week of December 2-6, to pick up such groceries and items that we have for them. The following is a list of items needed:

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| Detergents | Crisco |
| Spray Starch | Tea |
| Coffee | Powdered Sugar |
| Canned Chili | Bath Towels |
| Ladies' Hose | Comet |
| Oven Cleaner | Sugar |
| Canned Meat | Twin Bed Sheets |
| Candy | (fitted) |
| Cash for operating expenses | Gifts for Christmas |

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Sara Stringer and sister Clara Sims are in Mother Frances. Sister Sherrill Taylor, sister A.O. Mayo and sister Zora Lunceford are in Medical Center. Mrs. Bill Manning is in Mother Frances. The Mannings are the parents of a new son. She is the daughter of brother and sister J. B. Gray.

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 Prayer.....C. B. Hardin, Jr.
 Prayer.....R. H. Davis
 Dismiss.....L. L. Gann

RESPONSES

Mr. W. V. Crossman, 3102 Hallmark Place, was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. We are happy to welcome brother Crossman into our fellowship.

FUNERALS

Mr. Roy Guess, brother to sister Bernice Majors, was buried last Saturday in Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. Horace Blanton, a cousin to brother B. E. Walker, was buried on Tuesday in Newcastle, Texas.

Mr. McGhee, brother-in-law to brother Bill Butler was buried last Monday in Tyler.

Brother Stephenson conducted the funeral services for his cousin in Collinsville last Thursday.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Gratefully acknowledging and

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

We are very thankful for the number who have responded to the invitation since August 1. A total of 46 have come forward, including 19 who have been baptized into Christ. 17 have confessed wrongs and 10 have placed membership. One who placed membership also was restored. We should be encouraged by all of these who have had the courage to respond to the invitation. Let us be working to win others. G.H.S.

Our women have been doing a very fine work. Numbers have worked each week in the house on Elm Street preparing materials and serving for others. They have distributed some 400 attractive corsages which they gave to the patients in the East Texas Tuberculosis Hospital. Last week our women also called on 22 of our shut-ins. They are continuing in this and other fine works. Thanks, all of you, for all you do in the Lord's name. G.H.S.

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SINGING WITH MEANING

As New Testament Christians striving to follow the Divine pattern, we are instructed by example and command to sing. A study of the history of mankind indicates that man has always expressed deep feelings and emotions through chants and vocal inflections. Singing is a meaningful expression of man's concern and emotional involvement. When we sing as God's children offering up to our Heavenly Father the expressions of our heart, we should make every effort to "sing with the spirit and the understanding." Doesn't it seem strange when you can look about you during worship and see individuals who are supposed to be "singing and making melody in their hearts to the Lord" gazing about the auditorium in an unconcerned manner?? It's an insult to our Glorious Lord when people give a half-hearted effort in the congregational singing. Let us truly understand what we sing and then apply the spirit of Christian dedication to every song. These few suggestions are important for every Christian to consider: (1) First of all, watch and follow the song director. (2) Sing every song. (3) Meditate on the words you sing. (4) Let your voice be lifted in true feeling. Sing every word like you mean it! (5) Sing for no One except God, yet sing with everyone! (6) Sit with the congregation, not away from everyone else. YOUNG PEOPLE, sit near the front and sing with meaning. G.M.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Gary Montgomery
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Dismiss.....Bill Shuford

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....M. B. Beard
Prayer.....Averyt Smith
Dismiss.....Louis E. Jones

RESPONSES

Marty Stitt and Terry Willis were both baptized into Christ last Sunday evening. Marty is in the 6th grade and Terry is in the 3rd. We are happy to welcome these young men. They are both regular in Bible school attendance.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Christian Friends,
May we express our deep appreciation for those who came to the hospital at the time of Jesse's emergency surgery and for the visits, prayers, cards, phone calls and many other expressions of love during his illness. He is doing nicely now and we are thankful for our many blessings and Christian friends. In Christian love,
Jesse and Theo King

We appreciate the flowers, cards, prayers, and words of comfort at the time of the death of my father.
Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Parsons

FUNERALS

Mrs. Henry Walker, aunt of brother L. G. Drennan was buried last Sunday at Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. A. B. Hays was buried last Friday in Vernon, Texas. She was the aunt of sister J. D. Brem, sister T. F. Holland, sister Carl Bell, and sister Percy Tate.

Sister Annie Shotwell's sister, Mrs. Maggie Hooker, died Tuesday in Cisco, Texas. The funeral will be Thursday in Cisco.

GUEST SPEAKER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Brother Ron Beard, youth director for the Ridglea West congregation in Ft. Worth, will be the speaker for the young people's class meeting at 5:00 this Sunday afternoon. Brother Beard is well-known in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area for his outstanding work with young Christians and will surely bring a fine lesson for all. Young people, be present at 5:00!
G.M.

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

A covered dish dinner is planned for the evening of Monday, November 25, at 6:30 in the Garden Center Building. Mark your calendar now and plan to be present.

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THE SICK

Brother E. L. Taylor is a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Dallas. His address is Ward 1-North, Room 108.

Sister Zora Lunceford is in Medical Center Hospital.

MEN SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in November: Averyt Smith, Frank Willis, Kenny Browning, Mike Willis, and Gary Willis. Henry Holland, Henry McRuiz, Jay Bynum, Mark Whitworth, and Kim Smith. Alternates are Jamon Kirby and Fred Powell. Sunday evening: Tommy Lowrance, and Ralph Lowrance.

BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS NEW QUARTER

The Winter Quarter of study will begin on Sunday, Dec. 1. Materials for each class have arrived and can be picked up in the Teacher's Workroom. Teachers, get your literature and begin now to plan your work for this new period of study. Check your materials to be certain that needed items are there. If additional items are needed, please advise sister McBee at the church office. Let's get a headstart in this new quarter. The Wednesday evening material is late in arriving, but we have been advised that it will be available next week. G.M.

PANTRY NEEDS

Canned meats of any kind, dried beans, peas, rice, macaroni and spaghetti.

MEMORIAL

The following books have been purchased for the church library in memory of sister Grace Whyte. These books have been given by her children. They will be catalogued and placed in the library very soon. Mary and Martha, by Lottie Beth Hobbs; You Can Be Beautiful by Lottie Beth Hobbs; Survey Course In Christian Doctrine, Vol. III & IV by C. C. Crawford; Letters To Karen by Charlie Shedd; Alternative To Futility by Elton Trueblood; Daughters of Eve by Lottie Beth Hobbs; The Gospel of Mark by Johnson and Welt; Thinking Through Thessalonians by Wilbur Fields; Romans Realized by Don DeWalt; Studies In The Revelation by C. H. Roberson; Commentary on Romans by Whiteside; The Glorious Church by Fields; Hereby We Know by C. R. Gill; Genesis-Vol. Two by C. C. Crawford; Commentary On The Gospel of Matthew by Coffman; Great Preachers of Today Series (six books with sermons of the following preachers: Willard Collins, M. Norvel Young, Athens Clay Pullias, George W. Bailey, Gus Nichols, and Jim Bill McInteer.

LUNCHEON AT BIBLE CHAIR

The ladies of West Erwin will prepare and serve luncheon for the students at the Bible Chair next Thursday. Brother Stephenson will speak for the devotional. Many thanks to the ladies for their help.

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

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

THE SIN OF COVETOUSNESS

Covetousness is condemned in both the Old and New Testament. The last one of the Ten Commandments was a prohibition against coveting. (Exodus 20:17). In the New Testament, covetousness is classified as idolatry and is associated with some of the most terrible crimes. Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." (I Corinthians 6:9-10).

To covet is to have an inordinate desire to possess that which belongs to another. The word "covetousness," as used in the New Testament, often refers to a wrong attitude toward money and other material possessions. In teaching against covetousness, Jesus told the parable of the rich farmer whose barns were not adequate for the abundant harvest with which he had been blessed. (Luke 12:15-21). The rich farmer wanted to tear down his old barns, build new ones, and then say to his soul, "Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry." However the Lord told him, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou has provided?" Jesus did not teach that it is a sin to be rich; neither did He teach that it is a sin to provide for the preservation of crops. However, the rich farmer sinned in that he forgot both God and his fellow man in all of his plans. He also made the blunder, which is too common with all of us, in thinking material possessions will satisfy the needs of our soul. Furthermore, he was wrong in thinking he had a lease on life. Each one of us should live conscious of the fact that life is uncertain and that death may come any day.

It is wonderful to know that God has richly blessed America with material prosperity. Money may be a blessing or it may be a curse. It may be used to help the needy, to preach the gospel, to endow colleges, and to spread good will throughout the world. But money may also bring tragedy and the loss of our souls. "But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition." (I Timothy 6:9)

Covetousness is a cancer of the soul. Let us pray that we may have the proper attitude toward material blessings, whether we are rich or poor. Let us be thankful to God for all He has given us. Let us do away with envy toward others. Let us use our possessions in a way which will bless others, honor God, and which will lay up for ourselves "treasures in heaven." (Matthew 6:19-20)

G.H.S.

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WEDNESDAY

Ladies' Bible Class	9:45 A. M.	Bible Classes	7:30 P. M.
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....Gary Montgomery	
Prayer.....Jim Scarborough	
Dismiss.....Frank Willis	
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....Dalton Jones	
Prayer.....Mack Bynum	
Dismiss.....Odell Malone	
RESPONSES	

Mrs. Glenda Brumley, 316 S. Mahon came Sunday to be restored and to be identified with the West Erwin Church. We are happy to welcome sister Brumley.

THANK YOU NOTE

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of J. A. Raley.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister W. H. Turner is in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Glenda Yowell is in Glenwood Hospital following surgery.

FUNERAL

Mr. E. A. Parsons, father of our brother T. J. Parsons, passed away Wednesday evening in Dallas. At this writing arrangements are incomplete. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

WHAT KIND OF SEED ARE YOU SOWING?

Our blessed Lord taught many wonderful and meaningful lessons by the use of practical every-day comparisons. In the 13th chapter of Matthew, Jesus proclaims a number of powerful messages to the great multitude of people gathered at the seaside. As one considers these earthly stories with heavenly meanings, he is able to gain many great lessons for the life of the individual Christian. By the way, what kind of seed are you sowing?

A very old and dear song that we sing inquires of the hearer, "Are you sowing the seed of the kingdom, brother?" It is indeed fitting to think of our work as Christians as the planting of seed, spiritually speaking. The religious perils of today's world make it imperative that we sow the seeds of kindness, love, peace, truth, and those other qualities that will help to produce true Christians in His field. To the pious Pharisees, Jesus said, "Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up." Every Bible class teacher along with every parent must strive to sow the seeds of genuine Christian faith and love in the minds of each student and child. If we plant the proper seed and allow others to water, then God will surely provide the increase. (I Cor. 3:6)

For just a moment, let's all become "inspectors" of the seeds that we scatter in this congregation as its members. Are we sowing seeds of (continued next page)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER, 1968

LOAN PAYMENTS

First Federal Sav. & Loan	\$1,123.50
East Texas Sav. & Loan	111.42
Cooperative Sav. & Loan	75.00
Stephens Parking Lot	100.00
	<u>1,409.92</u>

BENEVOLENT AND MISSION

Bible Chair	100.00
Herald of Truth	100.00
Tipton Home	75.00
Boles Home	75.00
Sunny Glen Home	75.00
Local Radio Program	222.40
Scott City Radio Program	40.00
Mike Warner	540.00
Omen Road Church (Fair Support)	50.00
	<u>1,277.40</u>

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	459.15
Bldgs. & Grounds	75.63
Office Supplies	51.48
Bible School Supplies	270.75
Insurance	103.76
Flowers	29.66
Postage	52.00
Ridgecrest Residence	71.82
Auditorium Remodeling payment	6,435.00
	<u>7,549.25</u>

LOCAL SALARIES

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR OCTOBER	12,262.07
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR OCTOBER	7,359.55
EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF CONTRIBUTIONS	4,902.52
CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET FOR OCT.	380.45
CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR.	2,134.81

WHAT KIND OF SEED?... criticism, envy, jealousy, indifference, and others that would cause only tares of worthlessness to spring up in the kingdom? Ours must be a bag of Christian seeds of Christlikeness that will bring forth a bountiful harvest. G.M.

WEDDING

Gene Heath and Miss Carrollyn Green were married recently and are now making their home in Kaufman, Texas. We extend our best wishes for a long and happy life.

THERE IS A NEED for hand soap at Medina Children's Home. If you can help, bring any kind of hand soap and place it in the barrels in the educational building.

BUSINESS MEETING for all men, Sunday, 1:30 P.M. The Deacons will meet after the regular business meeting.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY
If Christ Be In You.
An Angel of Light.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

PLEASING GOD

Paul said, "For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." (Galatians 1:10)

The primary aim of every individual should be to do that which pleases God. However, it is possible that we sometimes desire to do that which pleases us or that which pleases our fellow man in the realm of religion. We are often told to "join the church of your choice." The idea seems to be held by many that whatever we decide to do in a religious way will surely gain the favor of God. We should remember that God's ways are not man's ways. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." (Isaiah 55:8) The wise man said, "There is a way which seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of

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FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

There is to be a fellowship luncheon of the preachers, elders, and other interested ones, and their wives on this Monday, November 4 at the Carriage House Restaurant, 2500 E. Fifth St., at 11:45 a.m. We are hoping that a large number from this area will plan to attend. The cost will be \$1.50 per person including the tip.

death." (Proverbs 14:12)

When Samuel went to the house of Jesse to anoint someone to be the successor of the rejected King Saul, Samuel might have selected someone other than young David. However, God told Samuel, "Look not on his countenance, nor on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." (I Samuel 16:7)

God did not leave it to uninspired man to produce a Bible nor to devise a plan of salvation. It was not left to us to plan our own system of worship. Our belief is that true religion came not by evolution but by divine revelation. Let us not try to arrange something which happens to please us in religion, but let us endeavor to do those things which please the Lord. Let us also remember that God's plan was designed for our own good and eternal happiness. G.H.S.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

Brother Stephenson will preach this Sunday morning on the topic, "Christ's Prayer For His Disciples." Gary Montgomery will be speaking at the Sunday evening hour. "How Can We Know The Way?"

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Announcements and
Prayer.....Joe McBee
Prayer.....Glen Howard
Dismiss.....Ralph Lowrance

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Roy Roberson
Prayer.....Foy Richey
Dismiss.....Bill Henderson

RESPONSES
Restored: Charles Cooksey
Baptized: Scott Ferguson, Rt. 7,
Box 120B, came Sunday to be baptized
into Christ. Scott is in the 8th
grade. We are very happy he has
obeyed the gospel.

THANK YOU NOTE
We are grateful and express our
appreciation for the beautiful
flowers, your kindness, and other
expressions of sympathy during the
loss of our loved one.
The Family of Mrs. Ellen Valente
Mrs. Evalyn Stone and Family

PANTRY NEEDS
We need to re-stock our pantry.
This week bring canned meat.

THE SICK
Sister Claudia Parsons is in the
Glenwood Hospital.

Brother Ken Bennett is in Mother
Frances Hospital.

Brother Jess King is convalescing
from surgery. He is at home.

Brother Larry Mackey continues to
undergo tests at John Sealey Hospi-
tal in Galveston. Sister Elva Lee
Mackey is in Galveston with him.
Your prayers are important at this
time.

TEACHER TRAINING COURSE
The Omen Road congregation is
presenting a series of lectures on
effective Bible Teaching with Jay
Lockhart, evangelist for the Glen-
wood congregation, as the speaker.
These very informative classes are
being conducted on Sunday evenings
at the Omen Road building and will
continue for a period of ten weeks.
Lesson number 2 entitled, "The Abun-
dant Life" will be presented this
Sunday, November 3, at 7:30. Every
teacher is encouraged to attend and
hear these fine lessons by a very
capable servant of the Lord. G.M.

MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER
The following men will serve the
Lord's Supper the first two Sundays
in November: M. B. Beard, Jack
Bennett, Guy Potts, Steve Drennan,
and David Grier. Glen Warner, W.O.
Rushing, Jim Willis, Gary Fox and
Scott Ferguson. Alternates are:
H. McCarty and Mark Cauthen. Sunday
evening: Jack Beard and J.D. Taylor.

HOW GREAT IS THE NEED?
The eternal purpose of the Lord's
Church on this earth is that of
SAVING THE LOST and KEEPING THE
SAVED SAVED. Every concerted ef-
fort made by the West Erwin church
is directed toward the achievement
of these goals. Our mission work,
benevolent program, local evangelis-
tic efforts, planned Bible classes,
and other endeavors all center
their purposes on the saving of
souls. The Son of God came with a
single task, "to seek and save that
which was lost." Ours, as followers
of the Master Teacher, should be no
different. Yet some may ask, "How
great is the need?" It is typical
in the average Christian to assume
that too much fanfare is made about
attending Bible classes. But a quick

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JOURNEY TO ETERNITY
The Journey To Eternity With
Christ Campaign conducted in Long-
view came to a close last Sunday
night. We are very thankful to
know of the results of the meeting.
There were large numbers in at-
tendance each night to participate
in the song service led by Paul
Epps and to hear the preaching by
Jimmy Allen. A total of 150 re-
sponded to the gospel invitation
including 40 that were baptized in-
to Christ. A wonderful fellowship
prevailed among all the Christians
who attended the meeting. No doubt
good will be accomplished in months
ahead as a result of contacts which
were made during the time of the

and frank survey of our 20th Cen-
tury would reveal an urgent need
for Christ!
Let the facts speak for them-
selves. Recent reports indicate
that while you slept last night
5,077 people died, 13,785 arrests
were made, 2,895 of those arrested
were eighteen, 241 persons were
sentenced to prison, 2,359 were
committed to mental institutions, 4
persons became addicted to drugs, 1
of these was under twenty-one, 62
persons killed themselves and 28
were murdered. Yes, OUR WORLD NEEDS
CHRIST AND YOU NEED TO GIVE GREATER
ATTENTION TO HIM IN YOUR LIFE. Be
present at 9:30 this Sunday for
Bible classes! G.M.

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meeting. We are thankful that many
members of the West Erwin church
were able to attend one or more
times during the meeting. G.H.S.

AN EARLY INVITATION
The Stephensons' are planning to
have an open house on Sunday after-
noon, December 15. While this is a
long time in the future, we hope
that all of you will be marking
your calendar so that you will be
able to come to the Stephenson home
at that time.

"Rings and jewels are not gifts
but apologies for gifts. The only
true gift is a portion of thyself"
...Emerson