

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It was truly wonderful that on last Lord's Day the members of the West Erwin church contributed over \$12,000. How thankful we are to the God who has prospered us and also to you who have shown your love to the Lord by your generous giving.

Some had already made substantial contributions in recent weeks and it is possible that some of you may want to give more before the year comes to a close. Some of you may not be able to give large sums, but God understands and knows your heart. The poor widow gave very little on the day the Lord visited the temple (Mark 12:41-41), but Jesus said that she gave more than the rich. I doubt if any one of us has given as she did, for she gave her all.

I believe that God will bless those who have given or who will give. Jesus said, "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over shall be given into your bosom" (Luke 6:38). Surely the greatest investment one ever makes is his investment in treasures of heaven.

On this Sunday afternoon, December 20, between the hours of two and five, we would be pleased to have you call at our home at 300 Ridgecrest. Of course, we would like for every member to feel at all times that he is welcome at the preacher's house, but especially on this Sunday we would be pleased to have you. This is just one way we have of trying to express our appreciation to all of you for every kindness you show us in permitting us to live with you and work with you in the building up of God's Kingdom.

We pray that you will find peace and happiness in the association you have with loved ones and friends during this season of the year and that God will be with each of you in the coming year of 1971.
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George H. Stephenson — ~~Donna D. Stephenson~~

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December 13. \$12,637.73441

December 6..\$ 2,166.86420

Year Ago....\$16,972.18456

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements Bob Threadgill

Prayer Foy Richey

Dismiss Harley Turner

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements David Demic

Prayer O. C. Becker

Dismiss Don Weathers

WELCOME

Mrs. Zora Lunceford, 317 Selman, is a faithful Christian from the Jamestown congregation. She has attended West Erwin many times and wants to be identified as a member of this congregation. We welcome her.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the cards, flowers, and especially the prayers during my recent hospitalization.

Earnesene Shuford

I cannot put into words my thanks for your kind words, prayers, flowers, and the Christian ladies who prepared food for us. Our thanks to brother Stephenson and to brother Hughes for their

Christian love for us during a time like this. We appreciate everything you did. In Christian love,

Mrs. R. M. Mayo

(sister to Jack Cheek)

Thanks for your prayers, visits, cards, and other expressions of concern while I was over there in the hospital. I am enjoying a normal recuperation. In Christian love,
Dean Brookshire

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A. M. Does Christ Live In Us?

By George H. Stephenson

P. M. Look What You Made Me Do?

By Hillard Hughes

CITY WIDE MEETING At Omen Road

On the last Wednesday night in each year, the congregations of Tyler meet together for a period of singing and worship. This year the meeting will be at the Omen Road Church. Please keep in mind that we will not meet at West Erwin on Wednesday, December 30, but everyone is urged to attend the meeting at Omen Road. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to enjoy a period of fellowship with other Christians of the city.

JOHNSON'S NOTES on the New Testament which sells for \$6.00, can be secured for \$4.00 by L. E. Carpenter. Just let him know or call the office if you would like to have this well known commentary. Bro. Carpenter is not making a profit, but simply offering this service to encourage Bible study.

INDIVIDUALS PURCHASE BUS

A group of individual Christians recently purchased a bus to be used in various activities by members of the congregation. No money from the church treasury was used in its purchase. It is to be paid for and maintained by individuals who are interested in this project.

There are many ways in which the bus will be used by young people and older people as well, as they attend various social and religious functions. No doubt many will want to make contributions to the bus committee to help pay for the bus and maintain it. If you wish to make such a contribution, please contact Louis Earl Jones, Don Weathers, Jamon Kirby, Hillard Hughes, or anyone in the office.

G. H. S.

THE MINISTER'S MONTHLY

We are always glad to recommend the reading of good gospel literature. My good friend, Frank L. Cox, who serves as one of the elders of the Glenwood congregation, is the editor of a very fine publication known as The Minister's Monthly.

This magazine is filled each month with material which is not only valuable for preachers, but also for elders, deacons, Bible class teachers, young people, and all others who are interested in their becoming more efficient workers for Christ. The subscription rate is \$4.00 per year, however, in a club of five or more it is only \$3.00 per year. We would be pleased to have your name and address if you would like to subscribe at this rate.

G. H. S.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in December: K. Max Haws, Harvey Grier, George Welch, Mark Whitworth, and Tony Fears. Louis E. Jones, Harley Turner, Don Weathers, Larry Hubbard and Tim Holt. Alternates: David Hubbard and Hillard Hughes. Evening: Darrell Holt and Wayne Fears.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Kenneth Bennett is in Medical Center Hospital following an automobile accident.

Sister Dexter Browning underwent surgery Wednesday afternoon in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Roy Roberson's father, Mr. Roy H. Roberson, suffered a heart attack Tuesday evening. He is in the Cardiac Unit of Mother Frances.

THE THIRD ANNUAL East Texas Development Series is to be held at the Mobberly Ave. church in Longview on January 18 and 19, 1971. Previous meetings were at the Glenwood church and in Jacksonville. The speakers and their subjects are:

Dr. Henry E. Speck, Jr., President of Christian College of the Southwest speaking on, "Zealously Affected," Jan. 18, 7:00 p. m. "Using Our Talents For The Lord," Jan. 19, 8:00 p. m.

Dan E. Warden, evangelist for the A. and M. church in College Station speaking on "Using Our Young People In The Lord's Work," Jan. 18, 8:00 p. m. and "Let No Man Despise Thy Youth," Jan. 19, 7:00 p. m.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

There are many things which I like about this season of the year. It is wonderful to renew friendships and to meet with loved ones and friends in social gatherings. It is fine to think of the joys of childhood and of the thrill which children have at this season. The spirit of giving and sharing which prevails at this season should be found in our hearts at all times. The Bible does not tell us the date of Jesus birth, but I am glad if people at any time will be reminded of the one who was born to become the King of Kings and Lord of Lord.

Truly this is a busy season, and I wonder if at times we do not become too busy. Christians should not become so involved in their own interest that they neglect the Lord and His church. All of us enjoy the fellowship we have with others at this time of year, but let us remember that Christ still should have first place in our hearts.

There is nothing wrong in the exchange of gifts, but sometimes we spend so much that we place ourselves in financial difficulties. We find ourselves unable to give to the one who gave his all for us.

This Sunday is the day set aside for a special effort on the part of each of us to do our very best in our giving to the Lord. We have been challenged by our elders. We want to meet the challenge, not just to please them, but to be pleasing in the sight of the one who said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." G. H. S.

How Much Ought I To Give?

Give as you would if an angel
Awaited your gift at the door;
Give as you would if tomorrow
Found you where giving was o'er.
Give as you would to the Master
If you met His loving look;
Give as you would of your substance
If His hand your offering took.

-Unknown Author

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November 27..\$3,581.64437

A Year Ago...\$2,178.43450

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements Ross Walker

Prayer Cullen Gilliam

Dismiss Wayne Fears

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements . . . Hillard Hughes

Prayer O. C. Becker

Dismiss Bruce Raley

RESPONSES

For Prayer: Ann Montgomery

Baptized: Laurie Hughes was baptized into Christ last Sunday. She is the daughter of brother and sister Hillard Hughes.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for the kind words of sympathy, the many cards that you sent during my husband's illness, and the beautiful pot plant you sent me. For the food, all your visits, and prayers, I thank you so much.

Katherine Jackson

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Class will be dismissed until January 6.

NOT NOW LORD! Wait 'till I'm older. This may be the attitude of some of our young adults. On our 'church roll' we have a large number of young married couples that, for one reason or another, do not attend worship service. Elders are concerned, preachers are concerned, teachers are concerned and parents are also concerned...but these young people seem very UNconcerned. They seem to be saying "NOT NOW LORD."

The stock answer seems to be, it all goes back to the home, and even though I agree, I do not believe the responsibility all belongs on the shoulders of the parents. Yes, I think some parents become concerned too late and realize their mistake, but some of these that are not attending know what is wrong. They themselves are saying, Not Now. Parents of young children, start now training your children to be concerned about serving God. Start now studying the Bible with them each day. Have FAMILY devotionals. Let them see your interest in the Lord now, not after they marry and leave home. Teach them to love God, make worship a pleasure instead of something dreaded. Serve the Lord now!

H. H.

FUNERALS

Sister R. M. Mayo's brother, Mr. Hubert Cheek was buried on Saturday. We express our sympathy to the loved ones.

We regret to learn of the death of brother Harvey Scott, former preacher of this congregation.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOV., 1970

LOAN PAYMENTS

First Fed. Sav. & Loan 1,123.50

East Tex. Sav. & Loan 111.42 1,234.92

BENEVOLENT AND MISSION

Bible Chair 200.00

Herald of Truth 200.00

Tipton Home 100.00

Boles Home 100.00

Sunny Glen Home 100.00

Local Radio Prog.

& Advertisement 425.75

Scott City Radio 20.00

Oakley Radio 82.00

Norman Morrow 675.00

Jim Morrow 675.00

L. C. Ford 750.00

Gospel Meeting Exp. 280.00 3,607.75

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities 508.86

Bldg. & Grounds 69.20

Office Supplies 84.47

Bible School Supplies 185.60

Insurance 242.00

Flowers 15.70

Postage 88.00 1,193.83

LOCAL SALARIES 3,042.15

Total Expenditures 9,078.65

Total Contributions 11,729.26

Contributions over Budget for Nov. 229.26

Contributions short of Budget for year 12,771.52

THE REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING of the church will be Sunday, 1:30 in the Chapel. All men are urged to be present

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Dean Brookshire underwent major surgery last Friday in Medical Center. He is in room 502 and getting along well.

Sister Dora Billingsley is in Mother Frances.

Sister Leo Prater is in Glenwood Hospital. She has a fractured leg.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

by George Stephenson

A. M. "I Am Debtor."

P. M. "Does God Hide?"

NEW GRANDSON

Brother and sister J. B. Gray have a new grandson, born Tuesday evening in Mother Frances Hospital.

TRUCK FROM MEDINA

Last Friday the truck from the Medina Children's Home picked up the supplies we had collected for them. The grocery estimate was \$125.00. Also, there were many beautifully wrapped gifts.

ATTENTION LADIES

Ladies, please look in the foyer and see if you have a dish there. The dishes that were taken to the Jackson and Mayo homes are in the foyer.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

"All The Church Cares About Is Money."

How many times have you heard somebody make a statement like that? I've heard it many times - even by members of the church. But, I must admit that my blood pressure rises a little each time I hear it, and here's why:

All the liquor interests care about is money. That is a true statement. But I don't hear people say it very often. Liquor interests don't care about a man's family. They don't care about accidents and mangled bodies caused by drink. They don't care about "skid row" and the human wrecks they leave shattered upon the sands of time.

Also, all the tobacco companies care about is money. They don't care about polluted air and stuffy houses. They don't care about stained fingers, lips, lungs, and the cancer they may have started. They don't care about damaged health and wasted budgets. All they care about is money!

Also, all the movie makers care about is money. That is true but not often stated. They don't care about the low moral standards they encourage. They don't care about the drinking and sensuality they display. All they care about is money.

Now let us be honest about the church. The church cares about the home and the community. The church cares about the sick and the dying, the under-privileged and the discouraged. The church cares about the elimination of crime and vice. The church cares about morals. I know because I am part of the church and I care. My Christian friends are part of the church and they care.

The only interest the church has in money is this: Money used in the Lord's work will make scores of people happy here and hereafter.

... Selected

We might add that money is a power - a power for good or for evil. It has the power to wreck a life, but it can also help to save a soul. Let us use it wisely. May God bless us in our efforts to meet the financial needs of this church in its great program of work.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer Foy Richey
Dismiss Harley Turner

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements . . . Hillard Hughes
Prayer Ben Young
Dismiss Larry Hubbard

RESPONSES

Jan O'Bannon and Cindy Rowe were baptized into Christ last Sunday. Jan is the daughter of the Don O'Bannons, and Cindy is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Rowe. The girls are in the 5th grade and faithful to attend Bible school.

FUNERAL

Brother John Jackson passed away last Friday evening after a long illness. Funeral services were held for him Sunday afternoon. We express our sincere sympathy to sister Jackson and the loved ones.

THANK YOU NOTE

Mrs. Evalyn Stone wishes to express thanks and appreciation for the cards, visits and prayers that meant so much to her during her recent stay in the hospital.

NEW ARRIVAL

Brother and sister B. J. Tucker are the happy grandparents of Jason C. Tucker, born November 6.

IF THE NEED ARISES

Our thanks goes to the Harvey Grier family for their thoughtfulness in offering the use of several pieces of hospital furniture. Some of the items include a hospital bed, adjustable bed table, wheel chair and some other pieces. If you have a need for any of these things, please contact the office.

KEEP IN MIND the date of December 13. This Sunday has been set aside as a day to make up the deficit in our budget.

THE MONTHLY DINNER of the elders and deacons will be Monday evening, 7:00 o'clock at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Serving the first two Sundays in December are: James Massey, David Grier, Henry McRuiz, David Demic, and Odell Malone. Glen Warner, Carl Bell, David Fuller, Monroe Sublette, and Andy Fuller. Alternates are Bill Henderson and Ken Jones. Evening: M. B. Beard and Joe Willis.

DESIRE ?

We often quote from Shakespeare since he was a great writer; and as I sat at my desk this week looking over the list of those who were absent Sunday, one of these well remembered quotations came to mind. "To be or not to be, that is the question." Maybe you wonder how this might fit? My thought was: the question is to be or not to be a Christian? I often wonder how some can pretend to be Christians and seldom or never attend worship services. We have people in the church who never miss a service and work hard to encourage those who do not attend. Much of the time, it is with little or no results. An oddity is those who do not attend the services do not want to have their name removed from the "church directory." Just recently pictures were made to make a pictorial directory for us. We encouraged everyone to have their picture made and sure enough, people who do not attend wanted to be a part of this book. Revelation 20:12"... also another book was opened which is the book of life, and the dead were judged by what was written in that book." To be a Christian or not to be, that is the question! Which book is more important to you? What life is more important, this life or that eternal one? Please worship God regularly. H. H.

READ HEBREWS 10:25
BE IN BIBLE CLASS AND WORSHIP
SUNDAY MORNING

THE SICK

Mr. Hubert Lee (Jack) Cheek, brother to sister R. M. Mayo, is very seriously ill in Medical Center.

Roger Young was injured in an automobile accident while working in Lufkin last week. He was able to be in worship last Sunday.

Sister June O'Bannon's father, Mr. R. C. Miller, suffered a stroke two weeks ago in Iraan, Texas.

Sister Sybil Thacker is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Abounding In the Work Of The Lord.
P. M. Why We Practice Immersion.

PURPLE AND WHITE PARTY: . .

Campus Christian Center, December 6, 8:00 p. m. For all former ACC student, parents, future students, and any one interested in ACC.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Wednesday, December 2, sister Alice Stephenson spoke to the Ladies Bible Class at the Northwest church. Sister Audrey O'Bannon was invited to speak to the Ladies Class at the Omen Road church two weeks ago.

OUR VISITORS

We had many visitors last Sunday. We are happy you came and cordially invite you to return and worship with this congregation again.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

I Thank God

"...Whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage" (Acts 28:15)

Christians should be a thankful people, not merely on the day set aside by our government for the offering of thanks, but on every day. Let us all "count our blessings" at this season, thank God, and take courage. These are some of the things for which I am thankful.

1. I am thankful that it was my good fortune to be born in America, a country founded by men and women who believed in God and in the freedom of every individual.

2. I am thankful for the Christian parents who nurtured me, provided me with a good home, and who made it possible for me to learn of God and Christ and to become at an early age a member of the Lord's church.

3. I am thankful for the thousands of faithful Christians I have known in many parts of our country, for their kindness to me and my family, and for their devotion to the greatest cause on earth, that of New Testament Christianity. I am thankful that I am now with the fine Christians who constitute the West Erwin church in Tyler.

4. I am thankful for the elders with whom I have been associated in the Lord's work for many years in many places. They have been good to me. They have many responsibilities and they make their mistakes - as all of us do - but they are good men and they love the church.

5. I am thankful that I have been supplied with the physical needs of life. The Lord has been good to me. I never expect to have riches, and there are other professions providing more money than I will ever have. Nevertheless, I have never really been in need in all of my life. The churches have provided us with comfortable homes and with material blessings too numerous to mention.

6. I am thankful for the great preachers and teachers I have known who helped to influence my life. Especially am I thankful for the men who gave their lives in the cause of Christian education and for all that they did to help me become a gospel preacher.

7. I am thankful for family ties which are most precious. Especially am I thankful for the loyalty and faithfulness of a companion who has worked by my side through all of these years.

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Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer L. E. Carpenter
Dismiss Don O'Bannon

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer L. G. Drennan
Dismiss Tommy Parsons

THANK YOU NOTES

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

The Grady Worsham Family

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of H. T. Grier.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Curtis Caskey is still a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

DECEMBER 13 - SPECIAL DAY

This is the time of year when many are planning gifts for family and friends. We hope you will keep in mind that December 13 is the time for us to make a special effort in our giving to the Lord. If each one will do his part, we will reach our goal.

YOUR GENEROUS RESPONSE

We express thanks to all of you who responded in a very generous way to the appeal for supplies for our pantry and for the truck from Medina Children's Home. The truck will be here one day during this coming week. We appreciated the work of Hillard Hughes who directed the young people as they collected your contributions. We thank the young people and the adults who took them to the homes. Members at West Erwin have responded most generously to a number of special appeals this year and we commend you for it.

MOVED AWAY

Because of their health and a need to be near their children, brother and sister Luther Thompson sold their home and moved last Saturday to be with their son and his family in Austin. They will also spend part of their time with another son in Houston. We shall miss them very much, but hope they will be happy and that their health will improve. Their address is, 4011 Knollwood Dr., Austin, Texas 78731.

WILL IT WORK?

Will what work? Anything! This "It" can be any number of programs that are started. We have several programs here that are stumbling along, not completely failing, but not moving so fast that we can't keep up. Our first example can be our Visitation program. This program is as good as any that we know of as far as theory goes, but it still takes you. Yet, some of you are not doing all that could be done. Time is our problem. Thomas Huxley once wrote, "Time, whose tooth gnaws away at everything else, is powerless against truth." Sometime the "Truth" is that we don't take time. We do have time to work for ourselves. Henry Thoreau wrote, "As if you could kill time without injuring eternity." Please take time to help us visit. This is not to take from the many who do work so hard in this program. If you are not helping, we need

From The Preacher's Desk (continued)

8. I am thankful most of all for the spiritual blessings God gives me each day, for the precious promises of the Bible, for the privileges of worship, for the assurance of God's love, for the sacrifice of Jesus, for the hope I have of eternal life.

I cannot begin to enumerate all of my blessings today, both of a material and spiritual nature, but I wanted to try in a simple way to express my thanks to God and "take courage." "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end." (Ephesians 3:20, 21)

you. Make plans to be in the next meeting of YOUR zone. The programs will not work unless WE WORK!

H. H.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A. M. "A Remembered Beatitude of Jesus."

P. M. "The Most Christ-Like Character Of The Old Testament."

PURPLE AND WHITE PARTY

Sunday, Dec. 6, at 8:00 p. m., there will be a Purple and White Party for all former ACC students, parents and future students, and any one else interested. There will be a speaker to explain the school's activities and entertainment from ACC.

IN MAKING YOUR PLANS for the activities of the holiday season, we hope you will mark Dec. 20 on your calendar. Between the hours of two and five in the afternoon, the Stephensons will have open house at 300 Ridgecrest.

G. H. S.

Fruit Bearing

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." (John 15:8)

These words are spoken by Christ in the parable of the vine and branches in which we are shown the close relationship which exists between Christ and His disciples. Christ is the vine and individual Christians are branches in Him.

The branch in Christ is expected to bear fruit. The Christian is expected to live a life of usefulness and helpfulness for others. The branch which does not bear fruit is cut down and cast into the fire. One does not have to commit a crime in order to be lost. Righteousness, according to Jesus, is more than refraining from doing wrong. One may never be guilty of the sins of lying, stealing, or murder. This is fine, but one must also do good; he must bear fruit to be pleasing to God. The psalmist said of the blessed man, "He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of waters that bringeth forth his fruit in his season." (Psalm 1:3) Jesus also taught the importance of fruit bearing in the parable of the barren fig tree. (Luke 13:6-9) When the fig tree, which grew primarily for the fruit it bore, failed to produce, it was destroyed.

The branch of a tree loaded in fruit bends low. Likewise, the Christian who bears much fruit is willing to "bend low" in his service and devotion to others. A Christian cannot bear fruit apart from Christ. He receives spiritual strength from Christ just as a branch receives life from the vine. By daily living with Christ through prayer, Bible reading, faithful attendance in worship, we receive power to bear fruit. Under the direction of the Holy Spirit, we bear the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, namely, love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." (Galatians 5:22, 23).

Those who are outside of Christ cannot bear fruit for Christ. Jesus said, "Without me ye can do nothing." (John 15:5). Baptism of a penitent believer puts one into Christ. "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." (Galatians 3:26, 27)

Jesus warns us about the consequences of not bearing fruit in these words: "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned." (John 15:6)

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CONTRIBUTIONS BIBLE SCHOOL

Nov. 15...\$2,189.15426

Nov. 8...\$1,697.21414

Year Ago...\$1,653.56437

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements . . . T. F. Holland

Prayer M. B. Beard

Dismiss Jamon Kirby

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements . . . Hillard Hughes

Prayer Joe McBee

Dismiss Fred Powell

RESPONSES

Billy and Judy Rozell, Rt. 11, box 78, want to be identified as members of West Erwin. Billy has been in the Armed Service.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson

A. M. "Where Are The Nine?"

P. M. "Jacob, Who Became Israel."

Listen to KTBB 12:30 Noon

Monday through Friday.

LET US SHOW OUR LOVE ON DEC.13

Sunday, December 13, is the date set for erasing the deficit in our 1970 budget. As the year is drawing to a close, we find that we are \$13,000 short of meeting the goals set at the beginning of the year. Actually we have contributed a little more in the first eleven months of 1970 than we did in the same period of 1969. However, we had an increase in our budget and an increase in our work this year.

The West Erwin church has always responded liberally to every worthy appeal. We need the support of every member to take care of our present need. It is the hope of the leaders of the church that we may be able to retire the debt on the home located at 203 Alpine. The home at 300 Ridgecrest is now free of debt. There is still a substantial debt on our church property, but it will be good to reduce the interest we are now paying by retiring the debt on Alpine.

December 13 will be another time for us to show our love for the Lord. Paul wrote to the Corinthians that they should give to "prove the sincerity of your love," (II Corinthians 8:8). True love is always willing to give.

G. H. S.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON between 3:00 and 5:00 o'clock, the young people will be calling on homes of the members to pick up contributions to the Medina Children's Home and to the church pantry.

ARE TEACHERS APPRECIATED?

If you have never taught a class this question may mean nothing to you. This came to my attention recently by talking to a teacher after class and having him make the statement, "I'm tired after trying to get the points over to the class." Maybe you had not thought of the pressure that a person is under as he or she tries to teach the "TRUTH" so that all will understand what God has to say to each of us. A teacher must be willing to study and "rightly divide the word of truth" making sure that he has a good influence on the many people he has in his class. The next time you sit in a class, think on these things and let your teacher know of your appreciation for him and for those who teach your children.

H. H.

JOB WELL DONE!

Our sincere thanks to the young men who led us in a devotional last Wednesday night. Our young men need all the encouragement we can give them. It is disappointing to know that some do not attend when these young men are training to serve God in a public way. Won't you do your part to encourage them?

H. H.

THANK YOU NOTES

Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Houston Holcomb.

We wish to express our appreciation for the visits, cards, and flowers during the recent illness and death of our mother.

The Family of Mrs. S. A. Lewis

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

That the people who find time to visit the sick and teach the lost have as much to do as those who do not? It is with them a matter of putting the most important things FIRST!

That people who never miss services have just as much sickness and just as many kinfolk as those who miss when they don't feel good or when company comes. They just put FIRST things FIRST.

That those who attend Bible classes regularly have just as many small children as those who don't attend? They want the children to be taught from the earliest years to behave at the services!

That those who are willing to teach in Bible classes don't have any more time to prepare than others do? They just TAKE time to do that which is important!

That if we tried hard to be on time at the services as we do to get to a ball game, or other events, we would seldom come in late!

That those who get the most out of the church are those who put the most into it!

If you are not getting what you think you should OUT of the church, take an inventory of WHAT YOU ARE PUTTING INTO IT! . . . Copied

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Our thanks to Owen Cosgrove, Minister of the University Church in Denton for this fine article.

G. H. S.

LEGALISM

Members of the church of Christ often have been called "legalists." In the past few years it has become more popular for some of our own people to refer to the brethren this way. Many are deathly afraid of the label. Call them a pessimist, a horse thief, a bootlegger, or a thousand other things, but DON'T use the ultimate stigma, "LEGALIST."

Surely no one can defend hypocrisy. Christ condemned those who clamored for the letter of the Mosaic Law and broke the spirit of it. BUT IN DOING THIS THE LORD DID NOT CONDEMN LAW. Rather He denounced the moral sham and dissimulation of failing to keep the law wholeheartedly.

The sin of the Pharisees was not their love of the Law of Moses. It was their hypocrisy in claiming to love the Law but failing to live by it. (Matthew 15:7-9; 23:3)

We are warned of the danger of departing from THE FAITH. (1 Timothy 4:1) We are enjoined to CONTEND EARNESTLY FOR THE FAITH. (Jude 3) We are to speak SOUND DOCTRINE. (Titus 2:1) Christians are to hold fast to the FAITHFUL WORD. (Titus 1:9) We are to CONTINUE IN. . . THE HOLY SCRIPTURES and to CONTINUE IN CHRIST'S WORD. (II Timothy 3:14-17; John 8:31)

Adherence to Christ's law is absolutely necessary for salvation. (Matthew 7:21-29; John 15:3; Romans 8:2) His way is strait and narrow; it is exclusive and demanding; it is restrictive and definitive. If it reproves your life, do not blame the law. If it restrains your desires, do not condemn the messenger who teaches it.

This world needs more people who are dedicated to living by Christ's laws. When the church of Christ "matures" to the point that no one calls us legalists, we will be in trouble indeed. I for one would rather be called a "legalist" than to be loose and indifferent with that Testament which the Lord died to seal.

WILL YOU BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY MORNING?

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Nov. 1.... \$2,146.01 429
Year Ago.. \$2,080.85 419

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements.... R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer..... Charles Graf
Dismiss..... H. McCarty
SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements..... K. Max Haws
Prayer..... F. A. Jones
Dismiss..... James Phillips

RESPONSES

Cynthia Taylor came Sunday to ask for the prayers of the church.

Sister Ola Dunwoody, 522 W. Sixth, wishes to be identified as a member of this congregation. We welcome her.

A TIME CHANGE for the Wednesday evening service will begin next week, November 18. Beginning on this date, the midweek service will be at 7:00 o'clock.

FUNERALS

Brother H. T. Grier, Sr. passed away last Friday and was buried on Sunday afternoon.

Services were conducted Tuesday in Gilmer for brother Houston Holcomb. Brother Stephenson said words of comfort for each of these services.

Mrs. S. A. Lewis, mother of sister Charlie Shuford, died Tuesday and services were held Wednesday morning for her.

We express our deepest sympathy to each family.

TO THE LADIES OF WEST ERWIN

This is just a note to compliment you and thank you for the delicious meal you prepared for the students of the Campus Christian Center last Thursday (Oct. 29). We appreciate your thoughtfulness, time and interest shown in providing us with such a treat.

Students
Campus Christian Center

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 15

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. "Hypocrites In The Church."
P. M. "The Dignity Of Man."

TRUCK FROM MEDINA HOME

The grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here the week of Nov. 30 - Dec. 4. A list of their most needed items are posted in the foyer.

CAMPAIGNS IN NORTHEAST

The Sylvan Hills church of Christ in Little Rock, Arkansas led the way in conducting campaigns in the Northeastern part of the United States during the past summer. The West Erwin church sent a contribution to help in this work. We are thankful to report that these campaigns resulted in 174 baptisms. Also, we are told that the results of the work continue with reports of others being baptized who were contacted during the campaigns.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last three Sundays in November. Roy Roberson, Paul Knight, Kim Smith, Kenny Browning, Terry Stephenson. Jamon Kirby, James Beard, Jeff Ellis, Reagan Phillips, Marty Stitt. Alternates: Sammy Ellis, Marc Lemons. Evening: Howard Ellis and Mark Ellis.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Earnesene Shuford is in Glenwood Hospital for surgery.

Sister Tanna Cameron had surgery Monday in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Evalyn Stone is a patient in Mother Frances.

Sister Jean Trentham underwent major surgery Wednesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY, 9:30

TO THE TEENS

Workday: Saturday, the 21st of November, will be a day that you can work for the Lord. Plans are to go to every member's home and collect food for the Medina Children's Home. We need you to help.

Visitation: Each Monday night will be the night the young people participate in a visitation program. This program will be very effective if you will be here to help. Be at the church building at 7:00 to pick up your assignment.

Devotional: Each third Sunday a group of young people go to Leisure Lodge to sing for those in the home. We need all who can to be here at 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

BUSINESS MEETING

The regular business meeting of the men of the church was postponed last Sunday. It will be held this Sunday, Nov. 15, at 1:30 p. m. in the Chapel. All men of the congregation are urged to be present.

EMPTY PANTRY!

Our pantry is bare! After helping the tornado stricken area, we have not replenished our stock. We have had some needs recently and did not have the food to supply. Bring your contributions soon so we will have enough to help when the need arises. Thank you for your help.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

From time to time we need to pause and to examine our work for the Lord. We need to see what we have done and what we need to do for the building up of the church.

Many things have happened this year which have not helped our work at West Erwin. Your preacher had an unexpected illness which hindered some of his work. For various reasons some of our fine elders and deacons felt that they should resign. We have lost some of our most active and capable workers, along with their families, who have moved away from Tyler. We miss them very much.

Nevertheless, the West Erwin church continues to maintain a good work and we should all look forward to the future with confidence. This year we have increased our missionary work. We now have three men instead of two in the field. We have increased our support of the Bible teaching program at Tyler Junior College. We have increased our support of the Herald of Truth radio and television program and our support of benevolent work. We have responded to special appeals for help of those who suffered loss in tornados, etc. We now have some men who have been added as deacons and elders who will help our work. Hillard Hughes has come to work with us in our educational and visitation program. We believe his work will prove to be helpful for all of us.

Looking over the records for the first 42 Sundays of 1970 and comparing them with the same period in 1969, we find the following facts: Our average Bible school attendance has been 415 and in 1969 it was 428. Our contributions, however, have increased. Our contributions for this period in 1970 have been \$86,734.40, while the same period in 1969 they were only \$80,830.49. It is hoped that we may have another special drive in December for additional funds to help us reach our goals.

We need to work to build up our Bible School. We need to encourage one another to a greater faithfulness and dedication to the Lord's work. Let us endeavor to make the last two months of 1970 really count for Christ.

G. H. S.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements..... C. E. Caskey
 Prayer Cullen Gilliam
 Dismiss Ralph Lowrance
 SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements David Demic
 Prayer George Stephenson
 Dismiss Henry McRuiz

RESPONSES

For Prayer: Curtis Caskey came Sunday to be restored. His address is 3204 Baldwin Drive.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Evalyn Stone suffered a broken hip from a fall last Friday. She underwent surgery Monday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. S. A. Lewis, the mother of sister Charlie Shuford, is very ill in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister H. T. Grier's husband is very ill.

Brother T. G. Bell is now at home.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A. M. "Come Before Winter."
 by George Stephenson
 P. M. "If Today Were The End of The World." by Hillard Hughes

537 ENROLLED

After checking our rolls this week, we found that our Bible class enrollment is 537; yet last Sunday we had only 429. To make this even worse our membership is somewhere around 600. With this figure in mind and realizing we have visitors each Sunday, we should very seldom be under 500 in Bible study.

I believe we have some of the best and most dedicated teachers to be found anywhere. These people spend much time studying to be able to present a lesson from which everyone will benefit. NOW THE BIG QUESTION IS, WILL YOU ATTEND? I realize that anyone who wishes can come up with an excuse not to attend. I have to accept it, but does God. Young and old alike can learn from studying God's Word. Please be here Sunday morning at 9:30! We need you! H. H.

ZONE 1 and 2 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p. m at the home of John Brem, 3201 Tulsa.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR OCT. 1970

<u>Loan Payments</u>		
First Fed.Sav. & Loan	1,123.50	
East Tex.Sav. & Loan	111.42	1,234.92
<u>Benevolent and Mission</u>		
Bible Chair	200.00	
Herald of Truth	200.00	
Tipton Home	100.00	
Boles Home	100.00	
Sunny Glen Home	100.00	
Local Radio & Advertisement	331.40	
Scott City Radio Prog.	20.00	
Oakley Radio Prog.	82.00	
Norman Morrow	540.00	
Jim Morrow	540.00	
L. C. Ford	600.00	
Local Benevolent	100.46	2,913.86
<u>Materials and Supplies</u>		
Utilities	850.54	
Build. and Grounds	385.21	
Office Supplies	82.75	
Insurance	207.60	
Flowers	7.50	
Postage	100.00	
Petty Cash	17.26	
Bible School supplies	293.54	1,944.40
<u>Local Salaries</u>		2,420.00
Total Expenditures	8,513.18	
Total Contributions	7,864.29	
Contributions short of budget for month	1,335.71	
Contributions short of budget for year	13,000.78	

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Young men of the congregation will conduct the services on this coming Wednesday evening, Nov. 11. All classes above the pre-school age will remain in the auditorium. The young men present a program once a month, usually on the first Wednesday night of the month. The program had to be postponed this month because of the lectureship. All of us should be thankful for the opportunity we have to encourage our boys to become leaders in the church.

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon in Brownsboro for the father of sister Jack Beard. We express our deepest sympathy to the family.

BUSINESS MEETING

The regular business meeting of the church will be Sunday at 1:30 in the Chapel.

HOMECOMING LECTURESHIP

NOVEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 5

7:30 P. M.

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"Enlarging Our Lives."

Monday, November 2

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Mobberly Ave. church of Christ
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"Is Your God Too Small?"

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements M. M. Haws
Prayer Glen Warner
Dismiss Averyt Smith

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Tommy Lowrance
Dismiss Kenneth Browning

RESPONSES

For Prayer: Mrs. Don Caseltine,
and Miss Nina Fuller.

WE WERE HAPPY TO SEE our Bible
School attendance up on Sunday. We
hope you were here doing your part.
Two classes had perfect attendance.
5th grade, Beatrice Holland, Teacher.
6th grade, Ray Womack, Teacher.

NEXT SATURDAY will be a work day
at the Alpine residence to prepare the
house for painting. All men who can
are urged to come at 8:00 a.m. Sat-
urday to help.

THANK YOU

Your comforting expression of sym-
pathy will always be remembered with
deep gratitude.

The H. J. Holland Family

THE SICK

Brother T. G. Bell remains in the
Glenwood Hospital. Brother Houston
Holcomb is at home. Sister Mildred
Parris is in Mother Frances.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 1

"Restoration of New Testament
Christianity."
"Why We Do Not Use Instrumental
Music In Our Worship."

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother B. B. Lambert's sister was
buried last Saturday in Nacogdoches.
Brother and sister Glen Warner at-
tended the funeral of his aunt this
week in Burnet.

BROTHER STEPHENSON was the
speaker Thursday for the devotional
at the Campus Christian Center. The
ladies of the congregation served the
luncheon.

SPOOK HOUSE FOR CHILDREN

At the Campus Christian Center on
Halloween night from 7:00 till 9:30,
for children 6th grade and younger.

BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY, 9:30 a. m.

FROM THE PREACHER

Our sincere thanks to the elders for
allowing us to have time off last week
for a vacation and for the opportunity
to visit and preach in Lubbock, Texas.
We were thrilled with the wonderful
reception given us by the Broadway
church where I served as the local
evangelist for several years. There
were large numbers present for both
the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. ser-
vices. We were pleased to have a
number of young people to respond to
the invitation. Joe Barnett is now
serving in a fine way as the evangelist
for this great church.

It was very gratifying to speak on
Sunday night for the opening session
of the Lubbock Christian College
lectureship. I was very impressed
with the work being done by this col-
lege. I was pleased with the emphasis
during the lectureship on the preach-
ing of the Bible and the authority of
the Scriptures. The students on the
campus were very friendly and had
the appearance of being fine young men
and women. In our day when we see

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FROM THE ELDERS

Our program of signing attendance
cards each Sunday is not as efficient
as it should be. We are making an-
other appeal to you to please sign these
cards. The cards are checked each
week and a permanent record is kept

and hear so much about the rebellion
and delinquency of modern young peo-
ple, it is most refreshing to see the
quality of young people I saw both on
the campus of Lubbock Christian Col-
lege and in the audience of the Broad-
way church of Christ.

Another pleasant duty I had while at
the L. C. C. Lectureship was to speak
for a dinner in appreciation of various
ones who have contributed to the
Children's Home of Lubbock. This
home, overseen by the Broadway el-
ders, and under the supervision of
John White and Floyd Stumbo, has
done an outstanding work in caring
for needy and dependent children. It
has brought glory to the cause of
Christ in Lubbock and elsewhere.

We appreciate the fine reports of
the sermons preached here Sunday by
L. E. Carpenter and Hillard Hughes.

I hope to see you and your family in
Bible School Sunday and in the other
services also. Be sure to attend the
meeting and hear our former preach-
ers.

G. H. S.

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of each member's attendance. It is
our duty to you and to God to look
after your spiritual welfare and
this is one way we attempt to be shep-
herds of the Lord's church. It is our
plan to contact all absentees each
week, either personally or by letter.
Will you please help us?

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements and
Prayer Roger Knight
Prayer Hillard Hughes
Dismiss Roy Roberson

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer John Brem
Prayer Dalton Jones
Dismiss Fred Strait

FROM THE PREACHER

We shall be praying for the services here at West Erwin on Sunday. We know that brother L. E. Carpenter, and Hillard Hughes will have some fine sermons. I am excited about the speaking engagements I have in Lubbock. It will be good to preach for the Broadway church in Lubbock on Sunday morning and to speak on the Lubbock Christian College Lectureship Sunday night. Then I will speak for a dinner for the Lubbock Children's Home on Monday.

We were glad to see our Bible School up on Sunday. As you know it had gone

way down. We need to continue to boost the Bible School. We need the co-operation of everyone of you in every phase of our work - and nothing is more important than studying God's Word. GHS

OUR SYMPATHY

Sister L. E. Carpenter's sister passed away Sunday in Abilene, Texas.

Funeral services were held Sunday in Overton for sister Howard Holland. The burial was Monday in Vernon, Texas.

We express our sympathy to the loved ones of each family.

RESPONSES

Brother and sister Houston Holcomb, 517 So. Palmer, placed membership Sunday. Brother Holcomb is very ill in Mother Frances.

Doug Aitkenhead asked for prayers of the church Wednesday evening.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother T. G. Bell is in Glenwood Hospital.

The following are in Mother Frances Hospital: Sister Mildred Parris, brother Houston Holcomb, and brother Ken Bennett.

BROTHER FRANK COX will speak in Bullard the 28, 29, and 30 at 7:30 p.m. You are cordially invited to attend.

BRING YOUR VISITORS TO WORSHIP

FAMILY ATTITUDE

In this fast moving world of today, the family is losing much of its unity. Parents often only see each other as they pass in the doorway either leaving or entering. Children see their parents when they want something, but don't want to be bothered any other time. What is this doing to the "Christian" home? Attitudes are taught within the family. In Deuteronomy 6:5, we find, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." In verse 7, we are told the parents faith should be transmitted to the child. "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou risest up." The home, not the church is the center of Christian education. Without the family no training is successful. This is not to say that the family should not co-operate with the church program that is approved and overseen by the elders. It is to say that the parents' training is the way to the formation of the personality of the children in the home. We have let the family study be displaced by "Sunday School." The home was the center of education in the Hebrew family with the responsibility shared by the father and mother. The Ten Commandments are given for the parents strength. The children are to remember God first and honor father

and mother second, but they must have respect for their parents and see their faith in action. H. H.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Friday evening, October 30, is the date for make up photography for our Pictorial Directory. If you have not had your picture made, please call the office for an appointment. The hours are 5:00 p.m. till 8:00 p.m. The directory will not be complete without your picture.

TIME CHANGE SUNDAY

Sunday morning, 2:00 o'clock is the time to turn your clock back one hour. Before you go to bed Saturday evening be sure and adjust your clocks, so you will be on time for Bible school and worship Sunday morning.

ESPECIALLY FOR TEENS

Mrs. Jean Oliver and Betty invite you to their home for a "HALLOWEEN PARTY" Saturday evening, Oct. 31, 7:00 till 10:00 o'clock, 2620 Pineburr. Bring 1 friend. Please come in costume.

BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY, 9:30a.m.

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

"Work While It Is Day,
For The Night Cometh."

AN APOLOGY TO THE BROTHERHOOD

Brother Lester Hathaway was one of the best known and respected preachers among churches which believe it is unscriptural to have Bible classes. He was a champion debater in their eyes. He recently changed his views in regard to Bible classes and their scripturalness. He published a report of his change and his reasons for so doing. He also apologized for the harm he had done.

Among other things, brother Hathaway said, "For about thirty years I preached for non-Bible class churches of Christ and I debated against the principle of Bible classes. Now I believe I was wrong...I apologize to the brotherhood for the harm that I have done to the church. I am ashamed and sorry for it all. I feel that my work has been a failure. I hope I will be able to undo some of the harm that I have done."

Aren't you glad a brother is big enough to say, "I apologize... I am ashamed and sorry." Would you have done the same?

Brother Hathaway did do harm to the church and its program of work in trying to teach people. But do you know that his influence was not nearly as great as yours! If you are one of our many members who does not take Bible classes seriously, who seldom attends, or maybe one who never attends, you do greater harm than did Lester Hathaway by debating against Bible classes. Your example and bad influence is more than you know.

Brother Hathaway owed an apology. So do many, many of you... We have many of our number who need to renew their faith, their dedication and loyalty to God. If we are describing you, won't you be present this Sunday for Bible classes and worship? When the invitation is extended for people to come and make things right with God, won't you courageously walk down the aisle and make your holy desire to be restored known?

Lewis Hale
(via Gospel Visitor, Enid, Okla.)

WILL YOU BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY MORNING?

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A Year Ago..\$2,050.98449

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Mack Bynum
Prayer.....Norman Morrow
Dismiss.....Louis E. Jones

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Hillard Hughes
Prayer.....Ray Womack
Dismiss.....W. O. Rushing

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY
By George Stephenson
10:20 A.M. How To Enjoy Worship
6:00 P.M. Four Acts of Religion
In Psalms 4

REMEMBER OUR MEETING NEXT MONTH
NOVEMBER 2 - Dean Brookshire
NOVEMBER 3 - Gary Montgomery
NOVEMBER 4 - Harvey Porter
NOVEMBER 5 - Luther Gieger

FUNERAL
Funeral services were held Wednesday morning for Mr. James P. O'Brien. His wife, who was a member of this congregation, passed away in September. We express our sympathy to the family.

LIVING THE WAY WE PRAY

I knelt to pray when day was done
And prayed: "O Lord, bless everyone:
Lift from each heart the pain,
And let the sick be well again
And then I woke one day,
And carelessly went on my way,
The whole day long I did not try
To wipe a tear from any eye.
I did not try to share the load
Of any brother on the road;
I did not even go to see
The sick man just next door to me
Yet once again when day was done
I prayed: "Oh Lord, bless everyone."
But as I prayed, to my ear
There came a voice that whispered
clear:
"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray:
Whom have you tried to bless today?
God's sweetest blessings always go
By hands that serve him here below."
And then I hid my face and cried:
"Forgive me God for I have lied."
Author Unknown

MEN SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in October: Dwayne Shuford, Werner Green, Bob Threadgill, Francis Bullard, and Hillard Hughes. Ray Womack, Ed Bullard, Jack Bennett, Sammy Williams and Donnie O'Bannon. Alternates: Gerald Montgomery and Travis Fletcher. Evening: Faber Cauthen and Mark Cauthen.

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

ARE YOU CONCERNED

The October, 1970 issue of CHANGING TIMES states, "The nation's drinkers have never consumed so much." The magazine further states, "Drinking by drivers and pedestrians is said to cause 25,000 highway deaths a year...The U. S. lags in programs to control drunks on the highways - some other countries are far more severe in the way they handle the drinking driver."

We get concerned, and rightly so, about the loss of life in Vietnam, but why aren't we more concerned about the loss of life as a result of the consumption of alcohol in America?

On November 3, people will be urged to legalize the sale of liquor by the drink. Statistics show that states which authorize liquor by the drink have an increase in the sale of alcohol. It seems to me that Christians should do all they possibly can to discourage rather than encourage drinking. Let us vote against liquor by the drink on November 3. G.H.S.

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 classes and worship regularly.

FOR THE PANTRY ...
Canned Vegetables and milk.

A BIG THANK YOU to all of the women who helped in getting pictures made for our pictorial directory. We thank Wanda Weathers for her leadership and thank all who phoned and all who worked at the building on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We appreciate the fine co-operation of many of you and hope that others may yet have an opportunity to have your picture prepared for the directory.

IN THE HOSPITAL
Sister Howard Holland is very ill in the hospital in Overton.

LADIES' WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS
For the next few weeks, brother L.E. Carpenter will be guest speaker for the Ladies' Class which meets on Wednesday evenings.

TALENT is God-given...Be humble.
FAME is man-given...Be grateful.
CONCEIT is self-given...Be careful.

BENEVOLENT WORK
The family who received the infant clothing is very appreciative. They also need winter blankets and a dinette suite very badly.

MEETING IN REESE
You are invited to hear Gary Montgomery, October 19th thru October 25, each evening 7:30 - Reese Church of Christ. Brother Rushing has suggested that Tuesday, October 20th, be West Erwin Night.

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Am I My Brother's Keeper

It was Cain who first asked, "Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9) We might well ask the question, "Who is my brother?" There is a sense in which every individual is a brother to all other people upon the earth. In Paul's great sermon on Mars' Hill, he declared, "God hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth." (Acts 17:26) And then he also said, "For in him we live and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also his offspring." (Acts 17:28)

The Christian religion emphasizes again and again that we do have a responsibility toward other people. Paul said, "For none of us liveth to himself and none dieth to himself." (Romans 14:7) All of us are indebted to countless numbers of individuals including farmers, the millers, the bakers, and the laborers who work to provide us with a loaf of bread on our table.

The beloved story of the good Samaritan teaches that when we love our neighbor, we care for his physical needs. The Bible also says, "bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2) The greatest happiness is to be found when we share our blessings with others. It is still true, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." One cannot render service to God who fails to 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)

Christians are not only interested in the material welfare of others, but they are especially concerned about the spiritual welfare of their neighbors. We have the obligation to preach the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15,16)

Because we feel an obligation and responsibility in sharing the gospel with others, the West Erwin church is supporting three men in the states of Kansas and Nebraska in preaching for smaller congregations. We have a solemn obligation and responsibility to help preach the gospel where we are. Like Paul, we are debtors to our Lord who saved us, and we must take the gospel to others. (Romans 1:15,16) We should feel a special responsibility and obligation toward our brethren in Christ and therefore we are taught in Galatians 6:10, "As we therefore have opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." We have responsibility to encourage our brethren to come to worship and to Bible school, and the other services of the church. In Hebrews 10:24,25, we read, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; Not forsaking (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Roger Knight
 Prayer.....Dalton Jones
 Dismiss.....Harley Turner
 SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....Hillard Hughes
 Prayer.....Bob Threadgill
 Dismiss.....Tom Williams

RESPONSES
 Mrs. Grace Clary, 1210 1/2 East
 Erwin, came Sunday to be restored.
 Billy Chandler, Rt. 2, Box 389
 also came to be restored.

THANK YOU NOTE
 Words just can't express how much
 both Tom and I appreciate all
 the lovely flowers, food, cards,
 visits, prayers and kindnesses
 shown to us during my recent stay
 in the hospital and convalescence.
 Thank you so much.
 Mrs. Tom (Barbara) Williams

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 11
 By George H. Stephenson
 10:20 a.m. Christian Sacrifice
 6:00 p.m. Father of the Faithful

IN THE HOSPITALS
 Brother and sister Luther Thompson
 are patients in Glenwood Hospital.
 Brother Robert Parris is now in
 the Hearthstone.

Jackie Krewall had surgery on her
 hand Wednesday morning in Mother
 Frances Hospital.

LAST SUNDAY OF OCTOBER
 Ordinarily, Hillard Hughes is
 preaching each second Sunday night
 of the month. However, during Oct-
 ober, he will speak on the night of
 October 25 instead. On that night
 George Stephenson is scheduled to
 be speaking for the annual Bible
 Lectureship of Lubbock Christian
 College. L. E. Carpenter will be
 speaking on the morning of October
 25.

WORKSHOP FOR EDUCATIONAL DIRECTORS
 Three of the men supported by the
 West Erwin church plan to attend an
 Educational Directors Workshop to
 be conducted in Waxahachie, Texas,
 October 15-17. These include Hillard
 Hughes from West Erwin, Jim Morrow
 from Oakley, Kansas and Norman Mor-
 row from Scott City, Kansas. Jim
 and Norman Morrow plan to worship
 with us on Sunday morning, Oct. 18.
 It will be good to have them here
 again.

BUSINESS MEETING
 All men of the congregation are
 urged to be present for the regular
 business meeting of the church, Sun-
 day afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK
 (continued from back)

the assembling of ourselves
 together, as the manner of
 some is, but exhorting one
 another! And so much the
 more as ye see the day ap-
 proaching."

What are you doing in
 your life which will help
 your brothers? Is your life
 a hindrance or an encour-
 agement? Let us remember
 that indeed we do have a
 responsibility toward our
 brothers. G.H.S.

BENEVOLENT WORK
 There is a need for blan-
 kets, curtains, and cloth-
 ing for a newborn infant.

...Kindness is the oil that
 takes the friction out of
 life...Be not simply good,
 be good for something...You
 have not fulfilled every
 duty unless you have ful-
 filled that of being pleas-
 ant. ...Plastic surgeons
 can do almost anything with
 a nose, except keep it out
 of other people's business.

ATTEND A BIBLE CLASS
 SUNDAY MORNING - 9:30

PANTRY ITEM TO BRING
 Canned fruit and juices.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER, 1970

LOAN PAYMENTS		
First Fed. Sav. & Loan	1,123.50	
East Tex. Sav. & Loan	111.42	1,234.92
BENEVOLENT AND MISSION		
Bible Chair	200.00	
Herald of Truth	200.00	
Tipton Home	100.00	
Boles Home	100.00	
Sunny Glen Home	100.00	
Local Radio and Adv.	403.65	
Scott City Radio Prog.	20.00	
Oakley Radio Prog.	82.00	
Norman Morrow	540.00	
Jim Morrow	540.00	
L. C. Ford	600.00	
Travel Exp.	165.00	
Motel-Johnny Jackson	58.30	
Ministers Workshop		
Expense	15.00	3,123.95
MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES		
Utilities	746.26	
Buildings & Grounds	335.36	
Office Supplies	191.20	
Bible School Supplies	44.98	
Insurance	354.20	
Flowers	7.50	
Postage	88.00	
Library	3.75	1,771.25
LOCAL SALARIES	2,456.40	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,586.52	
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	8,529.88	
CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET		
FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER	670.12	
CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET		
FOR THIS YEAR	11,665.07	

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

75 women and children came to the Wednesday morning classes this Wednesday. This is the largest number we have had for this season. Hillard and Jeanine Hughes had a fine class for the children which helped to boost the total attendance. Wouldn't it be fine if we had 100 every Wednesday? If you know of someone who needs a ride, let us know. We want these lessons to help everyone.

We urge you to co-operate in helping us have a pictorial directory which will be as complete as possible. If your picture is left out, it will not be complete. We appreciate the fine work being done by the women who serve on the telephone committee to contact the various families in the church. Please keep in mind the dates for the picture making. Friday, October 9, Saturday, October 10, and Sunday afternoon, October 11.

Young men of the congregation will conduct the Wednesday evening services on Wednesday, October 7 at 7:30. Let us be present to lend our encouragement to the young men.

We are thankful for the fine reports we receive from the evangelists we support in Kansas and Nebraska. In a letter from Lemuel Ford, our preacher in Nebraska, he states, "We broke the long standing record in attendance of 86 with 93 August 23. Then, two weeks later it was broken with 95, which stood for two whole weeks to be broken last week with 103. So interest and enthusiasm is growing and many visitors are attending. A Youth rally was had September 12, which was the first to be had here. 80 young people and adults registered and the young people enjoyed it and were edified. In fact, they wanted to know when they could expect another one."

Mike Warner, Hillard Hughes, and I had the privilege of attending an all day meeting especially for preachers on the campus of Abilene Christian College on Thursday, September 24. It proved to be a very wonderful day for all of us. We were strengthened by the lectures we heard and were encouraged by the fellowship we had with fellow Christians. It was good to see the wonderful buildings, including a magnificent new library, which grace the campus. I believe that the administration of Abilene Christian College continues to be faithful and loyal to the principles of New Testament Christianity.

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September 20...\$2,051.32	419
A Year Ago....\$1,973.03	406

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Mack Bynum
Prayer.....M. B. Beard
Dismiss.....Harold Browning

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Hillard Hughes
Prayer.....Charles Graf
Dismiss.....Guy Potts

THANK YOU NOTES

We would like to thank everyone for the Christian love and concern shown to us during our mother's illness and death.

We would especially like to thank Dr. Knight for everything he did for her.

Alline Wakefield
Gladine Tharpe

(Daughters of Mrs. Vera O'Brien)

Thank you for all the cards, letters, and kind deeds that were done for me while in the hospital.

Eula Drennan

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 4

10:20 A.M. ARE YOU IN PRISON?
6:00 P.M. WHY STUDY THE OLD TESTAMENT?

SPECIAL MEETING IN JACKSONVILLE

Gary Montgomery, evangelist for the Corinth Road church in Jacksonville, has extended an invitation to the members of the church in this area to attend a series of meetings which has as its theme, "Bread of Life." The meetings will be conducted each evening at 7:30, beginning Monday, October 5 and closing on Thursday, October 8. The schedule for the series is as follows:

Monday - WHAT ABOUT THE BIBLE AND EVOLUTION? by Jay Lockhart
Tuesday - WHY MUST RELIGION BE DIVIDED TODAY? by Dean Brookshire
Wednesday - THE HOLY SPIRIT AND YOUR CONVERSION by Lowell Wallace
Thursday - WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER WE DIE? by George Stephenson
Song Director, Don Collins

AREA MEETINGS

Gladewater, October 4 thru 7. Brother Murphy D. Phillips, Sr., the local minister will be preaching each evening at 7:30.

Kilgore, October 4 thru 9. Brother Gaylord Cook preaching. Evening services at 7:30.

IF YOUR ADDRESS has recently been changed due to the Post Office changing route numbers, please call the office and give us your correct address.

LISTEN TO RADIO STATION KTBB

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - 12:30 NOON.

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

WILL YOU HELP

Sunday, October 4, will begin a new Bible school quarter and we would like to have YOU here. Our goal for Bible school attendance is 500 in October. If you will come, we will reach this number. Your presence will encourage many people to be more faithful to the Lord and I know you will be blessed also. Beginning this quarter the adults will be studying several different topics. They are:

Adult I, Auditorium, L. E. Carpenter
Adult II-20's Room 107
David Demic - "Romans"
Adult III-30's Room 108
Roy Roberson - "Paul"
Adult IV-40's Room 106
Cullen Gilliam - "Stewardship"
Adult V Chapel
Geo. Stephenson-Timothy-Titus
Ladies Class Room 105
Audrey O'Bannon

Will you help make these classes a success by attending? Bring your children and set the right example by attending a class. H.H.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in October: Mack Bynum, Pete Wallace, W. O. Rushing, Tommy Lowrance, Tommy White, James Phillips, Dwain Strait, Averyt Smith, Ben Young and John Weaver. C. N. Strait and Rodger Young serve as alternates: Evening: Wayne Fears and Bruce Raley.

ZONE MEETING

A fine meeting was held by leaders of the various zones last Tuesday evening at Wyatt's Cafeteria. Foster Ramsey of Greenville presented a fine lesson in regard to visitation. Zones 1 and 2 will meet this coming Tuesday evening at 7:00 in the home of Henry and Becky McRuiz, 3214 Autumn Leaves.

REMEMBER OUR MEETING IN NOVEMBER

November 2 Dean Brookshire
November 3 Gary Montgomery
November 4 Harvey Porter
November 5 Luther Gieger

LET'S BE A SOUL-WINNING CONGREGATION

A soul-winning congregation is one that isn't discouraged by failures nor satisfied by success!

A soul-winning congregation is one in which all members are involved in the operation and function of the program of the church.

A soul-winning congregation is one that realizes that the only ships that come in while we sit and groan about our problems are hardships..

A soul-winning congregation is one that by love, edification and inspiration becomes a shining light to guide the souls of men to Jesus Christ.

A soul-winning congregation is one which seeks, saves and satisfies the needs of the souls of men.

A soul-winning congregation is Christ-centered. ...Selected

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Note: We appreciate the following article from Dr. Max Leach, who is Professor of Psychology at Abilene Christian College. He is the author of a widely circulated book, "Christianity and Mental Health."

G.H.S.

"The Christian's Mental Health"

True Christianity does not bring inner confusion, but instead brings peace. True Christianity does not promote a disturbed mind, but promotes a sound mind.

The Christian has the greatest threat to his mental health, fear, removed. He no longer has to fear death, for through Christ, he conquers death. He no longer has to fear the inhumanity of his fellow man, for he can say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid; what can man do to me?"

He does not have to fear tomorrow, nor any succession of tomorrows, for he knows that God through Christ has promised to aid him. If he seeks first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, he knows that all the necessities of life shall be added unto him. He knows that he is God's child and that God, being a loving and kind, tender and compassionate Father is interested and concerned in all his doings.

He knows that he has a Father that will not give him a serpent when he needs a fish, nor will He give him a stone when he needs bread. He is certain that his Father knows even each sparrow in its fall, the very number of the hairs upon his head, and thus knows his every need, even before he asks.

The true Christian has good mental health because he knows that God is love; that God and love are the greatest forces that exist. God works for him in his own mysterious way, and love works for him in easily demonstrable ways. Where the threat of hydrogen bombs and planes and guns will not work, love will work. Love destroys one's enemies in the right way, and these enemies, that have become brothers, now work for the total good of the true Christian.

The human being needs to love and be loved more than he needs food and water. And in giving and receiving, he is made complete, whole. The Christian does this, in God's appointed way. He is serene, happy. God and Christ are on his side, and no real harm can ever touch him.

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY by George H. Stephenson

10:20 A.M. He Opened His Mouth

6:00 P.M. Noah, A Preacher of Righteousness

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Announcements and
Prayer..... R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer..... Foy Richey
Dismiss..... Fred Strait

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer..... Hillard Hughes
Prayer..... Roy Roberson
Dismiss..... Dwain Strait

RESPONSES

Donnie O'Bannon, 1526 Alamo Dr., was baptized into Christ last Sunday. Donnie is in the 7th grade. He is the son of brother and sister Don O'Bannon.

Miss Brenda Northen came Wednesday evening to place membership. She is a TJC student and her home is in Jacksonville.

Werner Green confessed wrongs and asked for prayers of the church.

NOVEMBER MEETING

Be sure to hear these men when they return to West Erwin to speak for us on these days:

Dean Brookshire	November 2
Gary Montgomery	November 3
Harvey Porter	November 4
Luther Gieger	November 5

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PLANNED

Plans are being made for the publication of a new directory containing photographs of the members of the church and their families. We feel that such a directory is a very valuable tool for helping members of the church to become better acquainted with each other. There will be no charge for having pictures made and each family will be provided a free copy of the directory.

You will have the opportunity to have your photographs taken on October 9, 10, and 11. There will be an opportunity for you to purchase photographs later if you so desire, but you are under no obligation to do so.

We hope every member of the church will co-operate in this endeavor.

THANK YOU NOTES

Mrs. W. H. Furr called the office Friday to express the appreciation of her family for the kindness and thoughtfulness shown to her father, Houston Holcomb, during his recent illness and hospitalization.

Brother and sister Luther Thompson wish to express their appreciation for all the cards and visits during her stay in the hospital and after returning home. They are especially thankful for the prayers offered in their behalf.

To those who remembered me during my recent hospitalization, thank you so much for your cards and visits.
Pauline Daughtry

FOSTER RAMSEY TO SPEAK TUESDAY

Foster Ramsey, well known gospel preacher who now works for the Johnson Street Church in Greenville, will speak at the fellowship meeting to be held on Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock at Wyatt's Cafeteria. Brother Ramsey will have a lesson which should be of interest to every member of the church. While all who participate in our work in the various zones are expected to come, we want to encourage everyone to attend.

Each one will pay for his own food which he chooses in the cafeteria. You will go through the serving line and then proceed to the room reserved for the occasion.

STRENGTH FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." (I John 2:14) In John's writing, he indicated that our strength comes from having God abiding in us... FAITH. Of course, the strength to which we refer is spiritual and not physical. Most young people admire a strong body. They respect a strong mind, but too often forget the powerful soul. This power comes only by developing and using God's word for their strength. This is not done by associating with the devil during the week and trying to find God on Sunday. The Psalmist wrote, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."

There must be strength of faith

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Tom Williams underwent surgery last Friday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Dexter Browning is now in Leisure Lodge, Room 49.

Jana McRuiz has a broken arm.

MOVING

Brother and sister Cleo Jones moved to Buna, Texas on Wednesday where brother Jones will serve as the regular evangelist for the church. It has been good to have brother and sister Jones worshipping with us for several months. We will miss them, but our prayers go with them as they enter into their new field of work for the Lord.

to form character. The "things not seen" but "hoped for" control the life of the believer. They engage his attention. They call forth his energies. They mold his habits. They direct his affections. The conviction and the confidence which make his character what it is are grounded, not upon knowledge, but upon testimony. Young people, do you have great faith or just little faith? Do you have an active faith or is it more inactive? Those who have been converted are "delivered out of the power of darkness, and translated into the kingdom of the Son of his love." (Col.1:13) Young people, show your faith by being faithful to the Lord until you no longer live on this earth. Follow Christ as your example.
H.H.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

DID YOU SEE THIS?

The following advertisement appeared in the local newspaper on Friday, September 11.

WHAT SHOULD CHILDREN BE TAUGHT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?

"That God created the world in six days? That man is not a creature of evolution? That Jesus was virgin-born, did miracles, and was literally raised from the dead? That Jesus may come down from the sky just any day now? That only those who believe such assertions with all their hearts are saved while everybody else will burn forever in hell?

"Or that creation should be studied from all the world's religious views, plus the views of modern science. That man has evolved from a wonderful evolutionary process, and is part and product of nature. That Jesus was most likely a good man who taught many good things, and like many of the religious leaders of the world had myths invented about him by his followers. That religion should deal in the here and now with complete trust in the forces that brought us into existence without morbid fear of death.

"If you agree with us in teaching our children a broad free view of religion, come visit us..."
The Unitarian Church

This ad appeared in a Dallas paper Saturday, March 14. We published it in our March 19 bulletin and commented on it then. It will furnish the basis for our sermon topic this coming Sunday. G.H.S.

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September 6..\$2,046.01419
Year Ago.....\$1,838.33463

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Ross Walker
Prayer.....W. H. Turner
Dismiss.....Jack Stringer

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Hillard Hughes
Prayer.....Foy Richey
Dismiss.....Don Weathers

RESPONSES

Sister Pauline Aven confessed faults and asked for the prayers of the church.

SERMONS FOR SEPTEMBER 20

by George H. Stephenson
A.M. WHAT SHOULD CHILDREN BE
TAUGHT IN SUNDAY SCHOOL?
P.M. GOD'S BLESSED MAN.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Ed Naul is in Nan Travis Hospital in Jacksonville.

Sister Dexter Browning is still a patient in Medical Center, but much improved.

Dwaine Thedford is a patient in Glenwood Hospital. Mr. Pat O'Brien remains in Glenwood Hospital also.

CHURCH RECEIVES BEQUEST

This past week the West Erwin Church received a bequest of five hundred dollars as a result of the will of the late Emma Reed Smith. We are very grateful that sister Smith remembered the Lord's work in this way. We would like to encourage others to remember the church and other worthy endeavors, such as Christian colleges or children's homes in their wills. We encourage you to give while you live, but it is good to know that some of your material possessions may be used in a worthy way after you are gone.

ZONE 4 MEETING

Members of the church living in Zone 4 are invited to the home of the Stephensons' at 300 Ridgecrest on Thursday evening, September 22, at seven o'clock.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Your cards, flowers, and gifts during my stay in the hospital are appreciated so very much.
Lera Bennett

TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Serving the last two Sundays in September are: Louis E. Jones, David Hubbard, Doug Aitkenhead, Kevin Womack, and Denton Phillips. K. Max Haws, Larry Hubbard, Tony Fears, Mike Whitworth, and Randy Fletcher. Alternates: Darrell Holt and Bill Butler, Jr. Evening: F. A. Jones, and Foy Richey.

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

FELLOWSHIP MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 29

On September 29, which is a fifth Tuesday, all zones will meet together. We will meet at Wyatt's Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. Each one may go through the cafeteria line to select his own food. We will be privileged to have as our guest speaker, Foster Ramsey, who preaches for the Johnson Street church in Greenville. You are invited to attend this meeting whether or not you are now actively working in our present visitation program.

MEETING IN LONGVIEW

Brother Melvin Wise of Dallas will preach September 20-25 in a meeting at the Alpine and Glover Church in Longview. Week-day time, 7:30 P.M.

SUPPLIES NEEDED

We need grocery supplies brought to our pantry to help the needy. This year we made some special contributions, including the help provided tornado victims and also help for children's homes, which have depleted our pantry. Canned goods and other non perishable items are now needed.

"Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops on yourself."

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

"BE A WEDNESDAY NIGHTER."

YOUR EXAMPLE

Often we find ourselves doing things that are not just as God would have. Our children are looking to you or someone as their example. What kind of an example do they see in you? Peter wrote in I Peter 2:21, "...Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps." I know that we cannot be perfect, but why not try to be? Our young people have so many things to overcome without seeing us do one thing and say another. Our Bible class attendance shows some indication that all of us do not feel a need to attend every Sunday. Our attendance on Sunday and Wednesday evenings indicate also that we do not feel the need for Bible study. If we as parents do not guide our young, who will?

A new Bible school quarter begins October 4. Why not begin now the habit of coming an hour earlier each Sunday morning? There are classes for all ages with excellent teachers that work hard preparing to teach. Encourage them and set an example for our young people to follow. You have enrolled your child in public school, why not in Bible school? Our goal for October is 500 in Bible classes. H.H.

REMEMBER to pray for the preachers of the Gospel supported by West Erwin in other places.

Jim Morrow - Oakley, Kansas
Norman Morrow - Scott City Kan.
Lemuel Ford - Hastings, Nebraska

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

A Worthy Example

Pete Horton, one of the elders of the Pine Tree congregation in Longview, recently met his death in an automobile accident. He was the father of Mrs. Judy Walker of the West Erwin Church. Brother Horton had been very active in a group who went to Boles Home each week to help in the refurbishing of one of the cottages. We think the following letter addressed to the Pine Tree congregation and written by brother Horton's wife, Fayrene Horton, should serve as an inspiration to many people:

G.H.S.

"I shall never forget the day Pete went to spy out the work at Boles Home. He asked me to go with him, but I thought I had to work. Yes -- too busy.

"When I did go, I was like the ten spies. After seeing the cracked paint, broken window panes, rusty screens, hanging light fixtures, curled floor coverings, dirty blinds, stopped up sinks, toilet bowls out of order, etc., I thought as the old poem goes, 'It couldn't be done.' But thank God for Caleb and Joshua (Pete and Russell Mason). They said with God's help and our work, it could be done.

"Then the work really began. Saturday after Saturday people gave up fishing, visiting friends and some left their business to work for the Lord. All was so rewarding. After a hard days work, we came home content. Those who aren't able to go, prepare food for those who work. We enjoy fellowship with each other.

"In Proverbs the Bible says, 'A merry heart doeth good like a medicine -- and it's true. With a merry heart we eat well, sleep well, have clean and wholesome principles. Fear, anger, guilty conscience, and such, destroy a merry heart. Without a heart that is merry, all other rules and principles for good health eventually fail. So you see, we eat well and sleep well.

"People from all walks of life have joined in to make this work a success. Children have given their allowance because they loved the Lord and Pete. Some have given up their Saturday to go and work. May I share a letter with you from one of these.

Dear Mrs. Horton:

Even though this is not as much as others have given, I want you to know the thoughts going with this are loving and sincere because I loved Mr. Horton and you. You are such an example towards me. I hope to grow up and be so much like you.

(continued inside)

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 A Year Ago...\$2,074.14425

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....T. F. Holland
 Prayer.....James Massey
 Dismiss.....Ralph Lowrance
 SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements and
 Prayer.....George Stephenson
 Prayer.....Glen Warner
 Dismiss.....Don O'Bannon

RESPONSES
 Membership: Sammy Williams, Rt. 1,
 Box 63-D, telephone 839-2540.

THANK YOU NOTE
 Your visits, flowers, cards,
 gifts, and especially your prayers
 were appreciated so much during my
 recent hospitalization.
 Mrs. Lilla Tigert

GOSPEL MEETING
 Brother Charles Coil will be
 preaching in a meeting Sept. 14 thru
 the 21st at the South Main church
 in Henderson. Services each day at
 10:00 A.M. and 7:30 P.M. You are
 invited to attend.
 BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY - 9:30 A.M.

SPECIAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER
 We are thankful for all of the
 good which was accomplished in our
 meeting with Johnny Jackson. We
 feel that his great sermons have
 given a spiritual uplift to all of
 us. Now we want to make plans for
 our meeting November 2 through
 November 5 when four of the former
 preachers of West Erwin will be
 back with us to preach one night
 each. These include Dean Brook-
 shire, L. L. Gieger, Gary Montgomery,
 and Harvey Porter. Mark your calen-
 dar now, and plan to make this an-
 other great week for the Lord.

G.H.S.
 SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
 A.M. LASTING LOVE IN MARRIAGE
 By George H. Stephenson
 P.M. THE MUSEUM OF YOUR HEART
 By Hillard Hughes

FUNERALS
 Funeral services were held last
 week in Houston for brother T. G.
 Bell's brother. We express our
 sympathy to the Bell Family.

Brother George Stephenson held
 the funeral service for sister Vera
 O'Brien Wednesday afternoon. We
 express our deepest sympathy to
 each member of the family.

TEACHERS MEETING
 All teachers are encouraged to
 attend the Teacher's Meeting Sunday
 evening immediately following wor-
 ship.
 ZONE 3 WILL MEET TUESDAY, 7:00 P.M.,
 Glen Warner home, 1808 Sybil Lane.

IN THE HOSPITALS
 Sister Pauline Daughtry is
 in Mother Frances. She had
 surgery Monday. Sister Lera
Bennett is still in Mother
 Frances. Sister Fannie Brown-
ing is in Medical Center.
 Sister Eula Drennan and bro-
 ther Lester Scogins are in
 the Glenwood Hospital.

THE LADIES BIBLE CLASS began
 last Wednesday. There is a
 class for pre-school child-
 ren and an attendant in the
 nursery. 65 were present in
 all. Won't you plan to be
 present next Wednesday at
 10:00 A.M.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK...
 (continued from back page)
 (It is things like this that
 make life worth living.)
 "Russell and LaFon Mason
 are to be highly commended.
 Without their work and
 supervision, this work would
 be impossible.
 When Pete was just a babe
 in Christ, he expressed,
 'God, please, may I help
 some 'guy' learn the way of
 the truth.' When this work
 is completed, what used to
 be Boy's Haven will be re-
 named Horton Haven, if ap-
 proved by the Board of Di-
 rectors, and 30 'guys' will
 have a home and spiritual
 guidance because you cared.
 S/Fayrene Horton

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR AUGUST, 1970

Loan Payments		
First Fed. Sav. & Loan	1,123.50	
East Tex. Sav. & Loan	111.42	1,234.92
<u>Benevolent and Mission</u>		
Bible Chair	200.00	
Herald of Truth	200.00	
Tipton Home	100.00	
Boles Home	100.00	
Sunny Glen Home	100.00	
Local Radio Program and Advertisement	380.95	
Scott City Radio Prog.	20.00	
Oakley Radio Prog.	82.00	
Norman Morrow	675.00	
Jim Morrow	675.00	
L. C. Ford	750.00	
Meeting Expense	400.00	
Local Benevolent	250.00	
Kansas VBS Travel Exp.	184.55	
Boles Home Memorial	10.00	4,127.50
<u>Materials and Supplies</u>		
Utilities	764.89	
Building and grounds	109.09	
Office Supplies	439.10	
Bible School Supplies	114.21	
Insurance	147.00	
Flowers	33.15	
Postage	70.00	
Library	40.66	
Moving and Trav. Exp.	728.40	2,446.50
<u>Local Salaries</u>		3,066.50
<u>Total Expenditures</u>		10,875.42
<u>Total Contributions</u>		9,935.65
Contributions short of budget for the month of August		1,564.35
Contributions short of budget for the year		10,994.95
BUSINESS MEETING, Sunday, 1:30 P. M. All men of the congregation are invited.		

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Sunday Evening Worship

It is our desire to make our Sunday evening worship as helpful and as profitable as possible for all who attend. We feel that everyone who is physically able should want to be present on Sunday evening as well as on Sunday morning. All of us enjoy having the services at 6:00 o'clock because this enables us to be home at an early hour. It provides opportunities for fellowship and visitation among the members. Those who have small children can get them home in ample time for going to bed at an early hour. We plan to devote our Sunday evening lessons to the following topics at the present time.

First Sunday of the Month

We plan on each first Sunday night to preach a sermon devoted to the question, "Why?" We want to give Scriptural reasons for the various practices in which we engage. Peter says, "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). On this Sunday, September 6, we plan to have for discussion, "Why Do We Take The Bible As Our Only Guide In Religion?"

Second Sunday of the Month

On each second Sunday night of the month, Hillard Hughes, who serves as our educational director and associate minister, will be speaking. We look forward to the lessons which will be brought each month by brother Hughes and encourage every member to be present when he brings us sermons from the Word of the Lord.

Third Sunday of the Month

On each third Sunday night we want to present a lesson based on one of the Psalms. All of us can profit from the many expressions of devotion and praise found in the Psalms. Here are sermons which will encourage everyone of us to have a closer walk with God. On Sunday night, September 20, our lesson will be, "God's Blessed Man" based on the first Psalm.

Fourth Sunday of the Month

Each fourth Sunday night will find us studying the life of one of the great characters of Old Testament history. One of the best and most interesting ways to learn more of the Old Testament is to study the lives of some of God's saints in the past. (Continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....M. M. Haws
Prayer.....Hillard Hughes
Dismiss.....Ralph Lowrance

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Hillard Hughes
Prayer.....Tommy Lowrance
Dismiss.....H. McCarty

RESPONSES

BAPTIZED: Kim Hughes, 203 Alpine,
and Shelia Strait, 5023 Vicksburg.
PRAYER: Betty Oliver, Barbara Cas-
key, Glynis Jones, Nadine Chandler,
and Holly Womack.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

by George H. Stephenson
10:20 A.M. GIANTS WE FACE
6:00 P.M. WHY WE TAKE THE BIBLE
AS OUR GUIDE

WEDNESDAY EVENING LESSONS

Beginning on Wednesday evening,
September 9, the class in the audi-
torium will be studying the Gospel
of John. Make your plans to come
to Bible study every Wednesday
evening at 7:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vance Williams
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Suzanne

to

Mr. Teddy Cobb

on Saturday, the fifth of September
nineteen hundred and seventy
at seven o'clock
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception
following the ceremony
at the home of the bride

ALL OF THE WOMEN of the church
are invited to the Ladies Class
which will have its first meeting
of the season on Wednesday morning,
September 9 at ten o'clock. Come
and bring your friends with you.
Brother Stephenson will be teaching
the book of Romans. There will be
a class for pre-school children
taught by Jeanine Hughes. An at-
tendant will be in the nursery to
care for the little ones.

IN THE HOSPITALS

In Mother Frances Hospital: sister
Lera Bennett, brother Ken Bennett,
and sister Lilla Tigert.

The following are patients in the
Glenwood Hospital: sister Eula
Drennan, sister Luther Thompson,
Mr. Pat O'Brien, and sister Vera
O'Brien. Sister O'Brien is in the
room across the hall from her hus-
band. She suffered a head injury
from a fall on Monday.

Sister Fannie Browning is still a
patient in Medical Center Hospital.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK(continued)

The eleventh chapter of Hebrews
contains a list of many of them.
Paul declared, "For whatsoever
things were written aforetime were
written for our learning, that we
through patience and comfort of the
Scriptures might have hope" (Romans
15:4) Make your plans now to be
present every Sunday evening unless
you are providentially hindered.

G.H.S.

PERSONAL WORK CLASS

Bud Caskey is now teaching a class
in personal work Wednesday even-
ings. Much good should be accomp-
lished. We commend brother Caskey
for his willingness to teach.

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

WHERE IS THE FOREST?

After living in West Texas for
the last 15 years, our appreciation
for trees is much greater. The old
adage, "we can't see the forest
for the trees" is found often times
when we are in one place for a long
time. Many times we begin to take
things for granted because they
have "always" been. As I look over
the program of the West Erwin
church, I see several things that
are forgotten because they have "al-
ways" been. One of these is our
radio program. How many of us
listen to it and invite others to
listen. This program takes a lot
of extra work on brother Stephe-
son's part, just preparing lessons
each day, besides the many other

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES

Miss Kendra Sue Gode and Larry
Miller were married Saturday, Aug-
ust 22. Brother Stephenson per-
formed the ceremony. They will live
in Nacogdoches.

Miss Kathy Anderson and Danny
Palmer were married last Thursday
evening at the Stephenson's home.
Danny and Kathy will be attending
Tyler Junior College.

THE FOLLOWING MEN will be serving
the Lord's Supper the first two
Sundays in September: Joe Willis,
Harvey Grier, Bill Henderson, M. B.
Beard and Monroe Sublette. H. Mc-
Carty, Tom Williams, Ken Jones, Ken
Browning, and Paul Knight. Alter-
nates: Mark Ellis and Walter Fuller.
Evening: Bill Shuford & Tom Parsons.

activities he is engaged in. Another
blessing, for the teachers especi-
ally, is the art work and visual-
aids that are filed for your use.
Don't forget when preparing your
lessons to call the office and see
if there is something here that you
might use to make a better class.
Still another, is a fine library.
Margaret Montgomery and others have
spent many hours setting up this
library so we might be able to
check out books to study or read
for more information. The best way
to show our appreciation is by
using the available material. Look
around again and see all the green
trees.

Hillard Hughes

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

This week has been a great week for the West Erwin church of Christ. Johnny Jackson has been bringing soul stirring sermons which will continue to bear fruit in the lives of all who have heard him.

We are truly indebted to Brother Jackson for his making arrangements to be with us in this meeting. We phoned him on Thursday night asking him if it would be possible for him to begin our meeting on Sunday. We had received word on Thursday evening from Guy N. Woods that he would be unable to be with us due to the unexpected death of his aged father and the need he felt to be with his mother during this difficult time. It was necessary for Brother Jackson to make many changes in his plans in order to be with us. He had been scheduled to preach for us in a meeting in the summer of 1971. We are thankful he could adjust his schedule and be with us now. No one could have brought us greater sermons than he has brought.

We do regret the sorrow in Brother Woods' life and know that he has been remembered in the prayers of many of us. A letter has been received from Brother Woods which states:

"My mother, 83 years old, and I have returned home from burying my father, aged 87. He was a good man who loved the Lord and His Cause, and who died in the triumph of faith. We miss him very much.

"Added to my grief is the fact that I could not come for the meeting. I so much regret any inconvenience caused you there. West Erwin is truly one of the finest congregations in the brotherhood, and I shall always be grateful for the privilege of being with you in meetings in the past. I shall hope that sometime you will feel I could be of service to you again."

We are thankful for those who have responded to the invitation and for the great good which has been done this week. We are always filled with regret when we think of those who have failed to avail themselves of the great opportunity to hear the great sermons which could give them greater spiritual strength. Those who have missed the meeting are the losers. But I am persuaded this meeting will help all of us at West Erwin to be stronger and to do more for the Lord in the days and months ahead.

G.H.S.

ZONE I WILL MEET TUESDAY EVENING, 7:00 O'CLOCK - M. M. HAWS HOME.

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Announcements and
Prayer.....R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer.....Louis J. Jones
Dismiss.....Ed Naul

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Hillard Hughes
Prayer.....O. C. Becker
Dismiss.....Averyt Smith

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Jack Bennett is in ICU in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother David Demie underwent a tonsillectomy last Friday.

Patients in Glenwood Hospital are: Brother John Jackson, Sister Luther Thompson, sister Eula Drennan, and the husband of sister Vera O'Brien. He is very ill.

Brother Gus Krewall has been in Medical Center. Sister Fannie Browning is in Medical Center following a fall.

REMINDER - Kick-off party, Sunday evening, 8:00 o'clock, Bible Chair, for all TJC students.

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

FROM RON AND IRIS

The nearly two years we have been in Tyler have been enjoyable and beneficial to us. We will always be grateful to all those at West Erwin who have helped us in so many ways. To the elders under which we have served, we express our thanks for the encouragement and direction. Especially are we grateful to George and Alice for the wonderful relationship and daily counsel.

Our work with the Southside church in Killeen begins Sunday, August 30. Remember us in your prayers as we continue to pray for you. In Christian love,
Ron and Iris Beard

NEW ARRIVALS

Shirley and Doug Warner are the parents of a son born in Abilene, August 20. Bud and Louise Caskey and Jo and Glen Warner are the grandparents.

Jane Ann and Mike Tate are the parents of a son, Robert William, born Monday in Austin. Mildred and O'Neal Tuel are the grandparents.

John Ross and Glenda Weaver are the parents of a boy born Tuesday in Mother Frances. John and Lois Weaver are the grandparents.

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

by George Stephenson
10:20 A.M. Three Great Things
6:00 P.M. Unconscious Loss

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

RESPONSES

BAPTIZED: Stacy Lowery, 2932 Orr.
Meredith Womack, 611 Woldert.
Kevin Womack, 611 Woldert.
Gerald Dobbs, Rt. 7, Box 149-H
Julie Caseltine, 908 S. Donnybrook.

Prissy Potts, 1525 Charlotte.
RESTORED AND MEMBERSHIP:

Herbert Lowery, 2932 Orr Drive
RESTORED: Lou Ann Driggers, Sue Ann Ferguson, and Doug Aitkenhead,
Julia Phillips.

COLLEGE YOUNG PEOPLE

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

Tyler Junior College

Mark Ellis Billy Chandler
Teresa Ellis David Hubbard
Richard Parsons James Beard
Rodger Young Gary Weaver
Abilene Christian College

Melody Haws Betsy Parris
Georgianna Drennan Debbie Smith
Candy Womack Pam Stringer
David Womack
Texas A & M David Lipscomb
Gary Aven Chuck Cauthen

Jay and Jackfe Bynum
University of Texas
Debbie Young

University of Texas at Arlington
R. V. Threadgill Johnny Winston
Stephen F. Austin Texas Tech
Phillip Browning James Sublette
Kendra Miller
Oklahoma State North Texas
Suzanne Williams Jency McDonald

LOOKING FORWARD

As my family and I begin our work with you at West Erwin, we have been extremely impressed. I do not believe that you could have made us feel more at home. I wish there were a better way of saying what we would like to say other than "thank you," but we could not be more sincere.

We have been able to meet many of you, yet so far we do not remember all the names. If you don't mind, just continue to tell us for a while and we will try hard to learn them.

We feel very grateful to be able to work under the leadership of the very fine eldership of this congregation. Of course, George and Alice Stephenson must be loved by all that come in contact with them. We are looking forward very much to working with them.

The young people here make the picture even brighter. I do not believe we could find a better group to work with anywhere. This must reflect the influence of parents, the leadership, and all those who have spent any time working with them.

It is our prayer as we begin our work together that the work at West Erwin will continue to grow and prosper. If this is to happen, we must continually work hand in hand with God and pray often. Will you remember us in your prayers as we work with and for you here in Tyler?

Hillard Hughes

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Gospel Meeting Begins Sunday

For a long time we have been looking forward to our Gospel Meeting which begins this Sunday. We know that many of you have been praying for this special campaign in preaching the Gospel of Christ. We want this to be a time in which all of us who are members of the church will be strengthened and filled with renewed zeal for the work of the Lord.

We realize that this week will be a busy week for many due to the fact that the public schools are beginning on Wednesday. However, it is difficult to find any time that is ideal. Later in the school year there will be an increasing number of school activities. We hope that, unless you are providentially hindered, you will plan to be here for every service.

Our Visiting Evangelist

Guy N. Woods, our visiting evangelist, is no stranger to the West Erwin church. He has preached in several series of meetings in the past and has gained the esteem and respect of the leaders and members of this congregation. Perhaps no preacher among us is better known than brother Woods. For over twenty five years he has conducted meetings continuously, preaching in 38 to 40 each year.

Brother Woods is a gifted writer as well as an excellent speaker. He is a staff writer for the Gospel Advocate and an editorial writer for the Gospel Advocate series of literature. He is the author of a number of books, including "The Second Coming and Other Sermons," "How To Use The Greek New Testament," "Sermons On Salvation," "A Commentary On The Epistles of Peter, John and Jude," "Where Are The Dead?" "Sermons On Sin," and "A Commentary On The Epistle of James."

Brother Woods has conducted over one hundred religious discussions. Some of these debates have been published, including "Griffin-Woods Debate," "Woods-Porter Debate," and "Woods-Cogdill Debate."

Brother Woods is truly a Bible scholar and the sermons he preaches will encourage us to follow the Word of the Lord.

GHS

REMEMBER THE TIME for our services in the meeting:

SUNDAY - 10:20 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY - 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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BIBLE SCHOOL

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and

Prayer.....George Stephenson

Prayer.....Roger Knight

Dismiss.....Bill Henderson

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and

Prayer.....George Stephenson

Prayer.....M. B. Beard

Dismiss.....Louis J. Jones

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Christian Friends, We all want you to know how much we appreciate your love, concern, and sympathy for our sorrow. Your flowers brought the warmth of friendship to us in West Virginia and your prayers have helped us find the strength we need to bear our loss.

Sincerely,
Sybil Thacker
Carolyn and Ed
Marty & Mary Lynn Stitt

Thank you for the food, flowers, and your words of comfort at the time of our great sorrow.

Peggy Swain and
Mrs. C. H. Skeeters

NEW ASSOCIATE MINISTER

We wish to welcome Hillard Hughes and his family to Tyler and the West Erwin congregation. Hillard has assumed the responsibilities of being an associate minister of the congregation, working with our educational program and with our young people.

Ron Beard, who has worked as an associate minister for nearly two years, recently announced his resignation to the congregation. He and his wife, Iris, have many friends and as they leave us they will have the prayers and best wishes of all of us. Numbers of people have been baptized and have been brought closer to Christ because of their efforts.

Hillard Hughes and his wife, Jeanine, moved to the church residence at 203 Alpine this week. For the past four and one half years he has worked with the North Loop church of Christ in El Paso. They are the parents of four children, Kim, age 11, Laurie, age 10, Shannon, age 5, and Trey, age 3.

We know that the members at West Erwin will co-operate with this fine Christian family as you have with all of the preachers who have worked here. GHS

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Our Ladies Bible Class will begin Wednesday, September 9th. Please make your plans to be present and invite a friend to attend with you. Brother George Stephenson will be the teacher.

MORNING SERVICES

Morning services Monday through Friday will be conducted at ten o'clock. It is our plan for these to be thirty five minutes in length. There may be a number of you who will be able to take this time from your work to be present. We want anyone who comes to feel free to wear whatever clothing he may wear to work. These thirty five minute services will help to make your day brighter.

SINGING

We want to encourage everyone to co-operate in our song services. Good singing will help all of us and will greatly increase the amount of good we do. Faber Cauthen will be leading us as he has in many meetings in the past.

RESPONSES WEDNESDAY EVENING

For Prayer: Sue Ann Ferguson

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother John Jackson is very seriously ill in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Luther Thompson is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Foy Richey is in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

Brother Houston Holcomb is in Mother Frances Hospital.

KICK-OFF PARTY

All TJC young people are invited to a kick-off party Sunday evening, August 30, 8:00 o'clock at the Bible Chair.

YOUNG PEOPLE COMMENDED

Jim Morrow, who is supported by this congregation in Oakley, Kan., sent a tape recording to the West Erwin church giving a report of the work of the young people who went from this congregation to assist in the Vacation Bible School at Oakley. Brother Morrow commended the young people and expressed appreciation for their coming. They worked hard in their work of teaching and also did some "door to door" campaigning in Colby, Kansas.

Brother Morrow stated that it was felt that it was more profitable to "knock doors" in Colby rather than in Oakley, because numbers of such campaigns have been conducted in Oakley in the past. There are several members of the church living in Colby who worship in Oakley. As a result of the efforts of the young people, there were 40 enrolled in Bible correspondence courses.

Brother Morrow also reported a successful youth camp in which he participated July 26 - 31. Julia Phillips, of the West Erwin church, helped as a counselor in this camp. As a result of the Bible teaching, six young people were baptized in the camp.

We are thankful for the fine work of the young people in Kansas and feel that they will be stronger Christians as a result of their endeavors. GHS

WON'T YOU PLAN TO BE IN A BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY MORNING? 9:30 A.M.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

What is the greatest achievement that a person can make in a lifetime? TO LEAD A SOUL TO CHRIST! Try the following daily:

SELECT ONE Choose the soul you will seek to win. Be definite! The world can only be won on an individual basis. Surely there is one lost soul somewhere you are concerned about! Seek to win it.

LOVE ONE "Love never faileth." Speak tactfully of your love and interest to let the soul know you love it.

TEACH ONE No one can become a Christian until he knows what God requires of him. Offer to study the Bible or to show the film study on the Bible.

PERSUADE ONE So many have been taught the gospel but have not obeyed it. Such need your love and kind words of persuasion. Your prayerful encouragement may be the one thing needed to move him. Paul said, "Knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men." But do not do this at the building. Such will cause the unready to quit coming. Let the sermon, songs, and prayer have free course here.

BLESS ONE Pray earnestly that the soul you are seeking to win may be saved. Ask God to help you say the right thing in the right way. Prayer can be the one thing needed to remove the last barrier.

BRING ONE Bring the soul you seek to win to every service of the church that you possibly can.

ABANDON NONE When the soul is won, continue to nourish it till it grows strong in the Lord.

...The Exhorter

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....T. F. Holland
Prayer.....Joe McBee
Dismiss.....Jamon Kirby

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Gerald Montgomery
Prayer.....James Phillips
Dismiss.....Bill Shuford

RESPONSES
Restored: Mr. and Mrs. Ron Beard,
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shuford, and Miss
Teresa Ellis.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION
I want to express my sincere ap-
preciation for the cards, visits,
and prayers during my recent hospi-
talization. For your thoughtfulness
and continued love and considera-
tion for me, I am most grateful.
Lucille Stone

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY
Brother and sister George Steph-
enson will return Saturday from the
meeting in Memphis, Tennessee. His
sermon topics for Sunday will be:
10:20 A.M. Five Great Duties of
the Christian
6:00 P.M. Launch Out Into The
Deep

OUR SYMPATHY
Brother Ben R. Horton, father of
sister Judy Walker, was fatally
injured in an automobile accident
last Thursday in Longview. He was
an elder of the Pine Tree church in
Longview. We express our deepest
sympathy to Judy and Jimmy and
their loved ones. The Walkers re-
cently placed membership with this
congregation.

IN THE HOSPITALS
Sister Clista Key, formerly Clista
Pumphrey, is in room 416, Medical
Center Hospital. She underwent sur-
gery last Monday. Sister Key is now
living in Overton, Texas.

Sister Lera Bennett is a patient
in Mother Frances, room 452.
John Glen Steffee, known to many
members of West Erwin, underwent
major surgery last Sunday in Den-
ton, Texas. He is a patient in Flow
Memorial Hospital.

WEDDING
Miss Debbie Little and Ray Dobbs
were married Saturday afternoon,
August 1. We extend our best wishes
for a happy life together. Their
address is 1719 So. Chilton.

ZONE MEETINGS
Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock,
the following zones will meet.
Zone 1, C. E. Caskey home, Dallas
Hwy.
Zone 3, Mack Bynum home, 2224 Suanne
Drive.
Zone 4, R. C. O'Bannon home, 834
Trenton.

FIVE "P's" OF A SUCCESSFUL MEETING

The five "P's" are Prayer, Presence, Persistence, Prominence and Per-
severance.

1. PRAYER - When men forget to pray, it shows that they are not living
as they should. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avail-
eth much." Therefore, we ought to pray earnestly and fervently for the
meeting.

2. PRESENCE - If there is any one thing you can do to insure good at-
tendance during the meeting, it is to make sure that YOU are present at
every service.

3. PERSISTENCE - Insist that your friends and neighbors come with you.

4. PROMINENCE - "It pays to advertise." We must inform people of the
value of the gospel by telling them about our meeting. Make the church
prominent in the minds of the people of the community.

5. PERSEVERANCE - If you want this meeting and all our other efforts
to be successful, then you must be certain that you are active in God's
service. If you want the church to grow and grow, you must live His
service 365 days out of every year.

REMEMBER, it is the whole duty of the whole church to teach the whole
truth to the whole world. M.F. McKnight - (selected & adapted)

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MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the
Lord's Supper the last three Sun-
days in August: David Demic, Henry
McRuiz, Sammy Ellis, David Grier,
and Andy Fuller. Roy Roberson, Guy
Potts, Jeff Ellis, Tony Fears, and
David Fuller. Alternates: F. A.
Jones and Jamon Kirby. Evening: Glen
Warner and James Massey.

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

"How gracious was Thy gift to me:
That I a sinner lost, might live.
Thyself, Thou didst all freely give,
Mine, ever mine, to be."

BIBLE COURSES OFFERED AT TJC

The following courses will be of-
fered this fall as part of the
campus ministry at Tyler Junior
College.

Bible 113 Old Testament Survey	Tuesday and Thursday 8:56
Bible 123 New Testament Survey	Mon. Wed. Fri. 8:00
Bible 111A The Uniqueness of Jesus	Monday only 8:56
Bible 113 Old Testament Survey	Tuesday and Thursday 1:36

All of these courses may be taken
for credit or non-credit. Those
wishing to take the courses for
credit should contact the regis-
trar's office, and non-credit stu-
dents may simply sign up in class
the first week.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

This Sunday, August 9, will find me preaching in a meeting with the Holmes Road Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee. My wife and I look forward to our return to Memphis where we lived for several years while I preached for the Highland Street congregation in that city.

We look forward to our association with Leon Sanderson, the preacher at Holmes Road, and his wife, Alice. Leon came to work with us as an associate preacher when I was at Highland, and we came to love and appreciate him then. His wife was one of the fine young people of our congregation, the daughter of the late Dr. W. D. Burkhalter, who served as one of our elders. He and his wife (who still lives in Memphis) were wonderful Christians. Leon is the son of L. O. Sanderson, who is a preacher and song writer of ability. It will be a pleasure to be with this fine couple, Leon and Alice, and we hope and pray that much good will be accomplished in our endeavor to preach the gospel and build up the Lord's Kingdom. Please pray for us in this endeavor.

This is the last Sunday I am scheduled to be away from Tyler this year. The Lord willing I will return from Memphis on August 15 ready for services here on August 16.

On this Sunday, August 9, you will be privileged to hear L. E. Carpenter preach. We feel very fortunate in having Brother Carpenter as one of our members. He has had many years of experience as a gospel preacher and student of God's Word. He still preaches the gospel with power.

For weeks we have been reminding you of the meeting here at West Erwin. The time for the meeting is fast approaching. Let us all be here and invite our friends to be with us on the first day of the meeting, Sunday, August 23. Then let us continue to be present at every service until the final day which will be August 28. Remember Guy Woods, evangelist, in your prayers.
GHS

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You can never know the full impact of Christian life until you can wake up each morning with the prayer on your lips that the Lord will use you in some way in His service each and every day. Be aware of the many opportunities around you each and every day...let God use you, and see the rich spiritual blessings you will receive in return.

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IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Margaret Franklin is in Mother Frances Hospital. She does not need visitors at this time, but would appreciate your cards.

Sister Lera Bennett is a patient at Mother Frances Hospital.

Houston Holcomb also remains in Mother Frances at this time.

Wayne Taylor is now at home. He was hospitalized this week because of an accident.

PARABLE OF THE VIGILANT VACATIONER

Now it came to pass on a warm August day that a certain man and his wife were packed and ready to go on vacation. Money for the journey, yea, and credit cards, even toothbrush and vitamin pills, utility bills, milk bill and paper boy did this far-sighted man remember. Then did the good man and his wife head for the open road. Now before they had travelled two blocks the good man slappeth his foot on the brake and bringeth the car to a halt. "Verily, I did almost forget an important matter," he said to his wife, "Even while we are away expenses go on, and the Lord's work must go on." Forthwith he whippeth out his check book and writeth checks to the church as he had been prospered and leaveth them at the church office. Thus the wise and thoughtful vacationer is called vigilant in spiritual matters also.

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August 2...\$2,243.96415
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and PrayerC. E. Caskey
PrayerCullen Gilliam
DismissDavid Hannah

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and PrayerDavid Demic
PrayerL. G. Drennan
DismissTravis Fletcher

RESPONSES

Membership: Wayne Wehunt, 2111 Miller, brother-in-law of Sister Sue Wehunt. We welcome Wayne.

For Prayer: Roger Martin and Sister Marie Threadgill asked for the prayers of the church.

Baptized: Karen Porter, 2340 Hunter, was baptized into Christ Sunday evening. Karen is the daughter of the John Porters and will be in the ninth grade at Moore Jr. Hi.

OUR SYMPATHY

Mr. Ralph Swain, husband of Sister Peggy Swain, passed away Wednesday. We extend our deepest sympathy to Sister Swain and to her family.

EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION

Thanks to my Christian friends for your prayers, visits, cards, and telephone calls during my recent hospital stay.
Guy Potts

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

The Family of Johnnie C. Davis

Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your kindness will always be held in grateful remembrance.
Mrs. Leslie Thacker and Jane

Your prayers and loving thoughts will live tenderly in the hearts of all my family. Thank you for your Christian love.
Mr. and Mrs. Foy Richey

Your kindness and sympathy will always be held in grateful remembrance.
The Family of Lester Burch

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Some say "Jesus wept" is the shortest verse in the Bible. This is true in English, but "rejoice evermore" is shorter in the Greek.

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PANTRY ITEM: Laundry Detergent

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JULY, 1970

LOAN PAYMENTS		
First Fed. Sav. & Loan	1,123.50	
East Texas Sav. & Loan	111.42	1,234.92

BENEVOLENT AND MISSION		
Bible Chair	200.00	
Herald of Truth	200.00	
Tipton Home	100.00	
Boles Home	100.00	
Sunny Glen Home	100.00	
Local Radio Prog. & Advertisement	410.00	
Scott City Radio Prog.	20.00	
Oakley Radio Program	41.00	
Norman Morrow	540.00	
Jim Morrow	540.00	
L. C. Ford	900.00	
L. C. Ford Travel Exp.	98.00	
Local Benevolent	10.00	3,259.00

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES		
Utilities	489.76	
Bldg. & Grounds	263.82	
Office Supplies	33.65	
Bible School Supplies	160.94	
Insurance	129.80	
Postage	88.00	
A.C.C. Workshop Exp.	140.00	1,305.97

LOCAL SALARIES		2,324.00
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Total Expenditures	8,123.89
Total Contributions	7,932.03
Contributions short of budget for July	1,267.97
Contributions short of budget for this year	9,430.60

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BUSINESS MEETING, SUNDAY AFTERNOON 1:30

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU SAVED A SOUL?

Our question implies that there is a possibility that an individual may save a soul. I am not being irreverent or disrespectful to God when I ask such a question. It is true that only God has the power to forgive sins, so in a very real sense, only God can save a soul. However, the following Scripture makes it very clear that an individual may help to save the soul of another.

"Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." (James 5:19,20)

There are some who have never been responsible for bringing another one to the Lord Jesus Christ. Can one really feel that he has been a faithful Christian and ready to meet his maker in judgment if he spends an entire lifetime and never wins one soul for the Lord? Surely, if every member at West Erwin would be endeavoring to win souls for Christ, great numbers would be added to the Lord. I believe that we have been saved in order that we might save others; that we have been won to Christ in order that we might win others.

Now is the time for us to work for souls in our approaching gospel meeting. Do you know someone you might win for Christ at that time? It is good to encourage others to be baptized into Christ, but it is also good to encourage those who have wandered from the fold. The words of Christ are still true, "I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance."

Please be thinking of some you might help to influence for good in the meeting. Pray for this one. Cultivate his or her friendship. Invite this one, but do more. Bring him or her with you to hear the gospel preached by Brother Woods.

The greatest joy you will ever know is the joy you will experience when you see someone you know, and for whom you have prayed, walk down the aisle to confess faith in Christ and to be baptized. If one of the preachers can help, we stand ready to be used in the Lord's service.

We know that Guy Woods will be preaching the gospel during the meeting. Let us pray that we may make the meeting successful by bringing souls to Christ.

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REMEMBER: August 23 - 28 Gospel Meeting Guy N. Woods, Evangelist

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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Houston Davis, Jr.
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Jacquelyn Nell
to

Mr. Jay Wayne Bynum
on Sunday, the ninth of August
nineteen hundred and seventy
at three o'clock in the afternoon
Walnut Hill Church of Christ
Dallas, Texas

CONGRATULATIONS
Tom and Cheryl Parsons are the
proud parents of Melody Ann who
was born July 28.

AREA MEETINGS
Merle Bryant of Denison will be
in a gospel meeting with the Omen
Road congregation Aug. 3-9, 7:30 P.M.
The Tenneha congregation will
have a youth meeting Aug. 3-9 with
Cecil Herndon preaching at 7:30
each evening.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 2
By George H. Stephenson
10:20 A. M. OUR WONDERFUL BIBLE
6:00 P. M. RUINED SERMONS
FROM HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
(continued from back page)

"Lem is one whom Jim and I met
when our father had just begun
preaching. He was in eastern Col-
orado when we were in Greeley. As
far as I know, he is one of the best
for the type of work that needs to
be done in these congregations. I
really believe West Erwin was wise
in hiring him. I have been in the
town of Hastings and have known
some of the Christians from there,
and I believe great things will be
done with God's help."

FROM RON BEARD'S DESK

Tennessee and Texas Team for Training and Teaching was the name
given the A. C. C. Bible Teachers' Workshop conducted last week in Abi-
lene. Thirteen members of the West Erwin church attended the four day
series designed to improve teaching abilities and deepen the sense of
responsibility of teaching God's Word. Several recordings of the lec-
tures and classes will be purchased and placed in the church's tape
library. When these arrive, we will publish the speakers and topics in
the bulletin so they can be utilized by the teachers and anyone else who
would like to take advantage of them.

It is wonderful to have bishops with the vision and wisdom to en-
courage attendance at the workshop by paying transportation and regis-
tration expenses for the teachers who did go. I certainly hope that more
will make plans to take advantage of this fine program next year. Bible
teachers must learn before they teach.

July 30, 4:00 A. M. is the date and time of departure for eleven of
our high school and college young people accompanied by Iris and me.
Oakley, Kansas is our destination. A Vacation Bible School and door
knocking for teaching the Bible is our purpose. Those who will make the
trip include Barbara Caskey, Nadine Chandler, Lou Ann Driggers, Jenny
Emmons, Glynis Jones, Deann Stone, Candy Womack, David and Larry Hubbard,
and David Masters. Julia Phillips, who for the past week has been work-
ing in a youth camp in that area, will join the group for the V. B. S.
We plan to return to Tyler on August 8.

Most of these teens were involved in our V. B. S. here, and all are
anxious to be more useful servants of Christ. These young people are to
be commended for their zeal and desire to be busy in the Lord's kingdom.
The prayers of this church are requested for this effort. R B

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FROM HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

Please notice the bulletin board in the foyer. You will see the
letter signed by the male adult members of the church in Hastings, Ne-
braska expressing appreciation for the assistance we are giving that
work in our support of Lemuel Ford as the preacher. Also, you will find
a picture of the nice church building located there and built in 1969.

Brother Ford reports that recently he helped in the teaching at the
Nebraska Youth Camp. He reports that seven were baptized, and that much
interest for the Lord's work was created. Among those baptized was his
youngest daughter.

In a letter from Norman Morrow, our capable evangelist in Scott
City, Kansas, Brother Morrow has this to say about Brother Ford.

(Continued Inside)

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July 26..\$1,680.08383
July 19..\$2,087.43417
Year Ago..\$1,907.54435

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and	
Prayer.	Mack Bynum
Prayer.	L. C. Carpenter
Dismiss	Travis Fletcher

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and	
Prayer.	Edgar Bullard
Prayer	James Massey
Dismiss	Bruce Raley

RESPONSES
For Prayer: Howard Ellis and Mrs.
B. P. Sutton.
Membership: Mrs. Ray (Sue) Wehunt,
2111 Miller, has returned to worship
with us here at West Erwin while
Ray is in Guam. We welcome Sue and
the children while our prayers go
with Ray.

OUR SYMPATHY
Ben Hargrave, a brother to Sister
Foy Richey, died last Friday in
Kilgore. We express our sympathy
to her.

IN THE HOSPITALS
Sister Emma Buie is a patient in
Mother Frances Hospital.
Sister Susan Johnson is in Medi-
cal Center Hospital.
Sister Lucille Stone is in the
Glenwood Hospital for surgery.

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FOR THE PANTRY THIS WEEK: Cake Mix

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Will You Attend Our Meeting?

In just four weeks from Sunday our Gospel Meeting will be in progress. Guy N. Woods, one of the best known evangelists among Churches of Christ, will be speaking from August 23 through August 28. All of us should be making plans now to get our friends and neighbors to attend the meeting. However, it is getting to be a problem in many places to get our own members to attend a gospel meeting. A few years ago Cleon Lyles wrote an article in this regard which I want every member at West Erwin to consider very carefully.

"If our people would become interested in souls finding Christ, a successful meeting would be assured.

"That is a tragic condition! Think of it! People who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ and who have enjoyed His abundant blessings for years, not interested enough in others' souls, whom Christ loves, to encourage them to come to the meeting-not even interested enough to attend themselves. How can people who have been loved so much, love so little? Do we think our salvation depends on being baptized only and no more is expected of us? Surely we cannot reach such a conclusion if we have read our New Testament just a little bit. Is it possible that we have thought that converting others belongs to a special group of people and not to everyone? How could we reach such a false conclusion as this?

"I am afraid we think more of convenience than we do of conviction. We attend when it is convenient. It is seldom convenient for us to attend services during a meeting so we do not attend. If we especially like the preacher we will attend more than we do at other times. What are we thinking about when we allow such shallow thinking to direct our actions? If we attend, or stay at home, for such reasons as these, we reveal the fact that we have never really been converted to Christ ourselves. We do not engage in gospel meetings to please the membership of the church. We bring men here to preach in special efforts because we want to see souls brought to Christ. They do not come to entertain us but to persuade sinners to be saved. There are thousands of people living near us who would obey the gospel if we were interested in their souls.

"Some day we will all stand before the Lord to be judged. He tells us that He will judge us by His Word. Suppose in that day He finds we have not cared enough about His Word to obey His command to preach the gospel to others. What is He going to say? Do you think He will be pleased to find that we were not interested enough in the preaching of the word to attend the services of a gospel meeting? (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer.....	W. R. Womack
Dismiss.....	T. J. Parsons

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	Cleo Jones
Dismiss.....	Dennis Law

RESPONSES

Restored: David Wright, 2506 Maplewood, came Sunday to be restored to fellowship.

Baptized: Larry Hubbard, 1401 E. Travis, was baptized Saturday by Ron Beard. He will be a senior in Lee this Fall.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

It is humbling to realize that so many care. Every act of kindness shown me, Ron and Jenny during my illness will long be remembered. All the cheerful cards, calls, visits, beautiful flowers and delicious food have been proof that truly "ye love one another." In His Love,
Iris Beard

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

Brother Leslie Thacker, son of our sister Sybil Thacker and a brother

to sister Carolyn Stitt, passed away last Friday in Charleston, West Virginia. Funeral services were held on Monday.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in LaMark, Texas for Mr. Lester Burch, brother to sister Grace Walker.

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

AREA MEETINGS

Johnny Ramsey will be in Brownsboro, July 26-30, at the Highway 31 church of Christ. Services 8:00 P.M.

LeRoy Cowan will preach for the Pritchett church July 26 - Aug. 2. Services 7:45 P.M.

YOUTH MEETING AT NORTHWEST

The young people of this area are invited to attend a special meeting to be conducted at the Northwest church of Christ on this Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Dean Douglas Warner of Abilene Christian College will be the principal speaker.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 26

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 A.M. OUR WONDERFUL SAVIOUR
6:00 P.M. THREE CROSSES ON CALVARY

REMEMBER TO WATCH

Channel 4 Dallas, Saturday, 2:00 o'clock, JOURNEY TO ETERNITY, Brother Mid McKnight is the speaker.

Mickey and Donna Howard are now living in Nacogdoches where he is attending school. Their address is 204 West Seal, Unit 24.

FROM RON BEARD'S DESK

So that you, as a member of the West Erwin church, might be kept informed about the work here, I felt you would be interested in the following information. The current organization in our educational program calls for 45 classes each week. This number includes Sunday and Wednesday classes.

There are 59 people actively involved in teaching or assisting in a class in addition to 7 who rotate and substitute often. There are others who substitute occasionally. The 59 who are currently active are carrying the load of 81 teacher and co-teacher positions that should have 78 different people active in the education program under ideal circumstance.

The shortage of teachers causes

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ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

The new adult class program has had many compliments. This Summer the teachers and subjects are:

Adult I L. E. Carpenter

Adult II Roy Roberson

Travels of Paul

Adult III Howard Ellis

Genesis Vs. Evolution

Adult IV Foy Richey

Victorious Christian Living

IN THE HOSPITALS

Robert Parris is now a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Dallas. He would welcome cards and letters. His address is: V. A. Hospital, North Ward 316, 4500 S. Lancaster, Dallas, Texas 75216

some to teach or assist in two or more classes a week and leaves some classes understaffed. In spite of this, our teaching program is continuing, but it could be better. Those who are involved in teaching are dedicated and talented. It is really a joy to work with a group as cooperative and helpful as our Bible Class teachers. They are doing a good job.

Some have expressed interest in teaching and arrangements are being made to fit specific talents to the right classes and train the untrained so they will become effective teachers. If you have the desire to teach or assist in a class, or if you would like training to teach, please relate your desire to me or one of the elders.

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Guy Potts is in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

David Lynn Hannah suffered a broken leg and is in Glenwood Hospital.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

(continued from back page)

These are serious questions that we should all be thinking about now, before it is too late.

"We can have the greatest meeting in our history if we want to. For once, let's all plan to attend every service and see that our neighbors attend with us."

BRING FOR THE PANTRY THIS WEEK. . .
Canned Vegetables

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Dear Friends,

I really wish it were possible to visit with you personally in your home every week, but since this is impossible, I would like for you to think of this weekly bulletin as a regular visit from your preacher and other church leaders.

Our bulletin is published for the purpose of keeping you informed concerning the work of the church and important news concerning the members. If you have news items concerning illnesses, deaths, marriages, births - or any items you feel are of general interest - please call the church office. We like to feel we are one big family, and as a family we should be interested in one another.

Among the other items of interest, each month there appears a financial statement. You should read and study this carefully. If you have questions in regard to this monthly statement, you should ask the elders or the church treasurers, Roy Roberson and Fred Strait. We have not reached the budget set at the beginning of this year, although our contributions have exceeded those of 1969 at the same time of the year. We now have a third man working for us as a "missionary" and we need to keep in mind that this is an added responsibility. We are able to do this and have planned for such work for a long time. Just a few cents each day from everyone, in addition to what you are now doing, will enable us to meet this obligation.

In our bulletin, from time to time, we seek to edify and encourage one another. Therefore, we write brief articles. Sometimes we lift articles from other bulletins, because we feel they present lessons you should know.

From what I have said I hope you will realize that we think it is important for you to read the bulletin. It takes just a short time to read. I feel that when you fail to do so, you show a lack of interest in what the church is trying to do. We need your interest-your prayers-and your help.

God bless you.

George H. Stephenson

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Ross Walker
Prayer.....Foy Richey
Dismiss.....W. O. Rushing

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill
Prayer.....Darrell Holt
Dismiss.....Jimmy Walker

NEAR SUPERINTENDENT OF BOLES HOME
Alan Sowders, superintendent of Boles Home, is scheduled to speak for us at West Erwin on this coming Wednesday night, July 22. Brother Sowders recently became superintendent of the home following the resignation of Gayle Oler, who served as superintendent in a most capable manner for over twenty-five years. Brother Sowders worked for a number of years for the home and then preached for churches in Plano, Texas and Sitka, Alaska.

Brother Sowders is an able speaker and we urge everyone to hear the report he will make. For many years the West Erwin church has contributed regularly to the support of needy children at Boles Home located at Quinlan, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxie Wayne Bynum request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Janet Kay to

Mr. William Frank Faulkner on Saturday, the first of August nineteen hundred and seventy at seven o'clock in the evening West Erwin Church of Christ Tyler, Texas

Reception following the ceremony Rose Garden Center Building

JOURNEY TO ETERNITY
Brother Mid McKnight can be seen in the JOURNEY TO ETERNITY series each Saturday afternoon for the next four Saturdays from 2:00 till 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon over Channel 4, Dallas. Tell your friends about this program.

IN THE HOSPITALS
Brother Robert Parris is in the Intensive Care Unit in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Iris Beard is a patient in Glenwood hospital, but hopes to go home in a day or so.

Sister Carolyn Stitt's brother in West Virginia is very seriously ill. Carolyn is there with the family. If you would like to remember her with a card the address is 1330 Wilkie Drive, Charleston 25314.

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

FROM RON BEARD'S DESK

The Abilene Christian College Bible Teachers Workshop begins Monday, July 20. After looking over the program, I believe the group going from West Erwin will be involved in the most rewarding four days possible to assist them in teaching God's Word. I only regret that more are not able to go.

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Final arrangements are being made for a group of teenagers from West Erwin to go to Oakley, Kansas to assist the church there in conducting a Vacation Bible School. These young people will be involved in door-to-door work, visiting the

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OUR SYMPATHY

Sister Johnnie Stringer's father, brother Johnny Davis, died in a Dallas hospital Monday evening. Her mother is also a patient in the hospital. Funeral services were held in Canton Wednesday afternoon at 2:00. We express our sincere sympathy to Johnnie and the family.

WONDERFUL!

It is truly wonderful to be a Christian and to share the wonderful blessings to be found in the Lord's Church. We hope you will hear these sermons we plan to preach on the following Sunday mornings:

July 19 - Our Wonderful God
July 26 - Our Wonderful Christ
August 2 - Our Wonderful Bible

PANTRY ITEM: Household Cleansers

members of the church there, and teaching in the V.B.S. We will leave Tyler on July 30 and return August 8. The V.B.S. will be August 3-7. Brother Jim Morrow, the preacher at Oakley, is fully supported by West Erwin.

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A large bouquet and thank you goes to Mary Evelyn Grier for supplying the teacher workroom with a "Teach-a-scope." This is for projecting and enlarging an image or picture for poster making. The day of the magnajector is over. Teachers, use this new piece of equipment. It's great.

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BEST WISHES

We extend our best wishes to Lynn Willis and Gary Aven who were married in the Chapel July 3. We hope they have a long and happy life together.

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 19
By George H. Stephenson
10:20 A.M. OUR WONDERFUL GOD
6:00 P.M. A WISE DECISION

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in July: Louis E. Jones, Jay Bynum, Randy Shuford, Mark Cauthen, and Dwayne Shuford, Jim Franklin, Chuck Cauthen, Phillip Browning, Kim Smith, and Terry Stephenson. Alternates: David Womack and Dalton Jones. Evening: Joe McBee and Odell Malone.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

West Erwin Supports Another Man

We are very thankful for the vision and faith of our elders in their decision to support another man in the preaching of the gospel in an area where the church is weak, Lemuel C. Ford, Jr., who spoke here last Wednesday evening, will be supported by us as he assumes his work as an evangelist in Hastings, Nebraska.

Brother Ford has the highest commendations from the places where he has worked in the past. For the past six years he has worked for the church in Grand Island, Nebraska, where the church has enjoyed substantial growth during his ministry. The small congregation in Hastings has been anxious to have brother Ford work with them, believing that there is a great potential for growth in Hastings.

In addition to his work in Grand Island, brother Ford has served congregations in Sweetwater, Oklahoma; Wray, Colorado; Ft. Morgan, Colorado and Borger, Texas. Most of these places have been mission points, so brother Ford has had much experience in building up the church in such areas.

Brother Ford is a native of Drumright, Oklahoma. His parents now live in Lefors, Texas, where his father has served for a number of years in the Lord's church. Brother Ford is a veteran of World War II and a graduate of Abilene Christian College, class of 1952. His wife is the former Vivian Anderson of Owen, Wisconsin. She has the reputation of being an excellent Bible teacher and worthy example of a Christian mother. The Fords are parents of five children. Tom, the eldest, is married and lives in Oklahoma City; Connie is a student in the University of Nebraska; Evelyn is a senior in high school; Dan is a sophomore in high school; and the youngest, Helen, is in the eighth grade.

The church in Hastings has a nice new church building with a membership of about forty. The city of Hastings has a population of about 25,000. We feel that there are many opportunities for us in this work in Hastings and hope that in a few years the church will be a strong, self supporting church.

Now we have three fine men working for us away from Tyler. Jim Morrow in Oakley, Kansas; Norman Morrow in Scott City, Kansas; and Lemuel Ford in Hastings, Nebraska. Let us not only support these men with our financial assistance, but also with your prayers and interest. Let us all work for the building up of the church here and rejoice that we may help our brethren elsewhere. This is God's work and we look to Him for continued guidance.
G.H.S.

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THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for every visit, card and letter received while in the hospital and since I came home. May the Lord bless each and every one of you.
Mrs. Eula Drennan

I appreciate the love expressed by the prayers, cards, visits, and gifts during my recent illness.
Jennylene Emmons

FROM THE EDUCATION DIRECTOR

In order to better coordinate class enrollment with room sizes, it is necessary to make these changes as to room assignments. The 5th and 6th grades are to meet in the new rooms on Wednesdays also.

Class	New Room Numbers
5th grade	213
6th grade	202
7th grade	211
8th grade	206

"A T R I L O G Y"

I sought from Socrates the Sage, whose thoughts are lived through every age, a motto to direct my life, a hero make me in the strife Socrates said, "KNOW THYSELF."

To know myself would not suffice to make me truly great and wise. So I asked Aurelius, ruler of the Roman state, Aurelius said, "CONTROL THYSELF."

O Nazarene! That more might truly live! What motto dost thou give to me, that I may truly follow thee? The Master said, "GIVE THYSELF."

OUR CUPBOARD IS BARE

Yes, our cupboard is bare, but for good reason. First, it was emptied when the goods were trucked to Lubbock. Then it was restocked with approximately \$300 worth of groceries given by the members here. These were then given to Medina Children's Home when their truck came by recently. It really is marvelous to know that this church has helped in these times of need.

Our food supply is beneficial when it is given to those in need. The more often we give food from our supply, the more good that is done. To allow us to fill more needs, we must have more supplies.

To help remind us and to keep the items often needed, there will be a suggested item in the bulletin each week. Of course, any non-perishable food or household product is fine. These items should be placed in the barrels located in the foyer. Item for this Week-CANNED MEAT.

SERMON TOPICS SUNDAY, JULY 12
by James M. Benson of Overton
10:20 A.M. BRINGING THE LOST TO CHRIST.
6:00 P.M. THE POWER OF TRUTH.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Betty Weaver is in Mother Frances Hospital. She underwent surgery Thursday morning.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JUNE, 1970

LOAN PAYMENTS	
First Fed. Sav. & Loan	1,123.50
East Texas Sav. & Loan	111.42 1,234.92
BENEVOLENT AND MISSION	
Bible Chair	200.00
Herald of Truth	200.00
Tipton Home	100.00
Boles Home	100.00
Sunny Glen Home	100.00
Local Radio Prog. & Advertisement	351.05
Scott City Radio Prog.	20.00
Oakley Radio Prog.	41.00
Norman Morrow	540.00
Jim Morrow	540.00
Local Benevolent	16.16 2,208.21
MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	
Utilities	562.13
Bldg. & Grounds	576.66
Office Supplies	83.97
Bible School Supplies	215.24
Insurance	529.99
Flowers	23.44
Postage	70.00
Morrow's VBS expenses	334.93 2,396.36
LOCAL SALARIES	
Total Expenditures	7,995.99
Total Contributions	7,363.22
Contributions short of budget for June	1,836.78
Contributions short of budget for this year	8,162.63

BUSINESS MEETING, SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30.
All men of the congregation are urged to be present for the business meeting.

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July 5...\$2,330.35414
June 28..\$1,916.19397
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	Glen Warner
Dismiss.....	Bill Shuford

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	M. B. Beard
Prayer.....	Cone Birdwell
Dismiss.....	Wayne Fears

MEETING IN OVERTON

The Overton Church would like to thank the church and elders for permitting brother Stephenson to hold our meeting which begins July 12. We are also thankful that brother Gilliam is going to direct our song service. We would like to take this opportunity to invite each of you to visit us during this meeting as much as possible.

Howard Holland

Overton Church of Christ

I hope you, at West Erwin, will be able to attend. The meeting begins Sunday and closes Friday, July 17. Services each morning at 10:00 and each evening at 7:30. G.H.S.

THERE WILL BE A Gospel Meeting in Troup, 412 W. Duval St., July 12 - 17. Time 7:30 each evening.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

As our nation pauses on this Saturday, July 4, to observe its one hundred ninety fourth birthday, I think it is appropriate for Christians to think of their obligations and responsibilities as citizens.

The Bible clearly teaches that we are to respect and obey the laws of our land. The first seven verses of Romans 13 teach that God has ordained civil government. God does not approve of evil government, but he does recognize the need for government. God approves and ordained the home, but of course, does not approve of evil in the home.

It is true that if the laws of the land conflict with God's laws that the Christian must "obey God rather than man." (Acts 5:29) However, we should be thankful that we do live in a land where we have freedom to worship God as we have been taught in God's Word.

Our nation is still a young nation. I have talked with individuals in my life time who could remember some who fought in the Revolutionary War. For example, I knew a man in Memphis, Tennessee who remembered very vividly stories of the Revolutionary War told by his grandfather who fought in the war. Our nation was only fifty years old when one of my grandparents was born - and I don't consider myself old!

No other nation has provided its citizens with as much freedom and prosperity as we have enjoyed. No other nation has had as many opportunities to hear and know the gospel of Christ.

It is a cause for alarm that today there is a continual growth in disrespect for rightful authority in almost everything. The widespread fear and spreading hatred among the citizens of our land threaten to destroy this mighty nation. This should be a time for Christians to pray for the leaders of the land as they are called upon to make difficult decisions. It is a time for us to thank God for the privileges now granted us as Christians and to pray that the freedom which is ours may be enjoyed by our children and grandchildren for many years to come.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 5 by George H. Stephenson
A.M. The Return Of A Delinquent P.M. Physicians Who Cannot Heal

IT IS NOW SEVEN WEEKS UNTIL OUR MEETING WITH GUY N. WOODS
REMEMBER THE DATES, AUGUST 23 - AUGUST 28.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Roger Knight
Prayer.....O. C. Becker
Dismiss.....Jack Bennett

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....David Demic
Prayer.....Glen Warner
Dismiss.....Wayne Fears

RESPONSES

Baptized: Mrs. B. J. (Edna) Tucker, 6007 Sycamore, was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. We welcome sister Tucker into the fellowship of this congregation.

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy (Judy) Walker, 1824 Pine Crest Dr. placed membership Sunday. They formerly lived in Austin. We welcome them and their small daughter, Christy Michelle.

CONGRATULATIONS

Linda and Gene Gill are the happy parents of a baby girl born last Thursday.

The Cullen Gilliams are the proud grandparents of a boy born also last Thursday in Dallas.

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

NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE ELDERS

The church appreciates the help of each of the following for painting brother Stephenson's house last Saturday: Dennis Law, Bud Caskey, Ray Womack, Gerald Montgomery, Fred Powell, Jack Stringer, Joe Willis, Matt Haws, K. Max Haws and Mack Bynum.

IN APPRECIATION

We are so grateful to all of our Christian friends who have helped us endure the great sorrow in the loss of our loved one.

Through these years of sadness and grief, every deed, every visit, every word of encouragement has helped us more than we are able to say.

Now at this final time our grief would have been too great had it not been for our friends, and most of all, the comfort in knowing that God does not put on us more than we are able to bear.

Thank you for the many kind deeds, the food, flowers, cards, and most of all, for the prayers that have sustained us through these trying times.

May God bless you as you serve Him in such a wonderful way.

Mary Drummond
J. D. and Christine Drummond
Pat and Beth Thomasson

Sister Janie Chelf wishes to express her appreciation for all the calls, cards, and visits during her recent hospitalization. She is now in the Colonial Manor.

HAD HE LOST ANYTHING?

While the debate over marijuana rages, some teenagers play a dangerous game of attempting to beat the law by using it. What if they get caught? Probably, on first offense, they'd get a suspended sentence and never serve a day in jail. So what difference does that first offense make?

The Carbon Copy, a college newspaper at Frank Phillips College at Borger, came up with this food for thought for the youngsters who think they're getting away free with that first conviction:

"A youth was stopped for a traffic violation. The officer recognized the odor in the violator's car. The defendant had a few joints of marijuana with him.

"He was convicted of possession, a felony, and received a suspended sentence.

"Did he lose anything?

"All he lost was the right to vote, the right to own a gun, and the right to run for public office!

"He lost the opportunity of ever being a licensed DOCTOR, DENTIST, CPA, ENGINEER, LAWYER, ARCHITECT, REALTOR, OSTEOPATH, PHYSICAL THERAPIST, PRIVATE DETECTIVE, PHARMACIST, SCHOOLTEACHER, BARBER, FUNERAL DIRECTOR, MASSEUR, OR STOCKBROKER.

"He can never get any job where he has to be bonded or licensed.

"He cannot work for the city, county, state or federal government.

"He can enlist in the military service, but will not have a choice of service, and will possibly be assigned to a labor battalion.

"IF THIS HAPPENED TO YOU, WOULD YOU THINK YOU HAD LOST ANYTHING???"

* * * * * by Larry C. Roberts

WE ENJOYED OUR MEETING IN Healdton, Oklahoma. Healdton is a small town but has had a strong congregation for many years. I was privileged to preach there when a young man. It was good to meet former friends and to make the acquaintance of others. Reginald Beaver is doing a good work as the local evangelist. There were some to be restored and some to place membership, but no baptisms. G.H.S. MEETING IN LONGVIEW, Alpine and Glover Church. July 5 - 10.

MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER
The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays of July: Don Weathers, Jim Willis, Harley Turner, George Welch, and Billy Chandler. Howard Ellis, Ed Naul, David Tuel, Mark Whitworth and Reagan Phillips. Alternates: Harold Browning and Gus Krewall. Evening: Ed Bullard and W.S. Little.

LITTLE Kelly Womack underwent a tonsillectomy Tuesday morning in Medical Center Hospital.

TELL IT LIKE IT IS!

Two editorials crossed my desk during the same week. The first was from a brotherhood publication, the second from an informed observer of the American religious scene.

The first editorial raised a provocative question: "Will the Church survive the 70's?" Broadsides were delivered to the effect that the Church has barely limped out of the sixties: Memberships dwindle, contributions sag, underground churches siphon off members, programs die from lack of interest... Collegiums, being aware of these weaknesses, wonder if the church as it now exists can be salvaged or is worth salvaging. The editorial continues to announce its solution. "We believe it (the church) is worth saving and that renewal can take place. Although REVOLUTION is an 'inflammatory work' there must be a revolution, not a violent overthrow, but a radical change."

Now, let me speak of the second editorial. It was written by Louis Cassels, UPI religion writer. He also spoke of dwindling church membership. Unlike many discussions, Cassels clarified who is suffering numerical and financial decline. This, it seems to me, is important.

During 1969, the Catholic Church reported a membership gain of less than 1%, smallest in 25 years. The Lutheran Churches gained only 2/10 of 1%, lowest ever. The United Methodist Church experienced a 2% decline.

But some churches are showing vitality. The Mormon Church established new congregations at a rate of nearly one a day. The Assemblies of God posted a membership gain of nearly 9%. "The fundamentalist Churches of Christ," writes Cassels, "grew at a comparable pace."

Cassels draws an informed opinion: "A pattern seems to be discernible in these statistics. The churches enjoying the robust growth offer their members authoritative teaching and a sense of stability. The churches registering down trends in popular support are struggling with change in doctrine, in liturgy, in social attitudes... In their church affiliations, as in other areas of life, a great many Americans seek a haven of certitude, a feeling of continuity with the past, the assurance of old familiar ways."

It would be in the brotherhood interest if those who tell it like it is would also be clear about whom they are talking. Before we follow those who advocate "revolution" and "radical change," we have the right to question their rationale. If Mr. Cassels is correct in his statistics, the churches of Christ did not just barely survive the sixties, and they gave a good prognosis for the seventies, unless we make "radical changes."

...Allen C. Isabell

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	C. E. Caskey
Prayer.....	K. Max Haws
Dismiss.....	Ben Young

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	Roy Roberson
Dismiss.....	Harold Browning

RESPONSES

Baptized: Randy Fletcher and Vicki Fletcher put on Christ in baptism Sunday morning. They are the son and daughter of brother and sister Travis Fletcher and are in the 6th grade.

For Prayer: Kay Montgomery and Doug Aitkenhead.

LEAVING TYLER

We regret very much that brother and sister R. H. Davis will soon be moving to Cleburne, Texas. We shall miss them, but hope they will be very happy in their new home.

MANY THANKS

Your generous contributions of groceries for the Medina Children's Home were picked up by their truck on Thursday of last week. The amount

of groceries was estimated at \$300. Our young people are to be commended for their work in helping to collect your contributions.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

The Stephensons are in Healdton, Oklahoma this week where he is preaching in a meeting. They will return home Saturday and he will preach on the following subjects Sunday, June 28.

10:20 A.M. LOVEST THOU ME?
6:00 P.M. WHAT DOES GOD HATE?

ATTENTION ACC STUDENTS AND FRIENDS

All current Abilene Christian College students, recent high school graduates, and high school seniors are invited to attend the "get-together" at the Campus Christian Center, Tuesday evening, June 30 at 7:30. There will be representatives from ACC and entertainment provided.

"I JUST CAN'T SEE WHY I SHOULD attend every service. And why all this harping on Bible study.

I JUST CAN'T SEE IT AT ALL!"

"...not forsaking the assembly..."

Heb. 10:25

"...be ye steadfast, unmovable..."

I Cor. 15:58

"...seek first his kingdom and his righteousness and these things shall be added..."

Matt. 6:33

"...set your affection on things above..."

Col 3:2

CAN YOU SEE IT? 2 Cor. 4:4

FROM RON BEARD'S DESK

Bible School Promotion

Sunday is promotion day for all Bible Classes. The new quarter actually begins on Sunday, July 5 and on Wednesday, July 8. All children are to go to their present classes Sunday and Wednesday. They will be promoted at the end of class on Sunday, June 28 and Wednesday, July 1.

So that a better teaching situation might be maintained, follow these guides for promotion as closely as possible. Those who will be:

2 by Sept. 1 - in 2 year class
3 by Sept. 1 - in 3 year class
4 by Sept. 1 - in 4 year class
5 by Sept. 1 - in 5 year class
6 by Sept. 1 - in 6 year class

All grades will be in the class they will enter next September in school. Room numbers for the classes are posted on the directory in the hall.

ACC Teacher's Workshop and Teacher's Meeting

The Abilene Christian College Bible Teachers Workshop is July 20-23. Make plans to be a part of the group from West Erwin. Reservations have been made. Everyone is invited. Registration fees and transportation costs will be paid for teachers. More information will be given in the Teacher's Meeting Sunday evening.

That brings us to the next subject: The Teacher's Meeting. All those currently teaching, those who will begin to teach at the quarter change, and everyone who is interested in filling one or more of the current teacher vacancies is encouraged to be at the Teacher's Meeting Sunday evening following services.

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SOME THINGS BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS LIKE IN PARENTS

Parents who see that their children arrive in class on time.
Parents who see that their children attend classes with regularity.
Parents who will speak well of the Bible class, teacher, and those associated therewith, pointing out the good things.
Parents who will assist their children with their Bible lessons.
Parents who teach their children proper attitudes for both the classroom and public worship of the church.
Parents who are "partners" with the class teachers in the greatest work in the world, that of transplanting the Christ to the hearts and lives of people.

...Selected

REMEMBER OUR MEETING, AUGUST 23 - 28. GUY N. WOODS, PREACHING.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

This is the time of year when our people are found traveling to many places for vacations. In your going, we hope that you will remember the Lord and the church. Worship wherever you go and do not forget to remember West Erwin with your prayers and continued interest.

I plan to be away from West Erwin for three Sundays this summer - June 21, July 12, and August 9. I will be preaching in three gospel meetings, the Lord willing. The first of these will begin on this Sunday in Healdton, Oklahoma. On July 12, I will be in a meeting in Overton. During this meeting, of course, I will be in Tyler and drive to Overton for the services there. On August 9, I am scheduled to be with the Holmes Rd. church in Memphis, Tennessee. Our co-worker, Ron Beard, will preach at West Erwin on this Sunday and again on August 9. James Benson from Overton will speak here on July 12.

We look forward on this Sunday to our meeting in Healdton. We lived there when I was in my twenties and our oldest son was just a baby. We have many memories of our work there and we look forward to the renewal of acquaintances of days gone by. Please pray for us that our meeting there will result in much good.

We hope that in spite of the absence of various ones through the summer that we will work hard to maintain the work of the Lord at West Erwin. If you plan to be away, please remember that the financial responsibilities of the church continue.

Also, we remind you again of the meeting here at West Erwin August 23 through August 28.
George H. Stephenson

A PRAYERFUL MAN

A man whose life is prayerless is not merely missing out on a little conversation with the Lord. He is not merely failing to be thankful, or failing to be praiseful, or failing to be penitent. He is failing to be religious. He is serving notice by his prayerlessness that his life lacks communion with God, that he is not seeking to know and to be conformed to the will of God. The very basis of his religion is suspect. A man's spiritual life can be no greater than his prayer life. His habits in prayer are an index into his spiritual resources. A sinful man will soon quit praying, and a prayerful man will soon quit sinning. Prayer is more than a mere appendage. It is the handle of the whole. W. S. Banowsky

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Mack Bynum
Prayer.....K. Max Haws
Dismiss.....James Phillips

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....C. E. Caskey
Prayer.....Joe Wyatt
Dismiss..... James Massey

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for the calls, cards and each act of thoughtfulness while I was hospitalized. Wilma Jones

FUNERAL

Brother W. D. Drummond passed away Tuesday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning at 10:30. We express our sincere sympathy to sister Drummond and each member of the family.

SERMON SUBJECTS SUNDAY, JUNE 21
by Ron Beard

A.M. The Books Were Opened!
P.M. Is He Your Saviour?

ZONE 4 WILL MEET TUESDAY evening,
7:00 o'clock at the home of K. Max Haws.

MEN SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in June: Clarence Strait, Tommy White, John Weaver, Roger Young, and David Womack. Bill Butler, Jr., Averyt Smith, Dwain Strait, Terry Stephenson and James Phillips. Alternates: Bruce Raley and W. O. Rushing. Evening: Bob Threadgill and Ben Young.

ELDERS AND DEACONS BREAKFAST

The elders and deacons will meet Saturday morning, 7:00 o'clock for breakfast together at Dick Doyle's restaurant, 2100 So. Broadway.

FREEZING TO DEATH

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

HAVE YOU COME TO WATCH OR WORSHIP?

George Bailey use to say "sitting in a church house no more makes you a Christian than sitting in a hen house makes you a hen." It is a fact incontestable that everybody who comes to meeting does not come for the same purpose. Elton Trueblood has called going to church the "greatest spectator sport in America." The pulpit sometimes is even referred to as "the stage." It seems timely then, to ask the question "Why did you go?" This multiple purpose that drives men is not strange to the 20th Century; it occurred even in the lifetime of the Lord. One time when He went into a synagogue with other worshippers they had a diverse reaction. The testimony of the sabbath, for they wanted to find something which they could use as a charge against Him." (Mark 3:2) They came not to worship but to watch!

Super critics can always find in the assembly of the people of God something of which they may make a capitol case, and something they can use to justify their own littleness of spirit and being. There aren't very many perfect song leaders; flawless preachers haven't been born; prayer leaders sometimes stumble over words; announcements have a way of growing longer and longer. It is easy to find something to criticize--for man has so many imperfections it is impossible for him to hide them all.

However, if a person comes to worship, he more than likely will obtain the very thing that brought him there--namely, knowing he has been in the presence of God. Jesus made a promise that where two or three are gathered together in His name, He would be there. If a person has come to worship the Lord, more than likely in His sacred quest he shall find satisfaction.

Analyze your own life. Ask yourself the question, "Have I come to worship, or watch?" You can be successful in both--but only one carries the benefit of blessing!
Jim Bill McInter

TAKE TIME

Take time to live because that is what life is for.
Take time to read. It is the source of knowledge.
Take time to think. It is the source of wisdom.
Take time to pray. It is the source of power.
Take time to work. It is the price of success.
Take time to play. It is the secret of youth.
Take time to dream. Make not dreams your master.
Take time to love. That is what God is.
Take time to be reverent. You shall not live in vain.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

We Went Over 500!

For the first time in a long time, and the first time since I have been your preacher, West Erwin had over 500 in Bible School. We are sorry we did not have 551, but we are glad we had 516, especially in view of the fact that large numbers of our families were out of town. I grew rather pessimistic about our reaching 500 when I learned last week that many of our very faithful members could not be here. I think we should be encouraged by the number we had and that it should cause all of us to see the possibilities we have if all of us will work together.

I want to thank the teachers and all who worked in any way to help us in the Bible School drive. Many made phone calls and personal visits to help us reach over 500.

Vacation Bible School

We are having a great Vacation Bible School. We have the finest teachers and the best behaved children to be found. Jim and Norman Morrow have both been outstanding in their teaching and work with us. When they return to their work in Kansas, they will return with the love and appreciation of all of us who have come to know them better. We are most fortunate to have Ron Beard work with the children. I have never known anyone who could do a better job of directing and leading them in the assemblies.

Our only regret is that our attendance has been lower than we had hoped. Some of you who have failed to co-operate in the school have missed some wonderful opportunities for yourselves and for your children. We hope we can start planning now for a bigger Bible School in 1971.

Our Meeting

As Vacation Bible School is now coming to a close, we should be reminded of the fact that it won't be long until we will be having our Summer Gospel Meeting. Guy N. Woods, one of the best known evangelists in the church, will be our preacher. The dates for the meeting: August 23 through 28. Please arrange your schedule now so you will be here. We need to prepare now for this evangelistic endeavor.

G.H.S.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

10:20 A.M. Sleeping In Church

6:00 P.M. Defeating God's Plans

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

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer.....Louis J. Jones
Dismiss.....Louis E. Jones

RESPONSES
For Prayer: Sister Bessie Willis asked for the prayers of the church on Sunday, May 31. We are sorry this was not included in the bulletin last week.

IN THE HOSPITALS
Sister Eula Drennan underwent surgery in the Glenwood Hospital last Monday.

Sister Marvin Jones is also in the Glenwood Hospital following surgery on Monday.

Brother John Jackson and brother W. D. Drummond are both very ill at their homes.

Sister Susan Johnson is in Medical Center Hospital.

BE A DAILY BIBLE READER!

APPRECIATION

I would like to express my own appreciation as well as the appreciation of the entire church for the very fine work of Glen Warner and Louis Jones who have served as treasurers of the church for a number of years. I am sure that few realize the great number of hours which are required in keeping the books, writing the checks, and doing all of the other necessary work involved in handling the financial affairs of the congregation. Brother Warner and brother Jones have been very efficient and faithful in the performance of their duties and it is with regret that we learned of their desire to be relieved of this responsibility. However, it is right that others should share in this work and we are very pleased to know that Roy Roberson and Fred Strait have now assumed this responsibility at the request of the elders. Again, we say, thank you, to Glen Warner and Louis Jones for a job well done. G.H.S.

THE TRUCK FROM MEDINA CHILDREN'S Home will be here to pick up our supplies for them between the 15th and 19th. Some of our young people will call on homes Friday afternoon. If they do not get to your house, remember to bring your supplies to the building. Most needed items are: detergents, salad dressings, razor blades, coffee, tea, tuna, cereal, jams and jellies, cake mixes, crackers and cleansers.

ZONE 3 WILL MEET TUESDAY evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Averyt Smith home, 1706 Sybil Lane.

LOVE ADDS TO

J. M. Barrie has said, "The praise that comes of love does not make us vain, but humble rather." Did you ever think that there are people whose most fitting symbol is a "minus" sign? They never add to your happiness or your hopes or your faith either in yourself or anybody else. Rather, they take away from these. When they leave your company, you feel that you are somehow poorer than you were in your own esteem, and in your belief in others. But there are others, thank God, of a different sort. They never come to us but they add to our store of all the best things far beyond their thought or intention. They believe in us, and so help us to do better. They draw out the best side of us, and sometimes that side surprises even ourselves. They radiate courage and hope and faith. Their praise humbles us, yet leaves us tingling with desire to be more worthy of it. I ask you, is it not better to be "plus" than "minus?"
...adapted from
20th Century Christian

BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY-9:30

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MAY, 1970

LOAN PAYMENTS	
First Fed. Sav. & Loan	1,123.50
East Texas Sav. & Loan	111.42 1,234.92

BENEVOLENT AND MISSION	
Bible Chair	100.00
Herald of Truth	200.00
Tipton Home	100.00
Boles Home	100.00
Sunny Glen Home	100.00
Local Radio Program & Advertisement	314.60
Scott City Radio	20.00
Oakley Radio	41.00
Norman Morrow	675.00
Jim Morrow	675.00
Northeast Campaign	100.00
Lubbock Storm Relief	677.51
Local	36.18 3,139.29

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES	
Utilities	499.40
Building & Grounds	1,911.39
Office Supplies	174.06
Bible School Supplies	186.05
Insurance	205.60
Postage	70.00 3,046.50

LOCAL SALARIES	
Total Expenditures	10,255.71
Total Contributions	10,551.31
Contributions short of budget for May	948.69
Contributions short of budget for the year	6,325.95

BUSINESS MEETING
The monthly business meeting will be Sunday, 1:30 P.M. in the Chapel. All men of the church are encouraged to attend.

DON'T JUST SEND THEM -- BRING THEM!

A little girl with shining eyes
Her little face aglow,
Said, "Daddy, it's almost time
For Bible School. Let's go."
Months and years have passed away,
But Daddy hears that plea no more,
"Let's go to Bible School."
Those childhood days are o'er,
And now that Daddy's growing old,
When life is almost through,
He finds some time to go to church
But what does daughter do?
She says, "Oh Daddy, not today,
I stayed up almost all night.
And I've just got to get some sleep.
Besides, I look a fright."
Then Daddy lifts a trembling hand
To brush away the tears
As again he hears the pleading voice
Distinctly through the years.
He sees a small girl's shining face
Upturned with eyes aglow
As she says, "It's time for Bible School.
Please Daddy, won't you go?"

Don't
Just
Send
Them...
BRING
Them.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY!

There will be classes for all ages, age 2 and up, including a special adult class taught by Jim Morrow. The school will begin at 9:00 A.M. each morning. Class will be from 9:00 to 10:50 with a 15 minute break between 9:40 and 10:15. Everyone will meet in the auditorium after class for songs and activities with dismissal by 11:15.

Bring your friends and the children from your neighborhood. Let's have the best school ever. R.B.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....George Stephenson
Prayer.....Cleo Jones
Dismiss.....Ron Beard

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....George Stephenson
Prayer.....L. E. Carpenter
Dismiss.....Ron Beard

RESPONSES

Membership: Mr. Pat Estes, 411 So. Broadway, came Wednesday evening, May 27, to be identified as a member of the church. He formerly worshipped at the Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock. Pat will live and work in Tyler this summer.

TRUCK FROM MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME

The grocery truck will be here sometime during the week of June 15-19 to pick up groceries and items collected for the home. The following is a list of special needs:

Laundry and dishwashing detergent, salad dressings, razor blades, coffee, tea, tuna, cereal, jams and jellies, cake mixes, crackers, and cleansers. Also, cash for expansion.

CLEO JONES TO SPEAK JUNE 10

Cleo Jones, who recently placed membership at West Erwin, will speak for our evening services next Wednesday, June 10 at 7:30. The young people will be having their Vacation Bible School class during this time. All others will remain in the auditorium to hear the sermon by brother Jones.

Brother Jones has been a preacher of the gospel for many years. His son, Tom Jones, formerly worked for the West Erwin church. We urge you to be present on Wednesday evening to hear brother Jones bring a lesson from God's Word.

RADIO AND TELEVISION PROGRAMS

You would find it worthwhile to get up a little earlier on Sunday to hear the very fine program of the Herald of Truth at 6:30 a.m. which comes from Dallas and is on position 2 on the cable. Batsell Barrett Baxter is delivering some very excellent sermons on this program.

Jay Lockhart continues to do a good work on our local television station each Tuesday evening at 5:00.

We hope you take time to listen and tell others about our daily radio program over KTBB, Monday thru Friday, 12:30 - 12:45 p.m. At the present time we are studying the book of Acts.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Sister Eula Drennan is in the Glenwood Hospital.

WELCOME TO THE MORROWS

We extend a hearty welcome to Jim and Norman Morrow and their families who will be visiting with us at West Erwin this coming week. Both of these young evangelists are supported by this congregation. Jim preaches for the church in Oakley, Kansas and Norman preaches for the church in Scott City, Kansas. They will be here for the fellowship and supper at the Garden Center Building Saturday evening at 6:30 and remain here through the Vacation Bible School next week.

Jim and Norman will have a busy schedule while here. On Sunday morning Jim will speak to the combined adult class in the auditorium at 9:30, lead the singing at the 10:20 hour, and preach at the 6:00 o'clock hour. Norman will visit among the younger classes at 9:30, preach at the 10:20 service and lead singing at the 6:00 o'clock hour. During the Vacation Bible School the two men will work together for the young people's class which will be held each evening. Jim will teach the adult class during the mornings and Norman will teach the junior high class.

We look forward to our association and fellowship with the Morrows as they visit and work with us in the Lord's service. G.H.S.

SOME REASONS FOR SETTING A GOAL

1. Jesus did it. Jesus set the greatest goal the world has ever known when He said go into all the world and teach every creature.
2. When a GOAL is set and pushed it will help smoke out some of the lukewarm and indifferent members.
3. We will attract visitors and newcomers who will come to help us reach our goal, and the good part about this is that we'll keep some of them.
4. We will put the Lord's church before the eyes of the public and let them see that WE mean to go FORWARD.
5. Goals keep us stretching forward and moving onward toward greater things. Goals KEEP US AWAKE.

THANK YOU NOTE

Your kindness and sympathy are more deeply appreciated than any word of thanks can ever express.

The Hermie Taylor Family

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Chambless are parents of a boy born last week at Mother Frances Hospital.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

Use your automobile in bringing others to Vacation Bible School. If you are in need of transportation, please call the church office.

Bring your covered dishes and serving utensils to the Garden Center Building Saturday evening at 6:30 for the fellowship and supper together.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Two weeks ago one of the most destructive tornadoes in the history of Texas ravaged the city of Lubbock. Last week I was permitted to see a wonderful demonstration of the spirit of Christ in the liberal contributions which were sent by thousands of Christians in many places to help supply the needs of a stricken people. The destruction I saw in Lubbock was ugly, but the spirit of our people was beautiful.

I am truly thankful for all that was contributed by members at West Erwin and our friends. The Hunsaker Truck Lease, Inc, provided us with a truck without charge. Large quantities of canned goods were provided by Woldert Canning Company and Athens Canning Company. Ron Beard helped to co-ordinate the collection of all supplies which were sent and then drove the truck to and from Lubbock. I was thankful that he and I made the trip safely. Many hours of work were given by various men and women in the congregation who helped to keep the house open at Elm Street to receive the merchandise and then to pack it for shipping. Contributions came from other congregations in Tyler and from other interested individuals. We have been able to contribute \$600.00 in cash in addition to a truck filled with valuable food, clothing, furniture, bedding, etc.

With such a tremendous loss of property (in excess of \$138,000,000) it is remarkable that there were no more who lost their lives in the tornado. Latest count showed 26 deaths and hundreds injured. Thousands were left homeless and many will be without jobs because of the destruction of business and industrial plants. Two church buildings belonging to churches of Christ were destroyed and some others severely damaged.

Churches of Christ are being praised by everyone for the outstanding work they have done in caring for the needy. The church has gained much favorable attention because we have demonstrated true love and concern for others. Phillips translation of II Corinthians 9:12-14 is very appropriate: "For your giving does not end in meeting the wants of your fellow Christians. It also results in an overflowing tide of thanksgiving to God. Moreover, your very giving proves the reality of your faith, and that means that men thank God that you practice the gospel that you profess to believe in, as well as for the actual gifts you make to them and to others. And yet further, men will pray for you and feel drawn to you because you have obviously received a generous measure of the grace of God."

G.H.S.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....C. E. Caskey
Prayer.....Dalton Jones
Dismiss.....Don Weathers

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

CONTRIBUTIONS BIBLE SCHOOL
May 24...\$2,092.17 421
May 17...\$2,191.32 436
Year Ago.\$1,690.32 448

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 8 THROUGH 12

The theme of our Vacation Bible School this year is GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD. The series, written and published by Christians, contains lessons designed to teach the basics of Christian evidences 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 9:00 - 11:15. The high school and college class will meet from 7:00 - 8:30 each evening in the Chapel. Below is a list of the teachers that are preparing to relate God's Word to the children. Among them are Jim and Norman Morrow, our missionaries in Kansas.

CLASS	ROOM	TEACHERS
2 Years	102	Debbie Potts Charlene Graf Lou Ann Driggers
3 Years	109	Julia Phillips Dee Ann Stone
4 Years	103	Linda Law Jenny Emmons
5 Years	104	Elaine Roberson Barbara Caskey
1st Grade	215	Pauline Jones Dell Bullard Trish Caseltine
2nd Grade	205 214	Carolyn Wornack Nadine Chandler
3rd Grade	203	Jean Oliver Betty Oliver Charlotte Chandler
4th Grade	204 108	Audrey O'Bannon Marie Threadgill
5th Grade	211	Margret Montgomery Velma Lemons
6th Grade	206	Alice Stephenson Iris Beard
Junior High	106	Norman Morrow
Adults	Chapel	Jim Morrow
EVENING 7:00 - 8:30		
Senior High and College		Jim Morrow Norman Morrow



REMEMBER

These Dates

SATURDAY, June 6 - 6:30 P.M. Garden Center Building
Covered Dish Dinner - Everybody Come!

SUNDAY, June 7 - 9:30 A.M.
Bible School Drive - Goal 551
Adult Classes combined in Auditorium

MONDAY, June 8 - FRIDAY, June 12
Vacation Bible School

JIM MORROW AND NORMAN MORROW, OUR EVANGELISTS IN KANSAS, WILL BE HERE FOR ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES.

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SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held on Saturday in Canton for Mr. Hermie Taylor, a brother to sister Eula Hoppers and brother Lonnie Taylor.

Brother Drummond remains seriously ill at his home.

ZONE 1 WILL MEET TUESDAY evening, 7:00 o'clock at the home of Travis Fletcher, 3428 Lee.

THANK YOU NOTE

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of U. G. Rozell, Sr.

SERMONS FOR MAY 31

by George H. Stephenson
10:20 A.M. LIVING STONES IN GOD'S TEMPLE
6:00 P.M. DO WE KNOW THE LORD?

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING, Wednesday night, June 3. All classes above pre-school will meet in auditorium.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother and sister Luther Thompson are in the Glenwood Hospital. Brother John Jackson is in Glenwood Hospital.

GOSPEL MEETING-Van church of Christ June 1-7. Lowell Wallace, preaching. Services 8:00 P.M.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Do You Think Satan Is Real?

Most of us have, by profession at least, renounced the Kingdom of the Devil in favor of the reign of Jesus Christ. But when you are dealing with the Devil, there is no place to rest.

Our sophisticated age regards Satan as a fairy tale clown in a red suit whose most potent weapon is a pitchfork. What a tribute to his power!

Satan is not only real; he is most tenacious. A grim commentary on his work habits is found in the New Testament parable of the "Empty House," (Matthew 12:43-45). After the evil spirit had been banished and could find no resting place, he determined: "I will return unto MY house whence I came out." Though temporarily evicted, he still regarded it as his house. He rounded up seven devils as grisly reinforcement, and re-occupied the "empty, swept, and garnished" house.

Satan has not surrendered merely because we have won the first round. He is not to be permanently expelled with one housecleaning. He loves a homecoming! Just as the Devil departed from Jesus "for a season," his departure from us is always seasonal, never permanent. He carries a file on you. He knows your heart, your strengths, weaknesses; your moments of vulnerability; your complexes and eccentricities.

If you have overcome the sensualism of youth, he will snare you in the materialism of old age. If you have scrubbed yourself clean of all sins of the flesh, he will fill you with contempt for those yet contaminated. If you have committed yourself to Christ, he will puff you up with pride at the accomplishment.

How long has it been since you really considered the techniques which the Devil is using on you at this very moment in your life? Do you think there is a Devil? Do you think he has gone to sleep? Do you think he has given up on you because of your righteousness? Do you think he has lost interest? Don't you give him a tremendous advantage when he thinks about you all day long - and you never seriously consider him?

Read the Bible carefully "lest Satan should get an advantage of you; for we are not ignorant of his devices" (II Cor. 2:11).

...From Action, May 1970

William S. Banowsky
Pepperdine College

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF 551 IN BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 7?

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FROM RON BEARD'S DESK

The West Erwin church, assisted by the Glenwood, Northwest and Owen Rd. churches have collected goods for victims of the tornado in Lubbock. At this writing, plans call for brother Stephenson and me to leave Tyler at 2:00 p.m. Thursday with the truckload of goods. The goods will be turned over to the Smithlawn church in Lubbock for distribution. While there, contacts will be made to learn what might be done to further assist the people in Lubbock.

Because brother Stephenson lived in Lubbock for several years, he is well acquainted with the church and the leaders in the church. This will allow him to make the necessary contacts and learn the needs that exist.

Among the donations of furniture, food, clothing, and money, is a most generous contribution of 50 cases (300 gallons) of canned peas and berries. We are most grateful to the Woldert Canning Co. for their generosity. Also, a large thank you goes to the Hunsaker Truck Lease Co. for furnishing the truck at no cost. It is truly a privilege to live in a city where such fine people are leaders in business. Special appreciation is extended to all those who have worked in receiving, sorting, packing, and loading the goods for Lubbock.

Brother Stephenson and I plan to return on Saturday afternoon. We request your prayers for a safe journey.

HOMEcoming PREACHERS

A series of meetings will be conducted November 2 - 5 by four former preachers of West Erwin. They include Dean Brookshire, Gary Montgomery, Harvey Porter, and L. L. Gieger. We are already looking forward to this great event this fall.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School time is almost here. Remember we will have classes for all ages, including adults. If you need transportation, please let us know. The dates: June 8 through 12.

SINGING - Sunday, 2:30 at New Summerfield. You are invited to attend.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Lester Scogins, sister Peggy Swain and sister Johnnie Stringer are patients in Glenwood Hospital.

Little John Freenan is still a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

Brother Lynn Matheny will be in a meeting at the Chandler church of Christ May 18-24, 7:30 P.M.

You are invited to hear Alan Sowders May 31 - June 6, each evening at 7:30 at the church of Christ at Boles Home, Quinlan, Texas.

ZONE 4 WILL MEET MONDAY evening, 7:00 o'clock, at Don and Wanda Weathers, 3401 Heines.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....	R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer.....	Glen Warner
Dismiss.....	Tommy Parsons

SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....	Mack Bynum
Prayer.....	Roy Roberson
Dismiss.....	Mark Whitworth

RESPONSES

Membership: We welcome brother and sister Cleo Jones to West Erwin. They recently moved to Tyler from Derby, Kansas. Brother Jones is a Gospel preacher and is available for preaching appointments. Their address is 430 So. Chilton. They are the parents of Tom Jones who was an associate minister here several years ago.

Baptized: John Winston, 4717 Newcastle, was baptized late Sunday evening by Ron Beard. He is a student at Tyler Junior College.

OUR SYMPATHY

Mr. Richard Rancier, who was fatally injured in the recent plane crash at Pounds Field was a cousin to brother Glen Warner. We express our sympathy to the Warners.

NEW ELDER AND DEACONS

Our prayers and congratulations to the following men who have been appointed to serve as additional deacons for this congregation: Wayne Berryman, Cullen Gilliam, Louis E. Jones, Jamon Kirby, Dennis Law, Henry McRuiz, Roy Roberson, Don Weathers, and Joe Wyatt. Also, C. E. (Bud) Gaskey has been appointed to serve as an additional elder. Let us support these men along with those who were already serving the congregation.

THANK YOU NOTE

We want to thank you for the kind words, the visits, the cards and the lovely geraniums. Your love has been a comfort to us in our grief for our dear brother.

Ann and B. B. Lambert

LADIES CLASS

The Ladies' Bible Class will have its final meeting for this season on next Wednesday, May 27. All women are urged to come. The class will resume its meetings in September.

TO DELIVER BACCALAUREATE

Ron Beard will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at Fort Worth Christian College on Sunday evening, May 24. Congratulations to Ron in being selected.

SERMONS FOR MAY 24

by George Stephenson
10:20 A.M. THE ELECTIVES OF LIFE
6:00 P.M. THE SIN OF COMPROMISE

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Not By Bread Alone

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4)

The Bible recognizes that man is a dual being—a body and a spirit. Death is described as a separation of the spirit and body. "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." (James 2:26) Paul called the body the "outward man" and the spirit the "inward man." "For which cause we faint not: but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day." (2 Cor. 4:16)

Jesus recognized that both body and spirit must be nourished. He fed the hungry multitudes (Matthew 14:15-21) and taught His disciples to pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." (Matthew 6:11) Jesus knew that we must take care of the needs of our physical bodies, but He also knew that man does not live by bread alone.

Man is not satisfied with material things only. The Psalmist expressed the universal longing which man has in these words, "My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?" (Psalm 42:2) If man were merely an animal, he might be content to live like an animal, but man has hopes, dreams, aspirations, and ideals which are not shared with any other of God's creation. Man has an aesthetic sense and a consciousness of duty, of right and wrong which are not found in the beasts of the field or the jungle. Much of the unrest, frustrations, and anxieties of our day are the result of man trying to live by "bread alone." We have allowed materialism to crowd God out of our lives.

God's word has been given to satisfy our spiritual needs. Men who spend much time in Bible study learn that from the Bible they receive spiritual nourishment and strength for daily living. They realize the truth of these words: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether, more to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." (Psalm 19:7-10)

Spiritual food is necessary for vigorous spiritual living. Many have lost interest in the church and have become involved in sinful living because they have starved their souls for the word of God. Of course, the Bible is not profitable for us, unless we are guided by its principles in every day living.

At the West Erwin church of Christ, it is our aim to teach the Bible as the word of God in our various classes (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....R. G. O'Bannon
Prayer.....Glen Warner
Dismiss.....Phillip Browning

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Mack Bynum
Prayer.....Joe McBee
Dismiss.....Tommy Parsons

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I want to express my appreciation for all the cards, calls, good wishes, and for the flowers from my Bible Class, during my recent illness.

Jean Trentham

OUR SYMPATHY

Sister D. B. Lambert's brother was buried last Friday. He lived in Conroe, Texas.

A nephew of sister Luther Thompson was buried last Monday in Big Piney, Wyo.

Funeral services were held here in Tyler Wednesday afternoon for the father of brother U. G. Rozell, Jr.

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

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CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

We want to congratulate our high school seniors.

Mark Ellis	Kathy Anderson
Teresa Ellis	Richard Parsons
Keith Cameron	David Rozell
Tanna Cameron	Kay Rozell
Melody Haws	Debbie Smith
Debbie Little	Candy Womack
Melissa Martin	Rodger Young

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Shirrell Taylor will enter Medical Center Thursday for surgery on Friday.

Little John Freeman is still a patient in Mother Frances.

Mike Hayley, grandson of the R. M. Mayo's, is in Medical Center. He was injured Tuesday evening when he was thrown by a horse.

Brother Drummond is seriously ill.

GOSPEL MEETING, AUGUST 23-28

We want to remember our Gospel Meeting scheduled from August 23 thru August 28. Please arrange your schedule so that you will be here at that time. Guy N. Woods, well-known evangelist, is the speaker for this meeting.

DAILY RADIO

At the present time we are presenting a study of the Book of Acts on our daily radio program, heard over Station KTBB, 12:30 to 12:45 P.M., Monday through Friday. This is a verse by verse study of this important New Testament book. Listen each day and invite your friends to listen also. G.H.S.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING - JUNE 6

Mark your calendar on Saturday evening, June 6, as the time set for everyone to attend a fellowship dinner at the Garden Center Building. Everyone is invited to bring "covered dishes" and eat together. Our missionaries in Kansas, Norman and Jim Morrow, together with their families, will be here. They will remain in Tyler for Sunday, June 7, and for the Vacation Bible School which begins on June 8.

ATTENTION LADIES

Mrs. B. M. Moseley, 2809 S. Robertson, has invited the ladies of West Erwin to her home for a covered dish luncheon next Wednesday, May 20, following the Ladies Bible Class. She will furnish the meat and drinks. Bring a dish and plan to attend.

NOT BY BREAD ALONE...Continued and in the pulpit. We feel that it is not our primary purpose to enter into discussions of political events nor into dissertations of philosophy, but rather to teach the simple word of God, which is food for our souls. Everyone should attend Bible School every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. We want you to be one of 551 on June 7.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR MAY 17

by George H. Stephenson
10:20 A.M. Rewards of Christian Service
6:00 P.M. Seeing The Unseen

CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER

The elders of the church have decided to increase our support of the teaching of the Bible at the Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College. In the past we have contributed \$100 per month in this endeavor, but it will be raised to \$200 per month beginning June 1. Bill Allen is the teacher and director of the Center which is operated under the oversight of the elders of the Glenwood church. A number of our young people have been very active in the work at the Christian Center. Many have been strengthened in the Faith and many non-members have been taught the Bible. Among other results this year, two former Catholics have been baptized.

An effort is being made to enlarge the facilities of the Center. The elders at West Erwin have expressed an interest in encouraging individual Christians to make contributions to this worthy work. All of us should be conscious of the great challenges and opportunities afforded us in teaching the Bible to college young people. G.H.S.

MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the last 3 Sundays in May: Bill Butler, Jr., Walter Fuller, David Fuller, Andy Fuller, Mark Ellis, Bill Shuford, Harvey Grier, David Grier, Roger Martin, and Tommy Lowrance. Alternates: Tommy Parsons and H. McCarty. Evening: Guy Potts and Foy Richey.

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

"Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Proverbs 31:30.

The powerful influence of a Godly woman can never be measured. Not many men have accomplished much in this life who have not had encouragement and help from their wives and mothers. While women are not the evangelists and elders in the church, they are the ones who often are responsible for much of the good accomplished by the evangelists and elders. Godly wives help to make Godly evangelists and Godly elders.

Women were the last to leave the cross and the first ones to be at the tomb. They were the first to tell the good news of the resurrected Saviour. Without the faith and work of loyal Christian women, in many places the cause of Christ would be unknown.

Psychologists recognize that the early years in a child's life are the most important years in the development of conscience and in the formation of personality. Dr. Graham B. Blaine, Jr., Chief of Psychiatry, Harvard University Health Services, in his book, YOUTH AND THE HAZARDS OF AFFLUENCE says: "During early childhood (one to seven) the conscience begins to develop, and though it is never incapable of change, the degree to which it can be influenced varies considerably with age. In the early years a basic underlayer is formed which guides and controls feelings and action then and for life. If the opportunity to help in the development of this vital underpinning is neglected or mishandled by parents during these years, there is no way to make up for it later. The young child is able to absorb into his self-regulating apparatus the prohibitions and restrictions of his parents and to make them a part of his permanent and irrevocable inner self. The parents' ability to influence their child's future is never again so great, and it cannot be emphasized too strongly how important it is for them to be aware of this fact and to be conscientious about fulfilling their obligation to their children at this time and in this respect."

Since the mother usually has more to do with the early training of a child - how important her work is! Napoleon once said, "The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother." We recall the tribute paid by Paul to the grandmother and mother of Timothy in these words: "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 Timothy 1:5. The poet has said:

Of all the earthly things God gives

There's one above all others

It is the precious, priceless gift

Of loving, Christian mothers!

G.H.S.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Roger Knight
Prayer.....Foy Richey
Dismiss.....Averyt Smith

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill
Dismiss.....Joe Willis

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RESPONSES

To Be Restored: Charlotte Chandler and Betty Oliver.
Baptized: Leslie Laudon, 2002 Willowbrook, was baptized into Christ Sunday evening by Ron Beard.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for the cards, food, gifts, and flowers you sent during my recent stay in the hospital. A special "thank you" to all who visited me and especially Marie Threadgill and Naomi Haws who stayed with me after my surgery.

In Christian love,
Penny McDonald

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

SPECIAL WEEK

Let's all be reminded of the goal for June 7 of 551. We can reach this goal much easier if we will build the attendance week by week. 551 is a realistic goal, but you must be the one to make the 551.

The other activities of t h i s special week will be beneficial. On Saturday, June 6, at 6:30 P.M. there will be a congregational fellowship at the Garden Center Building. Plan now to come.

Vacation Bible School will be Monday through Friday, June 8-12. Bring your neighbors. R.B.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

by George H. Stephenson
10:20 A.M. More Precious Than Gold.
6:00 P.M. Trying To Help God.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY TO brother and sister Luther Thompson. A niece of sister Thompson was buried in Norman, Oklahoma last Thursday.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Maxine Freeman's young son is a patient in Mother Frances.

Sister Eva McCauley, a sister to brother Leo Prater, is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital. Her home is in Canton, Texas.

Brother and sister Luther Thompson are not feeling well.

Little Marissa Butler, daughter of Bill and Jo Butler, underwent a tonsillectomy in Mother Frances.

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AREA-WIDE FELLOWSHIP

The Monthly Area Fellowship of Christians will be Monday, May 11, in Tyler, at Luby's Cafeteria. Our group will start through the line at 7:00 p.m., and meet in the Blue Room.

We believe we have a special treat for everyone this time. Brother E. W. McMillan, who is now serving as the Head of the Bible Department at Christian College of the Southwest, will be our guest speaker. Brother McMillan has served as college president, and he has served on the Bible faculty of more than one college. He has been missionary, author, and preacher. He is known and loved throughout the brotherhood. We look forward with great anticipation to having him with us for this fellowship.

Everyone is invited to attend.
Mike Warner
for Northwest Church

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LADIES, THERE ARE SEVERAL "lost" dishes in the foyer. If you are missing a dish, please check to see if it is here. Some of these dishes have been here since last Summer.

SEE YOU SUNDAY
In Bible Class - 9:30 A.M.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR APRIL, 1970

LOAN PAYMENTS
First Fed. Sav. & Loan 1,123.50
East Texas Sav. & Loan 111.42 1,234.92

BENEVOLENT AND MISSION

Bible Chair	100.00
Herald of Truth	200.00
Tipton Home	100.00
Boles Home	100.00
Sunny Glen Home	100.00
Local Radio Program	232.80
Scott City Radio Prog.	20.00
Oakley Radio Prog.	41.00
Norman Morrow	540.00
Jim Morrow	540.00
Advertising	155.80
Local Benevolent	8.36 2,137.96

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	453.72
Building & Grounds	104.95
Bible School Supplies	440.94
Office Supplies	31.73
Insurance	428.00
Flowers	17.82
Postage	70.00 1,547.16

Local Salaries	1,655.50
Total Expenditures	6,575.54
Total Contributions	7,984.88
Contributions short of budget for April	1,215.12
Contributions short of budget for this year	5,377.26

BUSINESS MEETING

All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend the regular monthly business meeting Sunday, May 10, at 1:30 P. M. in the Chapel.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

We feel that we were able to accomplish good in our two meetings which were conducted in Lake Jackson, Texas and Wewoka, Oklahoma. Both congregations treated us royally and expressed appreciation for our efforts. There were eight responses to the invitation in Wewoka, making a total of forty responses during the two weeks we were away from you.

I am truly thankful that I felt strong and was able to speak for a total of thirty four times during the two meetings. I am very grateful to be able to carry on my work after the surgery I had some weeks ago.

I am truly glad to be back home and sorry that it became necessary to have two meetings in succession. It has been a long time since I have had such an experience. We do appreciate all that our brother Ron Beard did while we were away. He has had many responsibilities placed upon him this year as a result of my illness and during my absence in the meetings. Our deepest appreciation is also expressed to brother L. E. Carpenter for the fine sermons he delivered on one of the Sundays I was away.

We are looking forward to the summer and hope that all of us will be busy in the Lord's work. We have two great activities planned - the annual Vacation Bible School in June and our Gospel Meeting with Guy M. Woods in August. We believe that these endeavors will renew our zeal and increase our service in the Lord's work. Plans are underway to have some of our former preachers with us in a lectureship in the fall. There are great days ahead at West Erwin if all of us will work harder and pray more fervently. Ask yourself -

G.H.S.

What kind of church
Would West Erwin be,
If everyone in it
Were just like me?

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HERE AM I... SEND ME

You can never know the full impact of Christian life until you can wake up each morning with the prayer on your lips that your Lord will use you in some way in his service each and every day. Be aware of the many opportunities around you each and every day... let God use you, and see the rich spiritual blessings you will receive in return.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer..... R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer..... Ron Beard
Dismiss Jack Stringer

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer..... Ron Beard
Prayer Charles Graf
Dismiss F. A. Jones

RESPONSES
Sister Patricia Caseltine came
Sunday to be restored.

THANK YOU NOTE
Thank you for the delicious cakes
and pies you sent us recently. 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 home-baked
treats to help stretch the budget.
We would like to thank the ones who
took time out to bring the cakes
and pies. ...May God bless you in
the work you are doing for His
glory. Thank you again for your
interest in Boles Home.

Richard M. Blythe
Personnel Director

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

THE RUSHINGS HAVE MOVED

We are going to miss brother and
sister E. V. Rushing who moved to
Reese on Monday. Brother Rushing
has been preaching in Reese for
some time, but was living in Tyler.
The Rushings were always busy in
the Lord's work and were constantly
doing their part to help build up
the Cause of Christ. We hope that
they will be happy in their new
home and feel that they will do
much good wherever they are. They
are among God's true saints.

G.H.S.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

I want to express my personal ap-
preciation to all of the women of
the congregation who have presented
lessons for the Ladies' Bible
Class. These women are worthy of
our commendation for the fine work
which they did. We are thankful
for the capable women who are mem-
bers here at West Erwin.

Ron Beard will be teaching the
class until it is dismissed for the
summer. I am looking forward to
being with the class in September
at which time I want us to resume
our study of the life of Christ.

G.H.S.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Benjamin Sutton underwent
major surgery Monday in Medical
Center Hospital.

Sister Penny McDonald had minor
surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.

PRAY FOR THE WORK AT WEST ERWIN
BE IN A BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.

FROM RON BEARD'S DESK

You Are The One

We all must be working, praying, and planning for the special acti-
vities of Sunday, June 7. In connection with our Vacation Bible School
which begins on Monday, June 8, our missionaries from Knasas will be in
Tyler. In addition to their teaching in VES, they will be preaching and
leading the singing on Sunday.

In order to have the opportunity of teaching more people, a Bible
School attendance goal has been set for Sunday morning, June 7. The
goal is 551. This is realistic. We can have that number present, but
it will take work. Everyone must do these things. (1) You must come.
(2) Invite your friends to come. (3) Bring them with you.

All the teachers will encourage those at Bible School on Sunday to
come to VBS. This will help us have the very best VBS ever.

The reason for the goal of 551 is so you will know you must come,
because you are the 1. How would you feel if you didn't come and there
were only 550 in attendance. Do not fail to be present. R.B.

Let Us Sing

On Wednesday evening, May 6, emphasis will be placed on singing by
utilizing the entire hour to have congregational singing. We are bles-
sed with several fine song directors. We will be using them on this
occasion. Only the pre-school classes will meet.

Many have expressed a desire to do this periodically. It is planned
to make this a more frequent practice. Do not fail to attend Wednesday
for this most enjoyable worship.

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." Ephesians 5:19
R.B.

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SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 3

by George H. Stephenson
A.M. WHO IS A WISE MAN?
P.M. CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE
LORD.

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MEETING IN GILMER

Brother Gayle Oler will preach in
a meeting in Gilmer May 8-10. This
is Friday and Saturday nights and
Sunday. Evening services at 7:30.

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A SMILE

A smile costs nothing but gives much. None are so rich that can get along
without it, And none are so poor but that can be
made rich by it.
It takes but a moment, but the mem-ory of it usually lasts forever.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Gospel Meeting In Wewoka, Oklahoma

I am now in the Gospel Meeting in Wewoka, Oklahoma. This is a pleasant town and the church here has been known for a long time for its faithfulness and for its leadership among congregations in this area. John R. Stewart is serving as the faithful preacher for the church. The meeting is scheduled to come to a conclusion on next Sunday evening - and we will be anxious to get back to Tyler and our work there.

We are most thankful for the success of the meeting in Lake Jackson. Clifton Rogers and David Ingram had made splendid preparation for the meeting and there was a spirit of enthusiasm from the first of the meeting until the last. A total of thirty two "responded" to the invitation during the meeting. There were six baptisms. There was rejoicing in the congregation because of some who were brought back to the Lord who had been unfaithful for years. We feel that our own lives have been enriched as a result of the experiences in Lake Jackson and here in Wewoka also.

Vacation Bible School

The time will soon be here for our Vacation Bible School. We want this school to be one of the very best. One of the unusual features of the school will be the presence and help of the men we support in Kansas, Norman and Jim Morrow. They are going to be at West Erwin on Sunday, June 7 and the school will begin on the following day, Monday, June 8. They will be speaking for us at the various services on Sunday and will be teaching classes during the week. I would like for us to have a Bible School attendance drive for the Sunday they will be here and for us to make that day an outstanding day. I would like to urge every member to plan his activities so he will not be out of town on that day. We feel that it will be a blessing for us to have the Morrrows with us and that we will have a greater interest in their work in Kansas following their stay with us.

We hope large numbers will be present on this coming Lord's Day, April 26, to hear Ron Beard preach. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening, April 29 when I will be speaking for the auditorium class. "God be with you till we meet again."
G.H.S.

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TIME CHANGES SUNDAY!

Sunday, April 26 is the date for the time change to Daylight Savings Time. Remember to adjust your clock ahead one hour Saturday night before you go to bed. We should not allow this to interfere with our Bible classes at 9:30 Sunday.

THANK YOU NOTES

We appreciate so much your prayers and every act of kindness shown to me and my family during my recent hospitalization. Kathryn Cauthen

I would like to express appreciation to our many friends for the prayers, flowers, cards, and food during my recent illness. Kenneth Bennett

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother T. G. Bell is a patient in Medical Center Hospital, room 326.

Brother Glass from Overton is in room 213, Medical Center.

Sister Janie Chelf in Colonial Mannor, room 124.

Sister Jean Trentham will enter Mother Frances Sunday afternoon for surgery on Monday.

OUR SYMPATHY

A nephew of sister Luther Thompson passed away last week in Arkansas. We express our sympathy to her.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

by Ron Beard
 10:20 A.M. How Are You Lost?
 6:00 P.M. Whom Do We Serve?

FROM RON BEARD'S DESK

Always Extended

The basis of Christianity is, as the word denotes, Christ. Christ was and is the extension of love from God to everyone in this world. The one and only purpose of God is to extend help to the human race through Christ. This help is in all areas (Matthew 6:33) but centers around the most important of our relationships. This is the relationship between God and man, or the spiritual aspect of life.

Looking more closely at the word "Christianity," we find that it means to pattern ourselves after Christ. Remembering that the purpose of Christ is to help everyone, our purpose should be to do likewise. This is the responsibility of all who call themselves "Christian."

We too often refuse to communicate with those who need us. Living above and being aloof from those in need will not satisfy those needs. May we always remember that Christ said, "As you do it unto the least of these my brethren, you do it unto me."

The interesting fact that lies in these considerations is that exercising Christ-patterned lives fulfills our responsibility - showing Christ to others. This, the spiritual, is the realm that needs the most emphasis, because it is most important and most neglected.

Whatever a person's physical, emotional, and mental needs are, if Christ does not live within them, their spiritual need is greatest. Filling their spiritual need will satisfy their other needs, or at least reduce the anxiety accompanying those needs. This results because Christ changes the basic attitude from negative to positive.

Let us follow the pattern as we encourage the despondent, give to the poor, smile at the dejected, talk to the lonely, lift up the crippled, sympathize with the bereaved, pray with the searching, and teach the one outside of Christ. Like Christ, we must keep the helping hand always extended. Ron Beard

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WHY PEOPLE ARE LOST Read - Luke 15

1. Like the sheep, some are lost through carelessness of their own.
2. Like the coin, some are lost through the carelessness of another.
3. Like the younger son, some are lost through the sins of the body.
4. Like the elder son, some are lost through the sins of the disposition. - Frank L. Cox

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Roger Knight
 Prayer.....K. Max Haws
 Dismiss.....Jamon Kirby

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Glen Warner
 Prayer.....Joe Wyatt
 Dismiss.....F. A. Jones

RESPONSES

Bruce Jones, the son of brother and sister F. A. Jones, was baptized into Christ Sunday evening, April 12. Bruce is a regular member of the Bible School.

AREA-WIDE SINGING

You are cordially invited to the area-wide singing at the Rusk Church of Christ Sunday, April 26, at 2:30. A group of singers from the Southern Ave. Church of Christ will be present.

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 * R E M E M B E R *
 * June 8 - 12 *
 * VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL *
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 * August 23 - 28 *
 * GOSPEL MEETING *
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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Lake Jackson Meeting

Enthusiastic and responsive audiences were present yesterday for the first services of our Gospel Meeting in Lake Jackson. It is evident that many people have been working and praying for a successful evangelistic campaign. A goal of 550 had been set for Bible School, and it was exceeded by the church having an attendance of 588. I was told that our Sunday night attendance was the largest night attendance this congregation has had. There were seven to respond to the invitation yesterday. It is a pleasure to be associated with Clifton Rogers, David Ingram, and all the faithful Christians in this congregation.

While we are thankful for the opportunity to be here in Lake Jackson, yet our thoughts continue to return to those of you at West Erwin. Our prayers are with Ron Beard and every member at this time.

Hear L. E. Carpenter Sunday

We hope that on this coming Sunday that large crowds will be present to hear our beloved L. E. Carpenter preach on Sunday morning and Sunday night. We are very thankful to have a man of the ability of brother Carpenter to work and worship with us at West Erwin. He has had a long and successful ministry for Christ. Invite others to be with you Sunday to hear this great gospel preacher.

Deacons

We expressed our regret in last week's bulletin that two of our elders - C. B. Hardin, Jr. and Bob Threadgill - had resigned. We also want to express regret over the resignation of T. J. Parsons, who has served very faithfully as one of our deacons. Brother Parsons feels that his health is such that he is unable to serve as he would like. We are most appreciative of all that brother Parsons has done both for this congregation and for us personally. We know we will continue to have his prayers and interest in the work at West Erwin. We hope that in the near future we may have other men in the congregation who will serve in the capacity of deacons.

G.H.S.

REMEMBER: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 8-12
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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....T. F. Holland
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Dismiss.....David Hannah

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Prayer.....Tommy Lowrance
Dismiss.....Ralph Lowrance

RESPONSES

Mrs. Werner Green (Mary June)
came Wednesday evening to be re-
stored.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

by L. E. Carpenter

A.M. The Great Salvation
P.M. The Temptations of Christ

A YOUTH PROJECT

There will be a youth emphasis
program Saturday, April 18, in the
John Tyler's Theater in the Round
sponsored by the Glenwood church of
Christ. The time is 10:00 A.M. till
3:00 P.M. All young people are
encouraged to attend and bring
their friends.

LISTEN TO RADIO STATION KTBB
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IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Faber Cauthen underwent
major surgery Monday in Glenwood
Hospital, and cannot have visitors,
for a few days.

W. A. Chandler is a patient in
Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Degge's brother, R. M.
Qualls, is hospitalized in Denver,
Colorado. He suffered a heart at-
tack following major surgery.

Brother Ken Bennett expects to go
home from the hospital this week.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

"Thank you" to those who have
already given money to help with
the expenses of the annual junior-
senior banquet. May we encourage
those of you who still plan to help
to do so within the next two weeks.
The banquet is planned for May 2 at
the Ramada Inn. Mr. and Mrs. Wayne
Berryman and Mr. and Mrs. Dennis
Law are on the planning committee
from West Erwin and will be happy
to receive your donation.

MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving
the Lord's Supper the last two Sun-
days in April: Joe Willis, Francis
Bullard, Darrell Holt, Phillip
Browning, and Kenny Browning. Bill
Henderson, Paul Knight, Tony Fears,
Sammy Ellis, and Jeff Ellis. Alter-
nates: W. O. Rushing and Guy Potts.
Evening: Jamon Kirby and Travis
Fletcher.

BE A DAILY BIBLE READER!

FROM RON BEARD'S DESK

Why

The one word that flashed repeatedly before me was "why!"

This was part of my reaction, accompanied by frustrations and puzzle-
ment, as I talked a few days ago with the family of a young man who had
taken his life.

Every 20 minutes, someone in the United States succeeds at suicide.
This amounts to 22,000 annually. This young life abruptly stopped at
age seventeen. We ask why. Now, we ask.

Suicide is the number 2 killer of teenagers. In this particular case
as in others, it was the selected answer, the wrong one, to the numerous
questions that plagued his life. This tragedy may have been averted if
someone had helped show this young man that there are satisfactory an-
swers to questions in life and real solutions to what might seem impos-
sible problems. If his "whys," "whats," and "hows" had been satisfied,
if his search for purpose in life had been successful, we would not be
troubled with the "why" concerning his choice.

This observation now hints at and perhaps lands on the answer to our
"why." It is sad that he was not reached, but the next one might be.
The specifics of a person's search for direction may include assaultive
and destructive behavior, marked anxiety and fears, actions considered
bizarre and confused, school refusal and truancy, and runaway. We then
have the responsibility to give direction to those who have none.

First, we must remember that Christ taught that we are to have direc-
tion before we can show the way. Then, we must remember that Christ is
the way. Therefore, we are to walk and live in the way of Christ and
show His way to others. He answers the questions, solves the problems,
and fills the needs of each who are willing to look to Him.

The task before us in our mixed-up world is to make available to the
bewildered and searching individual the direction and purpose Christ and
His will affords. If we believe that Christ is in fact the way, we have
no choice but to display Him by our lives to others. This must be our
choice so that suicide won't be their choice. Then we won't have to ask
"why?"

R.B.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The church in Lake Jackson, Texas has a series of gospel meetings scheduled to begin this Sunday, April 12 in which I am to do the preaching. I have heard many good things about the Lake Jackson church and am looking forward to being with the brethren there, including their two fine gospel preachers, Clifton Rogers and David Ingram. David is from Tyler and his wife is the daughter of the H. C. Williamsons of this congregation.

Following the meeting in Lake Jackson which is scheduled to end on Friday, April 17, I plan to go to Wewoka, Oklahoma for a meeting April 19 through April 26. I regret that circumstances were such that it became necessary to have these two meetings so close together. Both meetings have been scheduled for six years; however, it was originally planned for one of them to be at an earlier time.

During my absence Ron Beard will preach on April 12 and April 26. He will also be assuming the responsibility of the daily radio program and other duties as well. We are truly thankful to have Ron working with us and appreciate the fine way you co-operate with him in his efforts to build up the church here. On April 19, L. E. Carpenter, well known gospel preacher and member of West Erwin, will preach both Sunday morning and evening. We know that his sermons will be splendid and the church will profit from them.

We solicit your prayers while we are away from you for the meetings in Lake Jackson and in Wewoka. We hope to be able to do much good and will look forward to our return home.

I would like in this column to express publicly my appreciation for C. B. Hardin and Bob Threadgill for their service as elders and at the same time express my regret that they both felt they should resign at this time. They have our love and respect and we know they will continue to encourage and to exert their influence for the good of the West Erwin church. Also, I want to extend congratulations to our two new elders, Mack Bynum and Dr. Roger Knight. All of us should let these men know that we are praying for them as they assume the responsibilities of the eldership. We are thankful to have these men along with the other elders, M. M. Haws, T. F. Holland, R. C. O'Bannon, and Ross Walker.

As members of the church, let us recognize our obligations to work under the oversight of the elders. The Bible says, "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 this is unprofitable for you," Hebrews 13:17.

There are many opportunities and challenges for all of us in Tyler if we will put the Lord first in our hearts. G.H.S.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Ross Walker
Prayer.....	Ed Naul
Dismiss.....	W. O. Rushing

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Bob Threadgill
Prayer.....	Roy Roberson
Dismiss.....	Guy Potts

RESPONSES

Membership: Mrs. Lyska Adams, Rt. 2, Box 486 came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin church. She is from Big Sandy. We welcome sister Adams.

YOU ARE INVITED

Brother Dean Brookshire will be in a meeting with the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville, April 12 through 17. Services each evening at 7:30.

Brother Wyatt Sawyer will preach in a meeting April 13 through 17 at the Mineola Church of Christ. Services each evening at 7:30.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

by Ron Beard
 A.M. Entrusted To You.
 P.M. It Is Hard To Go To Hell!

MEETING IN FORT WORTH

A great meeting was conducted in Fort Worth in the Convention Center on Sunday night, March 22. This was a climax of an effort to reach people with the gospel of Christ. A series of films, "Journey To Eternity" had appeared on a television station during the previous week. Between 12,000 and 13,000 attended the Sunday night meeting to hear Mid McKnight speak. More than 300 responded to the invitation and 53 were baptized into Christ. This was truly a wonderful occasion and we rejoice with our brethren in the Fort Worth area. G.H.S.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother John Porter's mother is a patient in the Intensive Care Unit of Medical Center Hospital.

Brother John Jackson is improved and now at home.

Sister Janie Chelf is improving. She is still a patient in Medical Center.

Brother Ken Bennett is in Mother Frances.

V-I-S-I-T-A-T-I-O-N

Vitalizes the work of the Church.
 Increases the attendance.
 Secures better home cooperation.
 Inspires regular attendance.
 Trains a better membership.
 Affords a soul-winning opportunity.
 Typifies the interest of Christ.

in man.
 Insures better fellowship.
 Opens doors of new homes.
 Nurtures friendliness and good will.

CAKES FOR BOLES HOME

In keeping with the rotation plan of providing cakes for the children of Boles Home, April 17 is the date for West Erwin to send cakes or pies to the home. The ladies have always been very generous and we have sent an abundant supply each time. Plan to bring your cake or pie to the building either next Wednesday evening or sometime Thursday. Be sure to have them wrapped carefully or boxed. This is a good work that almost every family can participate in.

Someone will be needed to take the cakes to the home early Friday. If you can do this, please call the office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday is the second Sunday of the month and the date for the regular business meeting of the men of the church. All men of the congregation are urged to be present at 1:30 P.M. in the Chapel.

LADIES CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies' Class will be taught by Marian Rowe.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR MARCH, 1970

LOAN PAYMENTS	
First Fed. Sav. & Loan	1,123.50
East Texas Sav. & Loan	111.42 1,234.92

BENEVOLENT AND MISSION

Bible Chair	100.00
Herald of Truth	200.00
Tipton Home	100.00
Boles Home	100.00
Sunny Glen Home	100.00
Local Radio Program	212.00
Scott City Radio Program	20.00
Oakley Radio Program	41.00
Norman Morrow	675.00
Jim Morrow	675.00
Local Benevolent Advertisement	18.54 102.60 2,344.14

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	477.76
Building and Grounds	627.50
Office Supplies	193.65
Bible School Supplies	39.88
Insurance	224.80
Flowers	16.33
Postage	88.00 1,668.01

LOCAL SALARIES	2,844.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	8,091.07
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	9,824.59
Contributions short of budget for the month of March	1,675.41
Contributions short of budget for this year	4,162.14

BE A WEDNESDAY NIGHTER

It is a great privilege to worship God and study His Word and we should thank Him daily for this privilege. Won't you come Wednesday evening for Bible Classes at 7:30.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

I Saw Christ In Them

One of the most encouraging things I have read recently is the current issue of Power For Today which has as its theme, "I Saw Christ In Them." This daily devotional guide is filled with the accounts of Christian men and women who have demonstrated before others unusual faith and who have truly had Christ living in them.

There are so many things we hear today which tend to discourage us. We read of the unrest and immorality prevalent in our society. We see evidences that many have forsaken the true God and are worshipping the gods of materialism, sensualism, and humanism. How refreshing then to read about the many noble souls mentioned in Power For Today. The individuals mentioned in the magazine are representative of thousands of dedicated Christians who continue to manifest in their lives the spirit of Christ before others. They follow the admonition of Paul to "shine as lights in the world in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation," (Philippians 2:15).

There are still many devout and faithful Christians in this world and how thankful I am that I have known and still know many of them. I was asked to make a contribution to the magazine. I found this very difficult, because there are so many people I could have told about whose lives have blessed others. I did write about a fine couple I know, Don and Shirley Davis, who devote many hours every week in personal work. However, I could have written about many, many others. How thankful we should be that we may count such worthy people as our brothers and sisters in Christ and that we have the privilege of being part of the great body of Christ, the church of our Lord.

It should be our prayer that Christ might be seen in each of us and that we might be able to say with Paul: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20) G.H.S.

SERMON TOPICS FOR APRIL 5, by George H. Stephenson

10:20 A.M. An Example of Leadership.

6:00 P.M. If Any Man Will Come After Me.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Ross Walker
Prayer.....I. E. Carpenter
Dismiss.....Bill Henderson

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Prayer.....Gerald Montgomery
Dismiss.....David Womack

RESPONSES

Wednesday evening of last week, Susan Smith, 634 N. Parkdale, was baptized into Christ by Ron Beard. Susan has been attending Bible Class and worship regularly. She is in the 10th grade at John Tyler.
For Prayer: Sammy Ellis, Cynthia Taylor, and Nancy Bedwell.

ENJOYABLE MEETING

The Chapel Class had a very enjoyable meeting at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Tuesday night. Dean and Maurine Brookshire were there and Dean showed pictures he had made on their recent trip to Italy, Switzerland, Greece, and Palestine. Most of the pictures shown were of Bible Lands.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rozell request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Mattie June
to

Mr. Travis Dingler
Saturday, the eleventh of April
nineteen hundred and seventy
seven o'clock in the evening
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception
Smith Memorial Building

THE SICK

Brother John Jackson is still a patient in Glenwood Hospital.
Brother Ken Bennett underwent surgery Wednesday in Mother Frances.
Sister Janie Chelf suffered a heart attack Wednesday evening and is in very serious condition in Medical Center.

Brother David Demic entered The Methodist Hospital in Houston last Thursday for eye surgery. He is now at home.

Sister David Ingram (Jeanette Williamson) had major surgery Wednesday in Community Hospital in Lake Jackson, Texas.

MEN SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the first two Sundays in April. Dalton Jones, Jack Bennett, Aubrey Payne, Tim Holt and Cone Birdwell. M. B. Beard, T. J. Parsons, Carl Bell, Marc Lemons and Gary Weaver. Alternates: Leon Martin and Ken Jones.
Evening: Tom Williams and K. Max Haws.

FROM RON BEARD'S DESK

We had an enjoyable visit last weekend with Iris' mother and family who live in and around Farwell, Texas. Farwell is on the Texas-New Mexico line, ninety miles northwest of Lubbock in the panhandle.

It was my pleasure to preach for the church there on Sunday evening. Dewey Fogerson is the capable minister for the Farwell congregation. He is doing a good work for the Lord.

We appreciated being able to go although we always miss West Erwin when we are away.

THE CHANGES IN THE ADULT CLASSES will become effective this Sunday, April 5. The new arrangements are as follows:

Adult 1	Auditorium	L. E. Carpenter
Adult 2 (20's)	Room 107	Cullen Gilliam
Adult 3 (30's)	Room 108	Wayne Berryman
Adult 4 (40's)	Room 106	Howard Ellis
Adult 5 (50's)	Chapel	George Stephenson
Ladies Class	Room 105	Audrey O'Bannon

Find your class and be an active help to it. If you are not attending, decide now to begin. "Study to show thyself approved unto God."

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L. L. GIEGER TO SHOW PICTURES

L.L. Gieger of Dallas, a former preacher at West Erwin, will show slide pictures of the Bible Lands at West Erwin on Friday evening, April 10, at 7:30. He and his wife made a trip to the Bible Lands last year. We look forward to their visit with us and to the presentation by brother Gieger. Invite others to come with you for this inspirational occasion.

A CHILD AT STAKE
Notice Your Child's Chance
of Conversion

IF REGULARLY ATTENDING
SUNDAY SCHOOL
2 out of 3 converted

IF NOT REGULARLY ATTENDING
1 out of 343 converted
Are You Gambling With The Soul Of
Your Child?
START REGULAR ATTENDANCE SUNDAY

THE LADIES BIBLE CLASS will be taught next Wednesday morning by sister Dewey Frederick.

WE HAD MANY VISITORS last Lord's Day. We always appreciate and welcome each one to return.

DID YOU EVER HEAR THIS EXCUSE?
"I didn't send the children to school today. They seemed to not like the teacher, and I hear some of the children are not too friendly."
...Copied

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Sunday Is The Resurrection Day

Yes, this Sunday is the day we remember the resurrection - and so is every other Sunday during the year. We meet on every first day of the week to break bread (Acts 20:7). Thus we remember Christ's death as we assemble around the table of the Lord (I Corinthians 11:26) and we remember that it was on the first day of the week that Jesus was raised from the dead (Luke 24:1).

We can never give too much emphasis to the resurrection of Christ. Paul teaches that our faith, our forgiveness, and hope are all based on the resurrection of Christ. "And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. They also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (I Corinthians 15:17-19).

There will be many in various services on this Sunday who will not attend any other time. They put on their new clothes for "Easter" and make their annual visit to church and congratulate themselves on their religious interest. If there are those who come to West Erwin this Sunday who have not been faithful in attendance, we will not scold you. We do hope you will have a desire to return and we pray that our worship and the sermon will have such an influence on you that you will determine to be more faithful in the Lord's Service.

This is a beautiful time of year - when the leaves return, the grass grows green, flowers bloom, and birds sing. It should be a time when all of us determine to live closer to the Lord. If you have wandered away from the church, we pray that you will have the courage to return. God loves you, the church needs you; and you need the church.

Let us make this Lord's Day and every Lord's Day one which will bring honor to the Christ.

George Stephenson

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BY INVITATION OF DR. JENKINS, President of Tyler Junior College, Ron Beard served as a consultant at the TJC Senior Career Day last week. With ministers from two other religious groups in Tyler and the Bible teachers of TJC, he talked with and answered questions from those students interested in theology, religious education, and other church related vocations.

SERMON SUBJECTS - SUNDAY, MARCH 29

By George H. Stephenson

A.M. If I Lose My Soul

P.M. Making God In Man's Image

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF CHAPEL CLASS

The Chapel class will have a party Tuesday evening, March 31st at Wyatt's Cafeteria. Go through the line and you will be shown the private dining room. There will be entertainment.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....M. M. Haws
 Prayer.....Joe Wyatt
 Dismiss.....Darrell Holt

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
 Prayer.....Glen Warner
 Prayer.....James Massey
 Dismiss.....Fred Strait

RESPONSES

Brother and sister Thomas Parsons came Sunday to place membership with this congregation. Tommy is now out of the armed service and we are very happy that he and Cheryl will make their home in Tyler. Their address is Paradise Mobile Estates, Rt. 2, Box 64-A, Lot 39.

Late Sunday evening following a period of study David Hubbard was baptized into Christ by Ron Beard. David has attended worship services here frequently. His address is 1401 E. Travis. He is a student in Tyler Junior College. We welcome him into the West Erwin church.

THANK YOU NOTE

We would like to acknowledge our appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown during our recent series of illnesses. In Christian love. Dennis and Linda Law

AREA TELEVISION AND RADIO PROGRAMS

Television, Sunday Morning
 Herald of Truth 6:30 Channel 8
 Batsell Barrett Baxter, Speaker
 Skillman Ave. Church 8:30 Channel 4
 John Bannister, Speaker

Television, Tuesday Afternoon
 Good News For Today 5:00 Channel 7
 Jay Lockhart, Speaker KLTW

Radio, Sunday Morning
 John Bannister 7:15 KRID Dallas
 World Radio 7:30-8:00 Shreveport &
 V.E. Howard, Speaker San Antonio

Radio, Sunday Evening
 World Radio 8:30-9:00 WQAI
 V.E. Howard, Speaker San Antonio
 World Radio 9:35-10:00 WFAA Dallas
 V.E. Howard, Speaker (820)
 Herald of Truth 9:00-9:30 WBAP
 Batsell Baxter, Speaker Ft. Worth

Radio, Monday - Friday
 West Erwin Church 12:30 Noon KTBB
 George Stephenson, Speaker

AREA MEETINGS

You are invited to hear brother Curtis Ramey of Fort Worth in a meeting April 5-10 at the Mobberly Avenue church of Christ in Longview. Services on week nights at 7:30.

Brother Rex Kyker will be in a meeting at the South Main church of Christ in Henderson, March 30-April 5. Services 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 P.M.

The Quitman and Center church in Gladewater will be in a meeting with brother Burt Groves March 30-April 5. Evening services at 7:30.

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE class will be taught next week, April 1, by sister Audrey O'Bannon.

WHICH TRANSLATION

The King James Version is, without doubt, one of the most beautiful translations of God's Word ever produced. It is the most widely used of all translations. Its beauty and popularity however do not require that it be the only translation acceptable to Christians. It is not the beauty of word order that should make the Bible a meaningful book in one's life, but the beauty of the message of the book. This, of course, is God's redemption for mankind through Jesus Christ. This is beauty in any words.

It is interesting to note that the King James Version did not receive a very hearty welcome when first published. It was opposed by leaders and members of widely differing religious views. There were, in fact, two 1611 editions that varied in hundred of minute ways.

Today there are many editions of the King James Version; all of which differ from the others in many ways. A committee that examined six different editions discovered 24,000 variations in text and punctuation. The King James has been modernized several times. Dr. Blayney and Dr. Paris did so in 1769 and 1762 respectively. None of us today has the actual 1611 King James Version (either of them).

The Word of God has not and will not change, but many of the words used in the translation of 1611 do not convey the same meaning today that they did then. The main purpose of translations is to improve readability of the Truth. The usefulness of the Bible is directly dependent on the readability of it. Readability involves words being taken from the page and put into one's life. If the words do not convey meaning, they cannot be transformed into life. The words and construction of the King James sometimes makes understanding difficult or impossible, especially without explanation from a teacher or preacher.

If we never changed translations, we would all have to be reading from the Greek. This we cannot do, of course. The best practice is to use more than one version simultaneously, especially in one's personal study. This will result in a fuller understanding of the scriptures. Regardless of which translation you use, use one you can understand, but most important, USE IT. Ron Beard

A CHARTERED BUS carried 40 Tylerites to Abilene last Friday. Bud and Louise Caskey and Averyt and Eleanor Smith accompanied the 32 teenagers from Glenwood and West Erwin churches. Ron Rose, Youth Director at Glenwood, his wife, Lynn and Ron and Iris Beard also made the trip.

Members of the Woodlawn church in Abilene opened their homes for Friday night accommodations. Saturday was spent on campus enjoying the activities of the annual ACC High School Day. R.B.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

What Should Children Be Taught In Sunday School?

In an advertisement in a Dallas paper on Saturday, March 14, the Unitarian Church gave the following answer to the above question.

"That God created the world in six days? That man is not a creature of evolution? That Jesus was virgin-born, did miracles, and was literally raised from the dead? That Jesus may come down from the sky just any day now? That only those who believe such assertions with all their hearts are saved while everybody else will burn forever in hell? Or that creation should be studied from all the world's religious views, plus the views of modern science. That man has evolved from a wonderful evolutionary process, and is part and product of nature. That Jesus was most likely a good man who taught many good things, and like many of the religious leaders of the world had myths invented about him by his followers. That religion should deal in the here and now with complete trust in the forces that brought us into existence without morbid fear of death."

The advertisement closed with the invitation, "If you agree with us in teaching our children a broad free view of religion, come visit us..."

It is well known that the Unitarian church rejects the belief that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. In our day it is distressing to know that many of the so called followers of Christ who occupy positions as teachers in theological schools and seminaries agree with the belief of the Unitarians. They, too, reduce Jesus to the state of a mere man and believe that the Bible also is the product of men.

We might well ask the question raised by the Unitarians, "What should children be taught in Sunday School?" Apparently, many parents do not care what their children are taught or if they are taught anything at all in regard to religion. They spend the Lord's Day as a day of recreation or pleasure, or some of them spend the day in resting from Saturday night's dissipation while their children roam the streets to do as they please on Sunday.

No doubt there are many who claim to be members of the church of our Lord who would be very unhappy at the thought of their children growing up not believing the Bible and not believing that Jesus is the Son of God, yet they are doing little or nothing to teach their children the Bible and to teach them to love Jesus. They do not find time to bring their children to Bible school. They do not find time to read the Bible in their homes. (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....R. G. O'Bannon
Prayer.....Wayne Berryman
Dismiss.....Travis Fletcher

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Prayer.....K. Max Haws
Dismiss.....Joe Willis

RESPONSES
Baptized: Mike Whitworth, Lynn Willis, Mark Cauthen, Roger Martin.
Restored: Doug Aitkenhead, Dwayne Shuford, Randy Shuford, Reagan Phillips.

THE SICK
Brother Johnny Jackson is seriously ill in Glenwood Hospital.
Mrs. Donnie Wilson, sister to our sister Fay Wallace, has suffered a heart attack and is very ill in the Intensive Care Unit of Medical Center Hospital.
Mrs. Bruce Moseley remains a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 10:00 O'clock sister Bertha Rushing will again be the teacher for the Ladies' Bible Class.

THANK YOU NOTE
Thank you for all the aid, comfort and kindnesses you have given us. Thank you for every prayer, visit, card and dish of food that you have afforded our family and myself.
Frances Phillips

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR
June 8 - June 12, Vacation Bible School.
August 23 - August 28, Gospel Meeting, Guy N. Woods Preaching.
Please arrange your schedule so that you will be in town for both of these important events.

OUR SYMPATHY
Funeral services were held on Monday afternoon in Navasota, Texas for the mother of brother O. C. Becker. We express our deepest sympathy to the family.
SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, March 22
by George H. Stephenson
WHAT WILT THOU HAVE ME TO DO, LORD?
WHICH SHALL WE BELIEVE, GOD OR MAN?

GOSPEL PREACHER AVAILABLE
We were privileged to have Frank L. Cox visit with us last Sunday evening. Brother Cox is one of the elders at Glenwood and has served as a gospel preacher for many years. He is available for preaching appointments for any congregation in the area.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING will be at Arp, Sunday at 2:30 P.M. You are invited to attend.

WHAT SHOULD CHILDREN BE TAUGHT... continued from back page
Religious instruction for children is important. All who have worked with juvenile delinquents tell us it is rare to find one in trouble with the law who has had regular religious training. The late Sam Davis Tatum of Nashville, Tennessee said in a lecture several years ago, "Since I became Judge of the Juvenile Court of Davidson County, I have tried approximately 14,500 youngsters under the age of 17 for violating the law in this jurisdiction. Of that great host of children, in only two instances did the father or mother go to Sunday school and church regularly with their children; and of that approximately 14,500 youngsters, only 93 of them were going to Sunday school and church regularly at the time they came into the Juvenile Court for violating the law." Brother Tatum observed, "The fathers and mothers that go to Sunday school and church with their children, by their way of living, impress upon the child that there is here something of value."

But recognizing the value of religious training, what shall we teach our children? Personally, I would want children to be taught that they are not the product of evolution. That they did not evolve from ape-like ancestors, but that they were created in the image of God. While they share many things in common with the animals about them, they are vastly superior to all other creatures. They have a capacity for thinking, reasoning, feeling, and loving, as well as worshipping which is unknown to all other creatures. It is no wonder that in our day men live like animals because they are taught they are animals! Yes indeed, I would want to teach children Jesus was born of a virgin, that he worked miracles and was literally raised from the dead, and that we live in the hope that some day he will come again and that we will see Him and enjoy the peace of serving Him forever in glory. Yes; I would teach children also that justice demands that sinners will not enjoy eternal life, but Christ has made it possible for us to be free from the guilt, the power, and consequences of sin. Truly, Christ has loved us and wants all of us to be saved.

The Unitarian philosophy will not do what it proposes to do. It offers no real meaning for man's existence. It offers no balm for our sorrow. It is an empty, Christless, hopeless way of life. Let those of us who truly believe the Bible show to the world by our daily living the joy and satisfaction which comes only from the belief that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.
George Stephenson

"God gives us the ingredients for our daily bread, but He expects us to do the baking." "Let us beware of becoming so broadminded that we are unable to enter the narrow gate."

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Heaven, A Place of Service

"And there shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: and they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads." (Revelation 22:3,4)

Many have the mistaken idea that the Bible pictures heaven as a place of idleness. Of course, we cannot completely comprehend what heaven will be like. There are many beautiful symbols and figures of speech in the Bible to make us have a desire for heaven. It is a place where we may sing praises to God and worship Him, but it is also a place where we may serve Him.

We do not know the nature of the service we will render to God in our "home beyond the skies," but we can be assured that our service will be wonderful. In this life, we never quite measure up to the ideals and standards of true Christian service. In spite of our strongest resolutions and our aims for accomplishing more in the Lord's service, we often fail. Even when we have done our best - which we seldom do - we realize we are still "unprofitable servants" (Luke 17:10). But in heaven, with all the imperfections and hindrances of the flesh removed, we will enter into a place of endless joy in perfect service of our Master.

Kipling described the service we shall render in his poem "When Earth's Last Picture Is Painted." He said, "They shall work for an age at a sitting and never be tired at all! And only the Master shall praise us and only the Master shall blame; and no one shall work for money, and no one shall work for fame, but each for the joy of working, and each, in his separate star shall draw the Thing as he sees it for the God of Things as they are."

May each of us find our place in the service of our King on this earth that we may be prepared to enter into a greater service in the world to come. Be faithful to the responsibilities of this life that at last you may hear the Words of the Master. "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew 25:21).
G.H.S.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Mack Bynum
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Dismiss.....Terry Stephenson

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....John Brem
Prayer.....M. B. Beard
Dismiss.....Tommy Lowrance

RESPONSES

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Noble J. Allen came Sunday Morning to place membership. They recently moved to Tyler from Kerrville, Texas. Her name is Ray Mary. Their address is The Carlton Hotel, #901.

Sister June Walker came Sunday to be identified with the West Erwin church. She formerly worshipped with the Granny White Church in Nashville, Tennessee. Her husband, brother Ross Walker, also came. Together they requested the prayers of the church to enable them to be beneficial servants in the work of the Lord's Kingdom.

For Prayer: Mrs. Jean Oliver, Julia Phillips, and Jennylene Emmons.

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

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 8-12

This is the date of our Vacation Bible School. The schedule of teachers is now being prepared with some selections already made. Decide which class you want to teach, and let me know soon.

A Workshop will be conducted for each department when the material arrives in a few weeks.

TALK ABOUT IT - PRAY ABOUT IT -
Let's have the best school EVER.

R.B.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR MARCH 15

by George H. Stephenson
10:20 A.M. "Sickness"
6:00 P.M. "Self Encouragement"

THANK YOU NOTE

We are thankful for every expression of sympathy in our behalf during the time of our recovery from the automobile accident that we recently experienced. We know that God's providence and your prayers were the means of our recovery. M. M. and Naomi Haws

GOSPEL MEETING - NORTHWEST CHURCH

You are invited to attend a series of Gospel Meetings, March 16 - 22, 7:30 P.M. at the Northwest church of Christ. Brother Carl Brecheen, Assistant Professor of Bible at Abilene Christian College will be preaching.

THE LADIES' BIBLE CLASS will be taught next Wednesday morning by sister Jan Knight.

THE SICK

Brother O. C. Becker's mother is very ill in the hospital in Navasota, Texas.

Sister James Phillips is in the Glenwood Hospital. She underwent major surgery on Monday.

Brother Robert Parris has gone home from Mother Frances.

Brother John Jackson is very ill in Glenwood Hospital.

MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following will serve the Lord's Supper the last three Sundays in March: David Hannah, Roy Driggers, Dwayne Shuford, Scott Ferguson and Randy Shuford. H. McCarty, C. N. Strait, Averyt Smith, Dwain Strait and Steve Drennan. Alternates: Monroe Sublette and Chuck Cauthen. Evening: Ben Young and Joe McBee.

ARE THERE HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH?

Oh, yes! and in the lodge, in the shop, in the office, in the home - everywhere on earth. There is one place, however, you will not find a hypocrite - Heaven. Do not permit some poor, weak, useless hypocrite to keep you out of that glorious place. Forget that hypocrite. Only try to make a Christian out of him. You are not called upon to give an account of HIS life. Stand on your own feet on the promises of Christ. If you overlook the hypocrite and live the Christian life then you have a hope that the hypocrite does not have.

MY MONEY CREED

I BELIEVE: The money that comes to my hand is mine only in trust. It belongs to God, just as much as I belong to God. I am His steward.

I BELIEVE: This money is not "filthy lucre." It is not "the devil's coin." It is stored-up human power. It is so much of "myself" which I can keep at work furthering the purposes of the Lord through His blessed church.

I BELIEVE: That to spend my money rightly, is my solemn task as a Christian. Unless I do this, then my prayers and my confessions of faith will be like saying "Lord, Lord," and not obeying His commandments.

I BELIEVE: My money is an indispensable factor in advancing the purposes of my God for the continuous expansion of the church. It cannot be otherwise since God never errs but has always required His people to make definite provision for the financial side of His Kingdom.

I BELIEVE: I should set aside a definite portion of my weekly income to be devoted exclusively and cheerfully to the support of my Lord before I make plans for my own wants and pleasures. This purposeful amount should be made available to the "treasury" of the church on each "first day of the week."

...The Exhorter

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.

WHO IS A CHRISTIAN?
 Henry Ward Beecher once said, "Let me call you with the language of heaven and call you simply Christians." The Bible says, "If a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name. (I Peter 4:16)

Our nation is usually called a Christian nation, and yet we realize, in spite of the many wonderful things which are true of our nation, that in many respects, it is not truly Christian. Millions of our people have no church affiliation whatever, and many who are church members have little concern or interest in the Bible way of life. The Federal Bureau of Investigation issues its regular warnings concerning the constant increase in crime among all ages, and especially among the youth. We continue to witness the destruction of the home and the increase in divorce.

A Christian is more than a good, moral man. Cornelius was a very de-

vout and pious man, but he was not a Christian until he heard and accepted the Gospel of Christ. (Read Acts 10 and 11.) A Christian is one who has submitted his heart and life to Christ. His faith in Christ has led him to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins, (Acts 2:38). He has obeyed a form of doctrine which has freed him from the power of sin, (Romans 6:17). A Christian is one who faithfully follows Jesus Christ each day. In his business life, he is industrious and honest. He manifests love toward his family and kindness and generosity toward all men. He is prayerful in heart and faithful in his worship to God. He takes an active part in helping to advance the Kingdom of God. He seeks the forgiveness of God when he stumbles and falls. Such an individual should be an asset to any community as he finds happiness in this life and has the hope of heaven when this life is over.
 G.H.S.

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of Mrs. Emma Reed Smith acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Your sympathetic message in flowers is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Clyde Bush. (Brother of Mrs. Marie Skeeters)

A note of appreciation was received from the family of Mrs. Joan Hicks.

On behalf of the students here at the Center, we thank you for the delicious meal which you served Thursday. We appreciate the interest and support which West Erwin has always given the Center.

Bill Allen

IN THE HOSPITAL

Brother John Jackson is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY, 9:30 A.M.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....L. G. Drennan
Prayer.....O. C. Becker
Dismiss.....Kenny Browning

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Glen Warner
Prayer.....Charles Graf
Dismiss.....W. O. Rushing

RESPONSES

Mrs. Sherrill Little and Miss Debbie Little came Sunday to be restored.

WEDDING

We extend congratulations to Ross Walker and his bride, the former Miss Hilda June Temple, who were married on Saturday afternoon, February 28, at the Granny White Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Walker has served as secretary to U. S. Senator Albert Gore of Tennessee. She has visited in Tyler on many occasions and is the sister of our own Mildred Parris. Another sister, Mrs. R. J. Richmond, served as matron of honor and Rex Walker served his father as best man.

BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY, 1:30 P. M.

A GOOD WORK

Recently, I have become more closely associated with Brother Bill Allen and his work in the ministry at Tyler Junior College. We are fortunate to have fellowship with other churches in the support of this work which is overseen by the Glenwood elders.

Brother Allen is academically qualified to teach God's Word. More important, he is spiritually qualified to teach and conduct the various areas of this ministry. His understanding of the college student allows him to communicate Christ to their lives in class and counseling situations.

The Campus Christian Center affords facilities for the Bible classes which have an increased enrollment of 48 this semester. Also conducted are regular periods of devotion. But perhaps the greatest benefit of the Center is that it provides a wholesome place for students to assemble for study and fellowship. Many non-Christians frequent the Center who are not enrolled in Bible classes. This offers unique opportunities for teaching.

Wednesday, March 11, a group of boys from TJC who are involved in the activities of the Campus Christian Center will conduct the devotion service at West Erwin. I am happy that several from West Erwin are active in various phases of work at the Center. These and many others are benefitting from this good work. ...Ron Beard

ACC CLUB

There will be an organizational meeting of the ACC Club for alumni, parents, and friends of Abilene Christian College at the Campus Christian Center at TJC Sunday, March 8, at 3:00 P. M. ACC Vice Pres., Garvin Beauchamp, will be the speaker.

AREA WIDE DINNER

Monday evening, March 9, is the time for East Texas preachers, elders, deacons and wives dinner. We will be meeting at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Tyler, (1221 S. Beckham) at 6:45. Just go through the line and you will be directed to the room. The meeting is open to any who would like to come. Call the office by noon Monday if you plan to attend.

RON BEARD recently conducted the Sunday devotion service for a Boy Scout troop at Tyler State Park. Last Thursday he spoke to a group of TJC Students at the Campus Christian Center.

SISTER E. V. RUSHING will teach the Ladies' Class next Wednesday morning.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY, 1970

LOAN PAYMENTS		
First Fed. Sav. & Loan	1,123.50	
East Texas Sav. & Loan	111.42	1,234.92

BENEVOLENT AND MISSION

Bible Chair	100.00	
Herald of Truth	200.00	
Tipton Home	100.00	
Boles Home	100.00	
Sunny Glen Home	100.00	
Local Radio Prog.	374.55	
& advertising		
Scott City Radio	20.00	
Oakley Radio	41.00	
Norman Morrow	540.00	
Jim Morrow	540.00	
Local Benevolent	635.00	2,750.55

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	628.62	
Building & grounds	61.75	
Office Supplies	68.80	
Bible School Supplies	56.47	
Insurance	189.19	
Flowers	7.50	
Postage	70.00	1,082.33

LOCAL SALARIES	2,284.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,351.80
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	8,137.61

Contributions short of budget for February	1,062.39
Contributions short of budget for this year	2,486.73

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 8

A. M. <u>The Unwanted Christ</u> by George H. Stephenson
P. M. <u>To Know Christ</u> Especially For Teenagers by Ron Beard

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Proper Observance of the Lord's Supper

The Bible teaches that a failure to observe the Lord's Supper properly will lead to spiritual weakness and sickness. In Paul's instruction to the Corinthian church about the Lord's Supper, he said, "For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep." (I Corinthians 11:29,30).

When the Bible says that we are to partake of the Lord's Supper worthily, we should realize that this refers to the manner of partaking and not to our own worthiness or unworthiness. Actually, no one is ever truly worthy of the wonderful grace of God shown in the offering of His son for us. But Christians may partake of the Supper in a worthy manner; that is, they observe it with becoming dignity, proper reverence, and awe. It is a time of thanksgiving, meditation, self-inspection, and reconsecration. It is a constant reminder of God's love which is beyond our power to understand fully.

If Christians are weak when they do not properly observe the Lord's Supper, it is also true that they gain spiritual strength by its proper observance. The regular observance of the supper, not as a ritual, not merely as a duty to be performed, but as a time of real communion and genuine worship, will be one of the sources of grace and help for the Christian life.

The Lord's Supper occupied a prominent place in the worship of the New Testament church. Of course, Jesus Himself instituted and commanded its observance. (Matthew 26:26-30). We are told that the early church "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." (Acts 2:42). Furthermore, we read in I Corinthians 11:33 that Christians assembled together for the specific purpose of eating. The Bible tells us how Paul waited at Troas for a week and how that "upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them." (Acts 20:7). The first day of the week was the day of Christ's resurrection. How fitting that on this day Christians observe the memorial of Christ's death, for the death and resurrection of Jesus are inseparably linked together, each giving meaning and significance to the other. On each Lord's Day Christians are provided with an opportunity to participate in the "communion of the blood and body of Christ." (I Corinthians 10:16).

If you neglect the observance of the Lord's Supper, you are guilty of failing to obey your Lord and placing your soul in peril. We understand, of course, that the Lord does not expect us to be here when we are ill or unable to be here. (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	C. B. Hardin
Prayer.....	Roger Knight
Dismiss.....	Dalton Jones

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	James Massey
Prayer.....	Mack Bynum
Dismiss.....	H. McCarty

THANK YOU NOTES

For all your visits, cards, prayers, and words of encouragement during my recent illness, I shall be forever grateful and thankful. It has meant much to me. Thank you and God bless each of you is my prayer.

Bessie Willis

I am grateful for the cards, calls, visits, and many kind words during my recent hospitalization.

Ron Beard

FUNERALS

Sister Emma Reed Smith passed away last Friday. Brother Stephenson held the funeral service for her Monday. Burial was in Kentucky.

Brother Manuel Denton, brother-in-law to sisters Holland, Brem, and Bell, passed away last Thursday. Funeral services were on Saturday.

An Uncle to sister Ed Bullard passed away last week in Tennessee.

Funeral services were held Thursday for Mike Porter who died five weeks ago from a fishing accident. He was a nephew to John Porter.

Services for Clyde Bush, brother of sister Marie Skeeters, will be held Friday in Olney, Texas.

We express our deepest sympathy to each family.

RESPONSES

Mrs. Clara Sims, 3014 W. Pine, came Sunday to confess wrongs.

THE SICK

Mrs. Lewis, mother of sister Charlie Shuford, is in Intensive Care in Medical Center.

Mrs. Wanda Weathers underwent surgery Wednesday in Medical Center.

Fran Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Taylor, underwent a tonsillectomy last Friday in Mother Frances.

AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Brother and sister M. H. Haws and Mrs. Bruce Mosley were in an automobile accident Sunday morning near Weatherford. They are now in the Campbell Hospital there, but will probably come home in a few days. Mrs. Mosley will be hospitalized longer since her injuries were more serious. Brother and sister Haws are reported to be in good condition although they are suffering from many bruises and minor injuries.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 1

By George Stephenson

"Your Worst Enemy and Your Best Friend."

"Things Alike Which Are Different."

THE FOLLOWING BY W. T. HAMILTON, a personal friend and great gospel preacher, is worthy of our consideration because it is applicable at West Erwin as well as other places. R.B.

WHAT'S AHEAD?

In a humorous article on mini-skirts, Erma Bombeck says: "Who am I kidding? With short skirts on the rise I wonder when I'll be able to bend over a drinking fountain, step up on a curb, mail a letter or wave bye-bye without getting arrested." Later in the article she spoke of a time when there would be "no more standing up all during a sit-down dinner. No more backing up to the garbage cans and heaving the bag over my head like Wilt Chamberlain. No more garters getting entangled in my seat belt."

No doubt she expresses the sentiments of a great many uncomfortable women of this sophisticated age. We men marvel that women would suffer for the sake of style! And the suffering is not only for now, but for all eternity, unless there is some repentance forthcoming - at least in many instances of the modern day immodesty in dress. Where is the shamefacedness in Christian women today?

And this interesting observation: have you noticed among women in the church that there is a direct relationship between rising skirts and lowering spiritual interest? If you have not, stop and consider. When skirts go up, spirituality comes down, and perhaps to an exact ratio.

ATTENTION TEENS

This Sunday, March 1, there will be an area wide youth meeting at the Glenwood church. Albert Winstanley from England will be the speaker. Let's all meet on our parking lot at 3:00 p.m. and go as a group. Don't miss this!! ...Ron

MISSION CONFERENCE AT GLENWOOD

"What God Hath Done" is the theme of a series of meetings at the Glenwood church of Christ March 1 - 6. Missionaries from various areas will be speaking each evening at 7:00 o'clock Monday through Thursday and at 6:00 o'clock on Sunday evening. Speakers include Albert Winstanley of England, Glen O. Dods of Canada, Lyman Mereness of New Bedford, Mass., Romano Sardi of Italy, and Joe Wilkinson of England. Friday, March 6 has been designated as a special day of prayer. The various activities scheduled by the Glenwood church during the week should help to promote an interest in preaching the gospel in all the world.

FORT WORTH CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Lectureship March 8 - 12

Topics on honesty, faithfulness, purity, decency, integrity, spirituality and a love and zeal for lost souls will be on the program.

THE LADIES' CLASS WILL BE TAUGHT on Wednesday by Carolyn Womack. "As A Woman Thinketh" is her subject.

PROPER OBSERVANCE... (continued)

Christians look upon the observance of the Lord's Supper not merely as a duty but as a wonderful privilege. G.H.S.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

"Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you." (I Pet. 5:7).

We sometimes think of God as a great force or power in the world, but we forget his interest in every individual. The psalmist asked, "When I consider thy heavens, and the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him?" (Psalm 8:3,4). The vastness of the universe is seen when we realize that the sun is a million times larger than the earth and there are other stars yet a thousand times larger and hotter than the sun. Our earth floats as a tiny speck in the solar system, and yet there are other solar systems much larger than this. In the midst of such a universe, can we suppose that God is interested in such a small creature as man? Is it presumption to believe that God cares for us?

No, it is not presumption to believe that God is interested in every individual. None of us really believe that our loved ones are just so many zeroes. No doubt God takes delight in the stars of the heavens, but His greatest delight is in man, created in God's own image. The stars may be wonderfully large, but they can not think; they cannot reason; they cannot feel; they cannot love. The bigness of something does not determine its real value. Which had you rather be, a huge machine or a tiny baby? Which is better, to be the biggest star in the sky, or a lover out beneath the stars with the lady of his heart?

Be assured that God does care for every individual. One who knows little about a machine may see it as a whole, but the expert mechanic is able to know the individual parts. Jesus taught that God watches the sparrow's fall and that even the hairs on our head are numbered.

Let us never allow the disappointments and sorrows of life to cause us to doubt God's care. Rather, let us take our burdens and cares to the Lord and have the assurance that He will sustain us. Let us remember God has shown His love in the gift of His son and in the provisions He has made to save us. Christians have the assurance that God will help them when they go to Him in prayer. "In nothing be anxious, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be known unto God, and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts in Christ Jesus." (Phillippians 4:6,7) G.H.S.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....Bob Threadgill
Prayer.....W. H. Turner
Dismiss.....Don Weathers
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Ed Bullard
Prayer.....Cone Birdwell
Dismiss.....Travis Fletcher

RESPONSES

Brother B. J. Tucker, Rt. 6, Box 492, came Sunday evening to be restored and to place membership. We extend a cordial welcome to brother Tucker.

OUR THANKS TO RON BEARD for the excellent lessons he has brought to the auditorium class on Wednesday evenings. We are studying various books of the New Testament. Your preacher, George Stephenson, is now conducting this study. Our lesson for Wednesday evening, Feb. 25, will be a survey of the book of Matthew. We feel that you should be here every Wednesday at 7:30. Classes are conducted for all ages.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Mike Warner and the Northwest congregation for the teaching advertisement they are putting in the newspaper each week. Mike's articles are very well written and should accomplish much good.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10:20 A.M. INSPECTION
6:00 P.M. THE SOCIAL GOSPEL

BE SURE TO HEAR our sermon on this Sunday evening in regard to "The Social Gospel." Among other things to be discussed will be the proposed merger of a number of denominations into a "super church" with some 25,000,000 members to be known as Church of Christ Uniting.
G.H.S.

THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Brother Don O'Bannon is a patient in Glenwood Hospital undergoing tests.

Brother Don Caseltine underwent oral surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances. He is now at home.

Brother Ron Beard was a patient in Mother Frances two days this week for tests. He went home Wednesday morning.

Brother Glen Howard, formerly of this congregation, underwent surgery Wednesday in Medical Center.

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MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 12:30 NOON

ATTENTION WOMEN!

For the next several weeks our Wednesday morning Ladies' Class will have lessons brought by different women in the congregation. There are many advantages that can come from women teaching women. We hope that all of the women of the congregation who are not employed will come each week to lend encouragement to the teachers, to grow spiritually, and to enjoy fellowship with other Christian women.

Sister Stolz, who recently placed membership with the Northwest congregation, spoke on Wednesday of this week. Alice Stephenson will bring a lesson on this coming Wednesday morning. Other women of the congregation who will be bringing lessons at later dates include Dewey Frederick, Audrey O'Bannon, Marian Rowe, Bertha Rushing, Carolyn Womack, and Jan Knight.

We would like to urge younger women as well as others to attend the class each week. There is an attendant in the nursery and a class for your pre-school children.

I miss being with the class but appreciate the fine number of capable women who are willing to give of their talents. If you know of some other Christian women who might speak for the class, please let us know.
G.H.S.

ANNUAL LECTURESHIP

This coming week is the time for the annual Bible Lectureship at Abilene Christian College. The lectureship begins Sunday, Feb. 22. There will also be many activities on Saturday, Feb. 21 including the inauguration of John Stevens as president and a Sing-Song that night. The lectureship continues through Thursday, Feb. 26.

THE AREA WIDE GOSPEL SINGING will be at Troup, Sunday, 2:30 P.M. You are invited to attend.

WHAT IF:

The preacher missed as many services as I do? Would I be willing to keep him as a preacher?

The song leader was as tardy as I am? Would I be willing for the church to keep using him?

The Bible class teachers spent no more time studying than I do? Would I want them to keep teaching my children?

If every member gave as little as I do? Would the church be able to pay their debts and carry on the Lord's work?

A LETTER FROM YOUR PREACHER

Dear Friends,

As we travel the road of life we sometimes encounter a detour. All of us know what it means to encounter a detour as we are traveling down a highway. A detour is sometimes unexpected, and usually unpleasant.

Little did I realize when the year 1970 began that there was a detour ahead for me. Many times I have preached from James 4:15, "If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that." Never have I been more keenly conscious of the need for this teaching than I have been in the past few weeks. We are told in Proverbs 27:1, "Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." I did not think that when we left for a three day visit with our children and new granddaughter in Virginia (who were going to be sent to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba) that I would return to Tyler a very sick man.

The past few weeks of illness and convalescence from very extensive surgery have provided a detour for my life - and one that has not been the smoothest one may travel. And yet there are many things for which I am most thankful today.

I am thankful for God's care and that He continues to bless me with life. I am thankful for the knowledge and skill of physicians and nurses who could help me. I am thankful for the attention and care of my faithful wife and her wonderful mother.

I am thankful for all of you in the West Erwin church who have prayed for me and who have sent your many cards and other expressions of encouragement and good will.

These past few weeks have made me realize even more than ever how wonderfully blessed a preacher is. I have been showered with cards, letters, phone calls, etc. from hundreds of people in Fort Worth, Lubbock, Memphis, Wichita Falls, my hometown of Collinsville and many other places as well. The notes of love I have received make me feel very humble. How wonderful it is that I have been privileged to preach for some truly great churches and my life is blessed with the knowledge of some of the great saints of our time. I have been blessed far more than I could ever deserve.

I want to express my appreciation for the fine work done by my co-worker and partner in the Lord's work, Ron Beard. He has had a tremendous job and has done it well, and at times he has not been well himself.

Of course, I look forward to being back in the pulpit. My whole life has been devoted to preaching. I had rather preach than to do anything else in the world. Not since I was twenty years of age have I had to be out of the pulpit for this length of time. (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	M. M. Haws
Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Dismiss.....	Averyt Smith

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Prayer.....	W. H. Turner
Dismiss.....	Joe Willis

THANK YOU NOTES

Please accept our sincere thanks for the many kindnesses shown to us during the sickness and death of my father, Mr. E. D. Morris. For all the food, flowers, cards, the numerous contributions to Carter Blood Center in his memory and for your prayers in our behalf, we are truly grateful. May God continue to bless each of you.

Ben and Patsy Young
Debby, Rodger, Becky

Your kind expression of sympathy was deeply appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Mayo

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MEN TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in February are as follows: James Phillips, Phillip Browning, Kenny Browning, Reagan Phillips, and Steve Drennan.

Jamon Kirby, Harvey Grier, Mark Whitworth, Terry Stephenson, and David Grier. Alternates: Bill Shuford and Clarence Strait. Evening: Bruce Raley and Foy Richey.

SERMONS SUBJECTS FOR FEBRUARY 15

by George Stephenson

10:20 A.M. OUR GOD IS ABLE
6:00 P.M. WHEN PLANS MUST BE CHANGED

GUEST SPEAKER FOR LADIES CLASS

Sister R. E. Stolz, who recently moved to the Tyler area from Dallas, will be the guest speaker for the Ladies Bible Class next Wednesday morning, February 18. Plan to attend this class and meet sister Stolz.

OUR GUESTS

We always appreciate guests who attend our services and welcome each one to return. It is our hope they have been benefited by sharing our worship.

NEW ARRIVAL

Ronnie and Linda Lowrance are the parents of a baby girl born last Saturday in Lubbock. They have named her Kimberley Dawn. The Ralph Lowrances are the happy grandparents.

OUR SYMPATHY

Sister Margaret Talley's brother-in-law (her twin sister's husband), Mr. Fred G. Prewitt, passed away in Fort Worth last Saturday. The funeral was Monday.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Jim Willis is in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Olie Cooper is in Glenwood Hospital following a fall.

Sister Gloria Gannon from the Mobberly Ave. Church in Longview is in room 397 in Mother Frances recovering from surgery.

A POINT TO PONDER

Envy or jealousy is the fertile soil whence spring falsehood, unkind criticism and numerous other plants that poison. But "love envieth not." Love, therefore, "worketh no ill to his neighbor."

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HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON

Do not be a criticizing listener. The minister makes mistakes as well as you; if he were perfect, he would not be here.

Do not be a sermon fitter, trying to fit the sermon to someone else. If the sermon does not fit you, let your neighbor fit it to himself.

Do not be a sermon taster. The sermon is not intended to be pleasing to your aesthetic nature or your hobbies, but to leave you a better person.

Listen with a mind prepared by prayer and expectation.

Listen with a humble mind. Let the searching light of the gospel reveal the need in your heart.

Listen with an open mind. You may disagree with the sermon, but remember one of the functions of a true sermon is to disturb your complacency.

Listen with a prayerful attitude. A sermon conceived in prayer, meeting upon sympathetic, humble cooperative minds, will be used as seeds sown upon soil watered by the Spirit, springing up into life many fold.

... College Church bulletin, Abilene, Texas

A LETTER FROM YOUR PREACHER

(continued from back page)
There will be sometime yet before I am as strong as I would like to be, so I ask for your continued prayers that I may continue to gain in health and strength and if it is God's will, that I may be used of Him for many years yet in His service.

Yours in Christ,
George H. Stephenson

ATTENTION LADIES

The crib nursery is attended on Wednesday morning during the Ladies Bible Class. Also, there is a class for the pre-school children. All mothers are encouraged to attend this Wednesday morning class at 10:00 A.M.

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS
SUNDAY MORNING - 9:30

PRECISELY 4:45 P.M.

by William S. Banowsky

As I unfolded the newspaper on my front porch, the headlines screamed: WOMAN DIES IN AUTO CRASH. My eyes digested the newsprint. I learned that the traffic victim had lived in our city since 1903. She was killed in a 1962 model sedan driven by her husband. He was seriously injured. Suddenly, a strange sensation swept over me as, in reading the details of the crash, I noticed the highway patrolman's report that her husband's shattered wristwatch was stopped at 4:45 p.m. What a tragic finality! At precisely 4:45 p.m., life had taken on a new dimension for the pioneer resident!

When Christ comes at the end of the world, our spirits may receive much the same emotional impact. It occurs to me that when our Lord calls a halt to time and begins eternity, our wristwatches will instantaneously stop! For after all, time and its instruments will be no more. All of the clocks, big and little, in school rooms, church buildings, and court-houses will suddenly and simultaneously stop. I wonder what time their paralyzed hands will register? I wonder what day it will be? What month? What year? What century?

"Of All These Hours"

On an ancient sundial in the historic monastery of Cluny, France, is written this Latin sentence: "Of all these hours, fear only one." Isn't it strange how the multitude of relatively unimportant hours cause us to ignore the very crucial hours in life! It is so very easy for us to believe that one hour is, after all, like all others: that one event is as important as another.

As a result, we tend to forget the truly important appointments of life. Oh, we remember the appointments with the hairdresser and the family dentist; and we rarely forget to attend the Lions Club or to catch an airplane. But many of us never really consider life's greatest hours. We forget, for instance that "it is appointed unto men once to die," until the brakes screech; or our chest heaves with a sharp, breathtaking pain, or the telephone rings and the somber, halting voice of the minister announces, with piercing reality, the death of our most loved one.

"This Might Be The Day!"

Similarly, the one great event of life - the hour of our Lord's return is obscured beneath the trivia of our little hours. We should begin every day with the realization that this could be the day "the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God." This hour with its tremendous magnitude, when compared with life's fleeting events, should occupy a special place in every day's busy schedule. (continued inside).

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and Prayer.....	T. F. Holland
Prayer.....	Ray Womack
Dismiss.....	Joe McBee

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and Prayer.....	Louis J. Jones
Prayer.....	Foy Richey
Dismiss.....	Monroe Sublette

RESPONSES

Don Caseltine, 3200 Dinah Lane, was baptized into Christ early Monday morning by Ron Beard. We are happy to welcome Don into the fellowship of the West Erwin church and to see this family united in Christ.

THANK YOU NOTE

The family of Mrs. L. T. Godfrey acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

FUNERALS

We express our sympathy to sister A. O. Mayo in the loss of her mother, Mrs. W. T. Penwick of Stephenville. Services were Wednesday in Lipan, Texas.

Funeral services for Mr. E. D. Morris of Ft. Worth, father of sister Ben Young, were held Monday afternoon in Ft. Worth. We extend our deepest sympathy to Patsy and her family.

We express our sympathy to the Luther Thompsons. His brother's wife passed away last week in Sacramento, California.

THE SICK

Brother George Stephenson is making good progress. He is now speaking on the radio each day at 12:30 p.m. He is very hopeful of being able to preach at least one sermon on Sunday, the 15th.

Sister Dennis Law entered Medical Center Hospital Tuesday and underwent surgery on Thursday morning.

Sister Jamon Kirby underwent surgery last week but is now at home.

Sister Ethel Payne was in Medical-Surgical Hospital a few days last week. She is now at home, but cannot have company.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

10:20 A.M. THE GREATEST OF THESE
6:00 P.M. CRUEL AS THE GRAVE

POINTS TO PONDER

The growing Christian can say: I'm not what I want to be, ought to be, or am going to be, but thanks to Jesus, I am not what I used to be.

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

It is not your position but your disposition that makes you happy.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR JANUARY, 1970

Loan Payments

First Federal Savings & Loan	1,123.50	
East Texas Savings & Loan	111.42	
Cooperative Savings & Loan	4,856.90	6,091.82

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. & Advertising	345.80	
Scott City Radio Program	20.00	
Oakley Radio Program	41.00	
Norman Morrow	520.00	
Jim Morrow	520.00	1,871.80

Materials and Supplies

Utilities	488.87	
Building & Grounds	268.21	
Office Supplies	46.30	
Bible School Supplies	185.90	
Insurance	189.19	
Flowers	7.50	
Postage	70.00	
Library	39.79	1,295.76

Local Salaries

Total Expenditures	2,225.00	
Total Contributions	11,484.38	
Contributions short of budget for the month of January	7,775.66	
Contributions short of budget for the year	1,424.34	
	1,424.34	

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, Feb. 8, is the second Sunday of the month and the day for the regular business meeting of the men of the church. The time is 1:30 p.m. in the chapel.

PRECISELY 4:45

(continued from back)

In a very real sense, the only certain hour any one of us has left is the hour of Christ's return. The fact of Christ's return is even more sure than the fact of death itself; for he might choose to come during the span of our life. But one thing is certain - he is coming! We have no assurance of tomorrow, but we have absolutely every assurance that "unto them that look for Him, He shall appear a second time without sin unto salvation." Our King is coming again!

"Therefore, seeing that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought we to be. . .

(Oh God, help each of us to be ready, ready in Christ. Amen.)

THERE IS A CLASS FOR YOU
BE IN A BIBLE CLASS
SUNDAY!

"A Christian should be like a good watch: Open faced, busy hands, pure gold, well regulated, and full of good works."

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Nuclear weapons have made us respect power. Young people have had to adjust to the cold, hard fact that we are living in a world in which there is enough power to blow us all up!

Many though have learned of a more important kind of power than this - a power for daily living, a power from on high, a power that comes through prayer.

We have learned the "rules" of prayer. We must pray to God in the name of Christ, with "holy hands," with faith, with the attitude of submission to God's will, in earnest, with persistence and with humility. But, we have not exhausted the POWER of prayer.

1. There is GUIDING POWER in prayer. Do you believe this? Have you ever felt that God has helped you use good judgment in making an important decision? Do you ask? He that asks, receives, and if you do not have wisdom, you are invited to ask of God who gives liberally. Remember how Solomon did just this when he became king? He asked for wisdom, and God gave it to him (I Kings 3:4-15)

2. There is HEALING POWER in prayer. Do you pray when you are sick? Do you believe it makes any real difference? Do you just pray for those who are ministering unto you and your friends? Remember how Paul prayed when he was sick? (2 Cor. 12:7-12) The words of James encourages us to follow his example. Remember his advice? "Is any among you suffering? Let him pray. Is any cheerful? Let him sing praise." (James 5:13,) Do you have a friend who is sick? Are you sick? Have you prayed through him who is ready to give your request to God?

3. There is CONSOLING POWER in prayer. Many young people are anxious. What about the bomb? What about war? What about a job when I grow up? What is there to my existence? Young people have many questions and some fears, but when they walk with God, they live for an eternal purpose: they trust God, and the future is with him. They know that God is not shifting sand.

4. There is CLEANSING POWER in prayer. The Christian is encouraged to pray, and is promised that God will forgive him of his sins. (Acts 8:22; James 5:16). The blood of Jesus does the cleaning, but God wants Christians to do the asking. If we could but know of the blessings we miss when we forget to pray individually to God!

5. There is BENEFICENT POWER in prayer. Christians are encouraged to pray for their daily bread. We know that we are to work for a living (2 Thess. 3:10), but we also realize that it helps to pray for God's help, for he will help the Christian in every sphere of his life. When young people get this vision of God, it makes a difference in their lives! There is power in prayer.

Bill Flatt

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements and
Prayer.....R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer.....Roger Knight
Dismiss.....F. A. Jones

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements and
Prayer.....David Demic
Prayer.....O. C. Becker
Dismiss.....Dalton Jones

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for the food and your thoughtfulness during our illness. Kenneth is still a patient in the hospital.

Alma and Ken Bennett

Thank you for your kind visits, cards, and prayers while I was in the hospital. Your thoughtfulness was deeply appreciated.

Nettie Potts

A NEW DAUGHTER

Bill and Virgellyne Shuford welcomed a baby daughter to their home last week. Her name is Lisa Michelle and she was born January 1.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10:20 A.M. PERSONALLY YOURS.
6:00 P.M. BAPTISM-WHO, WHAT, AND HOW.

MEN SERVING IN FEBRUARY

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in February: Pete Wallace, Odell Malone, F. A. Jones, Leon Martin, Cullen Gilliam. Wayne Fears, Mack Bynum, R. H. Davis, James Massey, Randy Shuford. Alternates are: W. S. Little and Harold Browning. Evening: Ed Bullard and Roy Roberson.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Marvin Jones was in the Glenwood Hospital this past week. She is now at home.

Brother H. T. Grier, Sr. remains a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

The baby son of Linda and Gene Gill has been in Mother Frances.

Many in the congregation are ill or recovering from the flu.

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

A GIANT

When God wants to make a mighty oak, he does not plant it in the valley beneath the protection of the surrounding hills, but on a hilltop where it can battle with the elements. The tree that stands alone, unshielded, is the last tree to fall. When God wants to make a man, he does not shield him from life's adversities, but he sends the storm - the storm of trials and of temptations and of persecutions - upon him. The man who stands alone, unshielded, becomes a giant.

Frank L. Cox

TELLING OTHERS IS YOUR JOB

A critic once told Charles Alexander, "I don't like the way you do personal work." Alexander, a well-known preacher, replied, "Neither do I. Tell me, how do you do it?" Rather ashamed that he brought the whole subject up, the critic admitted that he didn't do much of it. Then Alexander observed, "I still like the way I DO IT, better than the way you DON'T."

Method is not the greatest problem we face in doing personal work. A far greater problem is our TIMIDITY. We use as our excuse the fact that we don't have much confidence in our ability or our method. However, if the truth were known, our "hangup" is that we are so afraid of "offending" sinners, that we would rather see them go to Hell than to make them mad at us. Now that's putting it rather bluntly, but it is the truth none-the-less!

Personal work is not so difficult. All a person needs is a little common sense, and a determination to do all he can to save souls. Training in personal work so that you might develop a good method is to be desired, but don't let your lack of "polish" stop you. There is nothing worse than NOT approaching the sinner at all.

Wouldn't it be grand if all Christians had such a concern for the lost that they could say with the poet:

"Lord, lay some soul upon my heart
And love that soul through me;
And may I nobly do my part
To win that soul for Thee."

...Tom C. Brown
from the Minister's Monthly

BECAUSE

Because he left heaven to come to a sinful world, we can leave a sinful world and one day go to heaven.

Because he learned obedience as a Son, we can by obedience become a son.

Because he wore a crown of thorns, we can wear a crown of glory.

Because he died a cruel death, we can live an abundant life.

Because he was victorious over the grave, we can overlook the grave and live victoriously in heaven.

Because he wanted to avoid the crucifixion, even though he didn't, we can avoid eternal damnation, even though we shouldn't.

Because he died and was raised, we can die to sin and be raised to a new life.

... Bob Mize

FROM RON BEARD'S DESK

The education area of church work is more valuable than we often think. When we refer to the education work, many times we make the mistake of thinking only of the Bible classes for children on Sunday morning. Actually, there is much more involved in the education area. Not only must we include the adult classes on Sunday morning, but also the special classes on Sunday evening, the classes for all ages on Wednesday evening, the Ladies' Bible Class, and the special studies periodically conducted on certain topics. (Currently Brother Caskey is teaching a personal evangelism training class on Wednesday night.)

There are supplies and materials to be furnished the students and teachers. Many of the books in the church library deal with methods and topics on education in the church. The reason for the education program and our desire to keep it in top shape is found in Matthew 28:20.

The basic responsibility of the Christian, individually and as a part of the church, is to relate the story and promises of Jesus to others. Although teaching is done through preaching, the basic use and purpose of the pulpit is to exhort and motivate. The pulpit, by far, cannot fulfill the individual's need for basic teaching. Communication is limited in the pulpit to lecture, whereas the class situation allows questions and answers, dialogue, various illustrations, and visual aids which enhance the teaching process. Thus we see the need for classes to relate and receive knowledge of God's Word.

There is responsibility to be shared by all to enable the education program to be a success. First, you should attend every class made available for your benefit. Second, you should allow the class to benefit you by preparing your lesson and your attitude. Parents should encourage their children by studying with them as they prepare. Parents of the younger children should pick up their children as soon as possible after class is dismissed. Third, encourage the teachers by your presence, your preparation, your participation, and your compliments. Parents, have you ever thanked the teachers of your children for their interest and time in your child's spiritual education?

Of course, the largest responsibility lies with the teacher. Teacher, keep studying because yours is the most important job and greatest privilege in all the world: To relate the will of God to other people.

For the Lord, attend the Teacher's Meeting Sunday night. R.B.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer.....H. B. Beard
Dismiss.....Harold Browning

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Wayne Berryman
Prayer.....Roger Knight
Dismiss.....Bruce Raley

RESPONSE
Restored: Ann Montgomery

THANK YOU NOTE
Dear Ones,
Your love and concern for us during George's hospitalization is heart warming. Thank you for the strength of your prayers, Thank you for your many acts of kindness, the cards, food and flowers.
In Christian love,
George and Alice Stephenson

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 25
10:20 A.M. WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH MRS. CRAIG?
6:00 P.M. MASTER FIRST, THEN SAVIOUR.

LEAVING TYLER
Due to a last minute change of orders, brother and sister Wayland Willis will return to Otis Air Force Base in Mass., rather than Wayland being assigned to overseas duty. Therefore, Marcella will not be living in Tyler as was anticipated. We hope they are very happy with their new assignment.

REMEMBER THE 2ND ANNUAL EAST TEXAS Leadership Workshop Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:30 at the Corinth Road church of Christ. You will find brochures in the foyer.

THE SICK
Brother George Stephenson is improving each day. He went home Wednesday from the hospital.
Sister Pauline Fuller is in Medical Center Hospital.

THERE WILL BE A TEACHER'S MEETING Sunday evening following the worship service. We will meet in the Chapel. Teachers of all classes are urged to be present.

HEAR ABOUT CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER
A Spring Semester Kick-off meeting for Tyler Junior College students Sunday night, January 25, at 8:00 at the Campus Christian Center.
Fun Food Fellowship
Campus Christian Center - 1970

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

THE RICH FOOL Luke 12:13-21
Here was a man who knew what it was to have a full stomach but he was famished spiritually. He left God out of his plans and God left him out of His promises. Here was a man who was a friend to the world but at enmity with his Maker. He was striving for luxury but sought it in futility. He wanted security but died in misery. He is the picture of a man who knows his checkbook better than God's book. His life consisted of the abundance of things which he "possessed" rather than being the abundant life which issues from being possessed of God. He was attuned to time but had no channel to the eternal. He knew a lot about the dollar sign but nothing about the seal of the Holy Spirit. He had big barns filled with grain but knew nothing of the big God filled with love. He tore down his barns to build bigger ones and his mansion in heaven collapsed as he did so. God gave him the abundance of earthly gain, but because he did not acknowledge it God took from him the hope of eternal gain. This one was a "success" in the sight of men and in his own estimation, but a fool in the sight and estimation of heaven's host. Here was a man who said, "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die," and he died on the morrow a starved, dehydrated soul. ...Bob Mize
The Minister's Monthly

COURSES BEING OFFERED THIS SEMESTER at the Campus Christian Center are as follows:
8:00 A.M. Monday, Wednesday and Friday - Life and Teaching of Paul. This same course is offered from 7 till 9:30 each Thursday evening.
8:00 A.M. Tuesday and Thursday - New Testament Surgery with a pickup class on Monday at 10:48 A.M.
These classes are taught by Bill Allen.
Each Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:00, A Greek Seminar for non-credit will be taught by Jay Lockhart.

THE 4TH SUNDAY SINGING will be held at the church building in Bullard Sunday afternoon at 2:30. You are cordially invited to attend.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE
Between the atheist who supports no church, and the member who will not support the one to which he belongs?
Between the skeptic who does not believe in the Bible, and the negligent Christian who never reads it?
Between those who do not believe in Bible classes and those who never attend them?
Between a man of the world, and a person in the church who lives life a man of the world?

ALL LADIES WHO DO NOT WORK AWAY from home are encouraged to attend the Ladies' Bible class each Wednesday morning at 10:00. Won't you be there next Wednesday.

FROM RON BEARD'S DESK

We are fortunate to have as a member of the West Erwin congregation Brother and Sister L. E. Carpenter. Brother Carpenter has spent many years of his life in the public proclamation of God's Word. Along with his preaching, he has published tracts and lessons on various subjects that teach the truths of the Bible.

He has retired from regular pulpit work, but is still involved in teaching God's Word. He is the teacher of the auditorium class on Sunday morning and teaches and preaches by appointments for congregations in the area. His lessons continually bring compliments and comments reflecting his ability and knowledge.

We will be privileged to have him preach Sunday evening. At that time, he will present an exposition and thought material on the "Parable of the Talents." Be sure not to miss this fine lesson.

PARENTS!

Immediately following worship Sunday evening the parents of all the senior high and junior high young people are asked to meet in the chapel. Proposals will be made at that time to involve the parents to a greater extent in the youth activities of the church. Also, explanations of current activities and prospective activities will be given.

The teachers in the teenage department are desirous of help from the parents; and the best possible communication and co-operation is the goal of this and successive meetings. An exchange of ideas, the asking and answering of questions, and mutual understanding will allow the home and church to work more closely, thereby complementing one another and resulting in benefits to the teenager.

Your attendance at this meeting is important to you, your teen, and the church. As a parent, take advantage of this opportunity to help your child.

"WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE HONEST" is the topic I have chosen for discussion at the morning worship Sunday. Truthfulness and old-fashioned honesty is becoming more rare daily in our modern world. It is fashionable to be just and honest only if it is beneficial to the individual. Dishonesty in school, business, and interpersonal relations is commonplace and accepted. These attitudes are in opposition to the Bible, therefore a need exists to give thought to these things. Phil. 4:8

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements and
Prayer.....C. B. Hardin
Prayer.....James Massey
Dismiss.....Dennis Law

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements and
Prayer.....Ron Beard
Prayer.....Cullen Gilliam
Dismiss.....Tommy Lowrance

RESPONSES
Mrs. Wayland Willis (Marcella) came Sunday evening to be identified with us. Wayland is in the Armed Service and will be in Iran for about a year. We welcome Marcella back to West Erwin. Her address is Rt. 2, box 157, Tyler. She is the daughter-in-law of Jim and Bessie Willis.

As a result of teaching and private study, Mrs. Don Caseltine realized that her previous immersion was not scriptural baptism. She was baptized last Friday evening by Ron Beard.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 18
10:20 A.M. WHATSOEVER THINGS ARE HONEST. by Ron Beard
6:00 P.M. PARABOLIC OF THE TALENTS. by L. E. Carpenter

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to express appreciation to the many individuals who have given books to the church library in memory of Larry Mackey. Also my thanks to those who have made contributions to the children's homes and various other places in his memory. For these memorials to him and for your continued love and consideration for me, I am most grateful.

Mrs. Elva Lee Mackey
I wish to acknowledge and thank the members for the many kind deeds, visits, calls, and gifts this past year. I am most grateful.

Mrs. Robert Walker
We appreciate so much your many cards and telephone calls and especially your prayers during the time of my illness.

L. L. Prater and Family
A letter of thanks was received by the church this week from brother and sister Luther Thompson.

Part of it is as follows...Thanks for the visits, cards, and cheer basket. We miss all our beloved members already passed on and we love all those at West Erwin now. Thanks for all the past deeds and prayers in our behalf. In Christian love, Luther & Vera Thompson

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to sister Dexter Browning. Her sister, Mrs. L. T. Godfrey, passed away Wednesday afternoon. Funeral services are pending at Lloyd James at this writing.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Nettie Potts is in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Lucille Stone is in the Glenwood Hospital.

The mother of brother Henry Holland, formerly of West Erwin, is in Medical Center. She recently had surgery.

Sister Emma Buie is now in the Hearthstone.

Brother George Stephenson underwent major surgery last Monday afternoon in the Glenwood Hospital. He is not able to have visitors at this time but is improving.

MOVING TO KILLEEN

We regret that Don and Alene Johnston are moving to Killeen, Texas on Friday of this week. In the short time they have lived in Tyler, we have learned to appreciate their friendliness and zeal for the Lord. We hope they will be very happy in their new home and work.

NOT FORSAKING ... Heb. 10:25

The church has been aptly compared to a heap of embers, which, when separated, soon languish, darken, and grow cold: but, if placed together, glow with a ruddy and intense heat; a just emblem of the strength, happiness and security derived from Christian fellowship and association. The brother who forsakes the meetings of God's people soon loses his warmth and spiritual life. Hence the earnest admonition from the pen of God's inspired writer: "Not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh." Do not forsake the Lord's day meetings. Do not forsake the mid-week meetings. All the meetings of God's people are calculated to build us up and prepare us for heaven.

from THE MINISTER'S MONTHLY.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The 2nd Annual East Texas Leadership Workshop will be held January 26 and 27 at the Corinth Road church of Christ in Jacksonville. Monday evening Edwin Rasco will direct the singing. Main speakers will be J.S.T. McDowell, Lester Singleton, Ed. H. Brady, Jr. and Chuck Chance. Tuesday evening: Dale Thomas will direct the singing. The main speakers will be John Spencer, Jim Welch, Rowland Vannoy and M. F. (Ibid) McKnight. The time is 7:30. You are cordially invited to attend.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in January are as follows: Bill Henderson, John Weaver, Rodger Young, Jeff Ellis and Mark Ellis. Joe Willis, Francis Bullard, Mark Whitworth, Paul Knight, and Kim Smith. Alternates: Dwain Strait and Terry Stephenson. Evening: Guy Potts and Henry McRuiz.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

"He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches."

These words are given at the conclusion of each one of the letters addressed to the seven churches of Asia as recorded in Revelation, chapters two and three. The Spirit had a message for the churches of long ago, and we feel that the Spirit has a message for the church of today. We need to listen to the message which God has for each one of us.

Beginning on this Sunday it is our plan to study each one of the letters addressed to the various churches in Asia. We wonder what message the Lord would have for the church at West Erwin if he were writing us today. I am sure that he would find words of commendation, but I wonder if he would also find some things which would cause Him to rebuke us and to warn us as He did the churches in the long ago. The churches in Asia had problems in their day which were peculiar to them, and yet the great principles which are taught are applicable to us today. I am sure that all of us would like to see the church at West Erwin grow numerically as well as spiritually. Let us be present each Lord's Day and study carefully what the Lord would have us to know concerning our responsibilities as members of the church.

We wish that all members of the church would be able to be here every Wednesday evening at 7:30. We feel that this would help to strengthen your life and cause you to do more for the Lord. We appreciate those who are going to the class taught by brother Bud Caskey who have a desire to do more work for Christ.

In our auditorium class we plan to begin a study of each one of the books of the New Testament. Instead of studying verse by verse as we have in the past we want to present a survey of each one of the books. We feel that this will encourage us to study the Bible more. It would help you to study each book the week before it is reviewed in the auditorium. Our first study will be on Wednesday evening, January 14, at which time we will present a review of the gospel of Luke. This will be followed on January 21 with a review of the book of Acts. Come and be with us for every one of the lessons.

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January 4...\$1,875.25	449
December 28..\$1,697.94	366
A Year Ago...\$2,081.42	403
APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY MORNING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....	Ross Walker
Prayer.....	Ron Beard
Dismiss.....	David Hannah
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements and	
Prayer.....	Cullen Gilliam
Prayer.....	Charles Graf
Dismiss.....	Darrell Holt

THANK YOU NOTES

Expressions of thanks for the Cheer Baskets, the can of cookies and candy from the Ladies' Class, and the greeting cards have been received from the following.

- Mrs. Annie Shotwell
- Mrs. Janie Chelf
- Miss Bonnie Williamson
- Mrs. Vannie Lee
- Mrs. R. L. Trentham
- Mrs. Mettie Kissinger
- Mr. and Mrs. John C. Jackson
- Mrs. Dora T. Billingsley

Many thanks to the Ladies' Class for the cookies and candy during the holidays. Mrs. Lillie Knight

For your continued love and concern I am most grateful.

In Christian love,
Robert S. Parris

Thank you so much for the basket of fruit we received, for the cookies and the Christmas greetings from so many of you.

We loved the card from the young people of the fourth grade class and felt this was one of the nice things that came to us.

Above all, though, thank you for so many kind and thoughtful things done for us during our time of need. T. G. and Velma Bell

A BABY DAUGHTER

David and Jane Stephenson are the parents of a new baby girl born December 31 in Norfolk, Va. They have named her Mary Kathryn. Brother and Sister George Stephenson are the happy grandparents. David will leave the 13th for 18 months duty at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Brother and sister Stephenson plan to fly to Norfolk Wednesday for a brief visit. They will return on Saturday.

FUNERAL

Brother Early Arceneaux, a gospel preacher for many, many years, passed away Saturday in Waco. Funeral services were held last Monday in Dallas. Brother Arceneaux's last work was in New London where he preached for about 15 years. Many people from this area knew and loved him. We express our sympathy to his family and many friends.

BE A DAILY BIBLE READER!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DECEMBER, 1969

LOAN PAYMENTS

First Fed. Savings & Loan	1,123.50
East Texas Savings & Loan	111.42
Cooperative Savings & Loan	75.00
Stephens Parking Lot	15,150.00
	16,459.92

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	20.00
Advertising	102.60
Jim L. Morrow	500.00
Norman E. Morrow	500.00
Oakley Church Radio	41.00
Local Benevolent	440.54
	2,241.14

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities	443.74
Building & Grounds	26.57
Office Supplies	39.23
Bible School Supplies	63.64
Insurance	201.55
Flowers	48.10
Postage	106.00
Library	6.00
	934.83

Local Salaries	2,448.50
Total Expenditures	22,084.39
Total Contributions	22,802.27
Contributions in excess of budget for the month of December	13,942.27
Contributions in excess of budget for the year	1,132.62

Budget for year, 1969 was \$115,180.00

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Jack Beard's mother is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Brother Jack Beard is also a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Tanna Stone Cameron is in Glenwood Hospital.

Brother H. T. Grier, Sr. is in room 447 in Mother Frances Hospital.

BUSINESS MEETING

All men of the congregation are reminded of the monthly business meeting of the church, Sunday afternoon at 1:30. Plan to be present for this meeting.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

JANUARY 11, 1970
10:20 A.M. THE CHURCH OF LOST LOVE
6:00 P.M. IT LEADS THE WAY

LISTEN TO RADIO STATION

KTBB, 12:30 NOON
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS
SUNDAY MORNING-9:30

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The ending of one year and the beginning of another should cause us to think seriously about the meaning and purpose of life. James said, "For what is your life? It is even a vapour that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away." (James 4:14)

When we are young we think that each year is a long period of time, but as we grow older we realize that life in deed is "as a vapour." It seems just a brief time since those who are now old were young. As the years go by, more and more of those we have known and loved are taken by death.

Since life is brief, every day of every year should be lived to the fullest. Let us remember that life itself is a gift of God. God has granted us the privilege of living and enjoying the bountiful blessings of this wonderful world. Take time to enjoy your friends and loved ones. Express your appreciation for them while you have them. "Give them flowers while they live."

We should remember that the important thing is not how long we live, but how well we live. Philip James Bailey said, "We live in deeds, not years, in thoughts, not breaths, in feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

Life is filled with countless decisions. Let us seek God's guidance in making every decision of life. The greatest of all decisions is made when we choose to serve God. Joshua said, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

Someone was asked, "What would you do if you knew this were your last year to live?" He replied, "I would live just one day at a time." This is the best way for each of us to live. It is wise to make provision for the future, but let us heed the Bible injunction to say, "If it is the Lord's will we will do thus and so." One day will be our last day. Let us live each day as if it were our last day, and then we will find ourselves ready when that day comes. Yesterday is past and tomorrow is always in the future. Let us make the most of today. "Today, if you will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." (Hebrews 3:15)

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Jim Morrow Oakley, Kansas
Lemuel Ford Hastings, Nebraska
Norman Morrow Scott City, Kansas

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December 27..\$2,228.95409
December 20..\$2,643.12386
Year Ago.....\$1,973.03406

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer C. E. Caskey
Dismiss Tom Williams
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer T. F. Holland
Dismiss W. O. Rushing

RESPONSES

For Prayer: Mack Bynum
Membership: Mrs. Wayland Willis (Marcella) has returned to Tyler from Massachusetts. Her husband is in the Armed Service stationed in Vietnam. Her address is Rt. 11, Box 209. She is the daughter-in-law of the Jim Willis'.

ELDERS-DEACONS MEETING

On Monday night, January 4, at 7:00 o'clock the elders and deacons will meet for their monthly fellowship meeting. They will be eating at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

LADIES, PLEASE REMEMBER

We would like to encourage more women to attend our Bible class every Wednesday morning at ten o'clock in the Chapel. We are studying in one of the great letters of the New Testament, Paul's letter to the Romans. On this coming Wednesday, January 6, we will have our first meeting since the holidays. We will review the first nine chapters of the book.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

by George H. Stephenson
A. M. The Poor In Spirit.
P. M. Why Be Baptized?

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother Truman Langham's father, J. R. Langham, was buried Wednesday afternoon in Dallas. We express our sympathy to brother Langham and his family.

ZONE MEETING

Zone 1 and 2 will meet next Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock, at the Travis Fletcher home, 3428 Lee.

THE 4TH SUNDAY singing will be in Whitehouse, Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY, 9:30

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Adams, the mother of Becky McRuiz is in Glenwood Hospital.
Roy Roberson's father is still a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

YOUR MARK IS LEFT

This is the time of the year when we begin looking back on the year just past. My family and I have many memories and have been blessed richly by you here at West Erwin. Even though we have been here only four months, we feel very good about our relationship with you. Our goal is to do all we can for you in whatever way possible. It is our prayer that our work in 1971 will be great in the Lord's Kingdom.

Your mark is left on others in reference to the life you lived as a Christian in the past year. I am afraid we do not realize the influence we have on others, whether it is our children or those with whom we work. I believe when we were told, "Be not deceived,

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

I feel that one of the most profitable studies we could have is that of the great sermon on the mount recorded in Matthew 5, 6, and 7. I believe that if we practice the principles found in this great sermon we will be stronger and happier Christians. As we become stronger as individuals, the church will become stronger also. It is my purpose at this time to devote my Sunday morning sermons to a study of lessons found in this great teaching from our Lord. Our first in this series of sermons will be on this coming Sunday morning, "The Poor In Spirit."
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evil companions corrupt good morals," that the reverse of this is that a good influence can return good. Shall we do greater things for the Lord in the coming year. In our (West Erwin's) opinion we may feel that we did all that was possible for us in 1970, but was it? What does the Lord think? This is in no way meant to be ungrateful for what was done but to be a challenge for even greater things. Let's leave a mark on Tyler, Kansas, and Nebraska that God will receive the glory and not us. Our mark will be left on others. Lord Tennyson, the poet, once said, "I am a part of all that I have met." Pray for the work of West Erwin and attend the services regularly.
H. H.

WHY NOT COME SUNDAY NIGHT?

If you are not now attending our Sunday evening services, why not plan to do so in 1971? I believe your coming will help you and will strengthen the church. Why not invite others to come with you? We plan to follow this schedule for the Sunday evening services (6:00 p. m.)
January 3-Why Be Baptized?
January 10-Sermon by Hillard Hughes.
January 17-The Ideal Guest in the Lord's House.
January 24-The Man Who Was Buried By the Lord.
January 31-Joshua, Man of Faith and Courage.

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