

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Another year and another decade are now passing into history and now we are faced with the responsibilities, tasks, and privileges of a new year. As we face the new year, may I suggest to you some of the things that I feel we should do in 1970.

1. We should study our Bibles more. No Christian can grow spiritually without a knowledge of the Bible. Why not plan to read the Bible through this year? Be sure also to be in a Bible class every Sunday.

2. We should have more family prayer and devotion. Many families never pray nor study God's Word together. Some church members do not even take time to offer "thanks" before their meals. There is a booklet, "Power For Today" which is used by many families to help them in their daily devotionals. May all of us endeavor to make our homes truly Christian this year.

3. May each one of us have a keener sense of our own responsibility in supporting every activity of the church. May all of us realize that the church cannot succeed in its mission if members of the church do not attend and do not support the work which is planned by the elders. You are needed on Sunday nights, Wednesday nights and at other times as well as Sunday mornings.

4. We should spend more time in visitation. There are many who need our visits - the shut-ins, the strangers, the discouraged, and others. But we need to visit also for the good it will do us.

5. We should determine to give more to the Lord in the coming year. Genuine love always gives. God loved and gave His son. The church has responded in a wonderful way to financial appeals in the past, but we should never be content to rest on our past accomplishments. Think of the power the church could have if every member gave just one dollar out of every ten the Lord has given us!

6. We should seek to win souls for Christ. May every Christian realize that he has been saved in order that he might save others. No greater happiness will ever be yours than when you lead some soul to the Lord. We commend the personal work class taught by Brother Caskey and all other efforts to cause us to be more effective soul winners.

7. We should love one another more fervently. May our love cause us to have more sympathy, understanding, and patience with others. May we truly bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Finally, let me say that I am most grateful to be your preacher. There are many wonderful people in the West Erwin church and we appreciate the many good things you have done for us. May we all work together that this year, with the Lord's help, may be a great year in the Master's service.

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December 28...\$1,697.94	366
December 21...\$1,907.71	410
A Year Ago...\$2,204.76	365

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Bob Threadgill
Prayer.....	Don Johnston
Dismiss.....	Fred Powell

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	R. H. Davis
Dismiss.....	Wayne Fears

RESPONSES

We are happy that Denton Phillips, 630 Barbara, was baptized into Christ Sunday evening. He is the son of brother and sister James Phillips. He is in the 4th grade.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for the cards, gifts, visits, and the fruit basket during the holidays.

Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy

Thank you for the cheer basket, the many visits, and greeting cards during the holiday season. Your thoughtfulness is most appreciated.

Mrs. Evalyn Stone

I appreciate so much the basket of fruit, the pretty container of cookies and candy from the Ladies' Class, and the card from the 4th grade class.

Mrs. Alice Long

Thank you for remembering me with the fruit basket during the holidays and also for the lovely can of cookies and candy from the Ladies' Class. Mrs. E. L. Taylor

Many thanks for the remembrances of me with the lovely fruit basket, the can of cookies from the Ladies' Class and the treasured card from the 4th grade class.

Mrs. Susan Johnson

CONGRATULATIONS

A baby girl has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miles in Columbia, La. The mother is the former Sherryl Lemons. Brother and sister Charles Lemons are the happy grandparents.

OUR SYMPATHY

An uncle of sister Vannie Lee was buried recently in Marshall, Texas.

Funeral services for brother R. L. Trentham's sister were held recently in Tennessee.

We express our deepest sympathy to each of the families and their loved ones.

SHARING WITH OTHERS

Boxes of clothing, food and toys were given to six needy families during the holidays. Some 32 children are much happier than they had expected. Their joy was only possible because of those of you who cared enough to give of time and possessions. Those who delivered the gifts to these families say it is impossible to measure the appreciation shown.

THE SICK

Sister Bessie Willis underwent surgery Monday morning in Glenwood Hospital.

Brother Leo Prater recently suffered a heart attack and is now in the Cotton Belt Hospital in Texarkana, Arkansas, Room 210-A. He will be hospitalized in Texarkana for two or three weeks.

MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in January: Wayne Berryman, O'Neal Tuel, Lester Scogins, Tony Fears and Gene Gill. Ray Womack, Gus Krewall, Jim Norris, Sammy Ellis, and Marty Stitt. Alternates are Louis E. Jones and Glen Howard, Jr. Evening: J. D. Brem and Glen Warner.

THE TARDY SHOULD WATCH THE USHERS

Picture the scene at the neighborhood church in Oakland, Calif, during Sunday evening services. The sermon was under way, and back at the door was Glenn Jackson, who had been busy trying to keep a small but friendly dog from getting inside. Halfway through the services the door opened, and a man and woman started to tiptoe in. Jackson spotted the little dog, and gave a halfhearted kick at the dog -- but missed and caught the woman square on the shin. She doubled up in pain and began rubbing her leg. Then, before Jackson could apologize, she looked up and said, "I'm sorry we're late, we're from out of town."

...Via the Henderson Herald

INDIA FOR CHRIST

Brother Everett R. Anderson of Dallas recently spent 100 days in India preaching and teaching. More than ten thousand were baptized. In a two-day meeting they were expecting 1,000 people to preach to, but 22,000 came, at which time 6,300 were baptized. One day seven men baptized 3,000 in two hours and fifty minutes. Who said the apostles could not baptize 3,000 in one day? Acts 2:41. ...Avis Wiggins Via Overton Bulletin-Nov. 6, '69

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, JAN 4
10:20 A.M. "The Changing and The Changeless."

6:00 P.M. "Why Be A Member Of The Church of Christ?"

"STRAIGHTENED OUT"

A story is told of a certain member who moved into a new community. He was visited by the preacher and was invited to church services, unto which he replied, "as soon as I get straightened out." Many times he gave this answer. But he was a man of his word, sure enough as soon as he was "straightened out" he came to services, but for the last time for he was a corpse.

Men ought to come to church services to get "straightened out" SPIRITUALLY. You know, a person can wait too long and become too dead.

Now Read Hebrews 10:25

BEST WISHES DURING THIS SEASON

At this very special time of the year, we want to join hands in extending Season's Greetings to all members of the West Erwin congregation. We enjoy our work with you in the Lord's cause and consider it a great blessing and opportunity to work with you. God bless each one of you.

George Stephenson

Ron Beard

Nelda Browning

Frances McBee

Bill Butler



AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR, TOO.

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December 14..\$16,972.18456
December 7..\$ 2,178.43450
A Year Ago...\$ 1,700.66435

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
Prayer.....T. F. Holland
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Dismiss.....Travis Fletcher

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Prayer.....H. McCarty
Dismiss.....Fred Strait

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21

10:20 A.M. WHY WAS JESUS BORN?

6:00 P.M. WHY I BELIEVE THE
MIRACLES OF THE BIBLE

THANK YOU NOTE

We want to express our appreciation for so many interested Christian friends -- for your kindness, words of encouragement, and especially your prayers for our mother, Mrs. Walker. Her condition remains the same at this time.

Audrey O'Bannon and my
Seven Sisters & Brother

FUNERAL

Funeral services were held Thursday in Tennessee for Mr. Louis Green. He was an uncle of brother Jim Franklin. We express our sympathy to the family.

The Children of
Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Cox
request the pleasure of your company
at a reception

honouring their parents'

Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary
Saturday, December the twenty-seventh,
nineteen hundred and sixty-nine
Church of Christ Campus Christian Center
Fourteen Fifteen South Baxter

Tyler, Texas

2:00 to 5:00 o'clock in the afternoon
no gifts please

WILL YOU HELP?

There is an urgent need for the following items: Clothes for all ages of boys, clothes for large men, especially work clothes, maternity clothes, books, games, and usable toys. If you can help supply some of these items, please bring them by Sunday and place them in one of the large barrels in the foyer.

TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in December: H.M. Haws, David Demic, Bill Butler, Jr., Foy Richey, Steve Drennan, K. Max Haws, Roy Driggers, Tommy Lowrance, Francis Bullard, Clarence Strait. Alternates: L. L. Gann and H. McCarty. Evening: Joe McBee and Travis Fletcher.

THE LADIES' BIBLE CLASS will not meet again until Wednesday, January 7. There will be a class for toddlers and a nursery attendant.

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

GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION

The members of the West Erwin church demonstrated in a most wonderful way their love for the Lord and His church by the generous contribution last Sunday of approximately \$17,000. There were some who contributed substantial sums. Many were not able to make as big contributions as others, but they gave liberally also. We are thankful for the large amount given, but are even more thankful for the spirit which prompted the giving.

We should express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for giving us the ability to give. We need to pray that all of our efforts to do good may be pleasing in God's sight. May God bless everyone who has had a part in helping the church to erase its deficit and to look to the future with renewed zeal and confidence. Geo. Stephenson

THE SICK

Sister Ben Young's father remains very seriously ill and has been hospitalized for the past several weeks. Her mother, also recently hospitalized, was dismissed this past week. They live in Ft. Worth.

Sister Judy Brown, formerly of this congregation, underwent major surgery recently in Ft. Worth. If you would like to send her a card the address is: Harris Hospital, 1300 W. Cannon, Ft. Worth, Tex. 76104.

DUE TO THE HEAVY LOAD OF mail next week during the holidays, we will not print THE VISITOR.

THE GAP AND HOW WE GOT IT

The above was the title of the lecture given last week at John Tyler High School on the subject of the generation gap and what can be done to bridge it. It was my pleasure to be invited by the school to make this talk to the girls, faculty, and sponsors of the Future Homemakers of America. There were some two hundred present as I encouraged them to close the generation gap and find happiness by being more understanding. (Proverbs 3:13) I am grateful for such opportunities of service that gives the church recognition. Ron Beard

CITY-WIDE SINGING

Wednesday evening, December 31, is the time for the city-wide singing. There will be no service at the West Erwin building. We will meet at the Northwest building. Be sure to make your plans to attend. this hour of worship in song.

THE NEW SIGNS being erected on our parking lots were given by brother Monroe Sublette. Our sincere appreciation to him for this contribution.

CLASSES WILL NOT MEET on Wednesday night, Dec. 24. Everyone will meet in the auditorium for singing.

WE APPRECIATE THOSE WHO VISIT OUR services and welcome them to return with the hope that they have been benefited by sharing our worship.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

DO NOT GIVE

This Sunday, December 14, is the time set by the elders as a time for a special contribution from all of us. It is our prayer that every member of the church will recognize his or her responsibility to the Lord and His church. However, we ask you not to give:

1. If you do not want to obey the Lord's commands. (I Corinthians 16:1; II Corinthians 9:7)
2. If it means nothing to you that God has given you all that you have, including life itself. (James 1:17)
3. If it means nothing to you that God's love for you caused Him to give His beloved Son for you. (John 3:16; II Corinthians 9:15)
4. If you do not really love the Lord. (II Corinthians 8:8)
5. If you have no mercy toward needy children and the unfortunate people of the world. (James 1:27; Galatians 2:10)
6. If you do not want to share with your fellow Christians in helping to provide a place of worship and facilities for the teaching of the Bible to children and adults. (I Timothy 3:15)
7. If you do not want to help preach the gospel. (Matthew 28:18-20; Romans 10:13-17)
8. If you do not wish to lay up for yourself treasures in heaven (Matthew 6:19,20)
9. If you do not care about saving souls, your own soul included. (Matthew 16:26)

I know that these statements must not be true and that you will want to give. May it be said of us as it was said of the Macedonians, "For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; praying us with much entreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And this they did, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God." (II Cor. 8:3-5)
G.H.S.

DID THE JEWS KILL JESUS?

On this coming Sunday morning I plan to speak on the topic, "Who Killed Jesus?" In watching Billy Graham on television recently I heard him say, "The Jews did not kill Jesus." This is being said by many of our time. What does the Bible have to say? Were the Jews guilty of crucifying Jesus? What should be our attitude toward Jews today? Do all of us share in the guilt of crucifying Jesus? Are we guilty of the same sins which helped to crucify Him? Let us study together this lesson from the Bible.

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A Year Ago ..\$17,747.67	435

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
 Prayer.....R. C. O'Bannon
 Prayer.....Foy Richey
 Dismiss.....James Phillips

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....George Stephenson
 Prayer.....Gerald Montgomery
 Dismiss.....Harley Turner

THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks so very much for every act of kindness shown me during my confinement. The flowers, phone calls, telegrams, letters and cards all helped to brighten some dark and lonesome days, but above all, Dot and I appreciate being remembered in your prayers.

C. B. Hardin

Many thanks for your visits, cards and telephone calls during my stay in the hospital. In Christian love,
 Verda Driggers

RESPONSES

Sister Imogene Myers came Sunday to place membership with us. Her address is 2103 So. Fleishel, phone 597-7659. We are happy to welcome sister Myers to West Erwin.

FROM THE BEARDS'

This Sunday marks the beginning of our second year at West Erwin. We appreciate more than words can convey all that you mean to us. We have been made stronger by your encouraging words and prayers, and by sharing your laughter and tears.

It is a special privilege to be associated with George and Alice in the ministry here. Their counsel and helpfulness is invaluable.

We are especially thankful for your work and cooperation evidenced by the growth in the education, visitation, and youth programs during the past year. May this be an incentive for all to realize greater heights in our service to God.

In Christian love,
 Ron and Iris Beard

FUNERALS

A nephew of brother D. C. Jones' was killed in an airplane accident last week. Funeral services were in Sherman on Tuesday afternoon. We express our sympathy to the family.

Brother C. T. Beard's father was buried last Saturday in San Augustine, Texas. We express our sympathy to brother Beard and his family.

THE SICK

Sister Russell O'Bannon's mother has improved some. She is in the Methodist Hospital in Houston.

Mr. Robert Cook, father of sister Mary Evelyn Grier is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mr. Reid, father of sister Gloria Drennan, is in Medical Center.

Sister Emma Buie is in Medical Center suffering from burns.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER, 1969

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	207.00	
Tipton Home	75.00	
Boles Home	75.00	
Sunny Glen Home	75.00	
Local Radio Program	243.20	
Scott City	20.00	
Jim L. Morrow	625.00	
Norman E. Morrow	625.00	
Advertising	118.13	
Local Benevolent	10.60	
Travel Expenses	25.00	
Oakley Radio Prog.	41.00	2,239.93

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	562.59	
Buildings & Grounds	33.40	
Office Supplies	616.20	
Bible School Supplies	128.20	
Insurance	176.83	
Flowers	7.50	
Postage	76.00	1,600.72

Local Salaries	2,735.00
Total Expenditures	7,973.21
Total Contributions	10,037.23
Contributions short of budget for November	1,037.77
Contributions short of budget for this year	12,809.65

LISTEN EACH MONDAY THRU FRIDAY, 12:30 NOON
 RADIO STATION KITBB

SERMONS FOR DEC. 14
 10:20 A.M. "Who Killed Jesus?" by Geo. H. Stephenson.
 6:00 P.M. "We Are The Branches." by Ron Beard.

THE MONTHLY BUSINESS meeting will be this Sunday afternoon at 1:30. All men of the congregation are invited to be present.

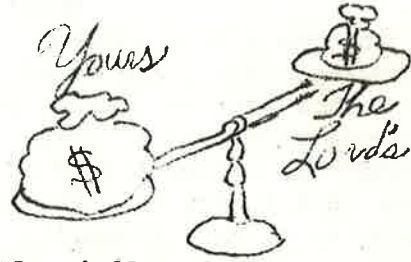
THE NORTH TENNEHA church here in Tyler will begin a meeting December 15 to continue through the 21, with a fellowship meeting beginning at 2:30 the afternoon of the 21st. Brother S.T.W. Gibbs Jr. will be the preacher. You are invited to attend. Services at 7:30 each evening.

CORRECTION :
 The telephone number of sister J. D. Majors is listed incorrectly in the church directory. It should be 592-5328.

"Hammering shapes and hardens steel, but plays havoc with putty. Which are you?"

HE'S STILL SITTING THERE

"And he sat down against the treasury and beheld how the multitude cast money into the treasury" (Mark 12:41).



Every one knows that our actions are greatly influenced by who is watching us. Haven't you noticed how the working pace speeds up when the employer enters the room? Children stop jumping on the couch when they hear daddy's approaching footsteps. We look to our grooming when we know that soon we will be in the presence of one whose favor we seek.

Think seriously with me about our gifts to the Lord!

If Jesus were sitting beside us on the pew and we knew that our gift would pass under his gaze, would this cause us to be more generous? Mindful of the supreme sacrifice he made for us, would we be ashamed to offer him what we usually give?

The Bible so clearly teaches that even though our Lord is not present in body, he is still present each time we gather in His name and knows exactly what we give and how much sacrifice it presents.

It is easy to slight those who do not press for attention. Owners of business establishments do not let us forget our obligations to them. They send us statements and even pay us visits if we become delinquent. Not so with the Lord. He knows when we spend too much on self and give him the paltry sum that is left over. And even though He does not press us to give him His just dues, we can be sure that a reckoning day is coming. We all need to remember that He is still sitting there and watching us give. We will have to answer in that great day of all days if we do not show our gratitude and prove to Him the sincerity of our love.

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...Mac Layton

Are you planning to give gifts to loved ones and friends this December? What about your giving to the Lord? Remember the special contribution on December 14.

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November 23...\$2,749.54437
A Year Ago...\$1,707.86429

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Announcements and
Prayer.....M. M. Haws
Prayer.....L. E. Carpenter
Dismiss.....David Demic

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Prayer.....Joe Wyatt
Dismiss.....Jamon Kirby

THANK YOU NOTES

Words are so inadequate to express to you our thanks for the many acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy shown to us, not only at this time, but for the past few years. May God's blessings be with each of you.

Elva Lee Mackey
John, Patsy & Mike

At a time of need "Thank You" doesn't express our feelings, but we know no other words for friends who were so wonderful to our mother, Mrs. Minnie Stegall. May God bless each and everyone of you.

Mrs. R. L. Dudley

To our many Christian friends who showed their love to us since the death of my mother, Mrs. Helen Heckler, I wish to express a heartfelt thanks and an expression of ap-

preciation for your prayers, visits, flowers, cards and food. It means so much during the time of loss of a loved one. Guy Potts and Family

THE SICK

Brother Jack Beard and brother John Jackson are patients in the Glenwood Hospital.

Brother Werner Greene had eye surgery in Mother Frances last week. Terry Stephenson had surgery Monday in Glenwood Hospital but is now at home doing well.

We are glad to hear reports of the good progress of brother C.B. Hardin. He is still at home, but doing well.

Sister Sybil Thacker's son and a brother to Carolyn Stitt is in the hospital in Baltimore, Md.

MOVED TO HAWKINS

After driving to and from Hawkins to work for about a year, the Glen Howards moved there last Monday. We shall miss them very much. Glen has served West Erwin as a deacon for several years. We hope they will return to worship with us often.

REPORT FROM OAKLEY

We are grateful to Jim Morrow for the excellent report and challenging thoughts in his lesson presented to us on Wednesday evening, November 26. We are glad that he was with us and want to encourage every one to pray for him in his work at Oakley, Kansas.

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

"DON'T TALK ABOUT GIVING"

This is a true story. I know we sometimes make this statement without knowing, but I can stand behind this one, naming places and people. A preacher went to a place to preach while the local preacher was absent. He was requested to teach the Bible class and was told that they were to study the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians, and that the lesson for that Sunday was the eighth Chapter. The preacher taught the lesson exactly as Paul wrote it. Some of the people were somewhat disturbed. After the class he was told that they never allowed teaching or preaching on giving in their meeting house. Now, how did they expect a person to teach the eighth chapter of second Corinthians and not teach giving? Why did they not want it taught? They would have been insulted if someone had suggested that baptism should never be taught in that house. The Bible says more about giving than it does about baptism, and I am sure the fellow who has not learned how to give will be no better off than the one who has not learned about baptism in the day of judgement.

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...Gleason Lyles

Will you make a sacrifice on December 14 and help the church erase the \$12,000 deficit in our budget?

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FUNERALS

Funeral services were held last week in Springfield, Mo. for Mrs. Winnie Moran, a sister to sister A. A. Brett.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday for sister Minnie Stegall.

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

TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in December. Bill Shuford, James Phillips, Averyt Smith, Andy Fuller, and Jimmy Fuller. Jamon Kirby, Carl Bell, Gary Weaver, Scott Ferguson and Ken Jones. Jack Bennett and M. B. Beard will serve as alternates. Evening: Ben Young, Tom Williams.

AREA WIDE LUNCHEON

You are invited to attend the Area Wide Preacher's and Elder's Luncheon to be held at Don's Restaurant, Highway 80 West in Gladewater, Monday, December 8th at 11:30 a.m. The total price will be \$1.60 each.

MEETING AND SINGING

Sunday, December 7, at 2:30 P.M. there will be a singing at the Queen and DeBard church in Palestine. Beginning Monday to continue thru Sunday the 14, they will have a meeting with Truman Spring preaching. Services, 7:30 each evening. You are invited to attend.

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.
THERE IS A CLASS FOR YOU!

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

The observance of Thanksgiving Day has been an American custom for many years. Everyday should be a day of Thanksgiving for Christians, for they are commanded to give thanks "in everything." (I Thess. 5:18)

We should be thankful for the abundance of material blessings which God has given to us in this great land. We should be even more grateful for the spiritual blessings for which Paul praised God, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." (Ephesians 1:3)

Since all spiritual blessings are in Christ, it follows that no spiritual blessings are outside of Christ. Let us observe some of the great blessings which are said to be in Christ. In Christ our prayers are answered. "If ye abide in me and my words abide in you, you shall ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you." (John 15:7). In Christ there is no condemnation. "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1) In Christ there is newness of life. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new." (II Cor. 5:17). In Christ we have redemption and forgiveness. "In whom we have redemption through his blood," (Ephesians 1:7) In Christ there may be found peace and rest for those who die. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

Since all of these great spiritual blessings are to be found in Christ, how can anyone remain outside of Christ? The Bible teaches that we are baptized into Christ, for we read in Galatians 3:26,27, "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ." Being in Christ means you will be a part of his spiritual body. (Romans 12:4,5) The spiritual body of Christ is the church. (Ephesians 1:22,23)

We must continue to abide in Christ that we may enjoy His blessings. "Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." (John 15:4)
George Stephenson

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

10:20 A.M. "SINGING"
6:00 P.M. "WHY I BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS THE WORD OF GOD"

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Ron Beard
 Prayer.....E. V. Rushing
 Dismiss.....W. O. Rushing

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Ron Beard
 Prayer.....Joe Wyatt
 Dismiss.....Ben Young

RESPONSES

Doug Aitkenhead was baptized into Christ Sunday evening following a period of study with Ron Beard. Since moving to Tyler recently from California, Doug has frequently attended services. He is a junior in Lee High School. His address is 641 Wilma, phone 593-2186.

FUNERALS

Larry Mackey passed away Sunday evening. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon by brother Stephenson and brother Brookshire. We extend our deepest sympathy to sister Elva Lee Mackey and to each member of the family.

Funeral services were held Monday in Texarkana for Mrs. Heckler, the mother of brother Guy Potts. We extend our sympathy to brother Potts and his family.

DEAR MADELYN, YOU'RE OUTNUMBERED!

A few months ago, Madelyn Murray O'Hair announced that she had over 20,000 letters protesting the reading of the Bible and prayers which were offered by the astronauts in space. Along with many other Americans, several of the West Erwin church reacted positively by sending letters supporting the Bible reading and prayers. In formal ceremonies recently, more than two and one half million letters were presented to NASA commending the men and supporting their right to read the Bible and pray. A number of these letters are to become a part of the archives of the Apollo Lunar Program. Our part in this is another example of the good done by the congregation here. Ron Beard

IN THE HOSPITAL

Brother John Jackson remains a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

REMINDERS

Keep in mind the date of Dec. 14. This date has been set aside by the elders as a day to make up the deficit in our budget for 1969.

Don't forget to bring supplies for the Medina Children's Home. Their truck will be here during the week of December 1-5.

We have recently learned that Tommy Woltman, formerly of this congregation, is now in the service. If you would like to have his address, call the church office.

AND THE ONE BECAME TWO

Last Sunday afternoon the Young People's Class was divided with the Junior High in one class and the High School and College in the other. The division was made to allow specific needs of each group to be more adequately met. Many fine reports have already been given concerning the new High School-College class which is being taught by Wayne Berryman. Wayne is especially talented in communicating with this age group. Bill Shuford and I have charge of the Junior High class.

Both classes are expected to grow since the design is more specialized. It was encouraging that the attendance for the first divided classes last Sunday broke the previous record of the combined class. Teenagers, you should come to your specific class on Sunday afternoon. The class needs you and you need the Bible study. Parents, you should encourage your teen to attend the Sunday afternoon class. There are many benefits to be gained. Ron Beard

I AM A MEMBER

We so often hear these words. We take much pride in making known our church affiliation. But certainly the privilege involves some great obligations.

I AM A MEMBER, therefore, I cannot expect my church to be perfect, because I am not.

I AM A MEMBER, and as such, if I do not attend every service for which the providence of God allows me the health, then I alter the effectiveness of the influence of every other member.

I AM A MEMBER, and therefore, I am responsible for the well-being of my church. If it is not prospering financially, then I am partly to blame; if it does not grow, it is because I have not done my part

in reaching others.

I AM A MEMBER, and as such, I want my children to receive the best in Christian education. I am therefore obligated to do my part in teaching, and in prayer to God for the other workers who may be teaching my girl or boy.

I AM A MEMBER, which makes me a part of God's plan of sending the gospel around the world through missionaries and by the printed page and through every means possible.

YET YE ARE MEMBERS of the Body of Christ. We must not, as such, cripple the wonderful work of Him who died to save us by being unfaithful or neglectful of our service to Him.

...Bulletin, Springfield, Vt.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION, DECEMBER 14

The elders of the church have announced that Sunday, December 14, has been set aside as a day to make up the deficit in our budget for 1969. This means that we need to contribute about \$12,000 on this day. Last year the church contributed over \$17,000 on one Sunday, and we know that we can raise the needed amount if everyone will give as he should.

If we had 500 members who would give just \$25.00 each, this amount would be reached. However, some members should give a thousand and others should give in the hundreds. Surely everyone can put forth an

extra effort and help erase our deficit.

With the deficit in 1969 erased, then the leaders of the church can plan for the work of the Lord in 1970.

Now is the time for everyone of us to show that we really love the Lord and want to support His Cause. When Paul wrote to the Corinthians concerning their giving, he said, "I speak not by commandment, but by the occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love." (2 Cor., 8:8)

G.H.S.

SERIES OF SERMONS ON WHY

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." (I Peter 3:15)

Christians should be able to give reasons for what they believe and what they practice in the realm of religion. In view of this, it is my plan to preach a number of sermons on the general theme, "Why." These sermons will be preached during the winter months during our Sunday evening sermons. Other sermons will be announced later, but the first five topics include:

- Nov. 23 "Why I Believe There Is A God."
- Nov. 30 "Why I Believe The Bible Is The Word of God."
- Dec. 7 "Why I Believe Jesus Is The Son of God."
- Dec. 14 "Why I Believe The Miracles of The Bible."
- Dec. 21 "Why I Believe The Virgin Birth."

In this age of doubt and agnosticism our young people need to be reminded of reasons for faith. Later sermons will deal with reasons for some of the things we do in the Church of our Lord. Plan to bring others with you each Sunday evening at 6:00.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Ed Bullard
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Dismiss.....Steve Drennan

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....L. G. Drennan
Prayer.....Tom Williams
Dismiss.....Marc Lemons

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the flowers and your prayers for us at the time of the death of my father.

Gus Krewall and Family

Jim, Hester, and I want to thank you for remembering our mother with prayers, cards, and letters during her stay in the hospital. May the Lord bless each and every one.

Dell Bullard

For the many calls, visits, cards, and prayers during my stay in the hospital, I am greatly appreciative. All have been most encouraging.

Jack Beard

May we say a sincere thank you for the many expressions of love extended us by the members of West Erwin. We appreciate your prayers, visits, cards, and flowers more than words can really express.

Inez and Don Talley

JIM MORROW TO SPEAK

Jim Morrow, our "missionary" in Oakley, Kansas, will be present for our Wednesday evening services on November 26. He will bring us a report of his work and present a lesson from God's Word. Every member of West Erwin should be interested in hearing Brother Morrow. All of the classes from first grade up will remain in the auditorium. We know that some of our members will be away for the Thanksgiving holidays, but we urge all who are in town to be present. G.H.S.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1969
by George H. Stephenson
10:20 A.M. STEADFAST IN PRAYERS
6:00 P.M. WHY I BELIEVE THERE IS A GOD

THE SICK

Brother John Jackson is in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Tanna Cameron is in Glenwood Hospital following surgery.

Sister Verda Driggers entered Mother Frances Wednesday for surgery.

Sister Iris Beard's sister underwent surgery Tuesday in Ft. Worth.

Sister Edgar Bullard's mother is now in Imperial Manor, Room 108, 306 Due West Ave., Madison, Tenn., 37115.

Mrs. W. A. Walker, Mother of sister Russell O'Bannon, is in Gulfway General Hospital, Room 116, Houston, Texas. She suffered a broken hip and underwent surgery last week.

TRUCK FROM MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

Remember the grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here sometime during the week of December 1-5 to pick up groceries and items that we have for the Home. All items are appreciated, but the following items are especially needed at this time. Sugar, Twin size sheets, Tea Shampoo, Crackers, Towels
Cash for expansion Program

WHEN IS THE RIGHT TIME?

When is the right time for people to attend worship services? There just doesn't seem to be any good time. We are told not to expect regular attendance in the Summer because people want to take advantage of the good weather for vacations and week-end trips. Most churches brace for a "summer slump" each year. (Where do all of these people on vacations and week-end trips attend worship? Surely someone experiences a sharp rise in attendance in summer!)

Fall is a very poor time for church attendance. School is starting. Some will be busy getting youngsters started in college. Besides, it's hard for children at home to get established in the routine of school. Fall also includes such holidays as Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. The changing weather makes Fall bad! People never know what to expect. Besides, some of them caught a cold at the foot ball game Friday night.

Winter is an impossible time to

NEEDED: Caretaker for Camp Deer Run
Camp Deer Run, located 15 miles south of Winnsboro, Texas, is a Christian Camp under a Board of Directors supported by friends. A "live-on" caretaker is needed immediately. If you are interested in further details, contact Mr. Joe Pearson, P. O. Box 66, Sulphur Springs, Texas, Phone 885-3113.

BE IN A BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY!

expect people to come to church. The weather is too cold and the weather man said there is a 10% chance of snow by late Sunday night. (Automobiles are funny things. They can travel in the worst of snow and ice during the week but Sunday, even threatened snow or ice keeps them in the garage!)

Spring is a wonderful time of the year. But not for attending church. The weather is changing again. End-of-the-year school activities keep us too busy. And if the weather happens to be nice we want to make that first trip of the year to the Lake.

When is the right time? No time is right for those not yet fully committed to the Lord. When we search for excuses, they can always be found. When is the right time? ANY TIME is right for those who love the Lord. If the Lord comes first, we will always be at the house of worship.

...by a Teenager of Sunset Acres
Louisiana

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INTERESTING LETTER

We were very pleased to receive an interesting letter from James Trentham, who is now engaged in government work in Seoul, Korea. We know you will be interested in the following account of James' activities with the church.

"My work in Korea is very interesting, but requires a great deal of my time. I am still adjusting to both the new job and the Oriental way of Korean life. The challenges in both areas are great.

"I am attending church at the San Gak Chee Church of Christ and working with the group there. The total attendance last Sunday was 47, but the spirit of the people is terrific and there is so much work to

to be done here in Korea.

"Brother Parsley is a wonderful worker and has made much progress in Korea even in the face of many hardships and handicaps. I am happy to be able to work with him and hope to be of greater help in the months to come. The needs here are so great and the resources are limited, but with the prayers and help of other Christians it can go on to become a real "stepping stone" to Christianity in Korea.

"I ask that the church here be remembered in your prayers and I will send you some pictures and information on our work in Korea in case others are interested."

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STOP - NOW READ THIS!!

There will be a meeting of all teachers Sunday evening following the worship service. Also, we want anyone who is interested in teaching or assisting in a class to be present. If you have had little or no experience, you can take advantage of our teacher-training program. Let's have 100% attendance. The meeting will be short. R.B.

USE OUR LIBRARY

Some of the newer members of the congregation may not be aware of the location of the church library and of the valuable books which are available for your study. The library is located in the southwestern part of the main church building just off the auditorium. We have various books which could be helpful to you in your Bible study. You may check the books out for a period of two weeks. Let us take advantage of the opportunity to increase our knowledge of God's Will. G.H.S.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR NOVEMBER 16

10:20 A.M. BREAKING OF BREAD
by George H. Stephenson
6:00 P.M. IS THE BIBLE A DEAD BOOK?
by Ron Beard

A NEW DAUGHTER

A baby girl, Lana Denise, was born October 12 to brother and sister Jim Morrow in Oakley, Knasas.

LADIES, be sure to pick up your dishes from the foyer. Several of them have been here for some time.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer Ross Walker
Prayer Glen Warner
Dismiss Kenny Browning

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer J. D. Brem
Prayer Mack Bynum
Dismiss Phil Browning

RESPONSES

Mrs. Blanche Rountree, 239 South Oakland, phone 592-1529, placed membership Sunday. She formerly worshipped at Memphis, Texas. We welcome her to West Erwin.

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services for John Ellis, an uncle of sister Ed Whiteside, were held Monday in Mineola.

Brother Gus Krewall's father passed away Tuesday in Oklahoma.

Sister Don Talley's brother passed away early Thursday in Quitman. We do not have details of funeral arrangements at this writing.

We express our sympathy to each family and their loved ones.

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

YOUNG MEN TO CONDUCT
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

Young men of the congregation, under the direction of Ron Beard, will conduct the Wednesday evening service on November 19 at 7:30. All classes from the first grade up will remain in the auditorium. We hope that many will come and encourage the fine young men who will participate in the service. G.S.

MEETING IN JACKSONVILLE

George Stephenson will be preaching in a series of meetings at the Corinth Road church in Jacksonville beginning on this Sunday night, November 20. The Sunday evening services will be conducted at 6:00 o'clock and the other services will be at 7:30 o'clock each evening. Gary Montgomery, who formerly worked with the West Erwin church, is the local evangelist for the Corinth Road church.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the last three Sundays in November: Darrell Holt, Harvey Grier, Marc Lemons, Billy Chandler, Mark Cauthen. Henry McRuiz, Leon Martin, T. J. Parsons, Reagan Phillips, Fred Powell. Guy Potts and W. O. Rushing will serve as alternates. Evening: Joe Willis, Bruce Raley.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother John Jackson is in the Glenwood Hospital.

KEEP ON KEEPING ON

It is greatly encouraging to see the growth of the church of our Lord around the world, especially in spiritual matters. Great strides are being made in the spiritual realm of church activities and the result is growth in numbers and physical facilities, as well as heavenly treasures.

Following the recent hurricane Camille disaster, the churches of Christ were the first on the scene with relief supplies. Money and supplies are still being distributed in the stricken area. Walter Cronkite, on the CBS Evening News, recently said that the churches of Christ provided more hurricane relief than all the other agencies combined. Official recognitions and "thank yous" were issued to the

churches of Christ from the governor's office in Mississippi.

God, through his people, is being glorified in the sight of man. Let us continue to avail ourselves of every opportunity for service to mankind so that the image of being a group uninterested in anyone else will change to that of an evangelistic, benevolent group of servants.

The church, for many years, has worked on changing its physical image from the narrow minded group on the wrong side of the tracks to a respectable force for good. This is a worthy desire, but let us dwell, as did Christ, on helping others by filling their needs, especially spiritual, and in this: keep on keeping on. R.B.

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WHY SHOULD I VISIT?

Visitation is the most effective way of letting people know that you are interested in them.

Visitation helps to keep the weak and weary coming to the services of the Church.

The weak and weary who visit become strong. You cannot give your strength and faith to others without becoming stronger yourself.

Visitation reaches the unsaved, influences them to think of the state of their souls.

Visitation changes attitudes, wins prospective members for the church.

Visitation brings a joy and fellowship that cannot be secured in any other way.

WHOM SHOULD I VISIT?

Visit the neighbor who recently moved into your neighborhood. Visit that friend of yours who is not attending the Bible classes. Visit the lost soul who needs to hear about the wonderful story of Christ.

WHEN SHOULD I VISIT?

This week... Next week... Every week. Notice the one who complains the most is the one who is not doing any visiting for Christ.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Living For Others

"For none of us liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself." (Romans 14:7).

Man is a social being. When Adam was placed in the Garden of Eden, surrounded with all the delights and beauties of nature, God saw that it was not good for him to be alone. Man's greatest happiness is found when he is surrounded by loved ones and friends for whom he lives and with whom he shares the blessings as well as sorrows of life.

In this life we are all dependent upon others. We are indebted to our parents and forefathers for the blessings which have been passed on to our generation. We are indebted to every farmer who tills the soil and to every laborer in the factory for helping to provide us with food and the material possessions we enjoy. We are indebted to scientists, to physicians, to inventors, and all who have worked to make our lives happier and more useful.

After telling us that the first and great commandment is to love the Lord, Jesus said that the second commandment is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 22:37-39.). The beloved story of the Good Samaritan teaches us that when we love our neighbor that we are caring for his needs. We are admonished in God's Word to "bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2). One cannot render service to God who does not serve others. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40). James reminds us of our obligation to help others in these words: "What doth it profit my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not these things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?" (James 2:14-16).

Christians are interested in the spiritual welfare of their neighbors in addition to their material welfare. They are charged with the responsibility of preaching the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15,16). Because of the recognition of their responsibility to others, missionaries have taken the gospel of Christ, with its message of salvation, to the remotest areas of the world. Christians realize that they, like Paul, are debtors to the Lord who saved them, and must take the gospel to others. (Romans 1:15,16). What are you doing to help take the gospel to others?
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING	
Announcements and Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	Louis J. Jones
Dismiss.....	Ed Naul
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	T. J. Parsons
Dismiss.....	Fred Powell

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Jack Beard is still a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Brother W. H. Land, formerly of this congregation and now living in Grand Saline, is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Brother C. B. Hardin, Jr. remains a patient in the Miner Hospital in Raton, New Mexico. We understand his condition is improved.

FROM THE CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER

Dear Ladies,

On behalf of the students and myself, we wish to thank you for the delicious dinner you provided last Thursday. The support West Erwin gives to the Center is outstanding and your contribution of this meal was no exception. Bill N. Allen

THANK YOU NOTES

We wish to thank you for the expressions of sympathy, the food and flowers given at the time of the death of our brother and father.

The Family of Milo Caskey Words cannot express our appreciation for the visits to the hospital, the flowers and the food, the many acts of kindness shown us during the recent illness and death of our mother, Nora Smith.

The Shuford Family Thank you for the visits, and cards while in the hospital recently.

Mrs. Evalyn Stone I want to thank you for the flowers, cards and especially for your visits and prayers during my illness.

Mrs. Dorothy Emmons

FELLOWSHIP

We were pleased with the large number who came to the Rose Center Building on Monday evening for the supper and period of fellowship together. We had a wonderful meal furnished by the fine women who prepared and brought the food for the occasion. We thank everyone who worked very diligently in making the meeting very successful. The spirit of love and good will which prevailed reminded us of the words of the psalmist, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

10:20 A.M. "Fellowship"

6:00 P.M. "The Rich Man and Lazarus"

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER, 1969

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 Prog.	232.80
Scott City, Kan.	20.00
Advertising	94.50
Jim L. Morrow	500.00
Norman E. Morrow	500.00
Local Benevolent	9.94
	1,782.24

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	662.67
Building and Grounds	74.68
Office Supplies	74.50
Bible School Supplies	368.11
Insurance	176.83
Flowers	48.88
Postage	64.00
Library	218.61
	1,688.28

Local Salaries 2,188.00

Total Expenditures 7,068.44

Total Contributions (Including \$107.00 special for Herald of Truth) 8,035.92

Contributions short of budget for Month of October 824.08

Contributions short of budget for this year 11,771.88

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THE GROCERY TRUCK FROM the Medina Children's Home will arrive here during the week of Dec. 1-5 to pick up groceries and items that we have for the Home. All items are appreciated, but the following items are especially needed:
Sugar Towels
Crackers Tea
Shampoo
Twin size sheets
Cash for Expansion Program.

THE BUSINESS MEETING will be Sunday afternoon at 1:30.

WE APPRECIATE the fine report and lesson brought to us last Sunday evening by Harold Gardner of Hyannis, Mass. We are thankful that he came our way and believe he is engaged in a great work for the Lord.

ADD TO YOUR DIRECTORY Werner and Mary June Greene. He has been discharged from the service and they are living in Tyler, Rt. 2, Box 28.

The Jack Beards new phone is 839-2614.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps." I Peter 2:21.

Jesus is not only great because of what He taught, but because of what He did. What He said by word, He lived out in deed. When the inspired writer, Luke, referred to His biography of Jesus, he said, "The former treatise have I made of all that Jesus began both to do and teach." (Acts 1:1)

Jesus stands unique among the religious leaders of the world in living what He taught. Other religious leaders presented their philosophies and said, "Consider these", or "Follow these". But Jesus told the world, "Follow me".

Every trait which is good or noble is to be found in the life of Jesus. Every trait which is bad is absent. Following Christ we will be kind, courageous, humble, sympathetic, helpful, forgiving and obedient. If Christ were the ideal and pattern of all people, how much better this world would be! How our lives would be enriched and how much happier all of us would be!

Christ not only sets for us a perfect example, but He helps us have the power and energy to follow in His way. He not only gives the way we ought to go, but the will to walk in it. Man is weak and needs added strength from the Lord to live as he should. We can say with Paul, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phillipians 4:13)

Of course, none of us ever reach the perfect standard set by Christ. However, Christians keep this ideal before them and are able to grow more and more like Jesus. Following Christ, we have the promise of fellowship with one another and the cleansing of our sins. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." (I John 1:7)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer R. V. Threadgill
Prayer W. R. Womack
Dismiss O. C. Becker

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer Ron Beard
Prayer M. B. Beard
Dismiss Henry McRuiz

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Jack Beard and sister Nora Smith are in the Glenwood Hospital.

Brother C. B. Hardin is in Miner Hospital, Raton, New Mexico after suffering a heart attack. He is doing well, but will be unable to return home for about three weeks.

Maggie Burgess, mother of sister Delle Bullard, remains in Baptist Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee.

LET US KNOW!

If you know of any sick or in the hospitals, please call the office and let us know.

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to the family of Milo Caskey. Brother Caskey passed away Monday. Services were conducted today.

TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in November are as follows: David Tuel, Ron Palmer, George Welch, Ed Naul, Don Johnston, Glenn Howard, Monroe Sublette, Aubrey Payne, David Grier, and Tim Holt. Dalton Jones and Bill Taylor are alternates.

Sunday evening: David Womack and Cone Birdwell.

DIRECTORY CORRECTION

The telephone number for the Robert Parris Family was listed incorrectly in our new directory. The correct number should be 593-5723.

OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Ron and Iris Beard are in Lubbock this week for the annual lecture-ship at Lubbock Christian College. Ron will participate in a panel of youth directors.

MEETING

Hoyt Bailey from Phoenix City, Alabama, will be conducting a meeting November 3-9 at the Omen Road congregation. Services will be at 7:30 each evening, with a class at 6:45 for the teenagers.

YOU ARE INVITED

Everyone is invited to come to the Rose Garden Center Building on this Monday evening, November 3. We want every family in the church, if possible, to be present. You are asked to bring baskets of food. Bread, drinks, plates, and eating utensils will be provided. You need not bring these. However, you will need to bring your serving pieces.

What time? We hope to start eating by 7:00 o'clock, so bring your food before that time if at all possible. If you can be present by 6:30 this will be fine.

All of those who have become members of the West Erwin congregation within the past year will be honored. All of us need to become better acquainted with one another in order that we may love each other more.

We hope to have an interesting program and an enjoyable period of fellowship together. We hope that you and your family will come!

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Brother Stephenson will begin a series of sermons this coming Sunday morning based on Acts 2:42, "And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers". We need to be steadfast today even as the early church was steadfast in worship. The following sermons will be given:

"Steadfast in the Apostles' Doctrine"	November 2
"Fellowship"	November 9
"Breaking of Bread"	November 16
"Prayers"	November 23
"Singing"	November 30

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GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY EVENING

We would like to encourage everyone to be present on this Sunday evening to hear Harold Gardner from the Cape Cod Church of Christ in Hyannis, Massachusetts. This is the congregation where Wayland Willis and his wife attend. Both of them are very active in the work of the church there.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

This should be a time of year when all of us are busy in the Lord's service. The weather is beautiful; we have many opportunities presented each day for serving the Lord. We trust that every member of West Erwin will be conscious of the responsibilities resting upon him or her as a member of the body of Christ.

We missed many of you from our worship last Sunday. We hope that you went to a place of worship if you were out of town. We look forward to your return with us. We had many visitors from other places in our audience last Sunday. Many of these were visiting with relatives and friends in Tyler during the Rose Festival. It is always good to have visitors and it was fine that we had so many with us to take the place of numbers of our members who were gone.

All of us who heard the group of singers from Southwestern Christian College in Terrell were very impressed with their ability and with their sincerity. I wish that more people had been present to hear them. The president of the college, Jack Evans, is a very dynamic speaker and he presented the need for Christian education in our time. He pointed out that the Christian College is an extension of the training a child receives in the Christian home. He pointed out the need for training children in the home and in higher education also. It is wonderful to know that many are interested in the Christian education of Negro young people.

A letter of appreciation has been received from Brother Jack Evans for the interest shown in the program and for the contributions made to Southwestern Christian College. The financial response to the appeal included: Cash, \$488.10; Pledges, \$162.00; Record Sales, \$52.00, for a total of \$702.10. The college does not receive contributions from the church treasury; therefore, the college must make its appeals and present its needs to individuals who are interested in such work. Brother Evans' letter says, 'We appreciate your interest in Southwestern Christian College, and we invite you to visit our campus at your convenience.'

May all of us endeavor to encourage one another in every worthwhile undertaking. May we be conscious of the fields that are white unto harvest in our day and pray that laborers may enter into the harvest. We look forward to seeing you on this Lord's Day.
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Announcements and
 Prayer.....C. B. Hardin
 Prayer.....Don Johnston
 Dismiss.....Wayne Fears

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....George Stephenson
 Prayer.....Glen Howard
 Dismiss.....Bill Henderson

RESPONSES

Tim Holt was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. He is the son of Darrell and Jean Holt. Tim is in the 7th grade. His address is 1700 Mahon. Add his name to your new membership directory.

Also, to bring your directory up to date, add Kathy Borchers, 528 So. Saunders, #37, phone 597-2406.

Kathy's name appeared last week in the VISITOR.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Dorothy Emmons and brother Jack Beard are in the Glenwood Hospital.

A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy, reaps friendship; he who plants kindness, gathers love.

CONTRIBUTION FOR HERALD OF TRUTH

If you would like to make an extra donation to the Herald of Truth at this time, you may make a special contribution for this purpose on Sunday. The congregation sends a regular contribution of one hundred dollars per month to help in this nation wide effort to preach the gospel. However, there is a great need at this time for more films to be produced. Some television stations have cut off the program because they needed new films. If you desire to help in this present emergency, you should mark your contributions (above your regular contribution) for this purpose. G.H.S.

THANK YOU NOTES

I appreciate the kind words expressed by the cards, calls and visits during my recent illness.

Ron Beard

I want to thank each and every one for the beautiful cards, gifts, and visits during my stay in the hospital. I pray that such love will always continue among Christians.

Mrs. Eula Drennan

OUR SYMPATHY

Mr. Norman Reynolds of McLeod, Texas, a brother-in-law to sister Emma Earl Carter, was fatally injured last week.

ATTENTION

Lock your car when on the church parking lot. One of the Newspaper employees had a radio and tape recorder taken from his car while on the lot one evening this week.

REMEMBER THE TIME CHANGE!

This Sunday, October 26, we return to Central Standard Time and go off Daylight Saving Time until next Spring. Remember to set your clock back one hour earlier when you go to bed on Saturday. It should be easy for you to be here promptly for Bible School at 9:30 A.M.

THE 4th SUNDAY SINGING WILL be in Arp, Sunday at 2:30 P.M.

RUSHING THROUGH WORSHIP

In several business meetings, I have listened to varied suggestions on how the worship should be shortened -- "use more trays, omit a song, cut the sermon," In all of this thinking, there seems to be the underlying premise that a shorter service is a better service -- that efficiency means more efficacy.

Are we rushing through our worship so that we may hasten to feed the poor, to preach to our neighbor, to lift up the heathen? No! We rush so that we may get to a tasty, sumptuous meal or so that we can watch our favorite TV program or take a nap or read the secular newspaper, or play golf or go on an outing. If none of these attract us, we may rush because we are nervous and have the habit of doing everything in a hurry.

We sing "Take Time to be Holy," but we don't have time to meditate, to praise, to listen to the Word in a relaxed atmosphere. There is pressure by the more worldly mem-

MOBILE BOOKSTORE

This Tuesday, the 28th, the Religious Book Discount House of Wilmington, Delaware will have their Mobile Book Store in front of the Campus Christian Center, 1415 So. Baxter, from 2:00 till 7:00 P.M. This is open to the public. Books may be purchased at 30, 40, 50, and 60% off. You are invited to take advantage of this opportunity.

bers to "pay our respects" to God in the smallest capsule of time possible. Movies and TV programs are getting longer, but periods of worship are being compressed. Why? Is it because we are so spiritual that we don't need more time to become holy? Or is it a lack of appetite for spiritual food? Do we hunger and thirst after righteousness or do we fret when the Lord's Supper takes more time than a newscast.

Time is precious, and we should "redeem the time." Our periods of worship should be planned so that our worship will be more effective. Let us take time to be holy -- time for more spiritual songs -- for sermons that are long enough to convince the sinner and edify the Christian. Let us take time to promote activities of the church which will build us up in the most holy faith -- time for meditation on the meaning of the Lord's Supper. Time for silence -- to be still and know that God is with us. -Norvel Young

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

I hope that we may have large numbers present for our worship on this coming Sunday evening and that we may have a large number for the program in song which will follow.

For a number of weeks our Sunday evening sermons have been devoted to a study of some of the great characters of the New Testament. I plan to discuss the last character in this series of studies, speaking about the greatest one of all, Jesus, the Christ. Surely every Christian should "love to tell the story of Jesus and his love," and to hear that story told again and again. Paul declared, "I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (I Corinthians 2:2).

Incidentally, we would like to have more of the women present each Wednesday morning as we study together the life of Christ. We have outlines prepared for each lesson for everyone. If you will keep all of the outlines, you will have a complete chronological study of Jesus' life.

You will enjoy hearing the chorus from Southwestern Christian College. This group of singers presented a wonderful program when I was preaching in Fort Worth. All who heard the singers were impressed. We are thankful for the Christian Negroes who have been trained in this school in Terrell and for the good which they do.

It was my privilege to hear Mike Warner preach on Monday night at Northwest and to hear Gary Montgomery on Tuesday night at Reese. We are thankful for these two fine young men whose lives are devoted to the preaching of the gospel of Christ. In a time when many of the young preachers, and older preachers as well, seem to think we have outgrown our plea for simple New Testament Christianity, it is encouraging to hear Mike and Gary who are faithful and true to the gospel of Christ. Young men such as these will mean much to the church of the Lord in years to come.

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MEETINGS

Brother Boyd D. Fanning will be preaching October 20-26 in a meeting at the Alpine & Glover Church in Longview. Services at 7:30 P.M.

Brother Leonard Gray will be in a meeting at the Glenwood Church here

in Tyler beginning Sunday to continue through Wednesday. Services are 12:10 Noon and 7:30 P.M.

Brother Jay Lockhart is in a meeting this week at the Broadway church in Kilgore.

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Worship Sunday Morning 569

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer Ron Beard
Prayer Joe Wyatt
Dismiss Ken Bennett

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer Wayne Berryman
Prayer Tom Williams
Dismiss Mark Cauthen

RESPONSES

We are very happy that Miss Kathy Borchers, 528 So. Saunders, #37, came Sunday to be identified with this congregation. Kathy is from Fredericksburg, Texas. She is the Assistant County Home Demonstration Agent. Her telephone is 597-2406. We are very happy to welcome her to Tyler and to West Erwin.

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to thank each one who remembered me with visits, cards, calls, and prayers while I was in the hospital. In Christian love,
Mrs. Mary Sims

"Thank you" to everyone who sat and offered to sit with my mother, Mrs. Heckler, when we needed help. Christian friends mean so very much.
Guy Potts and Family

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 19
10:20 A.M. "Who Is On The Lord's Side?"
6:00 P.M. "The Greatest Life."

IN THE HOSPITAL

Sister Evalyn Stone is still a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

TAKE AN HOUR

I took an hour at the grocery store; At the department store it was even more.

Then home I went to clean the house, For my sweet children and loving spouse.

It was time by then for the dinner-bell;
And I thought I'd spent my day quite well.

Each day so goes from dawn till sundown;
So at the end I feel quite run down.

I'm so very busy all the day...
The time just seems to slip away.
And, My, Another week has passed,
And again I missed Ladies' Bible Class!
- Author Unknown

An acorn cannot make much headway in a flower pot...What you did yesterday creates today's circumstances.

"YOU'VE COME A LONG WAY BABY..." Glen L. Wallace (via Firm Foundation)

Most of us are accustomed to seeing many things on the screen that give us a jolt, but perhaps none is more disturbing than the popular cigarette script that shouts out in a modern tune, "You've come a long way baby, to get what you have got today." We are then thrown a woman who was caught in the back yard smoking a cigarette. Her husband sent her to bed without her supper. Then our friends of the "weaker sex" are shown leading a revolt for the right to vote and finally she throws off all, even most of her clothes, and now she has her own slim cigarette.

It is of course a questionable conclusion that she has come a long way up. It would be nearer the truth if the tobacco companies would say, "You have gone back a long way baby to get what you have got today." Woman has definitely moved backward in many areas rather than upward and with her slim cigarette in her hand she depicts her new low.

What has she got today? She has her own cigarette and now she can have the hacking cough and rough voice that often comes with it. She can have her own smelly hair that even a "little dab" won't clean up. She can have her own peculiar cigarette odor and in time she may even have the tell-tale color on her dainty fingers. Finally, she can have her own lung problem; lungs filled with fluid that will not be relieved; lungs with those spots that tell of cancer; lungs that harbor stain, smoke and filth that should never have been there in the first place --BABY. At last she can catch up with man in her race to have her rights, and she can fight the losing battle with lung cancer and early death. She can, along with her husband who sent her to bed without her supper, ignore the findings of the U.S. health services who have branded the cigarette as a deadly weapon. She can shut her eyes to the fact that she may even be endangering the life of her unborn child and she can look at her baby as she drops a few ashes and a few puffs of smoke in his eyes and say: "I have come a long way baby."

Some day, baby, you may catch up. It will be nice to see you lugging a gun in Viet Nam. It will be funny to watch you clean the cow-lot and handle the garbage cans on the city beat with the collector. You may even catch up with your pagan cousins in Russia if you insist. You've come a long way and you don't have far to go.

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MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in October. Clarence Strait, Jim Willis, Rodger Young, Kim Smith, Dwain Strait, Fred Strait, John

Weaver, Kenny Browning, Phillip Browning, and Mark Ellis. Alternates: Mark Cauthen and Billy Chandler. Evening: Harley Turner and Howard Ellis.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The Existence of God

The Bible does not present a list of arguments for the existence of God. The reality and eternity of God are accepted as facts by the Bible writers. The writers of the Bible claimed to be inspired of God (2 Timothy 3:16). The idea of Scripture as revelation implies a God who gave the revelation.

The Bible declares that the man who says that there is no God is a "fool" (Psalm 14:1). The Bible further teaches, "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" (Heb. 11:6).

The Bible tells of the experiences men and nations have had with God. Abraham, Moses, David, Peter, John, Paul, and countless others have borne witness to their experiences with God. Jesus Christ claimed that He was God's Son and gave His life because of the claim. No one can seriously say that these great ones, including Jesus were fraudulent in their claims. If God is not real, then these great men were the victims of self delusion. If this is true, then we are forced to recognize that, except for man's ability to believe falsehood, much that is recognized to be best in civilization would never have existed. It may be granted that many who have claimed spiritual experiences were deceived, but if only one person any where has truly met God and continues to meet Him, then God is.

The majority of our people believe in God's existence. We see the need of and the blessings which follow faith in God. The universal longing for God leads us to believe in Him. God is not proved as a mathematical proposition. But the evidence for His existence is seen everywhere. The heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth his handiwork" (Psalms 19:1). Believing in Him, we find purpose and dignity in life and the world about us. Let us demonstrate, in our lives, the great power which faith in God brings to us. G.H.S

SERMON SUBJECTS, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

10:20 A.M. WHY DO WE SUFFER? 6:00 P.M. GREAT WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

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Worship Sunday Morning569

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....T. F. Holland
Prayer.....Roger Knight
Dismiss.....Tommy Lowrance

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Prayer.....Don Johnston
Dismiss.....Ben Young

RESPONSES

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Don Johnston (Alene), 1303 So. Sneed, came Sunday to be identified with the church here. They recently moved to Tyler from Abilene. Don is the Merchandise Manager for Sears, Roebuck and Co. Alene is a homemaker. They have two small sons. We are very happy to welcome them to Tyler and to West Erwin.

For Prayer: Kim Smith came Sunday evening to ask for the prayers of the church.

THANK YOU NOTES

We are so thankful for the many expressions of Christian love that were shown during our time of sor-

row in the loss of our beloved mother. It is during times such as this that one of our Lord's greatest lessons is made more poignant: "Love one another." It was a source of comfort and strength and shall always dwell richly in our hearts.

The Family of Anna Teel

I wish to express my gratitude for the cards and visits during the time I was hospitalized.

Mrs. George Meek

CHORUS FROM

SOUTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
A Chorus from Southwestern Christian College, a college devoted to the training of Negro young people, from Terrell, Texas, will present a program at West Erwin following our evening worship Sunday, October 19. This is a very fine choral group and you will enjoy their songs. Invite others to come with you for the regular worship and then remain for the program which follows.

FUNERALS

We express our sympathy to Sandra and Gary Montgomery in the loss of an infant son born Tuesday. Funeral services were held on Wednesday.

Funeral services will be Friday in Ft. Worth for Mrs. Mae Degge, a sister-in-law to sister E.E. Degge. We express our sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were held Monday in Overton for Miss Janet Fleming, a niece of sister Cora Hughes. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1969

LOAN PAYMENTS

First Federal Savings & Loan	1,123.50	
East Texas Savings & Loan	111.42	
Cooperative Savings and 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	222.40	
Scott City Radio Program	20.00	
Advertising	70.88	
Hurricane Relief	1,500.00	
Mike Warner	290.00	
Jim L. Morrow	500.00	
Norman Morrow	250.00	3,278.28

MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	676.80	
Buildings and Grounds	97.65	
Office Supplies	73.35	
Bible School Supplies	159.80	
Insurance	164.47	
Postage	64.00	
Library	36.39	1,272.46

LOCAL SALARIES

2,188.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

8,148.66

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS (includes \$206.15

for Library) 8,103.38

Contributions short of budget for Sept. 756.62

Contributions short of budget for year 10,947.80

ALL MEN OF THE CHURCH are encouraged to attend the regular monthly business meeting Sunday afternoon at 1:30 in the Chapel

MEETINGS

Brother Gary Montgomery will be in a meeting with the church at Reese, Oct. 13-19. Services will be at 7:30 each evening. Tuesday is West Erwin night.

You are invited to attend a short meeting Oct. 13 and 14 at the Northwest church. Brother Mike Warner will be the preacher. Services at 7:30 P.M.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Evalyn Stone is in Mother Frances. Sister R.L. Trentham has been in Mother Frances, but is now at home.

BE IN BIBLE CLASS
SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.

"The faults of others are like head lights on an auto; they only seem more glaring than your own."

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FROM THE DESK OF RON BEARD

Pretend It Is Not There, And It Will Go Away

There is an old adage that says, "Pretend it is not there, and maybe it will go away." It seems that many view the sin in their life in this light. This adage is not from God's Word. Those who repeat the phrase in their lives show little knowledge or concern for the Word of God.

If some sin (all of it is terrible) or multiplicity of sins plague our lives, no solution, and certainly no forgiveness or justification can be found by our pretense that everything is smooth in our relationship with God. Simply turning our attention from sin cannot cause it to go away. Sin separates man from God and that separation is not alleviated by non-concern.

Throughout the Bible, there are instructions and examples of how we must face ourselves, our sins, and our God. God's plan calls for taking advantage of the shed blood of Christ through baptism. Baptism is scriptural only after repentance. Repentance is impossible without the admission that sin is real in our lives.

Sin in the life of the Christian is forgivable, but only after it is faced and confessed, and prayer offered to the Lord (James 5). These are the only plans by which sin can be forgiven. Let us not attempt to alter the unalterable and have our sins condemn us because we pretend they are not there. God can take them away, but they will not just go away. R.B.

NEVER TOO LATE!

The late T. R. Stewart was sprinkled a Presbyterian. Later in life he became disgusted with denominationalism, threw away his Bible, announced to the world that he was an atheist. He was an engineer on one of the railroads, completed his service and retired.

One Sunday after his retirement he turned on his TV and heard a sermon on the HERALD OF TRUTH. After some lessons he declared, "That's what I've been looking for!" He got up from his chair, dressed, got in his car, asked at the nearest service station for the church of Christ. Told there was none, he called the telephone company. They gave him the church in New Braunfels, Texas, where he lived, and that same day he was baptized by Buford Pittman. This is a wonderful story but it isn't the end of it.

He is now an old man, retired. Could he do something? He decided he could. He started showing cottage class filmstrips. He knew his limitations, but he figured he could do this. He prepared and started. Within two years, he had brought twenty-four people to Christ! He did all this after he was seventy-five years old. The moral: You are never too limited, too old, to do something worthwhile in the Kingdom of God.

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George H. Stephenson Ron Beard

CONTRIBUTION	BIBLE SCHOOL
September 28..\$1,973.03	406
September 21..\$2,202.88	453
A Year Ago....\$5,398.32	445
Worship - Sunday Morning	501

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....T. F. Holland
 Prayer.....James Massey
 Dismiss.....Averyt Smith

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Ron Beard
 Prayer.....Joe McBee
 Dismiss.....Ralph Lowrance

THANK YOU
 Sister Janie Chelf is now at her home and wishes to thank everyone for their visits and prayers while hospitalized recently.

IN THE HOSPITALS
 Sister Eula Drennan underwent eye surgery last Friday. Sister George Meek had eye surgery Tuesday. Both are in Medical Center doing well.
 Sister Carolyn Stitt is now home after a brief stay in Medical Center Hospital.

ZONE 1 WILL MEET Tuesday evening at the home of Henry McRuiz, 3214 Autumn Leaves, 7:30 P.M.

WHAT IS SUNDAY NIGHT?
 A part of the Lord's Day
 A time that is not mine--but His.
 A time for enjoying the privilege of assembling in fellowship with the family of God to worship.
 A time for proving my love and loyalty to Him who died for me.
 A time for letting our light shine by doing what some would term "extra duty."
 A time spent in winning souls to Christ by bringing others.
 A time to encourage the brethren that are worshipping God at that hour.
 A time to grow spiritually.
 JESUS WILL BE THERE -- WILL YOU?

SERMONS FOR OCTOBER 5
 A.M. THE MEETING EVERYONE WILL ATTEND
 P.M. THE MAN WHO LOOKED LIKE AN ANGEL

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
 Men serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in October are: James Massey, Harold Browning, Ed Bullard, Glen Howard, Jr., and Terry Stephenson. Cullen Gilliam, Jim Franklin, Sherrill Little, Roy Roberson, and Paul Knight. Alternates are K. Max Haws and Don Weathers. Evening: Fred Powell and Joe Wyatt.

FUNERAL
 Services will be Saturday in Mt. Vernon for Mr. Ferd Jordan, uncle of brother John Brem. We extend our sympathy to the family.

THINGS THAT KEEP US FROM GOD
 LACK OF FRANK CONFESSION OF SIN
 It is not easy for man to tell his faults to another. It is far easier to tell another of his faults. But the Bible says, "Confess your sins one to another, and pray one for another."
 HURRY OF LIFE

We often have too many other engagements to take time for holy living. Jesus was busy -- so busy that he had no leisure, so much as to eat, but he said, "Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place and rest awhile." He went aside into the mountain to pray, and when he faced the darkest hour of his life, he let nothing keep him away from God.
 IRREGULARITY OF NOURISHMENT

People are starving to death spiritually, because they so seldom partake of the spiritual means of nourishment. Prayer...Bible study...Worship give a Christian strength to go on.
 ATTRACTIONS OF WORLDLINESS

We have to be in the world, but we cannot be a part of it. A boat can be in the water and sail safely, but when the water gets into the boat, trouble is ahead. The kingdom of Christ, and "its righteousness" are far more attractive than the things of the world if we only develop appreciation for worth-while things.

NEGLIGENCE
 The hardest person to reach is the person who says, "I know my duty to God, but I just keep neglecting it." It is a dangerous thing to know what God requires of man and fail to let these requirements find place in our hearts.
 by Gayle Oler

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 JESUS DIDN'T QUIT
 Jesus didn't quit meeting with the disciples because Judas Iscariot was a thief, nor because Peter was fickle at times. He did not quit preaching and living right because some of his brethren were unforgiving, unkind, over-ambitious or agnostic. Jesus didn't quit his post of leadership because he once had in his presence an adulterous woman, an unscrupulous business man, a gang of pharisaical hypocrites, or narrowminded worshippers.
 Do we use excuses to try to justify our failure to work and worship as we should? Remember, we must all give an account to God for the things done in this life.
 Selected

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE
 "That man has been in the army," said a gentleman to his friend as a stranger passed them in the street. "I know a soldier by his walk." Men ought to know Christ's soldiers by their walk.

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

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

This past week I learned of the death of Eddy Grindley of New Jersey. It is probable that you never knew Eddy. I am sure of one thing, had you ever met him, he was the type of person you could never forget. His dynamic personality, his spirit of good will, his loving nature made an impression on all whom he met.

A native of Ireland, brother Grindley learned of the New Testament church after he came to America. Afterwards his entire life was devoted to one cause, the cause of telling other people about the Lord Jesus Christ. He was interested in helping all who needed help but was especially concerned about the welfare of underprivileged children in New York city and some of the other great cities of the east. He was a leader in securing support and help for Summer Camps which were designed to give children opportunities to learn more of the Will of God. Many children from the slums and from the streets of New York city first heard of Christ as a result of the influence of Eddy Grindley. Many today occupy places of leadership in the Lord's church because they were taken from the slums and were provided opportunities to know the Lord.

Many times through the years my path and the path of Eddy Grindley have crossed. My first remembrance goes back years ago to Wichita Falls when he and his family spent several days in our home. He helped to enrich our lives. Every time Eddy Grindley saw one of his old friends he said, what so often we find difficult to say, "I love you." I wish that all of us might have a greater love for one another, and not only have the love but be able to tell others that we truly love them. Many of the problems which come about in the Lord's church would soon fade away if we would have such a spirit of love and good will toward others. Many people have helped to make my life a happier life. I am so thankful that among the number, I knew Eddy Grindley. The world is a better place because he lived. May all of us endeavor to make our lives such that we continue to live on in the lives of those who come after us. G.H.S.

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MEETING IN SAN ANGELO

I look forward to a gospel meeting with the Johnson Street church in San Angelo beginning this Sunday, September 28 to continue thru Friday, October 3. This church, formerly known as the Harris and Irving church has been one of the strongest churches in the State of Texas for many years. I look for-

ward to my association with their preacher, Stanley Lockhart, who is the uncle of Jay Lockhart of this city. We hope and pray that we will be able to accomplish much good and we solicit an interest in your prayers while we are in the meeting. G.H.S.

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Sept. 14...\$2,074.14463
A Year Ago,\$1,740.63458
Worship - Sunday Morning.....	575

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer..... R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer.....Cullen Gilliam
Dismiss.....H. McCarty

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer..... K. Max Haws
Prayer..... James Massey
Dismiss Bill Shuford

WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP

Sister Sybil Thacker, 433 South
Chilton, Apt. 2, placed membership
Wednesday evening. She formerly
worshipped in Hamlin, West Virginia.
Sister Thacker is the mother of
sister Carolyn Stitt. We welcome
her to Tyler and West Erwin.

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of Grady Holiday ack-
nowledges with grateful apprecia-
tion your kind expression of sym-
pathy.

I wish to express my thanks for
your many lovely cards, visits and
prayers during my recent stay in
the hospital. Mrs. C. T. Beard

Thank you for your kind expres-
sions of sympathy at the death of
my sister. Mrs. E. E. Degge

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28
A.M. GOD'S JUSTICE - Ron Beard
P.M. QUIT OR QUALIFY - Ron Beard

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Mary Sims and brother Ted
Snipes are in the Glenwood Hospital.

LEAVING FOR KOREA

Brother Jim Trentham will be
leaving shortly for a year's tour
of duty as a government employee in
Korea. His wife, Jean, will remain
here.

OUR SYMPATHY

Walter Lowe, Jr., a great nephew
of sister M. M. Haws, was killed
last week in Vietnam.

Sister Ethel Payne's sister pas-
sed away last week in California.

Funeral services were held last
Monday for the aunt of sister
Charles Graf.

We express our sympathy to each
family and their loved ones.

MEETING IN MT. PLEASANT

You are invited to hear Ira A.
Wolfe in a series of sermons on the
"Beatitudes" Sept. 29 thru Oct. 5.
Services at 7:30, North Jefferson
church of Christ, Mt. Pleasant, Tex.

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

BIBLE SCHOOL IS FOR EVERYONE

FROM THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR

How Does The Bible Class Grow?

Does the Bible School grow like a
weed - unwanted, unattended and un-
noticed? You will have to agree, the
answer is "no" in each case. To
grow, the Bible School must be
wanted, cared for and encouraged
and must be recognized for the good
it does in the lives of the pupils.
And good IS done! Some have esti-
mated that 75% of the converts to
the church come through the Bible
School. If this be true, why are
we not more diligent in our efforts
to enroll more and new class mem-
bers?

Let's make up our minds to begin
now with a round-up of new class
members! Growth will not come by
accident. Follow these procedures
for certain success:

L. E. CARPENTER TO SPEAK WEDNESDAY

L. E. Carpenter, well known evan-
gelist among churches of Christ
will speak on Wednesday evening,
October 1 at West Erwin. We are
truly thankful to have brother and
sister Carpenter as members of the
West Erwin congregation. Brother
Carpenter has accomplished much
good in his life as a gospel
preacher. He has conducted some of
the most successful gospel meetings
among our brethren. It was my pri-
vilege to hear him preach in Col-
linsville, Texas when I was a boy.
He will bring a lesson which will
be helpful to everyone. We hope a
large number will be present to
hear his sermon. G.H.S.

1. Concentrate on ONE PERSON at a
time.
2. Cultivate that one by calling,
encouraging, befriending.
3. Pray for him BY NAME.
4. Bring him with you to the ser-
vices of the church.
5. Do not grow weary in well do-
ing.
6. Ask the Lord to clear the way.
7. Rejoice, for YOU WILL BE suc-
CESSFUL!

With the help of the Lord, the
Bible Class can be doubled. We will
witness growth beyond our most op-
timistic dreams, when we wake up
and become personally involved in
working in our Bible class. **HOW
DOES THE BIBLE CLASS GROW? IT GROWS
when YOU come and BRING one!**

MIKE WARNER TO SPEAK TO LADIES

All of the women of the West Erwin
congregation are urged to be pres-
ent on Wednesday morning at 10:00
o'clock to hear Mike Warner bring a
special lesson for our ladies'
class. As you know, Mike recently
moved to Tyler to work with the
Northwest congregation in our city.
He was formerly supported by the
congregation here in his work in
Scott City, Kansas. His parents are
active workers in the West Erwin
church. We know that his lesson
will prove to be helpful to all who
come on Wednesday morning. G.H.S.

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

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Contribution To Help Hurricane Victims

We are truly thankful for the generosity of the members at West Erwin who have made it possible for the elders to send \$1,500 to help those who have suffered loss as a result of the recent hurricane Camille. Members of the church throughout the nation have sent supplies of various kinds. The elders decided to make our contribution to the brethren of the Hickory Knoll church in New Orleans who are helping to supervise some of the work being done.

The following letter will explain some of the work which the Hickory Knoll church has done and will also show the wisdom of sending money at this time to help those who have suffered loss. G.H.S.

"The church buildings at Ocean Springs, Biloxi, Gulfport and Long Beach, Mississippi were basically intact, but the members suffered damage, were scattered and in a state of shock. Supplies started flowing in but manpower for handling was woefully short. Initial visits by members of the church from New Orleans and Slidell established some contact, but remaining in contact with these areas is a problem because of lack of ready long distance communications. Volunteer workers and an early relief shipment from Sharpstown church of Christ of Houston had to return from Gulfport and was diverted to Buras, Louisiana because of all the foregoing problem factors. Later, with the aid of Keesler AFB personnel, the Biloxi church was able to distribute over 250 tons of supplies to hurricane victims. Relief efforts were also instituted by the other Mississippi Gulf Coast congregations. The church building at Buras, La. was 50% destroyed. The minister's home was totally destroyed. Thirty of the thirty three families of the church at Buras lost their total possessions including their homes. The elders at Buras having participated in Betsy relief activities in this same area four years ago were able to react quickly. The community center at Empire, La. was obtained and rapidly cleaned up with the help of local authorities and was turned into a distribution center exactly one week after Camille.

"To date, approximately 250 tons of supplies have been sent and partially distributed from this center. Volunteer workers can still be used at the Buras relief center. Distribution of relief items have been made to the church at Yscloskey, La. located in the marshland area east of New Orleans. These people suffered damage also. The church at Yscloskey was established as a direct result of Hurricane Betsy relief activities. The church has been gratefully acknowledged by local residents of these communities, to be one of the major relief (continued inside)

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Sept. 7...\$2,074.14425
A Year Ago.\$1,632.46421
Worship - Sunday Morning558

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill
Prayer.....L. E. Carpenter
Dismiss.....Tom Williams

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Prayer.....Leon Martin
Dismiss.....Jack Stringer

WELCOME INTO OUR FELLOWSHIP
Sister Blanche Little, 321 West
Locust, phone 592-2716, recently
moved to Tyler from Arlington, Tex.
We welcome her to West Erwin,

THANK YOU NOTES
The family of Felix Jones acknow-
ledges with grateful appreciation
your kind expression of sympathy.
Thanks for your visits, prayers,
and cards during my sickness.

Earnesene Shuford
Thank you for the lovely cards,
calls and remembrances of me re-
cently. Mrs. Lilla Tigert

We are thankful for all the ex-
pressions of love shown at the
death of our father.
The McBee Family

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS
We have a fine church library. It
is available for your benefit. The
following books were recently added
as gifts in memory of sister Freda
Walker.

The Life and Epistles of St. Paul
by Conybeare and Howson; Queries and
Answers by D. Lipscomb; The Gospe-
Plan of Salvation, by Brents; What
Jesus Taught, by Roberson; Barnes on
the Old Testament - Psalms I; Barnes
on the Old Testament - Psalms II;
Barnes on the Old Testament - Isaiah
I; Barnes on the Old Testament - Job
I; Barnes on the Old Testament - Job
II; Sermon Outlines on Acts; Craw-
ford; Sermon Outlines on First
Principles; Crawford, The Restora-
tion Plea, Crawford; Church Falling
Away and the Restoration, Shepherd;
The Chaos of Cults, VanBallen; Great
Preachers of Today - Baxter; Great
Preachers of Today - Banowsky; Great
Preachers of Today - Goodpasture;
Letters To The Seven Churches, Bar-
clay; Genes, Genesis and Evolution,
Klotz; Sermons on First Corinthians,
DeHoff.

History of the Churches of Christ
In Texas, Eckstein and Rich Without
Money, Lyles, are gifts in memory of
sister Dona Stephenson.

Other memorial books are be-
ing selected.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY
Morning - "Our Need For Reverence
In An Irreverent Age."
Evening - "Paul, More Than Conqueror"

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YOUR RESPONSE NEEDED

Many protests have been made by
Madelyn Murray O'Hair, the well
known militant atheist, and others,
because of the reading of the Bible
and praying by astronauts in their
travels in outer space. Efforts are
being made to prevent such in the
future.

We feel that those of us who have
faith should be heard at this time.
Letters are being sent to NASA of-
ficials to let them know we approve
of the conduct of the astronauts.
Every member will be given a copy
of a letter on Sunday which we hope
you will sign and mail. The letter
states:

"I personally appreciate a n d
wholeheartedly support the recent
decision of the astronauts to read
from the Bible in space as they or-
bited the moon.

It should be the right of every
human to publicly express his faith
in God and the Bible without fear
of reprisal from the government or
any other power."

CONTRIBUTION...(continued)
agencies in operation.

"Our knowledge of all situations
is accurate enough to make this as-
sessment. Clothes are in excessively
great abundance and are no longer
needed. Foodstuffs have been ab-
undantly supplied but naturally
diminish with time. Buras is in
need of and can receive food items
now. Other scarce items are bedding,
personal hygiene products and house
hold goods. However, many house-

holds no longer exist to receive
these supplies. It is because of
this fact and other factors that
MONEY as a contribution to the hur-
ricane relief effort is now of
primary importance and need.

"On behalf of the hurricane vict-
ims and in cooperation with the
Greater New Orleans area churches,
we urge you to first consider send-
ing cash contributions as your be-
nevolent work in this crisis."

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother T.J. Parsons, Sister Mary
Sims, and Mrs. Heckler, mother of
brother Guy Potts, are all in the
Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Jane Jones and sister Mar-
tha Jo Rowland are in Mother Fran-
ces Hospital. Also Mr. Percy Tate
is still a patient in Mother Fran-
ces.

Sister Janie Chelf is a patient
in Medical Center Hospital.

TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men serving the Lord's Supper the
last two Sundays in September are
as follows: Joe Willis, Bill Shuf-
ord, Marc Lemons, Steve Drennan and
Jeff Ellis. Bill Henderson, Henry
McRuiz, Odell Malone, Tommy Low-
rance and Mark Whitworth. Kim Smith
and Pete Wallace are alternates.

Sunday evening: R. H. Davis and
Foy Richey.

ZONE 4 WILL MEET Tuesday evening
at the Gerald Montgomery home, 322
Winchester, 7:30 P.M.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Why Be Hungry In The Midst of Plenty?

A certain story tells about a young boy who was making a boat trip across the ocean. Due to the small amount of money he had left after buying his ticket, the boy was trying to live off of cheese and crackers. After a few days his cheese and crackers became old and he no longer enjoyed eating them. He would wander past the big luxurious dining room where most of the passengers were dining sumptuously. After standing there and looking in with longing eyes, the young boy began to count his change again. Just then the steward came by and the boy said, "How much would it take to go in the dining room and eat a good meal? I am just about to starve." The steward said, "Young man, your ticket entitles you to eat three meals a day. Go right in there and order what you want."

Here was a young boy who almost starved himself on cheese and crackers when he could have eaten the best the ship had to offer. Are we not like this young man? We go through life trying to live on just cheese and crackers when we could be sitting down in the house of God, as one of His children, and faring sumptuously in spiritual things. Yes, we are missing too much in life!

Why starve at the devil's table while we eat his cheese and crackers when we can easily feast on the riches of God's love?

Begin NOW to attend Bible study each Sunday morning, 9:30.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother T. J. Parsons is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister C.T. Beard is still a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Brother Ed Naul underwent major surgery Wednesday morning in Nan Travis Hospital in Jacksonville.

Sister Janie Chelf is in Medical Center Hospital.

LADIES - You are invited to come to the preacher's home, 300 Ridgecrest, next Wednesday, September 17, following the Ladies' Class for a "covered dish" luncheon. Bring a dish and we will spread our lunch together.

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

10:20 a.m. RESPECTABLE SINS
6:00 p.m. BARNABAS, A GOOD MAN.

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 Sept. 7..\$2,074.14425
 August 31 3,195.96429
 Year Ago. 2,005.36481
 Worship Service Sunday...525

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....C. B. Hardin
 Prayer.....Glen Warner
 Dismiss.....Monroe Sublette

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Ron Beard
 Prayer.....Joe Wyatt
 Dismiss.....Tom Williams

WELCOME TO WEST ERWIN
 Mr. and Mrs. Cullen (Mary Ruth) Gilliam placed membership Sunday. They have recently moved here from Costa Mesa, Calif. They will have a permanent address soon.

RECENT BAPTISMS
 After much study and prayer, Debbie Smith and Jennylene Emmons decided that their motives prevented their previous immersion from being Christian baptism. They were buried with Christ in baptism on Sunday and Monday evenings respectively.

THANK YOU NOTES
 We appreciate more than words can express the many acts of kindness shown us in our recent bereavement. We are thankful for the flowers, cards, memorial gifts, and everything that you have said and done to show your love and sympathy.
 George and Alice Stephenson

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Mrs. Georgia Davis.

FUNERALS
 Brother Joe McBee's father, Mr. H. H. McBee, was buried Monday in Nampa, Idaho. Funeral services were conducted Monday in Talco for the father of brother F. A. Jones. He was an elder of the church there.

Mrs. Annie Pharris, a sister of our sister Degge, was buried Tuesday in Hillsboro. Funeral services were held Thursday in Marshall for Mr. Eugene Holiday, a brother to sister Fay Wallace.

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

CONGRATULATIONS
 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Gregory are the parents of a baby girl born last week in the Mother Frances Hospital.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST, 1969

Loan Payments		
First Fed. Sav. & Loan	1,123.50	
East-Tex. Sav. & Loan	111.42	
Cooperative Sav. "	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 Prog.	243.20	
Scott City "	20.00	
Mike Warner	725.00	
Jim L. Morrow	625.00	
Local Benevolent	49.99	2,088.19
Material and Supplies		
Utilities	699.69	
Bldg. and Grounds	70.46	
Office Supplies	134.80	
Bible School Supplies	53.20	
Insurance	164.47	
Flowers	27.32	
Postage	74.00	1,223.94
Local Salaries	2,777.00	
Total Expenditures	7,499.05	
Total Contributions	10,670.24	
(regular 9,516.58 storm relief 1,153.66)		
Contributions short of budget for August	404.76	
Contributions short of budget for year	10,595.94	

BUSINESS MEETING All men of the church are encouraged to attend the business meeting Sunday afternoon at 1:30 in the Chapel.

TO OUR GUESTS
 We are glad that you came our way. May you always feel a warm welcome and return to be with us again. We really appreciate your presence.

COLLEGE STUDENT
 Dennis Stansbury should be included in our list of young people attending college. He will enter Texas A. & M. this fall.

ZONE 3 WILL MEET
 Tuesday, 7:30 P.M. at the Mack Bynum home, 2224 Suanne Drive.

"Quitters in the church are like motors. They start sputtering before they miss, and start missing before they quit."

"Gossip is like a balloon - it grows bigger with every puff."

"OKLAHOMA REMEDY"

You've probably been reading so much about campus unrest across the nation and in such a wide variance of areas that it would have been difficult to have noted the absence of any particular State from the group for the unrest has been so profuse and so widespread.

But Oklahoma stands out as the exception, and the Students for a Democratic Society -- along with all the rest of the college radicals -- have remained clear of that State since their encounter with Dr. James O. Baird, who as president of Oklahoma Christian College of Oklahoma City encountered 20 protesters upon arrival at his office one morning.

In fact, they had their "demands" all typed up and had taken charge even denying him admission to his office. He rejected the demands and directed that unless they relented and left within five minutes he would call the police.

Well, they didn't leave and he called the police. Later he preferred charges of trespass against the culprits and they were fined \$20.00 each in city court. Upon their return to campus -- and this is the important part -- they were presented letters of termination of their status as students and were expelled.

This experience has had a salutary effect upon the approximately 200,000 students within the State of Oklahoma, and among the State's population of two and a half million. Oklahoma is to be congratulated upon having educators like Dr. Baird who follow the old custom of the frontier days and whose actions are prompted by what they think is right and without regard to political expediency. Dr. Baird knew he had the full support of his trustees and faculty -- and if he didn't have that support, they would have been searching for a new president. His prompt action and defense of those who wanted an education without campus disruption by rabble might have included a thought for the forgotten individual in these classroom interruptions, building seizures and banner-carrying matches; that of the little mother back home who is ironing the family wash long after midnight so that she might start for her job in the early hours of the morning all to the end that funds be found to keep the son or daughter in college.

Possessed of less than 60 years of statehood, Oklahoma points the way other states and educators might attempt to emulate. Would that the nation had more Dr. Bairds at the helm of our nation's colleges and universities. ... Editorial, Rocky Mount (N.C.) Telegram.

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Worship Sunday Morning558

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and

Prayer.....C. B. Hardin

Prayer.....Dalton Jones

Dismiss.....Henry McRuiz

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and

Prayer.....Ron Beard

Prayer.....Charles Graf

Dismiss.....Darrell Holt

RESPONSE

Hunt Rowe, son of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Rowe, was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. Hunt is in the 4th grade and a regular member of the Bible School.

ARLINGTON WORKSHOP

Ron Beard appeared on the program of the Fifth Annual Youth Workers Retreat held last weekend in Arlington, Texas. The workshop draws people active in youth work in the church from all parts of the United States.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
A.M. MAKE IT AS SURE AS YOU CAN.
P.M. JUDAS, WHO BETRAYED HIM.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in the Collinsville church of Christ for Mrs. Dona Stephenson, mother of brother George Stephenson. She passed away last Sunday evening. We extend our deepest sympathy to brother Stephenson and all of the family.

Sister D. M. Davis passed away this morning (Thursday). At this writing funeral arrangements have not been made. We express our deepest sympathy to sister Pauline Fuller and her loved ones.

THANK YOU NOTES

Memory is a gift of God that death cannot destroy, so the memories of our precious loved one will live on forever in the hearts of those who knew her. Your lovely expressions of sympathy by the cards, flowers, food and visits during our time of sorrow is a memory that has enriched the lives of those of us she has left behind. Thank you for your kind remembrances. In Christian love,

Ross, Rex, Queeda, Don, Wanda

The family of M. B. Covington acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. Thank you for the memorial to the Children's Home.

Joe and Dede Wyatt

Thanks for help and generosity to those who helped this past week.

Pauline Jones, Beatrice Holland,
and Nadean Bullard

ATTENTION COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS

There will be a get-together for all college age young people Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the Christian Campus Center at Tyler Junior College. Brother Bill Allen is the Campus Minister. The Chorus from the Christian College of the Southwest will be there also.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

The following young people from West Erwin will be attending college this Fall. If your name has been inadvertently omitted, please let us know and we shall be happy to print it.

TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE

Billy Chandler Phillip Browning

Jensy McDonald Audeen Graf

Gary Weaver David Womack

Debbie Young Danny Palmer

Debbie Gray

ABILENE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Georgianna Drennan Betsy Parris

Pam Stringer

OKLAHOMA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Jay Bynum

OKLAHOMA STATE

Suzanne Williams

NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Wilmer Little R. V. Threadgill

UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

Skipper Womack

TEXAS TECH

James Sublette Tom Keith

TEXAS A & M STEPHEN F. AUSTIN

Gary Aven Linda Byrd

DAVID LIPSCOMB

Chuck Cauthen

FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

James Beard

THE SICK

Sister C. T. Beard underwent surgery Wednesday in Glenwood Hospital.

Brother Guy Potts' mother, Mrs. Heckler, is in Glenwood Hospital with a fractured hip.

Sister Dovie Norsworthy suffered a broken ankle and was in Glenwood Hospital, but is now at home.

CONGRATULATIONS

Louis and Modena Jones are the happy grandparents of a new grandson. Jay Dewitt, 8 lbs. 6 oz., arrived September 3 in Midland, Texas. His parents are Dewitt and Prissy Jones.

MEN TO SERVE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays of September: Wayne Berryman, Francis Bullard, Leon Martin, Jim Norris, Marty Stitt, H. McCarty, Eddie Stansbury, Harvey Grier, O'Neal Tucl, Randy Shuford. Alternates: Wayne Fears and Joe McBee. Evening: F. A. Jones and Mack Bynum.

MOVING FROM TYLER

Danny Smith recently completed Barber School and he and Dorothy have moved back to Paris, Texas. We shall miss them very much from West Erwin, but wish them much success and happiness.

We shall miss sister R. P. Jones. She recently moved to Midway to live with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Carter. Sister Jones' health will not permit her to live alone.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

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Christ demands supreme loyalty of those who claim to be his disciples. He declared: "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matt. 10:27). In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus taught that the kingdom of God and his righteousness should have first place in our lives. He said: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

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Our love for Christ increases when we realize the marvelous love which he has had for us. Of course, it is impossible to understand the greatness of God's love as manifest in the gift of his son. When Paul contemplated the love of Christ, he wrote these words: "That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge" (Eph. 3:17-19).

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Evening Youth Class.....	52

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....T. F. Holland
 Prayer.....Roger Knight
 Dismiss.....Wilmer Little

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....R. H. Davis
 Prayer.....Gerald Montgomery
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RESPONSES

We are happy Paul Knight was baptized into Christ last Sunday. Paul is a regular member of the Bible School and is in the sixth grade. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Roger Knight.

Sister E. L. Taylor came Sunday asking for the prayers of the church.

Sister Robert (Emsley) Walker has recently returned to Tyler from Lubbock and wants to be identified again with West Erwin. Her address is 1922 East Lake, phone 592-6160.

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 Monday thru Friday - 12:30 Noon

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We share the sorrow of the Ross Walker family in the passing of Sister Freda Walker Wednesday morning in a Temple hospital. Funeral services will be Friday afternoon at 2:00 in the church building. We express our deepest sympathy to Brother Walker, Wanda, Rex, and all of the loved ones.

NEW ARRIVALS

Bill and Jo Butler are the happy parents of a baby girl born last Saturday evening. Jo and the baby are fine and are now at home.

Mr. and Mrs. George (Glenda) Brumley are the parents of a baby boy born Monday evening in Mother Frances Hospital.

LEAVING TYLER

Gracie and Robert Rowland will be leaving Tyler very soon to move to Abilene, Texas. We are disappointed at their leaving, but hope they will be happy in their new home.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

10:20 A.M. "Marriage: Life's Greatest Partnership."
 6:00 P.M. "Thomas, Who Saw And Believed,"

CHRIST MUST...(continued from back)
 Christ rule supreme in your heart!
 The greatest joy of your life will be found when you allow Christ to be first. G.H.S.

BIBLE SCHOOL IS FOR EVERYONE
 SUNDAY MORNING - 9:30

VICTIMS OF CAMILLE

In order to help replace and supply the needs of those who have been left homeless by the hurricane, a special collection will be taken Sunday after the regular contribution. So that exact needs can be met, we will send money to be used in acquiring whatever is needed by the storm victims. In making preparations to give, read Matt. 25:35-46.

CHRISTIAN COURTESY

One of the most neglected flowers in the garden of Christian character is courtesy. This seemingly insignificant virtue can determine between happiness and sorrow, between heaven and hell. Good manners are a real ornament and are worth more in winning favor than the finest clothes or jewels ever worn. "A beautiful behavior," says an American essayist, "is better than a beautiful form or face." There is no society where smiles, pleasant looks, kindness, gratitude, and graciousness are not welcomed. The little courtesies which for the small chains of life may not appear important become a treasure as they accumulate.

Politeness has been defined as benevolence in small things. A true Christian recognizes the rights and feelings of others, even in the most trivial matters. In society he is quiet, easy, unobtrusive. He is never "stuck up" nor looks down

THE SICK

Sister Martha Jo Rowland has been in the hospital recently and will probably enter again the last of next week.

Brother George Stephenson's mother is seriously ill in the hospital in Sherman, Texas.

Sister Earnesene Shuford is in room 124 of Glenwood Hospital.

ZONE I will meet Tuesday evening at the C. E. Caskey home at 7:30 P.M.

upon others because they have not received titles or honors. He is willing to listen to others and is frank and respectful in the stating of his view on any subject. All of the characteristics of courtesy are those which Paul attributes to love in the 13th chapter of I Corinthians. This is not surprising because POLITENESS IS LOVE IN OPERATION.

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

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A Good Conscience

The Bible teaches that we should have a good conscience. "But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience" (I Tim. 1:5).

Man has the faculty or inward principle which decides as to the character of his actions, warning against and condemning that which he believes is wrong, and approving that which he believes is right. Man recognizes there are some things he ought to do and some things he ought not to do. Apparently, none of the lower creatures have such a faculty.

Man's conscience does not determine what is right or wrong. Conscience serves a similar purpose to man as the courts of the land serve for society. The courts do not presume to make the law, but they tell us whether or not we have violated the law. Likewise, our conscience does not make the law, but it will tell us whether or not we have violated that which we have been taught is right.

Paul lived in good conscience when he was persecuting Christians and condemning them to die (Acts 23:1; Acts 24:16). Yet Paul later considered himself the chief of sinners (I Timothy 1:15). His conscience approved of his conduct, because he thought Christianity was a heresy which should be destroyed. Our conscience bears witness, approves or disapproves of what we do. "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience bearing witness with me in the Holy Spirit" (Romans 9:1).

It should be obvious that conscience alone is not a safe guide. Some have had good consciences in offering their children as sacrifices to their gods, but this did not make their practice right. The Bible speaks of some whose consciences are "seared" (I Timothy 4:3). It is very tragic when one no longer has a sense of guilt when he does that which he thinks is wrong. Such people are "past feeling" (Ephesians 4:19) and may be so hardened they will not do right. Hence, we should never violate our conscience. Some are said to have a "weak conscience" (I Cor. 8:12). A weak conscience is one not properly trained or developed. We must keep our conscience pure, but we must also learn what is right and wrong from the Lord.

Peter declares that baptism saves, and that it is the "answer of a good conscience toward God" (I Peter 3:21). When we do that which we are taught is right we have a good conscience. G.H.S.

"Life is not a gift, but a trust. You may do as you please with a gift, but with a trust you must give an account."

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Prayer.....Ron Beard
Dismiss.....W. O. Rushing

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Roy Roberson
Prayer.....Wayne Berryman
Dismiss.....Bruce Raley

WELCOME TO WEST ERWIN

Mrs. Claudia Stower, 1219 W. 3rd, placed membership and asked for the prayers of the church last Sunday. She formerly worshipped in Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

FUNERAL

Funeral services were conducted Monday for Mike Dunwoody, grandson of sister Ola Dunwoody. He was fatally injured in an automobile accident in Wyoming. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

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TEENAGERS CONDUCT DEVOTIONAL

Last Sunday afternoon, 19 of the young people from West Erwin went to the Leisure Lodge Nursing Home to conduct the religious service. The activities included singing of several hymns, some requested by the residents of the home, and a medley of speciality songs developed by the youth themselves. The Lord's Supper was served for all who wished to partake. Several compliments were received from the staff, residents, and visitors in the home. This work will be done the 3rd Sunday of each month at the Leisure Lodge and is just one more addition to our program of service for the Lord. We should be proud of our young people and allow their zeal to encourage us.

ZONE MEETING

Zone 4 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:30 at the K. Max Haws home, 3801 Birdwell.

THE SICK

Sister Susan Johnson is in Medical Center Hospital in ICU.
Sister Wilma Greene is now in the Leisure Lodge, 812 S. Porter, and would enjoy your visit.
Sister Ross Walker is in Scott and White Hospital in Temple, Tex.
Sister R. H. Davis entered Medical Center Wednesday for surgery Thursday.
Sister Ruby Degge's sister is seriously ill in Hillsboro, Texas.

CHANGE OF PREACHERS AT NORTHWEST

B. E. Bawcom, who has worked as the local evangelist for the Northwest church of Christ the past few years, has recently moved to Portsmouth, Ohio to work with the church there. The elders at Northwest have announced that they have secured Mike Warner to become the preacher at Northwest beginning September 14. Our prayers are with the Bawcom family in their new work and with the Warners as they assume their new responsibilities here in Tyler.

Mike has been supported by the West Erwin church for the past four years in Scott City, Kansas. In his letter of resignation to the elders here, Mike states:

'For the past four years it has been my privilege and my joy to work with the West Erwin church in spreading the Gospel in Western Kansas. This move represents no unhappiness whatever on my part or in the church here. These brethren are greatly dedicated to the cause of Christ. And, I am happy to say, my moving will not harm the work here. However, they do still need your help. They will be able to accept more and more of their own support over the next couple of years. I hope and pray that you will continue to stay behind them. I sincerely believe that it would be impossible for you to find any more deserving people than these.

We are very thankful for the fine work which Mike has accomplished in Scott City. He is the son of the Glen Warners of this congregation. We will be glad to have him as a co-worker for Christ in Tyler.

PECULIAR, ISN'T IT?

The man who says he is kept away from worship by hypocrites is not influenced by them to stay away from anything else.

Business is full of them, but if he sees a chance to make some money, he doesn't stop because of that.

Society is crowded with them, and yet he never thinks of becoming a hermit.

Married life is full of them, but

it does not make him remain a bachelor.

Hell is overflowing with them, and yet he isn't doing a thing to keep from going to that place when he dies.

He wants to have you think he is trying to avoid the society of hypocrites, and yet he doesn't take a single step toward the only place where no hypocrites can go, and that is HEAVEN.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 24
A.M. FORGETTING GOD
P.M. SIMON PETER

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

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

SUGGESTIONS FOR PUBLIC PRAYING ... by M. Norvel Young

When the early disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He gave the model which is generally called "The Lord's Prayer." Jesus also taught about prayer in these words, "And when you pray don't rattle off long prayers like the pagans who think they will be heard because they use so many words. Don't be like them. After all, God who is your Father knows your needs before you ask Him" (Matt. 6, Phillips Translation).

One thing I noticed about the prayers of children and young people is the personal, direct manner in which they talk to God. They haven't learned the trite phrases which are so frequently used in public prayers. These phrases express valid ideas, but they can be used to say something without much thought. We often sing beautiful poetry without thinking about it, and sometimes we cannot recall the words we have spoken five minutes after we have enunciated them.

As an example of these styled phrases, let us notice three or four. "Bless those for whom it is our duty to pray." Does this include everybody? Do we pray for them just because it is our duty and not because we love them and are concerned for them?

"Choose our changes for us." Are we asking God to remove us from the responsibility of division? Are we abdicating free will? We certainly need to pray for the providential guidance of God, but do we truly mean this in this trite phrase?

"And, finally, when thou art done with us on this earth, save us at last if we have been found faithful." Do we doubt God's promise that He will save us as His children if we are walking in the light? Do we think we can claim His grace if we are unfaithful?

Again, there is a phrase which has crept into the peroration of some public prayers: "And when Thou art done with us here, take us to be with Thee in Heaven with all the redeemed and that will be enough." I have wondered for years what more we could expect of God. If Heaven is not enough, what would be? The use of the word "enough" seems to indicate a bargaining with God.

Other stereotyped phrases could be mentioned, but our purpose is not to make these phrases, but to urge us to avoid using words which sound impressive rather than speaking simply to God in words which express our deepest feelings. God knows what we need before we ask Him and He is not going to be impressed by stilted language. This is not to say that much thought should not be given to what we will say in prayer, especially when we are leading the minds of the whole congregation. But it is to say that our thoughts should be (continued inside)

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FUNERAL

Mr. M. B. Covington, father of sister Joe Wyatt, passed away Tuesday in Mathis, Texas. We express our deepest sympathy to Dede and Joe and their family.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the last three Sundays in August: C. T. Langham, George Welch, Glen Howard, Jr., Darrell Holt, and Sammy Ellis. Louis E. Jones, Gus Krewall, Phil Browning, Roy Driggers, and Rodger Young. Alternates: Harley Turner and W. O. Rushing. Evening: Travis Fletcher and Ray Womack.

SEPTEMBER 10

September 10 is an important date for all the women of the congregation. This is the time we have set for the beginning of the Ladies' Class for this season. We hope to have a bigger class than last year and want to encourage every woman, whether young or old, to be here each Wednesday morning at 10:00 o'clock. We plan to study the Life of Christ. This should prove to be a helpful course of study for every one. There will be a class for pre-school children also.

THE SICK

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

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 17
10:20 A.M. FINDING CONTENTMENT
6:00 P.M. SIMON PETER'S BROTHER

QUESTION???

A recent issue of READERS DIGEST carried a thought-provoking question: "If you were on trial for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?"

CHILDREN are our most precious possessions. We should

- * Set a good example.
- * Teach them to obey.
- * Study God's Word with them at home.
- * Bring them to Bible class and worship regularly.

OUR LOSS OF SPIRITUALITY

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." 2 Jn. 2:15.

God expects His children to be spiritually strong; but many who are supposed to be Christians not only fail to grow in spiritual strength but they actually lose much of the spirituality they had when they first became Christians. Our loss of such strength can be determined by our actions. Jesus taught the lesson that men are like trees; "by their fruits ye shall know them."

We become so enthralled with the things of the world that we often lose sight of the heavenly reward promised by the Father. We have so much "fun" that we just aren't interested in doing those things commanded by the Father as necessary conditions by which to gain the eternal reward.

Loss of spirituality is discernible when we no longer enjoy worshipping the Lord or meeting with Christians.

We are losing spirituality when we derive nothing of benefit from the reading of His Word.

Spirituality is on the down-grade when we think nothing of lost souls around us and make no effort to teach them the way of Christ.

Spiritual strength is dissipated by worldly language that is characterized by cursing, gossip, lies, and filthy stories.

The spirituality of parents is

often deemed questionable as their children display everything else except a spiritual attitude toward Christ and His church.

Foster L. Ramsey

SUGGESTIONS... (continued from back) expressed in dignified simplicity, in language which is our own language, which is natural to us and the people we lead in prayer. This is one reason why our pioneers did not choose to use Latin in public prayers and why they did not advise using set prayers each service. But in some instances we have conformed to the same pattern by memorizing stylized phrases which are repeated Sunday after Sunday.

I have found many young men refuse to lead the church in prayer because they fear criticism if they express themselves simply and sincerely and do not use the stereotyped phrases they have heard through the years.

I believe Jesus teaches us that we should pray in faith and from the heart, concentrating on what God thinks of our prayer rather than on impressing our human hearers. This is not easy to do, but we must keep the goal before us and always be mindful of Jesus' teaching that we shall not be able to impress God with the flowery language or verbose statements. "Don't recite the same prayer over and over as the heathen do, who think prayers are answered only by repeating them again and again" (Living Letters Paraphrase).

BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

We have been greatly encouraged by the fine attendance we have had during the past two Sundays at the morning worship hour. During the summertime many congregations experience what is called a "Summer Slump." Apparently we have not suffered from such a "slump" here at West Erwin. We are truly thankful for the large number of visitors who have come to be with us and we hope and pray that this speaks well for the growth of the church in the future. It seems that there is a spirit of optimism on the part of the various members of the church. We feel that many are working and praying and helping to advance the cause of Christ here in our city. We are truly thankful for the faithfulness of all who are doing their part to build up the cause of Christ. However, I'm sure that all of us realize there are many areas of work in which we could show improvement. It is to be regretted that we have been unable to meet the budget set at the beginning of the year. It was hoped at the beginning of the year that we might be able to support another man in the mission field and thus far this has not been realized. May each one of us examine ourselves carefully and see if it is not possible for us to erase the budget deficit during the remainder of this year.

It would be fine if our Sunday evening attendance were just as large as the morning attendance. We are having good numbers to come and we would like to encourage you to come also. At the present time we are studying some of the great characters of the New Testament. We feel that this study will prove to be helpful to all of us as it will cause us to have a greater appreciation for the New Testament and for those individuals who lived in the long ago.

We were pleased to receive word that brother Dean Brookshire recently baptized a couple, Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Styles of Troup, who became interested in the gospel through the radio program conducted here by brother Brookshire. Both Mr. and Mrs. Styles are advanced in years and she is blind. We are glad to hear that this program brought forth fruit. We can never know how much good will be accomplished as a result of preaching the gospel to the many people who are listening each day to our radio program. We want to remind you to tell your friends about this broadcast each day, Monday through Friday over KTBB at 12:30 P.M. Listen yourself and by telling others you may be able to help spread the gospel of Christ. We look forward to our services on this Lord's Day.

G.H.S.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
Prayer.....Edgar Bullard
Prayer.....Louis J. Jones
Dismiss.....Joe Willis

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....L. G. Drennan
Prayer.....Jack Beard
Dismiss.....J. D. Taylor

THANK YOU NOTE

My deepest gratitude and love for the prayers, visits and other kind deeds done for me during my recent illness. In Christian love,
Violet Land

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister E. L. Taylor is in Medical Center Hospital for a check-up.
Brother Harvey Grier, Jr. had surgery Monday in Glenwood Hospital.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 10
10:20 A.M. THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST
6:00 P.M. THE DISCIPLE WHOM JESUS
LOVED

LISTEN TO RADIO STATION KTBB
Monday Thru Friday, 12:30 Noon

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harding Hume request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Bonnie Jean
to

Mr. Gary Douglas Terrell
on Saturday, September the sixth at three o'clock in the afternoon
Green Acres Baptist Church
Tyler, Texas
Reception
Fellowship Hall

THE HOME

An artist who wanted to paint the most beautiful picture in the world, asked a preacher, "What is the most beautiful thing in the world?" "Faith," answered the preacher. "You can feel it in every church, find it in every pew."

The artist asked a young bride the same question. "Love," she replied. "Love builds poverty into riches; sweetens tears; makes much of little. Without love there is no beauty."

A weary soldier said: "Peace is the most beautiful thing in the world. War is the most ugly. Whenever you find peace, you find beauty."

"Faith, Love, Peace! How can I paint them?" thought the artist. Entering his door he saw Faith in the eyes of his children and love in the eyes of his wife. And there in his home was the peace that Love and Faith had built. So he painted the picture of the "Most Beautiful Thing in the World." And, when he had finished, he called it "Home."

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY 1969

LOAN PAYMENTS

First Federal Sav. & Loan	1,123.50
East Texas Sav. & Loan	111.42
Cooperative Sav. & Loan	75.00
Stephens Parking Lot	76.67
	1,386.59

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	20.00
Mike Warner	580.00
Jim L. Morrow	500.00
Teachers Workshop Expenses	194.00
Meeting, Adv. & Hotel	93.01
	2,034.41

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	627.80
Bldgs. and Grounds	115.50
Office Supplies	222.11
Bible School Supplies	350.03
Insurance	164.47
Flowers	32.62
Postage	64.00
	1,576.53

LOCAL SALARIES

Total Expenditures for July	1,953.00
Total Contributions for July	6,950.93
Contributions in excess of Expenditures	7,488.76
Contributions short of Budget for July	538.31
Contributions short of Budget for This Year	1,371.16
	10,191.18

BUSINESS MEETING ... All men of the church are encouraged to attend the business meeting Sunday afternoon at 1:30.

ISN'T IT STRANGE?

The New Testament refers to the Lord's Supper 22 times in all, so, all true Christians consider this an important part of their weekly schedule. Baptism is mentioned 120 times in the New Testament, so all sinners who realize the importance of the act comply with the Lord's teaching, but when Jesus teaches on another subject over 1,000 times, some members of the church treat it lightly. This massive amount of Scripture refers to the Christian's obligation to study and teach God's word to others. Yet in spite of this great amount of emphasis on the need of Christians to study regularly, many treat this matter lightly. Think about it! Have YOU been attending Bible classes regularly or have you been absent lately?

...Selected

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

NEGLECT

In many places the Bible warns us of the danger and tragedy of neglect. The question is asked in Hebrews 2:3, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation?"

In Jesus' parable of the virgins, recorded in the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew, we are reminded of the danger of neglect. In many respects, the wise virgins were like the foolish virgins. They were alike in their clothing and in their intentions. All of them intended to go to the marriage feast, but the foolish did not enter, simply because of neglect. They failed to have sufficient oil in their lamps. Their intentions were good, but they were the victims of their own neglect. It has been said that "Hell is paved with good intentions."

In the parable of the talents the one talent man was condemned not because he was guilty of lying or of embezzlement; he was guilty of simple neglect. He neglected to invest the talent which was given to him (Matt. 25:14-30). In the story of the rich man and Lazarus, we have another illustration of the danger of neglect. The rich man was not condemned just because he was rich any more than the poor man was blessed just because he was poor. The rich man was guilty of the sin of neglect. He neglected his opportunity to help a man who was in need (Luke 16:19-31).

Some where you have seen an old house which at one time was the proud home of a happy family. Once it was a thing of beauty, surrounded by flowers and shrubs, and filled with the merry laughter of children. But that once beautiful place is now a picture of ugliness and desolation with window lights gone, the roof falling in, doors off the hinges, and weeds and rubbish in the yard. All of this is the result of neglect. In many places in our great nation, there are barren fields which once were fertile farms. This, too, is the result of tragic neglect. But many who would not think of neglecting their farms or their houses or their automobiles or farm equipment are guilty of neglecting their greatest possessions, their own precious souls. Many will face the judgment unprepared, not because they are wicked or cruel, but they are simply the victims of neglect. Some are neglecting to provide spiritual care for their own children. Then others are neglecting their own parents. Some are planning someday to become Christians, but they are allowing their material interest to cause them to postpone and neglect their obedience to the Lord. Some are planning someday to do more for the Lord and for their fellow man, but some will neglect until it is too late. How shall we escape if we neglect?
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THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS TIME

"Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment" (Ecc. 8:5).

". . . The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill; but time and change happeneth to them all" (Ecc. 9:11).

"For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14).

Time, in the final analysis, is all we have in this life--and before we know it, it has "vanished away."

Man spends his time making money, accumulating things, caring for his property. Or perhaps he worries about things over which he has no control, plotting to avenge another, or simply "whiling away his time" to no avail.

Time seems so plentiful when we are young--it even seems to drag, or hang heavy. It seems Christmas will never come!

We plan big things for the future, but time slips by and we fail

to reach our hopes and goals. "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved" (Jer. 8:20).

I grew to respect and appreciate most highly a young man who was out of Christ. The proper time would come, I told myself, for me to introduce the subject of his salvation. I waited for a convenient opportunity rather than sense the importance and urgency of the matter. He was suddenly taken from this life by an auto accident. Time had run out!

A mother and father are blessed with a healthy, normal child--an eternal soul. There are so many things they plan for the child and must accomplish. But then--"Oh, it seemed like only yesterday!" Where did time go? The things that should have been done--but it's too late now.

Other opportunities may come, other blessings may enter your life, but those that are gone will never return. How well are you using your time?

Lost: Somewhere between sunrise and sunset, one golden minute, set with sixty diamond seconds. There is no reward offered, for it is lost forever.

By Henry Speck, Professor of Bible
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	L. E. Carpenter
Dismiss.....	Bill Shuford

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	O. C. Becker
Dismiss.....	Marc Lemons

RESPONSES

Baptized: Cynthia Ann Taylor, 2631 Oak Lane. Dwayne Shuford, 1812 Melba Place. Cindy and Dwayne will be in the 6th grade when school begins. They are both regular members of the Bible School.

Restored: Betty Oliver and Deann Stone.

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Law (Linda), 704 Watkins, phone 592-2434. They are from Aurora, Colo. Dennis is the Superintendent of Parks for Tyler. They have two children. We welcome Linda and Dennis to West Erwin and to Tyler.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister James Massey underwent surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.

Sister Violet Land is in the Glenwood Hospital following surgery.

NOTE OF THANKS

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

Vernon and Ed Naul

AREA MEETINGS

The church of Christ in Troup will be in a meeting July 27 thru August 1. Earl Richardson will be preaching. Services at 7:30 P.M.

Also, the fourth Sunday singing will be in Troup, July 27, 2:30 P.M. You are cordially invited.

C. E. McGaughey will be preaching in a meeting July 27 thru August 3 at 7:30 P.M. at the Alpine and Glover church of Christ in Longview.

J. D. Lancaster will be preaching in a meeting at Pritchett July 27 thru August 3, 7:45 P.M.

VISITATION

- V - italizes the work of the church.
- I - ncreases the attendance.
- S - ecures better home co-operation.
- I - nspires regular activity in the overall program.
- T - rains a more effective membership.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

Brother Stephenson and his family will return home this week from vacation and meeting work. His sermon subjects for Sunday are:

- Morning - THE BRIDE OF CHRIST
- Evening - THE GOOD SHEPHERD

STEERING CLEAR OF THE ROCKS

Many years ago one of the presidents of the United States was taking a trip on a Mississippi river steamboat. Being a friendly man, he walked freely among the passengers and members of the crew, and finally found himself standing before the boat's pilot. "How long have you been piloting boats on the river?" asked the president. "Nigh on to forty years" said the pilot. "Then," said the president, "I suppose you know exactly where all the rocks are in this part of the river." "No, Sir," was the pilot's reply, "I don't know where the rocks are, but I know where the rocks ain't."

The pilot knew where the safe channel was and kept his boats

there. He didn't take any chances by getting among the rocks.

Boys and girls today might also find the advice worthwhile. Our lives are much like boats on the river of life. This river may have dangerous rocks and shoals. Some above the surface where we can see them, others beneath the surface where they cannot be seen. There are some advantages in knowing where the dangers are, but it is of far greater value to know where the safe channel is, and keep it. There may be some value in knowing where the places are that boys and girls sometimes get in trouble, but it is better to stay in the safe channel made by the Word of God and the correct guidance of Godly parents.

...Selected

HOW ARE YOUR FEET?

The Bible has much to say, both literally and otherwise, about our feet. Isaiah could sing, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace;" (Isa. 52:7). Paul cautions us, in earnest words, "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise" (Eph. 5:15). The father of a boy who had wasted his life, but was returning, commanded a feast, and that they should put "a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet" (Luke 15:22). What about your feet? There are still some people whose "feet are swift at bad things" --either "shedding blood" or "running to mischief," and in neither case does God approve. Others have set themselves to have their "feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace" (Eph. 6:15) --that is, they stand ready to teach the truth to all who will hear. And all discouraged ones should heed, "Make straight paths... for your feet" (Heb. 12:13) --that is, NEVER GIVE UP. How are your feet -- the rest of you is probably the same way.

...Selected

RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY

Strict obedience is a prime virtue.

It is easy to see the need for obedience in other people. To adults the biblical admonition, "Children, obey your parents," makes good sense. Children are those who do not understand the forces that whirl about their lives and actually they are not competent to make decisions for themselves. The very best for the child can be had only if he strictly obeys the admonitions of his loving parents, who do understand what is best for him. We would even go so far as to say that if children do not obey and do not show proper respect for authority, they should be spanked.

In a school, students must obey their teachers and the administrative authorities so the whole organization can function effectively as a unit. Any sort of anarchy or refusal to conform will disrupt the good that can be accomplished for every student, including the disobedient one.

What good would the military be unless all of lesser rank respected the obligations of discipline and strictly obeyed the commands of their superiors? Surely those of us who stay at home and have others go and fight our wars for us are glad that they are expected to show proper respect for authority. If we should be told that no longer will our service men be expected to pay attention to the commands of their superiors, we would be scared of the outcome, for we know that victory is possible only when people work together as a team. We could not afford to have 100,000 men in a war zone, each doing what he pleased.

Back home we cannot afford to have citizens disrespect the law. Human beings have to be controlled by proper authority, and the great life is possible only when each man submits to that authority and recognizes that his own desires must be secondary to the authority that governs the group.

In the Church, Christians are admonished to "Obey them that have the rule over you and submit to them." In the relationships of the local congregations, there can be no successful working together unless all respect the authority of them who have been given it.

Finally, all of us must respect God's authority as it is expressed in His revealed will--the New Testament. We suffer if we decide to take our spiritual condition into our own hands. God has a right as our maker to give commandments, and He has the knowledge to know what is the best life for us. In most cases of disobedience, the one disobeying has less information about the situation and the consequences of non-conformity than does the one who is in position to serve as the authority.

In view of all of this, there is no place (continued inside)

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Prayer..... David Demic
Prayer..... Joe Wyatt
Dismiss..... Rodger Young

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer..... W. R. Womack
Prayer..... Glen Howard
Dismiss..... Mark Cauthen

NEWS OF SERVICE MEN

Stephen Sublette has left for his port of embarkation at Seattle, Washington for a one year tour of duty in Korea. Our prayers go with him and wish him a safe return.

Bob Butler is now in Germany and Fleta expects to join him there in a few weeks.

RESPONSES

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Lambert came Sunday to place membership with us. Brother Lambert also asked for the prayers of the church. They formerly worshipped in Tomball, Texas. Their address is 434 S. Vine, phone 592-6225.

FUNERALS

Brother B. E. Walker's brother-in-law was buried Tuesday in Pampa, Texas.

Sister Cora Hughes' father, Mr. Charlie Still, was buried last week in Overton.

We express our sympathy to each family.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother T. G. Bell is now in the Hearthstone, Ward A.

Brother W. D. Drummond is in room 103 in the Hearthstone.

Sister R. P. Jones is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Wilma Greene is in Medical Center.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in July.

Cone Birdwell	Tommy Lowrance
Mark Cauthen	Howard Ellis
Billy Chandler	Mark Ellis
Kenny Browning	Reagan Phillips
Gary Aven	Gary Weaver

Alternates: Fred Strait, J.D. Taylor. Evening: L. L. Gann and Bruce Raley.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME CHORUS

The Medina Children's Home Chorus will be at the Alpine and Glover church of Christ in Longview, July 22, at 7:30 p.m. You are invited to attend.

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

FROM YOUR PREACHER

We arrived safely in our home town of Collinsville where we stayed during our meeting in Gunter, Texas. We had large, enthusiastic audiences present for the services.

Vallen Graham, who works with Christ Haven in Keller, Texas did a splendid job of directing our singing. Wayne Lowe is the capable preacher in Gunter.

We have been acquainted with many who now live in the Home For Aged. It is sad to see some whose health

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RESPECT FOR...(Continued)

in an orderly society for what some call "civil disobedience." Neither is there a place for student rebellion or any sort of public demonstration that violates the law. Certainly, in human organization or government anyone with a good idea should have the right to make his idea known, but in all these relations there is a way for expression of ideas and even for changing of laws that does not call for "breaking the law" in order to get the idea advanced. We are a people of law and we must remain such. We are a people under God's complete authority, and woe be unto us if we do not respect it.

... J. D. Thomas
Abilene Christian College

OUTLINE OF HEBREWS

The outline of Hebrews by brother Johnny Ramsey is now ready. Copies are in the foyer and in the office.

has failed, and yet we are thankful they have a comfortable place to live. The new hospital wing at the home measures up to the highest standards of health set by the State. Many in the home are able to come to the services and are an inspiration to others because of their cheerful outlook.

We miss all of our wonderful friends at West Erwin. Please continue to pray for us and be assured that you are remembered in our prayers also.

G.H.S.

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TIME

We are given time and eternity, both wrought by God's own hand, something to hold, and something to hope, now and a better land.

Counted by breaths or throbs of the heart
Time can be precious indeed,
For within its limits we
Search our soul to find its every need.

In doing this, we prepare
Our souls for that
Which follows time,
The "forever and ever," that
Home of the soul - that
Refuge of yours and mine.

... Iris Beard

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY BY RON BEARD

A.M. HEAVEN OR HELL
P.M. A MORE CONVENIENT SEASON

FROM THE DESK OF RON BEARD

There is a grave inconsistency in the church today, and it exists at West Erwin as it does other places. It may be the fault of the teachers and preachers who have impressed us with the statement, "Salvation cannot be earned or bought." Certainly this statement is true as Romans 3:24 teaches we receive justification freely by grace. We cannot, however, use grace as a crutch to rationalize away I Cor. 16:2 which commands everyone to give as God has prospered him.

None would deny belief in Mark 16:15-16, Acts 2:38, or I Peter 3:21. How then do we dare pretend that II Corinthians 9:6 and 7 are of no effect. It is certainly mockery to God to believe He will save us (John 14:1-3) but doubt His promise to increase our measure of blessings if we give (Luke 6:38). Some in the church must doubt this or their giving would be different, in amount and attitude.

To the question "How much should I give?", some have said, "Give till it hurts." This is unwise advice; that, in fact, disagrees with II Cor. 9:7 which tells us God loves a cheerful giver. For the one who objects and says that "hurts" refers to "sacrifice", may we notice that it has never spiritually hurt anyone to sacrifice. It probably is true that anyone who asks how much to give is not giving enough. Why not give till it feels good rather than till it hurts.

God condemns selfishness and says that the love of money is the root of all evil. It would be sad to miss heaven for a few dollars that we should have given to the Lord's work, but it is apparent that this will be the fate of some church members.

Some have the misconception that their giving is to do God a favor. It is true that money is necessary to carry on a program of work and to preach the gospel, but the giver is the one who really benefits if his gift is according to God's will. (Acts 20:35)

It is interesting that some are apparently ashamed to have the elders know what they give. It is of concern to the elders for they must give account for the souls over which they rule (Hebrews 13:17). Have we forgotten that even if we hide our selfishness from other men, we cannot hide it from God.

Study the financial statement in this bulletin, especially the amount of contribution below the budget. Now before you wonder why the church is not doing more, ask yourself why you are not giving more.

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Brother Ron Beard has announced the following sermon subjects for Sunday.
10:20 A.M. AS GOES THE HOME 6:00 P.M. WHERE ARE YOU SPIRITUALLY

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
 Prayer. Cone Birdwell
 Prayer. Wayne Berryman
 Dismiss Mark Whitworth

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer. David Demic
 Prayer. Travis Fletcher
 Dismiss Billy Chandler

RESPONSES THIS WEEK

Membership: Brother and Sister Mike Newman (Betty) recently moved to Tyler from Houston. They came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin congregation. Their address is 2423 Rodge Drive. They have two children, Jimmy - 4, and Keith - 14 months. We welcome the Newmans.

Restoration: Reagan Phillips came asking for prayers of the church.

Baptized: Shirley Vinson, from Mineola, was baptized Monday afternoon following a period of study with Ron Beard.

Kathy Anderson, 613 Zelwood, and Danny Palmer, 1425 E. Elm, were baptized Wednesday evening following a period of study with Ron Beard.

CARD OF THANKS

God be with you all. Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers.

The Family of Dorris Anderson
 IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother T. G. Bell remains a patient in Medical Center Hospital. Sister Wilma Greene is in Medical Center Hospital.

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy, to sister Ed Naul at the death of her brother. Funeral services were held Thursday in Wills Point.

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE!

If a child lives with criticism, He learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, He learns to fight.

If a child lives with ridicule, He learns to be shy.

If a child lives with shame, He learns to feel guilty.

If a child lives with tolerance, He learns to be patient.

If a child lives with encouragement, He learns confidence.

If a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate.

If a child lives with fairness, He learns justice.

If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith.

If a child lives with approval, He learns to like himself.

If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, He learns to find love in the world.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE 1969

LOAN PAYMENTS

First Federal Sav. & Loan	1,123.50	
East Texas Sav. & Loan	111.42	
Cooperative Sav. & Loan	75.00	
Stephens Parking Lot	5,100.00	6,409.92

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	232.80	
Scott City Radio Program	20.00	
Mike Warner	725.00	
Jim L. Morrow	615.00	
Meeting	300.00	
Benevolent	73.50	2,391.30

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	518.51	
Bldg. and Grounds	4,760.33	
Office Supplies	100.38	
Bible School Supplies	241.34	
Insurance	164.47	
Postage	76.00	5,861.03

LOCAL SALARIES

LOCAL SALARIES	2,748.75	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR JUNE	17,411.00	
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JUNE	9,293.99	
CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES	8,117.01	
CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET FOR JUNE	1,781.01	
CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR	8,820.02	

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday afternoon, 1:30 the men of the church will meet for the regular monthly business meeting. All men of the congregation are invited.

WHAT WE OWE THE ELDERS

We owe them RESPECT as God's leaders, who teach a better way of living than a self-centered life.

We owe them TRUST, that they may be free to serve the church unhampered by uninformed criticism.

We owe them PRAYER in their behalf, that God may bless them in their great responsibilities, that they may be ever kind and true.

We owe them enough of our TIME to help them in their work when they need us.

We owe them ENCOURAGEMENT when vexations and annoyances make their work difficult.

"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief; for that is unprofitable for you." Heb. 13:17.

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

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The month of June was a month filled with many activities here at West Erwin including a fine Vacation Bible School and splendid gospel meeting. We are thankful for the good which was accomplished in both of these events. Surely all of our lives were enriched as a result of the powerful Bible preaching of Johnny Ramsey. His remarkable ability in quoting scriptures and making application of them should cause everyone to have a greater love and appreciation for the Bible and a stronger desire to live in harmony with its precepts. We are thankful brother Ramsey was with us and pray that he may have a long and useful life in the Lord's service.

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I went along with the group who went to Six Flags Over Texas on Tuesday of this week. I was impressed again with the quality of the young people who attend here at West Erwin. In our time we hear so much about the rebellion, immorality, drug addiction, and problems of our modern young people. It is truly refreshing to see the fine young people here. It gives us hope for the future of the church and of our country when we think of those here who will soon be leaders in the work of the Lord. All of us should be thankful that we have a man of the ability of Ron Beard to work with our youth. He knows them, loves them, and helps them want to live for Christ.

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This coming week will find me in a gospel meeting in Gunter, Texas. The meeting is scheduled to begin on Monday night, July 7. I have preached in Gunter many times since my first appointment there when I was 18 years of age. As you know Gunter is the location for a Home For the Aged, supported by Christians in many places. It will be possible for a number of those who live in the home to attend the meeting and others will be able to listen to the sermons in their rooms. The meeting is not just for the elderly, but for all who are citizens of the community. We hope to see many of our friends throughout our home county during the meeting. Please pray that we may be able to do much good in this endeavor.

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Following the Gunter meeting, my family and I will leave for a vacation trip to California where we look forward to a visit with our son and his wife, along with other close relatives. While in California we also hope to attend some of the services of the annual encampment of Christians in Yosemite National Park. We regret that this trip will conflict with the Teacher's Workshop in ACC. (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Prayer.....Joe McBee
Dismiss.....Kim Smith

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Prayer.....Foy Richey
Dismiss.....H. G. Potts, Jr.

RESPONSES

Baptized: Cindy Walker was baptized into Christ last Friday evening following the service. She is the granddaughter of brother and sister Ross Walker. Cindy lives in Boulder, Colo.

Brenda Kelly was baptized Wednesday evening following a period of study with Ron Beard. She is visiting the T. F. Hollands along with Cherie Holland. Her home is in Paris, Texas.

Membership: Sister H. (Eveline) McCarty, 3411 Woodbine.

Brother and Sister L. E. Carpenter, 520 Lehigh, phone 597-6997.

CARD OF THANKS

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to

us. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of W. M. Trest.

Bessie, Jim and Lynn Willis

FUNERAL

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in Ft. Worth for Mrs. Hersha Anderson. She was a sister to sister Ethel Payne and an aunt to Mrs. Feber Cauthen. We express our sympathy to sister Payne and her family.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother T. G. Bell is still a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Lera Bennett is in Mother Frances following surgery.

Baby Jeffry Gill has been in Mother Frances Hospital.

WEDDING

Thursday afternoon, June 26, brother Stephenson said the marriage ceremony for L. G. Drennan and Mrs. Gloria Hightower. All of us join in extending to them our very best wishes.

SERMONS FOR JULY 6

10:20 A.M. PUT AWAY CHILDISH THINGS
6:00 P.M. A SELF MADE FOOL

CONTINUED FROM BACK PAGE

I know that this will be a profitable event for all who are able to go. The meeting and vacation will take us away for two Lord's Days. We shall be thinking of you and praying for each of you while we are away.
G.H.S.

RECOGNIZE THIS?

The sermon had really hit home with Larry, as he sat on the edge of his seat, grasping each word the minister said as if each led the way to what he had always wanted. He finally relaxed a bit with a glow of happy security on his face. "Yes, I will obey Christ and be baptized because I DO believe he is the Son of God," he thought.

But, as the minister began to offer the Lord's invitation, people snatched books noisily from the racks and began flipping pages, sleeping children were awakened and

helped into their coats and hats as others put away colors, books, toys, etc. As the minister endeavored to complete his sermon, the hustle and noise diverted Larry's attention and he thought, "Oh, these people are in such a rush to go home. I'll only detain them with my baptism, so I'll wait until another time." So a bit deflated, Larry stood with the audience as they gazed about, smiling at one another, and sang... "Almost Persuaded."

Via Ridglea West Bulletin
Fort Worth, Texas

DO YOU GO TO NIGHT CHURCH?

Recently a teacher of a Sunday morning Bible class of small children urged them to come to the church services on Sunday night. One little girl answered by saying. "My Mommy and Daddy just won't go to NIGHT CHURCH." Many times the frankness of little children reveal embarrassing truths. I feel sure that this little girl correctly expressed the attitude of her parents when she said, "Mommy and Daddy just won't go to night church." This pictures the practice of entirely too many in the church today.

What do you think of those who "WON'T GO" to the night services? The first thing I want to say is that they are not like many of the characters of which we read in the Bible. Nicodemus went to Jesus at night and received the great lesson on the new birth. The Philippian jailor was converted at night (Acts 16:33). Peter was delivered from prison during the night (Acts 12:6-10). My "Day service only" brethren would have missed all of these blessings. The second thing I want to say is that the "DAY SERVICE ONLY" brethren miss two-thirds of all the regular services of the church. You see they miss Sunday and Wednesday evenings and almost all of our gospel meetings. Could a student pass in school attending only one-third of the time? Is the church less important than these? I hope what I have said will seriously disturb those of you who refuse to go to "NIGHT CHURCH." ...Selected

LISTEN TO KTBB - 12:30 NOON - MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

'ON SETTING HEMLINES'

Drawing the line is always dangerous, but nothing could be more perilous than a preacher prescribing where hemlines should be. Yet this culture of ours seems so intent on completely baring the human body that some guidelines might be useful.

Tex Stevens, minister at the Lindale church in Houston, printed a little quote that is helpful:

Maureen Reagan, 27 year-old daughter of California's governor, when asked about her conservative hemline, stated: "I sit on a lot of platforms and I don't want to worry about where my dress is."

This young lady was conscious of two things: she was aware she was in the public eye and she was not indifferent to her own possible influence. In a very real way the Christian's response to fashion is shaped by similar facts: she is different (root meaning in the word "holy") and thus on display in a conforming age, and secondly, she cannot ignore her possible influence for good or ill by the attention she thus attracts.

The hidden premise behind fashion, of course, is to attract by means of outward appearance. But the Christian is primarily to attract by what is inside. Thus Peter says: "Let not yours be the outward adorning with braiding of hair, decoration of gold, and wearing of robes, but let it be the hidden person of the heart..." I Peter 3:3-4. This does not mean a Christian should be sloppy, or worse, that clothing be worn that is "specially religious," for this would violate our Lord's obvious warning in Matthew 23:5 about this type of dress. But clothing should be worn that is both modest and becoming.

If the clothing we wear labels us immediately as a "swinger" or as one of the "miniskirt mob," then it is going to be terribly difficult for us to get that inner message through. How hard it will be to convince others that Christ is vital to us when it is painfully apparent that being "in" and "fashionable" counts far more than the people whom we repel by our worldliness.

So maybe our Christian parents aren't so square after all---they know conforming to this world is easy and destroys our influence for Christ.

Bob Hendren

Southern Hills Newsletter

Shreveport

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

Brother Stephenson has announced the following sermon subjects for this Sunday, June 29.

10:20 A.M. WOULD YOU BE HAPPY IN HEAVEN? 6:00 P.M. THY WILL BE DONE

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Prayer.....O. C. Becker
Dismiss.....W. H. Butler, Jr.

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Prayer.....R. H. Davis
Dismiss.....Darrell Holt

RESPONSES THIS WEEK

Membership: Brother and Sister Wayne Berryman recently moved to Tyler from Denton. They came Sunday morning to be identified with the West Erwin congregation. Their address is 2923 Birdwell, telephone, 597-4587. They have two children, Belinda and Mike, who will be in the 3rd and 4th grades in the Fall. We welcome the Berrymans.

Baptized: Kay Montgomery, 322 Winchester. Kay is the daughter of the Gerald Montgomerys and will be in the 5th grade.

David Tuel, 326 Bandera, is the son of Mildred and O'Neal Tuel and will be in the 9th grade.

Both David and Kay are regular members of the Bible school

Restored: Mrs. Elva Cotten.

CAMP DEER RUN

The sixth session, August 3-15, is the special time for West Erwin children to go to camp. There will be several from here working on the staff then, including Ron Beard. Take one of the brochures in the foyer and send in your application now. Anyone age 10 and up can go.

WEDDING

Herbert Brookshire and Miss Wanda Owens were married at the Brookshire's home last Friday afternoon, June 20. They will make their home in Dallas. We extend our best wishes for a long life of happiness.

THANK YOU NOTE

A very special note of thanks for the many prayers and words of comfort and concern during the past few months of our father's illness. The flowers and telegram were very kind. In His love,

Ron and Iris Beard

IN THE HOSPITALS

Belinda Berryman is in Mother Frances with an eye injury.

Brother Bell remains a patient in Medical Center.

Sister Wilma Green recently suffered a stroke. She is in Clarksville, Texas.

FUNERAL

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of brother Charlie Allen of Paris. Funeral services were held for him Tuesday afternoon. He was the father of sister Thomas Holland. Barbara and Thomas are former members of West Erwin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Talbot
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Cheryl Sue
to

Mr. Thomas Dean Parsons
Saturday, the fifth of July
Nineteen hundred and sixty-nine
seven-thirty o'clock
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception following
Church of Christ Bible Chair

TEACHERS WORKSHOP

The ACC Teachers Workshop is July 21-24. All the teachers who can go are encouraged to do so, but call the office or turn in your name by July 6 so reservations can be made. The church will pay registration and transportation for all teachers. Non-teachers and children are welcome to go and must also make reservations. R.B.

PARABLE OF THE VACATIONER

Now it came to pass as Summer drew nigh that Mr. Church Member lifted up his eyes unto the hills and said, "Lo, the hot and humid days come when the heart of man faileth him, and the sweat runneth down in great rivers, and the cares of life become greater than the spirit of man can bear--nay, they are even now upon us. Let us go, therefore, even now in haste to the seashore where the cool breeze will refresh us, or to the high mountain of the land, where the wonderful scenery will bring joy to our hearts."

Then said his good wife unto him, "Thou hast spoken wisely, yet ere we depart there are three things--nay, even four things that we must do."

And Mr. Church Member said unto his good and obedient spouse, "Four things? Three I can think of. Of course we must arrange for our flowers to be watered, and likewise our daily paper must be discontinued, and surely we must contact our milkman--but this fourth thing, my love, it escapeth me. Perhaps it is the effect of the heat upon my poor, tired brain."

"The fourth thing is like unto the first three," answered his good wife, "only more important. Before thou goest thou shalt dig down in thy pocketbook and contribute thine offering, that the good name of the church be preserved, and that it may be well with thee in the years that are to come. For verily I say unto thee, thou hast more money now than thou wilt have when thou returnest from thy wanderings."

So it came to pass that Mr. Church Member sat down at his desk and wrote a check and gave it into the hands of the proper parties, and the treasurer when he received it, said with rejoicing, "Of a truth I perceive that there are still those who love the Lord and care abundantly for His work."

...Alan E. Higers

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

MEET JOHNNY RAMSEY

We are very pleased to have a man of the ability of Johnny Ramsey to do the preaching in our Gospel Meeting which begins Sunday Morning. Brother Ramsey, a native of Sherman, Texas, is thirty eight years old. His wife is the former Iris Baker and they are the parents of two sons and two daughters, ranging in age from 10 to 15.

Brother Ramsey is a graduate of Sherman High School of the class of 1948 and of Abilene Christian College of the class of 1952. He has had experience as a coach, high school teacher, and sports editor. He began preaching in 1949 and has preached in over 200 gospel meetings in 33 states and 8 foreign countries.

Brother Ramsey has spent much time in mission work having helped in the establishment of congregations in Wisconsin, North and South Dakota, and Colorado. He also preached for three years in Australia. He is a frequent writer for the Firm Foundation and is the author of 17 religious tracts which have been widely circulated in many parts of the world. He has engaged in public debates with Mormons, Adventists, and "Jehovah Witnesses."

At the present time Brother Ramsey serves as the preacher for the Westside church of Christ in Corsicana. He preaches on the radio in Corsicana six days a week.

Let us bring our friends to hear this gospel preacher as he proclaims the Word of God. G.H.S.

PRAY FOR THE MEETING

I feel that we would have a great meeting if every member at West Erwin would pray each day for its success. Paul said, "Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." (Romans 10:1) Paul realized that Israel would not be saved without obeying the gospel, but he must have thought some good would come from his prayers on their behalf. Will you pray for Brother Ramsey? Will you pray that our singing may be acceptable to God and instructive to one another as Faber Cauthen leads us? Will you have some specific individuals in mind whom you want to respond to the invitation? Pray for them. Pray that all of us at West Erwin may grow stronger in the Lord as a result of this special effort. G.H.S.

HEAR THESE SERMONS SUNDAY

Johnny Ramsey has announced the following subjects to be delivered on this Sunday, June 22.

10:20 A.M. "The High Cost of Sin." 6:00 P.M. "If I Go To Hell."

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

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

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer..... George Stephenson
 Prayer..... M. B. Beard
 Dismiss..... Chuck Cauthen

RESPONSES

Baptized: Mr. and Mrs. Francis (Nadean) Bullard, 621 Trenton, Phone 597-5988.

Mrs. Gloria Hightower, 3301 So. Broadway, Apt. A-24.

Restored: Wayne and Sherrill Taylor and Mark Cauthen.

THANKS TO MIKE WARNER

We want to thank Mike Warner for the very excellent sermon he preached last Sunday evening. We were glad that he and his family could be with us.

THE SICK

Brother T. G. Bell remains a patient in Medical Center.

Brother Stephenson's step mother is much improved. She has been hos-

pitalized in Sherman.
 Sister Wayne Taylor entered Parkland Hospital Wednesday in Dallas, Room 463 West.

Sister W. D. Drummond is in Medical Center following surgery.

WEEK-DAY SERVICES AT 10:00 A.M.

The morning services of the meeting are usually some of the most helpful for members of the church. Take time out each morning to be here at 10:00 o'clock Monday thru Friday. The services are scheduled to last about 35 minutes. It would be good to have your neighbors and friends to hear these lessons also. While they may need to know some of the first principles of the gospel, it is sometimes good for them to know what we teach concerning Christian living. G.H.S.

WEDDING

Miss Janelle Maines and David Harris were married Friday, June 6, in Carthage, Texas. We extend congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together. They will make their home in Carthage.

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Ron and Iris Beard. Brother N. H. Goldsmith, father of Iris, was buried Monday afternoon in Farwell, Texas.

Sister Mike Warner's grandmother, Mrs. Ernest Purtle, was buried on Wednesday in Des Arc, Arkansas. We extend our sympathy to Barbara and Mike and their family.

"PEW PACKERS" CLASS

Ron Beard will conduct a class for children each evening at 7:10 Monday through Friday. The class will include action songs and activities of special interest to children. Others are welcome to come and observe. The children will assemble at the front of the auditorium each evening for the class.

THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE DOOR!

According to Genesis 7:16, after Noah entered the ark in obedience to God's Will, the Lord "... shut him in." Yes, God closed the door of the ark with Noah and his family safe inside. This is indeed a significant passage of scripture in view of the fact the ark serves as a type of the salvation which is in Christ.

The door of salvation is open wide to anyone who will enter in response to the Lord's invitation. But someday the door will be shut. Those who rejected or neglected the great salvation will be lost. (Heb. 2:3, II Thess. 1:8-9).

This important truth is even more graphically brought to our attention in the parable of the Virgins in Matt. 25:1-13. The five who had made ready entered in to the marriage feast, but then "the door was shut." Though the foolish virgins cried for entrance, the Lord said, "Verily I say unto you, I know you not."

From this we see that He who shuts

SPECIAL BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

Brother Ramsey will have a special Bible Class for all adults and teenagers on Sunday morning at 9:30. All classes, from junior high on up, will meet together in the auditorium. Brother Ramsey will deliver a lesson on "God In Our Homes," a lesson which has proved to be helpful in many places.

in, also shuts out! The most important thing in the world to you and me is to be on the right side of the door when God shuts it! The door of Noah's ark was closed to a generation which had every opportunity to turn to God but refused to do so. Everyone on the wrong side of the door, when it was closed, perished. These were rebellious to God and were shut out because of their impenitence.

In the case of the five foolish virgins, it seems it was more a case of indifference and procrastination rather than outright rebellion. But the result was the same.

Both categories of people are seen in abundant numbers in our day and time. The Bible plainly teaches that such will be shut outside the door of eternal salvation. What a tragedy that so many choose to live their lives apart from God, and die without hope!

Which side of the door will you be on when the Lord shuts it forever? ... Maxie Boren

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

"A Spiritual Element in Announcements"

by Holbert Rideout, Associate Professor of Bible ACC

One often hears criticism of church announcements. This has caused me to observe more carefully and to wonder if there really is something wrong with such announcements, or if there might be something worthwhile in the nature of the announcements that perhaps the critics have failed to notice. Granted, announcements can be misused, but the following thoughts concerning the possible spiritual elements in announcements seem to be valid.

Suppose the announcement is a death notice--then the Christian ought to be able to "sorrow with those who sorrow." Or, if someone is in the hospital--then hospitality toward one in need should be felt and consequently exercised. If a work opportunity is announced--the opportunity of Christian service should be welcomed. Suppose an extra effort has to be made in order to meet the church budget--then Christian sacrifice is called for. Or if the announcement is made that faithful members are moving out of town--loving hearts will respond to the remembered fellowship which is about to be broken. In almost any announcement that might be made one should be able to see a direct relationship to a spiritual element that would call forth a spiritual response in him. It would seem that with such Christian attitudes, some announcements have a legitimate place as a part of the worship experience, and should not be thought of as a necessary evil separate and apart from the worship situation.

Those responsible for announcements would do well to be mindful of the possible spiritual elements and make announcements in such a way that the most good will be realized. For example, I can remember sitting in a religious service and hearing a death notice that came as quite a shock to me. Immediately after the announcement the audience was directed in singing. I wasn't ready for singing at that moment. My heart cried out in prayer, and to sing at that moment was quite an injustice to the worshipping heart of anyone in the audience who might have taken the news as I did.

True, many church announcements could be more appropriately placed in the church bulletin. Yet, there is an element of worship and fellowship that we would absolutely miss if we omitted all announcements from the public assembly.

MANY THANKS

We are most grateful to everyone who helped to make our Vacation Bible School a great success. The teachers worked very hard and were very diligent in their teaching. Ron Beard did an outstanding work as the director. It was truly a great week.

G.H.S.

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A Year Ago\$1,736.08408
Youth Class Sunday Evening.....	43

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	K. Max Haws
Dismiss.....	Fred Powell

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	Glen Warner
Dismiss.....	David Womack

RESPONSES
 Baptized: Randy Shuford, 1812 Melba Place. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shuford.

Membership: Miss Suzanne Williams. She has been in college in Oklahoma.

MOVING TO TEXARKANA
 Gladys and Jerry Gaudle will move next Thursday to Texarkana. We are sorry they are leaving Tyler but hope they will be happy in their new home.

ACC WORKSHOP
 Teachers, do you plan to attend the ACC workshop? The church will pay your registration fee and transportation to Abilene. If you plan to go, turn in your name to the office.

BIBLE CLASSES SUNDAY, JUNE 22
 All Bible Classes from Junior High and up will meet in the auditorium on Sunday, June 22, the first day of our meeting. Johnny Ramsey, our visiting evangelist, has a special lesson for everyone to hear at that time. Let's have a big number present at 9:30 on that day and start our meeting in a fine way.

GRADUATING
 Brother Charles Miles, Jr. will graduate Sunday evening from the Preston Road School of Preaching in Dallas. He is the son-in-law of brother and sister Charles Lemons.

OUR SYMPATHY
 We extend our sympathy to Pat Caseltine whose grandfather was buried last Friday and to Bessie Willis whose father's funeral was held on Saturday of last week.

ZONE MEETINGS TUESDAY, JUNE 17
 Zone 1, C. T. Langham, 2400 Belvedere, 7:00 P.M.
 Zone 3, Bob Threadgill, 1520 San Antonio, 8:00 P.M.
 Zone 4, T. F. Holland, 1228 Wilma, 7:30 P.M.

IF YOU MISSED HEARING THE BEL CANTO Chorus from Boles Home, you missed a wonderful program. We are thankful for the fine young people who came our way. Thanks to all of you who opened your homes to them.

SERMON FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 We Persuade Men

Mr. and Mrs. William E. Marrs request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Pamela Kay

to
 Mr. Chester James Lauden on Saturday, the twenty-first of June at eight o'clock in the evening West Erwin Church of Christ Tyler, Texas and afterwards at the reception Blackstone Hotel

BEST WISHES
 Saturday afternoon, June 7, in Dallas, brother Melvin Wise said the marriage ceremony for brother H. McCarty and Mrs. Eveline Bass. We extend our very best wishes for a happy life together.

- REASONS FOR ATTENDING THE MEETING EVERY NIGHT
1. Because this is every Christian's means of fulfilling HIS OBLIGATION in the Great Commission. No one can do this for you.
 2. Because this is God's Work and comes first with those who truly love Him.
 3. Because we have set aside only 6 days for this meeting. This is not asking very much of God's children.
 4. Because if preaching the gospel does not appear that important to us then we would never be able to convince our neighbors.
 5. Because there is no other means

THE SICK
 Sister Faber Gauthen underwent surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances.

CHILDREN FROM BOLES HOME
 If you would like to keep a child from Boles Home for two weeks in August, please contact Mrs. Crowson at the home. She needs to know very soon what age child and how many you might want. The plans are for the Home to be cleared during the weeks of August 3 through 17. This will enable the house parents and the workers at the home to have two weeks vacation. The children are to be picked up on Sunday, Aug. 3. You will be expected to attend worship there with the children and take them home with you following the service. They are to be returned Sunday evening, Aug. 17, by 6:00, in time for Sunday evening worship. Mrs. Crowson's office phone is 356-2541, home number is 356-2105.

of preparing for Heaven than by hearing and obeying the gospel of Christ (Romans 1:16).
 6. Because citizens around us are looking for someone whose religion has "set him on fire" and they want to go there.
 7. Because the elders, whose responsibility it is to feed the flock, have arranged this meeting for spiritual benefit of all God's children and their friends who need Jesus.

ATTEND EVERY SERVICE OF THE MEETING
 JUNE 22 - 27

Sister Clara Riley has asked for the prayers of the church.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

BENEVOLENT WORK

We want to commend many of our Christian women for the great benevolent work they have done in the past few months. These are some of their accomplishments:

They made 700 pillow corsages of permanent flowers which were distributed to patients in the East Texas Tuberculosis Hospital and residents in convalescent homes. Along with the attractive corsages there were printed announcements of the services of the church, including the daily radio program.

Six large boxes of winter clothing were sent to the Navajo Indians Mission. The clothing was mended, pressed, and carefully packed.

Two large barrels of cancer bandages were made and sent to the Chimala Mission in Africa. It was estimated that these would be the equivalent of \$1,500 in gauze bandages.

Seventy-two cakes were baked and sent out to Boles Home.

Feeding aprons were made for many of the residents of Home For Aged in Gunter.

Food and clothing were provided for a number of needy in Tyler.

Many calls were made also on the aged and shut-in of the congregation.

We appreciate all of the good work which has been done. We are reminded of Dorcas, of whom the Bible says: "This woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did." (Acts 9:36) G.H.S.

BEL CANTO CHORUS

Be sure to hear the Bel Canto Chorus from Boles Home on Tuesday, June 10, at 7:30 P.M. This fine group of young people is known throughout the nation. In addition to their singing, we will be shown a film which will tell about the work of Boles Home. G.H.S.

OUR MEETING - JUNE 22-27

Johnny Ramsey, our guest evangelist for our meeting June 22-27, has had some fine articles recently in the Firm Foundation. You will want to hear this fine gospel preacher. G.H.S.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 8

A.M. You Are The Answer. P.M. The Way, The Truth, The Life.

There will be no zone meetings next week because of The Boles Home Chorus on Tuesday evening, June 10.

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Dismiss.....J. M. Steele

THANK YOU NOTES

We are sincerely grateful for every kindness you have extended to us. We are deeply appreciative to the ladies who prepared and served the food. We are also thankful for the many lovely cards and flowers. Your thoughtfulness and Christian love has meant much to us.

Mrs. E. L. Taylor and Family

Your kind expressions of sympathy are deeply appreciated. It is most sustaining to know that our friends think of us at this sorrowful time. Your words and acts of kindness are very comforting. In Christian love,
Louis and Jane Jones

FUNERALS

Sister Jane Jones' mother was buried last Sunday in Corsicana.

Sister Ruby Vaughan's brother was buried Monday in California.

Brother and sister R. H. Davis attended the funeral of his sister-in-law last Saturday in Dallas.

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

THE SICK

Brother T. G. Bell is in Medical Center. Sister Bennie Willis had surgery Wednesday in Glenwood Hospital. Sister Ruth Ivey underwent a tonsillectomy in Glenwood Hospital last Tuesday. Sister W. D. Drummond has been in Medical Center for tests. Sister Earnesene Shuford is in Glenwood Hospital. Sister Janie Chelf is at her daughter's home, 1511 E. Idell, recovering from a broken arm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The warm smiles and bright eyes of the children Monday morning at 9:00 as Vacation Bible School, 1969 began strongly indicated that the school would be a success. With an increase each day in attendance and interest, the VBS is still growing after the first three days. The attendance Monday was 246, Tuesday 267, Wednesday 288. This is a result of hard work by teachers, parents, and children. We thank God for the workers and this opportunity to teach boys and girls about the love of Christ.
R.B.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY, 1969

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	232.80
Scott City Radio Program	20.00
Mike Warner	580.00
Jim L. Morrow	500.00
	1,757.80

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	483.24
Bldg. & Grounds	773.02
Office Supplies	50.40
Bible School Supplies	99.18
Insurance	164.47
Flowers	15.70
Postage	64.00
	1,650.01

LOCAL SALARIES

2,112.49

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR MAY

6,930.22

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MAY

7,383.03

CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF

452.81

CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET FOR MAY

1,476.97

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7,039.01

FOR THIS YEAR

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday afternoon, 1:30 the men of the church will meet for the regular monthly business meeting. All men of the congregation are invited.

MEETING AND OPEN HOUSE

Brother James Meadford will be preaching in a meeting for the church in Van, June 9-15. Services will be 8:00 o'clock each evening.

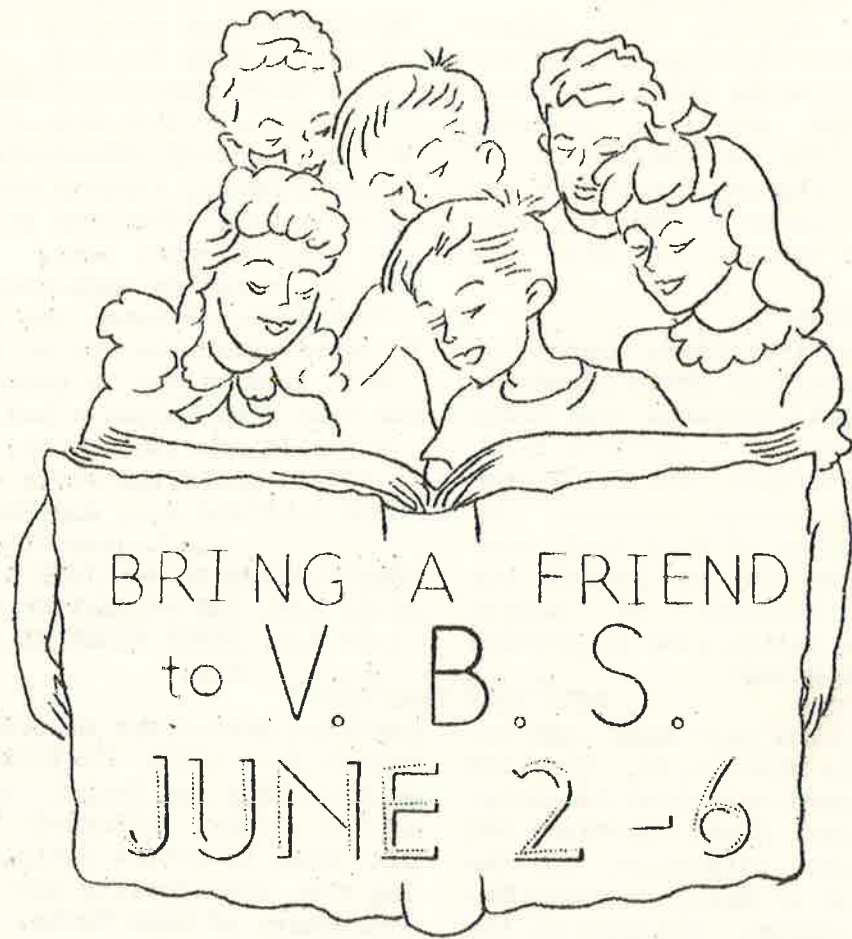
The church in Van recently completed a new home for their minister, Cecil Allen. Brother and sister Allen will have Open House Sunday afternoon, June 8, from two until five, 207 South Cherry, next door to the church. You are invited to attend.

MEETING IN MT. PLEASANT

Brother Loren Gieger will preach in a gospel meeting at the North Jefferson Church in Mt. Pleasant, June 19-15. The services will be 7:30 each evening.

YOUTH MEETING

There will be a Youth Meeting Sunday afternoon at the Northwest Church building. Brother Tony Ash will be the speaker. The time is 3:00 o'clock.



BRING A FRIEND
to V. B. S.
JUNE 2-6

THE TIME HAS COME

Yes, the time has come for our Vacation Bible School. There is a class provided for each age and we have a wonderful group of hard-working teachers. Here are some searching questions you should ask yourself:

- (1) How many times have I prayed for our Vacation Bible School?
- (2) How many neighbors have I arranged to bring?
- (3) What arrangements have I made to be present at each service?

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Youth Class Sunday Evening.....	40

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and	
Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	M. B. Beard
Dismiss.....	Glen Howard, Jr.
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	Gerald Montgomery
Dismiss.....	Kenny Browning

RESPONSES

Restored: Mrs. Earnesene Shuford

THANK YOU NOTE

May we say "thanks" for all the expressions of kindness shown to us while W. D. has been ill. For the visits, the words of encouragement, the many cards, and most of all, the prayers, are we truly grateful.

It has helped so much to know that our Christian friends are thinking of us during the time of illness. May the Lord continue to bless all of you.

W. D. and Mary Drummond

FUNERAL

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for brother E. L. Taylor. We express our sincere sympathy to sister Taylor and her family.

WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Taylor
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Barbara Jane

to

Mr. George Stephen Cross
Saturday, the seventh of June
Nineteen hundred and sixty-nine
at eight o'clock

West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception following ceremony
at Bride's Home

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES' CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies' Class has been dismissed until Fall. All of the women are invited to the Adult Class of the Vacation Bible School which is open to both men and women. The class will be meeting in the chapel and will study the Christian graces found in II Peter 1:5-11.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Jim Willis' father, brother Trest, is in Medical Center.

Brother T. G. Bell suffered a heart attack today (Thursday) and is in Intensive Care in Medical Center.

NORTHWEST CHURCH OF CHRIST MEETING

Brother Tony Ash, of the Bible faculty of ACC and an evangelist for one of the churches in Abilene, will preach in a meeting June 2-8, at 7:30 each evening at Northwest.

THE BEL CANTO CHORUS of Boles Home will present a program at West Erwin Tuesday evening, June 10, at 7:30. Make your plans to attend.

THREE WEEKS UNTIL MEETING

Our gospel meeting with Johnny Ramsey as the visiting evangelist is just three weeks away. Brother Ramsey is the very able preacher for one of the congregations in Corsicana. The meeting begins on June 22 and closes on June 27. Pray now for the success of this endeavor.

HERALD OF TRUTH

During the first three months of 1969 the Herald of Truth broadcast received 12,525 requests for radio sermon transcripts, 3,876 for television transcripts and 2,108 for Bible correspondence courses. We are glad that we at West Erwin have a part in helping to preach the gospel to millions of people through this nation-wide television and radio program.

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN

As the school year ends and reruns on television begin, the time of the annual vacation for many people arrives. These vacations are only a slight alteration in the daily routine of being a human being. Not always, but much of the time, a vacation includes some or much traveling by varying means. As these travels are made, let's not forget anything. We must include God in our vacations, for if we take a vacation from God, He is likely to take a vacation from us. No endeavor, vacation or otherwise, can be successful without God.

There will be people in our worship services during the coming months as a direct result of the

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

'My dishes went unwashed today:

I didn't make the bed:
I took God's hand and followed
To Vacation Bible School instead.
Oh, yes, we went adventuring,
The children, faculty and I,
Exploring the Bible and its truths
We find we can't deny.
That my house was neglected,
That I didn't sweep the stairs,
In twenty years no one on earth
Will know or say he cares.
But that I've helped a boy or girl
To noble adulthood grow,
In twenty years, the whole wide world
May look and see, and know.

... Louise Crawford

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR JUNE 1

10:20 A.M. THE FIGURATIVE WORD
6:00 P.M. JESUS KNOWS WHAT IS IN
MAN.

vacation season. Let us conduct our selves in a truly Christian manner so that they see Christ and love of the Father reflected in us and will want to return again, remembering the spirituality and friendly atmosphere of West Erwin.

As some come our way, some of us will be away for short periods of time. As we are absent from one another in body, we must remain bound by the common ties we have in Jesus Christ. These ties will be strengthened by remembering one another as we communicate with our Heavenly Father.

A Christian is a Christian where- ever he may be.

... Ron Beard

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The Associated Press recently released the following news item from St. Louis.

Hamburger, Soft Drink 'Okay For Communion'

The use of hamburgers and a soft drink at Communion is acceptable if these items have religious significance for the communicant, Methodist Bishop James Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa, said Tuesday.

"It is proper to say that this time honored sacrament must be interpreted with meaning and vitality in every age," Bishop Thomas said at a session of the first United Methodist Convocation on Worship.

He spoke at one of three experimental Holy Communion services held during the convocation. "We are determined," he said, "not to continue doing the things that have no meaning in the modern world."

This article shows the lack of respect some church leaders of our time have for the authority of the Word of God. When we realize that many of the religious leaders of our time no longer regard the Bible as being authoritative and do not feel that Jesus is indeed the Son of the living God, we should not be too surprised to read such a sacrilegious thing as having hamburger and soft drink in the communion service. It seems impossible to imagine that any religious leader would think of substituting some other element in the communion for the bread and the fruit of the vine which Jesus authorized.

The Bishop is quoted as saying "We are determined not to continue doing the things that have no meaning in the modern world." Does the Bishop intend to imply that the offering of the body and the blood of Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross, symbolized in the observance of the Lord's Supper, has no meaning to modern man? Does the modern world have no appreciation for the loving sacrifice made by Jesus on Calvary's cross? Surely, modern man needs to be forgiven of his sins and the only hope he has for forgiveness is to be found in the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. In the institution of the Lord's Supper, Jesus said concerning the bread, "This is my body." Concerning the fruit of the vine, Jesus declared, "This is my blood." Genuine Christians are reminded of the offering of the body and the blood of Jesus every time they assemble around the Lord's Table. While those who respect the Lord's teaching are shocked at the statements made by the Methodist Bishop concerning the Lord's Table, it might be well for us to examine our own hearts. Are we really partaking of the Lord's Supper as we should? Do we sometimes have it merely as a form and a ritual? Do we enter into the proper frame of mind and attitude as we gather around the Lord's Table the first day of the week? Could it be possible that we in our day are guilty of drinking damnation to our own (continued inside)

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Dismiss.....Bill Howard

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....George Stephenson
Prayer.....Charles Graf
Dismiss.....Bill Henderson

THANK YOU NOTE

I would like to thank each one who visited my husband and myself in Glenwood Hospital and to those who brought food to our home. God bless all of you. Vera O'Brien

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother E. L. Taylor is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother W. D. Drummond is now in the Hearthstone.

Mr. W. A. Chandler is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Wayne Taylor is in Medical Center. She will probably enter a hospital in Dallas very soon.

Sister Walter Glyburn recently had more eye surgery in Dallas.

ZONE 4 WILL MEET Tuesday, May 27, at the C. B. Hardin's, 3426 Fry at 7:30 P.M.

GROCERY TRUCK FROM MEDINA HOME

The week of June 2-6 is the week the Medina Home grocery truck will be in our area to pick up the groceries and other items we have for the boys and girls. The items most needed are listed in a letter from the home and posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

ADULT CLASS IN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

All adults, both men and women, are invited to attend the class which will be taught by brother Stephenson during Vacation Bible School. The class is scheduled to meet in the Chapel. We shall have as our course of study, "The Christian Graces" as presented to us in the first chapter of II Peter. We feel that this study should prove to be helpful to every Christian who wants to grow to be more pleasing in the sight of God.

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE

Class will meet next Wednesday, May 29 and will not meet again until Fall.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 25

10:20 A.M. THE CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE
TOWARD DEATH - Geo. Stephenson
6:00 P.M. Sermon - Ron Beard

REMEMBER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 2 THRU 6

There will be a nursery attendant.

FOLLOWING THE PLAN

Our visitation program has been recently reorganized and the zone work has been altered. The new system divides the city into four zones with an equal number of church members in each zone. This gives each zone a working force large enough to accomplish the various works and still keeps the zone small enough that it is accessible in a short time.

Of course, the major work done by zone is visitation. We want to remember that our purpose in visiting is not to follow a program or set of rules that someone has compiled or to add up points to arrive at a winner. We are instead to follow the simple plan related in the New Testament of ministering to the needs and touching the lives of

others with the love of Jesus. (Matt. 24:31-46; James 1:27; Acts 5:42; Acts 20:20)

Our only interest in numbers is because we desire to influence more people to follow Christ. This zone visitation is not designed to be, nor is it, the only visiting being done. Included in the organized program are those who have outstanding needs that a visit will meet. With the work of capable zone leaders and several who are active in this effort, 98 visits have been made in just two months, with 23 more to be made this week. This is commendable and the results of the visits are proof that the New Testament plan is the best to follow. R.B.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK (continued from back page)

souls when we do not properly partake of the Lord's Supper? Remember that Paul said, "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself not discerning the Lord's body." I Cor. 11:29. None of us are worthy of what the Lord has done for us, but we are to partake in a worthy attitude when we meet around the Lord's Table. It would be just as bad for us to have some other element on the Lord's Table as for us to partake in the wrong spirit.

Paul said that the Corinthians were weak and sickly because they had not observed the Lord's Supper in a proper manner. We conclude that an improper observance of the Lord's Supper leads to spiritual weakness and that a proper observance will promote spiritual health. Let us be faithful in our observing of the Supper with the elements which Jesus authorized. Let us also be careful that when we do partake of the Lord's Supper, we do so with becoming reverence and with meditation, thanksgiving, and prayer. Let us remember that as we partake of the Lord's Supper in the proper way, we are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes again. I Cor. 11:26. G.H.S.



ARE WE
NIGHT OWLS ON SATURDAY

and

BED BUGS ON SUNDAY



BIBLE CLASS BEGINS AT 9:30

BE ON TIME EACH SUNDAY.

DOES THIS GRAB YOU?

After driving for about five hours in an extremely desolate section of the Texas panhandle, a man and his wife stopped at a solitary crossroads gas station. The woman studied the bleak surroundings and asked the attendant: "What do you folks do around here for excitement?"

"Lady," drawled the old attendant, "around here we don't get excited about nuthin'."

A church which isn't excited and enthusiastic is very nearly dead. Christians are "zealous of good works" (Tit. 2:14). The Jews were excited-zealous, yet without knowledge. (Rom. 10:1-3). To be zealous in ignorance is extremely dangerous. To be informed and lack zeal is pathetic and deplorable. Let's get excited about the cause which we have espoused: the greatest cause on earth.

...Homer P. Reeves

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RESPONSES

Ron Palmer was baptized Monday night. Having been immersed at a very young age, Ron wanted to make sure that his obedience to Christ was properly motivated.

SERMON TOPICS - SUNDAY, MAY 18
10:20 A.M. THE CHRISTIAN ATTITUDE
TOWARD TRIALS
6:00 P.M. THE RIVER JORDAN

TEACHERS WORKSHOP - OCC

The Third Annual Teachers and Leaders Workshop of Oklahoma Christian College will be July 14-17. For more details see the letter on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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

TEACHERS MEETING

There will be an important meeting Sunday evening, May 18, after worship. This includes all teachers, Sunday, Wednesday, and Vacation Bible School. We need 100% of the teachers present to discuss and explain change of promotion date, room and teacher changes, and material. The meeting will be brief. R.B.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Brethren, Thank you so much for your gift to the Manhattan Church of Christ in memory of my beloved wife, Loneta Rutledge. You are most kind and I genuinely appreciate your kindness. May the "Father of mercies and the God of all comfort" be gracious to you everyone. Loyd N. Rutledge

TO SPEAK TO GRADUATING CLASS

Brother Mike Warner will give the baccalaureate address for the graduating class of Scott Community High School in Scott City, Kansas.

GRADUATING

We regret that Mike Lewis' name was not included in the list of Seniors in the bulletin last week. We congratulate Mike.

ZONE 3 MEETING

The visitation group of zone 3 will meet Tuesday, May 20 at 7:30 at the Lester Scogins home, 2105 Waunell.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 2 THROUGH 6

God's Wonderful
World The theme of our Vacation Bible School this year is ~~THE CHURCH THAT~~ ~~JESUS BUILT~~. The series, written and published by Christians, contains lessons designed to teach the basics of ~~New Testament~~ *Christianity*. *and faith*
Most of the children who will attend the school have not obeyed the gospel. The teachings they receive in Vacation Bible School will help influence them to become Christians and enable them to apply God's Will to their future lives.

Classes for all ages will be conducted each morning from 9-11:15 A.M. The high school and college class will meet at 7:00 each evening in the Chapel. Below is a list of the teachers that are already preparing to relate God's Word to the children. *Among them are J. E. N. Morrow, our missionaries from Kansas.*

CLASS	ROOM	TEACHERS	
Two Year	102	Becky McRuiz	Nadine Chandler
Three Year	109	Velma Lemons	Debbie Potts
			Betty Beard
Four Year	103	Nettie Potts	Teresa Ellis
			Barbara Caskey
Five Year	104	Mary Haws	Melody Haws
			Debbie Smith
First Grade	215	Pauline Jones	Delle Bullard
Second Grade	205	Janelle Fletcher	Marie Threadgill
Third Grade	203	Margaret Montgomery	Zeffie Beard
Fourth Grade	204	Carolyn Womack	Candy Womack
Fifth Grade	211	Julia Langham	Kay Rozell
Sixth Grade	206	Alice Stephenson	Mattie Rozell
Junior High Girls	108	Audrey O'Bannon	
Junior High Boys	107 106	Ron Beard	
Adults	Chapel	George Stephenson	

EVENING 7:00-8:30

High School and College Ron Beard Iris Beard

Let's all be busy inviting our neighbors and making plans to be present every day. Ron Beard

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MEN SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in May.
R. H. Davis Ray Womack
Darrell Holt Rodger Young
Joe Wyatt Marc Lemons
Bill Howard Glen Howard, Jr.
Mark Cauthen Sammy Ellis
Alternates:
Fred Powell T. J. Parsons
evening: Ross Walker, R.C. O'Bannon

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN (Titus 2:3-5)

The Queen of our Homes and our life;
A loving Mother; a faithful wife,
First she is, A keeper at home,
Not a busy-body, The neighborhood roam.

Chaste, discreet, Her husband she obeys,
Loves, honors, cherishes his ways,
Always faithful and e'er at his side,
Adorned with dignity, grace and pride.

In manner of holiness she behaves
A teacher of good things - some soul to save.
To love her children, who truly bless,
Graces of patience and Godliness

The Word of God is not blasphemed,
By her example holds in highest esteem.
"Of many Daughter's" thou doest excell;
She finds peace with God - "With her Soul, It is well."

(The above poem was written by my niece,
Ann (Mrs. Johnny)Voelkle of DeSoto, Tex.)

This Sunday, May 11, is a day set aside by many people as a special day for honoring our mothers. We recognize that this day, as every first day of the week, is the Lord's Day. As Christians we meet on every first day of the week to remember our Lord in the observance of the Lord's Supper and in other acts of worship in His Name. But there is nothing wrong in thinking of our mothers on this day or on any other day provided this does not interfere with our worship to God.

Not many men have become great who did not have the encouragement and help of sympathetic wives and mothers. While women are not the evangelists and elders in the church, they are often responsible for much of the good which the church is able to do. No greater work is done by anyone than that which is done by a Christian mother as she teaches and trains her children in the principles of Christ. Psychologists recognize that the early years in a child's life are the most important in the development of conscience and in the formation of personality. Since the mother is the one most responsible for the early years of training, she must bear much of the responsibility of what children (continued inside)

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Year Ago...\$1,806.93 447

Youth Class Sunday Evening 46

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and

Prayer..... Ron Beard

Prayer.....James Phillips

Dismiss.....J. D. Taylor

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and

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

Prayer.....T. J. Parsons

Dismiss.....Fred Strait

RESPONSES

Brother and Sister C. T. Beard, Box 83, Chandler, Texas came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin congregation. We are very happy to welcome the Beards into our fellowship.

OUR SYMPATHY

R. B. Shaddix of Longview, a brother-in-law of Pete Wallace, was buried Thursday afternoon in Hughes Springs. Dean Brookshire, who conducted the funeral worked diligently with brother Shaddix and baptized him a few months ago.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother W. D. Drummond is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Pete Wallace's father is still a patient in Medical Center.

We recently learned that sister Wilma Greene, formerly of West Erwin is now in the Live Oaks Convalescent Home in Clarksville.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan George (formerly Brenda Sims of this congregation) have a baby girl born Wednesday in Longview. They have named her Carla Renee.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK (continued) will ultimately become.

It has been said that the training of a child should begin with his grandmother. Timothy was greatly blessed, because the faith of his grandmother had been passed to his mother and on to himself. Paul wrote Timothy, "When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also," II Tim. 1:5.

We recall that Jesus honored and remembered his mother, Mary. While the idea of worshipping Mary or of praying through or to her is foreign to the New Testament, we should remember that she was highly honored by being selected as the one who was to give birth to Jesus. Jesus remembered and made provision for her welfare while suffering on the cross. We would encourage all mothers today to be faithful in the great responsibility which is theirs. G.H.S.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL, 1969

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 222.40
Scott City Radio Program 20.00
Mike Warner 435.00
Local Benevolent 30.39
Jim Morrow 500.00 1,632.79

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities 404.06
Bldgs. & Grounds 52.44
Office Supplies 255.57
Bible School Supplies 314.56
Insurance 201.24
Flowers 40.94
Postage 64.00 1,332.81

LOCAL SALARIES

1,925.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

6,300.52

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR APRIL, '69

7,459.75

CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES

1,159.23

CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET

FOR THIS YEAR - - - - 5,562.04

FOR APRIL - - - - 1,400.25

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday afternoon, 1:30 is the time for the regular business meeting for the men of the church. All men of the congregation are invited to be present for this meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Vacation Bible School - June 3-6, 9-11 A.M.

Gospel Meeting - June 22 - 27.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

The following young men and young ladies of West Erwin will be graduating from high school this Spring. We extend our congratulations to each one.

- James Beard
- Jay Bynum
- Billy Chandler
- Debbie Gray
- Jensy McDonald
- Linda Miller
- Mattie Rozell
- Jane Taylor
- Gary Weaver
- Debbi Young

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Next Wednesday, May 14, the young men of the congregation will have charge of the service. Only the pre-school through the third grade classes will meet. All other classes will remain in the auditorium.

SINGING

You are invited to a singing this Sunday at the Alpine & Glover Dr. church of Christ in Longview at 2:30 p.m.

SERMONS FOR MAY 11

A.M. THE CHRISTIAN

ATTITUDE TOWARD OTHERS

P.M. TRIP TO THE

MOUNTAINS

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

I am thankful for the opportunity I had to preach in the gospel meeting for the church in Stratford and now it is good to be back home. It is always a pleasure to meet Christians in different parts of the country and to see what the church of our Lord is doing in other areas. Stratford is a small town located in the very top of the panhandle of Texas not too far from the Oklahoma border. Around Stratford is to be found a great cattle and agriculture country. In recent years irrigation wells have been drilled providing water for the productive soil of that area. This has brought many new people and prosperity to the country.

The church in Stratford meets in an attractive building which is adequate for the present needs and which will also take care of future growth of the congregation. Leroy Hines serves as the capable evangelist for the church. I was glad to become acquainted with him and his good wife. All of the members of the church were very cordial and hospitable to me. I was taken care of in a very splendid way. Although this was my first time to preach in Stratford, I was acquainted with a number of the members of the congregation. Some of them I had known in other places and had been acquainted with them for many years.

During the meeting 12 came forward to confess wrongs. We were sorry that we did not have any to be baptized, but we do feel that much good was accomplished. We had good attendance each morning at 7:00 and each evening at 7:30. There were several to attend from the community who were not members of the church of Christ. We are hopeful that good will continue to follow our efforts.

I am glad to hear the fine reports of the services here last Sunday. We are thankful for the good attendance in Bible School and worship and thankful also for the response made to the invitation. We heard many favorable reports concerning the sermons brought by Ron Beard. We are thankful to him and to all who contributed in various ways to help in the work during our absence. We should be reminded that our own meeting here at West Erwin in which Johnny Ramsey will be doing the preaching is just 8 weeks away. The time will pass rapidly, and we need to be doing all that we can now to help make the meeting be a great success. Your continued co-operation and support of every work will enable us to advance the Cause of Christ here in Tyler. G.H.S.

TEACHERS MEETING Immediately after the evening worship Sunday, there will be a short meeting of all Sunday and Wednesday teachers and all those interested in teaching or assisting in the Vacation Bible School. This meeting will be held in the chapel. R.B.

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April 13...\$1,811.52455
A Year Ago...\$1,651.76473
Youth Class Sunday evening.....	50

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	Louis J. Jones
Dismiss.....	Jamon Kirby

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Joe McBee
Prayer.....	J. M. Norris
Dismiss.....	W. O. Rushing

RESPONSES

Restored: Miss Holly Womack, Miss Julia Phillips, Harold Browning.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Christian Friends,

I would like to thank each of you for the many acts of kindness shown me during my stay in Tyler - also for being so thoughtful to James and family. It is wonderful to have such lovely friends.

Mrs. Karl Franklin

We wish to thank our many friends who came to our anniversary party, April 13. Mr. & Mrs. L.L. Prater

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

Thanks for the cards, visits, and flowers. Mrs. R. L. Trentham

I want to thank each of you for your thoughtfulness and your prayers for my family. God bless you. Gloria Hightower

The family of William Shane Redden acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Dear Brethren:

Thank you so very much for the delicious cakes, pies and cookies and candy you sent to us on April 17.

We appreciate the work that goes into such a gift, and it is certainly a blessing to our cottage mothers and workers to have these homebaked treats to help stretch the budget, and to have time in baking desserts. ...We would like to thank Mr. Bob Threadgill for taking time out to deliver the goodies. Thank you again for your interest in Boles Home.

Richard M. Blythe

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 27

10:20 a.m. "A Christian and His Recreation."

6:00 p.m. "Four Ails."

TIME CHANGES SUNDAY!

This Sunday, April 27, is the day set for the entire country to go on Daylight Savings Time.

Please remember to adjust your clocks accordingly. For example, if you retire at 10:00 o'clock, move your clock up to 11:00 o'clock. It is always a little harder to adjust to the change the first Sunday of Daylight Savings, but afterwards we will become accustomed to it. Let us not allow this to interfere with our Bible classes at 9:30 Sunday.

THE SICK

Brother Pete Wallace's father is a patient in Medical Center. Also brother W. D. Drummond remains in Medical Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat O'Brien are in Glenwood Hospital. They were in an automobile accident Saturday.

Little Scott Lowery is hospitalized again. He is in Mother Frances.

Sister Jack Beard's father is a patient in a Jacksonville hospital.

Sister Vannie Lee fell in her home and is now at her daughter's.

HAVE YOU EVER NOTICED?

When the other fellow acts that way, he is ugly. When you do it, it's nerves.

When the other fellow is set in his ways, he is obstinate. When you are, it is firmness.

When the other fellow doesn't like your friends, he's prejudiced. When you don't like his, you are a good judge of human nature.

When the other fellow tries to treat someone especially nice, he's

IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be a fellowship for all four zones Tuesday, April 29th at 7:30 p.m. at Luby's Cafeteria. Those attending should go through the serving line and then to the Blue Room, which has been reserved for this occasion. Those who have been, or would like to be active in the visitation program, those who would like to learn more about the work, and those who just want to enjoy the fellowship are encouraged to come. Let's fill the room and share the fellowship.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

All preparations have been completed for the annual Junior-Senior Banquet Saturday evening. A record attendance is anticipated. Ron and Iris Beard and Jamon and Clay Kirby are committee members from this congregation. It is not too late to share in this good work. Give your contributions to one of the committee members Sunday.

up to something. When you try the same game, you are just using tact.

When the other fellow picks flaws in things, he's cranky. When you do, you are discriminating.

When the other fellow says what he thinks, he's spiteful. When you do, you are just frank.

When the other fellow points out your faults, he's judging. When you do the same, you are trying to save a soul. ...copied

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

This Thursday, May 1, has been set aside by Congress as Law Day U.S.A. According to authorities the following objectives have been set for the observance of this day: (1) to foster respect for law and understanding of its essential place in American life; (2) to encourage citizen support of law observance and law enforcement; (3) to advance equality and justice under law; and (4) to point up the contrast between freedom under law in the United States and governmental tyranny under communism.

The objectives set forth are certainly in harmony with what all Christians believe and teach. Christians recognize that they are to be law abiding citizens, (Romans 13:1-7). The lack of respect for constituted authority in our country is cause for alarm on the part of all thinking people. It is still true that "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people," (Proverbs 14:34).

The following article from the bulletin of Polytechnic (Fort Worth) Church of Christ is supposed to tell how the Communists would succeed in fostering a revolution. They seem to be successful in accomplishing many of their goals for our nation.

G.H.S.

COMMUNIST RULES FOR A REVOLUTION

(captured by Allied Forces in Dusseldorf, May 1919)

(A) Corrupt the young. Get them away from religion. Get them interested in sex. Make them superficial. Destroy their ruggedness.

(B) Get control of all means of publicity and thereby:

1 Get people's minds off their government by focusing their attention on athletics, sexy books and plays and other trivialities.

2 Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial matters of no importance.

3 Destroy the people's faith in their natural leaders by holding the latter up to contempt and ridicule.

4 Always preach true democracy, but seize power as ruthlessly and as fast as possible.

5 By encouraging government extravagance, destroy its credit, produce fear of inflation with rising prices and general discontent.

6 Foment unnecessary strikes in vital industries. Encourage civil disorders. Foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of government towards such disorders.

7 Cause the breakdown of the old moral virtues; honesty, sobriety, faith in the pledged word, ruggedness.

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 Youth Class Sunday Evening..... 50
 APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer..... Roger Knight
 Prayer Ed Naul
 Dismiss Jamon Kirby
 SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer Bob Threadgill
 Prayer Ben Young
 Dismiss..... Rodger Young

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER IN MAY
 The following men will be serving
 the Lord's Supper the first two
 Sundays in May.
 Mack Bynum Odell Malone
 Harold Browning K. Max Haws
 Harvey Grier Jim Franklin
 O'Neal Tuel Ed Bullard
 Terry Stephenson Eddy Stansbury
 Alternates: James Massey and W. S.
 Little. Evening: Wilmer Little and
 Roy Roberson.

MOVING FROM TYLER
 We regret to learn that brother
 and sister J. G. Venable will soon
 be moving to Dallas. We hope they
 will be very happy in their new
 home.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON
 The East Texas area monthly lunch-
 eon of preachers, elders, and their
 wives will be held Monday, May 5,
 at 11:45 a.m. Meet at the Carriage
 House Restaurant, 2500 East Fifth
 Street (Highway 64 East) in Tyler.
 Cost of the meal will be \$1.55.

SUNDAY MORNING SERMONS FOR MAY
 May 4 "The Christian Attitude
 Toward Money."
 May 11 "The Christian Attitude
 Toward Others."
 May 18 "The Christian Attitude
 Toward Trials."
 May 25 "The Christian Attitude
 Toward Death."
 6:00 P.M. May 4, "Famous Bible Wells"

THE SICK
 Sister Ruth Hannah is in Mother
 Frances Hospital.
 Brother W. D. Drummond is still a
 patient in Medical Center Hospital.
 Brother Pete Wallace's father
 underwent surgery this morning
 (Thursday) in Medical Center.

REMEMBER. . .
 Listen to George Stephenson daily
 Monday through Friday at 12:30 p.m.
 over radio station KTBB.
 B. F. Baur is the speaker for a
 program over KZAK, Tuesday through
 Friday, 12:00 -12:15 p.m.
 Cecil Harndon may be heard each
 Sunday morning at 8:00 on KZEY.
 WATCH "Good News For Today" every
 Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. on KLTV.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK (continued from back page)
 (C) Cause the registration of all firearms on some pretext, with a view
 on confiscation of them and leaving the population helpless.
 NOTE: The above "Rules for a Revolution" were secured by the Florida
 State Attorney's office (George A. Brautingham) from a known member of
 the Communist party who acknowledged it to be still a part of the com-
 munist program for overthrowing our government.

DO YOU TRUST YOUR COMPASS?

As everyone knows, a compass is an instrument used to tell directions.
 Despite the fact that a compass is to keep a person from getting lost,
 there are times when people lose their way and are equipped with this in-
 strument. It is true that a lot of people are lost in sin for the same
 reason that people get lost, although they have a compass. They do not
 trust their compass. Many people reject God's compass, the Bible, because
 it won't point in the direction that they think is right. The Bible gives
 the right directions, but prejudice, biased minds, the creeds of men,
 traditional "church affiliations," and other things beguile people, and
 they reject what God commands openly and plainly.

It is not a question of understanding where God's compass points: it is
 a question of having sufficient faith and trust in God to obey. When
 Elisha sent word to Naaman to dip seven times in Jordan, Naaman knew what
 was commanded. He just didn't trust the compass, and therefore would not
 follow its directions. He turned away in a rage, saying, "Behold, I
 thought, he will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name
 of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover me
 of my leprosy." (I Kings 5:11). Naaman had it all laid out as to how God
 was to heal him. It never occurred to him that God could have different
 plans. Yes, he had faith, for he expected to be recovered from leprosy.
 But he didn't have sufficient faith to truly trust God and accept His
 directions. It was only when his servant pointed out that he didn't have
 faith enough to put God to the test by obedience that he turned to obey
 and was healed.

Many people refuse to trust in the divine spiritual compass. These
 people remain to be lost in the world. All we need do is to follow the
 compass - let it guide our paths - it will point us home, that home in
 heaven. R.B.

ZONE I VISITATION GROUP will meet
 Tuesday, May 6, at the M. M. Haws
 home, 2010 Belvedere at 7:00 P.M.

FOR SALE:
 One talent - never used, but
 slightly decomposed, it has been
 laid away for years.

WHAT THE CHURCH WAS CALLED

In the New Testament we find a number of terms used in referring to the church.

1. Jesus referred to the church as "my church." He said, "Upon this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18).

2. In writing to the Corinthians, Paul addressed his letter to "the church of God which is at Corinth." (I Corinthians 1:2).

3. In Romans 16:16 we read, "The churches of Christ salute you." Since we find a plural number of churches called "the churches of Christ," it is right to refer to one church as a church of Christ.

4. The church was referred to as "the body of Christ." We read, "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." (Ephesians 1:22,23). We are told in Ephesians 4:4, "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling."

5. Also, we read of the "church of the living God." "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." (I Timothy 2:15).

6. More than any other expression we find the simple term, "The church," used. (Acts 8:1). The church was not divided into sectarian factions and it did not wear denominational names. The original word translated "church" meant a group of called-out people. All who were saved were a part of the church. (Acts 2:47). The church referred to the entire body of Christians and also referred to the Christians in a local area or congregation.

Members of churches of Christ today are endeavoring to be simple, undemoninational Christians just like those of whom we read in the New Testament. We urge each individual to submit to Christ as head over the church. We believe that the gospel of the first century is adequate for our spiritual needs in the twentieth century. G.H.S.

 * REMEMBER THESE DATES *
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 * VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 2 through 6 *
 * GOSPEL MEETING - June 22 - 27, Brother Johnny Ramsey Preaching. *

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 Prayer.....James Massey
 Prayer.....Joe McBee
 Dismiss.....Joe Willis

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....David Demic
 Prayer.....Ed Bullard
 Dismiss.....Harold Browning

RESPONSES

Baptized: Miss Nancy Lynn Bedwell,
 Miss Jackie Krewall, 3602 McDonald
 Road.

Restored to Fellowship: Mrs. Don-
 ald R. (Patricia) Caseltine, 3200
 Dinah Lane, telephone 592-3504

Membership: Miss Debbie Gray,
 3411 West Martha, telephone: 593
 7245.

THANK YOU NOTE

The shower of cards I received
 last week on my birthday was ap-
 preciated so much. Thanks to each
 one of you for your thoughtfulness
 of me. Mrs. Annie Shotwell

NEW BOOKS FOR CHURCH LIBRARY

The following new books have been
 cataloged by sister Margaret Mont-
 gomery. They are now in the library
 for your use.

All the Kings and Queens of the Bible, Lockyer; All the Men of the Bible, Lockyer; The Bible as His- tory, Keller; A Biography of Nicho- las Brodie Hardeman, Powell; All of the Women of the Bible, Deen; Let- ters to Karen, On Keeping Love in Marriage, Shedd; What is Hell Like? and Other Sermons, Allen; The Day Christ Came (Again) and Other Ser- mons, Roper; The Christian Teacher, Benson; Your God Is Too Small, Phil- lips; The Prayers of Paul and Other Sermons, Owens; Reality Therapy, Glasser; A Harmony of the Gospels, Robertson; Bible Study Guidance, Scott.

FUNERALS

Funeral services were held Wed-
 nesday for Mrs. Ethel Reid of
 Corsicana. She was the mother of
 Mrs. Gloria Hightower.

Brother Ernest Pickle's mother,
 Mrs. Leona Pickle, passed away on
 Wednesday morning and was buried
 Thursday afternoon in Eustace, Tex.

We extend our deepest sympathy
 to each family.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Drummond is in Medical
 Center Hospital.

Brother John Jackson is in Glen-
 wood Hospital.

SHOULD YOU ATTEND BIBLE STUDY?

"If thou put the brethren in mind of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the faith, and of the good doctrine which thou hast followed until now." I Tim. 4:6.

The Bible study is the church laboring to teach the word of God to all ages. Will you not help us in this worthy project?

About 80 percent of those who are converted have been enrolled in Bible Classes. That means that many of those who are baptized learn a great deal from Bible study in classes. Will you not be a soul winner?

Those who come into the church through the Bible study prove to be much more faithful, generally, than those who come in without such training. Will you not contribute to this faithfulness of the church?

The Bible study training offers the very best insurance against juvenile crime which is cursing our land. Will you not help safe- guard the welfare of the nation?

The Bible study provides the best taught material for the well trained church of tomorrow. Will you not assist in making the church of tomorrow what it should be?

Those who willfully neglect to train themselves are not only re- fusing that which Christ offers, but are endangering their own souls and those of their children for eternity. Will you not help prevent such fateful calamity?

Bible study helps to develop one's own personal consecration to the Lord, enabling him to live closer to God. Won't you help to bring yourself and others closer to Him? ... Copied

 *
 * If you and your children are not attending a Bible Class,
 * you are missing a valuable opportunity. Make it a point to be
 * here THIS SUNDAY in time for Bible Class. We cannot over-
 * estimate the value of Bible Study.
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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

WHERE IS GOD?

The psalmist said, "Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I go from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art there." (Psalm 139:7,8)

It is said that on one Sunday morning that a professor riding beside a small boy on a shuttle train in one of our large cities observed a Sunday School quarterly in the hands of the boy. The professor asked in a friendly manner, "Do you go to Sunday School, my boy?" The boy promptly replied, "Yes sir." Thinking to have some fun with the lad, the man continued, "Tell me, my boy, where God is, and I'll give you an apple. The boy looked sharply at the man and said, "I will give you a whole barrel of apples, if you will tell me where he is not."

Sometimes in a prayer we hear it said, "O God, now we come into thy presence." We should realize that we are always in the presence of God. A consciousness of God's presence at all times should purify our hearts and fill us with the desire to do right. Paul taught that God is not far from everyone of us, for "in Him we live, and move, and have our being." (Acts 17:28).

God seeks to dwell in our hearts. Isaiah said, "For thus saith the high and lofty one that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit." (Isaiah 57:15). In all the universe there is only one place where God cannot dwell, and that is in the heart of the proud, the impenitent, and self righteous. Such a person is too full of himself to have room for God.

We should rejoice at all times that we have the assurance of God's presence, for "In thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand are pleasures evermore." (Psalm 16:11).
G.H.S.

BROTHER STEPHENSON will be preaching in a series of gospel meetings with the church in Stratford, Texas beginning on Monday, April 14 to continue through Sunday, April 20.

THE LADIES' CLASS on Wednesday, April 16 will be taught by Mrs. Alice Stephenson. All ladies are urged to come for the class at ten o'clock Wednesday morning.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 13
A.M. THE CHRISTIAN
AND HIS OCCUPATION
P.M. THE UNFINISHED WORK OF CHRIST

REMEMBER THESE DATES
June 2 - 6, Vacation Bible School
June 22 - 27 Our Meeting with
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March 30...\$2,207.56391
A Year Ago.\$1,790.35463
Youth Class, Sunday Evening.....	40

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Ross Walker
Prayer.....W. R. Womack
Dismiss.....Reagan Phillips

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Mack Bynum
Prayer.....Don Davis
Dismiss.....Jay Bynum

CAKES FOR BOLES HOME

The ladies here have been requested to bake cakes and pies for the children of Boles Home. If you will have them here at the building by 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 17, they will be delivered by brother and sister Bob Threadgill.

THE SICK

Brother John Jackson is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Brother W. D. Drummond is in Medical Center in Intensive Care.

Sister Jack Beard's father is in the hospital in Jacksonville.

Scott Lowery is in Medical Center Hospital.

1919 The Children of 1969

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Prater request the pleasure of your company at a reception honoring their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, the thirteenth of April from two until five 619 North Broadway Tyler, Texas

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The material for the Vacation Bible School is being selected. Any one who wishes to teach, please give your class preference to Ron Beard. The school will be in the mornings of June 2 through 6. We need your help.

HOW TO IMPRESS OUR VISITORS

1. Two or three public prayers that cannot be heard.
 2. Members that day-dream and sleep through the services.
 3. Members who never open their mouths during the singing.
 4. Floors cluttered with dirty gum papers, kleenex, baby cookies, and scraps.
 5. Scribbling in the song books.
 6. Members who whisper, talk, write notes, pass pictures, etc. during services.
 7. Persistent late-comers.
 8. Members who can't resist playing with cute babies.
 9. Night owls who can't stay awake.
 10. Members who do not speak to visitors.
- Are you impressing our visitors the wrong way? If so, let's determine to change. ... copied

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH, 1969

LOAN PAYMENTS

First Fed. 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	212.00
Scott City Radio Program	20.00
Mike Warner	725.00
Jim L. Morrow	625.00
Cape Cod Church of Christ	50.00
Local Benevolent	32.44
Larry Mackey Fund	662.00
	2,751.44

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	597.18
Bldgs. & Grounds	537.15
Office Supplies	87.60
Bible School Supplies	183.63
Insurance	199.30
Flowers	8.83
Postage	69.00
	1,682.69

LOCAL SALARIES

2,647.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR MARCH

8,491.05

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MARCH

9,333.77

CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF

842.72

EXPENDITURES

CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET

1,741.23

FOR MARCH

CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET

4,161.79

FOR THIS YEAR

ZONE 3 VISITATION GROUP will meet Tuesday, April 15 at the Mack Bynum home, 2224 Suanne Dr. 7:30 p.m.

GLENWOOD MEETING

You are invited to hear Ross Dye in a series of lectures on the theme Spiritual Victories, April 13-18, 7:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

MEETING IN LONGVIEW

Brother Dean Brookshire will preach for a meeting at the Mobberly Ave. church in Longview April 13 - 16. We are invited to attend as a body Monday or Tuesday evening. It is hoped that many from here will be able to attend. Services 7:30 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

The regular monthly business meeting will be Sunday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. All men of the congregation are urged to attend.

LISTEN TO RADIO STATION

KTBB, 12:30 Noon Monday through Friday.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

For the beauty of the earth
For the beauty of the skies
For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale, and tree, and flow'r
Sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

Surely the words of this song express the thoughts of everyone in Tyler at this season of the year. As the lovely flowers of Springtime are around us, we are reminded of the greatness of God who awakens all nature to a new life. We, too, should desire to have a spiritual awakening and determine to live closer to the One who is the source of all beauty and life.

May we pray the prayer of the psalmist: "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.

There is no beauty to compare with the beauty of a noble life. Our lives are filled with the ugly marks of sin - but when we live in Christ we let the beauty of His holiness be reflected in us. The Bible teaches us that when we are baptized into Christ that we put on Christ, Gal.3:27.

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me, G.H.S.
All His wonderful passion and purity;
O my Saviour divine,
All my being refine,
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.

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MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Alan Bryan will be the speaker for the Area Preacher's Meeting for April. Meet at Sadler's Restaurant in Jacksonville, Monday, April 7, at 12:00 Noon. The cost will be \$1.75 per person.

RETURNED HOME

We are happy that brother Tommy Parsons returned home last week from Vietnam.

MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in April. J. M. Norris, Tom Williams, John Weaver, Jim Willis and Mark Whitworth. Averyt Smith, Guy Potts, J. D. Taylor, Danny Smith, and Danny Addington. Alternates: Ralph Lowrance and Tommy Lowrance. Sunday evening: Glen Warner and Jack Bennett.

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Youth Class, Sunday evening 42

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and

Prayer.....Ross Walker

Prayer.....C. B. Hardin

Dismiss.....Jeff Ellis

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and

Prayer.....Averyt Smith

Prayer.....C. T. Langham

Dismiss.....Tom Williams

RESPONSES

Sister Joyce Willis confessed sin in her life and requests the prayers of the church.

Homer Burks, from Ft. Worth, came Sunday evening confessing faults and requesting our prayers.

Brother and sister Ken Gode (Dana) and daughter Miss Kendra Gode have recently moved back to Tyler from San Marcos, Texas. We are happy to welcome them back to West Erwin. Their address is 2824 Meadowlark. Telephone, 593-8085

THANK YOU NOTES

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

The Family of Mrs. Pearl L. Bates

I appreciate so much your visits while I was in the hospital and also after returning home.

Lera Bennett

FUNERALS

Brother Charles Graf's nephew, Barry Wade Graf, was killed March 21st in Vietnam. Funeral services were held for him Monday in Texarkana, Texas.

Brother Luther Thompson's uncle, Walter Jones, was buried Tuesday in Rusk, Texas.

Mr. C. E. Gibson, brother-in-law to sister Ivah Miller was buried in Nederland, Texas Thursday. Brother and sister Stephenson and sister Miller attended the funeral.

We extend our sincere sympathy to each family.

THE SICK

Gail Malone entered Glenwood Hospital for surgery on Thursday.

DeRay Bennett is in Mother Frances. He has had pneumonia but is much improved.

Brother John Jackson is not well and is unable to be out.

Mr. Robert Walker is in Medical Center Hospital.

WE ARE ALWAYS HAPPY TO HAVE GUESTS at the services of the West Erwin church. We hope you will return at every opportunity.

People who wonder where this younger generation is headed for will do well to consider where it came from.



REMEMBER

THESE

DATES

MARK

YOUR

CALENDAR

APRIL 10, 11, 12 Youth Meeting - Glenwood church of Christ.

APRIL 13 - 18 Meeting - Glenwood church of Christ.

APRIL 26 Junior-Senior Banquet

JUNE 2 - 6 Vacation Bible School

JUNE 22 - 27 West Erwin Meeting, Johnny Ramsey

JULY 21 - 24 Bible Teacher's Workshop
Abilene Christian College

AUGUST 4 - 16 Camp Deer Run Session especially for West Erwin young people.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday, April 8th at the Luther Thompson home, 523 West Selman, 7:30 P.M.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

As in years past, the funds for the annual banquet honoring our 11th and 12th grade students, will be provided by members of the local congregations. If you have not made your donation, Ron and Iris Beard and Jamon and Clay Kirby are serving on the committee for West Erwin and will be happy to receive it. The banquet will be April 26.

ALAN BRYAN will be the guest speaker for the Christian Worker's Workshop April 11, 12, 13 at the Corinth Road church in Jacksonville. You are invited to attend. Gary Montgomery is the minister.

ATTENTION TEENAGERS

The Tyler Christian Teenage Conference, a youth gospel meeting with Don Ray Williams, will be held April 10, 11, and 12 at the Glenwood church of Christ. The teenagers of West Erwin will attend as a group.

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 6
10:20 A.M. THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS WORSHIP

6:00 P.M. THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

TO VISIT BIBLE LANDS

The L. L. Giegers, formerly with the West Erwin Church, leave this Monday, April 7 for a trip to the Bible Lands. They have asked an interest in our prayers. We do pray that they may have a safe and a very rewarding trip.

JAY LOCKHART WILL SPEAK in a series of meetings April 6 - 11, 7:30 each evening in Mineola, Texas

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Many religious denominations refer to the coming week as "Holy Week." This is the last week in the period of the year referred to as Lent which concludes with Easter Sunday. There are many religious bodies who will have special events and services in commemoration of this season. There is nothing in the New Testament which speaks of such a week or which teaches that we should give any special observance to any Sunday of the year. Every Sunday is the resurrection day so far as Christians are concerned because our Lord was raised from the dead on the first day of the week. We continue to meet on this day because he died for our sins and left for us the memorial of the Lord's Supper. We meet every first day of the week to be reminded of the sacrifice Christ made for us in the giving of His body and of His blood. We read that New Testament Christians met on the first day of the week to break bread, (Acts 20:7) and they were commanded to lay by in store on this day (I Cor. 16:2). It is good at any time for people to think of the sacrifice Christ made for us as it is always good to be reminded of the resurrection. Those of us who are endeavoring to restore New Testament Christianity recognize that every week is a time for service for our Lord.

This is the time of year when we look forward to the coming of Spring and we hope that it will bring renewed interest in all of the activities of the church. We are pleased to know that a number of families are now engaged in the visitation work being carried on in the zones. Last Sunday the rain hindered some from attending Bible study. We recognize that there are some elderly that might not be able to get out in the rain, but for the most part inclement weather should not hinder our attendance. Certainly the rain does not affect attendance in school or in our work. We hope that all of us will recognize our responsibility in helping to build up our Bible school and all of the activities of this congregation.

Last week we were privileged to attend some of the sessions of the Fort Worth Christian College Lectureship and I spoke three times on Thursday in regard to the Christian Home. Actually, the church here had a part in mission work by sharing your preacher with others. In this way you contributed toward the teaching and preaching of the gospel of Christ to others. I am thankful that I had this privilege and opportunity.

Mrs. T. B. Thompson, whose husband was the beloved preacher here for a number of years, was one of the speakers for ladies at the Lectureship. She is a most interesting character and has done much good for the Cause of Christ. When sister Thompson saw my wife she exclaimed, "Now you're in heaven." This shows the wonderful esteem which sister Thompson has for Tyler and the members of the church here. We are thankful that she feels this way. We know that this is a wonderful (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Joe Wyatt
Prayer.....W. H. Turner
Dismiss.....Terry Stephenson

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Louis E. Jones
Prayer.....Foy Richey
Dismiss.....Gary Willis

RESPONSES

Restored: Debbie Smith and Barbara Caskey.

THE SICK

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

Sister R. M. Mayo's brother, Mr. Hubert Cheek, is still very seriously ill in intensive care in Medical Center Hospital.

LEAVING TYLER

Brother and sister W. H. Land moved Wednesday to Grand Saline. We regret to lose the Lands' from West Erwin but hope they are very happy in their new home.

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON TOPIC

"Enough To Be Saved." - Ron Beard

ZONE I WILL MEET TUESDAY evening April 1, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Travis and Janell Fletcher. Their address is 3428 Lee.

APPOINTMENT

Ron Beard has accepted an appointment to the Board of Development of Fort Worth Christian College.

REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING

Listen to George Stephenson daily Monday through Friday at 12:30 p.m. over radio station KTBB.

B. F. Baur is the speaker for a program over KZAK, Tuesday through Friday, 12:00 - 12:15 p.m.

Cecil Herndon may be heard each Sunday morning at 8:00 on KZEY.

WATCH "Good News For Today" every Tuesday at 5:00 on KLTW.

WHY ARE FIRETRUCKS RED?

Do you know why fire trucks are red? Well, fire trucks have four wheels and eight men. Four and eight make 12. There are 12 inches in a foot. A foot is a ruler. Queen Elizabeth is a ruler. And, "Queen Elizabeth" is the largest ship on the seas. Seas have fish. Fish have fins. The Finns fought the Russians. The Russians are red. Fire trucks are always "rushing." Therefore, fire trucks are always red.

If you think this is bad, just listen to one of those chronic church absentees when you ask him why he wasn't at services. Go ahead, I dare you!

...Selected

T E E N

O Last Saturday was a real highlight for the West Erwin Teens who went P to Abilene Christian College for High School Day. The group numbered I 34 and was the largest in attendance. The youth left at 4:00 A.M. and C arrived back in Tyler at 10:15 P.M. by chartered bus.

S This exposure to Christian education was interesting and inspirational to the teens who attended a special chapel service, heard a band concert, met faculty and administrative personnel, toured the campus, and generally shared the day with 1500 Christian youth. It will long be a day that these teens can look back on as a real treat. A special thanks to those who helped financially to make the trip possible and to Bud and Louise Caskey and K. Max and Mary Haws for accompanying the young people.

Perhaps the greatest benefit of the day was the opportunity of the West Erwin youth to get to know each other better as they were together on the bus for nine hours. Singing gospel songs and sharing inspirational comments, teaches them to lean upon Christ and appreciate one another. This was only one of several activities planned for youth to strengthen them spiritually. Ron Beard

From The Preacher's Desk (continued from the back page)
place in which to live and serve our Lord.

On this Sunday morning in the series of sermons based on the Christian life, we plan to have as our lesson "The Christian In His Home Life." Since I have just given three lessons on this topic at the Ft. Worth Lectureship, I'll look forward to speaking on the subject Sunday. The very basis of all that is good and decent in this life is to be found in the home. All of us have tremendous responsibilities in helping our homes to become the kind of homes that God would have them to be. We are living in a time in which many disregard the sanctity of the home and as a result there is a decline in morality on every hand. If we expect the church and the nation to survive we must give attention to our homes.

From time to time we hear of various ones who listen to our daily radio program over KTBB at 12:30. We hope that you listen and that you tell others to listen also. This is one way your preacher can visit with you each day. We never know the good which is accomplished as a result of this effort. I feel that if no other good were accomplished, just preaching to the many shut-ins who are not able to attend worship, would make the program worth while. Of course, we hope and believe that many others listen also.

We are looking forward to two great events in June. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, June 2-6, and our GOSPEL MEETING, June 22-27. Be sure to keep these great events in your mind and be praying for them. G.H.S.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

LIVING FOR OTHERS

"For none of us liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself." (Rom. 14:7).

Man is a social being. When Adam was placed in the Garden of Eden, surrounded with all the delights and beauties of nature, God saw that it was not good for him to be alone. Man's greatest happiness is found when he is surrounded by loved ones and friends for whom he lives and with whom he shares the blessings as well as sorrows of life.

In this life we are all dependent upon others. We are indebted to our parents and forefathers for the blessings which have been passed on to our generation. We are indebted to every farmer who tills the soil and to every laborer in the factory for helping to provide us with food and the material possessions we enjoy. We are indebted to scientists, to physicians, to inventors, and all who have worked to make our lives happier and more useful.

After telling us that the first and great commandment is to love the Lord, Jesus said that the second commandment is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 23:37-39). The beloved story of the Good Samaritan teaches us that when we love our neighbor that we are caring for his needs. We are admonished in God's Word to "bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2). One cannot render service to God who does not serve others. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40). James reminds us of our obligation to help others in these words: "What doth it profit my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not these things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?" (James 2:14-16).

Christians are interested in the spiritual welfare of their neighbors in addition to their material welfare. They are charged with the responsibility of preaching the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15,16) Because of the recognition of their responsibility to others, missionaries have taken the gospel of Christ, with its message of salvation, to the remotest areas of the world. Christians realize that they, like Paul, are debtors to the Lord who saved them, and must take the gospel to others. (Romans 1:15,16) What are you doing to help take the gospel to others?

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Prayer.....Louis E. Jones
Prayer.....Ed Naul
Dismiss.....Dwain Strait

RESPONSES

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams (Barbara) placed membership Sunday morning. Their address is 312½ East Houston, telephone 592-1943. We are very happy to have the Williams to work and worship with us. They formerly lived in Ponca City, Oklahoma.

Restored: Billy Chandler and Miss Teresa Ellis asked for the prayers of the church.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Woltman of Abilene, Texas are the parents of a son born last week. They have named him Kirk Milton.

FUNERALS

Mrs. Lloyd N. Rutledge, mother of sister Roger Knight, passed away in New York City last Friday. Funeral services were held for her Monday afternoon at Lloyd James Funeral Home. We express our deepest sympathy to Brother Rutledge, sister Knight and to each member of the family.

We express our sympathy to brother and sister W. H. Land. Brother Land's sister, Mrs. Pearl Bates, was buried Saturday morning in Canton, Texas.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Doyce Jene Miller who was killed in Vietnam last week. Doyce was a cousin of George Brumley whose wife attends West Erwin. Funeral arrangements will be announced by Burks-Walker-Tippit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INTEREST

You are cordially invited to attend a gospel meeting at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson, March 24-30. Services at 7:30 p.m.

The fourth Sunday Singing will be at Troup Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Sister T. B. Thompson will speak at the Dangerfield Church of Christ March 24 through 27. "Building A Christlike Personality" will be the theme for the Women's Lectures at 10:00 a.m. each morning. The evening lectures will be for girls.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

"But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher?" (Rom. 10:14 RSV). Even though there may be some slight differences in preachers and teachers, the goal they have is the same. That is, they are the avenues through which the saving message of the Word of God is proclaimed.

The apostle in this passage asks a most important question; how are men to learn and believe unless someone else teaches them the word of God? According to the word of God, all men are teachers in their own way (Matt. 5:14-16 and others). Yet there are some Christians who are particularly talented to teach in a more specialized sense. I am speaking of our Bible Class teachers. We must never forget that they are one of the greatest assets to the Lord's church which we have.

Those who take it upon themselves to teach a Bible Class whether it be on Sunday morning, Sunday evening, Wednesday evening, or any other time, have indeed taken on a great and grave responsibility. Those who teach both young and old alike are in many cases the only link between them and a saving knowledge of God's Word. We can never overestimate the value of our teachers.

We have here at West Erwin some of the finest classroom teachers I have ever seen anywhere. Each teacher takes time to prepare each vital lesson which they present and all are concerned about the spiritual well-being of those in their class.

If you and your children are not engaged in attending a class, you are missing a most valuable opportunity. Statistics show that regular class attendance is necessary. Of those children who attend Bible Classes regularly, two out of three are converted to the Lord's Church. But of those not regularly attending Sunday School Classes only one out of 343 is converted. It would seem to me the stakes are too high to deprive either ourselves or our children the opportunity to grow into a knowledge of God's Will.

If you are not now attending a class, make it a point to be here THIS SUNDAY and enroll the whole family. You will be eternally grateful.

... Dewey Fogerson
Adapted

THE SICK

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

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. The Christian's Responsibility To The Church.
P.M. The Crucifixion of Christ

BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.

WHAT IS WRONG?

Something is wrong, bad wrong, when we can't have all of the members of the church and their children in attendance for Bible study. Yes, something is wrong when members refuse to attend Bible classes.

1. If a person is too sick, something is wrong with his health. He should consult a doctor.

2. If he thinks he does not need the help that comes from the Bible study there is something wrong with his education.

3. If he sleeps too late, he is lazy. He needs to study Proverbs 6:6-11.

4. If he doesn't have the interest to go, something is dangerously wrong with his attitude. Indifference causes people to be lost.

5. If he is too busy to go, something is wrong with his schedule. A person who is too busy to serve the Lord is too busy to go to heaven.

6. If he lets company keep him away, something is wrong with his courage. He should have the courage to serve the Lord even if the company is missed or offended.

7. If his clothes are not good enough to go, something is wrong with his pride. This excuse is over-exalted, for the people who use it can usually go anywhere else in the same clothes.

Just why shouldn't every Christian want to be in Bible study every time it meets? We will be expecting to see you Sunday morning at 9:30 A. M. ... Copied

VISITORS TO WEST ERWIN

The following visitors signed cards last Lord's Day. We are always happy to have guests and invite you to return and worship with us again.

Gary Beard, Grapevine; Homer Burks, Jr., Ft. Worth; Mrs. Daniel H. Shawn, Lewisville; Mrs. Sharon Nickerson, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Lovering, Beaumont; Mrs. Wanda Baldrige, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sublette,

Garland; Mrs. C. W. Strode, Nacogdoches; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Beard, Chandler; Mrs. Rena Florey, Kilgore; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ferrell, Ala.; From Tyler: Debra Ott, Kathy Henderson, Donna Freeman, Belinda Hickman, Cheryle Shawn, Sheila Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Dooley, Karen Stutts, Kay Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Williams, Mrs. Dana Gode, Steve Cross.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Anyone who is ill or shut-in who desires to have the communion service should notify the church office. Arrangements will be made for serving those who may desire this service.

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother Robert Alexander, a gospel preacher of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was killed in an automobile accident last Monday evening. He was the father of Mrs. Charles Preston (Ronadene) of the Glenwood church.

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Youth Class, Sunday Evening..... 44

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Glen Warner
Prayer.....Dalton Jones
Dismiss.....Marc Lemons

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Henry McRuiz
Prayer.....John D. Brem
Dismiss.....Phillip Browning

RESPONSES

Membership and confessed wrongs:
Jerry Drawbaugh, 518 S. Baxter, Apt. 2; Ron Palmer, 113 E. Fifth.

Confession of wrongs: Miss Betty Oliver, 2620 Pine Burr; Curtis Caskey, Rt. 2, Box 368; Ron Beard, 203 Alpine; Gary Beard, Grapevine, Tex.

THANK YOU NOTES

We wish to say thanks so very much for your prayers, visits, food and the ones who sat with my mother during her recent illness. We are so grateful for the Christian friends we have here. May God bless you.

Bessie Willis

A note of thanks has been received from brother and sister A.O. Mayo.

CONGRATULATIONS

We have received an announcement that Tom and Sylvia Jones of Longview have adopted a baby boy, born February 14, 1969. They have named him Thomas Albert.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last three Sundays in March.

Ray Womack	Ben Young
Phil Browning	Bill Butler, Jr.
Kim Smith	Carl Bell
Andy Fuller	Jeff Ellis
Richard Parsons	Mark Ellis

Alternates: Fred Strait and Jamon Kirby. Evening: C. B. Hardin, Jr. and Bob Threadgill.

ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Ron Beard spoke at the organizational meeting of the Association of Christian Athletes at John Tyler High School last Thursday evening.

HOME ON LEAVE

Royce Caskey returned home recently from overseas. He will be stationed in Washington D.C. Raymon and Ruth Ivey are home on leave. He will leave for Vietnam in a few weeks. Ruth and the baby will be living here while he is away. Fred Richardson (husband of the former Pam Wallace) will leave shortly for Vietnam.

WE NEED YOU!

One of the finest tools available to reach the young people with the gospel of Christ is the Christian Camp. During the days spent at camp, the kids are trained in getting along with others and following the rules properly. They receive several hours of Bible teaching through concentrated study and applied lessons. Many who are not Christians make their decisions to obey Christ while in this spiritual atmosphere. Those who are Christians gain strength through the camp activities.

We at West Erwin are fortunate to have Camp Deer Run in our vicinity. As Christians, we need to see that Camp Deer Run is able to continue to build and strengthen Christian Character.

Brother K. Max Haws has agreed to maintain the physical condition of a part of Camp Deer Run with the feeling that several men, especially those whose children will attend camp this Summer, will assist him in this work.

This Saturday, March 15, a group is needed to work at the camp. The day will be spent in cabin repair, so bring hand tools such as hammer and saw. Be at the church parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and help in the work. Ron Beard

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. The Christian Life: A Life Of Love.
P.M. The Trials of Christ.

A 20TH CENTURY PARABLE

The carpenter's tools had a conference. Brother Hammer, the moderator, was informed he must leave because he was too noisy. "All right, I will leave. But if I leave brother Screw must also go. You have to turn him again and again to get anywhere."

Brother Screw said, "If I leave, brother Plane must also leave. All his work is on the surface. There is no depth to it."

To this, Brother Plane replied, "Well, Brother Rule can't stay if I withdraw. He's always measuring people as if he were the only perfect one."

Brother Rule snapped back, "I don't care. Brother Sandpaper gives me plenty of reason... he's always rubbing me the wrong way."

At this point the Carpenter of Nazareth walked in. He put on his apron and went to work. He employed the noisy hammer, the turning screw, the measuring rule, the shallow plane, the rough sandpaper. All these tools became laborers together with God. ...Copied

THE SICK

Sister Roger Knight's mother is still very seriously ill.

Dr. Walls T. Witt and his family were in an automobile accident last Sunday evening. Sister Witt is in intensive care in Medical Center and is in very serious condition.

Sister Lera Bennett is in Mother Frances Hospital.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

For many years I have looked forward to the Annual Bible Lectureship at Abilene Christian College as one of the highlights of the entire year. I am truly grateful that my wife and I had the opportunity to attend a great portion of the Lectureship this year. The time spent in Abilene truly was an inspirational experience. We are thankful that we had very favorable weather for the week and that we were permitted to see hundreds of our friends who had come from many different parts of the country. One of the great things about the Lectureship each year is the fellowship which is to be found among those who are members of the body of Christ. It is always an inspiration to see thousands of Christians as they meet together for a common aim and a common purpose, to learn more of the Lord and to become better servants of his. During the week we were impressed with the many fine sermons, lessons, and panel discussions which we heard. Preachers need to have their spirits lifted and they need to be challenged to do more for the Lord and I feel that the Lectureship accomplished this for us.

Among the many, many different ones we saw while we were in Abilene were the two men who are supported by the West Erwin church in Kansas, Jim Morrow and Mike Warner. We were glad to see both of them and glad to know that their work is progressing in a very fine way. We think it is good that they attended the Lectureship and we know that all of us at West Erwin will continue to remember them in our prayers.

I was asked, along with nine other gospel preachers, to meet with the Lectureship Committee of Abilene Christian College under the leadership of J. D. Thomas to evaluate the lectures and to make suggestions for the future. I was glad to be among the number in this meeting and I appreciate the fact that the college wants the Lectureship, as much as possible, to help in meeting the needs of Christians every where.

Some look upon the Abilene Christian College Lectureship as a convention similar to the conventions and conferences held by other religious bodies. Of course, the meeting in Abilene is the largest gathering of members of the church conducted anywhere in the world. However, the meeting is certainly not a convention in the ordinary way the term is used. There are no officers, no delegates, no decisions made, and nothing which would, in any sense, be regarded as an official body to make policy for the church of our Lord. It is simply an opportunity provided by the college for members of the church to come together and to study under great preachers and teachers about the church and the work it is to do. The Lectureship has accomplished much good and has been an expression of the sentiment of those who are endeavoring to restore New Testament Christianity in our time. (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	M. M. Haws
Dismiss.....	Andy Fuller
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....	R. H. Davis
Prayer	Tommy Lowrance
Dismiss.....	Sammy Ellis

THANK YOU NOTE
 I want to express my appreciation to all for the visits and lovely flowers and so many cards I received while in the hospital. These things make us realize more about what Christian friends mean to us.
 Mrs. Eula Drennan

WEDDING
 Miss Pam Wallace and Mr. Fred Richardson were married Tuesday, March 4, at 5:00 P.M. in the chapel. Brother Dean Brookshire performed the ceremony. We extend best wishes for a happy life together.

FUNERAL
 Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon in San Antonio for the son of brother and sister A. O. Mayo. We extend our deepest sympathy to the Mayos' and their family.

IN THE HOSPITALS
 Sister Ben Young returned home Wednesday from Mother Frances. Sister Jack Beard and sister Jean Parsons are in Glenwood Clinic. Sister Jean Trentham and sister Dexter Browning are in Medical Center. Sister R.M. Mayo's brother, Mr. Cheek, is in Medical Center. Sister Ron Beard is in Farwell where her father is very ill. Sister Roger Knight is with her mother, who has been seriously ill, in New York City.

NURSERY ATTENDANT
 Young mothers are encouraged to attend Ladies Bible Class on Wednesday morning. There is a class for pre-school children and also an attendant is in the crib nursery. These arrangements have been made for your convenience. We are looking forward to having you in the class.

FORT WORTH LECTURESHIP
 The Tenth Annual Bible Lecture-ship of the Fort Worth Christian College will be March 16-20, 1969. The theme is "The Christian And Authority." Brother Stephenson will be speaking the 20th on Authority In The Home. Brochures concerning the lectures are in the foyer.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 9
 A.M. The Christian Life: A Life of Courage.
 P.M. Christ, The Master Teacher.
 YOU ARE INVITED to attend a ONE-DAY WORKSHOP, Saturday, March 8 at the Quitman St. Church in Gladewater. The schedule for the day in on the bulletin board in the foyer. Brother Don Willingham will speak.

From the Preacher's Desk (continued from back page)
 One of the encouraging things about the Lectureship, as far as I was concerned, was to hear the fine young men on the program, who have unusual ability, who have been trained in an excellent manner and yet are faithful and loyal to the church and to the Cause of Christ. We are living in a time in which there are many who may not be as faithful to the Lord as they should and who may have been influenced by some of the liberal theology of our day, but it is encouraging to know that there are many fine young preachers of the gospel today who are just as dedicated and just as loyal to the Cause of Christ as any of the older preachers. This should cause all of us to rejoice as we think of the future welfare of the church of our Lord. It is our prayer that all of us may ever be true and faithful to God and to the Word which He has given as our guide.
 G.H.S.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY, 1969

LOAN PAYMENTS	
First Fed. 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	247.20
Scott City Radio Program	20.00
Mike Warner	580.00
Jim Morrow	500.00
Larry Mackey Fund	906.08
	2,678.28
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	
Utilities	380.15
Bldgs. & Grounds	667.20
Office Supplies	52.65
Bible School Supplies	54.02
Insurance	167.81
Flowers	31.03
Postage	64.00
	1,416.86
LOCAL SALARIES	2,090.30
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR FEBRUARY	7,595.36
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR FEB. '69	8,135.78

BOLES HOME
 Boles Home in Quinlan, Texas is endeavoring to find a man to work in its office. They would like to secure the services of someone who can oversee the bookkeeping and other office work. In addition to a salary, a home will be provided for the man to live on the Boles Home Campus. This is an opportunity for someone who would like to be used of the Lord in a very fine work. If you know of someone who might be interested in this work, you might give his name to brother Stephenson or to brother Ross Walker.
 BUSINESS MEETING, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

BUILDING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER

The Bible teaches that God's word may be compared to a hammer. "Is not my word like as a fire? Saith the Lord, and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 23:29).

A hammer is an essential tool in building. The word of God is essential for the construction of Christian character. Parents who love their children are interested in their growth and development. It is interesting to watch the construction of a building from the time the foundation is laid until the final piece of work is done. But how much more interesting it is to see boys and girls grow and develop into useful men and women in the state and in the Kingdom of Christ! In building character, we should be like the wise man who built his house on the rock as recorded in the famous parable of Jesus (Matthew 7:24-27). The one who hears and obeys the words of Christ is the wise builder. There are many parents who are neglecting spiritual instruction of their children. Authorities, who have made a study of juvenile delinquency, agree that lack of religious instruction is the basis of much of the crime committed by youth.

One juvenile judge said, "I can state from observation that most crimes on the part of young people are committed by those whose parents have failed to bring them up according to religious precepts or who have lost the faith of their forefathers."

A few years ago a terrible crime was committed by a teen-age girl in the state of Texas. Her mother was reported to have said, "I just can't understand her. I have always tried to do everything I could for her. I have always tried to send her to Sunday School." Is there an indication in this statement why the daughter of this heart broken mother became a criminal? Would it not be better rather than to send, to take our children with us? We must lead the way. We cannot shift the responsibility of training our children to some one else. We must be diligent ourselves in personal study and devotion and thus set a proper example before our children.

God's word is the hammer to break the "rock into pieces." Our hearts become hardened through selfishness, materialism, malice and unbelief. But the power of God's word can break our hearts and bring us into submission to God.

We urge you to give Bible instruction to your children. Read the Book in your home and then bring them with you to Bible classes.

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Announcements and
Prayer.....Ed Bullard
Prayer.....M. B. Beard
Dismiss.....Kim Smith
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Darrell Holt
Prayer.....James Phillips
Dismiss.....Mark Whitworth

BAPTISM
We are glad that Mrs. David (Jane) Stephenson was baptized by brother Stephenson on Saturday, February 22. David and Jane are going to be living in Oakland, California where he will receive further training as a hospital corpsman in the Navy.

AREA PREACHER' MEETING
The Area Preachers' Meeting for March will be in Tyler, Monday, March 3rd. Plan to meet at the Glenwood building for a brief devotional at 11:30 and go to the Carriage House for lunch and program featuring brother Jack Evans, President of Southwestern Christian College of Terrell. Cost of the meal will be \$1.50 plus tax.

THANK YOU NOTES
We wish to express our appreciation for the flowers, cards, and every expression of sympathy during our recent sorrow.
The Averyt Smith Family

Sister Wilma Greene wishes to express her sincere thanks and appreciation to all who remembered her with prayers, cards, and visits during her recent stay in the hospital. She is now living with her sister in Avery, Texas.

THE SICK
Sister Roger Knight's mother is very seriously ill in New York and may have to undergo surgery. Jan requests that we remember them in our prayers.
Sister Dexter Browning is in Medical Center Hospital.

BEST WISHES
Miss Donna Snipes and Travis Stodghill were married last Friday evening. We extend our best wishes for a happy life together. They will make their home in Greenville.

OUR SYMPATHY
Charles Wilson, a nephew of sister G. W. McElroy, was killed Sunday in Vietnam. The McElroys formerly lived in Tyler and worshipped with the West Erwin congregation. They now live in Houston. Charles also attended West Erwin as a child.

SERMONS FOR MARCH 2
A.M. The Christian Life: Service
P.M. The Transfiguration of Christ.

ONE OF THE RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE church library is the biography of N. B. Hardeman, a very great gospel preacher. The book was written by his daughter, Mary Nelle Hardeman Powers, and J. M. Powell. The book was given to the library by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parris of this congregation. Brother Hardeman read their marriage ceremony. Our thanks to the Parris'.

AM I ON TIME?
WHEN I AM LATE. . .
The worship is interrupted until I get seated.
I disturb others.
I, myself, am a bit disturbed.
I miss a valuable part of the worship.
I set a bad example.
I have a depressed feeling.
WHEN I AM ON TIME. . .
I disturb no one; I interrupt nothing.
I am ready to cooperate.
I prove my faith by activity.
I miss no part of the worship and therefore, come into a deeper appreciation of the entire period of worship.
THEREFORE. . .
I will arise at the proper time.
I will make an earnest effort to arrive on time.
I will not linger or loiter on the outside or in the foyer and wait for the service to begin.
I will be in my seat with a mind firmly fixed on God before the service begins.
-Frank L. Cox, Minister's Monthly

MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER
The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in March.
Dalton Jones Ed Naul
M. B. Beard R. H. Davis
Pete Wallace Foy Richey
David Womack Scott Ferguson
David Grier Reagan Phillips
Alternates: Jack Beard and Monroe Sublette. Sunday evening: Steve Drennan and Jay Bynum.

"LET US NEGOTIATE"
A hunter raised his rifle and took careful aim at a large bear. When about to pull the trigger, the bear spoke in a soft soothing voice, "Isn't it better to talk than to shoot? What do you want? Let us negotiate the matter."
Lowering his rifle, the hunter replied, "I want a fur coat."
"Good," said the bear, "That is a negotiable question. I only want a full stomach, so let us negotiate a compromise."
They sat down to negotiate and after a time the bear walked away alone. The negotiations had been successful. The bear had a full stomach, and the hunter had his fur coat.
Satan says, "Let us negotiate." But there are some things that cannot be compromised. If we try to compromise with sin, we are deceiving ourselves and will fall into a trap that will destroy us.
"Abstain from EVERY FORM of evil."
(I Thess. 5:22)
...Don C. Bentley

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

TRUE GREATNESS

"But whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister."
(Matthew 20:20).

How different is the teaching of Jesus from the philosophies of men concerning greatness. The German philosopher, NIETZSCHE, taught the idea of a superman who would be great because of his intellectual and physical superiority. This superman would use the mass of humanity only as his servants to help him achieve his selfish ends. While most of us reject this philosophy, nevertheless, we often measure greatness by worldly popularity rather than in terms of character, hard work, and service to others. Too many of our day consider the ultimate of success is to be attained when one becomes a great celebrity or achieves financial independence.

Jesus taught the meaning of genuine greatness in his famous conversation with the mother of the apostles James and John. This mother requested that one of her sons occupy the right hand and the other the left hand of the throne of Jesus. Of course, this ambitious mother did not understand that the Kingdom of Christ was not material but rather a spiritual Kingdom consisting of all who submit themselves to the will of Christ. Jesus asked the disciples if they could "stand the test," if they could drink his cup and be baptized with the baptism of suffering. When the disciples replied that they were able, Jesus told them that they would indeed drink of his cup and be baptized with his baptism, but that only the Father could grant the privilege of being on his right hand or his left. The other ten disciples did not understand and were envious of James and John, thinking they were promised some special favors of the Lord. This prompted Jesus to tell them that while in worldly Kingdoms the great exercise dominion and authority, but that in Christ's Kingdom the one who is great is to be a servant. (Matthew 20:20-28).

Christ not only taught this principle; He also demonstrated it in His life. He said, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Matthew 20:28) Paul declared, concerning Christ, that "he took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Phillipians 2:7). The touching scene of Jesus washing the disciples' feet impresses upon us the thought that no task was too lowly for the one who came into the world to become our Lord and Master. Jesus taught, "If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet." (John 13:14). Jesus was not describing an item of church worship, but he was teaching that we should be willing to perform any service, however humble it may be. G.H.S.

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Announcements and Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	Gerald Montgomery
Dismiss.....	Mark Cauthen

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Ray Womack
Prayer.....	Cone Birdwell
Dismiss.....	Kenneth Browning

THANK YOU NOTES

As most of you know my livelihood has been dependent on my speaking, but never have I been at such a loss of words as now.

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude for such Christian love extended to mother and myself recently.

May we humbly thank each one of you. Elva Lee and Larry Mackey

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks for your many prayers, cards, visits and telephone calls during my recent surgery. It is a very comforting thought to know that you have an abundance of Christian friends. Guy Potts

Many thanks for the visits, cards and telephone calls while I was in the hospital. Also, thank you 3rd grade for the card and valentine.

Verda Driggers

We would like to thank you for being so nice to us while we were in bed. All the prayers, cards, visits, presents, and parties are appreciated very much. We are out of our casts and doing fine and hope to be able to attend services soon. Charlotte Chandler

and

Charlene Graf

TO THE LADIES OF WEST ERWIN

Dear Friends:

Colonial Manor wishes to express our sincere appreciation for your visit to our home and fine residents. Our residents have really enjoyed wearing the corsages you brought them. They like to know that you remember and care about them. It is interested people like you who make our home more enjoyable and fulfilling for our residents. Please do plan to come and visit with us again whenever you can. Colonial Manor of Tyler

Joe Costello, Administrator

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to the Averyt Smith family. Funeral services were held Thursday in Gainesville, Texas for brother Smith's mother.

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

IN THE HOSPITALS

Kim Smith is in Medical Center Hospital for tests.

Sister Daisy Lee Old had surgery Tuesday in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Joyce Willis is in Medical Center for tests.

Sister Bill (Lorriane) Rozell had surgery last Friday in Medical Center Hospital.

LECTURESHIP IN ABILENE

My wife and I are planning to attend the annual Bible Lectureship at Abilene Christian College this coming week - February 23-27. We plan to go Sunday afternoon. A number from Tyler will be there for at least a part of the lectures. This is always a great week and one we hope will be of inspiration to us. G.H.S.

CLASSES FOR WEDNESDAY

Brother E. V. Rushing will teach the auditorium class next Wednesday evening. Sister Russell O'Bannon will be teaching the ladies class on Wednesday morning.

MISPLACED EMPHASIS

After spending week after week in hard training for the race track, the boy cannot run as fast as a rabbit. The best punter on the All American football team cannot kick as hard as a mule. It is good to have a strong body, but how much better to have a properly developed mind, a cultured soul? Man was made for greater things. All of our mistakes can be explained in a two-word expression - misplaced emphasis.

...The Minister's Monthly

IS THIS YOU?

Some of us sing "Anywhere With Jesus," but do not try to come to Bible Study with Him. We sing "More About Jesus Let Me Learn," but make no effort to expose ourselves to the Bible classes where more of Jesus is being taught. Our singing is in vain, and a surprise might be due us in the judgment day because of our hypocrisy.

We do not know when the Lord will come again, but how would you like for Him to return Sunday morning between 9:30 and 10:15. Would you be pleased about where you are? R.B.

THINK IT OVER

A Christian businessman advertised for new employees. He stated that a generous salary was available, along with good hours and pleasant working conditions. He stated he would consider only those who are faithful members of the Lord's church. This executive was convinced no true Christian would even consider giving less than the minimum the Jews were required to give. So, in his advertisement he stated he would pay a salary ten times what the new employees had given to the church in the previous year.

If you had seen this offer, would you have accepted the job? Some have said they couldn't afford to work for such a ridiculously small salary. ...Selected

SERMONS - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

A.M. The Christian Life: A Life of Obedience.

P.M. Sermon by Ron Beard.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It has been said, "As the Bible School goes, so goes the church." I believe that there is much truth in this statement. If we expect the church to be active and growing, we must have an active, growing Bible School.

I am sure that all of us who are interested in the growth and progress of the West Erwin Church are disappointed that we do not have more in attendance at our Sunday morning classes. It is really a shame that we have less than 500 in attendance at any time.

We cannot emphasize too much the importance of our children coming to Bible class each Sunday. It is sad that some parents will see that their children are in public school every day for five days a week and yet show little interest in their being present on Sunday morning to study the Bible. Even if the children are here every Sunday morning, this does not afford much time for Bible Study in comparison with the time given to other things. Which is more important - preparing to make a living or preparing to live a life? Are we more interested in the physical welfare of our children or in their souls? Lessons which are learned by our children in Bible School will be with them throughout their lives and will help them prepare for eternity.

As important as it is for our children to learn, yet we need to emphasize the importance of adults coming to Bible School also. We have more consistent attendance in our children's classes than we do in the adult classes. Please read and consider carefully these words by Wilburn C. Hill in regard to adults and the Bible School. G.H.S.

ADULTS AND BIBLE STUDY

"Do adult (in age) Christians need to be regular in Bible classes? The Devil really gained a great advantage when he led religious folks to swallow the lie that children ought to be SENT to Bible School.

I'm not denying that children ought to have much Bible teaching, it's the idea that it does not matter too much whether grownups go to Bible classes or not that is so destructive. In most churches of our Lord the pitiable section of our spiritual development is the indifference of so many adults to the Bible study program.

They are not against Bible classes. They just feel it is immaterial whether they attend regularly, study their lesson or take an active part. Brethren (adults), this ought not to be. It would be just as sensible to say it does not matter whether an adult eats regularly and plentifully if he is to continue his hard work.

Only the idle, sickly adult feels no need for (continued inside)

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Youth Class Sunday evening 30

BIBLE SCHOOL

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer.....Glen Warner
Dismiss.....Don Weathers

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Bruce Raley
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill
Dismiss.....Reagan Phillips

RESPONSES

Wade Robertson, 409½ W. Erwin was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. We welcome Don O'Bannon back to West Erwin. His wife, June, is teaching in Roscoe, and will return at the end of the semester.

THANK YOU NOTE

We want to express our appreciation for the many cards, for your kindness, and a special thanks to brother McCarty for his assistance. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Taylor

CONGRATULATIONS to Barbara and Mike Warner, of Scott City, Kansas, who are the parents of a boy, Michael Scott, born on Saturday. The Glen Warners are the grandparents.

WEDDING INVITATION

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Snipes request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Donna, to Mr. Travis Stodghill on Friday, the twenty-first of February at eight o'clock, West Erwin church of Christ. Reception following, 1315 South College.

THE ELDERS APPROVED the 1969 Budget in the amount of \$115,000. Our contribution will have to be \$2,211 each Sunday to accomplish the above. We want to put another missionary in the field this year. It will also be necessary for us to pay off the Stephens parking lot in the amount of \$20,000 which is due this year. Our budget in 1968 was \$1,935 per Sunday and our contribution for '68 was \$2,186 per Sunday. We went over our budget by \$251 per Sunday. Our contribution has been down the last few weeks. We should strive to meet our budget. - Elders

THE SICK

Sister George Meek entered Medical Center for eye surgery Wednesday. Brother E. L. Taylor returned home last Friday from the hospital. Sister Drennan is recovering from eye surgery in Medical Center. Sister Mary June Green underwent surgery Thursday at Mother Frances.

BROTHER RON BEARD will speak for a Youth Meeting at the Crestview church in Waco, Sunday evening, February 16.

WHO IS RICH?

We should be careful not to become narrow and thereby have a wrong view of a part of life. This happens in many instances, and in our affluent society, it often concerns money. Our narrow vision can even cause us to misunderstand God's Word. One of the most wrongly used and misapplied portions of the Bible is the parable of the rich man and Lazarus.

Wealth, like nearly everything else, is relative. No matter how much of this world's goods we possess, we can always sight someone who has more. Therefore, we tend to identify with Lazarus, with a feeling that we are better off spiritually than the individual we call "rich."

A restudy of this parable will show that Lazarus never condemned nor felt contempt for the rich man. Lazarus went to paradise because of his attitude, not because he was poor. The rich man was not lost because he was rich. He went to hell because of his refusal to obey God.

We have reached the absurd point of relating one make of car with wealth and another with poverty, or of counting a family without a car for each individual a "poor" family. We need to look at riches from the other side and find those who have less than we do. Rather than thinking that having only two cars denotes poverty, we must realize that having one pair of shoes denotes wealth. We need to get a more accurate picture of wealth, quit misusing God's Word, and admit we are rich. If being poor would save us, I am afraid we would all be lost. R.B.

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ADULTS AND BIBLE STUDY (Continued) regular nourishing meals. The same is true in the Lord's Kingdom. I challenge you to find a hard-working adult in the church who looks with indifference on Bible study, in classes or not. They know they must have it to continue to have spiritual strength for their tasks ahead.

If you don't seem to be able to do much for the Lord, the chances are you are in great need of a regular rich diet of God's Word. Did you ever stop to consider that most

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16
A.M. The Christian Life: A Life of Faith.
P.M. The Miracles of Christ.

of the Gospel is directed to the mature in age? Only now and then does it speak to children or even to young folks directly.

I say this with sadness, but we have far too many adults who are indifferent about Bible study on Lord's Day morning. Won't you consider these truths seriously and determine as an adult to have a rich spiritual diet regularly to insure your spiritual health and strength so you can do much work for the Master?" ...Wilburn C. Hill

THE UNCLAIMED DISHES that have been in the foyer for many weeks have been moved to the Elm Street house.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

SINS OF THE TONGUE

"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles." Proverbs 21:23

Jesus taught the importance of the proper use of our tongues in these words: "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned. (Matthew 12:36,37). James taught that the one who does not control his tongue has a vain religion (James 1:26). Let us notice some of the sins of the tongue which are found in the Bible.

1. Profanity. "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be" (James 3:10).

2. Coarse and obscene language. "Let no corrupt communication come out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers" (Ephesians 4:29). "Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks." (Ephesians 5:4).

3. Lying. "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds" (Colossians 3:9). "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor: for we are members one of another."

4. Harsh words uttered in anger. "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up strife." (Proverbs 15:1)

5. Evil speaking of others. "Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice" (Ephesians 4:31) But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evil doer, or as a busy body in other men's matters." (I Peter 4:15) "Let us leave off criticizing one another" (Romans 14:13, Moffat's translation).

The tongue has power to do harm, but it also has power to do good. It has the power to destroy, but it also has the power to heal. It may sting like an adder, but it may heal like a mother's kiss. It may spread unbelief and doubt, but it also may spread faith and hope. Let us pray with the psalmist, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer." (Psalms 19:14).

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SERMON TOPICS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

A.M. Becoming A Christian.

P.M. The Temptations of Christ.

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Youth Class, Sunday Evening.....	49
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Announcements and	
Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	T. F. Holland
Dismiss.....	Glen Howard, Jr.
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....	Charles Graf
Prayer.....	Louis J. Jones
Dismiss.....	Jack Stringer

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for your prayers and expressions of sympathy at the death of my father.

Mrs. Rex Walker

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Roy Driggers had minor surgery Thursday in Mother Frances.

Sister Eula Drennan will have eye surgery Friday morning in Medical Center. She will need some of the ladies to sit with her for a few days following the surgery.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

We are saddened to learn of the death of brother J. D. Hall, Jr. and his son-in-law, Tom Bell. They were killed this week, along with the

pilot, in a plane crash. The Halls formerly lived in Tyler and worshipped with the West Erwin congregation. Their home is in Jasper, Tex.

WHY NOT ATTEND BIBLE CLASS?

We commend the Bible School teachers for their fine accomplishments. Their interest was reflected in the excellent attendance at the Teacher's Meeting last Sunday. In the light of this, we are concerned about the discrepancy between the number who attend worship and Bible class. It seems that we have a large number who do not believe in "Sunday School." One congregation did a study on this subject, asking people to give the reasons they did not attend Bible Class. These 165, who did not attend, gave the following reasons.

- 24 overslept
- 9 worked
- 8 were ill or had illness in the family.
- 12 were trying to get ready to leave town.
- 15 gave no reason.
- 19 gave miscellaneous reasons.
- 17 said that Bible class was not profitable to them.
- 61 were visitors who made no provisions to attend.

If 61 visitors did not attend - one wonders if our own local people attend Bible class when they are out of town? 51 people did not seem to have a real reason for not being present. 36 seemed to have a reasonable cause for not attending. 17 (continued on page 3)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY, 1969

LOAN PAYMENTS

First Fed. 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	232.80	
Scott City Radio Prog.	40.00	
Mike Warner	580.00	
Jim Morrow	500.00	
Local Benevolent	140.25	1,918.05

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	583.90	
Bldgs. & Grounds	208.08	
Office Supplies	223.23	
Bible School Supplies	476.22	
Insurance	94.61	
Flowers	15.94	
Postage	52.00	
Auditorium Remodeling	19,815.59	21,469.57

LOCAL SALARIES	2,092.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES FOR JANUARY	26,889.54	
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR JANUARY	7,211.66	
EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF CONTRIBUTION	19,677.88	

THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING will be Sunday, 1:30 P.M. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

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

BENEVOLENT WORK

The work done by the women of the congregation in the benevolent program is greatly appreciated. 16 ladies remained to work after Bible Class last week. If you are unable to work on Wednesday, meet at 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays. 7 came last Thursday morning.

Needs for the present time are: Men's (c l e a n) clothing, and sheets. Also, lightweight paper bags to be cut into strips for wrapping bandages. It is hoped that a barrel of bandages will be ready for shipment to Chimala Mission Hospital by March 1. Clothing has been sent to the Navajo Indians and more is being prepared. Corsages are being made for ladies in Nursing Homes in Tyler. They are to be delivered Tuesday afternoon. Meet at the building at 2:30 p.m.

BIBLE CHAIR DEVOTIONALS

Each Thursday bro. Frank Cox will be speaking at 10:50 a.m. on the subject, "The Sermon On The Mount."

WHY NOT ATTEND... (Contd.) could see no value in the study of the Bible. This would indicate either a bad teaching situation or a bad attitude.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

On Friday of last week my wife and I were in Memphis, Tennessee where I had a part in the funeral service of one of our very good friends of the past, Dr. W. D. Burkhalter. We are so thankful that we had the opportunity to be with our good friends in their time of sorrow. Many thoughts came to my mind as we went to Memphis and as we returned. While we were on a very sad mission, yet it was a joy to see so many of the friends whom we had not seen in a long time. It had been two years since I had been in the city and many years had passed by since we had lived there. We were thankful to see the growth and the progress of the church in that area. We are always thankful when we realize that we have among our friends some of the finest of God's people. Dr. Burkhalter served as an elder and is one of the outstanding leaders of the church of the Lord in the city of Memphis. He

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We are thankful to see a decrease in the number of colds and flu which have kept so many of our people from the various services of the church in recent weeks. We had many of our people back last Sunday and we hope that before long we will see more and more able to be present at all of the activities of the church. We are especially anxious to see an increase in our Bible study. If you are not now in a Bible class, we urge that you

was a highly successful physician and a very busy man but he was never too busy for the Lord and for the church. We were impressed, as we so often are, with the fact that life is very brief. It seems such a short time ago when we first met Dr. Burkhalter and knew of his successful career as a doctor. Now at the age of 58 his life was taken from him. I was impressed once more with the fact that we cannot depend upon the success of this life only, but that we must live in view of eternity. I was also reminded again of the thought that it is not how long we live, but how well we live that really matters. This life should be spent in preparation for something more wonderful which the Lord has in store for us after while. We are thankful that we had this opportunity to go back to Memphis even though it was a sad occasion. G.H.S.

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be here this Sunday. The church needs your support and you need the help which can come from the regular study of the Bible. Furthermore you will profit by your association and fellowship in a Bible class. We would like to encourage every Bible school teacher to contact our absentees and encourage them to be back with us. Let us strive to have 500 in Bible school each Sunday.

G.H.S.

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Announcements and	
Prayer.....	Bill Butler, Jr.
Prayer.....	J. M. Morris
Dismiss.....	Jamon Kirby
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....	James Massey
Prayer.....	Joe McBee
Dismiss.....	T. J. Parsons

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

The family of J. R. Haws will always remember your kindness and sympathy.

For your many deeds of love and kindness shown me while I was in the hospital and also at home, I thank you. The lovely flowers, your prayers, the telephone calls, the many sweet get-well cards and notes all have helped in my recovery. My cup runneth over. Sincerely,

Jewell Pickle

Thank you so much for the cards, letters, and prayers during my recent stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Earnesene Shuford

I cannot find words to express my appreciation for the visits and

calls while I was in the hospital. Also, for the food after returning home. In Christian love,
Mrs. Mary Sims

Sister Dora Billingsley wishes to express thanks for the Cheer Basket.

THE SICK

Sister Minnie Stegall will enter Medical Center on Friday for eye surgery.

Brother Guy Potts is recovering from surgery in Glenwood Hospital.

Brother E. L. Taylor is still a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Dallas.

Sister Ed Naul remains in the hospital in Jacksonville.

Sister Wilna Greene is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Velna Hicklen is in Mother Frances Hospital.

THE PREACHERS-ELDERS MEETING will be Monday in Rusk. Meet at the church building at 11:15. Luncheon will be at the New Southern Motor Hotel. The cost will be \$1.55.

SERIES OF LESSONS

On this Sunday morning we plan to begin a series of sermons based on the Christian life. This series of sermons will last for a number of weeks. We hope to discuss various responsibilities, privileges, and attitudes of a Christian. We trust that every sermon will prove to be helpful and will strengthen us in our service for Christ. The first in this series on this Sunday will be "It Is Great To Be A Christian."

G.H.S.

MEN SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in February: Clarence Strait, Louis J. Jones, Harvey Grier, Jeff Ellis, Marc Lemons. Foy Richey, Harold Browning, Ed Bullard, Joe McBee, and Billy Chandler. Alternates: Truman Langham and Howard Ellis. Sunday Evening: Joe Wyatt and David Demic.

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to sister Penny McDonald, Wade and Jency. Penny's father passed away Sunday. Funeral services were held for him Tuesday in Temple.

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DON'T FORGET! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 2-6 GOSPEL MEETING, JUNE 22-27

WHY IS IT WRONG TO STEAL \$52,000?

If one member can abandon Bible study and worship for just one Sunday, could not all members do so that same Sunday? Since God is no respecter of persons, the answer must be affirmative. In that case it would be alright for the whole church to "skip" one Sunday and not even open the doors for services! But who would believe that God would be pleased?

If it is not wrong for a Christian to wilfully neglect the worship of God on one Sunday, how many weeks would he have to stay away before it would be sinful? Would it be wrong after a month? Three months?

TEACHERS, REMEMBER THE SHORT teachers's meeting Sunday evening immediately following the worship service. Let's try to have 100% attendance among the teachers for both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening classes.

NOW PREACHING

Brother and sister Raymond Hardin recently moved to Stilwell, Oklahoma where Raymond will be preaching full time for the church there.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2
10:20 A.M. IT IS GREAT TO BE A
CHRISTIAN!

6:00 P.M. THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

Six months? A whole year?

The reason it is wrong to forsake the worship for 52 weeks is because it is wrong to deliberately and wilfully abandon one service! The reason it is wrong to kill 52 men is because it is wrong to kill one man! The reason it is wrong to steal \$52,000 is that it is sinful to steal the first dollar!

With this conviction, your conscience will not allow you to make a football of the Lord's services, to kick them aside when something else appeals to you. Resolve now not to miss another service of the Lord's church. ... Copied

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

FLOWERS FOR A STRANGER

Several days ago I heard a newscaster tell of a lady who was standing on a street corner when approached by a young couple. The couple tried to engage her in conversation, but the lady, uncertain of what was going on, was reluctant. The young couple handed her the box they were carrying and went away. The lady hesitated to open the box, but finally did. Inside she found a dozen carnations with a note reading something like this: "Hope these flowers from a stranger will make your day a little bit brighter." I am sure they did. It was a kind gesture. It is not every day that there are flowers for a stranger.

However, I couldn't help but wonder if this nice young couple were as concerned about those whom they know as those whom they didn't know. I am wondering how long it might have been since they gave flowers to their mothers who surely should come before a stranger. Many young "flower children" of the day claim to have love for all but have only hate and contempt for parents. Love for strangers is nice; indeed, love for strangers is Christian, but it becomes rather empty and its reality is at least cast into doubt when there is no love for those who are the natural objects of our affection.

Sometimes the same spirit is manifest in the church. Some seem to have flowers for strangers who have only bricks for the brethren. They speak in glowing terms of others and in sneers of brethren. They hold in contempt and up to ridicule the "typical church of Christer." Love for strangers is nice; indeed, love for strangers is Christian, but it becomes rather empty and its reality is at least cast into doubt when there is no love for brethren who are the natural objects of our affection.

By Jess Hall, Jr., Evangelist
Green Lawn church of Christ - Lubbock, Texas

We appreciate the sentiment of the article and wanted to share it with you. * * * * * G.H.S.

REMEMBER TO ATTEND the Leadership Workshop for East Texas at the Glenwood church January 27 and 28. The theme is "Vision in Leadership" There will be speakers and a Panel discussion each evening. Brother C. B. Hardin, Jr. will be on the Panel Monday evening.

THE ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURESHIP at Abilene Christian College will be conducted from February 23-27. This is always a great meeting and one which is attended by thousands of Christians from many different places. We are sure that many from West Erwin will want to attend.

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EVANGELISTS

George H. Stephenson Ron Beard

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January 19..\$1,731.85388
January 12..\$1,710.09392
A Year Ago..\$1,533.71421
Youth Class Sunday evening..... 36

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Roger Knight
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Dismiss.....C. N. Strait

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Dalton Jones
Prayer.....J. D. Taylor
Dismiss.....J. M. Steele

WELCOME

We extend a cordial welcome to brother and sister Danny Smith, 220 S. Fannin. They recently moved to Tyler from Paris, Texas.

NEW ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sublette are the parents of a baby boy born last week. Mike and Myra live in Garland. Monroe and Cleo Sublette are the grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Powell are the parents of a girl born Wednesday evening in Mother Frances.

THANK YOU NOTES

Your thoughtfulness and Christian deeds will long be remembered. We

wish to express our heart felt thanks to each one who sent food, flowers, and cards. We especially want to thank the ones who sang for the funeral, for the visits in the hospital, also for the prayers.

The Family of H. E. (Ed) Murry Mrs. Olie Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Turner, Mrs. Dexter Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Thompson, and Mrs. Nora Smith have expressed thanks for the Cheer Baskets.

Mother and I would like to express our thanks for the prayers, flowers, cards and letters during my recent illness at Parkland Hospital. Larry Mackey

THE SICK

Brother E. L. Taylor underwent surgery Wednesday in the Veterans Hospital in Dallas.

Sister Ernest Pickle is in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Wilma Greene is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Ed Naul is in Jacksonville in the hospital.

Brother Guy Potts is in Glenwood Hospital.

WE ARE GLAD THAT Iris (Mrs. Ron) Beard is completing her work as a teacher in the Fort Worth schools this week. We are happy that she can now be in Tyler all the time.

BEST WISHES to Brother and sister George Squires. They will celebrate their 53rd Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, January 23.

PERSONAL CHRISTIANITY

To some people, Christianity is far from being as personal as it should be. Jesus Christ placed a personal obligation on all believers in Luke 22:19-20 by declaring that his body and blood were to be given for "you." Christianity will be more personal if we allow Christ, His teaching, and His death, to dominate our lives.

Just as we are not ashamed of our close personal friends, we should not be ashamed of Christ. Mark 8:38

Paul gives us examples of his personal feelings toward Christ. In Romans 1:16 and II Timothy 1:12, he announces that he is not ashamed of the gospel or of its author.

Our conversation and actions reflect the things that are close to us. We relate to others that which we are personally involved in. If we have a personal connection with Christ, others know it. Our Christianity must be personal to be real.
Ron Beard

IS THE BIBLE SCHOOL IMPORTANT?

Once a man remarked to Samuel Coleridge, "I will not teach my child anything about religion. I will let him grow up, and when he is old enough to judge for himself, he can choose for himself."

As the two men walked together, they paused in Mr. Coleridge's garden. "I thought I wanted to set out some strawberry plants here this Spring," said Mr. Coleridge, "but-you have given me an idea. I think I will wait until next August. Then I will see whether it would rather have weeds in it."

"But, Mr. Coleridge, the weeds will take over the place by then" the man quickly replied.

"My friend, the weeds will grow unbidden in the heart of your child," answered the poet.

The Lord places a great responsibility upon the parent. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Parents must nourish their children in the fear and discipline of the Lord. And if any provide not for his own, he has denied the faith and is worse than an infidel. The supreme tragedy of our times is that too many parents make no effort to influence their children for truth and righteousness. You may rest assured that the liquor and movie industry will seek to influence them. The time is here when each parent needs to take this responsibility seriously. Bring your children to Bible school and stay with them for worship.

More crying babies in our nursery will mean fewer crying parents at the Judgment Day.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

Morning: INFLUENCE by George Stephenson EVENING: Sermon - Ron Beard

... Selected

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

CHRISTIAN SACRIFICE

A Christian is one whose body is offered to God as a living sacrifice. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." (Romans 12:1)

In the Old Testament, God's people offered sacrifices of cattle and sheep. Always, these were to be the best, not the poorest, of the flock. God has always asked to be placed first in the hearts of his people.

Today, we offer our lives as a sacrifice to God. Of course, we do not believe that this living sacrifice atones for our sins. Only Christ could atone for our sins, and this has been accomplished by His death. "Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world; but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." (Hebrews 9:25,26).

When one reads the New Testament, he is amazed to read of the tremendous sacrifices made by early Christians. They endured persecution and slander; they gave up their possessions and goods; many gave their lives as martyrs for their faith. Living in our great land of America, with religious freedom granted to all of us, and with the wonderful material blessings of a rich country, we actually sacrifice very little for the Cause of Christ.

Too many of us are willing to serve Christ as long as no sacrifice is demanded. We worship God only if it is convenient for us to do so. We give to His Cause only if we have provided for our own luxuries first. There would be more sacrifice upon the part of Christians if we could realize the joy experienced by those who really sacrifice for the Lord. Paul said, "Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all." (Phil. 2:17) The widow who gave her last two mites is a beautiful picture of sacrifice. Her willing surrender of what was hers made an impression on Jesus which still encourages those of us who live today. The good we do which costs the most is the good we remember the longest and the good which brings the greatest joy. G.H.S.

TIME CHANGE FOR LADIES CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies' Class will meet at 10:00 o'clock each week. There is a class for pre-school children. We will have a beginning this coming Wednesday. We would like to have more women here review of the life of Abraham on Wednesday. Come and be with us.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer..... Ron Beard
Prayer..... M. B. Beard
Dismiss..... Steve Drennan

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Joe Wyatt
Prayer..... Mack Bynum
Dismiss..... Jay Bynum

OUR SYMPATHY
Brother Ed Hurry passed away last Thursday. Funeral services were held on Saturday morning. We express our sympathy to the family.

We extend our sympathy to the Haws family. Brother M.M. Haws' brother, Raymond Haws, Sr., passed away Tuesday evening in Altus, Oklahoma.

APPRECIATION
Expressions of thanks for the Cheer Baskets have been received from Mrs. Emma Reed Smith, Mrs. Lilla Tigert, Mrs. Minnie Stegall, Mrs. Evalyn Stone, and Mrs. Susan Johnson.

IN THE HOSPITALS
Sister Vernon Naul is hospitalized in Jacksonville. Sister Wilma Greene is in Mother Frances. Brother Bill

Shuford had surgery last week in Mother Frances but has been dismissed. Sister Jewel Pickle is still in Medical Center. Sister Gale Malone will enter the Glenwood Hospital Thursday, sister Mary Sims is still in Glenwood Hospital. Brother Larry Mackey was dismissed from the hospital in Dallas but will return at intervals for treatments.

REMEMBER THESE DATES
June 2-6 Vacation Bible School and June 22-27 Gospel Meeting, Johnny Ramsey, Evangelist. Mark these dates on your calendar and arrange your schedule so that you will be here. We pray that both of these events will be successful and that we begin now to make our plans for them.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
Everyone is invited to attend a Leadership Workshop Monday & Tuesday, Jan. 27 and 28, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at the Glenwood church. The theme is "Vision in Leadership."

ELDERS-DEACONS-PREACHERS
A meeting is scheduled for Jan. 20, at the Bible Chair at 7:30 P.M. for elders, deacons, and preachers of the Tyler churches. It is expected that brethren Reuel Lemons and George Gurganus will be present.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
The following will serve the last two Sundays in January.
Travis Fletcher Wayne Fears
Mark Ellis Phil Browning
Rodger Young Dwain Strait
Gary Aven Glen Howard, Jr.
Gene Gill Bill Howard
Alternates: W.O. Rushing, T.J. Parsons
Evening: H. McCarty, Bruce Raley

PAUL'S PLATFORM OF RELIGIOUS UNITY (Eph. 4:1-6)"

By John P. Lewis, Assoc. Prof. of Bible, Abilene Christian College

Recently this country witnessed a close presidential campaign. The two major parties had previously adopted party platforms. The major party candidates ran, to a degree, on these party platforms.

In Ephesians 4:3-6, Paul urged unity and stated the platform on which it was to be based. On any other basis unity is not valid. There are seven planks in this platform, which are as follows:

(1) One body, which is the Church (Eph. 1:22-23), or those who are called out of the world by the gospel (II Thess. 2:14).

(2) One Spirit, the Holy Spirit which guided the apostles and evangelists of the Christian faith miraculously during the apostolic age, and guides evangelists through the word in the post apostolic age.

(3) One hope, the Christian's hope of immortality (I Thess. 4:13-18) based on his being called by the gospel.

(4) One Lord, Jesus Christ who is man's ruler (the meaning of Lord) and God Anointed (the meaning of Christ, (I Cor. 8:6). The word Lord deals with the relationship of Jesus to man; the word Christ concerns Jesus' relationship to God (see Acts 2:36).

(5) One faith, a system of religion, or "the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3), to which many priests in Jerusalem were obedient (Acts 6:7), and which the churches in Judea heard that Paul preached (Gal. 1:23). An anathema is pronounced on anyone who preaches another (Gal. 1:8-9).

(6) One baptism, which man administers into the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and is to do so until the end of the world, or consumation of the Christian age. This is not Holy Spirit baptism, which only God or Christ can administer but the baptism of the Commission which man administers (Matt. 28:19-20).

(7) One God, who was the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob under the old covenant (Acts 3:13) and is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ under the new covenant and also the Father (by faith) of all who accept the Christian faith when they are baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27).

When the gospel is preached, in words of the Spirit, to an alien sinner and he accepts the faith which proclaims Jesus as Lord and is baptized, he becomes a child of God and a member of the body. He will realize, if he continues to follow Jesus as Lord, the hope of immortality.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY
A.M. FOOLS, WISE AND OTHERWISE
P.M. THE EARLY LIFE OF CHRIST

LISTEN TO KTBB, 12:30 NOON
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

SINCERITY

"That ye may approve things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and without offence till the day of Christ." (Philippians 1:10)

Sincerity is a virtue which is universally admired. Socrates said, "The shortest and surest way to live with honor in the world is to be in reality what we would appear to be; all human virtues increase and strengthen themselves by the practice and experience of them."

A hypocrite is always a despicable character. James said, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." (James 1:10) If there is any one sin which received more scathing condemnation by our Lord than any other, it was the sin of hypocrisy. Jesus rebuked the religious leaders of His day by saying, "Ye hypocrites, well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." (Matthew 15:7,8)

While sincerity is a basic and essential virtue, we should remember that sincerity alone will not save. We may be sincere, and yet be sincerely mistaken. One may take poison sincerely believing he is taking a needed medicine, but it will still poison him.

Saul, who became the great apostle Paul, was sincere when he persecuted Christians. Paul said, "I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them." (Acts 26:9,10) While Saul was sincere in his persecution of Christians, he was sinning against the Lord.

If we are sincere, we will be willing to accept truth when we find it. We will be willing to turn aside from past traditions and prejudices. Let us be sincere in word and in deed.

George Stephenson

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JUST WHAT ARE THEY?

On the outskirts of nearly every town there are acres of land covered by metal hunks that once were driven on the streets and highways. These unattractive collections are called automobile wrecking yards. Because of disfiguring accidents or lack of repairs, the once serviceable vehicles are now dead. They are no longer automobiles, for an automboile is a machine able to

move under its own power and carry a load of passengers or cargo.

We should draw a lesson from the wrecking yard. It is true that the occupants of such places resemble automobiles in appearance and all of them wear an appropriate name, but as in the church, it takes more than wearing the name and appearance to be a useful Christian.

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 A Year Ago...\$1,635.12336
 Youth Class, Sunday Evening..... 36

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....C. B. Hardin, Jr.
 Prayer.....Bob Threadgill
 Dismiss.....Jim Franklin
 SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....John Brem
 Prayer.....O. C. Becker
 Dismiss.....Ed Naul

IN THE HOSPITALS
 Sister Mary Sims is still a patient in Glenwood Hospital.
 Brother Ed Murry is in the Glenwood Hospital.
 Sister Ernest Pickle remains in Medical Center Hospital.
 Brother Faber Cauthen had minor surgery today (Thursday) in Mother Frances Hospital.

Many in the congregation now have or are recovering from the flu.

MOVED FROM TYLER
 We are sorry to lose Helen and Henry Holland from West Erwin, but we extend our very best wishes for much happiness in their new home. They recently moved to Beaumont.

OUR SYMPATHY
 Mr. Charles Mantle, father of Mrs. Rex Walker, was killed last Saturday in Mexico. We express our sympathy to his family.

ATTENTION LADIES
 A number of dishes are in the foyer. Some have been there for several weeks. Please check and see if one is yours.

JUST WHAT... (continued)
 The dead vehicles make no sound that indicates they will work. Many professed Christians are suffering from the same problem. The dead vehicles are filthy due to exposure to elements in the world. They are no longer a pleasure to look at or be near. Many professed Christians can be distinguished by these factors, also.

Let us view our spiritual lives. Are they disfigured or in need of repair? We are dead if we do not move to carry our load in the church. Rather than be part of Satan's unattractive collection, let us be serviceable vehicles for Christ. We can travel the spiritual roadways of the kingdom or lie dead on the outskirts of the church and have people ask, "Just what are they?" Ron Beard

FOUND
 A pair of glasses (probably a young boys) were found on the parking lot and are in the office.

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER, 1968

LOAN PAYMENTS
 First Fed. 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 Prog. 218.40
 Scott City Radio Prog. 40.00
 Mike Warner 675.00
 Jim L. Morrow 425.00
 Local Benevolent 17.50 1,800.90

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES
 Utilities 470.62
 Bldgs. & Grounds 225.39
 Office Supplies 84.46
 Bible School Supplies 134.26
 Insurance 131.21
 Flowers 26.31
 Postage 82.00
 Miscellaneous 94.28 1,248.53

Local Salaries 2,819.88
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES 7,291.23
 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DEC., 1968 25,190.62
 CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES 17,899.39
 CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF BUDGET FOR DEC. 15,515.62
 CONTRIBUTIONS IN EXCESS OF BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR 13,279.81

IN APPRECIATION
 The following have expressed thanks for the Cheer Baskets.
 Mrs. Annie Shotwell
 Mrs. Lillie Knight
 Mrs. Janie Chelf
 Mrs. Vannie Lee
 Miss Bonnie Williamson
 Mrs. Nettie Kissinger
 Mrs. R. P. Jones
 Mrs. Alice Long
 Mrs. R. L. Trentham
 Robert S. Parris

The family of H.L. Taylor acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Robert J. Cotten.

SUNDAY SERMONS
 A.M. CRITICISM
 P.M. THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
 BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY
 Sunday at 1:30 p.m.
 will be the time for the regular business meeting. All men of the church are encouraged to attend.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

1968 is now passing away into history. Looking back over the year should cause all of us to be filled with thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the rich blessings he has given us. We are truly thankful that we have been privileged during this year to move to Tyler and to begin our work with you. We are thankful for the accomplishments of this church during the past year, for those who have been won to Christ as a result of the work here in Tyler and the work which has been done in preaching the gospel of Christ in other places. We are thankful for the beautiful auditorium which we now have in which to worship our Lord. We are thankful for the health and prosperity which is ours. Truly the Lord has been good to all of us.

As we look back over the year which has come to a close, I am sure that each one of us is also filled with regret because we have not always used our talents and we have not always taken advantage of the opportunities the Lord has given to us. How much stronger would the church now be if all of us had worked as we should? How many more souls might have been saved if we had made a greater effort? Will some be lost eternally because of our neglect? These are solemn questions for all of us to consider.

Let us be thankful to God that we have another year bringing us other opportunities to serve Him. Let us look forward to 1969 with true courage and optimism. Let us go forward with Christ. May we say with Paul:

"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Phil. 3:13,14 G.H.S.

SINGING WAS SUCCESSFUL

The singing held on the last Wednesday night of the year attended by congregations throughout the city of Tyler proved to be very successful. In spite of the fact that many were out of town and many were ill, our auditorium was almost filled. Tyler is blessed with some very excellent song leaders. The singing was very beautiful and I am sure that all who were present were drawn closer to one another and closer to God. We are thankful for the spirit of harmony and unity which prevails among the Lord's people in our city. We are thankful for the co-operation which was shown in this meeting.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

Morning: Keep Yourselves In The Love Of God. Evening: Christ In Prophecy

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December 22...\$1,700.66	435
A Year Ago...\$1,678.75	376
Youth Class Sunday, Dec. 29.....	26

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Prayer.....Harley Turner
Dismiss.....Joe Willis

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....K. Max Haws
Prayer.....Austin Giesecke
Dismiss.....Harold Browning

RESPONSES

Mr. Charles D. Lemons, Rt. 9, Box 94A, was baptized into Christ on December 19 by brother Stephenson. We are very happy to welcome brother Lemons into our fellowship.

FUNERALS

Brother H. L. Taylor, of this congregation, passed away on Sunday. Services were conducted for him on Monday afternoon.

Brother John F. Jackson, father of sister Cone Birdwell, was buried in Brownsboro Sunday, December 22.

Funeral services were held Monday for sister Doug Terrell's father, Mr. Cotten.

A brother-in-law to sister Ruby Vaughan was buried this week also.

We express our sympathy to each family and their loved ones.

THANK YOU NOTES

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

Sister Dovie Norsworthy wishes to express thanks for the prayers offered for her brother who is ill in Florida.

The following have expressed their appreciation for the Cheer basket they received recently: Mrs. E. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mayo, Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy and Mrs. D. M. Davis.

ATTENTION!! TEACHERS!!

All teachers, assistants, and those interested in teaching are expected to meet in the chapel immediately following services Sunday evening. This meeting will be short but very important.

As Educational Director, I want to become acquainted with each of the teachers so that our work together can be as beneficial as possible. Your attendance at the meeting will help to accomplish this and allow us all to renew our teaching efforts as we begin a new year of instruction in God's Word.

Ron Beard

THE SICK

Sister Mary Sims is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Jewel Pickle is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother E. L. Taylor underwent surgery this week in Dallas in the Veterans Hospital.

DON MORRIS TO SPEAK AT LUNCHEON

Don H. Morris, President of Abilene Christian College, will speak at the Area Preachers, Elders Luncheon on Monday, January 6. The Luncheon will be held at 11:45 A.M. at the Roundtable Restaurant, 3211 West Bow, Kingsway Inn. Preachers and elders and their wives, and any others who may be interested, are invited. Brother Morris has agreed to answer questions in regard to Abilene Christian College. If you have questions, we would appreciate your giving them to brother Stephenson in advance of the program. Cost of the meal will be \$1.50 per person.

SERIES OF SERMONS ON CHRIST

Beginning this Sunday evening, January 5, I plan to begin a series of sermons based on the outstanding events in the life of Christ. We hope that you will come and bring others to hear these sermons each Sunday night.

CHRIST IN PROPHECY

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

THE EARLY LIFE OF CHRIST

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

THE TEMPTATIONS OF CHRIST

CHRIST, THE MASTER TEACHER

THE MIRACLES OF CHRIST

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF CHRIST

THE TRIALS OF CHRIST

THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Paul said, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified." I Cor. 2:2

G.H.S.

THANKS TO MIKE WARNER

We want to express our appreciation to Mike Warner for the very excellent lesson which he delivered on Wednesday night, December 18. He gave a very fine lesson on the topic, "The Church." We are glad that Mike could be with us for this service. We appreciate the fine work which he is doing in Scott City, Kansas. We continue our prayers for him in his work for the Lord. We are thankful that West Erwin is able to have a part in this work as well as the work in Oakley, Kansas.

THE LADIES BIBLE CLASS will meet again Wednesday morning, January 8 at 9:45 a.m.

RESPONSES IN 1968

According to our records there were 90 "responses" to the invitation in 1968 at West Erwin. There were 28 who placed membership from other congregations including three who also confessed wrongs. There were 24 others who confessed wrongs and asked for the prayers of the church. There were 38 precious souls baptized into Christ.

We are thankful for all of the individuals who determined to serve the Lord and to work at the West Erwin church. Let us pray that we may be able to lead many more souls to Christ in 1969. Wouldn't it be wonderful if every Christian would bring some other soul to Christ this year? Will you? G.H.S.