

Season's Greetings

During this happy holiday season our minds are filled with tender thoughts of loved ones and friends. We are thankful for our many friends in the West Erwin church with whom we are privileged to serve as fellow workers in the Kingdom of God. We are grateful for the confidence the elders have placed in us in giving us the opportunity to work as ministers and secretaries for this great church. We wish for each of you joy and happiness during the holidays. We are looking forward to 1972 as we work together to accomplish greater things in the Lord's service.

George H. Stephenson

Hillard Hughes

Nelda Browning

Frances McBee



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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Austin Giesecke
Dismiss H. McCarty

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Darrell Holt
Dismiss Willie Freeman

RESPONSES

Baptized: Mr. and Mrs. Michael F. Walling (Carobeth), 2108 Glenbrook Drive, telephone 597-1848.

Jeff Willis, Rt. 1, Box 130, Arp, Texas. He is the son of Joe and Joyce Willis.

Matt Haws, 3801 Birdwell. Matt is the son of Mary and Max Haws.

We rejoice over the coming of these four to be baptized into Christ.

TEACHERS

All teachers are requested to pick up their material for next quarter from the Teacher's Workroom. It is labeled by grade and class. If any other materials are needed, please inform your department coordinator soon. H. H.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Sister Eula Drennan and sister Olie Cooper are in Glenwood Hospital.

NEW ARRIVAL

A son, Gregory Brock, was born December 8, in Irving to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Stephenson. The proud grandparents are Alice and George Stephenson.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

- O. C. Becker Louis J. Jones
Tom Williams Harley Turner
J. M. Norris F. A. Jones
Ted Snipes B. J. Tucker
T. J. Parson W. O. Rushing

FOR FAMILY TOGETHERNESS

How long has it been since your whole family spent an evening together having fun? Recently the management of the JET Skating Rink made available their facilities for the exclusive use of members of the church of Christ and their families each 3rd Monday night of the month, from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. The cost is 80¢ per person which includes shoes. You can spend time with your family and grow closer with fun. H. H.

THE ANNUAL YEAR END SINGING

will be held at the Glenwood building this year. The date is Wednesday evening, December 29, 7:30. This is a singing and worship service for all of the congregations.

NEW MINISTER'S STUDY

Recently I moved into a beautiful new minister's study just across the hall from the main church offices. Brother James Massey did an excellent work in helping to plan and oversee the arranging and furnishing of this study. I am most grateful to have the privilege of occupying this most attractive room. It is possible for the minister to have more privacy and also more room has been provided for the associate minister and secretaries. If you have an opportunity, come by to see our new study. G. H. S.

WEALTH

I have planted a garden, and have watched it grow and produce, and so I know what faith is.
I have seen poplar trees swaying in the breeze, and so I know what grace is.
I have heard cardinals calling, and so I know what music is.
I have seen clouds before a storm, and so I know what beauty is.
I have read a book before a wood fire, so I know what contentment is.
I have seen the miracle of a western sunset, and so I know what grandeur is.
I have refound a very dear friend, so I know what gratitude is.
And because I have perceived all these things, I know what wealth is.

-Unknown

SERMONS SUNDAY, DEC. 19

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. The Lost Book.
6:00 p. m. The Jerusalem Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

"We are bound to thank God always for you." These words were written by Paul to the Thessalonians in the long ago. I feel that they might be said in regard to all of the members at West Erwin who gave liberally last Sunday for a total of over \$15,500. We commend you for your faith and for your interest in the work of the Lord.

As we think of the generous contribution we should be especially thankful to our loving Father whose blessings have made it possible for us to give. We have been prospered by the Lord in a most wonderful way. It has not been too many years ago when it was thought that a contribution of \$15,000 was a large amount for an entire year. And there are those who remember in the depression days when West Erwin found it hard to meet its obligations and to support a preacher. Indeed, we have been greatly blessed in our time.

As the members have generously responded to the needs of our budget, let us pray that the money may be used wisely. May we support and pray for our elders as they plan for the future work of the church. May we be willing, not only to give our money, but also our time and our talents for the Lord who gave Himself for us.

G. H. S.

THE VISITOR will not be printed next week due to the regulations of our mailing permit.

THE LADIES CLASS will not meet again until January 5, 1972.

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THIS YEAR

THAT'S SO NEW?

As we start a New Year
untouched and unmarred,
Unblemished and flawless, unscratched and unscarred,
May we try to do better and accomplish much more
And be kinder and wiser
than in the year gone before -
Let us wipe our slates clean and start over again,
For God gives this privilege to all sincere men
Who will humbly admit they have failed many ways
But are willing to try and improve these "new days"
By asking God's help in all that they do
And counting on Him to refresh and renew
Their courage and faith when things go wrong
And the way seems dark
and the road rough and long -

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THIS YEAR

THAT'S SO NEW???

The choice is yours - God leaves that to YOU!

Helen Steiner Rice

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements Mack Bynum

Prayer M. B. Beard

Dismiss Terry Stephenson

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements Bob Threadgill

Prayer Howard Ellis

Dismiss Kenny Browning

WE WERE GLAD to have Raymond Hardin preach for us last Sunday morning. His sermon was excellent. He and his wife will soon be moving to Terre Haute, Indiana where he will be working for the church. Our prayers will be with them in their new field of service.

IN APPRECIATION

We want you to know how much we appreciate your thoughtfulness while we were in the hospital. The flowers were beautiful and the calls and visits from many of you were very welcome. Naturally, we are excited over being blessed with our little boy, Jason Michael, and somehow it seems to mean a little more now that we are a

part of you and West Erwin. We are looking forward to a fulfillment we know we will obtain as members of the church.

Mike and Carobeth Walling

Thank you for the cards, flowers and every act of thoughtfulness at the time of the death of my brother, Kenneth Browning. Eveline McCarty

THANK YOU

As the year draws to a close we want to thank everyone at West Erwin for every kindness you have shown us during the year. We are especially grateful for the many cards we received during the holiday season. We were blessed in countless ways during 1971. We could never adequately express our appreciation to those who made it possible for us to make a trip to the Bible Lands in October. This was one of the most wonderful experiences we have ever known. Let us all pray for a fruitful year in the Lord's service in 1972. May God bless each of you.

George and Alice Stephenson

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Houston & Broadway church in Kilgore, Jan. 3 - 9. Brother Wallace Gooch will preach. Time, 7:30 p. m.

The church in Troup will have special services at 7:30 next Sunday evening. Dr. Joe Ritchie of Temple will speak. He recently returned from a 5 week tour of parts of Europe and Asia. He will tell and show slide films concerning mission work.

NEW QUARTER BEGINS

With the new year beginning this week we are making plans to have a greater year than 1971, and we want YOU to be a part of the plans. The best resolution you can make is to be in Bible class every Sunday possible. I know some that began attending in 1971 and I'm sure they are better because of their decision. The teachers will be doing all they possibly can to prepare lessons that will be helpful and strengthening. Your part will be to attend and encourage them.

The Adult Classes are as follows:

College Age George Stephenson

"The Church, Falling Away
and Restoration."

20 - 30 Glen Warner

I and II Timothy - Titus

30 - 40 Faber Cauthen

"The New Testament Church"

40 - 50 James Phillips

"Prayer"

Chapel Cullen Gilliam

"Restoration Period"

Auditorium Foy Richey

"The Divided Kingdom"

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Zeffie Beard underwent surgery Monday in Glenwood Hospital.

Scott Ferguson underwent a tonsillectomy about two weeks ago.

Sister M. M. Haws underwent foot surgery Wednesday in Medical Center.

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at the Travis Fletcher home.

BAPTIZED-December 19- Rosemary Center, 801 N. Parkdale.

WELCOME TO TYLER

Dean and Maurine Brookshire have moved to Tyler this week where they will be associated with the Northwest congregation.

The Brookshires have been working with the Mobberly Ave. congregation in Longview for the past three and one half years. Previous to this, brother Brookshire served as the preacher for the West Erwin congregation for ten years. In his new work, he will be associated with Mike Warner in the work of evangelism for the Northwest Church.

Both Dean and Maurine are loved by all of us at West Erwin. I have never heard one word of criticism against either of them. They are faithful and loyal Christians. We welcome them back to Tyler and pray that their work with the Northwest Church will prove to be pleasant for them and will contribute to the expansion of the Lord's Kingdom in our city.

BEST WISHES

Miss Barbara Payne, daughter of sister Ethel Payne, and Mr. Phillip Maddox were married December 18 in the Memorial Church of Christ in Houston, Texas. Their address is 322 W. Belt Dr., North, Houston, Tex. We extend our best wishes to Barbara and Phillip for a long, happy life.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 2

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. God Must Be First
(1st in series on Ten Commandments)
6:00 p. m. Peter's Second Sermon.

"For God SO LOVED the world that HE GAVE
His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth
in Him should not perish, but have everlasting
life." John 3:16

How much do we love God? What have we given
Him? We will have an opportunity on this Lord's
Day to show our love by our giving. G. H. S.

"I speak not by commandment, but by occasion
of the forwardness of others, and to prove the
sincerity of your love." II Corinthians 8:8

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements Roger Knight

Prayer..... Joe McBee

Dismiss Ben Young

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements..... Hillard Hughes

Prayer Tom Williams

Dismiss Joe Willis

RESPONSES

Brother and sister Howard Holland (Helen) placed membership with us last Sunday. They have been living in Overton where he served the congregation there as an elder. At one time brother Holland served as an elder and Bible school teacher here. There address is Rt. 1, Hide-A-Way Lake, Lindale, Texas 75771. We welcome them to West Erwin.

WATCH the television program each Thursday evening, 6:30 over the Cable LVO, position 6.

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

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Olie Cooper and sister Eula Drennan are in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Dexter Browning is now in the Leisure Lodge Nursing Home.

THE TRUCK from the Medina Children's Home picked up an estimated amount of \$100 in food and gifts and a \$5.00 cash donation.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

10:20 a. m. Such As I Have.

By George Stephenson

6:00 p. m. Jealousy

By Hillard Hughes

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for the visits, cards, and food during the time I was hospitalized recently. Also, a special thanks to those who donated blood.

Averyt Smith

THE BUSINESS MEETING for all men of the congregation will be Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel. Copies of the Financial Statement are in the foyer.

"Because thou hast kept the word of My patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation."

Rev. 3:10

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

James 5:16

IT PAYS TO GIVE

The late Dr. John Young served for many years as an elder and Bible class teacher in the Skillman Avenue church in Dallas. He gave generously of his money and of his time for the Lord. He was a very busy physician, but found time for the work of the Lord. In an article he wrote for the 20th Century Christian, Dr. Young said:

"It pays to give! It pays in so many ways. Truly it is 'more blessed to give than to receive' and the one that gives is the one much more blessed. Some are prone to make light of this, to say it in irony, and they fail to appreciate the true meaning because they lack the experience of giving. Until one has learned to give with pleasure, with cheer and with some sacrifice he has not prepared himself to receive the 'blessing.'

"It pays spiritually to give. When loving giving is accomplished there wells up within one's life a sense of deep satisfaction in having a part in God's work. There is a real feeling that has a permanence only experienced by those who practice it. Many true and honest loving men testify to this with prayer and thanksgiving. It is a worth-while experience, a great dividend reserved for those who sacrificially give - not something to talk about very much; too deep for much talk but truly a feeling of being a fellow-workman with Christ. This spiritual blessing is no little thing. It helps to make of religion and love

of God and man a vibrant, vital, virile life.

"It pays to give to Christ's cause in a material way for Christ promises to give 'full measure pressed down...' to those that give. His followers are but stewards and so plainly it is taught that if they are good stewards then more goods will be supplied for further stewardship. If that which is in hand is properly expended to produce results for Christ, then more and more will be placed in these hands. This, the parable of the steward teaches.

"This has not been tried by very many. It is said, 'I can't afford to give,' but the very reverse is true. 'I can't afford not to give' for God prospers a giver... The more you give the more you have to give.

"It becomes easier and easier to give. Some have given a large percentage and have been continually blessed in giving. Trust the Lord and he will not fail you. One's trust may be weak but not the Lord. This can be testified for by many business and professional men who in their own lives have had the increase, the great double dividend of spiritual blessings and material blessings!

"It pays to give; spiritually and emotionally. It pays by increasing one's responsible stewardship. Yes, it even pays materially. And last 'we really save only that we give away.' Only that which is sent ahead is saved! Let us lay up treasures in heaven by giving more to the Lord now!"

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

I hope that you will be planning to make a generous contribution toward erasing the deficit in our budget on Sunday, December 12.

The members of the West Erwin church have always responded to worthy appeals in the past and we trust that this year will be no exception. I am sure that you must realize that if every member of the congregation would give as he should that we would not just meet but exceed our budget.

It is great to be a part of a congregation which is helping to spread the gospel as West Erwin is. Here in Tyler we have had two great gospel meetings and a successful Vacation Bible School in addition to our regular work of teaching and evangelism. Every day, Monday through Friday, we are preaching the gospel on the radio. This program is heard by many, not only in Tyler, but throughout East Texas.

We have helped preach the gospel in Oakley, Kansas; Scott City, Kansas; and in Hastings, Nebraska. In addition to providing full support for the preachers in these areas, we have also sent some of our own number to help. Hillard Hughes took a group of young people to Oakley to help in a Vacation Bible School this past summer. They also visited the other churches we assist in Kansas and Nebraska. Now we have a new challenge as we plan to support the preaching of the gospel in Austria. Everyone is very enthusiastic about this latest project of the West Erwin church.

We are sending regular contributions to assist in the nation wide television and radio program conducted by the Highland congregation in Abilene. As a result of this work, which has the assistance of many congregations, there are millions who have an opportunity to hear the gospel of Christ. Also, we send regular monthly contributions to help in the teaching of the Bible at Tyler Junior College.

We are thankful also for the opportunity to help care for dependent boys and girls in some of the children's homes operated by our brethren. Here is another wonderful opportunity to teach the word of God as well as to demonstrate genuine love and compassion for children.

All of these works and many, many more are being accomplished as a result of your using God's blessings to you in a way which will honor Him. Let us put forth an effort on Sunday, December 12 to do our very best on that day for the Lord's Cause. When we truly contemplate all that the Lord has done for us, especially in the giving of His Son, we feel as Isaac Watts expressed it in the great hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all. G. H. S.



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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements..... Bob Threadgill
Prayer J. M. Norris
Dismiss H. McCarty

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer James Massey
Dismiss Fred Powell

RESPONSES

For Prayer: Meredith Womack

LADIES, REMEMBER

The Wednesday morning class for women will meet this coming Wednesday, December 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel. We also have a class for pre-school children and an attendant in the nursery.

The lesson for women on this Wednesday will be based on Ruth. This is a continuation of the study of "Daughters of Eve" by Lottie Beth Hobbs. Of course, all of the lessons are based on the Bible.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George Stephenson
A. M. The Wisdom of the Wise Men.
P. M. What Happened on Pentecost?

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Francis Bullard underwent surgery on Monday in Medical Center Hospital. He is recovering nicely.

Sister Dexter Browning is much improved following surgery. She is in Medical Center.

IN APPRECIATION

The family of Rodney J. Hardey (father of Mildred Tuel) acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

ANNUAL YEAR END SINGING

This will be the ninth year for the annual singing and worship service for all of the congregations. This year it will be held at the Glenwood building. This is always held on the last Wednesday evening of the year. Don't forget - December 29, 7:30.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in December.

T. F. Holland	C. E. Caskey
Dwaine Thedford	Tommy Lowrance
Jeff Ellis	Scott Ferguson
Kim Smith	Dwain Strait
Ken Browning	Tim Holt

REMEMBER the fellowship "supper" Friday evening, 7:00 p.m. at the Rose Center Building. This is for all members of the congregation and guests.

The unforgiving is the unforgiven, but the most loved are those who love the most.

THE FIRST PROGRAM of the new TV Series will be Thursday, December 2, at 6:30 on position 6. This beginning program will tell of the work of each congregation in Tyler and should be of interest to all. Invite your friends to watch.

WHY THE HOUSE SANK

While a contractor was debating the best landing place for a house which he had successfully moved a distance of a half-mile over a small frozen lake, the building sank in six feet of water. The ice, which was ten inches thick, was abundantly strong to support the structure while it was moving, but could not bear up the dead weight when it was brought to a standstill.

If you are a professing Christian, a member of the Lord's church, keep moving along with your part of the Lord's work. If you stop to criticize, to find fault, your dead weight will not only be a burden that the church cannot bear, but you may lose your soul - may go down to spiritual death in the cold waters of indifference or indecision. . . . Selected

CLASSES FOR WOMEN SUCCESSFUL

Women from a number of congregations in this area were present for the meeting on Tuesday. There were over eighty women who came for the lectures by sister Ona Belknap and the class sessions. We were sorry that more could not be present. All of the women who came expressed their appreciation for the day and the inspiration which they received.

There was a fine luncheon at the YMCA building at noon. I would like to thank the women who worked to make this possible. They prepared food for all of our guests from other places. Some who could not be present sent their food to help serve others. We appreciate their spirit of unselfishness. G. H. S.

ELDERS AND DEACONS

The monthly meeting of the elders and deacons will be Monday evening, December 6 at Wyatt's Cafeteria. The time is 7:00 o'clock.

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Monday through Friday, 12:30 Noon

LOTS OF TIME

Lots of time for lots of things; tho it is said that Time has wings. There is always time to find - ways of being sweet and kind. There is always time to share - smiles and goodness everywhere. Time to send the frowns away, time a gentle word to say; Time for helpfulness, and time to assist the weak to climb; Time to give a little flower, time for friendship any hour. But there is no time to spare, for unkindness anywhere. . . . Selected

I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me. Gal. 2:20

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The Joy of Salvation

How thankful I am to be a citizen of the United States. After my recent visit to the Middle East I have had a greater appreciation of the many blessings which are ours in this country. I am glad that the early leaders of our nation recognized God as the giver of every gift and that they set aside a day especially for the expression of thanks to God.

I am thankful also for the privilege of being a citizen of the heavenly kingdom. It is great to be a member of the church which was purchased with the blood of Christ. There is joy in the heart of a Christian which the world does not know.

The Spirit of Christ produces joy in the heart of a Christian (Galatians 5:22). The Bible teaches in many places that we are to be filled with joy. Christ prayed that His joy might remain with His disciples (John 17:13). Peter describes the joy of a Christian as "unspeakable" - or something which words can not adequately describe. "Whom having not seen ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory." (I Peter 1:8)

The joy of a Christian is not dependent upon outward circumstances and conditions of life. Paul's life was filled with persecution, hardship, and suffering, and yet his life was filled with genuine joy. Even while a Roman prisoner, he wrote to Christians in Philippi, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice," (Philippians 4:4). Imagine one inside prison writing words of cheer to those on the outside! Christians learn, even in their sufferings, to depend upon Christ and to realize that good can be found in every experience of life.

A life of sin will not bring joy. Sin may bring pleasure, but this pleasure will not provide lasting contentment. The pleasures of sin ultimately bring disappointment, disillusionment, and death. Probably the most unhappy people are those who have nothing to do but to spend their time seeking one new "thrill" after another in worldly pleasure.

Christian joy comes through abiding faith and trust in God. God is a loving Father who watches over and cares for His own. Joy comes to those who realize that their sins have been forgiven through faith and obedience to the Lord's will. Joy also comes in living for others. The best way to be happy is to make others happy.

A Christian finds joy in the knowledge that he lives for the eternal. He knows that this life is not permanent, that all of the experiences of the present are a part of the preparation for eternity. He can say with Paul, "For our light affliction which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory" (2 Corinthians 4:17).

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Prayer..... Glen Warner
Dismiss Don Weathers
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer..... T. J. Parsons
Dismiss Tommy Parsons

NOTE OF THANKS

We appreciate so much the expres-
sions of sympathy shown us at the
death of our loved one. The flowers,
cards and food were greatly ap-
preciated.

Johnnie, Jack, and Pam Stringer

THE SICK

Sister Floia Payne is in Medical
Center Hospital for tests.

Sister Dexter Browning is a patient
in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister T. Murry has a sprained
ankle and is unable to be in worship.

Sister Maxine Freeman was able to
go home from the Hospital Monday.

Brother Averyt Smith is in Medical
Center Hospital.

THE "GET TOGETHER" of all mem-
bers of the West Erwin Church and
their guests will be Friday evening,
December 3, at the Garden Center
Building in the Fair Grounds. The
time is 7:00 p.m. Bring food and
serving utensils. This will be an
enjoyable time for all. Make your
plans to attend.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30th is the
day the Ladies of this area will meet
together to hear Ona Belnap, editor
of the Christian Woman magazine.
This meeting will begin with regis-
tration from 9:00 - 9:30 at the West
Erwin building and conclude with a
covered dish luncheon to be held at
the YMCA building. The regular
Ladies' Class on Wednesday morn-
ing will be dismissed.

THE GROCERY TRUCK from the
Medina Children's Home will be at
the building some time during the
week of Nov. 27 - Dec. 3, to pick up
any items or gifts we may have for
them. The following is a list of items
they especially need.

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| bleach | dishwashing liquid |
| soap pads | laundry detergent |
| Tuna | sugar, granulated & |
| canned meats | (powdered & brown) |
| cooking oil | sweetened conden- |
| fruit juices | sed milk |
| Orange Tang | Apple and Cherry |
| white Karo Syrup | Pie filling |
| assorted nuts | candy for Christmas |
| Dream Whip | Christmas gifts for |
| marshmallows | ages 10 - 18 |

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF JESUS

First and greatest commandment - "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with
all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy
strength" (Mark 12:30).

Second commandment is like unto it - "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy-
self" (Mark 12:31).

Third, a new commandment - "Love one another (John 13:34).

Fourth, the hard commandment - "Love your enemies, bless them that curse
you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them that despitefully use you
and persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).

Fifth, the shining commandment - "Whatsoever ye would that men should do
to you, do ye even so to them" (Matthew 7:12).

Sixth, the seeking commandment - "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his
righteousness" (Matthew 6:33).

Seventh, the mercy commandment - "Be ye therefore merciful as your Father
also is merciful" (Luke 6:36).

Eighth, the highest commandment - "Be ye therefore perfect even as your
Father who is in Heaven is perfect" (Matthew 5:48).

Ninth, the commission commandment - "Go ye into all the world and preach
the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Tenth, "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15).

...from the Pasadena Exhorter

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"THE WORD IN FOCUS"

Our new TV program begins in just
one week! This program will be one
that should interest everyone in
Tyler, but we will need your help to
advertise it to your neighbors. Many
hours will go into the producing of
each program, but it can be an ef-
fective means of teaching the WORD.
The first program will be unique as
it will be telling of the work of each
church in Tyler and how we are trying
to help the community. May we suggest
that you invite at least one person to
watch each week and our viewing
audience should grow steadily. Re-

member the beginning date is Decem-
ber 2 at 6:30 p.m., Position 6.

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FUNERAL

Sister O'Neal Tuel's father, Mr.
Rodney Joseph Hardey, passed away
Sunday in Corpus Christi. Funeral
services were Wednesday morning in
Rockport. We express our deepest
sympathy to the Tuel family.

SERMON SUBJECTS, November 28

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. Which Heart Is Yours?
6:00 p.m. The Ascension of Christ!

Sunday Evening Sermons on Acts

Beginning this Sunday evening, Nov. 21, it is my plan to begin a series of studies based on the book of Acts. I have not preached this series since I have lived in Tyler for over three years, so I feel it is fitting that we have such a study at this time. Our first lesson will be this Sunday evening on the topic, "Significance of the Book of Acts." Plan to be here every Sunday night. We will find lessons for Christians and non-Christians. We will be encouraged to study about the establishment, growth and progress of the church as it began on Pentecost. Our faith in the Lord and His way will be strengthened.

Scenes From Bible Lands - November 24

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 24, picture slides depicting scenes from the Bible Lands along with comments by brother Stephenson will be presented. We hope that a large number will be present for these pictures which were recently made on the trip to the Bible Lands. The usual classes will be dismissed and all will remain in the auditorium.

Old Testament Books Reviewed

Brother Stephenson has begun a study of the books of the Old Testament in the auditorium on Wednesday evenings. Each book will be reviewed. This will give you an opportunity to become better acquainted with Old Testament history. Genesis will be reviewed on Wednesday, December 1.

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REPORT... Scott City (Continued)
Norman Morrow writes: "I was very happy to read of your decision to support brother Rischer. I had seen his picture and read of his need, and hoped some congregation would sacrifice if needed to support a man as good as his reports indicate him to be. God can do great things when we let Him."

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THE GROCERY TRUCK from the Medina Children's Home will be here sometime during the week of Nov. 27-Dec. 3, to pick up groceries and any other items we may have for the Home. A list of needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

LADIES REMEMBER, Ona Belnap, editor of the CHRISTIAN WOMAN magazine will be in Tyler Tuesday, November 30 to speak to the Ladies of this area. This meeting will begin with registration from 9:00 - 9:30 at the West Erwin building and conclude with a covered dish luncheon to be held at the YMCA building. Make your plans to enjoy this day with other Christian ladies of this area.

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Remember the "get together" of all the members of the church, Friday evening, December 3, at the Garden Center Building in the Fair Grounds.

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements Mack Bynum

Prayer Faber Cauthen

Dismiss Fred Strait

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements.....Hillard Hughes

Prayer Henry McRuiz

DismissTommy Parsons

RESPONSES

Mike Rhoades, 2610 Old Omen Road, was baptized into Christ Wednesday evening, November 4. We are happy for the decision Mike has made.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, cards, visits, and your prayers while I was in the hospital.

W. H. Turner

MOVED TO PARIS

Sister Laura Sparks recently moved to Paris, Texas where she will be living with a sister. We shall miss her but hope she will be very happy. Her address is: 1020 36th St. S. E., Paris, Texas 75460

NEW ARRIVALS

A baby boy, Thomas William, was born to Judy and Billy Rozell on November 4. The proud grandparents are the Bill Rozells.

Bill and Jan Faulkner are the parents of a baby girl born Nov. 6, in Beaufort, So. Carolina. They have named her Amy Jaynelle. The happy grandparents are the Mack Bynums.

FOR YOUR DIRECTORY

Sister Ruby Degge has a new telephone number. It is 595-1289.

The phone number printed for the Caseltine family was in error. It should have been 592-0449.

Sister Janie Chelf is now in the Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

SERMONS FOR NOVEMBER 21

By George H. Stephenson

10:20 a. m. The Man Who Forgot.

6:00 p. m. Significance of The Book of Acts.

ATTENTION, Young People!

The Mobberly Ave. Church in Longview has invited you to attend a Youth Forum, November 27 from 9:45 until 3:15. The theme is to be Thankfulness. Let's plan to go!

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Maxine Freeman is in Mother Frances Hospital, room 349.

Sister Dexter Browning underwent surgery Tuesday evening in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Jack Beard is in Glenwood Hospital.

FROM GEMEINDE CHRISTI (Salzburg, Austria)

May I share part of a letter received from Rudolf Rischer. Rudolf has spent most of his time since leaving Tyler contacting and speaking to several groups concerning the work in Salzburg, Austria. He is happy that \$1,200 has been given for a bus to be used in his work there.

H. H.

"I am still so much overwhelmed with joy about the kindness and love which I have found in the W. Erwin St. Church. I hardly can wait to see Christel to tell her of all the wonderful people in your congregation, and of the many good things I have received while visiting Tyler.

"Upon my return to Gainesboro, I talked with the Elders about the W. Erwin St. Church and about their willingness to accept the oversight and my personal support. The Elders were very much impressed and would like to express to all of you their appreciation - just as I would like to thank you over and over again.

"Please, remember me in your daily prayers, and give my best regards to your Elders and to everyone of the congregation."

Yours in Christ,
Rudolf Rischer

REPORT FROM Hastings, Nebraska

Lem Ford, our preacher in Hastings, reports that attendance, interest, and enthusiasm are growing there. The church recently had a gospel meeting with very good attendance. Recently they broke their previous record of 105 in attendance on Sunday morning by an attendance of 112. It is interesting to note that their Wednesday evening attendance has been as high as 88 recently.

Brother Ford expressed an interest in those who took the trip to the Bible Lands. Also, he rejoiced with Jim Morrow in his new field of work in Africa. Brother Ford stated, "Thank you for your concern, assistance, fellowship and prayers in the work here. May God's grace and mercy continue to be yours."

REPORT FROM Scott City, Kansas

A report from our preacher in Scott City, Kansas, Norman Morrow, tells us of the good work which he continues to do there. He reports an all day meeting of church workers in that area held on October 9, in Oakley. The meeting was successful with about 100 in attendance. Since Oakley is without a preacher at present, Norman helped to make the necessary arrangements, including correspondence, for the meeting.

A number of non-members are now attending in Scott City. Efforts are being made to lead these to Christ. Average attendance each Sunday morning in October was 71 with an average contribution of \$221.30. Concerning our new work in Austria,

(continued on back page)

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

There is no place like home, especially when home is in Tyler, Texas and when one's home congregation is the West Erwin Church of Christ. How wonderful it is for us to be back home and to be here at West Erwin! We have had some experiences which will enrich our lives, but it is good once again to be with you.

Words cannot possibly express to you the deep appreciation which we feel for the generosity of those of you who made it possible for us to take our trip to the Bible Lands. Our lives have been enriched beyond measure. It is impossible to imagine the great number of things we saw in a period of two weeks time. We were inspired, edified, educated, and better equipped to serve as teachers of the Word of the Lord. I wish it were possible for each of you to know the joy which was ours as we were able to stand on Mars' Hill and to think of the great sermon preached by Paul there in the long ago. I wish you could have been with us when we walked where Jesus walked. I wish you could have been with us when we met with the small group of Christians in the city of Jerusalem; and I wish you could have known how we felt when we ate the bread and drank the cup in memory of our dear Savior in the very city where he gave his life for us, where he was buried, where he later arose, and where he also ascended to glory. There are so many wonderful memories which we will have the rest of our days, but I am sure that none will be more precious than the memory we cherish of being on the beautiful Sea of Galilee where Jesus often was found while here on this earth.

At a future time we hope to show pictures and to share with you some of the experiences and impressions which we gained on our trip. From time to time we shall be writing about some of these experiences.

I am very grateful for the good things which were accomplished by the church here during our absence. I was especially pleased to hear of the enlargement of our evangelistic efforts, especially in increasing our support in mission endeavors. I wish it had been possible for me to meet Rudolf Rischer. Many enthusiastic words have been said in regard to him and to his proposed work in Austria. I am most grateful to Hillard Hughes and W. D. Metcalf for the work they did in preaching and teaching in my absence. Also, I am thankful to sister Audrey O'Bannon for the fine lessons which she brought to our Ladies Class. We are most fortunate in having many capable teachers and workers in the West Erwin congregation. I hope and pray that all of us may be able to do more and more for our Lord as the days go by.

G. H. S.

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer Elwin Crow
Dismiss Terry Stephenson

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements C. E. Caskey
Prayer..... Milburn Cook
Dismiss Mark Cauthen

RESPONSES

Miss Beth Montgomery, 920 Pinkerton, phone 593-5356, was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. Beth attends John Tyler High School. We are happy to welcome her.

Miss Jo Ellen Willis came Sunday to ask for prayer.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for your visits, cards, and prayers during my stay in the hospital. Mrs. Janie Chelf (Sister Chelf is now in Village East Nursing Home.)

Thank you for your remembrance of me and your prayers while I was hospitalized. Mrs. Ruby Degge

FROM Campus Christian Center

We at the Campus Christian Center would like to take this opportunity to thank you for bringing the dinner and devotional to our campus on Thursday, Sept. 28, 1971.

We would like to thank Hillard Hughes for the message he brought at the devotional.

We would also like to thank the ladies for preparing the meal, and for the time they took out of their busy schedules to come and be with us.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

10:20 a.m. Making Christianity Attractive by George Stephenson
6:00 p.m. Must The Young Serve Too? by Hillard Hughes.

WE SINCERELY regret the recent death of brother E. R. Barton, one of the elders of the Glenwood congregation. Brother Barton was the son-in-law of sister Ola Dunwoody.

FELLOWSHIP - DECEMBER 3

A fellowship meal and "get together" of all the members of the church has been planned for the night of December 3, in the Rose Center Building. Mark this date on your calendar now and plan to be present. Everyone is requested to bring food for the occasion. These meetings have proven to be very enjoyable and worth while in the past, and we are sure that this will be no exception. G. H. S.

"THE WORD IN FOCUS"

Our television program begins to take on a greater concept as plans are developing. The title, "The Word in Focus," tries to say what the program will be trying to do. The format will not necessarily be a "preaching" program, but several different methods will be used to teach. We will be trying to appeal to adults and young

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SPECIAL FOR AREA LADIES

The West Erwin Ladies will host an Area Wide Ladies Day. Ona Belnap, editor of the CHRISTIAN WOMAN magazine will be in Tyler to talk to the ladies concerning their spiritual needs. Plans are to have registration from 9:00 - 9:30 at the West Erwin building and conclude the day with a covered dish luncheon at the YMCA building. We hope you will make your plans to be here and have this experience with other Christian ladies, Tuesday, November 30.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Sister Ben Freeman (Maxine) is in Mother Frances. She underwent major surgery Tuesday afternoon.

BUSINESS MEETING - Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel.

REMEMBER

The Medina Children's Home truck will be here during the week of Nov. 27 - Dec. 3.

people without losing sight of our main goal of teaching God's Word. For this program to be successful we will need your help again. Begin now talking to your neighbors about the program; invite them to watch each Thursday evening at 6:30 on Channel 6 - beginning, December 2. H. H.

"OX IN THE DITCH"

Most Christians readily agree they shouldn't forsake the assembly, and that regularity of worship is a Christian virtue. However, some who give lip-service to this idea are very efficient in giving excuses. In case they prefer not to give a long excuse with all the trimmings they just say, "Well, you know how it is; the ol' ox will get into the ditch." Jesus referred to this ancient Jewish tradition which has become symbolic of many things. Originally, it was suppose to symbolize only those unavoidable circumstances that can come without warning to thwart the best laid plans. However, this proverbial ox is more regular in his appearance at church than are many members. The ox is often just a "cover-up" of lack of interest and desire. If one really wants to come, he will look ahead and anticipate the ditches. Someone has well said: "EITHER FILL UP THE DITCH OR SELL THE OX."

-from University Reminder Denton, Texas



SALZBURG, AUSTRIA

What a great challenge and work for West Erwin. Our elders should be commended for their faith and desire to help spread the word of God into the country of Austria. After considering the work and talking to Brother Rudolf Rischer, who has been preaching in Salzburg for thirteen years, the elders decided that they would accept the oversight of this work and West Erwin will supply his personal support. The church in Gainsboro, Tennessee will provide his working fund. While visiting with brother Rischer, he - in his humble way - expressed a desire to be able to buy a VW bus for his work in Salzburg. He feels that it would help in transporting members and non-members to services, and it would be easier than making several trips. Wouldn't it be wonderful for West Erwin to help provide this need also? Let's pray for this work and support our elders in their efforts to work for the Lord.

With this work beginning for West Erwin let us not forget that we still have three good works here at home - two in Kansas and one in Nebraska. Your prayers and other efforts of support for Norman Morrow in Scott City, Kansas, for Lem Ford in Hastings, Nebraska and the work in Oakley, Kansas should not be forgotten.

We have been afforded some great challenges, and it is my belief that we have only begun.

H. H.

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING Announcements Roger Knight Prayer C. E. Caskey Dismiss Wayne Fears

SUNDAY EVENING Announcements Hillard Hughes Prayer..... Dalton Jones Dismiss Joe Willis

RESPONSES

Brother and sister Don Caseltine and children have recently moved back to Tyler and will be worshipping with us here at West Erwin. Their address is 3037 Old Jacksonville Hwy., telephone 592-0447. We welcome the Caseltines back to Tyler.

For Prayer: Susan Smith, 634 Parkdale.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the flowers and expressions of sympathy at the time of the death of my brother, Weldon Beasley. Dovie Norsworthy and the Beasley Family

Thank you for the visits, cards and phone calls during my stay in the hospital. Lillie Knight

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Jim Willis is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister George Meek is now back in the Leisure Lodge.

Sister Ruby Degge is in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Nora Knight, Dr. Roger Knight's mother, is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Serving at the Lord's Table and the congregation the first two Sundays in November are:

- C. B. Hardin Ed Bullard L. G. Drennan Francis Bullard Cone Birdwell Sherrill Little Charles Lemons Bob Threadgill Guy Potts Joe McBee

Sunday evening: C. B. Hardin and Ed Bullard will serve.

MEETINGS

Dean Brookshire will preach in a meeting, November 7 - 10 at the Ward and Coffee Streets Church of Christ in Daingerfield, Texas. Weekday services at 7:00 p. m.

Johnny Jackson will be with the Alpine and Glover Church of Christ in Longview, November 7 - 12. Week-day services at 7:30 p. m.

TRUCK FROM MEDINA HOME

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- bleach dishwashing liquid soap pads laundry detergent Tuna sugar & powdered cooking oil & brown sugar fruit juices sweetened condensed milk Orange Tang Apple and Cherry white Karo syrup Pie filling assorted nuts Candy for Christmas Dream Whip Christmas gifts for marshmallows ages 10 - 18

WHAT'S YOUR HURRY?

This is a question we often ask as someone scurries past. You should know how busy everyone is today - just a few minutes in any one place and then on to another engagement. Even though we have so many things on our schedules, we do make room for the things which we desire to do. Of course, I'm getting around to our work and time spent for the Lord. Being aware that harassment, or encouragement, or talking by a preacher usually has little effect on those who do not care, we continue to write articles and preach sermons. Often times the leaders of the church are at

FUNERALS

Sister Jack Stringer's mother, Mrs. Alice Davis, passed away Tuesday in Dallas. Funeral services were Thursday in Dallas. Burial was in Canton.

Sister Dovie Norsworthy's brother, Mr. Weldon Beasley, passed away last week in Lufkin.

We extend our sincere sympathy to each family.

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

"Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right." --Proverbs 20:11

fault because of the lack of planning or not wanting to spend the time needed to prepare themselves or the projects to be undertaken, but how do we as individuals fail to encourage them in the great responsibility that rests upon them. Some times we try to do - in an hour - that which should take more than this amount of time in prayer. Continual prayer and preparation for our work and service to the Lord is necessary for our growth in all areas. It seems to me that we should be willing to sacrifice the time instead of feeling that, "I've more important things to do - so hurry!"

H. H.

LET'S GET EXCITED . . .!

"Lord, help us to get excited about your cause," a young man said in his dismissal prayer. It struck me as most appropriate. Our crying need is for someone to fill us with enthusiasm for Christ, for the church, and for sharing the good news with others. We need to get excited!

WHY NOT? Unexcited football players would be boring to watch. All the successful salesmen I ever knew were quite excited over their product and that's why they were able to excite their prospects and make sales. We become tremendously interested in other things that aren't half as important. Why not get thoroughly aroused by the most deadly of all diseases and by the only cure for the world's ills?

CHRIST DEMANDED ENTHUSIASM. He said he would spew out the lukewarm member (Rev. 3:16). When Jesus cleansed the temple His disciples were so impressed by His zeal that they remembered the prophecy, "Zeal for thine house hath eaten me up." Paul told us to emulate Jesus by being "fervent in spirit."

Did you ever watch a blacksmith as he stirred up his fire? Each time he wanted to change the shape of a horseshoe or some other piece of metal, he would pump the bellows and poke the coals until the fires that had nearly gone out were blazing again. The metal would not yield to his will until the fires in the forge were stirred to a white heat. We may know a great deal of Bible and be morally good but we need someone to "pump the bellows" and "stir up the coals" until we talk enthusiastically about the kingdom of God. Your enthusiasm will rub off on others and God will bless you with more of it than ever.

. . . M. Norvel Young

THE GROUP FROM TYLER making the tour of the Bible Lands, conducted by brother L. L. Gieger, are scheduled to worship in Jerusalem this coming Lord's Day. They will return to New York on November 3. Making the trip from here are: brother and sister Cone Birdwell, brother and sister M. H. Shaffer, brother and sister C. E. Caskey, brother and sister E. V. Rushing, and brother and sister George Stephenson. Remember to pray for their safe return.

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements.....T. F. Holland
Prayer.....Tommy Lowrance
Dismiss.....Steve Drennan

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements..Gerald Montgomery
Prayer.....James Phillips
Dismiss.....Harold Browning

RESPONSES

Restored: Larry Hubbard and Mrs. Floia Payne.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the cards and especially for your prayers during my recent stay in the hospital and my recovery at home. Marie Skeeters

I want to thank each one for the prayers, visits, cards, and good deeds in my behalf during my three weeks in the hospital. In Christian love, Lester Scogins

The family of L. E. Carpenter would like to thank each of you for your help during our time of need. It is hard to adequately express in words our gra-

atitude to you for all that you did to help Mother and Daddy while he was sick and then for all your kindness and help at his death. It is so wonderful to have friends, and especially Christian friends. We appreciate so much your help to Daddy in the hospital and the transportation you provided for Mother, for your prayers, visits, cards, flowers, food and every expression of kindness. I don't know what we would have done without you.

Mother hated to leave all her many friends in Tyler but under the circumstances, we thought it best she not stay there alone. We made the trip to Alabama fine and hope you will remember her by prayers and letters. If ever you are over this way, please stop by to see us and let us return some of your hospitality.

In Christian love, Mrs. L. E. Carpenter and Ann Kirkland

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Ruby Degge and sister George Meek are in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Lillie Knight is in Mother Frances Hospital.

ELDERS AND DEACONS MEETING

The elders and deacons will meet Monday evening, 7:00, Wyatt's Cafeteria.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By Hillard Hughes
A. M. I Died Last Night!
P. M. Must The Young Serve Too?

FAULT FINDING

Is there someone that doesn't do things just as you would? Are you quick to criticize? Are you continually upset with the people around you? What about the programs of work within the church? Do you not participate because they (the workers) are not doing what you think should be done? These and other questions could be asked of those that profess to be Christians. I'm afraid that we are finding fault with the Elders, Deacons, Bible school teachers and preachers when in reality we should be considering what we are doing for the Lord. Practically every program in use today has been used and proved workable by some group, and yet, there are many other ways to work, but are we finding fault with our brothers in Christ? Working with each other can be a very rewarding experience if we follow the teachings of the Christ. On one occasion a lawyer asked Christ, "What is the greatest commandment?" Christ's answer was, "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is LIKE IT, you shall love your neighbor as yourself." (RSV) Peace and harmony is not maintained by criticism of our neighbor. Peace and harmony will not be enjoyed within the church if we do not love our neighbor, whether it be elder or Bible school teacher. The challenge is ours to meet. H. H.

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NEW PROGRAM TO BEGIN

A great opportunity has been made available to the Lord's Church in Tyler. Plans are being finalized to begin a thirty minute T. V. Program each week here in Tyler. These programs will be live from the K-LVO (Cable) Channel 6 studios, 6:30 - 7:00 each Thursday evening. Each congregation in Tyler will be responsible for a program per month. This is an opportunity to teach God's Word to your neighbors. As more plans are available, we will inform you.

ZONES 1 and 2 will meet Tuesday, November 2, at 7:00 p. m. at the M. M. Haws Home, 2010 Belvedere.

"SPOOK HOUSE" FOR HALLOWEEN

All children, 6th grade and under are invited to go through the "House of Egor" at the Campus Christian Center, Saturday night, 7:00 until 10:00 o'clock.

...Correct your own mistakes by avoiding those of others... If your head is wax, don't walk in the sun... Better to say, "this one thing I do," than to dabble in forty... Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.

BACK TO STANDARD TIME

Saturday evening, before you go to bed, remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

THAT POSITIVE CHRISTIAN ETHIC

Developing a realistic, positive Christian ethic means learning how to get along with people as God would have us to. We're not in the dark - the Bible has a lot to say on the subject. But not all of the Biblical instruction is easy to swallow. One of the most "objectionable" passages is found in Philippians 2:3, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves." (KJV)

Thankfully, some new impressions can be gained from this passage by reading it from one of the modern paraphrased versions. My favorite on this verse is the Living New Testament. You can't miss the gist: "Don't be selfish; live to make a good impression on others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourself."

Right away, words like "strife," "vainglory," and "lowliness" give way in our understanding to words like "selfish," "good impression," and "humble." But if these words present us with new insights, they also strike us with new responsibility to understand and be moved to action. Following are some SUGGESTIONS on what this passage does not and does mean.

This verse DOES NOT mean...

- ... that we ought to have a negative attitude about ourselves, thinking that we have no talents, no usefulness, no place of service.
- ... that I should avoid doing a job that needs attention because someone else might be so much better equipped than I am.
- ... that I can do as I please because I'm not concerned about how others see me and think of me.
- ... that I should run myself ragged and neglect my health or my family in order to do what everyone else wants me to do.

This verse DOES mean...

- ... that I don't have to be concerned with trying to make someone think that I am important or busy or influential.
- ... that all I have and am is a gift of God, and His is the glory.
- ... that I can approach every situation in life with the kind of attitude of open-mindedness that dictates accepting the possibility of my being wrong and the other fellow being right.

Can you imagine what the world would be like, or even the church, if we really lived by this little verse of positive Christian ethic?

... Raymond L. Hardin

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THANK YOU

I wish to express my thanks for the cards, visits, and many expressions of kindness during my recent illness. R. O. Gilliam

MEETING

Brother Cleon Lyles will preach in a meeting, October 24-31, at the So. Main Church of Christ in Henderson. Week-day services are 9:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

THE 4th SUNDAY SINGING will be at Whitehouse Church of Christ at 2:30 p. m. You are invited to attend.

LISTEN TO KTBB 12:30 NOON Monday thru Friday

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Susan Johnson is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Lester Scogins is in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Lillie Knight is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Janie Chelf is now in Village East Nursing Home. The mailing address is P. O. Box 457.

Brother Robert Parris' address is as follows: Building 66, Fort Roots Veterans Hospital, North Little Rock, Arkansas. 72114

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

by W. D. Metcalf 10:20 a. m. The Mission of the Church 6:00 p. m. Spiritual Israel's Shepherd

IF YOU WORSHIP SUNDAY MORNING

Because you love the Lord, don't you love him Sunday night?

Because you want to praise Him for his goodness, don't you appreciate His goodness Sunday night?

Because you want to study the Bible, don't you want to study it Sunday night?

Because it makes you better, won't it make you better Sunday night?

Because you are a Christian, aren't you a Christian Sunday night?

... Copied

THINK ON THIS: "When you 'flee temptation' be sure you do NOT leave a forwarding address!"

He who seeks for a faultless brother will have to remain brotherless.

DON'T CONFUSE ME WITH FACTS!

Studying the Bible is an endless effort. No one has ever reached the point of a full knowledge of God's Word, but very often after one has formed an opinion on a particular point they no longer study further. It seems that they develop the attitude of "Don't confuse me with facts." Paul writing to Timothy in II Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing (handing) the word of truth."

Do we always study the Bible with an open mind or are we still holding on to what we have heard the preacher or Bible school teacher say? As you study in class, are you upset if someone has a different view than yours - maybe they have the facts! It seems

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"Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven."

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EVOLUTION - PERHAPS!

Maybe some people did ascend from animals in view of the fact that some church members are as stubborn as MULES about church work, as sly as a FOX in their business deals, as busy as BEES spreading the latest gossip and as quiet as a MOUSE in telling the Good News of Christ. They have eyes like a HAWK to see the faults of others and are as mean as a SNAKE when they don't get their way. They are always as eager as a BEAVER when barbecues are planned, but as lazy as a DOG about prayer meeting. Some are noisy as CROWS between worship and Bible Study, but as slow as a SNAIL in the Visitation Program. Others are NIGHT OWLS on Saturday nights and BED-BUGS on Sunday morning. A majority are as slippery as EELS on Sunday afternoon, and as scarce as HEN'S TEETH on Sunday night.

... Selected

that the church today continues to live on what we hear the "preacher" say instead of what the Bible says. Go into any area where there are several congregations and you will find different views, usually dating back to the preacher or preachers of the past twenty or thirty years and not necessarily dating back to A. D. 33. Questions like, "how many children must a man have to be qualified as an elder?" or "is it wrong to eat in the building?" or "is it scriptural to support orphan homes?", these and so many others need to be S T U D I E D. Don't confuse facts with opinion. If the church is to grow, each person must grow in knowledge and understanding of God's Word, the TRUTH! H. H.

VICTIMS OF SOCIETY

A man is arrested and charged with first degree murder ... a young woman is found guilty of beating her 7 month old daughter to death ... a campus militant is accused of murder by dynamiting a college classroom building ... and a forty-six year old man is indicted for murder committed while driving under the influence of alcohol ... and how were these four incidents similar? In their statements to the press all four claimed to be "victims of Society," and not really responsible for their actions. Each claimed to be pushed to the act of crime by his environment and the negative influence of associates and friends.

While it is true that many today are in trouble because they were not properly trained as children, many are successful in spite of poor backgrounds. And it is also true that many have failed in life because they were treated unfairly by government, school, police, or 'the system.' But, in the final analysis, we will all stand or fall on our own accomplishments and deeds. Each of us will either 'succeed' or 'fail' because we did or did not do whatever was necessary. Secular history is replete with accounts of people who really had no right to succeed, but did so because of hard work and determination. If my children fail it will be because they failed. I may be partly responsible and bear part of the blame, but it is in their power to either progress or fall by the roadside, and they will have to live with the consequences. Success or failure is within each of us.

There is also a spiritual application here. In God's appointed day of judgment each individual will be judged "according to that which he hath done, whether it be good or bad," 2 Cor. 5:10. Our punishment or reward will be determined by our own efforts, and while we each have a responsibility to preach the gospel to others, Matthew 28:19-20, and to warn the wicked of his ultimate destination, Ezekiel 3:17-21, we must first consider our own soul, Galatians 6:1. We will be judged individually as to what we have done, "according to the gospel," Romans 2:16.

In God's Record Book there will be no asterisk by our name indicating lighter judgment because our third grade teacher failed to set the right example. We will not get preferential treatment from God because our parents or neighbors were not all they should have been. We will either be saved or lost depending on our own behavior coupled with the grace of God.

Let's face the truth ... we must each bear the responsibility for our own actions, both in this world and in the world to come. So let's take care of our obligations - both to our neighbors and to God.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him." Ezekiel 18:20 ... Carl B. Garner - Navarro Christian

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements C. E. Caskey
Prayer Jamon Kirby
Dismiss Sammy Ellis

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer Glen Warner
Dismiss Terry Stephenson

RESPONSES

Baptized: Cathy Crow, 1411 Yosemite. Cathy is in the 6th grade. She is the daughter of Elwin and Pat Crow.

Walker Weathers, 3401 Heines, is the son of Don and Wanda Weathers. He is in the 9th grade.

Mary Lynn Stitt, 3200 Cameron, is also in the 6th grade. She is the daughter of Carolyn and Ed Stitt.

Membership and Restored: Miss Terrilynn James recently moved to Tyler from Conroe, Texas. She is a student at Tyler Junior College. Her address is Box 60.

Restored: Bob Pearson, L. G. Drennan, Virginia Demic, Velma Lemons, Bill and Wanda Whitworth, Zeffie

Beard, Earnesene Shuford, Henry McRuiz, Darrell Holt, Betty Williams, Meredith Womack, Julia Phillips, Jan O'Bannon, Lou Ann Driggers, Barbara Caskey, Marc Lemons, Gail Malone, Mattie Dingler, Teresa Ellis and Louise Carpenter Phillips from Englewood, Colorado.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last three Sundays in October.

- K. Max Haws Elwin Crow
Charles Graf Don Weathers
Bill Butler, Jr. Bob Pearson
Bruce Wiggs Bill Whitworth
Henry McRuiz Wallace Gayle

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

by Hillard Hughes
10:20 a.m. Behold, I Thought.
6:00 p.m. Epitaphs.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Lillie Knight is in Mother Frances Hospital.
Sister Janie Chelf is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Lester Scogins and brother T. G. Bell are in Glenwood Hospital.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the cards, flowers, and especially your prayers during my recent stay in the hospital and my recovery at home. Lera Bennett

Listen to Station KTBB, 12:30 Noon

A WEEK OF ENJOYMENT

A greater week will never be enjoyed more than the past week at West Erwin. Those of us that took advantage of the mighty lessons from the Word of God, presented by Goebel Music, will always be indebted to him. It is regrettable that more of our members failed to see the need of sacrificing some time and energy to be here every night. We are grateful, however, to the many visitors from local and surrounding congregations for their attendance and support. I think I shall always believe this was one of the greatest weeks I have spent. The church should be stronger because of those that responded to God's invitation during the eight days.

Our thanks goes to the several young ladies that taught the class for the children during the worship period each evening. I know the mothers were able to benefit from this service.

Jeanine and I also appreciated the hospitality of your homes during the meeting and we will always be grateful for the love shown us by all of you. We feel West Erwin has a closeness that many places do not enjoy.

Shall we take advantage of the momentum that has been built up by our meeting and begin working harder than ever before in His Kingdom. Our goal is to reach Heaven. Let's go together, by working together!

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Education Ministers' Conference

Roger Knight, Mack Bynum and I plan to attend the annual workshop for Educational Directors this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. This workshop is being conducted in Memphis, Tennessee. It will deal with the Adult Education in the church. I'm indebted to our elders for allowing me to attend this meeting, but even more gratifying is the fact that some of our elders are also attending. I believe this shows the interest they have in helping provide a better program of work here. Always pray for them and the work here.

Brother Stephenson left Monday to begin a meeting in Memphis, Tenn. We need to remember him and his ef-

forts in our prayers. Also, as has been announced, he and Alice along with several others of West Erwin will leave Wednesday, October 20 to go into the Bible lands. We want to wish them a safe trip and let them know that they will be missed until their return.

FUNERAL SERVICE

Brother L. E. Carpenter passed away last Friday afternoon. Funeral services were held for him on Sunday afternoon at the church building. We extend our sympathy to sister Carpenter and the family as we share in their loss. Sister Carpenter will be going home with a daughter. You may write her in care of Mrs. Jack Kirkland, Drawer M, Robertsedale, Ala. 36567.

A Great Multitude

"I like to worship with a small congregation." I wonder how many times I have heard that statement repeated? One is led to believe that there is something inherently better, holier, friendlier, more spiritual in a church of 100 members than in one of 1,000 or 10,000 members.

I have often felt that those who seem so dead set on having a small church are likely to feel more than a mite uncomfortable in Heaven. When the apostle John was given a glimpse of the glory which awaits he said, "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands" (Revelation 7:9). Did you notice? He said, "A great multitude, which no man could number." But have you ever heard anyone say, "I don't want to go to heaven because there will be so many people there I can't ever shake hands with them all, much less get to really know them?"

That great multitude will in no way interfere with the worship which will be conducted. Imagine such a throng all crying, "with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb" (Revelation 7:10). Talk about the thrill of worship! And then to hear this vast multitude begin singing "a new song" will be glory indeed. Round about the throne will be many angels. John says, "And the number of them was ten thousand, and thousands of thousands," and they were, "Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing." To this great number was added the voice of "every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever" (Revelation 5:11-13).

Brother, there are going to be a lot of people in heaven, and the worship is going to be wonderful. I hope no one there says, "I like to worship with a small congregation."

Now don't get me wrong. I have nothing against small churches. I have worshipped with them and preached for them. But I will never understand why we want to keep a church small. The way I have it figured, the closer we come to having 10,000 members the more its going to be like heaven.

... John Gipson

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements...George Stephenson
Prayer.....Hillard Hughes
Dismiss.....David Demic

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements...George Stephenson
Prayer.....M. B. Beard
Dismiss.....Tommy Lowrance

RESPONSES

Restored: Billy Chandler, Tommy Lowrance, Truman Langham and Mrs. Joe Willis.

AREA MEETING

You are invited to hear Jay Lockhart in a series of Gospel lessons, October 12 thru Oct. 15 each evening at 7:30 - Reese Church of Christ.

NEW ARRIVAL

Bob and Fleta Butler are the happy parents of a baby boy born Monday in Germany where Bob is stationed with the Armed Forces. The grandparents are the Bill Butlers and the W. A. Chandlers.

BUSINESS MEETING - Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel.

OUR NEWQUARTER got off to a good start last Sunday with an attendance of 470. We had set a goal of 500 for both October 3rd and 10th. All we need to do is put forth just a little more effort for this Sunday. If you were not here, please try to attend Sunday. We need you!

Many, many sermons, articles and encouraging remarks have been made in regard to Bible School attendance. I will never understand how parents (especially fathers) can send their children to Bible class and not attend themselves and then wonder why their children are not interested in God. We have some very fine teachers, including our adult classes. See that your children have their lessons prepared, prepare yours and be in class Sunday morning at 9:30. You need the Lord!
H. H.

A TRIP TO PALESTINE

Brother Stephenson will preach in a meeting, October 11 through 17 in Memphis, Tennessee. Sister Stephenson will join him there and they will fly to New York City to meet the group from here and from Oklahoma to begin the trip to Palestine on October 20th.

Brother L. L. Gieger is conducting this tour of the Bible Lands. Also making the trip from here are: Mr. and Mrs. Cone Birdwell, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Caskey, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Shaffer and Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Rushing. They are scheduled to return to New York November 3. Pray for a pleasant journey and a safe return.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother L. E. Carpenter remains a patient in Glenwood Hospital. He suffered a "set back" this week.

Brother Lester Scogins is in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Marie Skeeters is in Glenwood hospital.

Sister Lillie Knight remains in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother W. H. Turner is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother R. O. Gilliam is in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Janie Chelf is in Medical Center for tests.

Brother Robert Parris is now in the Veteran's Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Sister Lera Bennett is in Mother Frances. She is recovering from Surgery.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies' Wednesday morning Bible class will be taught by sister Audrey O'Bannon while brother Stephenson is away. The attendance has been very good. All ladies who do not work away from home are urged to attend. A class is provided for the pre-school children.

ZONES 1 and 2 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p. m. at sister Troy Ginn's.

OUR GUESTS

We had many visitors last Lord's Day. We hope you enjoyed the worship service and will return at every opportunity.

DON'T WAIT for the hearse to take you to church. If you do...

You may go regardless of the weather.

You will go regardless of how your family feels.

You will go regardless of the condition of your body.

You will have beautiful flowers but you will not enjoy them.

Regardless of how good the singing you will not enjoy it.

Regardless of what the minister may say it will do you no good.

You will go to the front, but you will not pray.

You may have a great need but no one will be able to help you.

You will never be able to attend worship again.

There will be relatives and friends there but you will not worship with them.

You will go regardless of how many hypocrites are there.

You will go regardless of how much you are needed at home or on your job.

The minister had rather help you now than try to console your loved ones if you die without God. So make it your choice to go to church while you have a choice.

by Ernest Clevenger, Jr.

OUR MEETING with brother Goebel Music will close Sunday evening. We will not have a service on Saturday morning, but we will meet at 7:30 on Saturday evening. Plan to attend and be in a Bible Class Sunday morning.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The time is here for the special series of meetings we have been planning for a long time. We eagerly await the coming of Goebel Music of Little Rock, Arkansas. He will be preaching great sermons every day. Brother Music will also be available to talk with anyone about his or her spiritual problems.

This is a time for everyone of us to renew our efforts to do good and to rededicate our lives in the service of Christ. It has been said that only half of the members of the church show any interest in gospel meetings. How tragic this is. However, if only half of the members would really work and bring their friends to hear the gospel - just think of the good which could be done.

Every member of the church should receive a phone call reminding you of our goal of 500 for Bible School. Please invite as many as possible to Bible School and let us be ready for a great week by having a great day on the Lord's Day.

MORNING SERVICES

We plan to have services at ten o'clock each morning Monday through Friday during the meeting. There will be no services on Saturday morning. We feel that many can attend and profit from the day meetings. There may be some elderly people who could attend at that time who might not be able to come at night. Invite your friends to come with you in the mornings. Although these services will be for church members primarily, it will be good for our friends to hear these lessons also.

SPECIAL CLASS FOR CHILDREN

Every night during the meeting there will be a special class for two and three year olds. Also, there will be an attendant in the nursery. Parents of little ones can be assured that the children are learning about God while they are also learning more of God's Will.

THERE WILL BE MANY THINGS to do this coming week, but is anything quite as important as our series of meetings? Please work and pray that this may be one of the greatest meetings West Erwin ever had. G. H. S.

OUR GOAL IS 500 FOR BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY! WILL YOU BE HERE?

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements..... R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer Foy Richey
Dismiss W. O. Rushing

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements..... Hillard Hughes
Prayer Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Kim Smith

RESPONSES

Last Lord's day fourteen of our young people came forward to make confessions of wrongs and to re-dedicate their lives to Christ. They are to be commended for their attitude of heart. They are: Mark Whitworth, Donnie O'Bannon, David Fuller, Mark Ellis, Deann Stone, Vicki Fletcher, Nina Fuller, Kim Hughes, Ann Montgomery, Kay Montgomery, Betty Oliver, Priscilla Potts, Holly Womack, and Meredith Womack.

OUR SYMPATHY

Sister Ruby Teel's sister, Mrs. Irene Mullican, was buried last Wednesday. We express our sympathy to sister Teel and her family.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother W. H. Turner is in Medical Center Hospital.
Sister Lillie Knight underwent eye surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances.
Brother L. E. Carpenter is in the Glenwood Hospital.
Sister Lera Bennett is in Mother Frances Hospital.
Sister Marie Skeeters is in Glenwood Hospital.

THANK YOU NOTES

Sister Ruby Vaughan wishes to express appreciation for the flowers sent at the death of her sister.

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Olga Grayson.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in October:
Foy Richey Gerald Montgomery
Joe Willis Averyt Smith
Bruce Raley Jamon Kirby
Tommy Lowrance Tom Parsons
Tim Holt Mark Cauthen

REMINDER to College and High School young people! There will be a devotional Sunday evening, 8:00 o'clock, at the Campus Christian Center.

SERMONS, October 3, 1971

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. What Is Heaven Like?
6:00 p.m. Is There An Eternal Hell?

Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Lowe, Jr. request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Kay Lyn to

Mr. Thomas Guy Keith on Saturday, the ninth of October Nineteen hundred and seventy-one at eight o'clock in the evening Pollard Memorial United Methodist Church Tyler, Texas Reception following the ceremony Fellowship Hall

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY, 9:30

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ARE YOU PREJUDICED?

Prejudice can take many forms. Most often, however, it seems to involve placing people in a certain category of race, social position, educational achievement, national origin, or economic level; and of assuming that all those in that category have certain characteristics that make them either good or bad in our eyes. For example, prejudice might say that all people of a certain race are not to be trusted, or all people of a particular economic level are snobs, or all people of a particular nationality are hot tempered.

A prejudiced person doesn't look at others as individuals, but merely as a member of a "group" or "category" about which he has preconceived ideas. He doesn't like or dislike a person on his own merits, but merely because of the category in which he places that individual.

In all honesty we have to admit that prejudice, in many different forms, is a problem among us today. It causes mistrust, suspicion, hate, and, often, violence. This is not merely a social problem. It is also, and more importantly, a spiritual problem. It involves the person and God. God says, "If ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin." (James 2:9) If we think more or less of a person merely because he fits into one of our prejudices, we are wrong and we sin against God.

Jesus taught that the second-greatest commandment is to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." (Mk. 12:31) That means that every person must be to us an individual whose welfare is our concern. Anything less is sin.

... Mike Warner

CHECK THE CHANGES

Because of some changes in class room assignments and to help cut down on the confusion that might develop, please inform your children of the following classes.

Table with 2 columns: Age/Grade and Class Number. Rows include Toddlers (109), 5th & 6th grades (211), 2 yr. (102), 7th grade (202), 3 yr. (101), 8th grade (213), 4 yr. (104), 9th grade (201), 5 yr. (upstairs) (214), 10th grade (210), 1st grade (215), 11th grade (209), 2nd grade (205), 12th grade (203), 3rd & 4th grades (206), College (204).

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Five "P's" Of A Successful Meeting

The five "P's" are Prayer, Presence, Persistence, Prominence and Perseverance.

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 availeth 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 attendance 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. One invitation often is not enough.

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 people in this 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 and adapted)

WILL YOU PRAY FOR OUR GOSPEL MEETING TO BE CONDUCTED, OCTOBER 4 - 10, WITH BROTHER GOEBEL MUSIC OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS PREACHING ?

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements Mack Bynum

Prayer Cone Birdwell

Dismiss Travis Fletcher

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements Hillard Hughes

Prayer Louis J. Jones

Dismiss Louis E. Jones

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother L. E. Carpenter remains a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Eula Pool is now in Village East Nursing Home located on the Kilgore Hwy. Her mailing address is P. O. Box 457.

Brother and sister M. M. Davis and Mrs. Cliff Davis, all of Collinsville, Texas and friends of the Stephensons, are in Medical Center Hospital in the Intensive Care Unit following an automobile accident near Mineola last Thursday.

Sister Lera Bennett entered Mother Frances Thursday for surgery on Monday.

Sister Jean Holt is in Mother Frances Hospital for surgery.

BRING FOOD FOR THE PANTRY.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT TEACHERS

This Saturday, September 25, there is to be a workshop for you at the Omen Road church building. Please be present and share this time with other teachers in Tyler. The time is 9:00 a. m. to 12:00 noon. H. H.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. A Great Day Is Coming!
6:00 p. m. What Manner of Persons Ought Ye To Be?

OUR BUSINESS

Our business in life is not to try to get ahead of other people, but to get ahead of ourselves. To break our own record, to outstrip our yesterdays, to bear our trials more beautifully than we ever dreamed we could, to whip the temper inside and out as we never have, to do our work with more force than ever - this is the true idea - to get ahead of ourselves!

Are we growing in grace and in knowledge of our Savior? Are we bringing our temper, our tongue and our passions into subjection to the will of the Lord? Is there growing in our hearts a feeling of sympathy for others? Is our devotion to the Lord becoming deeper as the days come and go? Is our interest in ourselves or in the body of Christ, which is the church? Let each of us examine himself.

ZONE 4 WILL meet Tuesday evening at the Ross Walker home, 536 Park Heights, 7:00 p. m.

SEVEN REASONS FOR ATTENDING BIBLE CLASSES

1. To learn more of the world's greatest book - the Bible.
2. To have the world's finest friends - Christians.
3. To become more intimate with the world's most wonderful character - the Lord Jesus Christ.
4. To exert the Christian's best influence.
5. To help bring others to Christ.
6. To share with others what you learn from your own study.
7. That in the end, you may live in eternity's most beautiful place - Heaven.

WILL YOU HELP REACH OUR GOAL OF 500 on OCTOBER 3 and OCTOBER 10?

FUNERALS

Brother Stephenson conducted funeral services on Saturday for Mr. J. B. Johnson.

Mrs. M. M. Grayson, step-mother of our sister Jo Butler, passed away early Sunday. Services were Tuesday afternoon.

A sister to our sister Ruby Vaughan was buried last week in Canton.

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

AREA MEETINGS

Brother Harold Paden will preach in a meeting at the Glenwood congregation beginning Sunday to continue through Wednesday. Evening services will be at 7:30. Morning services are at 7:00. Brother Paden will speak on the Problem of Human Suffering each morning.

Brother George Bailey will preach Sunday through Thursday at the Mobberly Ave. Church of Christ in Longview. Week day services will be at 7:30 p. m.

WAKE UP! Isaiah 60:1 "Arise, shine, for thy light is come."

Have you ever awakened early on a lovely summer morning? Perhaps the blinds are drawn and you lie sleepily in the half-light. But there is no peace to sleep, for outside the window the birds are hard at work, chirping and chattering. "Wake up! Wake up! Glorious morning!" And when at last you bestir and pull up the blinds a radiant sunshine pours in from the happy countryside and floods the whole room with brilliant light.

That's how it is with the church of Christ. We lie half awake with the world slumbering around us. But we can't really join in the slumber of the world, for the Word of God, like the birds of the morning ring in our ears: "Arise, shine, for thy light is come." What we need is just to rise, and pull up the blinds of our souls, and the depths of our beings shall know that "The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee."

... From Minister's Monthly

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

If we are Christians, we are living for the present life, but we are also living for eternity. Too many of our time think only of the present life and give no consideration to what lies beyond the grave.

Some day, unless the Lord returns first, you and I must die. Somewhere there is a tomb waiting to receive our bodies. But if we are Christians we expect to live forever. Let us find encouragement in the words of Jesus:

"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die," (John 11: 25, 26).

Death to the Christian will not be the end of everything but only the beginning. It will not be a defeat, but a victory. It will not be a terminus, but a thoroughfare. It will not be the beginning of night, but the dawning of a glorious day. It will not be the end of our plans and dreams, but only the fulfillment of our noblest and highest aspirations.

Because we believe there is a future life, our present life is more meaningful. In our preparation for eternity we do not ignore our responsibilities in regard to the present life. Living in view of eternity should cause us to live more nobly and to be more helpful of others. Our present life is not cheapened, but enriched, when we realize that this life is merely the foyer of a great building or that this life is the foreward of a marvelous book which will be finished in glory. Every sacrifice, every trial, becomes trivial when we think of the joys waiting for us in heaven. "The toils of the road will seem nothing when we've come to the end of the way."

Because of our interest in the future life, I plan to preach the following sermons:
G. H. S.

Sunday, September 19

A. M. The Rich Man and Lazarus.

P. M. Where Are the Dead?

Sunday, September 26

A. M. A Great Day Is Coming!

P. M. What Manner of Persons Ought Ye To Be?

Sunday, October 3

A. M. What Is Heaven Like?

P. M. Is There An Eternal Hell?

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING Announcements T. F. Holland Prayer O. C. Becker Dismiss L. G. Drennan

SUNDAY EVENING Announcements Hillard Hughes Prayer Charles Graf Dismiss Milburn Cook

WELCOME

Mr. and Mrs. Milburn B. Cook (Jan), 215 Vicksburg, phone 593-3706, recently moved to Tyler from New Boston, Texas. They have two children, Charlie, 12 and Christy, 6. We are happy to welcome this family to Tyler and West Erwin.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in September. James Phillips, Harold Browning, Jack Stringer, Willie Freeman, and Dalton Jones. Ray Womack, Howard Ellis, Faber Cauthen, Fred Powell, and Darrell Holt. Evening: James Phillips and Ray Womack.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Carpenter remains in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Harvey Grier's father, Mr. Cook, remains in Mother Frances.

Sister Sandra Yowell underwent surgery last week in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Sybil Thacker and sister Eula Pool are in Glenwood Hospital.

Set the best example. Be a teacher in "word and deed." Be in a Bible class Sunday, 9:30 a. m.

BONES AND MORE BONES

"The body of almost every organization has four kinds of bones... The wishbones, who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work; the jawbones, who do all the talking but very little else. The knucklebones, who knock everything--anybody else tries to do: the backbones who get under the load and do most of the work."

THANK YOU NOTE

Monroe and I shall always remember with deep affection your many acts of kindness in the death of our mother. The many flowers, cards, and phone calls helped to ease the pain.

Cleo & Monroe Sublette

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday, September 21 at the Bob Threadgill home, 7:00 p. m.

Will you pray every day for our meeting with Goebel Music, October 4-10?

WHO IS GOEBEL MUSIC?

When Goebel Music speaks in our Gospel Meeting, October 4 - 10, this will be his first time to speak in Tyler. We feel very fortunate in securing his services and feel that you should know the following facts about him.

Brother Music is thirty seven years of age and is a native of Elk City, Oklahoma. He is a graduate of Abilene Christian College and holds advanced degrees from Abilene Christian College and Vanderbilt University.

Brother Music and his wife, the former June Marie Brownrigg are the parents of four children: Angela Ruth, 13; G. G., Jr., 10; Alicia Noreen, 5; and Gaylon Trigg, 1 year.

Brother Music served as the director of Texas Tech Bible Chair and Associate Minister of the Broadway Church of Christ, Lubbock, Texas. 1956-58. He preached for the New Union Church of Christ, Manchester, Tennessee, 1959-60. Since 1960 he has done an outstanding work with the Pleasant Valley Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, formerly the Pulaski Heights Church.

Brother Music is a staff writer for "Power For Today" magazine and on the advisory board of York College. He has written numerous tracts and has published 11 "Daily Bible Reading Tract Calendars." He has compiled and published a song book for boys and girls.

Brother Music conducts approximately 12 meetings each year. He has spoken on lectureships at Harding, Pepperdine, Oklahoma Christian and Abilene Christian College. He has spoken in numerous campaigns conducted in various cities.

In 1962 Goebel Music became a member of the American Medical Association Department of Medicine and Religion. This has helped him with his many counselling activities with people of all walks of life and faith.

Brother Music is a great preacher of the word of God, however if people are not present to hear, his sermons will be of no avail. For your sake and the sake of your loved ones and friends, will you plan to attend every service of the meeting and bring others with you?

HAVE YOU NOTICED...?

...That those who teach a Bible Class have no more time to prepare a lesson than those who do not teach because they don't have time to prepare a lesson. ...That if we tried as hard to be on time for services as we do for a

funeral or something else important, we very seldom would come in late. ...That those who give generously to the work of Christ do not make any more money than those who do not give generously?

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Life is filled with many decisions. I have regrets about some of my decisions, but I have no regrets about the two most important decisions of my life. The most important decision anyone ever makes is the decision to become a Christian. I am thankful that when I was a boy of twelve I confessed the Saviour and obeyed him in baptism. I am thankful that I had the opportunity to grow up in a Christian home where God's Word was respected and where "going to Sunday School and Church" was just as much a part of our lives as eating and sleeping. Certainly, I have no regrets today that I became a Christian at an early age.

The second most important decision anyone can make is the decision to marry. I have no regrets that years ago I took for my wife a certain "red headed" girl who has been a true "help meet" for me through all of these years. No preacher ever had a more faithful or more helpful companion in the Lord's work. She has been my best listener and been the most enthusiastic supporter of all my sermons. September 15, marks our 35th wedding anniversary. Every year in September I preach a "wedding sermon." I began doing this on our tenth anniversary when I preached for the Tenth and Broad Streets Church in Wichita Falls and have continued this practice every year since. This coming Sunday I will preach on marriage again.

Many changes have taken place in our society since this series of sermons began. There was never a time when so many forces were at work in our nation to destroy the sanctity of marriage and undermine the home as in our time. I still believe the teaching of Jesus in reference to marriage as taught in Matthew 19:1-9. These facts are clearly taught: (1) Marriage is of God, therefore it is good and right. (2) Marriage takes precedence over all other earthly ties; man leaves father and mother. (3) The marriage relationship is so intimate that the husband and wife are said to be one. They are to be one not only in a physical sense, but also they should be one mentally and spiritually. Each is to be a complement to the other. (4) This relationship is to last for life. Nothing short of a disaster should ever sever the ties of marriage, either death or unfaithfulness by one of the marriage partners.

If these ideals were taught and practiced, we would have a much better world. The church would be more successful in winning others and we would find ourselves living in a happier, more wholesome society. G. H. S.

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements T. F. Holland
Prayer..... Bob Pearson
Dismiss Bruce Raley
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer.....Tom Williams
Dismiss.....Elwin Crow

RESPONSES

✓ Mike Allen Franklin, 600 W. Rusk, son of Jim and Margaret Franklin, and Kim Smith, 1706 Sybil, son of Averyt and Eleanor Smith, were baptized into Christ Sunday morning.

✓ Brother James A. Kennedy, 511 W. Bow, placed membership and asked for the prayers of the Church.

Sunday afternoon, brother Kennedy's daughter, Vicki, and Laneva Turner, 507 W. Wilson, daughter of Harley and Myra Turner, were also baptized into Christ.

Sunday evening Glynis Jones, 2419 Devine, confessed wrongs and asked for prayer.

THANK YOU NOTE

Our special thanks for your kindness, food, visits, and prayers in behalf of my mother, Mrs. Alice Long, and my sister, Mrs. Leora Tate. We would like to express our thanks in behalf of our bereavement of our son.

In Christian love,
The Cogger D. Parsons Family

Will you pray every day for our meeting with Goebel Music, October 4-10?

OUR SYMPATHY

The mother of brother Monroe Sublette passed away Tuesday in Beaumont. Services were held in Beaumont Thursday. We express our sympathy to the Sublette family.

THE MONTHLY BUSINESS meeting for men of the church will be Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel. Copies of the August Financial Statement are in the Foyer.

Have you made your plans to attend every service of our meeting, October 4 - 10?

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 12
A. M. Marriage - For Better or Worse?
By George Stephenson
P. M. First, They Gave Themselves!

THE ELDERS AND DEACONS will meet Monday evening, Sept. 13, 7:00 o'clock, at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

ADVICE TO THE OLDER

(So much advice is given to the young people, it seems appropriate that some be given to older folk. After all, we are older longer than we are young.)

1. Guard against sensitiveness. It is mostly an affliction of age. Refuse to be slighted.

2. Do not bewail the fact that you are old. If you were not old you would be dead.

3. Do as much for your appearance as you can. Well-kept antiques are considered beautiful.

4. Morals never change, but customs and habits do. Cheerfully scrap a bushel of your old customs to conform to the present, so long as it does not affect morals.

5. Remember that you once were young.

6. No one is ever useless so long as he retains his mental vigor, though he may be physically handicapped. Try not to complain of physical ailments.

7. Learn to be self-sufficient. There may come a time when you will be left all alone.

8. Don't live in the past. Memories are precious to you, but unless solicited, keep them to yourself.

9. Believe and live your faith in Christ. There is no situation you and God cannot handle.

10. Be as cheerful as sunshine, and as willing to change when convinced as the weather.

...William Banowsky
Via the Seventh St. Reminder

COLLEGE STUDENTS

The following young people from West Erwin are now in college here and other places. If you know of others please let us know.

TYLER JUNIOR COLLEGE

Teresa Ellis Cindi McBee
Steve Drennan Richard Parsons
Brad Edgar Julia Phillips
Larry Hubbard Rodger Young
Leslie Lauden

FEDERAL INSTITUTE

Barbara Caskey

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE

Chuck Cauthen

NORTH TEXAS

Jensy McDonald

Wilmer Little

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Debbi Young

ABILENE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Melody Haws Debbi Smith
Betsy Parris Candy Womack

THE SICK

Sister W. O. Rushing, sister Eula Pool, and brother Carpenter are all patients in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. M. M. Grayson, step-mother of sister Jo Butler, underwent surgery Tuesday at the East Texas Chest Hospital.

Mr. Roy Cook, father of sister Mary Grier, is still very seriously ill in Mother Frances Hospital.

73 Adults and 19 Children were present Wednesday morning for Bible Class. Won't you be here next week also.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The Bible and Mental Health

There are some who think that religion can cause one to become mentally unbalanced. I have heard it said that the Bible can cause one to be crazy. I do not believe this. It is true that there are emotionally disturbed people and mentally unbalanced people who read their Bibles and some times appear to be very religious. However, I am persuaded that these unfortunate ones are in their present mental state in spite of the Bible and not because of it.

There is no book in the world which has done as much through the ages to help men face their problems as the Bible. The Bible has been the inspiration for living and the hope in dying for uncounted numbers of men and women.

The proper application of the teaching of the Bible will make for a sound mind. Paul said, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7).

The noted psychiatrist, Dr. Karl A. Minninger says, "that relatively few clergymen break down, or at least relatively few come to the psychiatrist." He quotes Dr. John Rathbone Oliver, the clergyman - psychiatrist, in the following tribute to Christianity from his book, Fear:

"I'll tell you the kind of people that I don't see in my office, as a general rule. So far as my experience goes, the people who do not seem to be assailed and poisoned by fears are those who believe and practice the Christian religion. And by the Christian religion, I don't mean a religion that is man-made or man-given, but the Christian religion as it was established and delivered to twelve eye witnesses by a Person who was both God and Man... I tell you that people who believe and practice the religion that centers around this Personality seem to have an antidote against fear. At any rate I never see them. Don't misunderstand me, I'm not asserting that this form of religious faith is objectively true. I'm not saying that I accept it myself. I am simply putting before you a fact as clearly proven to me as any other fact of my long professional experience."

There are many troubled souls because they know they are not living as they should. Mercy and grace is extended to them through the gospel. God's forgiveness is offered to all mankind. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Those who helped to crucify the Lord were forgiven when they repented and were baptized (Acts 2:38). Christians have the blessed assurance, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7).

Nothing will do more for mental health than living according to God's way revealed in the Bible.
G. H. S.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements C. B. Hardin
Prayer M. B. Beard
Dismiss Wallace Gayle

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Howard Ellis
Dismiss Elwin Crow

RESPONSES

✓ Mr. and Mrs. Elwin R. Crow (Pat),
1411 Yosemite Dr., phone 593-5911,
placed membership with us on Sun-
day. They recently moved to Tyler
from Waco, Texas where they wor-
shipped with the Columbus Ave. con-
gregation. They have one daughter,
Cathy Lynn. We are so happy to wel-
come this fine family to West Erwin.

Mrs. Gary (Lynn) Aven came Sunday
to be restored.

SERMONS - SEPTEMBER 5

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Fruit of the Spirit
6:00 p. m. Self Encouragement

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for the cards and other
remembrances of me during the past
few months during my convalescence
following surgery. Also, many thanks
for the use of the wheelchair and other
equipment so helpful to me during this
time. Mrs. Evelyn Denton
and her sisters

THE SICK

Brother Carpenter is still a patient
in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Eula Pool is improved and
will enjoy visits in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Susan Johnson has gone home
from the hospital, but her husband is
very ill in Medical Center.

Mr. Roy Cook, father of Mary Evelyn
Grier remains in Mother Frances.

Brother Matt Thomas is in Medical
Center.

OUR SYMPATHY

A brother-in-law to sister W. O.
Rushing was buried this week.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the
first 2 Sundays in September: James
Massey, Odell Malone, Tom Williams,
Tommy White and T. J. Parsons.
Louis J. Jones, O. C. Becker, M. B.
Beard, A. B. Wallace, and Ernest
Pickle. Evening: James Massey and
Louis J. Jones.

ZONES 1 and 2 will meet Tuesday,
September 7, 7:00 p. m. at the T. F.
Holland home at Hide-a-Way Lake.

NEWS AND NOTES

TEACHERS, there is to be a
Teachers Meeting Thursday evening,
September 9, at 7:30. Every teacher
is urged to attend this meeting. There
are some changes being made for
next quarter that may affect you.
Please be here.

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS for Oct-
ober 3rd at 9:30 a. m. ? We hope it is
to be in our Bible Classes with a
friend that you brought. Our goal for
that day is to have at least 500 in our
classes. This will help get our
momentum built up for our gospel
meeting beginning Monday, the 4th.
This number should be easy to meet.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - remem-
ber the fellowship and devotional this

Sunday at the Campus Christian Cen-
ter, 8:00 p. m.

LAST SATURDAY was a very good
day for about 35 women here at West
Erwin. They participated in a Primary
Teacher's Workshop and the report is
that many good ideas for teaching
were presented. Our thanks goes to
all that helped in a special way and a
great big "Thank You" goes to Margret
Montgomery for her organization of
the program. Plan for the Junior
Teacher's Workshop which will be
September 25th at the Omen Road
Church.

THE ELDERS AND DEACONS will not
meet Monday evening (Labor Day).

Just 4 Weeks

There are just four weeks until our meeting with Goebel Music of Little
Rock, Arkansas. We hope you have made your plans so that you will be present
for every service. Pray now for certain ones you want to reach in this meet-
ing. You need to bring them if you expect your friends to be here. Brother
Music conducts approximately twelve meetings each year and schedules many
years in advance. In spite of his unusually busy schedule of meetings, he has
done an outstanding work with the Pleasant Valley church in Little Rock.

Attention, All Women

A very interesting course of study for women will be used this year when
our ladies' Bible class resumes its meetings on Wednesday, September 8 at
ten o'clock. For our study we will use the booklet "Daughters of Eve" written
by Lottie Beth Hobbs, who is one of the outstanding teachers of women in the
church today.

We urge that all women in the church who are not employed be present
every Wednesday morning. This affords an opportunity for growth and de-
velopment in the knowledge of God's Word and also an opportunity for closer
fellowship among the women in the church.

A class will be provided for the pre-school children under the direction
of Hillard Hughes and an attendant will be provided in the nursery.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Jim Morrow Going To Africa

Jim Morrow, who has been supported for the past three years by the West Erwin congregation as he has worked for the church in Oakley, Kansas, has announced his intention to go to Tanzania, Africa to do mission work. Brother Morrow visited with the congregation here on last Wednesday evening and made known his plans to the congregation and to the elders.

Brother Morrow will be supported in his work by the Mary Ellen at Harvester church in Pampa, Texas. This congregation has supported the African work for many years. Brother Morrow will be working with the Tanzania School of Preaching which helps to train natives to preach the gospel of Christ.

The church here has enjoyed a very pleasant relationship with brother Morrow and his fine family. We appreciate the good work he has done in Oakley. It has been good to have him speak at West Erwin on a number of occasions. He helped in our Vacation Bible School the past two summers. We regret to lose him in our work in Kansas, but commend him for his zeal and his desire to teach and preach the gospel of Christ in another land. Our prayers will follow him and his family as they enter into their new field of labor. We hope that it will prove to be very rewarding to the Morrrows personally and will result in much good in the Lord's Kingdom.

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Have you been missing Bible School? As you know our Bible School attendance has been pitifully low for the past few weeks. Of course, many of our regular members have been on vacation. Nevertheless, we should have many more present for Bible Study every Sunday. Let us strive to have 500 in Bible School this fall. Let us set that for a goal on October 3. Goebel Music will begin his part of our meeting on October 4, but if we can have a big day on Sunday, October 3, it will help us get a good start for the meeting.

In regard to the meeting, are you planning to do your part to make it a success? Will you be praying for certain individuals you would like to win to Christ or have restored to the Lord and His church? Brother Music has been very successful in his evangelistic work, but we must be here and have our friends here if we expect good to be accomplished.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY Announcements..... C. E. Caskey Prayer Dalton Jones Dismiss Brad Edgar

SUNDAY EVENING Announcements..... Hillard Hughes Prayer Darrell Holt Dismiss Henry McRuiz

RESPONSES

✓ Vicki Collins, 336 Robert E. Lee Dr., was recently baptized into Christ while attending a Christian Camp in Arkansas. Vicki is a Junior High student.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, cards and calls during my recent stay in the hospital. Barbara Caskey

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Our Ladies' class will resume its regular weekly meetings on Wednesday, September 8. We urge all of our women to be here at 10:00 a. m.

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother and sister George Stephenson attended the funeral of his aunt last Sunday in Forney, Texas.

Sister Vannie Lee's brother passed away last week.

Sister Bob Pearson's grandfather was buried last Saturday in McAlester, Oklahoma.

A 13 year old grandson of sister Alice Long and the nephew of sister Percy Tate was accidentally electrocuted in Fort Worth. The funeral was Tuesday afternoon.

CONGRATULATIONS

June O'Bannon recently received her Masters' degree from East Texas State University in Commerce. We congratulate June.

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson 10:20 a. m. Works of the Flesh 6:00 p. m. The Man Who Went to Heaven In A Whirlwind!

LOREN GIEGER TO SPEAK

Let us all be present at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Tuesday evening, August 31, at 7:00 to enjoy the fellowship with other Christians and to hear Loren Gieger speak. The meeting is especially for all zone workers, but we would like for as many as possible to be present. You will be glad to hear Loren speak. He spent a number of years in Tyler as a young man when his father was the preacher.

THE SICK

Brother L. E. Carpenter remains a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Eula Pool is still in Glenwood Hospital and is improving.

Brother Matt Thomas is a patient in Medical Center.

Sister Susan Johnson and her husband are patients in Medical Center.

Sister Darrell Holt's mother, Mrs. Irvin, had surgery Monday in Mother Frances Hospital.

"MOST OF THE TIME"

One day I was talking to a man who was supposed to be a Christian. He told me that "He attended services most of the time" and seemed to think this put him in good relationship with God. I am amazed that so many people take this attitude.

Think about this: What if a husband was faithful to his wife "most of the time?" What if a man showed up for work "most of the time?" What if your car started "most of the time?" What if your heart beat just "most of the time?" What if your children obeyed you "most of the time?" Now, why do men think that they can please God by being faithful "most of the time? God requires our best. We can no more please God by being faithful most of the time than you can please God by being faithful "most of the time?"

SPECIAL EVENTS

Saturday morning there will be a Primary teacher's Swap-Shop here at West Erwin. All teachers are encouraged to attend along with any persons interested in learning from others. Several ladies from the other congregations in town will present some excellent thoughts. The time is 9:00 a. m. until 12:00 noon.

Wednesday evening, September 1st., we will have a slide presentation of the recent trip to Kansas and Nebraska. There will be NO classes this week only, as we plan a devotional period preceding the slide program.

October 4 - 10 is a very special date to remember! I hope you are planning, praying, and preparing to be here each service of our meeting with brother Goebel Music. There will be many other activities during that week which will tempt you to miss these services, but by planning this far in advance you possibly can avoid them. Begin now inviting your neighbors and friends. YOU can make this week a success!

What about our Bible Classes? There are people that attend worship services here that offer all types of excuses for not attending classes at 9:30 a. m. each Sunday. We have a class for all ages including those from one month to the oldest person able to be present. Prove your love for God by being present Sunday morning. Vacation time is over. H. H.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

There seems to be an indication that eventually our young men in Viet Nam will be brought home. All of us look forward to the ending of the conflict in that part of the world. We are saddened when we think of the thousands whose lives have been lost in this war.

We also should be saddened when we think of the thousands whose lives are lost each year as a result of drunken drivers on the highways. Please consider these statistics:

- 1967 - - 9,378 boys died in Viet Nam.
26,600 were killed on highways by drunken drivers.
- 1968 - 14,592 boys died in Viet Nam.
25,000 were killed on highways by drunken drivers.
- 1969 - 9,365 boys died in Viet Nam.
35,000 were killed on highways by drunken drivers.

We have heard all kinds of protests about the war in Viet Nam. Demonstrations of various kinds have been held throughout the land demanding that the war come to an end. But we haven't witnessed demonstrations against the useless killing on the highways of our land as a result of drinking drivers.

Drinking has come to be more and more acceptable in our land and social drinking among members of the church has come to be accepted in many places. Everyone who takes the first drink does not become an alcoholic, but every alcoholic started with the first drink. Those who are total abstainers are wise. They will never be guilty of killing others because of their drinking. They will never be responsible for the heart ache, broken homes, and broken lives which are the result of alcohol. Let us not forget that alcohol is a habit forming narcotic which dulls the senses.

Daniel D. Walker, who served for a number of years as a chaplain in San Quentin Prison, said that in his experience there was nearly always an association of alcohol in connection with the prisoners with whom he counselled. He said, "Some of the men were hardened criminals; some were repeaters; others were in prison for the first time. It didn't matter. In this respect their stories varied no more than their drab uniforms: 'I was drunk when I did it, or I never would have got in this mess.' Again and again sounded the refrain."

Paul said, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18). One who has become an alcoholic may find help in overcoming his problem if he so desires. The life of the Spirit gives one strength to overcome sin and fills one's life with purpose and meaning. Let us continue to point out the dangers to our children if they drink or if they take other drugs.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY Announcements C. B. Hardin Prayer K. Max Haws Dismiss Darrell Holt SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements Hillard Hughes Prayer Glen Warner Dismiss W. O. Rushing

GOEBEL MUSIC IS COMING

Goebel Music, who has done an outstanding work as the preacher for the Pleasant Valley (formerly Pulaski Heights) Church of Christ of Little Rock, Arkansas for the past eleven years, will be our guest speaker for our series of evangelistic meetings, October 4 - October 10. Brother Music has been widely used in evangelistic work from Texas to Canada and from Kentucky to California. We are thankful that he is coming our way. Let us work and pray for a great campaign for the Lord while brother Music is with us.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey J. Morman request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Brenda Gay to

Mr. Phillip Michael Browning on Tuesday, the twenty-fourth of August nineteen hundred and seventy-one at eight o'clock in the evening Glenwood Church of Christ Tyler, Texas

Reception following Fellowship Hall

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR AUGUST 22 by George H. Stephenson 10:20 a. m. Going to School. 6:00 p. m. Elijah, Prophet of God.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother L. E. Carpenter is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister O. P. Pool is in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Susan Johnson remains a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Mary Evelyn Grier's father, Mr. Roy Cook, is very ill in Mother Frances Hospital.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to the fellowship meeting on Tuesday night, August 31, at 7:00 o'clock at Wyatt's Cafeteria. Loren Gieger will be the speaker.

ZONE MEETING

Zone 4 will meet Thursday evening August 26 at the D. C. Jones' home.

THE TRIP TO KANSAS

There are so many things we could talk about in relation to our trip to Kansas and Nebraska that it is hard to have a beginning. The trip to Oakley was a non-stop (except for gasoline) 14 hour trip through the night, arriving in Oakley at 8:00 a. m. Saturday. We worshipped in Oakley Sunday morning and in Scott City Sunday evening which was very enjoyable for us. We began a Vacation Bible School on Monday morning with 39 present. The attendance grew until we had an average of 47. Our young people did an out-

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TOO MUCH TO DO

The Lord had a job for me, but I had so much to do, I said, "You get somebody else or wait till I get through." I don't know how the Lord came out. No doubt He got along, But I felt kind of sneaky-like. I knew I'd done Him wrong. One day I needed the Lord, needed Him right away. But He Never answered me at all; and I could hear Him say, "Child, I've got too much to do. You get somebody else, or wait till I get through." Now, when the Lord has need of me, I never make excuse. And my affairs will run alone or wait till I get through.

WE WERE VERY PLEASED to have so many visitors in the worship services last Sunday. We hope each one was benefitted and will return soon.

standing job in teaching these classes.

We left Oakley Friday afternoon and made the four hour trip to Hastings, Nebraska where we enjoyed a weekend of fellowship and worship with the people there. It is my opinion that much good was done by this trip for the people in Oakley and Hastings, but I'm not sure who benefitted more -- these people or those of us from Tyler. I hope to have a slide presentation of our trip in the very near future so you can see much of the activities as they happened. H. H.

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CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER

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

Bible 113 - Old Testament Survey

Tues. & Thurs. 10:00 a. m.

Bible 113 - Old Testament Survey

Thurs. 11:15 a. m.

Bible 123 - New Testament Survey

Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8:00 a. m.

Bible 111B - World Religions

Mon. (only) 9:00 a. m.

All of these courses may be taken for credit or non-credit. Those wishing credit should contact the registrar's office. Classes begin Aug. 30.

The kick-off party is Sunday, August 29th at 8:00 p. m. The entire fall program will be presented at this kick-off meeting!

The Suffering of Christians

The Bible teaches that Christians are not exempt from the suffering and trials which come in this life. Jesus said, "In the world ye shall have tribulation," but then He says, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

We are not able to understand fully why good people must suffer. Of course, if we did not believe in a God of compassion and love, we would not wonder why we suffer. If the world came into existence merely as an accident, and if there is no Divine Intelligence guiding it, then we might wonder why there is not more suffering.

Genuine Christians are not concerned as much about the why of suffering as they are how they may use their suffering. Throughout the ages, Christians have bravely accepted suffering. Christians believe that God is able to remove any infirmity, but they also believe, if it is not God's will, that God may help one use the infirmity in a way which will honor God. Three times Paul prayed for the removal of a "thorn in the flesh." The thorn was not removed, but Paul realized that it was in God's purpose that he should bear this infirmity. Therefore, he said, "I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then am I strong." (2 Corinthians 12:10)

In time of trouble, men realize more than ever their need for God. Through suffering and sorrow, we learn sympathy and kindness toward others. Men have been able to demonstrate their greatest courage and their finest heroism in hours of distress and calamity. It was in the trying hours of the second World War that Winston Churchill said, "If England shall last for a thousand years, it will be said, this was her finest hour. We shall draw from the heart of suffering itself the means of inspiration and survival."

The late Helen Keller, who was an inspiration to others as she overcame her handicaps of blindness and deafness, once said, "Although the world is very full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it."

In the face of an infant we see innocence and purity, but we are not able to see character portrayed there. Character is portrayed in the face of the older saint who has faced the trials of life bravely and who has turned every disappointment into victory.

Christ suffered for us and is able to help us as we suffer. He can lead us at last to our eternal home where suffering and death are no more. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him." (2 Timothy 2:12) G. H. S.



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements	Roger Knight
Prayer	Foy Richey
Dismiss	H. McCarty
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements	Faber Cauthen
Prayer	Roy Roberson
Dismiss	Averyt Smith

WELCOME

Brother and Sister Wallace Gayle from Sulphur Springs, Texas came Sunday to place membership. Sister Gayle (Jalna) is a homemaker and he is the Chief Accountant at the East Texas Chest Hospital. They have two children, Trent, 7 and Traci, 5. Their address is 2011 Neeley, phone 597-8538. Welcome to Tyler and West Erwin.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for the Christian love you demonstrated toward us in so many ways at the death of my father. Fay Wallace

Mr. and Mrs. Jack T. Beard request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Betty Jo

to

Mr. Sammy Lowell Williams Friday, the twentieth of August at seven-thirty in the evening West Erwin Church of Christ Tyler, Texas

Reception following ceremony 3211 Pine Haven Tyler, Texas

LOREN GIEGER TO SPEAK AUG. 1

Loren Gieger is scheduled to speak for the regular fifth Tuesday fellowship meeting of all zones on August 31 at 7:00 o'clock at Wyatt's Cafeteria. Loren preaches for the Highland church of Christ in Fort Worth. He is the son of L. L. Gieger, who served as the local evangelist for the West Erwin church for a number of years. Therefore, Loren spent a number of his years as a young man in the West Erwin church. Everybody is invited to be present for the fellowship meal and the speech to be delivered by Loren.

NEWS FROM KANSAS

Hillard Hughes phoned from Oakley, Kansas that he and the group accompanying him on the bus had made a safe trip. They were looking forward to their week's work for the Lord. We will look forward to their return next week.

HOW FAST TIME FLIES! This week will be the end of the first year of our work with you and it has been wonderful. So many things could be said that space just doesn't provide. Our visits in many of your homes and all the good things you have done for us have been deeply appreciated. The association with the elders, deacons and Bible school teachers has been very rewarding. A big portion of our thanks and love goes to George and Alice Stephenson. Their encouragement, concern and hospitality has been uplifting and a pleasure to remember. Frances McBee and Nelda Browning have been so helpful in my work here and I want to thank them for that. Of course, some of our fondest times have been shared with "your" children. We are looking for greater things from them in the coming months and years. It is our desire to get more people involved in the work here so many souls will be saved in eternity. So with our hearts full of love for each of you, the entire Hughes family says, God bless all of you. H. H.

MEN TO SERVE

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last three Sundays in August: Roy Roberson, T. J. Parsons, Harley Turner, Ernest Pickle and Guy Potts. W. D. Metcalf, John Porter, Monroe Sublette, Joe Willis and John Weaver. Alternates: Ray Womack and Ted Snipes. Evening: Ben Young and Rodger Young.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Susan Johnson is a patient in Medical Center Hospital. Sister O. P. Pool is in Glenwood Hospital. Brother L. E. Carpenter is still a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Aug. 15

by George H. Stephenson 10:20 a.m. Making Life More Difficult. 6:00 p.m. The Laughter of God.

AREA MEETINGS

The Omen Road Church will hold a six night meeting at Edom, Texas, August 16 to 21, at 8:00 p.m. each evening. Services will be located behind the Fire Station in the open air. Elders and ministers from congregations in Tyler will preach. A meeting will begin Sunday at the Pine Tree Church in Longview to continue through August 20. O. J. Russell from Dallas will preach. Services will be each week-day at 7:30 p.m.

JUST 7 WEEKS

Just seven weeks from this coming Monday we will be engaged in our Gospel Meeting. The meeting is scheduled to begin on Monday, October 4. We know that Goebel Music, our evangelist from Little Rock, Ark., will preach great sermons of persuasive power. Make your plans now to attend every service and to bring your friends with you.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Three years have now passed since we moved to Tyler and began our work with the West Erwin congregation. In many respects, it seems just a few days ago since we came here. In other respects, we feel so much a part of you and your lives, that it seems that we have been here a long time.

You have been most gracious to me and to my family. We are blessed with some fine men who serve as elders and deacons. They have been cooperative and considerate of our every need. The West Erwin congregation has for many years been known for its loyalty to Christ and His Word. It is a privilege to work with such a congregation. During the past year (since August of 1970) we have enjoyed a delightful association with Hillard Hughes who serves as our educational director. We feel most fortunate in having him and his lovely family as co-workers with us. I would like also to express appreciation for the excellent assistance we receive in the office from our secretaries, Mrs. Nelda Browning and Mrs. Frances McBee.

West Erwin should be in a position to do more now for the Lord than ever before. I solicit your prayers that I may have the strength and wisdom I need to be an effective preacher of God's Word. I wish it were possible for me to be in every home in the congregation every week. This is impossible, but we do want you to know that we are interested in you and if we may help you, please do not hesitate to call us.

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We had a wonderful program of songs last Sunday afternoon when the Bel Canto Chorus from Boles Home presented their program. All of those who attended were impressed with the ability and with the training these young people have received. I would like to thank the various ones who took these young people into their homes.

Alan Sowders is proving to be an excellent superintendent of Boles Home, which for many years has been caring for and training dependent boys and girls. The cost for providing such care continues to rise. The church needs to recognize the great need of our present time in trying to provide guidance, security, and spiritual instruction for the many needy young people of our time. Their souls are precious; the possibilities for good in their lives are unlimited; many of them will be saved because there are Christians whose hearts are filled with compassion.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements R. C. O'Bannon Prayer.....W. D. Metcalf Dismiss..... Phillip Browning SUNDAY EVENING Announcements David Demic Prayer W. R. Womack Dismiss.....Marc Lemons

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the cards and interest for my recovery. Gladys Prater

Thank you so much for remembering me in your prayers and other acts of kindness during my stay in the hospital. Lester Scogins

Thank you so much for the prayers, visits, cards and calls and the many acts of kindness received during my stay in the hospital. Leona Hardin

Thank you for the flowers, cards, food and the visits while I was in the hospital. Betty Strait

THE SICK

Brother L. E. Carpenter hopes to return home this week from Glenwood Hospital. He suffered a broken arm last week.

Sister Dexter Browning remains in Medical Center. She is getting along well.

Sister O. P. Pool underwent surgery Tuesday in Glenwood Hospital. She suffered a broken hip Sunday morning.

Sister Myra Chandler is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

OUR SYMPATHY

The father of sister Pete Wallace passed away last week in Louisiana. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

A GOOD WORK

Our women are doing a very fine work every Sunday afternoon in their washing of the communion cups and trays. We express appreciation to the following women who have served in this capacity.

- Margret Montgomery Juanita Graf Nelda Browning Sara Powell Alice Stephenson Nettie Potts Audrey O'Bannon Carolyn Stitt Maurine Ellis Dorothy Hulsey Patsy Young Frances McBee Virginia Demic

Each woman works with another woman for two successive Sunday afternoons. The work is not too difficult if all the women who are able will participate. If you are willing to help in this work, please call the office.

OFF TO KANSAS AND NEBRASKA

On Friday evening of this week a group of our young people will board the bus for Oakley, Kansas under the leadership of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes. They will conduct a Vacation Bible School in Oakley, Kansas and stay in the homes of church members while there. They also plan to visit in Scott City, Kansas, and in Hastings, Nebraska before their return to Tyler. Hillard Hughes will have the opportunity to preach in all three of these congregations, whose ministers are supported by the West Erwin church. The young people have spent many hours in study and prayer in preparation for this trip. We pray that they will have a safe and profitable journey.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

We appreciate very much the following comment written on a visitors' card July 25. May all of us continue to grow in grace and knowledge and be worthy of the compliment paid us.

"You have a lovely church and friendly people. What a joy it is to be a stranger in the midst of other Christians and feel the love that is present here. God bless you and keep you." Bro. & Sister Charlie Sosebee Pasadena, Texas

We feel that all of the members of West Erwin will be interested in the

ALL MEN - Please remember that the monthly business meeting is scheduled for this Sunday afternoon, August 8 at 1:30 p. m. in the chapel.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 8 By George H. Stephenson 10:20 a. m. "All Things" of the Bible 6:00 p. m. The Voice of the Lord (Psalm 29)

following letter written to Brother and Sister D. C. Jones by Jodee Caseltine who recently moved with her parents to Baytown. We are thankful for the love expressed by this third grader and our prayers are with her and all of her family.

"Dear Pauline and Jelly, We miss you very much. Have Hillard to tell the 'hole' church hi. I really miss you. I hope nobody is sick. I hope brother Bell feels better. If you know brother Bell's address write back to tell me what it is. I love you all.

Love, Your sister in church Jodee"

WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THE week of October 4 - 10? Put the Lord in your plans and attend our Gospel Meeting. Goebel Music of Little Rock, Arkansas will be the evangelist.

"He who does not forgive others burns before him the bridge to God's forgiveness."

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The following item appeared in the July issue of Changing Times:

Fade Out of Pornography At the Flicks

"The word from Hollywood is that the X-rated movie has no future - most have been box office flops. True of most R-rated ones also. So sexploitation films are out; in are "family type" films, including horror stuff rated G or GP. By fall the four-letter word and explicit sex scenes will be scarce."

This is one of the best news items I have seen in some time. It helps to restore my confidence in the majority of our people. They do not want a constant diet of filth. Of course, the "horror stuff" and other movies which will be rated GP fall far short of Christian standards, but at least they are an improvement over some of the recent films from Hollywood. I still believe that there were movies just as interesting in the days when profanity and indecency were not a part of them.

Another item in Changing Times which was of interest to me states:

"The mini style has almost run its course. In its place and catching on fast is the "kneesie," the skirt with the hem-line at the knee. That's the way things go in the fashion business - set a model, sell it in the multimillions, then switch to something new. The kneesie, however, is a throwback to the styles of the early 1960's, when knee length skirts were much in favor. So, girls, if there's anything in the closet that's a decade old, bring it out. It might fit in very well with the styles of the 70's."

It is unfortunate that women in the church will follow the dictates of fashion even though it leads them to the wearing of immodest clothing. At least "fashion" seems to be dictating now a more modest type of dress. Understand, of course, that being "in style" is not necessarily wrong, but some of the styles of recent years have not only been immodest but positively ugly in many instances. It is good to see the present prediction of a return to knee length dresses - which to your "old fashioned" preacher are more feminine and more attractive as well as more modest.

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Prayer M. B. Beard
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RESPONSES
Lee Knight, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roger Knight, was baptized in-to Christ last Sunday. Lee will be in the 7th grade this fall.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
The following will be serving the Lord's Supper the first 2 Sundays in August: Cullen Gilliam, Andy Fuller, Willie Freeman, Jim Franklin, and Randy Fletcher. C. B. Hardin, Walter Fuller, Ike Gaiser, Harvey Grier and David Grier. Alternates: K. Max Haws and Darrell Holt. Evening: Charles Graf and M. M. Haws.

M/Sgt. (Ret.) and Mrs. Murrel C. Davis request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Carrye Virginia
to
Mr. David Lee Womack
Friday, the sixth of August
at seven o'clock
Glenwood Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception following
Fellowship Hall

IN THE HOSPITALS
Sister Ruby Teel had surgery on her other eye this week in Medical Center.
Sister Dexter Browning underwent surgery Monday evening in Medical Center Hospital.
Brother Lester Scogins is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.
Sister Ruth Hannah is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Quinton Rasure is a patient in Mother Frances. She has visited West Erwin several times.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
By George Stephenson
10:20 a.m. Barriers to Blessings.
6:00 p.m. Why I Believe There Is A Future Life.

GOEBEL MUSIC is coming - to preach the gospel of Christ in a series of meetings, October 4 - October 10.

ZONES 1 and 2 will meet Tuesday, August 3, 7:00 p.m. at the W. D. Metcalf home, 2002 Belvedere.

EVOLUTION

He who held to evolution took his son upon his knee, "Tell me of the world's beginning," was the little fellow's plea. So the theorist with his learning - a diploma on his wall - Quoted from his many text-books all the things he could recall.

"At the first there was but nothing, then there chanced to be some gas; And with more it got together and became a wad of mass. Where and when the gas got started and the way it came about, Is ignored by all the scholars, they accept it without doubt.

"When the elements had cooled off, and the gasses ceased their strife, Out of nothing but dead matter came this little cell of life. After eons it had figured to divide itself by two, And continue multiplying in the waters still quite new.

"This explains the fish and serpents that inhabit all the seas; But where started all the land-life men and beast and birds and trees? Where the oceans touched the beaches tiny fish and worms were thrown, And some saw the need for walking so some legs and feet were grown.

"Others of these thought it better to fly up in heaven's blue, And by thinking they discovered wings and feathers sprouted through. After this some apes decided that a brain they now would grow, And the smartest would be humans - This the scholars say is so."

Thus he finished his prize story to the lad upon his knee. He had told it like he wrote it for his graduate degree.

"This is how it must have happened," said the father with a nod, "And if you do not believe it, then you must believe in God." Arranged by L. L. G.

BE SURE TO HEAR THE BEL CANTO CHORUS

We would like to urge everyone to be present Sunday afternoon at 2:30 to hear the Bel Canto Chorus, a group of young people from Boles Home, Quinlan, Texas. This chorus has been on extensive tour for the past two months. You will be pleased with the singing and will be an encouragement to these fine young people by being present. Invite others to come and be with you and let us fill the auditorium.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Our summer meeting in which Reuel Lemmons preached is now past history. We feel that the meeting was successful and that it will continue to bear fruit in the lives of all who came. We had good attendance and interest in spite of the fact that a number of our members were out of town. There were a number who responded publicly to the invitation and expressed a desire to live closer to the Lord. We feel that many others responded to the preaching in their hearts and that all who heard the powerful preaching of Brother Lemmons will be more loyal to Christ and his church. Brother Lemmons has preached in many meetings at West Erwin and has the respect of many, many friends here. He is one of the busiest and most influential men in the church today.

We are grateful to everyone who co-operated in the meeting. We are thankful for the hospitality of those who had Brother Lemmons in their homes. (Your writer enjoyed this hospitality and fellowship also.) We want to thank Cullen Gilliam for giving of his time and talent in leading the singing. We feel fortunate in having a man of Brother Gilliam's ability in our membership.

We want to give a special THANK YOU to the individual or individuals who advertised the meeting on KNUE. Many people heard these spot announcements in regard to the meeting.

We hope that everyone can arrange his or her schedule so that none of our members will be out of town during our meeting scheduled for October 4-10. Let us be fully prepared for a meeting at that time when Goebel Music of Little Rock, Arkansas will be our evangelist. This will be the first time for Brother Music to be here. He has a splendid reputation as an evangelist and we look forward to his work with us.

Speaking of meetings, the churches of Christ in Wichita Falls have just concluded a campaign in which Jimmy Allen preached and Paul Epps led the singing. There were about 160 "responses" including forty baptisms. There have been several baptisms since the meeting. Some 2,000 attended the meeting each night and a wonderful spirit of unity prevailed among all the Christians in Wichita Falls. Most all of the more successful campaigns in recent years have been in the summer months. We need to do our part for any meeting to be successful whether it is in the summer or fall. Our meeting for 1972 is scheduled to be June 11 - June 16. Trine Starnes is the evangelist. You might want to put this on your calendar. In the mean time remember October 4 - 10, 1971 is our next scheduled meeting.

G. H. S.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 25 by George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Physicians Who Can Not Heal. 6:00 p. m. King Hezekiah

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY
Announcements Mack Bynum
Prayer R. O. Gilliam
Dismiss Bruce Raley
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements..... Hillard Hughes
Prayer J. M. Norris
Dismiss Sammy Ellis

RESPONSES

The following confessed wrongs and asked for prayer: Sammy Ellis, Mark Cauthen, Terry Stephenson, Marty Stitt, Reagan Phillips, Mrs. E. E. Degge, John Porter and Paul Knight.

THANK YOU NOTE

I wish to express my deepest appreciation for all the many visits, prayers, cards and telephone calls while I was a patient in the hospital.

Mrs. Vannie Lee

Thanks for the visits and thoughtfulness of me during my recent hospitalization.

Kim Smith

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

TRIP TO PALESTINE

L. L. Gieger is conducting a tour of the Bible Lands, October 20 - November 3. The tour will include brief stays in Rome, Athens and Corinth, Egypt, Lebanon, and various points in Palestine. Fifteen are now planning to make the trip, including several from West Erwin. Brother Gieger would be pleased for others to go also. This will increase your knowledge and appreciation of God's Word. Brother Gieger states that there is no cause for alarm about the war situation, for if war should break out, our government would not permit the trip. During the first half of 1971, 266,000 tourists have visited Israel. If you would like more information about the proposed trip we will be pleased to put you in contact with Brother Gieger.
G. H. S.

FIRM FOUNDATION

A club of subscriptions for the Firm Foundation, edited by Reuel Lemmons, is being obtained. The regular subscription price is \$5.00 per year, but you may secure it for \$4.00 in the club rate. We would like to see the paper in every home. When we spend so much for daily papers, and periodicals, we should be willing to pay for a Christian journal to come into our homes. If you wish to be on the subscription list of the Firm Foundation, please call the office.

Be in Bible Class Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
There is a Class for YOU.

OAKLEY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Fifteen of our young people with some of the adults plan to leave Tyler August 6 for Oakley, Kansas to help conduct a Vacation Bible School during the following week. Every young person has been assigned a class to help teach plus plans are to travel into neighboring towns and invite people to attend worship services and set up Bible studies where possible. This week will be full and if plans are carried out, there should be a great deal of work done for the Lord in that area. Jim Morrow, who is supported by this congregation, is planning the work to be done in that area. Other plans are to leave Oakley Friday after

BEL CANTO CHORUS

The Bel Canto Chorus from Boles Home will sing at the West Erwin church building on Sunday afternoon, August 1, at 2:30. The chorus consists of twelve girls and five boys. They will arrive in Tyler on Saturday afternoon, July 31, and will stay in the homes of our members. We look forward to their coming and urge everyone to be present for the singing.

PRIMARY Department Teachers

Plans are being made to have a teacher sharing session for all Primary teachers in Tyler. Mark your calendar for August 28 and plan to attend. This session will be here at West Erwin. The time and other information will be forth-coming.

VBS is concluded and go to Hastings, Nebraska for a short visit. This trip should be very helpful to the building of the faith in our young people as they try teaching God's Word in an area where the church is not as strong as in our state. The church here will be paying the bus expenses, but each person will pay for any additional expenses he or she might have. Housing will be furnished by the church in Oakley. As a suggestion, you may wish to help defray some of the student expense. If you do, I'll be glad to talk with you or take your contribution. We ask you to pray for this effort and for those participating.

H. H.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Bessie Willis entered Glenwood Hospital Monday for tests.

Sister Etta Brogan underwent surgery Monday in Glenwood Hospital. She is getting along well.

Sister Leona Hardin underwent eye surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances.

Sister Ruby Teel had eye surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.

Sister Ruth Hannah is in Mother Frances Hospital. Sister Georgia Lowery hopes to be dismissed from Mother Frances in a day or two.

Sister Susan Johnson and sister Ben Sutton are patients in Medical Center.

NEW ARRIVAL

Raye and Debbie Dobbs are the proud parents of a son born Tuesday evening in Mother Frances. The W. S. Littles are the happy grandparents.

Remember Who Is Your Father

A boy was leaving home for college. His father had included him in the morning prayer at the breakfast table, asking God to protect him and to grant success in the career he was undertaking.

Rising from the table, the young man expected to receive some final advice and instruction from his father. Instead, the father arose from the table, put his hand on the young man's shoulder, and said, "My boy, remember whose son you are."

Nothing more needed to be said.

Those who call themselves the children of God also have a Father and are temporarily away from the Father's house. The Bible suggests that you should remember whose child YOU are.

You are not to bring reproach upon the family name. As a young man, I was kept from many a temptation by this very thing. My father was a good man. He held a place of prominence and leadership in our community. I would not have done anything to bring reproach upon the family of which I was a son.

YOU are a child of God. You bear the name of God and His church, and His kingdom is dependent upon the way you live. This reputation, the influence of the Kingdom of God is at stake. Remember whose child you are!

Children bear the image of their parents both physically and emotionally. They become like their parents in so many ways. As a child of God, you bear the image of God. His spirit dwells in you, and you are to become like Him. What a tremendous truth!

The kind of person YOU are will declare to the world the kind of God you worship. Remember whose child YOU are!

From the Seventh Street Reminder, Texas City

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 18

10:20 a.m. "Seven Who Said No."

by George H. Stephenson

6:00 p.m. "David's Challenge to Solomon."

by Hillard Hughes

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PLAN AHEAD

October 4 through 10, we will have a gospel meeting with Goebel Music.

MEETING - The New Summerfield Church of Christ will have a meeting July 18-25. W. W. Cooksey will be preaching each evening at 8:00. Also the 4th Sunday singing will be held at 2:30, July 25. You are invited.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY
Announcements..... T. F. Holland
Prayer.....Tommy Lowrance
Dismiss..... Fred Powell

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements...George Stephenson
Prayer..... Bob Pearson
Dismiss.....Harley Turner

RESPONSES

Sunday, July 4, Cynthia Taylor and Brad Edgar asked for the prayers of the church.

This week brother and sister Foy Richey, Tom Parsons, and Jeff Ellis confessed faults and asked for the prayers of the church.

MOVED

Carl and Ruth Bell now live on Emerald Bay on Lake Palestine. Their address is Rt. 1, Box 214 A, Flint, Texas. Telephone 894-6850

We shall miss the Don Caseltine family. They recently moved to Baytown, Texas. Their address is 150 McArthur.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Georgia Lowery entered Mother Frances Hospital Tuesday for major surgery on Wednesday.

Becky Young underwent surgery on her foot last Friday in Medical Center Hospital.

Kim Smith suffered an injury last Sunday afternoon while playing ball. He is in Glenwood Hospital.

PRE-SCHOOL TEACHERS

All Pre-school teachers are invited to attend a teacher sharing session this Saturday, July 17, at Glenwood. Several of the local teachers will be conducting the sessions. The time is 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A nursery will be provided. If you are teaching or would like to learn some methods to use, please plan to attend. The following ladies will be conducting the classes: From Glenwood, Dot White and Bobbie Atkinson; From Omen Road, Glenda Booth and Juawiece Campbell. From Northwest, Eva Mullings, and from West Erwin, Elaine Roberson. From North Tenneha, Rose Daniels. H. H.

BUSINESS MEETING

All men of the congregation are invited to be present for the business meeting, Sunday, 1:30 p.m.

WE HAVE HAD MANY visitors in our worship services the last two weeks. We appreciate the presence of each one and invite you to return soon.

THE GUEST COMPLEX

A church people begins to show growth and maturity when they communicate an instantly warm hospitality for all who attend their worship and fellowship functions. It appears that for some, playing the gracious role of the "host" is a difficult art to acquire. Perhaps this is caused by said persons being more desirous of attention as "guests" than desiring to give attention as "hosts." Jimmy Wood, a good friend and capable preacher for the White Rock congregation in Dallas, wrote about this widely troubling dilemma, and I want to share some of his very cogent thoughts. He says, "...there are far too many who regard themselves as honorary members rather than active members. Someone has listed what might satirically be called the Devil's Beatitudes, and number ONE on the alleged list is 'Blessed is the church member who expects to be invited to his own congregation, for he is an important member.' These people seem always to expect the church to treat them as honored guests. Can you imagine Peter staying away from the church assembly because no one invited him to attend? Would James have refused to return to church services because a dozen people didn't make him feel welcome? Of course not! These early Christians were all on the visitation and welcoming committee. Too many of us are like the deacon who, when asked to greet a visitor, said, 'This is not my month to welcome people.'" Jimmy Wood has the problem painfully well illustrated. It is a guest complex. Congregations spend more time coddling weak members who have brittle ego structures than they spend on evangelizing and converting new members into the Lord's church family. The law of the Lord is indeed "perfect, converting the soul" (Psalm 19:7), but we all need a greater demonstration of the love of the Lord "shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us" (Romans 5:5).

...By William E. Young

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in July: Gerald Montgomery, W. O. Rushing, Thomas White, Mark Whitworth, and David Tuel. Henry McRuiz, Odell Malone, C. N. Strait, George Welch, and Sammy Williams. Alternates: Kevin Womack and Mike Whitworth. Evening: Fred Strait and Dwain Strait.

THANK YOU NOTES

Your cards, visits, and the many prayers sent during my recent stay in the hospital were strengthening and we know the prayers were answered. With all my heart and mind I want to thank each of you. In Christian love,
Marcella Willis

Thanks for the expressions of love and sympathy shown in the loss of my brother.
C. E. Caskey

REUEL LEMMONS

Reuel Lemmons is one of the most widely respected and traveled evangelists in the conservative religious circles. In 1966, he edited and revised The New Smith's Bible Dictionary published by Doubleday and Co., and was assisted in the revision by representatives of almost all major denominations in America. This was the first complete revision in twenty-five years of the best known of all Bible dictionaries.

In 1955, Lemmons became editor of the Firm Foundation, one of the leading journals published for members of the Church of Christ, and he continues in that capacity today. He has served on the staff of 20th Century Christian for twenty years, and is the author of two books, Abundant Living and The King and His Kingdom. He edited the Majestic Hymnal, a hymn book widely used by Churches of Christ.

He continues his extensive schedule of gospel meetings, conducting more than thirty each year. In addition, he has appeared on numerous college Bible lectureship programs and teacher training programs. His preaching and travels on behalf of the church of Christ have taken him coast to coast and into over 50 foreign lands. He has played a major role in establishing new congregations throughout the world. The nation of Nigeria, prior to the civil war, had more than 50,000 members of the church of Christ, the out-growth of the radio work Lemmons did for several years over a powerful station in Mozambique, Portuguese East Africa. He has preached on every inhabited continent on earth and has done extensive work at the invitation of the United States Air Force around the world.

Lemmons has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Abilene Christian College since 1950 and currently heads several committees of the college's ten year Design For Development program. He also serves on the Advisory Board of three other colleges.

Reuel Lemmons was born July 8, 1912, in Pocahontas, Arkansas. He moved to Oklahoma as a boy and was graduated from high school at Tipton. It was in Tipton that he preached his first sermon in 1930. He graduated, Cum Laude, from Abilene Christian College in 1935 and returned to Tipton where he preached for eight years. While a student at ACC, he earned many honors for his literary and speech achievements.

His wife is the former Imogene Mayes. They were married in Abilene in 1933 and have two sons. The family home is at 5801 Wynona, Austin, Texas.

YOU WILL WANT TO HEAR HIM JULY 11 - 15.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements. . . . C. E. Caskey
Prayer Faber Cauthen
Dismiss Mark Cauthen

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements. . . . Hillard Hughes
Prayer T. J. Parsons
Dismiss Tommy Parsons

RESPONSES

We are sorry that through error the following responses were omitted in last week's bulletin.

Membership and restored. Mrs. Donald (Helen) Runyon, 1224 1/2 - A East Erwin.

For Prayer: Mrs. Mack (Bennie) Bynum and Mrs. E. L. Taylor.

Restored to Fellowship: Mr. Percy Tate, 214 South Adams.

We have received word from the Skillman Avenue church in Dallas that R. V. Threadgill asked to be restored and identified with that congregation on June 20. Our prayers and best wishes are with R. V.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Drennan request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Georgianna

to Mr. John Martin Tamaro Saturday, the third of July at seven o'clock in the evening West Erwin Church of Christ 420 West Erwin Tyler, Texas

Reception following 1107 Hansford

THANK YOU

Thank you for the cards and visits during my recent stay in the hospital. DeAnn Stone

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. L. L. Prater is in Medical Center Hospital for eye surgery.

Mrs. Fred Strait entered Mother Frances Hospital Tuesday.

Mrs. Vannie Lee remains in the Glenwood Hospital.

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held Monday for Marvin Caskey, brother of C. E. Caskey. We extend our sympathy to brother Caskey and his loved ones.

ZONE MEETING

Zones 1 and 2 will meet Tuesday, July 6, at the Bud Caskey home, 7:00.

THE TRUCK from Medina Home picked up groceries in the amount of \$60.00 and \$10.00 cash this week.

ARE YOU INTERESTED in attending the annual Bible Teachers Workshop in Abilene? We want everyone that possibly can to attend this four day program. The dates are July 26 through July 29. There are some outstanding teachers planning this week's activities, and we want to take advantage of their talents. The church here will pay your registration fee and help on traveling expenses. If you can go, please contact me as soon as possible. There is a good program for teenagers also.

HH

EVERYBODY COME

The Rose Center Building is the place, and the time is 7:00 p.m. Friday, July 9, for a fellowship supper for members and friends of the West Erwin church. Come bring your food and spread it with others. Bread and drinks will be provided. An interesting program is planned.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Richardson of Lubbock are the parents of a boy born June 25. The Pete Wallaces are the proud grandparents.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in July: Sammy Ellis, Jeff Ellis, W. V. Crossman, Mark Cauthen, Howard Ellis, Jasper Dobbs, L. G. Drennan, Steve Drennan and Roy Driggers. Alternates are Tony Fears and Scott Ferguson. Evening: Wayne Fears and Dick Ferguson.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 4

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 A. M. - "The Greatest Sermon"
6:00 P. M. - "Why We Admonish Christians to be Faithful "

A BIBLE

"Mother, I've found an old dusty thing, High on the shelf, just look!"
"Why, that's a Bible, Tommy dear; Be careful, that's God's Book!"

"God's Book!" the child exclaimed, "Then, mother, before we lose it We'd better send it back to God, For, you know, we never use it."

WHY DID YOU BUY YOUR BIBLE?

Did you buy a Bible to impress someone? Was it to serve as a decoration in one of the rooms in your house? Is it just a safe hiding place for family records? Did you buy one to be like everyone else who had one?

It was made for studying that we might live as it directs. Do you study yours at all? Do you bring it to Bible class every week and study it with others? The Bible must be read, believed, obeyed and taught if it is to profit us at all.

THE CHURCH BULLETIN will not be published next week.

THE ELDERS AND DEACONS dinner will not be held this month.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

"He Restoreth My Soul."

Among the other beautiful declarations of faith in the beloved twenty-third psalm is the statement, "He restoreth my soul."

David realized that sheep need to be restored, and he knew that we too need to be restored. When we are weak from sorrow, the Lord can cause life to return. When we are weary the Lord is able to refresh us. When our souls are stained with sin, the Lord can forgive us.

David knew from his own personal experience the need for restoration. He became guilty of sin and God sent his prophet to rebuke him. In another Psalm (51), David pours out his soul in penitence and sorrow. God did forgive, so David could sing with sincerity, "He restoreth my soul."

It is our prayer that in our approaching meeting (July 11-15) that we may have our souls restored. The meeting is especially designed to build up the church and to encourage Christians. We would like to encourage all who have wandered from Christ to return to the one who is able to forgive us and restore us again.

I would like to impress each one of us with our own responsibility toward those who need to come back to the Lord. Paul said, "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness, considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted." (Galatians 6:1). We have the admonition from James, "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)

Will you make an earnest effort to bring some you know who have wandered from Christ to the meeting? Will you pray for those who need to be restored? Will you pray for Brother Lemmons that he may preach the sermons which will accomplish the greatest good? We know that he is a great preacher and the gospel can help all of us.

May this be a time when all of us can say, "He restoreth my soul."

G. H. S.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 27 by George H. Stephenson

10:20 a.m. "The Two Builders." 6:00 p.m. "The Wisest Fool."

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Prayer. Roy Roberson
Dismiss. Jack Stringer

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements. Hillard Hughes
Prayer. Charles Graf
Dismiss Kenny Browning

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of John Ratliff wishes to thank you all for the flowers, food, cards, and many kindnesses shown at the time of his death.

Ken and Alma Bennett

Thanks to brother Harvey Grier for the use of his equipment in moving the church sign on Highway 31 West.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Robert Parris is now in a nursing home, Midway Manor, 2150 Midway, in Shreveport, La. 71100

Sister Marcella Willis and sister Vannie Lee are in Glenwood Hospital.

Beth Turner, daughter of the Charles Turners of Gilmer, underwent major surgery on Wednesday in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

CONGRATULATIONS

Robert and Sue Parris are the parents of a son born June 5. They live in Dallas. Mildred and Robert Parris are the happy grandparents.

CHURCH LIBRARY

We have a number of excellent books in our church library. From time to time additional books are purchased largely from "memorial" contributions, or contributions made in memory of certain individuals.

We appreciate the fine work of Margaret Montgomery and Virginia Demic who have catalogued the books and have made an inventory of them.

These books can be very valuable tools for Bible School teachers and for all who want to increase their understanding and knowledge of God's Will. They are of no value if they are not used, therefore, we encourage you to use the books. However, be sure to return the books when they are due.

Children's books and books of instruction for Bible School teachers may be found upstairs in room 212.

We are thankful for all of the material available for our teachers. There is no reason why we should not have one of the best Bible Study programs to be found anywhere.

G. H. S.

THEY WATCH FOR OUR SOULS

When Garfield assumed the awesome office of the Presidency of the United States, he resigned as an elder. At the time of this transition he observed, "I am stepping down out of the eldership into the Presidency." He probably never fully understood nor appreciated the penetrating appraisal of his own statement.

There is no higher calling nor noble work on God's earth than being and performing as an elder. They are commissioned by our Heavenly Father to know us, to feed us and to be watchmen on the walls of Zion on behalf of our souls.

If the elders had only to care for the souls of the faithful then their task would be one of absolute joy. But they are charged to care also for the weak, the worldly, and the apostate (I Thess. 5:14). God's stewards must cope with the modern day Demas, Diotrophes, Korah and Baalim.

This means they must doctor the ill, rescue the perishing, lift up the fallen, and amputate the infecting members who live in open rebellion (II Thess. 3:6; Rom. 16:17). They must not only inspire us by their example, indoctrinate us by their teaching, rebuke us by their counsel, but chasten us with discipline.

These grave responsibilities often present the eldership to vulnerable attacks by the thoughtless throng. Elders, being human, are far from perfect and on occasion even deserve criticism. However, this does not license children of God to an "open season" on God's Shepherds. "When an elder seeks to strengthen or correct us, it is because God has charged him with doing it. It should give no offense to any child of God, and should not be the occasion of strife."

The future of any church is predestined by the men it chooses as elders. The shoes they wear are mighty big ones and the load they carry is heavy. If we will only put ourselves in their shoes and feel the weight of their load, it will drive us to our knees on their behalf.

To our elders we say - we love you and esteem you highly for your work sake and sympathize with you in your herculean task. . . . Harold C. Taylor

Houston, Texas

SOME GREAT EVENTS IN JULY

July 9, 1971

Fellowship "Supper" - Rose Center Building (for everybody)

July 11, 1971

Series of Meetings - Reuel Lemmons, Evangelist

July 26, 1971

Annual Bible Teachers' Workshop - Abilene Christian College

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

A recent news report tells of an effort being made to have our congress enact legislation which would place marriage on a "three year contract." Each man and woman entering into marriage would sign an agreement to certain terms concerning their lives together and this agreement could be terminated or renewed every three years.

Such an arrangement, of course, is contrary to the teaching of the Bible. The teaching of Jesus is very clear. "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." (Matthew 19:9)

If people do not want to respect the teaching of Scripture, why bother to have any contract at all - for three years or any other length of time? Why not just live together and forget all about the sanctity of marriage and the home? Why not just live like animals?

Marriage is not a contract to be broken according to the whims of the moment. Young people should enter marriage with the thought in mind that this is - "till death do us part." Therefore, much prayer and thought should be given before marriage as well as after marriage.

Unhappy marriages and broken homes are found when individuals leave God out of their lives. The principles of Christ, when put into practice, will help to solve whatever problems arise in the home and will make for a stable, enduring relationship between a man and a woman. It is a happy occasion when a husband takes the young woman of his choice to be his bride, but it is much more wonderful to see a man and woman still sharing together the joys, the sorrows, still loving and being loved, after many years of married life.

On this coming Sunday many people will be thinking of their fathers. We should give honor to our fathers, as well as our mothers, not just on one day but everyday we have opportunity. Not everyone has been as blessed as I was in having godly parents. My father was an honorable man, and it was never hard to give honor to him. He had his mistakes, but I believe they were few. He gave to his children love and security. He was a clean man. I never heard him utter an unclean word in all of my life. He loved the Bible and he respected all who preached it. He had a great sense of humor. How I enjoyed hearing him laugh - and laughing with him - not over something dirty or unclean, but the humorous experiences of life. In our day when many are bewildered and confused by the frustrations, anxieties, and turmoil of our present day society, how I wish they could have the kind of a home my parents provided me. Will our nation continue to survive if our homes continue to be torn apart by divorce and by a lack of respect for God and His Word? G. H. S.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements Ross Walker
Prayer W. R. Womack
Dismiss Terry Stephenson
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer..... Tom Williams
Dismiss Reagan Phillips

RESPONSES

Grant Knight, son of Dr. and Mrs. Roger Knight, was baptized into Christ Sunday. He is in the 9th grade. We are happy for Grant's decision.

Sister Algie L. (Zorado) Sherman, Rt. 2, Box 430, came Sunday to place membership. She formerly worshipped with the Lindale congregation in Houston. She is a sister to Mrs. C. N. Strait, Mrs. Myra Chandler, and Mrs. Elsie Shackelford. We welcome sister Sherman to West Erwin.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the cards, visits and especially your prayers during my recent stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Mary Sims

I wish to express gratitude to all of you for every kindness rendered in my behalf while I was with you, and especially to those in whose homes I visited. Your hospitality is noteworthy, and it was a distinct honor to have been in your association.

The adult class was so kind, and cooperative, it was a delightful pleasure to be your teacher. I feel greatly benefitted and better as a result of my life having been touched by yours. Remember us in your prayers.

In Christian Service
Lem Ford

I would like to thank each and every one who visited and sent cards while I was in the hospital and also the help you were to mother.

Lois Hoppers

Thank you Christian friends for the prayers, visits, fruit and flowers, cards, and many nice deeds done for me while I was in the hospital. A special thanks for use of the wheel chair.

Katie Heath

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

The Family of Wilma Greene

We have received notes of appreciation from Lynn Aven and Cindi McBee for the Baccalaureate service for the seniors of the church and the gift of a Bible they received.

REMEMBER, our special series of meetings with Reuel Lemmons, July 11 - July 15.

A GREAT WEEK!

A week of Vacation Bible School is always a hard week, but when we have so many good people helping there is a time to be grateful. We had a wonderful week in many ways. The attendance was up in comparison to last year; we had an average daily attendance of 278 and a total enrollment of 325. Our teachers did an outstanding job with their teaching efforts, their room decorations, and their weeks of preparation. The enthusiasm of our young people was seen in every direction...even wanting to go two weeks! To the many that helped by bringing truck and car loads of children, to the adults who attended each day, and to those who provided other necessities to make a successful week goes our sincere and heartfelt thanks!

Our association with brother Lemuel Ford of Hastings, Nebraska and brother Jim Morrow of Oakley, Kansas was very enjoyable. Every report of their classes has been very complimentary. We are looking forward to next year; and we hope if you did not participate this year, you will be able to June 12 - June 16, 1972.

H. H.

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IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Janie Chelf is now in room 22 of Colonial Manor.

DeAnn Stone underwent surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances.

Sister Clara Sims and sister Marcella Willis are in Glenwood Hospital.

MEDINA TRUCK will be here sometime during the week of June 21-25 to pick up groceries and other items we have for them.

AREA MEETINGS

Brownsboro, June 21 - 25, 7:30 each evening. A different speaker each evening.

Whitehouse, June 21 - 27 at 7:30 each evening. Mack Stirman preaching.

CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER

All college students, high school seniors (past and present) are invited to be involved in the "Tuesday, Thursday Things" at the Center. Social and recreational activities are on Tuesdays and Thursday is for serious discussion and devotionals. All activities are at 8:00 p. m.

A FELLOWSHIP MEETING for all the members of the congregation has been planned for Friday evening, July 9, at 7:00 p. m. at the Rose Center Building. Plan to be there.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 20

By George H. Stephenson
The Two Ways.
The Strength of My Life. - Psalm 27

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Brewer are the parents of a boy born last week in Florida. Brother and sister Ted Snipes are the happy grandparents.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

This is a great week, one of the most important weeks in the life of the church, the time for Vacation Bible School. Anyone should be inspired to see the hundreds of boys and girls who are coming each morning to sing, to study, and learn about the Lord. It would be impossible, this side of eternity, to measure the good which is being accomplished this week.

Many, many hours of hard work have been given by our teachers in this endeavor. Everyone should see the attractive rooms prepared for the school. We appreciate the fine work which has been done by everyone, especially by Hillard Hughes, who has directed the school.

It has been good to have two of the men whom we support in other fields present with us this week. Jim Morrow is doing an excellent work with the young people and Lemuel Ford has deserved the many expressions of praise he has received for his Bible lessons.

With the conclusion of Vacation Bible School we look forward to other great events at West Erwin. Our Gospel Meeting with Reuel Lemmons is just four weeks away. It is scheduled to begin on July 11 and continue through July 15. We do hope it will be possible for every member to arrange his schedule so that he will not be out of town during this time. Let us begin to work and pray now for this endeavor which is designed especially to encourage Christians and to build up the church.

I hope to meet with you Sunday when we come together for worship. The Lord will be there. Will you? G. H. S.

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STOP AND PRAY

When the world in turmoil is rushing through the day, You find confusion everywhere, Stop and pray.	When your heart is angry and a bitter word you'd say, Do not hurt a dear one, Stop and pray.
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When your mind is anxious and a sleepless bed you lay, Do not be in torment - Stop and pray.	When temptations gather and Satan would lead astray, Do not err my brother, Stop and pray. * * ~ * * *
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When death o'er takes a loved one and tears make dim the way, Put your trust in the Comforter, Stop and pray.	SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY 10:20 a. m. "The Golden Rule." by George Stephenson 6:00 p. m. "Your Answer to Pilate." by Hillard Hughes
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THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks a million brethren: A special thanks to brother Knight, all who visited me in the hospital, for the phone calls, cards and letters, prayers offered in my behalf, and the Montgomerys who took my wife and me to and from the hospital. How wonderful to be a Christian and have the fine fellowship of the Saints.

L. E. Carpenter

Thank you for the prayers, cards, words of comfort, and for other expressions of sympathy at the passing of our mother, Mrs. Ethel Lancaster. Your many kindnesses will always be cherished.

Dean and Maurine Brookshire

Many thanks to you for all your cards and prayers when I was ill and in the hospital and after I returned home. I remember the church and my many friends in Tyler.

With Christian love, Mrs. Harry Knight, Sr.

I wish to thank you for all your prayers and lovely cards during my stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Zora Lunceford

FUNERALS

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for sister Wilma Greene. We express our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

Funeral services were held this week in Rockport for Mr. John Ratliff, brother to sister Ken Bennett. We express our sympathy to Alma and her family.

LIBRARY INVENTORY

The library will be inventoried next week. Please return all books you may have by Tuesday, June 15. You may begin checking out books again Sunday, June 20.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Wayland Willis will have surgery Wednesday in Glenwood Hospital. Wayland was able to come home from Vietnam to be with her.

DeAnn Stone is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Attend Bible Study Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

WHEN THE CHILDREN HAVE GROWN UP . . .

One of these days you'll shout, "Why don't you kids grow up and act your age?" . . . And they will. Or, "You guys get outside and find yourselves something to do - and don't slam the door." . . . And they will.

You'll straighten up the boys' room all neat and tidy - bumper stickers discarded - spread tucked and smooth - toys displayed on the shelves, and hangers in the closet. And you'll say out loud, "Now I want it to stay this way!" . . . And it will.

You'll prepare a perfect dinner with a salad that hasn't been picked to death, and a cake with no finger traces in the icing and you'll say, "Now there's a meal for company!" . . . And it will be, or you'll eat it alone.

You'll say, "I want complete privacy on the phone. No dancing around. No pantomimes. No demolition crews. Silence! . . . And you'll have it.

No more plastic table cloths stained with spaghetti. No more gates to stumble over at the top of steps. No more clothes pins under the sofa. No more playpens to arrange a room around. No more anxious nights under the vaporizer tent. No more sand on the sheets or iron-on patches, knotted shoestrings, or rubber bands for pony tails.

Imagine, no baby sitter for New Year's Eve. Washing only once a week. Seeing a steak that isn't ground. Having your teeth cleaned without a baby on your lap. No PTA meetings. No car pools, no blaring radios. Think about it. No more Christmas presents out of toothpicks and library paste. No more sloppy oatmeal kisses. No more tooth fairy. No more giggles in the dark, no knees to heal, no responsibility.

Only a voice crying, "Why don't you grow up?" And the silence echoing, . . . "I did." (Emma Bomback, Albany, Ga. - Via Corinth Rd., Jacksonville)

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MEDINA TRUCK

The Medina Children's Home truck will arrive during the week of June 21 to June 25, to pick up the groceries. Any items will be useful, but the following are especially needed.

- Hem tapes salmon zippers canned meat hand needles tea detergent pancake mix dishwashing soap fruit juice cleanser dry cereal foil cocoa

- tuna fish sugar dish cloths spaghetti (dry) syrup cream soups cash for Bacon Cottage furnishings, water expansion and street paving.

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100% CLASSES

2 year old - Velma Lemons and Verda Driggers. 5th grade - Beatrice Holland. 6th grade - Ray Womack.

THERE WILL BE a Business Meeting Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel. All men are invited.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It has been over a year now since members at West Erwin sent both money and a generous supply of clothing, bedding and furniture to aid the victims of the tornado which struck Lubbock, Texas on May 11, 1970.

We have recently received a report from the Smithlawn church in Lubbock telling of the tremendous work which has been done within the last year. One hundred and eighty six truck loads of supplies were sent to Lubbock with the giant L. C. C. field house being used for the work.

The report states, "Of the 2,000 families who were immediately homeless, our brethren helped 1,298. About 300 families were furnished a complete house full of furniture and over 500 families received furniture of some kind." For the first two weeks following the storm there were workers who stayed around the clock at the field house to give immediate help.

Thousands of people were fed. During the year help has been given to various ones who were left without work including help for some in obtaining jobs. Thousands of dollars have been used in this great work of benevolence and some funds are still being used daily.

The Smithlawn elders state, "The generous amount of clothing sent was above the actual need, so after sorting and packing, much of it was sent to the war victims in Nigeria and to earth quake victims in Peru.

"On the anniversary of this tragic event, many families are still suffering and feeling the poverty that comes from losing all. The work will continue with these people as long as there is a need. When the dark storm clouds had scattered and thousands were left homeless, crippled, and destitute, members of the Lord's church were there, supported by their brethren, in compassionate works bringing glory to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." G. H. S.

EVERYBODY IS INVITED

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 7 - 11

9:00 - 11:00 A. M.

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Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer..... George Stephenson
Dismiss.....Tommy Lowrance
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements ..George Stephenson
Prayer..... Hillard Hughes
Dismiss..... Gerald Montgomery

NEW COMMUNION SERVICE

We are very grateful to those who gave special contributions to assist in the buying of our beautiful new communion service. Women in the church plan to wash the cups and keep the trays. This provides an opportunity for girls and women to do a very important work in the Lord's service. Girls and women who want to help in this work, please call the church office. The work will not be too heavy if it is divided among the various ones in the church.

ELDERS AND DEACONS DINNER

Monday evening, June 7, 7:00 p. m.
at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

WELCOME

To Lem Ford and Jim Morrow

We look forward to the arrival of Lem Ford from Hastings, Nebraska and Jim Morrow from Oakley, Kansas who will be coming to help in Vacation Bible School and to preach for us on Sunday morning and Sunday evening. These men are supported as evangelists by the West Erwin church. We also support Norman Morrow in Scott City, Kansas, who is making preparation for an intensive campaign for Christ in that city.

Lem Ford will be speaking at the morning hour on Sunday and Jim Morrow will speak at the evening hour. We look forward to their sermons and hope that large numbers will be present to hear these faithful servants of Christ.

All adults are invited to the class taught by brother Ford each morning during the VBS. His lessons will deal with the travels of Jesus. The young people will enjoy and will benefit from the lessons taught by Jim Morrow. He will teach the junior high school in the mornings and the high school and college age at night.

100% CLASSES

2 year old -Velma Lemons and Verda Driggers.
2nd grade - Mary Grier.

CONGRATULATIONS

David and Judy Vestal (the former Judy Holland) are the parents of a baby girl, Alicia Beth, born last Friday. They are living in Dallas.

HOW WOULD YOU ANSWER ?

A teenager once asked me a question which I share with you so you might answer in your own way. The question was, "If your parents keep griping at you about how you shouldn't judge and criticize, and then they do it without really knowing it, what should you do?"

A good question isn't it? If you had been asked this question, what would you have answered? Would you have believed them insincere? Would you have believed this could happen? I do.

I know, just as you know, that we say and do not. Our teenagers have many problems today and often times the problem is with us as parents. You may not agree, but you might try talking to them sometime. I have had

NEW DEACONS

Three additional deacons were appointed last Sunday - Foy Richey, Ray Womack, and Bob Pearson. The names of these men had been presented to the congregation two weeks before. These men are all dedicated and faithful members of the Lord's church. We pray God's blessings to be with them and all of our other deacons as they work with our elders in the building of the Kingdom of God.

WE REJOICE with brother and sister Pete Wallace in learning that Fred Richardson, their son-in-law was baptized into Christ last Wednesday evening in Lubbock, Texas.

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many tell me they can't talk to their parents because parents don't have the time or because parents become impatient with them and their ideas. Why do we set standards for them to meet, and yet we have not attained them? Parents say, all my son or daughter wants to do is "go." What do you provide for them at home? Parents, let's demonstrate! Let's show them we love them in more ways than just providing a home, clothes, and food. Dad, tell your teenage son you love him. See what effect it will have on you and him. Show them you don't expect more of them than of yourself.

H. H.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much for all of the lovely cards, letters and prayers offered in my behalf. It's a real joy working with people that love to work for God and others as you do there.

In Christian Love,
Vivian Ford (Hastings, Neb.)

IN THE HOSPITALS

L. E. Carpenter and Marcella Willis are patients in the Glenwood Hospital.
DeAnn Stone and Wilma Greene are in Mother Frances Hospital.

CLASSES WILL NOT MEET next Wednesday evening. Everyone will meet in the auditorium for singing. High school and college students will continue their scheduled studies.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The time is almost here for our annual Vacation Bible School. This is one of the most important weeks in the year because it affords an opportunity to teach more Bible than is usually taught in several months of our regular Sunday morning classes. It also affords us an opportunity to bring children to study with us who may not be in Bible School.

In this week's bulletin you will find a list of classes and teachers. We know that the teachers are working very hard to have classes which will be both interesting and instructive. They will do their part to make the school a success. However, we need the help of every member in making the school a success. No doubt there are children in your neighborhood whom you may bring to school each day.

May I urge all adults who possibly can to plan to study the Bible every morning as Brother Ford from Hastings, Nebraska teaches concerning the life of Christ. Brother Ford has spent much time in preparing for this series of lessons.

Our services held last Sunday evening for our graduates (following our regular worship) were very interesting and inspirational. We are thankful for all of the fine young men and women from the Tyler congregations who were here. Brother Rex Kyker from Abilene delivered a most excellent sermon which was good for the young people and others as well. It was disappointing to see the small number who were in attendance. Those who failed to come missed a wonderful opportunity to hear a great sermon and an opportunity to show our young people that we are interested in their spiritual welfare in the years ahead of them. I hope that these services will continue to be held in the various congregations of the city and that they will be better supported by members of the church in years to come. G. H. S.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 30, 1971 - By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. "Ask-Seek-Knock." 6:00 p. m. "Why Is Jesus Coming Again?"



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements Mack Bynum
Prayer O. C. Becker
Dismiss Don Weathers
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements . . . Hillard Hughes
Prayer Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Bruce Raley

RESPONSES

Sister Shirrell Taylor came on Wednesday evening to be restored.

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon in Sulphur Springs for sister Mack Lancaster, mother of sister Dean Brookshire. We extend our sympathy to sister Brookshire and her loved ones.

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class will not meet again until September.

ABOUT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Georgianna Drennan and Pamela Stringer were recently graduated from Abilene Christian College. Chuck Cauthen will graduate in June from David Lipscomb College.

Cindi McBee, a Robert E. Lee Senior, has been elected to the National Honor Society. She received the Arion Award for Outstanding Band Member and the Fair Foundation Music Scholarship in addition to a Tyler Junior College Band Scholarship.

Barbara Caskey, a John Tyler Senior, received the American Legion Award and the Sterling Silver Home-making Award. She served as Secretary to the National Honor Society, and was voted the "Friendliest Girl" of the Senior Class.

We extend congratulations to these young people for their accomplishments. If you know of other awards, please call the office and we will be happy to print them also.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother T. G. Bell, Sister Mary Sims and sister Lois Hoppers are all patients in the Glenwood Hospital.

100% CLASSES

The 2nd grade taught by Mary E. Grier; the 5th grade taught by Beatrice Holland, and the 6th grade taught by Ray Womack were all 100% in attendance last Sunday.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS

Class	Room	Teachers	Teachers
Toddlers	109	Jeanine Hughes	Sue Ann Ferguson
2 yr.	102	Dorothy Hulsey	Julia Phillips
3 yr.	101	Donna Lowrance	DeAnn Stone
4 yr.	103	Nettie Potts	Faye Freeman
5 yr.	105	Sara Powell	Teresa Ellis
6 yr.	104	Elaine Roberson	Barbara Caskey
1st grade	215	Clay Kirby	Sandra Pearson
1st grade	214	Carolyn Stitt	Jan Knight
2nd grade	107	Mary Drummond	Jo Butler
2nd grade	106	Velma Lemons	Juanita Graf
3rd grade	202	Margret Montgomery	Rebecca Center
3rd grade	201	Virginia Demic	Charlene Graf
4th grade	108	Audrey O'Bannon	Naomi Haws
5th grade	211	Mary Haws	Lamern Bailey
6th grade	206	Alice Stephenson	Marcella Willis
6th grade	209	Molly Ferguson	Audeen Thedford
7th - 9th	Elm St.	Jim Morrow	
Adults	Chapel	Lemuel Ford	
High School & College	Elm St.	Jim Morrow	7:30 - 9:00 p. m.

IDLE CRITICIZERS

A man once approached a great singer and a personal worker and said, "I believe in leading men to accept Jesus Christ, but I don't like your method very well."

"Neither do I," replied the man, "How do you do it?" Confused, the man stammered, "Well... I do not know that I do it at all."

"Then," said the worker, "I like the way that I do it better than the way you DON'T DO IT."

LESSON- Unless you have a better way, do not criticize a method used by others in doing good works.

SUMMER BIBLE COURSE

"The Life and Teachings of Christ," will begin July 12 and finish August 20, at the Campus Christian Center. This is a 3 hour credit course that will meet each day at 8:20. Students from Tyler or those home from college for the summer are invited to register.

ZONES 1 and 2 WILL MEET, June 1, at 7:00 p. m. at the home of brother and sister Doc Wright.

BE A WEDNESDAY NIGHTER!

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Baccalaureate Services Sunday Evening

Baccalaureate services for the high school seniors who are members of the churches of Christ in Tyler will be held at the West Erwin church building on this Sunday evening, May 23 at 7:45. The public high schools have discontinued baccalaureate programs which have been held in the past. The program at West Erwin will provide an opportunity to honor our graduates at this time. It is hoped that many members of the church will want to attend this important function. The following individuals will participate in the program.

- Master of Ceremonies . . . George Stephenson
- Song Leader Ron Rose
- Scripture Cecil Herndon
- Prayer Jim Welch
- Presentation of Seniors Mike Warner
- Closing Prayer Hillard Hughes

Guest Speaker
REX KYKER
Abilene Christian College

We are very thankful to have Brother Kyker as our speaker. He is Professor and Head of the Department of Communication at Abilene Christian College. He has been very active in many civic organizations in addition to his work as a teacher and preacher. He is in demand as a speaker. Each year he delivers over one hundred speeches to youth groups, civic clubs, church groups, educational organizations, and American Heritage groups. He and his wife, the former Christine White, are the parents of five children, three daughters and two sons. Brother Kyker is a graduate of Farwell, Texas High School and holds the B. A. degree from Abilene Christian College, the M. A. from the State University of Iowa, and the Ph. D. from the University of Florida. He will deliver a sermon which will be a blessing to all who hear him.
G. H. S.

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Prayer R. O. Gilliam
Dismiss Ed Naul
SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements . . . Hillard Hughes
Prayer James Massey
Dismiss Guy Potts

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Christian Friends:

We wish to thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, blood donations, and other expressions of love extended to Jesse during his illness and stay in the hospital. Jesse & Theo King

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 23

By George Stephenson

10:20 a. m. "Judge Not."

6:00 p. m. "David"

100% BIBLE CLASSES

The 4 year olds taught by Joyce Willis and Sara Powell and the 5th grade taught by Beatrice Holland were 100% in attendance last Sunday.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED

On Wednesday morning, May 26, the women of the congregation will meet at ten o'clock in the chapel for the last class until in the fall. Following the class the women are invited to the preacher's home, 300 Ridgecrest, for a luncheon. Women are requested to bring salads for the luncheon. We hope to have a large number present for the last session of the class for this season.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister George Meek is in the Leisure Lodge.

Sister Mary Sims is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Zora Lunceford is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Janie Chelf is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

VISITATION PAY-OFF

There was a fellow who met a girl he liked. Since she lived a long way off he bought 365 post cards - one for each day in the year. For twelve months he sent her a love missile, and each day it was delivered. At the end of the 12 months she got married. But to whom? To the Postman of course . . . This proves the point that it pays to visit.

NEW ADDRESS

John D. and Ruby Brem have moved to Emerald Bay on Lake Palestine. Their address is Rt. 1, Box 214-A, Flint, Texas. Telephone 894-6850.

JIM MORROW AND LEM FORD COMING FOR VBS

We are pleased that two of the men whom we support in other fields will be present to assist us in our Vacation Bible School from June 7 - June 11. Lem Ford from Hastings, Nebraska will be teaching a class for adults each morning. Jim Morrow will teach a class for junior high students each morning and one for high school and college age students each night.

We want to urge our adults to come to the school each morning. Bring your car full of children or other adults. You will be strengthened in your knowledge of Christ if you are in brother Ford's class.

Brother Morrow was with us last summer and did a fine work with our young people. We hope the young people will be inviting their friends to hear brother Morrow's lessons each day.

We also look forward to hearing brother Ford and brother Morrow preach on Sunday, June 6. Brother Ford will speak for the morning service and brother Morrow for the evening service on that day. G. H. S.

NO BIBLE STUDY THIS SUMMER

Summer vacation time is just days away so we are getting into the time for our summer slump. If we don't get some relaxation this summer we just can't do a good job for our employer for the rest of the year.

NO, vacation and time for relaxation is not wrong until it is put before the Lord's work. Often times it seems that we plan the programs of the church to fit into the nine months of the public school year because we know that vacations are coming up and people will be gone. There are several programs that need you and your family. Two such programs are in early June. The first is our Vacation Bible School, June 7-11, which affords an excellent opportunity for teaching many people the truth. Your help is needed in attendance and the bringing of many of your neighbors. Another of the activities is the Cam-

paign in Scott City, Kansas where brother Norman Morrow is preaching. We need several families to go and help in this work. (If you will be able to go, please contact us so plans can be made.) These two are only some of the efforts that we plan to put forth this summer, but they will not be successful if you are planning to vacation from the Lord.

Another question, do you use the Lord's money to take your vacation? Why not leave your contribution before you leave?

Of course your prayers are always needed in behalf of the work in the church. Take your vacation . . . but not from the Lord. "And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." (Mark 12:30) H. H.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Last week it was my privilege to preach in a series of meetings with the Woodland West congregation in Arlington. Dalton Graves serves as the preacher for this church and he and his wife are doing a good work in co-operation with the elders of the church. The church is blessed with a number of fine young couples with lovely families and should have a great future in the Lord's work. There were several responses to the invitation, including one middle aged man who was baptized into Christ.

We enjoyed being with many of our former acquaintances and friends from Arlington and Fort Worth. As you probably know our first "local" work was in Arlington with the church meeting on Abrams Street which later moved to Randal Mill Road. My wife and I had many fond memories of the days we were there as newly weds in our first home. The church, as well as the city, has made tremendous growth since then. Many of the faithful Christians of those days have gone on to their reward, but there are some who still are active in the Lord's service. It was especially good to see some who were baptized into Christ when I was the preacher years ago. We had the opportunity to visit also with a number of friends from Fort Worth, where we were living before coming to Tyler.

It is very good to be back home now. I have had three meetings this spring, including the mission effort in Hastings, Nebraska. I am not scheduled to preach in any other gospel meetings until this fall. We look forward to many great activities at West Erwin in the months ahead. Let us make our Vacation Bible School, with the Lord's help, one of the very best. Remember the dates, June 7 - 11. Then we look forward to our meeting with Reuel Lemmons, July 11-15 in which emphasis will be given to Christian living. Then we pray for a great evangelistic campaign, October 4-10 with Goebel Music of Little Rock, Arkansas as the evangelist.

School will soon be out and the Vacation season will be with us, but we want this summer to be a time of work for the Lord at West Erwin. G. H. S.

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Prayer	James Massey
Dismiss	Ed Naul
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements	Hillard Hughes
Prayer	Foy Richey
Dismiss	W. O. Rushing

RESPONSES

Restored: Brother Dalton Jones, 2419 Devine.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for the cards and letters and for the food brought to our home during the time I was in the hospital.

Shirrell Taylor

I am very grateful indeed for the kind words, prayers, and visits while I was in the hospital.

W. H. Gourley

ZONE 3 WILL MEET Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Bob Threadgill home.

Will you be present for Bible Study Wednesday night? The time is 7:30.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Janie Chelf is in Medical Center Hospital. She is scheduled to have surgery on Friday.

Brother Jasper Dobbs is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Zora Lunceford is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Beth Turner, daughter of brother and sister Charles Turner of Gilmer, is a patient in Mother Frances.

Sister Sybil Thacker is a patient in Glenwood Hospital. She may have phone calls.

Sister Lemuel Ford of Hastings, Nebraska has suffered a broken leg. Their address is Box 991, zip 68901, if you would like to send a card.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 16

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Put God's Kingdom First
6:00 p. m. The Earth Is The Lord's

OUR GUESTS

We had many visitors for the worship service last Lord's Day morning. We hope you were benefited by your visit and will return at every opportunity.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last three Sundays in May: Ben Young, Ross Walker, G. C. Wright, Tom Parsons, and Joe McBee. Ray Womack, David Womack, J. M. Norris, Foy Richey, and M. H. Shaffer. Alternates are Ed Naul and Rodger Young. Evening: H. C. Williamson and Glen Warner.

A CHILD IS BORN!

Often young couples begin their lives together without a thought of their wedding being any other place than the church building with the preacher saying the ceremony and wanting everything to proceed without flaw. The first child is born and the parents are contacted because of non-attendance; "We will start attending as soon as our child is old enough to be in services." A year later contact is made again; "Yes, we're coming but the baby is too young to sit that long." Another year; "I know you think we're unfaithful, but Mary just doesn't like Bible school. We don't want to force her to attend. She might turn against the church." When the child reaches her teen years, the preacher receives

a call, "I wish you would talk to Mary. She is running with the wrong crowd and has no interest in the church at all." Then come the call, "Mary has run away from home and is married. She didn't marry a Christian, but he promised to let her go to church." Several years pass and we hear that Mary has finally married a good man. Of course, this is her third, but the other two were so difficult to live with, they just didn't work. "Now, if that preacher just doesn't say too much and make Mary mad."

Will the Lord understand why the child was too young? "And you fathers provoke not your children to wrath; but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4.

H. H.

THE CHURCH

If I wanted to, I could help make this church the most wide awake and working church in all the world.

If I wanted to, I could visit members that are sick and possibly find other ways of helping them.

If I wanted to, I could show more devotion in worship services, and get more good from them myself.

If I wanted to, I could attend classes regularly, and encourage others to attend.

If I wanted to, I could profit more from the sermon by not resenting the truth when it reveals some of my weaknesses.

If I wanted to, I could tell others about Christ and His Church and lead them to salvation - at least my actions could always speak for Him.

If I wanted to, I could give back to the Lord each Lord's Day as I have been prospered; thereby helping to spread the gospel in all the world.

Of course, this all depends on what I want to do about it. I have the ability to be an honored servant of the greatest of all Kings, but the question is, "What Do I Really Want To Do?"

... Copied

CHURCH LOSING HER INFLUENCE -
DON'T BELIEVE IT!

"The Church is totally out of step with the times - it is a medieval institution trying to hang on in the twentieth century." So states a 36 year old Dallas housewife. George Gallup informs the American people that religion is losing out. In 1957, 14% thought religion was losing its influence, 69% felt that it was increasing in influence. In 1970, 75% felt religion was losing its influence and only 14% believed it was gaining in influence.

The drop in church attendance would seem to indicate the Gallup survey is quite accurate. In 1969 only 42% attended church in a typical week, the lowest since the beginning of such a survey in 1955.

It may be true that some churches are losing their influence in America. However, I do not believe it is because the Lord's church is "outdated," "not moving fast enough for the time." The Lord's church deals with principles of morality, ethics, suffering, death and life hereafter. How can one say these issues are "outdated?"

Years ago a pioneer preacher gave the illustration of a young sailor on his first voyage. One clear night the Captain asked that he guide the ship for a few minutes while he went to his quarters. "Just keep your eye on that star and head the ship in that direction." Returning several minutes later the Captain noticed the ship moving in the wrong direction. "Sailor, I told you to keep your eye on that star." "Yes sir," replied the inexperienced sailor. "But sir, we passed that star just a few minutes ago!" This is about the way some are outgrowing the principles taught in God's Word.

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away" (Matthew 24:35). "... the word of the Lord abides for ever (I Peter 1:25). AS LONG AS THE CHURCH PREACHES THE WORD OF GOD it will be relevant, up to date, moving out and keeping pace with our society.

Now when our superior society has solved all problems that eat in the hearts of men and women, cemented relationships between all nationalities, conquered death and brought peace of mind to all - then we can talk about outgrowing the fundamentals and be ready to graduate from kindergarten and get on with the meat of the word!
... Stanley Lockhart

REMEMBER... June 7 - 11

These dates are important because this is the time for our Vacation Bible School. The school will be for every one. Tell your friends about it and plan to bring them with you. Adults and all ages through Jr. High will meet each morning and High School and College young people will meet in the evenings.

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Announcements M. M. Haws
Prayer M. B. Beard
Dismiss Kenneth Browning

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer K. Max Haws
Dismiss Henry McRuiz

GUEST SPEAKER
Brother Bill Hilton from Abilene Christian College will be at West Erwin this Sunday. He will be speaking at both services and will show a film on ACC following the evening service. All parents and students are encouraged to be present.

Brother Stephenson is in a meeting this week with the Woodland West Church in Arlington. He will return Monday.

IN THE HOSPITALS
Brother Jesse King is still a patient in Glenwood Hospital. Brother W. H. Gourley is in Intensive Care in Mother Frances Hospital.

YOUTH FESTIVAL - MAY 8
The young people of the Jefferson St. congregation in Sulphur Springs invite all area youth to attend a Youth Festival. Several outstanding speakers will lead the worship. Wally Bullington, head football coach at ACC and Jim Lindsey, quarterback for ACC the last three years will speak. April Morning, a singing group from ACC will entertain. A free meal will be served at the Junior High Gym, where the entertainment will also take place. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m. The bus will leave our parking lot Saturday morning at 8:00 o'clock.

VBS TEACHERS WORKSHOP
All Vacation Bible School Teachers are requested to attend a workshop Monday evening, 7:00 o'clock, conducted by Earl Davidson of the Sweet Publishing Co. An invitation has been extended to area churches.

AREA MEETINGS
The meeting at Glenwood will continue through Friday evening. Landon Saunders preaching. The time is 7:30. Andrew Connally will be preaching in Carthage, May 9-14. Services at 7:30 each evening.

Mid McKnight will speak in a series of lessons May 7-8-9 at the South Washington church in Marshall. Services on Friday and Saturday at 7:30.

BUSINESS MEETING - 1:30 p.m., in the Chapel Sunday afternoon.

JUNIOR HIGH SKATING PARTY
Monday evening, 7:00 o'clock is the time for the monthly skating party for all Junior High young people. This is an excellent opportunity for you to become better acquainted with young people from the other congregations of the church in Tyler. Plan to attend and enjoy the fun.

100% CLASSES
The four year old class with Joyce Willis teaching and the 4th grade with Margret Montgomery and Jan Knight teaching were 100% in attendance Sunday morning.

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION?
Our time seems to be taken with more and more activities which include social and church work, but I wonder what we are putting first. I will agree that we need some social activities and some relaxation because of our physical needs. Our children are having more expected of them in school than ever before, but God has not changed his requirements! Parents want the best for their children and this is only right - do you give them the best?

As we read about Hannah in I Samuel, her great desire was for a child which God granted. Hannah went even farther than any other parent that I know of anywhere. She promised God, "I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life." (I Sam. 1:11) This young man had his life planned for him by his mother - he was to serve the Lord. Parents, what are your plans for your children? Last Saturday a few of us enjoyed an excellent youth day at Glenwood, but for some reason only a few from West Erwin were there. (I counted them). Each of our students, Junior High through High School, were sent information concerning this program but did not see fit to attend.

The Bible teaches that parents are to train their children, which should include encouraging them to attend Bible Class, Worship, and other training sessions. May I suggest that maybe parents should see that their children do some things that they "do not want to do." Or do you think they'll quit liking "church" if you make them attend? It could be that they might even enjoy serving the Lord if they are encouraged to do so. Samuel was a great man of God because of his mother's promise to her God.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET
"Many thanks" to those of you who have already given money to help with the expenses of the banquet honoring the 11th and 12th grade students. The party is planned for May 15th at The Red Barn. May we encourage those of you who still plan to help to do so within the next week. Hillard Hughes and Jamon Kirby and their wives are on the planning committee from West Erwin. This party has been given annually for the Christian young people of Tyler for a number of years. Your support is appreciated very much.

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H. H.

The Resurrection

Was Jesus really raised from the dead? Many of the religious world recently observed "Easter Sunday," a day they observe in honor of the resurrection. Many modernists of our day do not believe that Jesus was actually raised. In the magazine section of the Dallas Morning News for April 11, a prominent preacher in a featured article, said:

"Then the third day came! Nobody can explain just what happened or how. But those defeated disciples became like men who knew they were on the winning side."

The modernist recognizes something happened to change the disciples, but just doesn't know "what or how." We believe Jesus was actually raised from the dead. The disciples were willing to lay down their lives because of this faith. Our faith in the resurrection serves as the basis for our hope and for all that we do for Christ. Hear our sermon on this Sunday evening, "Why I Believe the Resurrection."

G. H. S.

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When One Quits

When a man contracts "new car fever," his conduct becomes both amazing and amusing! OVERNIGHT, his old car becomes a "sorry spectacle," threatening his welfare and peace of mind. The "rattles" become so loud that he can hardly hear himself speak or think!! The "scratches" multiply. The "finish" loses its luster. The "stains, snags and worn places in the upholstery" become "more noticeable." The "plugs" need to be replaced, and he can hear quite clearly the "faint knocking" in the engine. So, the only thing to do is to trade it in for a new model, which, of course, must be done quickly before the old car collapses and loses some of its trade-in value. In reality, the old car is not so bad--he just wants a new one!

A man becomes unhappy in his "church relationship"---perhaps he did not receive the attention he thought he ought to have had, or someone had discriminated against him. He contracts a "fever" of a sort and it is amazing how many things he can find wrong with the church! "The people are unfriendly and self-righteous!" "Their spirit is bad, their attitude is wrong, and their godliness is growing weak." There are so many things his fellow Christians should be doing which they are not doing. The ONLY thing to do is to remove himself from such an "ungodly environment" lest he, too, be corrupted!

BUT, has the church become so "bad," or is he trying to justify himself in his own failures?

"Wherefore, let him that thinketh he standeth, take heed, lest he fall." (I Corinthians 10:12) ... Via The Grand Proclaimer, Sherman, Texas

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DismissWillie Freeman

WELCOME
Brad Edgar, 204 Tournament Rd. phone, 597-9744, was baptized into Christ last Wednesday evening. Brad is a senior at John Tyler. We welcome him into our fellowship.

THANK YOU NOTE From Boles Home
How nice it was to receive the 55 cakes and packages of cookies brought to us today from you by brother and sister Stephenson. We are always grateful to know that our baking needs are taken care of, thus giving our busy housemothers more time to devote to the other needs of the children.

Lowell Wallace will be in a meeting May 2 through May 8 in Frankston. The time is 7:30 p. m. each evening.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

We extend congratulations to the following High School Seniors.
Lynn Willis Aven Gail Krewall
Betty Beard Leslie Lauden
Barbara Caskey Cindi McBea
Steve Drennan Julia Phillips
Brad Edgar Sue Wallace
Larry Hubbard

HASTINGS, NEBRASKA
On last Sunday morning I told the congregation something about the work of the church in Hastings, Nebraska where we are supporting Lemuel Ford, Jr. as the preacher. I am thankful for the opportunity which was mine to preach there for a few days and to become better acquainted with the church in Hastings and in that portion of Nebraska. Brother Ford is blessed with a fine wife and family. I feel that they are diligent and faithful workers for the Lord. The Hastings church has a very nice building and some excellent people among the members. I wish everyone at West Erwin could have the opportunity to visit there. Let us continue to pray for the work in Hastings and also in Oakley and Scott City, Kansas. G. H. S.

THE 5th GRADE CLASS taught by Beatrice Holland was 100% in attendance last Sunday morning.
Brother and Sister Luther Thompson have moved back to Tyler. Their address is 607 West Dobbs.

ZONES 1 & 2 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p. m. at the Cullen Gilliams.

The Elders Never Ask Me To Do Anything!

If this is your cry, then may I have a word with you? So many folks seem to be idle while so much needs to be done to spread the gospel, serve the needs of some and to enrich the lives of all. Some want the elders to assign them particular jobs to do. (But some never advise the elders of their desires and abilities!) And, if they are not given some particular assignment they cry, "The Elders never ask me to do anything!" thus, no effort is made toward Christian service or spiritual growth. Let us help solve this problem.

Every individual must be responsible for his own effort in Christian work. The Elders are no where held responsible to direct each and every

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Jasper Dobbs is in Medical Center Hospital.
Brother W. H. Gourley is in Mother Frances Hospital.
Brother Jess King is in the Glenwood Hospital.
Sister Jo Warner is in Medical Center.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in May: Jamon Kirby, Carl Bell, W. S. Little, Gus Krewall, and Tom Keith. Roger Knight, Tommy Lowrance, Marc Lemons, Charles Lemons, and Paul Knight. Alternates: A. Z. Aven and James Beard. Evening: M. B. Beard, and O. C. Becker.

activity of each member. It would be an impossible task. The announcements at each service usually suggest some Christian service that needs to be done as soon as someone can do it. Yet, how often are such announcements made to no avail! Three hospitals and several rest homes are in our city. Some are ill at home. There are new members, new-comers, visitors and regulars that need your visits. We are constantly in need of teachers. We offer two correspondence courses. All teachers could use a helper. Perhaps a shut-in could benefit by your house or lawn care! So many things by way of service may be done. Take your choice.

... Leon Sharp

YOUTH DAY

All young people are invited and encouraged to share in the activities at the Glenwood church Saturday, May 1, from 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. Make your plans to attend and enjoy the fellowship.

ATTENTION High School Students Remember the devotional Sunday evening at the Campus Christian Center. The time is 8:00 o'clock.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 2

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. A Cure For Worry
P. M. Why I Believe the Resurrection

The Elders and Deacons will NOT meet Monday evening for their dinner.

CRITICIZE

Crit-i-cize, verb (-cized, -cizing) 1. To examine critically (a work of art or literature); express critical judgment; act as a critic. 2. To judge severely; censure.

It is easy to criticize. One can do it with a minimum of knowledge or concern. Criticism is too often done with malice. Too often it is the weapon of an envious little person who is trying to shoot down the one whom he begrudges and hates.

Criticism is a means of ignoring personal responsibility while viewing the failures or supposed failures of others. By it one assumes himself adherent to highest principles and therefore qualified to disdain those he esteems less than perfect. Criticism blinds one to his own personal needs while dwelling on the faults of others.

Criticism is a reputation ruiner, a despoiler, a heart splitter. It is a spirit quencher. Seldom does it beseech and direct. Usually it stabs deep into the back of another and leaves him to bleed to death without mercy. Criticism takes no mercy on the helpless. It does not hear the cries of the innocent. Seldom does it make restitution. Usually it apologizes only when it is cornered and caught.

There is a difference in criticism and what the Bible commands when it says to reprove, rebuke, and exhort. There is a difference in gossiping and correcting. There is a vast difference in contending for right and condemning the righteous. There is an infinite difference in judging the Lord's people and doing the Lord's work (James 4:11-12).

The church has been hurt in many places by those who were content to murmur and to slumber. Those who constantly criticize the church, its members, its method, and its message are not the ones who are winning the lost to the Lord. The mule that kicks is not the one that pulls the load.

Perhaps all of us have at some time been guilty of this cowardly crime. We have killed the innocent and feasted on his entrails. Perhaps we have left scars that no amount of time or medicine will heal. God help us to be bigger men and women, to be kind and just to all, to speak evil of no man, to judge not, to be wise as serpents and harmless as doves, and, as much as within us lies, to be at peace with all men. . . . Owen Cosgrove

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY - By George H. Stephenson

10:20 a. m. Laying Up Treasure

6:00 p. m. The Self Made Fool

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 Announcements C. B. Hardin
 Prayer R. O. Gilliam
 Dismiss Harley Turner

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements Hillard Hughes
 Prayer W. R. Womack
 Dismiss Ben Young

THANK YOU NOTES

I wish to thank the Couples Class for the lovely pot plant sent to me while I was in the hospital. The thoughtfulness of each individual couple of the congregation that sent flowers will always be remembered with tender love. My appreciation for every card and telephone call. A very special thanks for every visit and every prayer on my behalf. I gratefully appreciate all the lovely food sent to our home. I am so humbly grateful for Christian friends. - Jo Warner

The many expressions of concern, love, prayers and flowers are greatly appreciated at a time like this.

Modena Jones

TIME CHANGE SUNDAY!

This Sunday, April 25, is the day for Daylight Savings Time to go into effect. Remember to adjust your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday evening. We should not allow this change to interfere with our Bible class attendance Sunday morning.

A GOOD RESPONSE

The ladies of the congregation are to be commended for the good supply of cakes and cookies which were brought for Boles Home. This is a good work in which almost everyone can share. Your response is appreciated.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister George Meek is in Glenwood Hospital.

Brother Jess King is in Glenwood Hospital. He underwent surgery on Wednesday.

Brother Roy Roberson is a patient in Glenwood Hospital. He underwent minor surgery Tuesday.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

The Junior-Senior Banquet honoring our 11th and 12th grade students is planned for May 15th. Funds for this project are provided by members of the local congregations. Jeanine and Hillard Hughes and Clay and Jamon Kirby are serving on the committee from this congregation. They will be happy to receive your contribution.

Be in Bible Class Sunday!

BIBLE CLASS???

Maybe you are saying, "Oh! Not again." WAIT! We had another increase last Sunday, and that is great. We had several visitors which helps with an increase. It seems that from early spring until June we have people who come pretty regularly until time for vacations. But, there are so many that just do not attend. What can we say - what can we do - to get people to see the importance of Bible class. The class cannot be as good with so many absent. These people cannot grow spiritually without Bible study. Each individual has his reasons (excuses) but will God accept them? Some parents bring their children and do not stay for class. Some young adults sleep late and just come for worship. We also have those who will find fault with classes, teachers, or just the programs in general. You are needed, but you are also in need! Those that never miss a Bible class are to be highly commended. Will you also encourage others? YOU be responsible for getting someone here Sunday.

H. H.

INTROSPECTION

To get his goodnight kiss he stood
Beside my chair one night
And raised an eager face to me,
A face with love alight.

And as I gathered in my arms
The son God gave to me,
I thanked the lad for being good,
And hoped he'd always be.

His little arms crept 'round my neck,
And then I heard him say
Four simple words I shan't forget...
Four words that made me pray.

They turned a mirror on my soul,
On secrets no one knew.
They startled me, I hear them yet;
He said, "I'll be like you."

ZONE 4 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Hillard Hughes home, 203 Alpine.

THINGS THAT KEEP US FROM GOD

Lack of Frank Confession of Sin: It is not easy for man to tell his faults to another. It is far easier to tell another of his faults.

Hurry of Life: We often have too many other engagements to take time for holy living.

Irregularity of Nourishment: People are starving to death spiritually, because they so seldom partake of the spiritual means of nourishment.

Attractions of worldliness: We have to be in the world, but we cannot be a part of it. A boat can be in the water and sail safely, but when the water gets into the boat, trouble is ahead.

Negligence: The hardest person to reach is the person who says, "I know my duty to God, but I just keep neglecting it."

THE SIXTH GRADE CLASS taught by Ray Womack was 100% in attendance Sunday morning.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

On this Sunday I am to be in a meeting with the church in Hastings, Nebraska where we are supporting Lemuel Ford as the local evangelist. This meeting is being supported by the West Erwin congregation. We hope and pray that this will strengthen the work in Hastings and also provide an opportunity for those of us at West Erwin to become better acquainted with the church in Hastings.

Since we began our assistance in the work in Hastings, the only ones from West Erwin to visit there have been the C. E. Caskeys. Since our mission work is being done largely in Kansas and Nebraska, we should be in a position to make contacts from time to time with the brethren in all three of these places.

I regret that time forbids my going by Scott City and Oakley, Kansas. Because of my limited time, I will be flying to and from Hastings and will not have an opportunity to stop by our other mission points. We receive regular reports from both Norman and Jim Morrow and feel that we are fortunate in having the services of these two fine young evangelists. We still remember with pleasure their being with us during our Vacation Bible School in 1970.

A campaign is to be conducted at Scott City, where Jim Morrow is the preacher from June 7 - 18. There is a need for young couples to go there and assist in this campaign. Our Vacation Bible School at West Erwin is to be conducted from June 7 - 11, but we would like to encourage any of our number who could go to help in this campaign following our Bible School. Your own life will be enriched as you help others in the Lord's work. The church will help defray the expense of those who are willing to make the trip to Scott City to assist in the campaign there.

Hillard Hughes will be preaching for both services here on Sunday. He will have good lessons, and we know you will support and encourage him in the fine work he is doing with us. On Wednesday evening, April 21, W. D. Metcalf will be teaching the auditorium class. Our study in this class is based on the gospel of John. My wife, Alice Stephenson, will present a lesson for the regular women's class on Wednesday morning at ten. We are thankful for all of those who assist in many, many ways to help in the work we are endeavoring to do at West Erwin.

Please remember our work at Hastings in your prayers this week. G. H. S.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer Glen Warner
Dismiss Cone Birdwell
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements David Demic
Prayer Louis J. Jones
Dismiss Louis E. Jones

NOTE OF THANKS

The family of A. R. Mackey acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. The yellow carnation spray you sent was beautiful. We appreciate your thoughtfulness.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in April: Bruce Wiggs, Ted Snipes, E. C. Pickle, Monroe Sublette, and Guy Potts. Roy Roberson, Harley Turner, John Porter, A. B. Wallace, and John Weaver. Alternates: H. C. Williamson and W. H. Turner. Evening: James Massey & Bob Threadgill.

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

AT WEST ERWIN

This year the high schools will not be conducting baccalaureate services for the graduating classes. In view of this, it has been decided to have a service honoring all of the seniors from the various congregations in Tyler. This will be a co-operative service of these congregations and is scheduled for Sunday evening, May 23, at 7:45 at the West Erwin building. Rex Kiker, well known preacher and head of the Speech Department at Abilene Christian College, has consented to deliver the address on this occasion. We hope that this will truly be a wonderful time in the lives of all of the graduates who are members of the church in Tyler.

TEACHER'S BANQUET

Sixty two attended a very enjoyable and inspirational banquet on Tuesday evening held at the Hide-A-Way Lake. The teachers enjoyed a very excellent meal and then listened to a splendid talk by Hank Tankersley of Jasper. The banquet was paid for by individual Christians who wanted to show their appreciation for the work being done by all of our Bible School teachers. We feel that all who were present will be encouraged to do even more in our efforts to make our Bible classes bigger and better. We are most grateful to everyone who gave to help make this occasion possible.

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday, 7:00, at the Faber Cauthens, 327 Brookwood.

USED BY ALL!

Someone once said, "Language is a wonderful thing. It can be used to express our thoughts, to conceal our thoughts, or to replace thinking." The sad thing about this statement is that it is true. Why sad? Because usually it replaces thinking. So often people speak without considering what they say and what effect it has on those to whom it is said. Being critical of the church, the elders, or a Bible class teacher does little good and more often harm that cannot be corrected. Some speak trying to get even with someone because they have been hurt. This shows immaturity on the part of many. "Love your enemies, pray for those that persecute you." Matt. 5:44 One of the best examples of speaking without thinking is in our Bible classes. I refer to those who talk about things other than the lesson. There should be some way to get young people and adults to realize the importance of studying in these classes. "Study to show thyself approved." How do you use the language? H. H.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 18

By Hillard Hughes
10:20 a. m. What Is Seen In Your House?
6:00 p. m. Dare To Be Different!

MEETING IN HENDERSON

Brother Jay Lockhart will be in a meeting with the South Main church in Henderson, April 19 - 25. Services, 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

TEACHER Training Series at Canton April 19, 20, 22, 23 - 7:30 - 9:00 p. m.
Nursery Mary Lois Meggs
Skillman Ave., Dallas

Pre-School Wanda Roper
Boles Home, Quinlan
Primary Jane Cramer
Golf Course Rd. Midland
Billie Atkinson
White Rock, Dallas

Juniors Foy Kirkpatrick
Ft. Worth Christian Col.

Jr. High Les Gleaves
Preston Rd., Dallas

Sr. High Gary Montgomery
De Soto, Texas

Adults Chuck Chance
Lake Highlands, Dallas

Personal Lowell Worthington
Work Alpine & Glover, Longview

IN THE HOSPITALS

In Medical Center: Sister Jo Warner and sister Susan Johnson.

In Mother Frances: Sister Shirrell Taylor.

In Glenwood Hospital: Sister George Meek.

The Hearthstone: Sister Dora Billingsley is very ill.

Mrs. Anna Venner, aunt of brother George Stephenson is very ill in the hospital in Terrell.

LISTEN TO Radio Station KTBB each Monday thru Friday, 12:30 Noon.

Satan pursues not the lukewarm Christian, but the faithful Christian.

Be In Bible Class Sunday!

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Absence Is A Symptom

Fever is an easily discernible symptom of a disorder somewhere in the body. The primary problem may be hidden infection that would not otherwise be noticeable until it was in an advanced stage. The presence of fever, however, reveals that the infection exists. The fever is a symptom of an underlying cause.

This does not lessen the significance of fever. Hospitals check a patient's temperature every few hours because of a lingering fever. The fever indicates that "feeling well" can be deceptive and may not reflect a person's true condition.

Unnecessary absence from worship services is a fever-like symptom. It invariably is an indication of a more basic spiritual infection or disorder of some kind. The primary problem may be deeply hidden.

As a fever may possess a man who does not know what causes it, even so a man can neglect worship without being aware of the problems that cause him to do so. He can easily camouflage his lack of concern for worship by involvement in his work, his family, or some other interest. This is especially easy when his other interest is a worthwhile one. He is then better able to rationalize that his neglect of worship is reasonable behavior under his circumstances.

Deliberately missing a worship service is always spiritually significant. It is significant because it reveals the presence of a wound, an infection, a depression, or some other primary spiritual disorder. Further, the fact that a person "feels well" about his spiritual life is not a guarantee of spiritual health.

Although the church should be more interested in causes than symptoms, it cannot avoid the implications of continued absence from worship services. This would be like a parent ignoring a high fever in his child. The fever is only a symptom, but the primary cause may take the child's life if the fever is ignored.

Wesley Reagan

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SUNDAY EVENING Announcements Hillard Hughes Prayer Louis J. Jones Dismiss Louis E. Jones

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for your cards, visits and prayers during my recent stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Erma Sanders

Yours prayers, visits and flowers were greatly appreciated during my stay in the hospital. Foy Richey

BUSINESS MEETING

All men of the congregation are invited to be present for the regular business meeting Sunday afternoon at 1:30 in the Chapel.

Listen to Radio Station KTBB, Monday through Friday, 12:30 Noon!

CONGRATULATIONS

Tommy and Donna Lowrance are the happy parents of a boy born last Wednesday in Mother Frances.

Bob and Melinda Turner are the parents of a baby girl born last Friday in San Antonio. Melinda is the daughter of K. Max and Mary Haws.

Dennis and Linda Law, formerly of this congregation and now living in Houston, are the parents of a son born February 26.

SERMON TOPICS FOR APRIL 11

By George H. Stephenson 10:20 a.m. The Model Prayer. 6:00 p.m. The Shepherd Psalm.

100% CLASS

The 1st grade class taught by Pauline Jones and Eleanor Birdwell was 100% in attendance last Sunday.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Copies of the financial statement for March are available in the office or in the foyer.

MEETINGS

Richard L. Jones will be in a meeting with the Crockett Rd. Church in Palestine, April 12 - 18. Services at 7:30 p.m. You are cordially invited.

Cleon Lyles will preach April 16-18 at the Sulphur Springs Church of Christ. Services, 7:30. You are invited.

PLEASE NOTE!

It has been decided to have our Wednesday evening services at 7:30. For some time we have met at 7:00, but beginning Wednesday, April 14, our services will be at 7:30. If you have not been able to come on Wednesday evening, we hope you will want to come in the future. We have a number of very fine classes for all age groups every Wednesday. Come and share with others the blessings of this weekly hour of fellowship, study, and worship. G. H. S.

"So Long God, We're Moving To Denver"

Not long ago a family was transferred from El Paso to Denver, Colorado. The night before they left, the little boy of the family was overheard as he said his prayers. "...bless Mommy and bless Daddy and bless Aunt Jane and Uncle Bill... and, Oh yes, so long God. We're moving to Denver."

There is more truth than poetry in the above story. Many members never go to church again when they move to another city. Regardless of why this may be, we can be of much service to new residents of our city. Let's make sure we call on every person who moves into our area. When members of the church move here from other areas, we should be ready to welcome them and make them feel at home. It only takes a little time to accomplish this, and we will rescue the souls of hundreds who would otherwise be lost to the church. Let's not wait for an organized program to include us. Let's keep our eyes and ears open so that we are aware of every new resident in our area. Let's then make every effort to call on all so that there will not be a single church member to move here without being acquainted with some member of this congregation. Another way in which we can improve this situation is by being aware of the scriptural example of a Christian who moved to a new locality. "And when Saul was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples..." (Acts 9:26) When this principle is more thoroughly taught, and Christians in every community are busy at seeking newly located church members, the loss will not be so great. ... Pat Stephenson, Hobbs, New Mexico

CAKES FOR BOLES HOME

In keeping with the rotation plan of providing cakes for the children of Boles Home, April 16 is the date for West Erwin to send cakes, cookies and pies to the home. Plan to bring your cake to the church building sometime next Thursday. Be sure to have them wrapped carefully or boxed. We want to send an abundant supply.

SEVEN PRAYERLESS DAYS MAKE ONE WEAK!!!

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The Authority of the Scriptures

A number of years ago there was an editorial which appeared in "Life" magazine which said:

"People have become weary of the words of men. They have lost their confidence in man's ideas, man's programs, man's plans. They are hungry and eager to hear a voice from the other side - a voice of truth, a voice of authority whose ways will work in the lives of men. They are listening for a word from God."

I do not know whether Life Magazine would publish such an editorial today, but the truth of the editorial should be realized now even more than when it was written. Man is seeking something of permanence and something which can give him assurance in the midst of the confusion and frustration of our present society. The large number who now seek to find guidance "in the stars" or in astrology or in the various cults demonstrate that men always feel the need for guidance and strength from a higher power than man.

Those of us who believe the Bible believe that we do have a voice from the other side. We believe that God has spoken to man and that the Bible contains that revelation. True religion is not just something which came by man's evolution, but rather through God's revelation.

When men accept the Bible as their guide, they find meaning and purpose to life and enjoy the promise of everlasting life with God. Through the ages the Bible has helped to solve problems, comfort those in sorrow, give inspiration to the living, and hope for the dying. It has led people to God and we believe that it came from God. I believe with all of my heart that the Scriptures are adequate to furnish us unto all good works. (2 Timothy 3:16, 17)

I will never understand why some in the church today and many religious people out of the church want to discard the authority of the Scriptures in exchange for the uncertain and changing theories and philosophies of the world. It is encouraging to know that many men of science still accept the Bible as God's Word.

Charles J. Felix, member of the church in Richardson, has given numbers of lectures in regard to the Bible and Science. Felix has a Ph. D. in science from Washington University and has served on its science faculty. He has been a geologist with the U. S. Geological Survey. At the conclusion of a lecture delivered at Abilene Christian College, brother Felix, (at one time an unbeliever) said:

"I have no intention or expectation of having science corroborate the events of the Bible, nor the Bible the principles of science.

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SUNDAY EVENING
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Prayer Cullen Gilliam
Dismiss Steve Drennan

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Foy Richey continues to be a patient in Glenwood Hospital.
Sister David Hannah, sister Modena Jones, and brother John Mackey are all patients in Mother Frances.

SERMONS FOR APRIL 4

by George H. Stephenson
10:20 A. M. "The Importance of Motives."
6:00 P. M. "Why Did Jesus Die?"

ZONE MEETING

Zones 1 and 2 will meet Tuesday evening, April 6, at 7:00 p.m. at the M. M. Haws home, 2010 Belvedere.

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother Randolph Mackey, a brother to sister Modena Jones, passed away early Tuesday morning in a Gilmer Hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday morning. We extend our sympathy to all the family and friends.

DEVOTIONAL AT BIBLE CHAIR

Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock the regular monthly devotional for all high school students will be held at the Campus Christian Center. The young people from West Erwin will be in charge this month.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in April: C. B. Hardin, Darrell Holt, Bill Henderson, David Hannah, and Ken Jones, M. M. Haws, Ike Gaiser, Louis E. Jones, Louis J. Jones, and Tim Holt. Alternates: D. C. Jones, and F. A. Jones. Evening: Dalton Jones and T. F. Holland.

LADIES... there are a number of dishes in the foyer at the south entrance. Some have been there for a long time. Please check and see if some of them belong to you.

ELDERS AND DEACONS DINNER

The regular monthly meeting of the elders and deacons will be Monday evening, April 5, at Wyatt's at 7:00. Remember
Vacation Bible School, June 7 - 11.

The Authority of the Scriptures (continued from back page)

I have endeavored here to demonstrate certain inadequacies of scientific theories which have challenged scriptural accounts. Admittedly there exists a vast area in which this cannot be done. But may I remind you that theories and hypothesis of science have become obsolete even in this decade, while God's word has endured throughout the centuries. The scientist cannot claim absolute truth but the Bible does, and its claims for infallibility have been vindicated many times in the past. The Christian will still serve God in the same manner with the same scriptures when the popular bandwagon of 20th century science will have become archaic.

"There are almost countless questions which cannot be answered by giving natural explanations, for they definitely lie within the realm of the miraculous. Questions of such events as the long day of Joshua and the great fish of Jonah cannot be answered by giving natural explanations. They were miraculous events, but the miracles of the Scriptures do not oppose science but actually stand as commentaries on the power of the Creator. There is little to be gained by debating with science on miracles, for they are historical problems, reliant upon the reliability of witnesses. The personalities and backgrounds of the apostles are an open book, and the documentary evidence of their intimate association with Jesus is well established.

"In actuality I have been asked as a scientist and a Christian why I believe in God, and I personally have never required nor sought scientific grounds to justify my faith. I do not believe in God because science has proved Him, but I do believe more firmly in God because science has not been able to disprove Him."

Those of us who claim the Bible as our guide need to demonstrate in our lives what the Bible means to us. Many will never read the Bible, but they will read the "gospel according to you." Put the Bible to the test in your own life. Read it, study it, meditate upon it, and you will live and die a better person. G. H. S.

TEACHERS ... Please make your reservations with brother Hughes for the banquet to be held April 13.

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OUR GUESTS

We had a large number of visitors in the worship services last Lord's Day. We extend a cordial welcome to return at your earliest opportunity.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It is good to be back home following a week in a series of meetings with the Eastside church in Duncan, Oklahoma. This was my eighth meeting with this good church, and I promised to return again five years from now, if the Lord wills.

There were eight "responses" during the meeting, including four who were baptized. We hope that seed was sown which will produce good in the future. We had numbers to attend who were not members of the church. I felt that every service was well attended.

The Eastside church has two capable gospel preachers. Joe Laird and Wayne Monroe. Wayne is a fine younger preacher. He does most of the preaching on Sunday mornings and brother Laird does most of the preaching on Sunday nights. Brother Laird teaches the large auditorium class on Sunday morning and on Wednesday night. Brother Laird conducts some seven or eight gospel meetings each year. The two preachers work together in a fine way and both of them seemed very happy in their work. There was a fine spirit of harmony and co-operation among all the members.

It is encouraging to go to Duncan and to see the progress and growth of the church during the past thirty years. I remember when there was only one small congregation in the town meeting in a little frame building. Now there are three strong congregations with comfortable buildings in addition to a congregation for the black Christians. Incidentally, the preacher for the black congregation supported the meeting in a fine way and led the singing for some of the services of our meeting. Truly the cause of Christ has grown in Duncan in the past thirty years - as it has in many other towns and cities across the country.

With the coming of spring we trust that there will be a "revival" of interest upon the part of everyone at West Erwin. There are many events planned for the year, and our prayer is that all of them will result in the growth of God's Kingdom. I look forward to seeing you in Bible School and Worship on this Lord's Day.
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Prayer Dalton Jones
Dismiss Gerald Montgomery
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements . . . Hillard Hughes
Prayer Roy Roberson
Dismiss Bruce Raley

THE SICK

Brother Foy Richey is in Glenwood Hospital. He had surgery Wednesday. Sister Evelyn Denton, a member of the Northwest church and a relative of several in this congregation, is a patient in Glenwood Hospital. She underwent surgery last week for a broken hip.

We recently learned that sister Harry Knight, formerly of this congregation, is in Methodist Hospital in Houston for major throat surgery.

SERMONS FOR MARCH 28

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. What Do Ye More Than Others?
P. M. The Story of Ruth.

APPRECIATED MEN

We have three men that need a special "thank you" from the congregation. They are the three men who are our zone leaders: Henry McRuiz, Faber Cauthen, and K. Max Haws. I feel that they do a fine job in coordinating this visitation program. Of course the program could not be successful without each person who attends these meetings and who do so much visiting. There is always a need for more help. If you are willing to sacrifice one night a month plus doing a little extra visiting and encouraging of those who are in need of this, we can use you. Be in your zone's meetings during the month of April. Let's make a good program better. H. H.

Everyone Is Invited
to hear

L. L. Gieger
Speak at the Visitation
Fellowship Dinner

Tuesday, March 30, 7:00 P.M.
Wyatt's Cafeteria, 1221 S. Beckham
("Dutch Treat")

FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING

...to be in Kilgore at the Eastview church on Hwy. 31 west of 259 intersection. You are cordially invited to attend, Sunday, 2:30 p.m.

100% PRESENT

The third grade class taught by Carolyn Stitt was 100% in attendance last Sunday morning.

OCC HIGH SCHOOL DAY

Saturday, April 3, is High School day at Oklahoma Christian College. There will be many activities on this day and all high school students are invited to attend.

MEETING AT GLENWOOD

Brother Albert Winstanley, a native of England, will preach at the Glenwood church March 28-31. Evening services will be at 7:30. Children and young people will meet at 7:00.

PARENTS, Please Read! by Joe Barnett

There's trouble in the land. No wide-awake person will deny that! These upheavals have caused many parents to express apprehension concerning the future of their children. That's understandable! When our children graduate from high school and leave home, many of them also leave the church. Suddenly they are exposed to an environment hostile to Christ, and even to the basic principles of morality. If a young person is not equipped to handle this, he is in grave trouble.

Unfortunately, at a time when families should be doing everything in their power to "beef up" their spiritual defenses and intensifying their fight against Satan, many are permitting the safeguard to be torn down. Neglect of Sunday evening services, absence from prayer meeting, and failure to encourage children to become totally involved in church-centered activities are some of the more obvious evidences of this foolish neglect.

Parents need to get their priorities straight. Those of us who preach seldom have the courage to remind weeping parents of the problem. But when dads and moms begin crying over what has happened to their kids, they could be reminded of the days when they chose camping instead of church, week-end trips instead of week-end training, and Sunday night recreation instead of Sunday night inspiration.

It only takes one hole in the fence to let the sheep out. It's amazing how prolific some people are at inventing new excuses to rationalize their habitual neglect. I would much prefer a person to be honest enough to say, "I just don't want to" than to forever blame, job, health, grandma or baby. What advantage is there in covering up the real facts in the case? That only adds to sin! Parents, give your kids a break! Put first things first! Let nothing interfere with regular church attendance. Be sure they are deeply involved in our youth programs. Then, after they've gone from home with that good training you can do what you want with your own life. And I have a feeling by that time you'll be thrilled with putting spiritual things first, and will make it a lifetime policy.

The a cappella chorus from ACC will be at the Glenwood bldg., Saturday, 7:30.
Everyone is invited to attend.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Reverence . . .

"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire." Hebrews 12:28-29

Every commandment of God concerns reverence and respect. From the beginning man was to accept God's counsel as law and was to reverence His will. In the Old Testament Moses commanded the Israelites to reverence God's pre-eminence, His nature, His name, and His will. The sabbath day was sacred. Father and mother were to be honored. Human life was to be respected, and so was the sanctity of marriage. The property rights of others were not to be violated, nor were others to be deprived of justice by lying and misrepresentation. Even the disrespect of others' possessions through covetousness was forbidden. All of these laws concerning reverence and respect were known as the Ten Commandments.

Surely reverence is written into every line of the New Testament. No one exemplified this quality of the spirit more than Christ the Savior. The respect and deep spirituality that He taught His disciples was not some confused, maudlin, weepy, shallow sentimentalism. It was serious and sensible conviction that showed itself in genuine piety and holiness.

Irreverance is profanity. It takes the high and holy and makes it common and base. It takes the power out of faith and the influence out of Christianity. In every form it cheapens and defiles.

When Christianity becomes a laughing matter, when worship becomes blase, when unimportant externals are the principal concern of worshippers, when a whipper-snapper leads in prayer and calls God Almighty "you" and "ya," when the Lord's Supper becomes a bore and singing becomes a dirge, when giving of our means becomes a matter of "tipping" God as we would a shoe-shine boy, when world-weary church members clamor for fifteen minute sermons, and when the church of the Lord is indifferent to the thousands of souls dying all around us, ONE GREAT THING WE NEED! We need reverence for God and for His ways and determination to present our bodies and souls acceptable unto Him. It is hard to fake reverence. If we do not have it our hypocrisy will be obvious to God and man. . . .Owen Cosgrove

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements T. F. Holland Prayer L.G. Drennan DismissH. McCarty

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements James Massey Prayer..... Darrell Holt Dismiss Bob Pearson

WELCOME

We are very happy to have brother and sister W. D. Metcalf, 2002 Belvedere, phone 592-7575, as members of the West Erwin congregation. They have been worshipping in Brownsboro where brother Metcalf has been preaching for several years.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I would like to thank those of West Erwin church of Christ who visited me and sent cards during my stay in the hospital. Everyone was greatly appreciated. Mrs. Alice Matthews

ZONE 4 meeting will be held in the home of the Stephensons, 300 Ridgecrest, Tuesday, March 23,7:00 p.m.

You are invited to an OPEN HOUSE

March 21, 1971 from 2 until 5 p.m. at the Church of Christ Campus Christian Center 1415 S. Baxter Tyler Junior College

We look forward to your visit and the opportunity to show you our new addition.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following will be serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in March: Don Weathers, Tommy White, Bruce Wiggs, W. O. Rushing, and David Tuel. Joe Willis, Odell Malone, George Welch, Dwaine Thedford, and Dwain Strait. Alternates: Jimmy Walker and Jim Willis. Evening: Fred Strait and C. N. Strait.

LECTURESHIP

The Fort Worth Christian College Lectureship will be March 21-25. The theme: "The Wonderful Word."

THE SICK

Brother O'Neal Tuel underwent surgery Monday in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Wilma Greene is now in the Leisure Lodge.

COMBINED ZONE MEETINGS

Let us not forget the combined zone meetings to be held on Tuesday, March 30, at Wyatt's Cafeteria. L. L. Gieger will be our guest speaker. Everyone is invited to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES

The following dates should be marked on your calendar. Try to arrange your vacations and other activities so that you will not have conflicts with these important occasions.

June 7 - June 11 - Vacation Bible School July 11 - July 15 - Special Lessons for the Church Reuel Lemmons, Evangelist October 4 - October 10 - Evangelistic Meeting Goebel Music, Evangelist

FORGET IT

"I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." (Jeremiah 31:34) But God is wonderfully forgetful. When He forgives He completely forgets.

God's forgiveness is so complete it is forgetfulness. One of the manifestations of His greatness is His power to forget, completely forget. Don't ask me to explain that. I can't. We cannot comprehend it because we don't have the capacity to forget; to forgive, but not to totally forget.

From the moment we are wronged our brain stores a crease of remembrance. We may forgive, but there is a sense in which every future decision is colored by remembrance of that wrong.

The child whose life has been wrecked by a drunken father or an immoral mother may one day forgive them. But his life is, to some extent, directed by his ingrained remembrance, and he finds it difficult to really trust people.

The man who is cheated in a business transaction will, to some degree, remember that in all future business dealings. There is no use in us talking to Him about that, because He doesn't even know about it. To continue toting the haunting guilt of sin after asking God to forgive is to question His word. God forgets when He forgives. Blessed relief. Believe it. Accept it.

... Joe R. Barnett

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, March 21, 1971 by Hillard Hughes 10:20 a.m. Backbone of the Church 6:00 p.m. Getting to Know God

Why Identify With A Local Congregation?

The apostle Paul obeyed the gospel at Damascus, and of course, became a member of the New Testament church. The people of Damascus knew about his conversion and even when he went into Arabia for three years and presently returned to Damascus, they continued to recognize him as a member of the church. But when Paul went to Jerusalem, the people there had no favorable knowledge of him. His very first act, as we are told in Acts 9:26, was that "He assayed to join himself to the disciples."

Second, when Apollos, a member of the New Testament church, "Was minded to pass over into Achaia, the brethren encouraged him, and wrote the disciples to receive him" (Acts 18:27).

When Paul wrote a letter to the church at Rome, he sent it by a woman named Phoebe. Romans 16:1,2 is a letter of commendation for this woman by Paul, in order that she might be received by the church in Rome. Now, if this was such an important matter then, is it any less an important matter now? If this was the method of doing things then, when did it become wise or safe to do it any differently in our day?

But there is another point involved: every Christian is admonished to "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit to them, for they watch over your soul" (Heb. 13:15). Certainly it is true that every Christian is a member of the universal church, but he is also supposed to be subject to the elders of a local congregation. This is a unit of Christian work, and all work for the Master must be done there to be effective.

Every Christian should make himself available for the labor to the local church. Failure to do so leads the individual away from the Lord.

- Hardeman Nichols, Walnut Hills bulletin, Dallas, Texas

MEETING IN OKLAHOMA

I am looking forward to preaching in a series of meetings with the Eastside church of Christ in Duncan, Oklahoma beginning on Monday, March 15 and closing on Sunday, March 21. I have conducted many meetings for this good church during the past twenty years - more than for any other place I have ever preached. I look forward to being there again and solicit your prayers while I am away.

G. H. S.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

Under the direction of Bill Allen, director of the Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College, young men from the college will conduct our services on this coming Wednesday evening, March 17. Only the pre-school classes will have their regular classes on this night. We know that the young men participating in the services will encourage us and we need to encourage them also. Remember the time will be 7:00 p. m.

G. H. S.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY Announcements ... R. C. O'Bannon Prayer Tom Williams Dismiss David Demic SUNDAY EVENING Announcements Hillard Hughes Prayer Howard Ellis Dismiss Mark Ellis

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the flowers, food, and your many kind deeds of love at the time of the death of our loved one. Mrs. L. L. Gann and Family

Thank you for the cards, visits, flowers, and especially for your prayers during my recent stay in the hospital, and for your continued prayers during my recovery. Polly Nichols

A letter of appreciation has been received from the students of the Campus Christian Center for the meal the ladies of West Erwin prepared and served on Thursday, February 25.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Katie Heath is a patient in Mother Frances. She suffered a broken hip and underwent surgery.

Sister Wilma Greene is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. George Meek are in the Glenwood Hospital.

Brother Elmer Hawkes was recently hospitalized in Texarkana but was able to be in worship last Sunday.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Alice Stephenson will speak to the Women's Class on this Wednesday, March 17. We urge all of our women to attend. Remember also that we have an excellent class for your pre-school children at this time taught by Hillard and Jeanine Hughes.

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson 10:20 a.m. "The Righteousness of the Pharisees." 6:00 p.m. "A Cry From the Cross." (Psalm 22).

MARCH 30

Mark this date on your calendar. All of the zone workers and all others who would like to attend are invited to a fellowship meal (Dutch treat) at the Wyatt's Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. L. L. Gieger, of Dallas, and former preacher at West Erwin, will be our guest speaker. Plan now to come!

Listen To Radio Station KTBB Monday thru Friday, 12:30 Noon.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY, 1971

LOAN PAYMENTS

First Fed. Sav. & Loan 1,123.50 1,123.50

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 & Adv. 356.65 Scott City Radio Prog. 20.00 Oakley Radio Prog. 82.00 Norman Morrow 580.00 Jim Morrow 660.00 L. C. Ford 600.00 2,998.65

MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES

Utilities 499.19 Bldg. & Grounds 147.96 Office Supplies 455.35 Bible School Supplies 243.56 Insurance 242.00 Flowers 22.50 1,610.56

LOCAL SALARIES 2,420.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 8,152.71

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 8,316.68

CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET FOR FEBRUARY 1,283.32

CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET FOR THIS YEAR 3,183.79

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday afternoon - 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel. All men of the congregation are urged to be present.

Plan For Vacation Bible School - June 7 - 11.

CAMPAIGN IN

SCOTT CITY

Scott City, Kansas is planning a campaign beginning June 13. Brother Norman Morrow suggested that we might enjoy helping in this effort. This would be an opportunity for us to help the work there. Norman has let it be known that they would provide housing for us while there. Let's encourage these people with our help. If you can go for even one or two days, they will be thankful. Let me know your plans soon.

H. H.

WE HAVE A NEED!

If you have a child's jump chair that you no longer need, we could use it in our toddlers class. If we may use yours, please bring it to the building or call the office and we will pick it up. H. H.

CORRECTIONS FOR THE DIRECTORY

Brother and sister Bruce Wiggs, new members of West Erwin, have moved to 300 Alpine.

Sister Sybil Thacker's phone number is incorrect. It should be 597-3632.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

A Look At Statistics

Each week we publish in our bulletin our Bible School attendance and our contribution. A look at these statistics helps us to see what we are doing and what we need to be doing.

Checking over the figures for 1970 and 1971 for the first eight weeks of each year I find the following facts for these weeks.

Average Bible School	1970 - 421	1971 - 402
Average Contribution	- \$1,975.90	- \$2,046.14

This, as you see, shows a slight increase in our contributions but a decrease in our Bible School attendance. Since this time in 1970 West Erwin has suffered an unusual loss of members who moved away from Tyler. Included in the number were some of our most active young families.

I feel that there are opportunities and challenges ahead of us and that we can grow and will grow if all of us will pray a little more fervently, work a little harder, and show greater love for Jesus and for one another.

There would be no difficulty in meeting our budget of \$2,400 per week if we had the love we should have for the church. We are a prosperous people. The Lord has blessed us abundantly. Most people should be able to live on nine-tenths of what the Lord has given them and give the remaining tenth to the cause of Christ. There are some who have learned to give much more than this.

Plans are being made to make our Bible School more effective. I feel that if we can succeed in building a better and bigger Bible School, we will see an increase in every other phase of the Lord's work.

You and I who are a part of God's family must never forget that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. If the world is ever better it will be because we allow God to work through us in holding forth the word of life in a world of darkness (Philippians 2:15,17).

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 7, by George H. Stephenson

10:20 A. M. "Ye Are The Light Of The World."

6:00 P. M. "Why We Observe The First Day Of The Week."

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY
Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer O. C. Becker
Dismiss Jamon Kirby
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements Ross Walker
Prayer Charles Graf
DismissHarold Browning
WELCOME

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby E. Pearson, 602 So. Fenton, phone 595-1367, came Sunday to place membership. They formerly worshipped at Plano, Texas. The Pearsons have three small children, 2 girls and a boy. We are so happy to welcome this fine family to West Erwin.

FUNERAL

We express our deepest sympathy to the family and loved ones of brother L. L. Gann. Brother Gann passed away suddenly late Sunday evening. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at 2:00 p.m.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

You are invited to a gospel meeting at the Omen Road church of Christ, March 7 thru 12. Brother O. J. Russell of Dallas will be preaching. The services will be at 7:00 p.m. each evening.

The meeting at Northwest with brother Ralph Starling preaching will continue through Sunday.

CHRISTIAN WOMAN'S ROLE IN MARRIAGE is to be the new study for the Wednesday evening ladies' class. This class is taught by Marian Rowe and Barbara Williams. The study will be of great help to all women, but especially to younger ladies. You are encouraged to attend.

DEVOTIONAL

All High School students are invited to attend the monthly devotional at the Campus Christian Center Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

MEN TO SERVE

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in March. Cullen Gilliam, Willie Freeman, Jim Franklin, Randy Fletcher, and Scott Ferguson. K. Max Haws, Walter Fuller, Jimmy Fuller, David Fuller and Andy Fuller. Alternates: Harvey Grier and David Grier. Evening: Charles Graf and C. B. Hardin.

TACT OR ATTACK

How we approach our friends or those we know only slightly can be of great importance to their salvation. So very often we "attack" these people without giving any consideration to their feelings or their back ground. The command given by Christ to teach all people is to be heeded by all that believe on Him, but this same Jesus told us to love our neighbor. I have seen people attack some member of the Lord's church by embarrassing them in front of others for not attending Bible Class or a worship service. I know that we are to be concerned for our brethren and friends but ask yourself how you would feel in the same situation. Jesus, on several occasions, had opportunity to attack someone and instead was firm but kind. For example, when the Scribes and

CONGRATULATIONS

We extend congratulations to Dr. Roger Knight, one of our elders, for his being selected to serve on the board of trustees of Abilene Christian College. We feel that the board made a wise selection in asking Dr. Knight to serve in this important way.

Another one of our elders, M. M. Haws, completed several years of faithful service on the A. C. C. board this year. A number of years ago Ross Walker also served in this capacity. We are thankful for the work and service of all of these men in behalf of Christian education. G. H. S.

Pharisees brought the woman found in adultery to Jesus, He did not accuse them of any wrongs on their part but seemingly without malice he let them make their own condemnation (John 8: 3-11).

I believe that our use of "tact" can be much more effective upon those that we are wanting to encourage than the "attack" method. Saul of Tarsus was an example of the attack method and even though he thought he was doing the will of God, he was not. For us to show true love in our hearts we must have the love that Jesus showed so often by his patience for others.

Webster says that "tact" is a keen sense of what to do or say in order to maintain good relations with others. Work with tact (love) for the Lord.

H. H.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Wilma Greene is very seriously ill in Mother Frances.

Martha Powell underwent a tonsillectomy Tuesday in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Quinton Rasure, known by several in the congregation, is a patient in Mother Frances.

Sister Alice Matthews and sister George Meek are patients in Glenwood Hospital.

OUR GUESTS

We were happy to have many visitors for the worship services last Sunday. We hope you will return often.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE VITAL FOR STRENGTH

By Dr. John C. Stevens

President

Abilene Christian College

The spiritual health of the Christian depends to a very great extent on faithful church attendance.

Paul, writing to Timothy, spoke of some who "concerning faith have made shipwreck" (I Timothy 1:19). Indeed, the shores of time are strewn with the wreckage of souls who started out to live the Christian life and failed. And any Christian who says, "It can't happen to me," is deceiving himself. To the Corinthians, the apostle wrote, "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Corinthians 10:12).

Christians are commanded not to forsake the assembly (Hebrews 10:25), and as with all of the commandments of the Lord there is a very good reason for this instruction. For beyond all doubt, regular church attendance provides the Christian with some of the best opportunities for service he will ever have.

Attendance at services provides the Christian an occasion for personal dedication to the Lord. Every Christian needs this, for "though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day" (II Corinthians 4:16). The primary question for each individual at every church service should be, "What does this service mean to me?"

By attending all services, one may be influencing a weaker brother or sister in Christ to become stronger. The power of example must not be underestimated. The question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" has been answered emphatically by the Holy Spirit: "Brethren, even if a man be overtaken in any trespass, ye who are spiritual, restore such a one in spirit of gentleness..." (Galatians 6:1). Furthermore, regular church attendance may encourage outsiders, who have never obeyed the gospel, to become interested.

Faithful church attendance will do more than perhaps any other single factor to enhance the influence of the church in the community it serves.

Faithful church attendance by all the members of the church will encourage the elders of the congregation to plan greater things and to outline a more ambitious program of preaching the gospel and carrying out the Great Commission.

Faithful church attendance may stimulate individuals to greater zeal, even to the extent that some will resolve to arise and carry the gospel to those regions of the earth which are yet in chains and darkness.

And then there is a special opportunity to families in church attendance. When father and mother and the children know (continued inside)

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements C. E. Caskey Prayer Cullen Gilliam Dismiss Darrell Holt SUNDAY EVENING Announcements Hillard Hughes Prayer James Phillips Dismiss Clarence Strait

THANK YOU NOTES

I wish to thank you for the prayers, visits, cards, flowers, food and other expressions of love extended me during my illness and stay in the hospital. Floia Payne

Thank you for the flowers, food, and every act of kindness shown at the death of our mother. John and Edith Porter

TEACHER'S MEETING

There will be a Teacher's Meeting Sunday evening following the worship service. All teachers are requested to be present. Let's have 100%. Meet in the chapel.

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A GOSPEL MEETING at Northwest church of Christ, March 1 - 7. Brother Ralph Starling will be preaching each evening at 7:30 p.m. EVERYONE is cordially invited.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Glenwood Hospital: Mrs. Earnesene Shuford underwent surgery Tuesday. Mrs. Alice Matthews has pneumonia. Mother Frances Hospital: Mrs. Wilma Greene. Medical Center Hospital: Mrs. Erma Sanders underwent surgery last Friday. Becky Young had surgery on Thursday morning.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson 10:20 A.M. "Salt" 6:00 P.M. "Samuel"

ELDERS AND DEACONS DINNER

The regular monthly meeting of the elders and deacons will be Monday evening, March 1, at Wyatt's. The time is 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE. . .

(continued from back page)

that in their home it is understood that the family will be attending services on the Lord's Day and through the week, the home will be happier, and more effective in all its undertakings. "...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" (Hebrews 10:25).

THOUGHT PROVOKING

Brother Ichabod is a "butter." He "buts" the brethren. He "buts" the brethren behind the back. This he does after the following fashion: "Brother A is a Christian, but..." "Brother B is a fine writer and his articles are good, but..., but..." "Brother C is a good elder and he has high ideals, but..., but..., but..." "Brother D is a faithful preacher and he is doing a lot of good, but..., but..., but..."

Brother Ichabod praises the brethren. He "butters them up" for a purpose...so he can then "but" them. The purpose of the praise is to pave the way, to open the hearer's heart, for a disparaging remark. The praise is the sugar-coat, "but" is the bitter pill. When preceded by a good work, an evil word becomes more acceptable.

By "butting" the brethren, brother Ichabod has become involved in a three-fold evil. His PURPOSE is evil -- his aim is not to heal but to hurt, not to uplift but to drag down. His METHOD is evil -- he praises that he may poison, he "butters up" that he may "but." His WORDS are evil -- even when mixed with praise, evil words remain evil words, and we are taught "to speak evil of no man."

"Butter" beware! For the "butter" shall be "butted." The "butter" by his "butting" provokes and invites "butting." He who "buts the brethren" shall surely by the brethren be "butted."

"The tongue is a restless evil, it is full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we the Lord and Father; and therewith curse we men, who are made after the likeness of God: out of the same mouth cometh forth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth the fountain send forth from the same opening sweet water and bitter? Can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a vine figs? Neither can salt water yield sweet." James 3:8-12.

- Via Travis Street Messenger

WATCH YOURSELF GO BY

Just stand aside and watch yourself go by! Think of yourself as "he," instead of "I." Pick flaws, find fault; forget the man is you. And strive to make your estimate ring true. The faults of others then will dwarf and shrink; Love's chain grows stronger by one mighty link When you, with "he" as substitute for "I," Have stood aside and watched yourself go by.

via University Reminder, Denton

The Fourth Sunday Singing will be at Arp Sunday at 2:30 p.m., Feb. 28. You are invited to attend.

Listen to Radio Station KTBB Monday thru Friday, 12:30 Noon.

Be In Bible Class Sunday!

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The Campus Christian Center at Tyler Junior College, formerly known as the Bible Chair, is completing a new \$40,000 addition to its facilities. Approximately one hundred young people are now being taught the Bible or are otherwise participating in the activities of the Christian Center.

I would like to encourage individual Christians to make contributions to help pay for this building. At present, the West Erwin church is contributing \$200.00 per month toward the teaching of the Bible at the Center. This work is under the oversight of the elders of the Glenwood church. Our elders do not feel that we are in a position as a congregation to make additional contributions now; however, they would encourage us as individuals to make contributions to this work.

There are many worthy undertakings by our brethren in many places, and we cannot, regrettably, respond to all of the appeals which come our way. However, it seems to me we should be responsive to an appeal which comes from our own community and which involves many of our own young people. I am very much in favor of our Christian colleges and I am also in favor of every worthy endeavor to help train and develop our young people in the knowledge and practice of the teaching of Christ.

It should fill us with alarm when we realize that we are losing over half of our young people in the church when they reach college age. There was never a period in our history when there are so many forces at work to destroy the faith of our young people. It behooves us to do all we can to encourage and strengthen our youth who will be the leaders in the church tomorrow. They can be a vital force in the church today.

Those who are most impressed with the good which has been done at the Bible Chair are those who have had children to participate in the classes and activities provided by the chair. Mike Warner, one of our "own" boys, who is now doing such a fine work as the preacher for the Northwest church in Tyler, gives much credit to the Bible Chair for his interest in the church and for his becoming a gospel preacher.

Giving to this particular project is a voluntary matter, but I feel that any gift you make will be an investment in young people which can pay rich dividends in the work of the Lord.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer Hillard Hughes
Dismiss Kenny Browning
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements M. B. Beard
Prayer Guy Potts
Dismiss Mark Cauthen

CONTRIBUTIONS BIBLE SCHOOL

February 14..\$2,178.88422
February 7..\$2,051.86385
A Year Ago ..\$1,934.83397

RESPONSES

We welcome Mrs. Alice Matthews, 1410 Austin Drive, phone 595-1183. Sister Matthews formerly worshipped at Troup.

Reagan Phillips asked for the prayers of the church.

WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS

Brother and sister Henry Speck will conduct a workshop for Bible Teachers on Saturday morning from 10:00 o'clock until 12:00 Noon. All teachers and those interested in teaching are encouraged to attend. The place is the Northwest church of Christ here in Tyler.

ACC LECTURESHIP

The Abilene Christian College Lectureship will be February 21 - 25. The theme is "World Evangelism."

CONGRATULATIONS

Jim and Linda Morrow are the happy parents of a baby boy born February 5 in Oakley, Kansas.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following will be serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in February: Henry McRuiz, H. McCarty, Kim Smith, Bill Rozell, and Donnie O'Bannon. Gerald Montgomery, Averyt Smith, Terry Stephenson, Billy Rozell and Marty Stitt. Alternates: Sammy Williams and Tom Williams. Evening: James Phillips and Reagan Phillips.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By: George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. "The Persecuted."
6:00 p. m. "God in Nature -
God in His Word."

IN THE HOSPITALS

In the Glenwood Hospital: Mr. and Mrs. George Meek, Mrs. Earnesene Shuford, and Deann Stone.

Mrs. Floia Payne is in Medical Center Hospital.

FUNERAL

A nephew of brother R. C. O'Bannon was buried Wednesday in San Marcos, Texas. We express our sympathy to the family.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

There is a need in our nation today that many people are aware of, but are doing little if anything to correct the situation. Christ said in Matthew 6:33, "Seek first the kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." Today the trend is away from this command. The Gallup Poll's 1969 and 1970 audit of church attendance shows that only 42% of the nation's adults attend church services during a typical week. The drop in attendance over the last 12 years has come about principally among the young adults, 21 to 29 years old. This shows something to me. I believe if we parents would do more teaching in the HOME, this young group would see a greater need for living for Christ. We should impress upon our young that God does have an overwhelming love for their soul. Then by their own development they can develop a desire within themselves to obey the commands of God. In this modern age it is getting harder and harder to convince young people that they must have a supreme one to look to and follow. Emphasis is no longer placed on a need for God, but rather what is best for "number one." This is even followed by those who have the signs that say "Make Love Not War." God is love and if we could teach and convince our young people of this fact, then I'm sure the Lord's Kingdom would flourish. Parents, this is a great challenge to you and your home.

H. H.

I AM VERY RICH

A tax assessor came one day to a poor Christian to determine the amount of taxes he would have to pay. "What property do you possess?" asked the assessor. "I am very rich," replied the Christian. "List your possessions, please," the assessor instructed.

"I have everlasting life (John 3:16), a mansion in heaven (John 14:2), remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16) newness of life (Rom. 6:3,4), Christ as Saviour (Gal. 3:27), peace that passeth understanding (Phil. 4:7), joy unspeakable (I Pet. 1:8), a faithful and pious wife (Prov. 31:10), healthy, happy, obedient children (Ex. 20:12,

Prov. 22:6), true, loyal friends (Prov. 18:24), songs in the night (Psa. 42:8), and a crown of life (James 1:12; 2 Tim. 4:8; Rev. 2:10)"

The tax assessor closed the book and said, "Truly you are a very rich man, but your property is not subject to taxation."

How very few of us ever realize that the greatest of blessings are tax free! Many of us work and strive for more and more of the taxable possessions (which we must soon leave here), and go from this life as spiritual paupers, with no treasures for eternity. ... Selected

Remember the dates for our Vacation Bible School - June 7 - 11

"Marlboro Country" - Off Limits

If you remember seeing the tall, handsome stranger ride off on his horse into the sunset and hearing the television announcer smoothly say, "This is Marlboro Country," you may be shocked to know that New Year's Day was his last ride on TV.

That's right! You see our own Federal Government after years of research took a bold step and said that tobacco companies could no longer advertise their products over this public medium.

Why in the world would they do a thing like that? Doesn't the government realize how much taxes these companies pay each year? Don't they know that each person who buys a pack is paying a high percentage of the purchase price in taxes? The television industry is certainly important to the economy of our country; and the tobacco companies were the second highest paying customer in television advertising. Who would think that the government would pass a law prohibiting the advertising of this product?

Why did they do it? Well, it seems that the Surgeon General and some others came up with some research that indicated that smoking is injurious to the health and well-being of humans and animals. This was a step to protect the health of all the citizens of our country. While many adults who have been smoking for some time have now quit, many young people are starting. It is hoped that this action will lessen the influence of tobacco advertising upon their minds.

Dear fellow-Christian, if you smoke, shouldn't you consider quitting? If a world government takes steps like this to protect the health of its citizens, should not every Christian seriously consider what this habit may be doing to his "temple of the Holy Spirit?" "Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body." I Corinthians 6:19,20 Is God glorified in MY body?

...Harvey Porter, Formerly of Tyler, now of Albuquerque, N. Mexico

WE REGRET THAT L. E. CARPENTER, due to his health, has discontinued teaching the Sunday morning auditorium class. We appreciate the fine work which brother Carpenter has done in this class. Brother M. M. Haws, who has been a faithful teacher in the past, will be the teacher for the present. We are not only thankful for brother Carpenter's class teaching, but also for the times he has preached and given of his time in many, many ways. We pray that his health will improve and that he will have many more years of usefulness in the Lord's service.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements..... Mack Bynum Prayer..... Glen Warner Dismiss..... Averyt Smith

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements.. George Stephenson Prayer..... James Phillips Dismiss..... David Womack

CONTRIBUTIONS BIBLE SCHOOL

February 7..\$2,051.86385 January 31.. \$2,000.65412 A Year Ago. \$2,127.41411

WE WELCOME brother and sister Bruce (Laura) Wiggs, 415 Amherst, phone 595-1345. They formerly worshipped with the Arlington Heights church in Corpus Christi. They have two sons; Guy, 7 years and Brett, 5. We welcome them to Tyler and this congregation.

NOTE OF THANKS

The loved ones of Mrs. Lela E. Jones acknowledge with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Sister R. P. (Lela) Jones' brother has given a check for \$50.00 to the West Erwin Church at her request. We appreciate sister Jones' love for the church and the remembrance she left.

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY

Sister Ken Gode's father was buried last week in Winder, Georgia.

Brother John Porter's mother passed away Wednesday morning. We have no details of the funeral at this writing.

Services were held Wednesday for Mrs. A. F. Bickerdike, an uncle of sister J. B. Gray.

NEW ARRIVALS

Don and Trish Caseltine are the parents of a girl born Monday at Mother Frances.

Joe and Gayle Ford have a new daughter born last Friday.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Jack Beard, Mr. and Mrs. George Meek, Mrs. Earnesene Shuford are all in the Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Alice Long is in Medical Center Hospital.

Robert Parris is now a patient in the V. A. Hospital in Shreveport.

Mrs. Aubrey Payne is in Medical Center Hospital.

OPPORTUNITY was given last Sunday for everyone to express a preference of time for our Wednesday evening services, whether they should be at 7:00 or 7:30 p. m. Numbers expressed preferences, but others did not. All of the preferences will be given consideration. For the present our Wednesday evening services remain at 7:00 p. m., and we urge all who possibly can to be with us.

G. H. S.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, Jan., 1971

LOAN PAYMENTS

First Fed. Sav. & Loan 1,123.50 1,123.50

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 & Adv. 351.80 Scott City Radio 20.00 Oakley Radio 82.00 Norman Morrow 675.00 Jim Morrow 675.00 L. C. Ford 750.00 Local Benevolent 160.74 Expenses, Travel 39.00 3,453.54

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities 534.44 Build. & Grounds 444.15 Office Supplies 1,549.05 Bible School Supplies 385.80 Insurance 242.00 Flowers 15.00 Postage 100.00 Library 10.00 3,280.44 LOCAL SALARIES 3,025.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 10,882.48

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 10,099.53

CONTRIBUTIONS Short of budget for January 1,900.47

CONTRIBUTIONS Short of budget for this year 1,900.47

what you might have to pay, but also look at what it might cost YOUR child. A Christian college will not assure you that your child will never turn from God and what you have tried to teach him. One thing you can consider is that you are still doing all you can to help guide him.

H. H.

WHAT IS YOUR CHILD WORTH?

I know you cannot answer this question from a monetary standpoint, so let's not try. I do believe many parents would do many things differently in raising their children if given another chance, but now it's too late. For those of us that still have our children at home we still have opportunities to guide them. For some reason that I cannot understand, many parents do not feel a need to encourage their children to attend a Christian college. The one BIG reason, seemingly, is the cost. Of course it cost more to send them to any of these schools, but don't you think maybe it is worth something to have them in an environment of Christian living? I do not intend to condemn state schools as such, but many of our young people are not strong enough in the teachings of God's word to withstand the overwhelming bad influences that are often found in these state schools. If you have a high school student considering college, I hope you will not only look at

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Our proposed budget for 1971, presented to the congregation last Sunday, sets a worthy goal for us. It presents a challenge to each one of us to strive to give more in order that we may do more for the Lord. It calls for an expenditure of approximately \$2,400 per week.

Members of this church have always responded in a wonderful way to the needs presented to them. However, in recent years it has been necessary to make special appeals toward the end of the year to erase deficits in the budget. The income of some members is such that they can give larger sums of money at certain seasons in the year. We commend the liberality of those who have responded to the special appeals which have been made.

However, it would be wonderful if we did not have to come to the end of the year with a deficit. I believe this could be possible if every member of the church recognized his own individual responsibility in this matter. We have a planned program of work which is commendable. Very little is accomplished in any endeavor of life without definite goals and purposes.

If we plan the work of the church, every member should also plan to give, as the Lord continues to prosper him, in order to meet the challenge which is ours. Paul taught that we should give as we purpose in our hearts. "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver." (II Corinthians 9:7)

Most congregations who are having substantial budgets have members to sign "purpose cards." We do not use the cards here, but every member should purpose in his heart the amount he will give every Lord's Day. The Lord deserves and expects first place in our hearts. Too many wait until they have spent all of their income for their own needs and pleasures and if anything is left, then it will be given to the Lord. Our "scraps" which are left should not be the measure of our giving. Put God first by setting aside a certain amount for the Lord's work out of each paycheck.

If you are not able to give more than you are now giving, of course the Lord understands. However, I am persuaded, many of us could increase our contributions substantially - and our budget could be met very easily.

Giving should not be considered a drudgery, but a privilege. We should be thankful that we are able to share in the great work of preaching, teaching, and serving planned by the leaders of this church. G. H. S.

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Announcements . . . C. B. Hardin Prayer M. B. Beard Dismiss Travis Fletcher

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements . . . Hillard Hughes Prayer D. C. Jones Dismiss Fred Powell

CONTRIBUTIONS BIBLE SCHOOL

January 31...\$2,000.65412 January 24...\$2,022.14387 Year Ago ...\$1,768.02330

SERMONS FOR FEBRUARY 7

By George H. Stephenson A. M. "They Shall See God." P. M. "Why We Do Not Baptize Infants."

FUNERAL SERVICES were held on Tuesday at Burks-Walker for sister R. P. Jones. Brother Dean Brookshire conducted the service. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

SUNDAY NIGHT, February 7th, at 8:00 o'clock, the T. J. C. Students at Campus Christian Center will host the first monthly devotional for all High School students in Tyler.

OUR FELLOWSHIP meeting at the Rose Center Building last Friday evening proved to be a very enjoyable occasion. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make it a success. We appreciate the work of Guy Potts who headed the committee making arrangements. Our thanks also to James Massey, Henry McRuiz, Cone Birdwell, and everyone who helped in any way. We especially commend our young people and Hillard Hughes for their entertainment. The singers directed by Faber Cauthen also did a very fine work. We are thankful to all the women for the good food and are thankful for the opportunity which was ours to be with our fellow Christians and friends. G. H. S.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER the first two Sundays in February are: Faber Cauthen, Roy Driggers, L. G. Drennan, W. V. Crossman, and Mark Cauthen. David Demic, Jeff Ellis, Steve Drennan, Jasper Dobbs, and Billy Chandler. Alternates: Sammy Ellis and Tony Fears. Evening: Dick Ferguson and Wayne Fears.

THE SICK

Brother Howard Ellis is in Glenwood Hospital. Sister Myrtle Ginn is now at home. Mr. George Meek is still a patient in Glenwood Hospital but is making good progress. Sister Pete Nichols is in Mother Frances Hospital and will have surgery on Friday.

LATE!!

Would you try answering these two questions? How does a Bible School teacher lose his or her effectiveness? How can the worship service be disrupted? If your answer is, "by being late," then you are right. I believe that a teacher who is late to class shows his class that he isn't really interested in being there. Of course, there will be exceptions. A teacher should be in the room as much as 15 minutes before the class starts to greet all students. To rush in out of breath and begin a class mentally unprepared makes for a bad class period and little student involvement. To come into the worship service after the first song shows to some the

lack of interest in worshipping God. Do we think God is going to wait on us for the judgement day that has been promised us. No, we are told that Christ will come completely unexpected. Let's not have a lukewarm attitude toward our service to the Lord.

Teachers, try being here by 9:15 and see if your class isn't much better. Those who are habitually late for worship services Sunday evening, try being here by 5:50 and notice how much easier it is to worship God instead of coming in late and causing others to lose their train of thought in worship. H. H.

THE DEVIL'S BEATITUDES

Blessed is the church member who expects to be invited to his own congregation; for he is an important member.

Blessed are they who are too tired to go to church on Sunday night; for they are my best workers.

Blessed is he that goeth not to Bible school; for he remaineth ignorant of the Bible and discourages those who do not attend.

Blessed are they who are bored by the minister's mannerisms, and look only for the mistakes he makes; for they get nothing out of the sermons.

Blessed are they who receive higher incomes, but give the same amount to the church that they have always given; for they make it harder for the church to carry out its mission.

JUNE 7 - 11 ***** MAY 31 - JUNE 4, will be the time for our Vacation Bible School. If you would like to teach in the school, please contact brother Hughes.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

What Kind Of A Church Is This?

When I was preaching for a congregation in another city, one Sunday morning I answered a telephone call and was asked the question, "What kind of a church do you preach for?" At first I thought that my caller was some acquaintance of mine who was trying to be facetious. Surely he must know that I was preaching for the church of Christ!

My first reply to the question was, "The church of Christ - of course." I soon realized that my querist was serious when he said, "But I mean - what kind of a church of Christ?" I said, "Well, it is the oldest congregation in the city." I was then asked, "But what I mean is, is the church liberal or conservative?"

My reply to the last question was, "We are trying to be faithful." This still did not satisfy my querist who then asked, "But do you support orphan homes?" I said, "We do - a little." My querist then said, "Oh," and hung up the phone.

It is sad that the Lord's people have to be identified and classified as "conservative," "liberal," "anti," etc. I would like to know that we are endeavoring to be faithful and true disciples of Christ. I hope that all of us are "anti" in the sense that we are "anti-sin" and "anti" anything which is opposed to the will of the Lord.

However, it might be well for us to ask ourselves, "what kind of a church is West Erwin? What kind of a congregation should we be? Should we be known for our friendliness, our zeal, our generosity, our loyalty? What kind of church does God want us to be? Suppose every member of the church were just like you, what kind would it be?

The Lord's church at West Erwin has great possibilities and untold opportunities for doing good if all of us will be the kind of people we should be.

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Prayer L. G. Drennan
Dismiss Darrell Holt
SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements . . . Hillard Hughes
Prayer Joe McBee
Dismiss Joe Willis

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January 24. . \$2,022.14 387
January 17. . \$2,061.23 407
Year Ago. . . \$1,962.60 492

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday afternoon for brother Troy Ginn. We express our sincere sympathy to sister Ginn and members of the family. We shall all miss brother Ginn very much.

THE SICK

Brother Howard Ellis is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mr. George Meek is in Glenwood Hospital.

Brother Fred Strait has been in Mother Frances for tests.

Will you be present for Bible Study Wednesday night? The time is 7:00.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

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

REMEMBER OUR RADIO PROGRAM

Every day, Monday through Friday, you have the opportunity to hear a fifteen minute program devoted to the study of the Bible. We are on KTBB from 12:30 to 12:45 p.m. Why not tell your friends about this program? It can be heard over a wide area in East Texas. We plan to begin a study of the book of Philippians on this program. I always enjoy this great book and feel that all of us will profit from our study of the book.

G. H. S.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

10:20 A.M. The Merciful
6:00 P.M. Joshua, Man of Faith and Courage.

OUR GUESTS

We had a number of Visitors in the worship service last Sunday. We are always happy to have guests worship with us. You are cordially invited to return at every opportunity.

REMINDER

Most of the congregation receives THE VISITOR on Friday. Please let this serve as a reminder to attend the Covered Dish Supper tonight at the Rose Building at 7:00 o'clock.

WHAT IS CHRISTIANITY?

Many people, especially our young people, approach us with the idea of double standards in the church. They sometimes feel that they must follow what the "church" teaches when in reality the church does not teach anything. This would be saying that the church sets its own standards. This is not the true picture of the church. The church may have people who want to reduce Christianity to a system that can be neatly packaged and distributed, but Christianity isn't something that can be put in a box and tied up with a string. In fact, it isn't a "thing." Someone has said that Christianity is God loving us so much that He wants to have a large family of us. It is Jesus loving us so much that He was willing to suffer for us. It is the Holy Spirit loving us so much that he lives with us. Christianity is people responding to their love. Christianity is not a compromise. It

is total commitment to serving Christ. This commitment does away with what people think and limits us to pleasing Christ who is head of the church. Double standards are set by man, not by God. "IF A MAN LOVES ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORD, AND MY FATHER WILL LOVE HIM, AND WE WILL MAKE OUR HOME WITH HIM. HE WHO DOES NOT LOVE ME DOES NOT KEEP MY WORDS: AND THE WORD WHICH YOU HEAR IS NOT MINE BUT THE FATHER'S WHO SENT ME." How often we seem to lose our young because of the double standards we, as parents, set. It is hard to understand how parents can stay away from Bible Classes and then wonder why their children just do not have any interest in worshipping God. Again, "IF A MAN LOVES ME, HE WILL KEEP MY WORD..." (John 14:23-24) H. H.

DID YOU EVER MISS A MEAL???

To miss a meal hurts a lot, doesn't it? Well, just one meal isn't so bad, but to miss two or three in a row, the hunger becomes terrific! Doctors say, however, after you have missed several meals in a row, you become accustomed to being without food, and even though you become weaker, you feel the pain of hunger much less.

Many, many of God's children have lost their hungering and thirsting after righteousness in this very way.

The first missing of a service left an empty feeling. After a while, they become hardened to being without spiritual food until they now feel little or no pain at missing any or all of the appointed services of worship or devotion.

YOU could be nearer to spiritual starvation than you think! Don't let it happen to you! (Read I Corinthians 10:12).
... Selected

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

I am very grateful for the opportunity which was mine to attend the workshop for preachers held on the campus of Abilene Christian College Monday through Wednesday of last week. Jay Lockhart, of the Glenwood congregation and I had a very delightful trip together.

The college was not in session, so we stayed in one of the dormitories for men and ate our meals in the college cafeteria. There were 550 preachers registered from many sections of the United States. Various problems confronting the church were discussed by well qualified men. Opportunities were given for the asking of questions by those who attended.

There were some aspects of the meeting which cause us to be depressed. It was sad, indeed, to realize that there are some among us who question the authority of the Scriptures. Of course, it is always sad when we realize that there are divisions in the thinking and in the work of those who have sought to restore New Testament Christianity. Divisions within the body of Christ has been one of the biggest obstacles in our efforts to win the world for Christ.

However, for the most part, the meetings were encouraging to me. I feel that the vast majority of the preachers present are faithful and loyal to the teaching of the Bible. It was especially refreshing to see many fine young preachers who are as sound and as loyal to God's Word as any of the great men of the past. It was also good to hear various professors from Abilene Christian College and other Christian colleges among us as they showed their faith in and respect for the Scriptures. It seemed evident, so far as I was concerned, that the truth was clearly revealed in contrast to error in each session.

There was a good spirit shown upon the part of almost all who participated in the discussions, although there were differences of views presented. It was wonderful to enjoy the fellowship of hundreds of faithful gospel preachers. Reuel Lemmons' sermon of "Brotherly Love" was a masterpiece. I am of the persuasion that the meetings will continue to bear fruit for a long time to come. Preaching the simple gospel of Christ is still needed in our world and will be needed as long as time shall last.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements Mack Bynum
Prayer L. G. Drennan
Dismiss Travis Fletcher
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements . . . Hillard Hughes
Prayer Louis J. Jones
Dismiss Monroe Sublette

CONTRIBUTIONS BIBLE SCHOOL

January 17..\$2,061.33407
January 10..\$1,788.89395
Year Ago...\$1,818.20412

WELCOME TO WEST ERWIN

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Gilliam, 1304 Woodlark, came Sunday to place membership. They recently moved to Tyler from Dallas where they worshipped at the Skillman Ave. church. They are the parents of Cullen Gilliam.

BEST WISHES

We extend our best wishes to Kathy Borchers and Larry Byrd who were united in marriage, Saturday, January 9th in Fredericksburg, Texas. Their address is 528 S. Saunders, Apt. 37.

THANK YOU NOTES

We shall always remember with deep gratitude your comforting expressions of sympathy and kind deeds during our recent sorrow.

The Dunn Family & T. A. Fletchers

Thank you for the flowers, cards, and each remembrance during our time of sorrow.

Truman Langham

Sister Zora Lunceford wishes to express appreciation for the fruit basket she received during the holidays.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dudley and Jeannie Brookshire are the parents of a girl born last Friday afternoon in Longview. The C. E. Caskeys and the Dean Brookshires are the happy grandparents.

THE SICK

Sister Susan Johnson is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Troy Ginn remains a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Olie Cooper is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mr. George Meek is in Glenwood Hospital.

Brother John Harris is ill at his home.

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

10:20 a. m. A Good Appetite.
6:00 p. m. The Man Who Was Buried By The Lord.

PLEASE COME!

Everyone is invited to bring food and guests to our fellowship meeting on Friday night, June 29, at the Rose Center Building. The time is set for 7:00 o'clock. It is always good to meet together for worship as the Lord commands us. However, we also need to have other occasions when we come to know one another better and thus come to have a greater appreciation and love for one another.

MISSION EMPHASIS WEEK

In Sulphur Springs, Texas

You are invited to attend the Jefferson Street church of Christ in Sulphur Springs, January 25-29, at seven o'clock each evening. This series is entitled Mission Emphasis Week. Monday, bro. John Wolfe will discuss Preacher Training Schools Among Latin Americans.

Tuesday, bro. Jay Lockhart: Work in Edmonton, Alberta Canada.

Wednesday, bro. Alan Sowders: Benevolent Work and Missions.

Thursday, bro. Art Haddox: Scope of Herald of Truth.

Friday, bro. Myrlin Marcum: Bible Chair's Work Among Students.

Listen to KTBB, 12:30 Noon
Monday through Friday

ZONE 4 will meet Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:00 p. m. at the K. Max Haws home, 3801 Birdwell.

IS BIBLE STUDY

REALLY IMPORTANT?

One generation serves the Lord, the next does not. How swiftly things can change. What brought it all about?

(1) Spiritual illiteracy. "They knew not the Lord." (Judges 2:10)

(2) Forsaking of God. "And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt." (Judges 2:12)

(3) Serving false gods. They followed "the gods of the people that were round about them." (Judges 2:12)

(4) Punishment from God. "And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about." (Judges 2:14)

There is no hope if spiritual illiteracy prevails. Heathen altars will abound. Tidal waves of iniquity will arise and destruction will follow.

We must not fail the youth of today. We must diligently teach them the truth lest it be said once again, "there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord."

Adapted from an article
By John Gibson

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God." I John 3:1

BE A WEDNESDAY NIGHTER

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

With such a beautiful day as we had Sunday, I had expected a much better attendance than we had in Bible School. I wonder what happened? I know there were some out of town and there is a certain amount of colds and seasonal illnesses at this time. But it is disappointing to know that many are not attending Bible School. If you are among this number, may I urge that you plan now to be here Sunday and do your part to help our Bible School grow.

The late C. A. Narred, gospel preacher for many years, used to say, "As goes the Bible school, so goes the church." I believe there is much truth in this statement. A lack of interest in the Bible School manifests itself in every work of the church. If the Bible School grows, the church will grow. We have excellent facilities and splendid teachers. Let us work together to make our attendance grow in Bible School and every other work we endeavor to do.

I am thankful that the church has been able to retire the indebtedness against the church home on Alpine Street occupied by the Hughes family. Now both the preachers' homes on Alpine and on Ridgecrest are free of debt. The money, including interest, which has been paid on these properties, can be used for other purposes.

I received some favorable comments concerning our article last week on friendliness and reverence. (It is encouraging to know that some of you read the bulletin.) I think that all of us agree that we should be both friendly and reverent. Will you continue to do your part to help us grow in both respects?

We have some wonderful people at West Erwin. We are hoping that 1971 will be a great year for all of us as we endeavor to do more for the Lord.

G. H. S.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY
Announcements . . . T. F. Holland
Prayer James Massey
Dismiss Gerald Montgomery
SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements . . . Hillard Hughes
Prayer Glen Warner
Dismiss Harold Browning

THANK YOU

In addition to those listed in THE VISITOR last week, the following have expressed appreciation for the fruit baskets, pot plants, and other remembrances during the holidays: Miss Bonnie Williamson, Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy, Mrs. Lillie Knight, Mrs. Vannie Lee, and Mrs. Bessie Sanders (mother of Mrs. Geo. Welch).

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Blessed Are The Meek.
6:00 p. m. A Guest In The Lord's House.

REMEMBER THE 29th

We hope everyone in the congregation will plan to attend the fellowship meeting at the Rose Center Building on January 29 at seven o'clock in the evening. Let us make this an enjoyable occasion for all of us. It has been a long time since we have had a meeting. We need to have a spirit of love and good will toward each other. We believe that such meetings will help to accomplish this aim. This provides an excellent opportunity for you to invite guests to be with you. Families are requested to bring food and share it with one another. Bread, drinks, cups, and plates will be provided.

"OVERCOMING THE WORLD"

This is the theme of the upcoming series of programs at the Mobberly Ave. church of Christ in Longview Monday and Tuesday evenings from seven till nine. It is a series for both adults and teenagers with two fine speakers. Brother Henry Speck, Jr., and Dan Warden will conduct the sessions. Our plans are to leave the building at 6:00 p. m. with a BUS load. We want to have a good group from West Erwin to attend both nights. H. H.

THE SICK

The following are patients in the Glenwood Hospital: Sister Olie Cooper, sister Earnesene Shuford, brother Troy Ginn, and sister Adams (the mother of Becky McRuiz).

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Brown request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Judith Kay

to

Mr. James Bruce Frazier
Saturday, the twenty-third of January
nineteen hundred and seventy-one
at seven o'clock in the evening
Preston Road Church of Christ
Dallas, Texas
Reception immediately following

BEST WISHES

Sue Rhodes and Richard Wallace were united in marriage by brother Stephenson in the Wallace home last Saturday evening at six o'clock. We extend our best wishes for a happy life together.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men serving the Lord's Supper the last three Sundays in January are: Ray Womack, Tom Parsons, Ed Naul, Dwayne Shuford and Mike Whitworth. Ben Young, B. J. Tucker, Bruce Raley, Randy Shuford, and Mark Whitworth. Alternates: Bill Whitworth and John Weaver. Sunday evening: B. E. Walker and Joe McBee.

A WELCOME BACK PARTY for all T. J. C. Students will be held Sunday night, the 17th at 8:00 o'clock at the Campus Christian Center.

"Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart. ... Psalm 27:14

CHURCH ON FIRE

Our attitudes usually affect the people that we come in contact with each day. We could ask this question of ourselves and see the impression others may have of us. What kind of impression of Christianity do people get from me? My attitude will impress of the love and enthusiasm for the church or it may make the church look unimportant and unattractive to them. Here is an example; John was rudely awakened one night by the sound of fire sirens. He listened as the fire engine passed his house and then stopped at the corner. John dressed hurriedly, rushed down to the corner and saw the church building burning down. In the flickering light he recognized his neighbor and sarcastically remarked, "Why Jim, I'm surprised to see you here. I never knew you to be interested in a church before!" "Well," Jim said, "I never saw a church on fire before." Could this be what some think of West Erwin? Are we on fire for the Lord? I believe we are all convinced that there is much work to be done but something keeps putting out our fire. Christ said in Matt. 12:30, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." Let's work together in the Lord's Kingdom here so as not to scatter the people but let's make plans to grow with the help of God. H. H.

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Can We Be Both Friendly and Reverent?

I feel that most people like to attend a congregation where the members are cordial and friendly. We do not like to attend where the members are cold and show no interest or concern for one another. One of the greatest joys we have in the church is the loving concern and interest of our fellow Christians and the privilege of meeting with them as we assemble regularly for worship. I hope that all of us at West Erwin will try to keep this a friendly church and that we may especially make our visitors feel that we are really interested in them.

While we want to be friendly, yet we need to show reverence and respect for God when we come to him in worship. Let us remember that Christ has promised to be with us when we assemble in His name (Matthew 18:20). The Bible teaches us that we should serve God "acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (Hebrews 12:28).

I feel that you will agree with me that there is room for improvement in our worship. We should enter into worship with quietness and with a prayerful attitude. When the worship begins, we should stop our whispering and talking. As some one said, "If you must whisper, whisper a prayer to God." This is not a time for the writing of notes either upon the part of young people or older people. It is shocking that some do not even show the reverence they should during the observance of the Lord's Supper. This is a time for solemn meditation, prayer, and thanksgiving. Let us not be guilty of making the Lord's Supper a mere ceremony. Let us remember that as we partake we are to "show the Lord's death till he come" (I Corinthians 11:26). Let us not become guilty of eating and drinking damnation to ourselves! (I Cor. 11:29)

It is no wonder that some people forsake the worship and feel no loss. They have never known what it really means to worship God in spirit and in truth.

When the period of worship is concluded, then let us show others that we are a friendly people. Let us enjoy our visiting both with those whom we know and with those who may be strangers among us. Let us be friendly, but let us also be reverent.

G. H. S.

EVERY MEMBER IS INVITED TO COME and bring others to a fellowship meeting at the Rose Center Building on Friday night, January 29, at seven o'clock. We will bring our food and spread it together. Let us make this an enjoyable time and a profitable time for everyone.

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A Year Ago...\$1,875.25 449

APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer Roy Roberson
Dismiss Jack Stringer
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements ..George Stephenson
Prayer..... Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Ben Young

THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks for the prayers and visits, and many, many cards and expressions of concern during my stay in the hospital and confinement at home.

Gladys Prater

Expressions of appreciation have been received from the following for "Cheer Baskets" and other expressions of love received during the holiday season: T. G. Bell, Mrs. Mettie Kissinger, Mrs. Belle Browning, Mrs. Annie Shotwell, Mrs. E. L. Taylor, Mrs. Janie Chelf, Mrs. Susan Johnson, Mrs. Georgia Stone, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Trentham, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker.

RESPONSES

Mrs. Karr (Betty Jo) Collins came Sunday to place membership. She and her husband live at 336 Robert E. Lee Drive. The telephone is 592-7167. We welcome Mrs. Collins to West Erwin.

Terry Stephenson confessed faults and asked for prayer.

We rejoice that Dwaine Thedford, 206 1/2 Ford, was baptized into Christ on Sunday evening. We welcome him into the fellowship of West Erwin. If you are not acquainted with Dwaine, he is the husband of the former Audeen Graf.

YOUR PREACHER plans to attend a special preacher's workshop at Abilene Christian College from Monday through Wednesday of next week. A number of discussions will be held concerning some of the issues facing the church in our time.

L. E. CARPENTER will be teaching the auditorium Bible class on this coming Wednesday night, January 13. He is the regular teacher of the auditorium class on Sunday morning. We are very fortunate to have a man of the ability of brother Carpenter in our membership.

SISTER ALICE STEPHENSON will be teaching the Women's Class on this coming Wednesday morning, Jan. 13, in the chapel at ten o'clock. She will present a lesson on prayer which she recently gave to the ladies of the Northwest congregation. She had many favorable commendations there, and we hope a large group will be present to hear her here.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR DEC., 1970

LOAN PAYMENTS

First Fed. Sav. & Loan 1,123.50
East Tex. Sav. & Loan 15,462.54 16,586.04

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. and Adv. 451.80
Scott City Radio 20.00
Oakley Radio 82.00
Norman Morrow 607.50
Jim Morrow 607.50
L. C. Ford 680.00
Local Benev. 92.93 3,241.73

MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

Utilities 510.80
Bldg. & Grounds 155.45
Office Supplies 84.64
Bible School Supplies 47.11
Insurance 242.00
Flowers 31.88
Postage 100.00 1,171.68

LOCAL SALARIES 2,752.53

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 23,752.18
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 19,306.66
CONTRIBUTIONS OVER BUDGET FOR DECEMBER, 1970 10,106.66
CONTRIBUTIONS SHORT OF BUDGET FOR YEAR, 1970 2,664.86

Business Meeting - Sunday, 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Troy Ginn, Mrs. Adams (mother of Becky McRuiz), and Mrs. Olie Cooper are all patients in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Alice Long (mother of Mrs. Leora Tate) underwent eye surgery Wednesday morning in Medical Center.

A brother to M. M. Haws is very seriously ill in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. A. D. White, a brother to Tommy White, is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Ronnie Lowrance is in West Texas Hospital in Lubbock. He is suffering from double pneumonia.

FUNERALS

Mrs. Jewell Dunn, mother of sister Travis Fletcher, passed away late Tuesday evening.

Sister Mettie Kissinger's brother, Glen Riley, was buried this week in Ohio.

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

SUNDAY SERMONS

10:20 a.m. Blessed Mourners by George H. Stephenson
6:00 p.m. Win Your World by Hillard Hughes