

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The next bulletin which you receive will be in the year 1973. Since we do not publish a bulletin during the week of December 25, this will be the last bulletin for this year.

The passing of another year reminds us of the brevity of life. It should be a sobering thought to realize that each of us is now one year nearer our eternal destiny than we were before.

Each day that we live should be lived with the realization that it will never return again. We can not re-live one day nor one moment of the past. How true are the words of the poet:

"The moving finger writes, and having writ,
Moves on, nor all your piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

While we can not call back a day, yet we are thankful for God's great mercy and the promise of forgiveness when we come to Him in penitence. Our sins can all be taken away through the precious blood of our Saviour. We can also be thankful that we have a God who sees and knows the good which we have endeavored to do in His name. "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister," Hebrews 6:10.

I am thankful today that God blessed me in many wonderful ways during 1972. I am thankful for the many expressions of love and devotion we have received from you during the year and especially during this holiday season. I appreciate our elders and all of the kindnesses they have shown us. I am thankful for our deacons, our Bible School teachers, and for everyone who has given of his time and of his money to help the West Erwin church accomplish its God-given mission in this community and in the world. We appreciate especially the work of our fellow worker, Hillard Hughes and the work of our secretaries, Nelda Browning and Frances McBee. Also, we are thankful for the work of Bill Butler who sees that the building is ready for any period of worship or any other function of the church.

As the old year ends, let us leave behind any thing which might hinder our own spiritual development, and let us enter the new year with determination and hope that 1973 will be a year of growth for the great West Erwin congregation.

G. H. S.

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Contributions Bible School

December 17.. \$ 2,246.45422
December 10.. \$27,855.89405
A Year Ago... \$ 2,385.69413

RESPONSES

Baptized: Miss Marie Wylie was baptized last Friday afternoon following a period of study with brother Hillard Hughes. We welcome Marie into the fellowship of West Erwin. She is attending Tyler Jr. College.

For Prayer: Following an impressive lesson on Holiness last Sunday evening the following young people came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation: Becky Young, Linda Hall, Kay Montgomery, Rick Higginbotham, Sheila Strait, Julia Phillips, Lee Knight, Marie Wylie, and Mrs. Betty Williams.

OUR SYMPATHY

Sister Annie Shotwell passed away Saturday and funeral services were conducted Sunday in Godley, Texas. We express our deepest sympathy to the family.

IT HAPPENED HERE

Last Sunday in a group of young elementary children, the teacher was telling the sweet story of the birth of the baby Jesus. As the Wise Men were brought into the story, the teacher - trying to make the lesson more real to the children - asked the question, "Now if you were traveling in an unknown country, as the Wise Men were, how would you go about locating someone very important?" A small child piped, "Ask at a service station!"

IN APPRECIATION

The family of Mrs. Lois Weaver acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. The family appreciated the delicious food so much. Without Christian friends and loved ones our sorrow would be much deeper and hard to bear. The John Weaver Family
The Ross McGlathery Family

WEDNESDAY - December 27

Remember the special service next Wednesday evening at the West Erwin building for all of the congregations in Tyler. This is the 10th year for the "end of the year singing." Plan to be present for this service.

SERMONS SUNDAY, December 24

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. The Evangelizing Church
6:00 p.m. What About Christmas?

THINK ON THIS

A guest said recently upon leaving my home, "I like to come here and talk with you. It is the only place I can say anything I want knowing it won't go any farther."

The compliment should have been given my mother. One day, when I was about eight, I was playing beside an open window while Mrs. Brown confided to my mother a serious problem concerning her son.

When Mrs. Brown had gone, my mother, realizing that I had heard everything said, "If Mrs. Brown had left her purse here today, would you have given it to anyone else?" "Of course not," I replied. Then mother continued, "Mrs. Brown left something far more precious to her than her pocketbook today. She left a story that could make many people unhappy. That story is not yours to give to anyone. Do you understand?"

I did. And I have understood ever since that a confidence or a bit of careless gossip which a friend has left at my house is still his, not mine to give.

...from the book, Out of My Treasure

ALPHABET OF PERFECTION

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| A rise with a song on your lips | N eglect no duty |
| B efriend everybody; belittle no one | O pen your eyes to the beautiful |
| C ontrol thinking, words and actions | P ray with sincerity |
| D elight in human association | Q uarrel not |
| E njoy the present | R esist evil in any form |
| F orget injuries to your feelings | S tand fast in your loyalties |
| G uard and increase physical fitness | T une your temper to perfect harmor |
| H old communion with the Holiest | U tilize your talents fully |
| I dentify yourself with good causes | V erify your beliefs |
| J udge impartially | W ork joyously and perseveringly |
| K eep your self-respect inviolate | X emplify your highest ideals |
| L ove as you would be loved | Y earn for knowledge and wisdom |
| M ake your presence attractive | Z ealously strive for perfection |

The East Texas Leadership

workshop will be conducted by the Northwest church of Christ January 15th and 16th. Even though this program is designed mainly for church leaders, they are planning a program for every Christian.

THE SICK

Brother John Harris has been very ill at his home recently.

Brother Herbert Lowery is in the Medical Center Hospital.

Be present for Bible Study Sunday!

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Splendid Contribution

We are filled with thanksgiving and gratitude for the splendid contribution of over \$27,000 which was given by the members of the West Erwin church last Lord's Day. We are thankful, most of all, for the wonderful blessings of the Lord which made it possible for us to have such a splendid contribution. Then we are thankful for the fine people at West Erwin who showed their love for the Lord and for His cause by their giving.

A few years ago \$27,000 would have been considered a large amount for the budget of the church for an entire year. I have heard some who have been with West Erwin for many years tell of the financial struggles of this church in the depression days. It was difficult, at times, to keep up the preacher's salary. Some of the men in days gone by pledged half of their salaries to keep up payments on the mortgage on the old building. How thankful we should be for those whose sacrifices have brought us to this good hour.

All of us should pray for the elders of the church that they may be guided of the Lord in making decisions for the best possible use of the money which is given. All of us want to do all the good we possibly can. We have engaged in a very extensive mission program this year. We want to continue to do our part to help support the Lord's cause in other fields throughout the world. We also want to continue to build up the cause here so that we may continue to have the ability to help others.

G. H. S.

Open House

We hope that you will find time to call at your preacher's home on this coming Sunday afternoon some time between the hours of 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon. This is one way we have of trying to express our sincere appreciation for each of you and for the privilege of serving this congregation. We hope to see you Sunday!

G. H. S.

Sermons for Sunday, December 17, 1972

10:20 a.m. The Dead Church

By George H. Stephenson

6:00 p.m. Practical Holiness

By Hillard Hughes

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Dismiss Walker Weathers

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A Year Ago... \$15,508.40 399

RESPONSES

After a period of study with brother Bud Caskey, Mrs. Wilmer (Diane) Little was baptized into Christ Tuesday evening. We rejoice with Diane and her family and welcome her into the fellowship of West Erwin.

Restored: Miss Jeannine Ferguson, Rt. 10, Box 453, asked for prayer Sunday evening.

NOTE OF THANKS

My thanks to everyone for your visits, cards, telephone calls, and to the ones who served food during my stay in the hospital. In Christian love,
Verda Driggers

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies' Wednesday morning Bible Class will not meet again until January 3.

Mrs. Jean Oliver
and
Mr. and Mrs. Neil Rhoades
request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their children
Betty Jean
and
Michael Lynn
Friday, the twenty-ninth of December
Nineteen hundred and seventy-two
at seven o'clock
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception
immediately following the ceremony
Campus Christian Center
Tyler Junior College

LETTER FROM BROTHER FORD

Dear Brethren,
Just a word to let you know I remain in the hospital awaiting what we hope will be a final and successful operation - a split thickness skin graft to form a lining for much of the large cavity in my leg. Possibly, I may be scheduled yet this week - if not, Monday. So, I request a continued interest in your prayers.

Received a week-end pass last week end - preached both sermons - which was more activity than was intended, but all seems well. We appreciate your kindness in our behalf, prayers, cards, and concern. We feel that God has heard the many prayers of intercession in my behalf and give Him thanks and praise. We love you in the Lord. May He bless you richly.

Lem Ford

FUNERALS

We were all very saddened last week at the untimely death of sister John (Lois) Weaver. She was fatally injured in an automobile accident last Thursday morning in Corsicana. Her funeral service was conducted here at the building on Saturday morning. We extend our deepest sympathy to John and all members of the family.

We offer our sincere sympathy to sister Hillard Hughes. Her grandmother passed away last Friday in Abilene. Funeral services were conducted Monday in Sanderson. Because of the severe weather conditions, Jeanine did not attend.

Brother R. M. Mayo's mother was buried Wednesday in Kerens, Texas. We express our deepest sympathy to the family.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Louise Malone is a patient in Glenwood Hospital. Brother David Hannah has returned home from the Glenwood Hospital.

Brother Hawk from Gladewater, the father of sister Mack Bynum, is very seriously ill in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Hattie Thomas remains a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Melvin Carter fell and broke an arm on Monday and underwent surgery in Medical Center.

Sister Janie Chelf has returned to the Colonial Manor Nursing Home.

SINGING - December 27

Remember the annual singing and worship service the last Wednesday night of the year to be held at the West Erwin building. This is always an enjoyable period of worship and fellowship with other Christians in Tyler. Plan to be here, 7:30 p. m.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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| James Phillips | Ray Womack |
| Harold Browning | Ted Snipes |
| Fred Powell | Joe Willis |
| Willie Freeman | Jack Stringer |
| Mike Whitworth | Kevin Womack |

RECENTLY the truck from the Medina Children's Home picked up approximately \$50.00 in groceries and \$12.00 in cash for the home. We have about the same amount of groceries for the Boles Home truck to pick up this week. Your contributions have been very generous.

FOR YOUR DIRECTORY

The Carl Bells and the John Brems have a new phone number, 825-3270.

"It is highly contagious. It banishes gloom and discouragement. Everybody needs it. Wicked men try to kill it. Wise men never hoard it. It can't be bought, not at any price, yet it is worth the whole world... The answer, in a word, is hope."

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Shrinking the Income!

Years ago a young man knelt with his minister and prayed as he committed himself to give a tenth of his income to the Lord. His first week's pay was \$10.00 and the Lord's was \$1.00. As he grew older, he became more prosperous and his contribution was \$7.50 and then \$10.00 per week. He moved to another city and soon was giving \$100.00 per week. He sent his old friend a wire, "Come to see me at once!"

The preacher arrived at the man's spacious and very beautiful home. They had a wonderful visit talking over old times. Finally, the young business man came to the point of the visit, "You remember that promise I made years ago to give a tenth of all I made to the Lord? I want to know how I can get released from it?"

"Why do you want to be released?" the preacher asked. "Well, it's like this," the man replied. "When I made that promise, I had to give only \$1.00, but now I'm giving \$100.00. I can't afford to give money away like that!"

The old preacher looked at his friend. "I'm afraid we cannot get a release from that promise but there is something we can do, We can kneel here and now and ask God to shrink your income so you can afford to give a dollar a week."

Have you prayerfully considered how much you will give for the Lord's work on this coming Lord's Day? Last Sunday our brother C. B. Hardin made a splendid appeal to the congregation. This is the day that we need to raise thousands of dollars for the advancement of the church here. Everyone should feel a personal obligation in this regard. Giving is an individual matter. Each one of us will give an account to the Lord for the use he has made of the money which God has placed in his care. God has richly blessed us. Let us show our gratitude and our love by the sacrifices we are willing to make for the cause of Christ.

G. H. S.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1972

By George H. Stephenson

10:20 a. m. The Tolerant Church

6:00 p. m. "From the Beginning It Was Not So."

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Dismiss Grant Knight

WELCOME TO WEST ERWIN

We are very pleased to welcome Foy and Lois Ann O'Neal into the fellowship of the West Erwin church. Their address is 108 Casa Grande Blvd., Apt. 1116, phone 592-2814. Foy is with the Victory Life Insurance Co. and is connected with the O'Neal Insurance Agency here in Tyler. Lois is a homemaker. They have a son, Timmy, 2 years old. The O'Neals recently moved to Tyler from Chanute, Kansas.

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO Norman Morrow for the splendid sermon he delivered here on last Wednesday night, November 29. We wish that the entire congregation had been present for this occasion. Let us continue to remember the Morrrows in our prayers.

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Bible School</u>
December 3 \$2,152.18	407
November 26.. \$2,155.14	396
A Year Ago .. \$4,536.08	334

CONGRATULATIONS to Glen Warner on his promotion from captain to major with the Texas Department of Public Safety. We rejoice with him in this honor, but we deeply regret that it will mean that he and his wife, Jo, will be moving from us to make their home in Waco. Glen has served very faithfully as one of our deacons. He and Jo have many friends at West Erwin who will miss them and who will be praying for their happiness and welfare in their new home.

OUR SYMPATHY

Sister Ruby Vaughan's funeral was conducted in Flint on Saturday morning. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

We extend sympathy to the Tommy Whites whose brother-in-law was buried earlier this week in Hillsboro.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Janie Chelf underwent surgery Monday in Medical Center.

Sister Hattie Thomas is in Mother Frances Hospital.

WE WERE VERY HAPPY to have as our speaker last Sunday evening brother Mike Warner. His sermon, "Is Your God Too Small?" was very timely and inspiring.

MRS. EULA DRENNAN'S address is now South Wood Convalescent Home, Box 1066, Henderson, Texas 75652.

MISSION REPORT - from Keith Mitchell, New York City

On Sunday, November 5th, we had our "Open House" at the International Mission facilities in the World Trade Center. Over 300 registered for this occasion - many more than we had anticipated. Most were our brethren from the New York City metropolitan area. Two elders and wives came from the Southwest to personally view the work. The President of the Eastern Division of the American Bible Society was in attendance. The very first convert of this ministry, brother Jackton Kwambo from Kenya, was in attendance and on that Lord's Day morning placed his membership with the Manhattan congregation. John Stevens, President of Abilene Christian College, gave a marvelous address on using major cosmopolitan centers as NYC for springboards in world evangelism.

For several weeks now, we have been working with about a dozen brilliant young men, air force personnel here in training from South Vietnam. On the evening of their return to their homeland we spent seven hours in reviewing the beautiful story of the Gospel and what it could mean to them. They all made the decision that they wished to become Christian, but insisted they wait until returning to Vietnam for their baptism into Christ, so that their families could view the holy event. Our preaching brethren are already in contact with the young men and their families, and we pray that soon these men and many more of their people will be Christians because of the initial contact the Lord gave us here.

We are grateful for the souls we are touching every day, and grateful too for the part you play in making it possible. I wish you might have been close enough to join the seventy Christian families who hosted 100 Internationals for Thanksgiving Day.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

The family of sister Ruby Vaughan wishes to express their thanks for the flowers, singers, and other expressions of sympathy at the death of their mother.

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

"Take responsibility on your shoulders, and it will leave no room for chips."

CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER

Open House will be held Sunday, December 17, from 2 until 4 O'clock at the Campus Christian Center, 1415 So. Baxter. All parents, friends and interested ones are invited to attend.

Only one life, so live it well
And keep thy candle
trimmed and bright;
Eternity, not time, will tell
The radius of that candle's light.

DO YOU HAVE A WHITE GOOSE? . . . William S. Cline - Pensacola, Fla.
 (Perhaps you have heard this story. Yet I think it so well illustrates the point that I am re-telling it here in my own words as I best remember it.)

It seems that Tommy and Suzie, a brother and sister, were spending the summer with grandma. Grandma lived on a farm and one of her prized possessions was a big white goose. Sometimes the goose got enjoyment out of chasing the children, especially Tommy. And Tommy, well he always enjoyed throwing things at the goose.

One day Tommy threw a pretty big rock at the goose and just by chance hit it right in the head. Grandma's prize goose was dead! Fear motivated Tommy as he went to an obscure place, dug a deep hole and carefully laid the goose to rest. He had Suzie sworn to silence. When questioned about the goose, the children did not know what could have happened to her. Luck was on his side, Tommy was keeping his story a secret.

Grandma had a rule that each night after the evening meal one of the children would clean up the table and the other would wash the dishes. But things began to change. Suzie cleaned no more tables, and she washed no more dishes. Tommy seemed to want to do it all. He had complained before, "Cleaning tables and washing dishes was girls work." But no complaints were heard now. And if he even looked like he was going to complain, Suzie would remind him in a whisper, "Remember the white goose."

Finally Tommy had taken all the table cleaning and dish washing he could stand. He went to Grandma with trembling lips and tears in his eyes and told her everything. Grandma hugged him and told him she forgave him, but she did wish he had told the truth to begin with. Words could not describe how good Tommy felt.

That night after supper Suzie got up to leave the table. Tommy reminded her that it was about time that she cleaned the table and washed the dishes. He had done his share for a long time to come. She leaned over and whispered, "Don't forget about the white goose." Tommy's simple reply was, "What about the white goose!"

Yes, "what about the white goose." That was all taken care of now. There was no more feeling of guilt! I often wonder how many of us are just like Tommy. We sin. We fail to seek forgiveness, and we live each day with a load on our minds that we are not really able to bear. There is peace of mind that belongs to the one who has forgiveness of his sins - peace of mind that cannot easily be put into words. If you are carrying the guilt of sin why not obey God's Word and receive forgiveness through the blood of Christ. He died for you. You should take advantage of the sweet peace of mind that has been provided for you.

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WELCOME TO WEST ERWIN

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny (Kitty) Owings and family came Sunday evening to place membership. Their address is 1010 Barbara, phone 595-3266. They recently moved from Arkadelphia, Arkansas to open a men's clothing store, "Johnnys," in the down town area on the north side of the square.

The two older children are members of the church. They are: Nancy a student in ACC, and Molly a ninth grader. Their son, Scott, is in the 4th grade. We are happy to welcome this fine family into our fellowship. We hope they will be very happy in Tyler.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

The family of Grayson Browning acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy.

REMEMBER, DECEMBER 10

Everyone is urged to make a generous contribution on December 10. We want to erase our deficit for 1972. Our giving will help determine whether we go forward for the Lord in 1973. Remember that God gave His Son for you. What sacrifice have you made for Him?

ROTATION OF PREACHERS

To promote a closer fellowship among the congregations in the city, the first Sunday evening in each month will be devoted to an exchange of preachers. This coming Sunday brother Mike Warner will be preaching for West Erwin and brother Stephenson will be with the Tenneha church.

END OF THE YEAR SINGING

The 10th annual singing and worship service for all of the congregations in Tyler will be held at the West Erwin building this year. This service is held on the last Wednesday evening of the year. Plan to be here for this period of worship and fellowship with other Christians in Tyler - December 27, 7:30 p.m.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Charlotte Chandler is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Janie Chelf and Mrs. Annie Shotwell are in Medical Center.

THE MONTHLY MEETING of the elders and deacons will be Monday evening, 7:00 o'clock at Wyatts.

MARK THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR

The Stephensons are having Open House on Sunday afternoon, December 17, between the hours of 2:00 to 5:00. We hope you will be able to come.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

O. C. Becker	Louis J. Jones
Ben Young	Harley Turner
Tom Williams	F. A. Jones
W. O. Rushing	B. J. Tucker
Rick Higginbotham	Mike Mackey

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, December 3

10:20 a.m. The Proof of Your Love
By George H. Stephenson
6:00 p.m. Sermon by Mike Warner

SYMPATHY

We always feel a need to extend sympathy to loved ones and friends when they suffer a loss. We want them to know that we have a feeling in our hearts for them, knowing that their loss cannot be replaced no matter what has been said or done. To show concern and love is something we might do for someone who is just a casual acquaintance because we know what it is to be hurt. But, what about those of us who have lost our spirit of serving, worshipping, or working in the church. Our sympathy should be extended with great emotion, not because of the loss of life here, but the loss of love for God. Many works have been started, but because of some that find fault the work is killed and with that our working spirit dies. Our sympathy is extended to you for your hurt. Life is full of pains and heartaches, but to have friends to lean on gives one strength to continue his life upward. Your work in the church must not be impaired because of a cutting remark or a fault finder. As Paul said in Philippians 3:14, "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." If you have been hurt by someone and you are no longer serving the Lord, start today with a renewed zeal to reach your goal in His service. Help make West Erwin a growing, enthusiastic, working church.

EAST TEXAS Leadership Workshop

The Northwest Church here in Tyler is sponsoring the Leadership Workshop this coming January 15 & 16. They are planning a program for every Christian even though it is designed mainly for church leaders. Hardeman Nichols, Charles Hodge and sister T. B. Thompson will be some of the people used in various training sessions. Plan to attend.

A NEW GRANDSON

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Bell are the parents of a boy born Tuesday in Dallas. Carl and Ruth Bell are the happy grandparents.

THE HIGH SCHOOL devotional will be Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock at the Campus Christian Center.

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It was a pleasure to be with the Buckingham Road in Garland for a four night lectureship last week. I spoke each evening concerning Christian living and responsibility in the Lord's service. We had good attendance and the lessons were well received. Mac Lefan serves as the preacher for this church and also serves as one of the three elders of this young, enthusiastic congregation. I enjoyed being with Charles Stephenson, one of my nephews who serves as a deacon. I predict that the Buckingham Road church will have a great future in the Lord's service. My thanks to Hillard Hughes for preaching on Sunday night and to W. D. Metcalf for teaching the Wednesday night class in the auditorium.

Now is the time to be planning for our special contribution on December 10. This church has always responded generously to the needs which have been presented. We need to erase our deficit in the 1972 budget and be prepared for a greater work for the Lord in 1973.

Once again we approach the day which has been set aside by our nation as Thanksgiving Day. What does the day mean to you? Many of us think of the day as a time for feasting, football and family reunions. In the midst of all the activities of this American holiday, let us not forget that the leaders of our country set this day aside as a day to express thanks to God for all the blessings He has given us. I am glad to live in a country whose founders recognized the existence of God and who believed that all blessings have come from Him.

Christians should make every day a day of thanksgiving and praise to God. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, "In everything give thanks for this is the will of God," (I Thessalonians 5:18).

The next few weeks will be busy ones with all of the holiday socials and activities ahead of us. In this season, as in all seasons, let us put the Lord first in our lives.

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

By George H. Stephenson

10:20 a.m. The Church at Satan's Capital 6:00 p.m. Four Starving Lepers

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RESPONSES

✓ Meredith Womack came forward
Sunday evening for prayer.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I would like to thank all of you for
the kind expressions of concern, the
visits, flowers and most of all for
your prayers during my recent stay
in the hospital. Mrs. J.F. Irvin
(Mrs. Irvin is the mother of Jean Holt)

THE GROCERY TRUCK from Medina
Home will be here the last week in
November and the truck from Boles
Home will be here the second week
in December. We should have the
groceries and items listed in the bul-
letin recently here at the building by
Sunday if possible. Lists of special
needs are also posted on the bulletin
board in the foyer.

A CASSETTE LIBRARY

Five or six weeks ago a library of
Cassette tapes was started for your
use. This library consists of the
entire New Testament on tape and all
sermons that are preached here. You
are urged to utilize these instruments
for further teaching and learning.
Sermons will be kept for about six
weeks if you wish to refer to them or
re-record them. Simply check them
out as you would any book from the
library.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Ruby Vaughan, Sister Annie
Shotwell, and Sister Janie Chelf are
all in Medical Center Hospital.

MY PLACE

"Father, where shall I work today?"
And my love flowed warm and free.
Then He pointed me out a tiny spot
and said, "Tend that for me."
I answered quickly, "Oh, not there:
Why no one could ever see,
No matter how well my work was done;
Not that little place for me!"
And the word He spoke, it was not
stern;
He answered me tenderly.
"Ah, little one, search that heart of
thine:
Art thou working for them or me?
Nazareth was a little place,
And so was Galilee."
Eleanor Sharples

"FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE" by Raymond Kelcy

We are told of the early church that "breaking bread from house to house,
they did eat their food with gladness and singleness of heart" (Acts 2:46). The
early church was a social church. The Christians of that day visited in the
homes of each other. The close fellowship thus expressed was one of the
reasons for their unity and their love.

Every Christian ought to visit in the homes of other Christians. This is
especially true of those who are ill, shut-ins, those who are bereaved, and
those who are new members. Possibly no one realizes how much a visit
means unless he has been in one of those categories himself. Such a visit can
cheer the sick, comfort the broken-hearted, encourage the fainthearted, and
help the new-comer to get better acquainted. This is a real Christian work.

Every Christian ought to welcome the visit of other Christians into his home.
It is good to know that others are interested in our spiritual welfare. While
it is true that evil companionship corrupts (I Cor. 15:33), it is also true that
Christian companionship enoble and elevate. All Christians need good Christ-
ian friends.

A word to our teachers: it has been said that one visit is worth a bushel of
cards. If you have a student who has not attended class recently, you should
go to his home. It may be there is a real hindrance that you can help remove.
Let's visit more!

SYMPATHY

Grayson Browning, a son of sister
Dexter Browning and a brother to
Harold Browning passed away late
Monday evening. We extend sympathy
to sister Browning and the family.

"You can't control the length of your
life - but you can control its width and
depth. You can't control the contour
of your face - but you can control its
expression. You can't control the
weather - but you can control the at-
mosphere of your mind. Why worry
about things you can't control when
you can keep yourself busy controlling
the things that depend on you."

YOU FINISH THIS STORY:

Once there was a congregation in
which every member was just like
YOU. Each one cooperated and sup-
ported every program just the way
YOU have been doing. Everyone
worked just as hard and attended the
same services and gospel meetings
that YOU did. The leadership and
preacher were all as interested in the
church as YOU are at this time...
They put the same emphasis on their
recreation, business, and other ma-
terial affairs that YOU do. Each mem-
ber gave just as YOU do.

Within a year or so this congrega-
tion

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial . . .

Love . . . Neighbor . . . Thyself

We might try to understand exactly what loving your neighbor as yourself means. I have to love him as I love myself. Well, how exactly do I love myself?

Now that I come to think of it, I have not exactly got a feeling of fondness or affection for myself, and I do not even always enjoy my own society. So apparently "Love your neighbor" does not mean "feel fond of him" or "find him attractive." I ought to have seen that before, because, of course, you cannot feel fond of a person by trying. Do I think well of myself, think myself a nice chap? Well, I am afraid I sometimes do (and those are, no doubt, my worse moments), but that is not why I love myself. In fact, it is the other way around: my self-love makes me think myself nice, but thinking myself nice is not why I love myself. So loving my enemies does not apparently mean thinking them nice either.

That is an enormous relief. For a good many people imagine that forgiving your enemies means making out that they are really not such bad fellows after all, when it is quite plain that they are. Go a step further. In my most clear-sighted moments not only do I not think myself a nice man, but I know that I am a very nasty one. I can look at some of the things I have done with horror and loathing. So apparently I am allowed to loath and hate some of the things my enemies do.

Now that I come to think of it, I remember Christian teachers telling me long ago that I must hate a bad man's actions, but not hate the bad man: or, as they would say, hate the sin but not the sinner.

For a long time I used to think this a silly, straw-splitting distinction: how could you hate what a man did and not hate the man? But years later, it occurred to me that there was one man to whom I had been doing this all my life - namely myself.

. . . G. S. Lewis

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 Dismiss Hunt Rowe

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 Prayer Fred Strait
 Dismiss Dwain Strait

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THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for all your many expressions of kindness shown me during my stay in the hospital and at home. Thank you for the flowers, cards, calls and visits.

Ernest Pickle

GOSPEL SING SONG

You are invited to attend the fifth annual singing Friday, December 1, 7:00 p. m. till 12:45 a. m. at the Walnut St. Church of Christ, Texarkana, Texas.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Glen Warner	Bruce Raley
Dalton Jones	David Hannah
Guy Potts	Darrell Holt
Joe McBee	Travis Fletcher
David Grier	David Fuller

Herald of Truth Program

"A Matter of Life or Death" is the study for Herald of Truth, Saturday, November 18 at 1:00 p. m. over station WBAP. Man's fear of death and his search for eternal life are the starting points in this examination of physical and spiritual death. Eternal life and reassurance are the promise of God..the good news of the Gospel can begin today.

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother Henry Holland, former member of this congregation, passed away Tuesday evening in Seagoville. We extend our deepest sympathy to Helen and their children, Judy and Buddy, and all members of the family.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Ruby Vaughan is in Medical Center Hospital following a stroke.

Sister Janie Chelf is in Medical Center Hospital.

Jennifer Gill, daughter of Linda and Gene, underwent a tonsillectomy Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

REMEMBER to bring groceries and other items for the Bole's and Medina Homes trucks.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22, 23)

TOWARD OUR GOAL

Paul wrote the Philippians and said, "...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead I press on toward the goal..." (3:13-14). With the close of 1972 fast approaching and thinking to 1973, I wonder what our goals are? There have been many disappointing times for the church in the past but Paul urges us to forget the past and strain forward. However, he also says we need to have some goals. No man gets very far in life without setting some type of goal. This also would apply in business. We must look at the past and learn from our mistakes, but to hold on to the past is foolishness. No

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BOLES HOME has a need for any type of Boy Scout equipment. These young men have just started a Scout Troop and have very little in the way of uniforms, camping equipment, etc. If you have anything that you wish to donate to them please bring it to the building and we'll make arrangements to have it delivered. HH

SERMONS for Sunday, November 19

By George H. Stephenson
 10:20 a. m. The Rich Church
 6:00 p. m. Learning From Jesus
How To Die

WE WERE HAPPY to have a large number of visitors with us last Sunday. It is our desire to make each guest feel welcome.

man grows by being satisfied in his present state...neither can the church! West Erwin has done, is doing, and can do great things for the Lord and His Kingdom. The question now arises, what are our goals for 1973? Of course, to continue in our present endeavors would be rewarding, but not growing. To go into another year of work without doing any more than taking last year's budget, adding some amount of projected dollars for the rising cost of living, and feel we have set goals for 1973 doesn't sound like much planning. Let's set goals and use some faith in God, "...strain forward to what lies ahead." HH

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OUR "THANK YOU" to all of you that provided food and homes for the Lubbock Christian College Band students. I have had several express their pleasure concerning the ones they kept. Your hospitality is appreciated.

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Jamon Kirbys.

"Bitter are the tears of
 a child...Sweeten them!
 Deep are the thoughts of
 a child...Quiet them!
 Sharp is the grief of
 a child...Share it with them!
 Soft is the heart of
 a child...Do not harden it!"

Be present for Bible Study Sunday

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Didn't we have a wonderful time on Monday evening at the Rose Center Building? I am glad that we may come together at various times in solemnity and worship our God. However, I am also glad that we can meet with our Christian friends, as we did Monday night, for the purpose of having wholesome fun and relaxation.

I want to thank everyone who helped to make the occasion on Monday a tremendous success. We are especially grateful to Hillard Hughes for his planning and emceeing the program, which we feel was one of the best we have had. Our young people demonstrated many unusual talents and abilities and it was delightful to hear and see them perform. The group of singers directed by Cullen Gilliam sang beautifully. Of course, we had the finest food to be found anywhere - prepared by our own fine Christians at West Erwin. Guy Potts helped to arrange for the building and did his work in a commendable manner. We thank Guy and his wife, Henry McRuiz and his wife, James Massey and his wife, Elmer Hawkes - and everyone else who had a part in the arrangements for the evening.

This Sunday morning I plan to begin a series of lessons based on the letters to the seven churches in Asia (Revelation 2 and 3). I hope that these letters written to the Lord's church in the long ago will provide helpful lessons for us at West Erwin. What would the Lord have to say about us at West Erwin if He were writing us today? What would the Lord have to say to you personally if He were writing a letter to you?

Our Bible School attendance continues to be disappointing. We have some of the best Bible teachers anywhere. We have excellent facilities and equipment for teaching. But we need the support of every member at West Erwin if our Bible School is to grow. I feel that the Bible School can do more than any other phase of our work to help us grow in numbers. We hope you will not allow anything to hinder your being here Sunday morning at 9:30.

On Sunday evening Hillard will be preaching. I am scheduled to speak Sunday through Wednesday nights at the Buckingham Road church in Garland. I have a nephew who serves as a deacon in this church and it will be good to be with him as well as the others in this young congregation. Please remember me in your prayers.

GHS

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THANK YOU

Thank you for your many expressions of love and kindness shown in my hospital stay.

Nettie Potts

FROM CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER
"To the ladies of West Erwin"

The students of the Campus Christian Center say a hearty "Thank you" for preparing the delicious meal for our devotional on October 26. We know that you took time from your busy schedules to be so gracious. The students of Tri C appreciate your kindness very much. Thanks again.

A NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Barbara Jean and Phil Maddox are the parents of a girl born October 31 in Houston. Mrs. Ethel Payne is the proud grandmother.

BUSINESS MEETING, Sunday, 1:30 p. m. in the Chapel.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Memorial Services were conducted last Sunday afternoon in Hart, Texas for Harold McColum, father of Sandra Montgomery, and the three men who were lost in flight with him. We extend our deepest sympathy to all members of the family. Gary and Sandra's address is: 402 Center Way, Lake Jackson, Texas 77566.

WE OFFER SYMPATHY to the David Drennan's of Lawton, Oklahoma in the death of a 4 month old infant.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

In the front of the new membership directory is a short history of the West Erwin church. In the 3rd paragraph the date in the first sentence is incorrect. It should read, "In 1922 the lot on West Erwin, where the present building stands, was purchased. . ." We regret this error, and ask that you correct your copy.

Please add P. O. Box 3335 to R. C. O'Bannon's name. This is their mailing address.

Mrs. Lyska Adams recently moved to Pine Tree in Longview.

Ronald and Jan Jones, who placed membership with us last week, have moved to Amarillo.

Mrs. Dexter Browning is now in the Leisure Lodge Nursing Home, Room 59.

"It wasn't the fruit on the tree that gave the trouble, it was the pair under it!"

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY
10:20 a. m. The Church of Lost Love
By George Stephenson
6:00 p. m. A Lion is in the Way.
By Hillard Hughes

Herald of Truth, "He Arose"

Jesus is the goal and guide in man's search for truth and meaning in life. On Saturday, Nov. 11 at 1:00 p. m. on WBAP, the Herald of Truth television program "He Arose" will be broadcast. Traditional arguments against Christ's resurrection are cast aside when compared with historical fact and personal faith. His resurrection is the heart of Christianity and the key to man's hope and salvation.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening, Nov. 14, at the Bob Threadgill's home, 2510 Pollard - 7:00 p. m.

We were happy to have a number of visitors Sunday and we invite you to return as often as possible.

It was very good to see Charlene Graf able to be in worship Sunday evening.

THINGS YOU JUST CAN'T DO

Sow bad habits and reap good character.

Sow jealousy and hatred and reap love and friendship.

Sow dissipation and reap a healthy body.

Sow deception and reap confidence.

Sow cowardice and reap courage.

Sow neglect of the Bible and reap a well-guided life.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. James Beard is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Janie Chelf is in Medical Center Hospital.

The mother of Mrs. Darrell Holt, Mrs. Maude Irving, remains in Mother Frances.

FOOD FOR CHILDREN'S HOMES

Two trucks from Children's homes - one from Boles and one from Medina - will be here the last week of November and the second week of December to pick up what we have for them. We should have a good supply of food by November 26. The following items are especially needed.

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| Honey | Sugar | Coconut |
| Pickles | Catsup | Preserves |
| Fruit Juices | Salad Dressing | |
| Jellies & Jams | Canned Vegetables | |
| Canned Fruit | Canned Meat | |
| Orange Tang | Peanut Butter | |
| Dried Fruit | Dry Cereal | |
| Nestles Quick | Christmas Candy | |
| Barbecue Sauce | Tea, instant & leaf | |
| Powdered and Brown Sugar | | |
| Pie Filling (Apple, Peach, Cherry) | | |
| Shortening (Crisco, Snowdrift, Mazola) | | |
| Cooking Oil (" " ") | | |
| Cake and Brownie Mixes | | |
| Facial Tissue | Table Napkins | |
| Toilet Soap | Hair Shampoo | |
| Tooth Paste (Colgate, Crest, Gleem) | | |
| Cream or Roll-On Deodorant | | |
| Razors and razor blades | | |

The lists are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

RADIO STATION KTBB, Monday thru Friday, 12:30 Noon.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

This week every family in the congregation should receive a new membership directory of the West Erwin church. Our secretaries have worked very diligently to prepare and publish this directory. There is such a constant change in our membership as a result of those who move away or who move within our community as well as new members being added from time to time.

In the present directory there are 546 names listed. In the number are many of the finest saints to be found anywhere and I wish it could be said that every one whose name appears is a faithful and devoted member of the church. However, we realize that this is not the case. In the front of the directory please read this statement:

"The compilation of a membership directory is not to be considered an official classification of the faithful. The inadvertent omission of a name does not mean that this one is considered unfaithful; neither does the presence of a name necessarily mean that one is truly faithful to the Lord. We leave the perfect recording to God, who posts His own in the Lamb's Book of Life."

In our list of members we have many who are older and many who are shutins. These are unable to be as active as once they were in the Lord's service. We should continue to pray for them and encourage them in every possible way.

We have a responsibility to encourage our fellow Christians in the work of the Lord. If you know of those who may not be as faithful as they once were, please notice Paul's words: "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 should not only endeavor to be faithful and true to the Lord ourselves, but obey the instruction of Hebrews 10:24, 25, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."

Everyone of us should want, above everything else, to have our names in the book of life. God knows our hearts and our lives and He makes no mistakes in the record which He keeps. "He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels," (Rev. 3:5).

Lord, I care not for riches, Neither silver nor gold,
I would be sure of heaven, I would enter the fold,
In the book of Thy Kingdom, With its page white and fair,
Tell me, Jesus, my Saviour, Is my name written there?

song by Mrs. Mary A. Kidder GHS

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RESPONSES

We are very happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. (Jan) Jones to West Erwin. They formerly worshipped in Ft. Worth with the Brentwood church. Ronald works for Curtis and Associates and Jan is a homemaker. They have three children: Scott, 6 years; Jana 4 years, and Brandon, 2 years. Their address is 3611 Jan Drive, phone 595-0025.

MONDAY EVENING - NOV. 6

Won't you plan to be a part of the congregational get-together next Monday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Rose Center Building. Bring enough food (and serving pieces) for your family and guests. Bread and drinks will be furnished.

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday, Nov. 7, 7:00 p.m. at the C. E. Caskey home.

Sister Gary (Sandra) Montgomery's father, Harold McColum of Dimmitt, Texas, and three elders from the church in Hart, Texas have been missing since October 18. They were in flight, in brother McColum's private plane, from Cortez, Colorado to Salt Lake City, Utah when the plane went down in mountainous country. Searches are being made, but as yet we have had no word of their recovery. Remember this family in your prayers.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Evalyn Stone underwent surgery Monday in Mother Frances.
Ernest Pickle had surgery on Tuesday in Mother Frances.
Mrs. Luther Thompson is in Glenwood Hospital.
Mrs. Maude Irving, mother of Mrs. Darrell Holt, is in Mother Frances.
Brother Lem Ford, of Hastings, Nebraska, will enter the V.A. Hospital, Nov. 6 for surgery on his knee Nov. 8.

WILL YOU BE ABLE to keep some young people in your home next Friday night? A group of fine Christian college students will be traveling back to Lubbock Christian College and will stop in Tyler to be with the young people here. We need several homes to accommodate these fifty (50) people. If you will help in this effort, please call the office. HH

PARENTS VERSUS YOUTH

If you are a parent, you know the conflicts that arise between you and your children. And it is probable the older the child is, the more problems there seems to be. I know of no one who has the right answers for all situations whether they have one or a house full of children. However, there is one source that has many problem solvers. Of course, that is the Word of God. From your efforts at home there will come either a child of God or a child of the world. Your enthusiasm becomes part of your children as they see your service to your Lord. Your encouragement is important to them. They must know you are aware of their spiritual needs along with physical needs. You cannot go wrong by seeing that your children participate in the youth programs - be it a party or a Bible Class. See that your child attends all Bible classes. See that you encourage them to attend the special gatherings. They'll enjoy it in spite of themselves. To be a part of anything, one must be known as a participant. Show love to your children by loving and serving God. HH

THE REST OF YOUR LIFE

"The Rest of Your Life" will be the subject on the Herald of Truth television program Saturday, November 4 at 1:00 p.m. on WBAP. Brother Baxter is discussing the problem of a hum-drum existence in this production. Ask a friend to view this program with you.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. Fruit of the Spirit
(Faith, Meekness, Temperance)
6:00 p.m. Damaged Words

A VISIT IN LUBBOCK

I was thankful for the opportunity to attend the Lubbock Christian College Bible Lectureship last week. We always enjoy going back to Lubbock where we lived for several years while I was preaching for the Broadway church. Lubbock Christian College continues to grow and I believe it continues to give great emphasis to the teaching of the Bible. There were some excellent speeches and classes in the lectureship. All of the speakers impressed me as men who respect and honor the Bible as the Word of God. GHS

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

C. E. Caskey	R. C. O'Bannon
Joe Lynch	Dwaine Thedford
Scott Ferguson	Dwain Strait
Mark Cauthen	Kim Smith
Marty Stitt	Kenny Browning

ALL LADIES who do not work away from home are encouraged to attend the Ladies's Bible Class Wednesday morning at 10:00. There is a class for pre-school children and a nursery for babies. Won't you be here next Wednesday morning!

"The Importance of Reading"

"Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine," (I Timothy 4:13).

Paul, who wrote the above words by inspiration, was a well read man. He was familiar with the writings of the philosophers of his time. In his great sermon on Mar's Hill (Acts 17) he quoted from the writings of one of the Greek poets. When Paul was a prisoner in Rome he wanted Timothy to bring him his books, especially his "parchments," (II Timothy 4:13).

We are so busy today that many of us never take time to read. I feel that television occupies so much of our time that many of us neglect to read and thus rob ourselves of much which could enrich our minds and strengthen our souls. It seems to me that more and more of that which is shown on television has no place in the life of a Christian, but we continue to watch our television and rob ourselves of the spiritual blessings which could be ours.

Much of the literature which is distributed today is not worthy to be read. Much of it is filled with profanity, obscenity, and immorality. It is still true that "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," (Proverbs 23:7). When we fill our minds with evil, we cannot expect our lives to be filled with purity and noble deeds.

It is tragic when we think of the small number of members of the church who ever read any of the magazines or periodicals published by our brethren. It would take just a little time to read such a publication as the 20th Century Christian or the Firm Foundation or the daily devotional guide, Power For Today. Many members of the church never take the time to read our weekly bulletin which seeks to inform you about the work of the church and to inspire you to greater loyalty and devotion.

Of course, at the top of our list for reading should be the Bible. We should never let a day pass without reading from the word of the Lord. Jesus said, "It is written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceedeth out of the mouth of God," (Matthew 4:4). We have many weak, lukewarm church members because their souls are starved for the spiritual food of God's Word. They need to read the Bible. They need to study the Bible on Sunday morning in class and on Wednesday night and every other opportunity they have. The Bible will provide strength for you to meet temptation, courage to face your problems, comfort for you in your sorrow and hope for you in death. Please, "give attendance to reading!" GHS

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NOTE OF THANKS

During the time of sorrow we learn how much our friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be treasured.

The Miller Family
(June, Donnie & Jan)

Watch Herald of Truth, Saturday, 1:00 p.m. on WBAP television.

SPECIAL, NOVEMBER 10

The band from Lubbock Christian College will be in Tyler Friday, November 10. We have offered to house them on that night with your help. There will be approximately 55 members traveling with the group. If you would keep two or more, please contact the office. We will furnish more details soon as to further plans for this group. Please help if possible.

HH

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Oct. 29
By George H. Stephenson
10:20 A.M. Fruit of the Spirit
(Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness)
6:00 P.M. Saints in Wrong Places

TIME CHANGE

Remember to turn your clock "back" one hour before you go to bed Saturday evening.

YOUTH RALLY

An area-wide Youth Rally will be held Sunday at 2:30 at the church of Christ in Troup.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Annie Shotwell is now in the Village East Nursing Home, room 108. The mailing address of the home is P. O. Box 457, Tyler.

Gail Malone has been a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

"SPOOK HOUSE"

All children, 6th grade and under are invited to go through the "Spook House" at the Campus Christian Center, Halloween evening from 7:00 until 9:00.

REMEMBER the fellowship for the entire congregation November 6, at the Garden Center building.

HENDERSON MEETING

Brother Dean Brookshire will be the speaker each week day evening at 7:30 October 29 - November 2, at the South Main church of Christ in Henderson.

AUSTRIAN REPORT

We are very thankful and rejoice with Rudolf Rischer in the work which is being done for the Lord in Salzburg, Austria.

A most successful camp was conducted this past summer with 50 children and 30 young people in attendance. Together with the teachers, the coaches and the cooks there was a total of 95 people. There were Bible classes conducted for different age groups. Brother Rischer had 17 in a class of boys ages 10 - 14 years. He reported a wonderful interest shown by all of these in a study of the Bible.

The camp provided opportunities for wholesome recreation as well as Christian teaching. There were five young people baptized and much good accomplished for the Lord. In addition to the baptisms at the camp, we were glad to know of the baptism of a middle aged couple who had been studying the Bible for a number of years and who had been attending the worship in Salzburg.

The little farm house which was leased for five years is proving to be very helpful for the group in Salzburg. We are grateful for the contributions made by West Erwin members for this project and so is brother Rischer.

The Gwynneth Curtis family arrived in Salzburg on September 1 to assist in the work there. Brother Curtis visited with us at West Erwin back in August. He is under the oversight of the church in Pampa, Texas. Concerning the Curtis family, brother Rischer says: "Gwynneth has a special talent to work with young people, and he also has good experience in making personal calls. In these two fields we will work together specially close. Christel and I are very happy to have this young family with us. For the past ten years we have been alone in the work here, having nobody to help us carry the responsibility, and no one of our age to have fellowship with and to talk to. This will change now, and we are grateful for it. Gwynneth has been responsible for the mail out of 'Dos feste Fundament' (Austrian Firm Foundation) when he was still in Vienna. He will continue this work while he is in Salzburg."

Brother Rischer also reported about the annual Men's Lectureship in Austria. He said, "From September 11 - 15, about 80 brethren from Germany, Switzerland and Austria met in a nice hotel in a small village in the middle of Austria's mountains to enjoy one week of fellowship, and to take part in intensive studies of the Bible. The five days were filled with devotionals, lectures, discussions, sermons and personal talks. The beautiful surroundings made this meeting to be an unforgettable experience. It was a special joy to me to be on the list of main speakers."

May the Lord continue to bless Rudolf Rischer, his wife, Christel, their family and the other workers for the Lord in Austria.

GHS

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

"The Greatest of These"

In our sermon last Sunday evening on "Speaking in Tongues" we emphasized the thought that Paul taught the Corinthians that the gift of speaking in tongues was not as important as other gifts. He taught that the gift of prophecy was more important (I Cor. 14:5). Furthermore, he taught, "In the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that by my voice I might teach others also, than ten thousand words in an unknown tongue" (I Cor. 14:9).

However, Paul tells us in the thirteenth chapter of his letter to the Corinthians that love is greater than all spiritual gifts. He points to a time when spiritual gifts, including tongue speaking, would cease. But Paul taught that there are three essentials which abide - faith, hope and love, and he tells us that love is the greatest of all.

Not all of the Christians at Corinth possessed the gift of tongue speaking. Different individuals had received different gifts (I Cor. 12). In that day one could live, die, and go to heaven without ever speaking in a "tongue," but one could not live, die and go to heaven without faith, hope, and love.

It is my prayer that all of us may bear the "fruit of the Spirit" in our daily lives. This will include love in our hearts for God and for one another. We must be willing to contend earnestly for the faith and should not compromise any Scriptural truth; however, we are not true disciples of Jesus without love one for another (John 13:35).

We are concerned that we are not reaching more with the gospel and all of us should seek for numerical growth; however, numbers alone will not make for strength. A building may have in it many bricks and stones, but the building will not be strong unless these are joined together by mortar and cement. We are living stones in God's spiritual temple, but we must be united in love for strength and stability (Ephesians 4:16).

When I read that great thirteenth chapter of first Corinthians I am made to realize that all of our preaching, all of our budgets, all of our church programs, and even all of our sacrifice and benevolence will be empty and vain without love. This is not to say that these are unimportant, but it is to remind us that the "greatest of these is love." GHS

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IN APPRECIATION

I am so grateful to my sisters and brothers in Christ for remembering me. I do believe this has been my happiest birthday.

Mrs. Etta Brogan

HERALD OF TRUTH PROGRAM

On Saturday, Oct. 21 at 1:00 p. m., the subject on the Herald of Truth television program over WBAP (Channel 5) will be "The Quick and the Dead." Invite your friends to view this message on boredom. The life of drabness, which seeks fulfillment in travel, luxuries, and questionable excitements, is a dead life. The quickening power of Christianity rekindles the spirit and supplies purpose to purposeless lives.

RADIO STATION KTBB, Monday thru Friday, 12:30 Noon.

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SERMONS FOR OCTOBER 22
10:20 a. m. The Fruit of the Spirit
By George H. Stephenson
6:00 p. m. How Do You Follow?
By Hillard Hughes

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Annie Shotwell is in Medical Center Hospital.
Charlene Graf remains in Mother Frances Hospital.

"GET-TOGETHER" November 6

Remember the date and plan to attend the "basket supper" for the entire congregation to be held at the Rose Center building.

MY DAILY CREED

"Let me be a little kinder, let me be a little blinder,
To the faults of those about me - let me praise a little more;
Let me be, when I am dreary, just a little bit more cheery,
Let me serve a little better those that I am striving for.
Let me be a little braver when temptation bids me waver,
Let me strive a little harder to be all that I should be;
Let me be a little meeker with the brother who is weaker,
Let me think more of my neighbor and a little less of me."

"You cannot do a kindness too soon, because you never know how soon it will be too late!"

DISSATISFIED

Our work in the Lord's Kingdom has many ups and downs in practically all phases and often this makes for dissatisfaction. The Lord's people have been dissatisfied since the very beginning of time either because they had to do something or were unable to participate in worldly pleasures. I am convinced we should always strive to do more and have better teaching, better workers, better students of the Bible and larger worshipping audiences. But, to have a few people that are critical of the work that is being done doesn't help at all. We must have an eldership

willing to pray, work, and lead the congregation before it will be strong; but this group of men must have us working behind them and not belittling what is being done.

West Erwin has a mission program that we can be pleased with. We help several children's homes along with other areas locally. May I urge you, however, not to be satisfied to the point of no longer striving for higher and better goals; but please don't become dissatisfied to the point of fault finding. Pray for the work and remember, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" HH

PSALM OF LOVE

The Lord is my Shepherd..... Protection
I shall not want..... Supply
He maketh me lie down in green pastures..... Compassion
He leadeth me beside the still waters..... Contentment
He restoreth my soul..... Forgiveness
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness..... Guidance
For His name's sake..... Love
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the
Shadow of death..... Confidence
I will fear no evil..... Trust
For Thou art with me..... Ever Presence
Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me..... Comfort
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies..... Abundance
Thou anointest my head with oil..... Blessings
My cup runneth over..... Fulfillment
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life..... Success
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever..... Communion

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

We have attempted to inform you in recent weeks about the great work which is being done by this congregation in other places both in the United States and on the foreign field. Because of the faith and the generosity of this church we have been able to increase our efforts to preach the gospel in many places. I believe the Lord will surely bless the West Erwin congregation for the missionary spirit shown by the elders and by the members of this good church.

We are also glad that we were able to increase our contributions to Children's homes this past year. Also, in addition to this benevolent work, we have increased our support to the Herald of Truth radio and television program. Two years ago we doubled our support to the Campus Christian Center. We continue our daily radio program and other efforts in evangelism here in Tyler.

We have some very fine, dedicated Christians or we would not be able to do the work which has been done. However, it was pointed out in our business meeting on Sunday that we are now behind on our 1972 budget. In the past the West Erwin church has erased the deficit in the budget during the last of the year. We need to start planning now to take care of our deficit of some \$10,000. I believe that you will do this as in the past, but we need to be working and praying toward that end.

We plan to present three more lessons in our present study of the Holy Spirit. Two of these lessons will be given on Sunday. I realize that much more could be taught in regard to this topic. None of us will ever completely understand all that may be known about God, Christ, or the Holy Spirit, but we believe and trust all three members of the "God head." I have in my possession a number of books and pamphlets which are very helpful in studying the Biblical teaching concerning the Holy Spirit. Also, some of these are available in the church library. We would be glad to tell you about any of these books and will loan them to any who may be interested in a further study. GHS

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, October 15 By George H. Stephenson
10:20 A.M. What About Miracles? 6:00 P.M. Speaking In Tongues!

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RESPONSES

For Prayer: Stephen Pickle, 8225 Columbia.

NOTE OF THANKS

Dear Christian Friends:
We've been so blessed by all the thoughtful things you've done to help and encourage our family during my recent hospitalization. They are most gratefully appreciated.
Lamern Bailey

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday afternoon in Iraan, Texas for R. C. Miller, the father of June O'Bannon. We express our deepest sympathy to the family.

REMEMBER, November 6 is the date for a get-together for the entire congregation at the Rose Center Building. This will be an enjoyable time for all. Plan to attend.

Have You Disarmed Anyone Lately?

What could be as startling, as disarming, as unexpected kindness?

Amidst the "dog eat dog" madness of our present world, it sometimes seems that everyone is automatically on the defensive. The competitive spirit seems always to dictate suspicion, caution, anticipation of attack. Innocent errors are followed upon by dread of reproach or even punishment. Persons seem to become more and more withdrawn as the "every man for himself" attitude seeps into every kind of human relationship.

No wonder that an unexpected kindness has a jolting impact! No wonder that merely by being kind can one "heap coals of fire" upon the head of the one expecting to be jabbed or rebuked or ridiculed.

A heart free from malice toward any person is a heart free to experience joy beyond measure and "peace that passes understanding."

Kindness is not dependent upon intelligence or position in life, nor must expressions of kindness be limited to a few persons who themselves have been dealt with only kindly. Rather, kindness, compassion, gentleness, is a quality which can be displayed by any person who wills, determines, that he will not injure—that he will forgive—that he will love. And the results can be as startling and as beautiful to the kind person as to the one with whom he deals.

Has your kindness disarmed anyone lately? ---John J. Walker

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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|---------------|---------------|
| Roger Knight | Mack Bynum |
| John D. Brem | A. B. Wallace |
| Roy Driggers | T. F. Holland |
| Ernest Pickle | Averyt Smith |
| Paul Knight | Grant Knight |

WATCH Herald of Truth, Saturday, October 14 on WBAP-TV at 1:00 p. m. The subject title is "Rich Man, Poor Man." This is Channel 5.

THANKS TO THE UNNOTICED

In a congregation like West Erwin there are many who do things that seem to go unnoticed. These are the ones we wish to thank.

Our first consideration would go to D. C. (Jelly) Jones. If you enter the building through the Education wing each Sunday, you will be greeted by brother Jones with a friendly smile and warm hand shake. This is a great service, especially to our visitors. He helps them find a class room or they are directed to the place they desire. Insignificant? I think not!

How about the two men who do the fine job of bookkeeping? Roy Roberson and Fred Strait spend many hours per week making sure all bills are paid on time, seeing that salaries are paid, putting out a financial statement each month and all the other tedious work in this area. Sure, this has to be done and we thank them for this work.

A big thanks to all our Bible school teachers. A job that requires much time and effort and sometimes no

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Eula Pool and Mrs. Nettie Potts are in Glenwood Hospital.

Charlene Graf is in Mother Frances and is improving.

Mrs. Maude Honeycutt, aunt of E. C. Pickle, is in Medical Center.

LADIES' work day, Tuesday morning from 8:30 until 11:00.

praise from us. Our children sit at their feet Sunday and Wednesday being influenced by them. Include them in your praise and prayers.

To the parents and friends of our young people goes our heartfelt thanks! Having them in your home does much good. They know of your love and concern for them. Be blessed and bless them by your activities with young people.

So many could be mentioned that space does not permit, but there are two more that must be mentioned. They are our outstanding secretaries: Nelda Browning and Frances McBee. I say, without hesitation, that without their efforts many, many things would go lacking and even undone. There are many files to be kept, letter after letter written, several hundred bulletins printed, addressed and mailed each week. On and on we could go but we say, thank you with meaning.

Look around you, see who you can appreciate, and show your love to them. HH

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Mission Reports

Lem Ford continues a very fine work for the Lord in Hastings, Nebraska. Recently, he baptized a Junior High school girl who is the only member of her family who is a member of the church. He hopes that this may open the door for teaching others in the family. Teams go out in Hastings each Tuesday offering a Bible correspondence course. One who completed the course has been attending the worship. She and her husband are prospects. A retreat at the campsite near Hastings was held September 21-23 with Gordon Teel speaking.

We appreciate very much the generosity of a number of our members who recently contributed \$825.00 to assist Rudolf Rischer in Salzburg, Austria. Some time ago he was able to lease some property for five years for \$800.00. This provides a place for retreats and for outings for the children and young people. The children are not allowed to play in the public parks there, so they need places to go for play and wholesome recreation. The greatest opportunity for teaching in Austria is among the children. We are thankful for the individuals who helped supply the need in Salzburg. Individuals elsewhere had already contributed \$150.00. Brother Rischer had spent money in painting and repairing the property, so these funds can help him in this ex-

pense also. Our deep appreciation is again expressed for the generous gifts of men here to this project.

Keith Mitchell, who works for the international mission at the World Trade Center in New York recently sent an interesting report of his challenging work there. Among other things, his report says:

"September 17 we spent a long Lord's day with brethren in New Shrewsbury and Chatham, N.J. We went to share with these two churches the story of our ministry and solicit their fellowship too. These will join us in hosting 100 Internationals in Christian homes on Thanksgiving Day. At New Shrewsbury, one sister called the next morning to say that she had arranged with her school principal to leave early on Fridays and drive the 1 1/2 hrs. into Manhattan to teach English and Bible to International ladies. She is very sensitive, loving and committed. As one thinks of the 5 hr. sacrifice she will make each Friday at her own expense, we are moved to praise God. . . . The church in Chatham will likely join in helping to support an additional full time worker after the first of the year. They will join in our home hospitality program on a monthly basis. And they are considering seriously allowing their powerful young preacher, Larry Shoe, to come to the city

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RESPONSES
For Prayer: Kay Montgomery,
322 Winchester, and Mark Cauthen,
327 Brookwood.

IN THE HOSPITAL
On Saturday of last week Charlene Graf, daughter of Charles and Juanita Graf, and a friend of Charlene's, Pam Eberhart, were in an automobile accident. Both girls were seriously injured and are patients in Mother Frances Hospital. Charlene has been in Intensive Care and will undergo surgery as soon as possible. It is requested that she not have visitors at this time. Pray for the recovery of these girls.

SERMON TOPICS FOR OCT. 8
By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Ship-wreck of Faith.
6:00 p. m. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

NOTE OF THANKS
We want to thank you for the cards, flowers, food, and especially for your prayers on our behalf since Charlene and Pam were injured.

Charles and Juanita Graf

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Faber Cauthens'.

HIS ONE MISTAKE
He brushed his teeth twice a day with a nationally advertised tooth paste. The doctor examined him twice a year.

He wore his boots when it rained.
He slept with his windows open.
He stuck to a diet with plenty of fresh vegetables.

He relinquished his tonsils and traded in several worn out glands.

He golfed-but never more than eight teen holes at a time.

He never smoked, drank or lost his temper.

He got at least eight hours sleep each night.

He was all set to live to one hundred.

The funeral will be held Wednesday.

He is survived by 18 specialists, four health institutes, 6 gymnasiums and numerous manufacturers of health foods and antiseptics.

HE FORGOT GOD, lived as if this world was all, and is now with those who say,

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

---Jeremiah 8:20

TEACHER TRAINING SERIES
Are you interested in teaching or learning better ways to teach? If you are, we want you to participate in a Teachers Training Series beginning Wednesday night, October 11. We plan to cover several areas of teaching which includes: lesson preparation and presentation, visual aids, knowing pupils and others. Plan toward this class period. This can make our entire educational program better by having better prepared teachers. HH

Mission Reports - continued from back page

3 or 4 days a month to follow up on 'their' contacts. The International Community in New York City is beginning to feel the impact of our ministry. Your support and encouragement is our 'life blood.'

Vern S. Carrithers and his wife are working very faithfully in Pleasant View and Dove Creek, Colorado. Brother Carrithers reports a gain of six members in Dove Creek recently with two by baptism and four by transfer of membership from Houston, Texas. However, one family had recently moved from Pleasant View. A weekly teaching advertisement is being printed in the "Dove Creek Press" which is creating much attention. We were thankful for the opportunity we had to visit in Pleasant View and Dove Creek last August.

We appreciate the regular reports we receive from Norman Morrow in Scott City, Kansas. He has recently preached in a series of meetings in Carlsbad, New Mexico where his parents worship. Brother Morrow has had a very profitable summer in the Lord's work, including his work in a youth camp. We are hopeful that he will be visiting with us at West Erwin in the near future.

Let us continue to pray for the Cause of Christ everywhere. Let us remember that it is our responsibility to help take the gospel to the world. Let us continue to work to make the church at West Erwin strong in order that we may continue to preach the gospel and help the needy in Tyler and other parts of the world. GHS

LECTURESHIP
Lubbock Christian College
October 22 - 25 provides an excellent opportunity to hear some of the outstanding men in our brotherhood speak on "Great Verses of the Bible." The opening lecture will be Sunday evening at 7:30 with Harold Hazelip speaking on "God, Man and Sin" (Gen.1:26-27). Attend if you can. HH

BUSINESS MEETING, Sunday, 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Guest Editorial . . .

The Profanity Explosion

"Give me neither proverty nor riches. . . Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in Vain" (Proverbs 30:8-9).

The air today is filled with many theological words. . . used in a most un-theological manner. The din from this profanity explosion has become almost deafening. The strange thing is that so few people seem to notice. . . or to care.

It has not always been so. For example, in 1745 "Profane Oaths Acts" was passed in England making profanity punishable by the courts. I don't know how effective this legislation proved to be, but decent people were concerned.

Thirty-one years later, in the United States, General George Washington penned the following words in his orderly book on August 3, 1776.

"I am sorry to be informed that the foolish and wicked practice of profane swearing, a vice heretofore little known in the American army, is growing into fashion. I hope that the officers will, by example and influence, endeavor to check it; and that both they and the men will reflect, that we have but little hope of the blessing of heaven on our arms, if we insult Him by our impiety and folly.

Added to this it is a vice so mean and low. . . that every man of sense and character detests and despises it."

It is obvious from our text that Agur feared the possibility of this dreadful sin. But we moderns take profanity for granted. We pass it off without a second thought.

God spoke early to man as to how His name was to be used. From the top of smoking,quaking Mount Sinai the command was given; "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain" (Exodus 20:7).

If profanity flavors your speech, watch out! It is a sure sign of an inner sickness. Jesus said, "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matthew 12:34). If your speech is profane, what must be the condition of your heart?

Don't give in to the profanity explosion. Speech salted by profanity is pathetic. It blatantly introduces to the whole world the coarse and vulgar person. Say, have you been giving yourself away lately?

. . . John Gipson

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RESPONSES
For Prayer: Holly Womack

Membership:

Mr. and Mrs. Theron (Sallyanne) Pickle, 8225 Columbia, and their children came last Wednesday evening to place membership. They recently moved to Tyler from Wichita Falls. Brother Pickle is a teacher in Robert E. Lee High School. Sallyanne is a homemaker. Suzanne is in the 8th grade, Stephen is in the 9th, and Edwin is in the 11th. Their phone number is 595-1882.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin (Bernadine) Carter, 439 So. Broadway, Apt. 19, came Sunday to place membership. They formerly worshipped in Palestine.

We are very happy to welcome each family to the West Erwin church.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Brother Ed Naul has returned home from the hospital, but sister Naul remains in Nan Travis in Jacksonville.

MARK THIS DATE

Mark Monday, November 6, on your calendar as the time for a "basket supper" for the entire congregation to be held at the Rose Center Building. This is the first "get-together" for everyone in the congregation since last December. Let us look forward now to a happy time together on November 6.

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Foy Richey whose brother, Mr. Kenneth Hargrave, was buried on Monday.

CCC SUNDAY NIGHT

All High School and College students are invited to attend the devotional and social period this Sunday night at 8:00 o'clock at the Campus Christian Center. The Glenwood young people are hosts and they plan to serve refreshments. Be there! HH

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Oct. 1

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. What Does it Mean To Be Faithful?
6:00 p. m. The Holy Spirit In Conversion.

Beginning October 5th, the Ladies' Wednesday evening class taught by Marian Rowe will begin a study of the book of Job.

ZONE 1 meets Tuesday, 7:00 p. m. at the T. F. Holland Home.

BRING SOMEONE SUNDAY

This Sunday begins a new Bible School year and what a great time to bring a friend. Get someone that is not attending Bible School to come and study God's Word with you. There cannot be a better way for you to teach and encourage people to become a Christian or to be stronger. Bible classes are available for every age. There should be little reason why someone would refuse to attend. If you are a West Erwin member your life, influence, and abilities will be strengthened if you will come and participate in a study period. HH

TEACHER TRAINING CLASS TO BEGIN, OCTOBER 11

PARENTS ARE FAILURES

If you are a parent you are a FAILURE if your children are lost eternally. Whatever you may provide for them in worldly goods; whatever is provided for the physical health; whatever is given them in this life is of little value if they lose their soul. For you to be blessed with children and then not love them enough to see that their spiritual needs are furnished is to say to God, "I didn't want him anyway." Yes, you can see that he attends Bible classes Sunday and Wednesday; you can make him feel he must be baptized to get you off his back, but what about teaching him in the home. I am convinced that West Erwin nor any other congregation have people capable of teaching your child all he should know. There is no doubt that the church is blessed with many, many capable Christian teachers, but YOU - you must teach your children at home. Do you check to see if he is prepared for his classes? Does he know why God has given His Son for him? Does he know what the Bible teaches concerning his salvation? Parents, you are a failure if your children have very little knowledge of God's Word by the time they reach their teen years. The words, "If I had more time" are going to cut deep into your heart when your children are grown and have no time for God because you didn't have time for them.

"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and INSTRUCTION of the Lord." Eph. 6:4 RSV

MEETING IN MARSHALL

Brother Foy Wallace, Jr. will be preaching at the Eastern Hills church of Christ in Marshall, October 1-4. Weeknight services, 7:30. The church building is located at 2705 Travis.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in October.

C. B. Hardin	Ed Bullard
Tommy White	Bob Threadgill
W. S. Little	Cone Birdwell
Monroe Sublette	Charles Lemons
Randy Fletcher	Bart Lemons

Series of Sermons on the Holy Spirit

On this Sunday evening I plan to begin a series of studies in regard to the Biblical teaching concerning the Holy Spirit.

My first sermon in this series will be devoted to the question, "Who is the Holy Spirit?" The pronoun used is "who" and not "what." The question suggests the person of the Spirit - that the Spirit is not an "it," but a person. Jesus said to the apostles, "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you," (John 14:26). This verse clearly speaks of the Spirit as a person.

By saying that the Spirit is a person, we do not mean that he is a person in the sense that you and I are persons - or human beings, but we mean that the Spirit is a divine person. He is one of the three members of the "Godhead" (Col. 2:9). We believe in God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit; all three are divine persons.

In preaching in regard to the Holy Spirit we do not pretend to understand all about the Holy Spirit any more than we understand all about God or all about Christ. If we could understand all about God or all about the Holy Spirit then we ourselves would become gods. Rowland Hill once tried to convey the greatness of God's love. He said, "I am unable to reach this lofty theme. Yet I do not think the smallest fish in the ocean complains of the ocean's vastness. With my puny powers I can plunge with delight into a subject the immensity of which I shall never be able to comprehend."

However, we believe that there is much which we can understand about the work of the Spirit. There needs to be a distinction made between miraculous measures of the Spirit and the indwelling of the Spirit in every Christian. It is my hope that each of us will realize that he or she is a "temple of the Holy Spirit" (I Corinthians 6:19), and that we will bring forth the fruit of the Spirit which Paul declares to be "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law, (Galatians 5:22).

Please come each Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock and bring your friends as we study together what the Bible teaches concerning the Holy Spirit. GHS

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, September 24, by George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. Men Who Are Needed In 6:00 p.m. Who Is The Holy Spirit?
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Prayer Jamon Kirby
Dismiss Scott Ferguson

Table with 2 columns: Contributions, Bible School. Rows for September 17, September 10, and A Year Ago.

RESPONSES

Mrs. Miller (Daphne) Dial came Sunday to place membership. She formerly worshipped in Austin at the Northwest congregation. The address is 4400 Casa Grande Place, Apt. 1001.

Wayne and Pat Williams, 1205 Balmoral, have been visiting with us for some time and wish to be identified as members of this congregation. They formerly lived in Beaumont.

We extend a welcome to each family.

A NEW ARRIVAL

Brian and Nancy Riley are the parents of a baby boy born Monday in Mother Frances Hospital.

NEW GRANDSON

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jones, August 23 in Fort Worth. They have named him Jeffrey. Norah and F. A. Jones are the happy grandparents.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for the beautiful flowers at the time of the death of my sister.

Mrs. Alice Long
John and I would like to say "Thank you" for the many nice things you did for our family the many years we lived in Tyler. You were by us in our hours of happiness, sickness, and sorrows. We love all of you and you will always have a place in our hearts.

In Christian love,
John and Lois Weaver
I want to say thanks to each of you for being so thoughtful while my mother and Dad were in the hospital. Each card, prayer, and visit will always be gratefully remembered. May God bless each member here.

Naomi McKeever

AREA MEETINGS

Jim Bill McInteer will be in a meeting with the Glenwood church, September 24-28. Services Monday thru Thursday will be at 12:10 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. West Erwin is especially invited to attend as a group on Monday evening.

James LeFan will be preaching in a meeting, September 24-29, 7:30 p. m. each week night at the Mobberly Ave. church of Christ in Longview. You are invited to attend.

FOUND... A little girl's gold bracelet was found last week. It is in the office.

RADIO STATION KTBB, Monday thru Friday, 12:30 Noon.

FROM HASTINGS, NEBRASKA

Dear Brethren:

I personally want to thank you brethren and the congregation at Tyler for your continued support of the work here at Hastings. Especially for the recent gifts of the filing cabinet and the chair for brother Ford's office. They were surely needed and very much appreciated (by us). We also have many fond memories of your young folks who so greatly helped in the V.B.S. this summer and for the good times had while they were here.

We want you to know that we have one of the hardest working preachers (and wife) of any church in the country,

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OUR FRIDAY SCHOOL began with a good group of teachers and students last week. However, we still have several openings in the classes. If you have or know of a child, 3, 4, or 5 years of age, this is a great opportunity to teach these youngsters. Talk to your neighbors about our school.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Zora Lunceford remains a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Charles Emmons, a brother to Jack Emmons, is very ill in Mother Frances Hospital.

The mother of R. M. Mayo is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Be present for Bible Study Sunday!

and they are many times over worthy of your support and ours. Progress is slow here, but progress is being made - the word is being sown - and we know our Lord will give the increase. We covet your continued prayers for the work here, and we will continue to give thanks for people such as you who have helped us so much in furthering the Lord's work in this area. We wish for opportunities to know more of you personally and welcome any to visit us any chance they get. We will continue to strive to keep you informed as to our progress financially and spiritually.

Sincerely in Christian love,
Reed Munsell

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TEACHER'S MEETING SUNDAY

There will be a teachers meeting Sunday Evening at 5:00. All Teachers are urged to attend. Some important topics will be discussed and we need you. HH

WE WERE VERY PLEASED to have a large number of visitors with us last Sunday. It is our desire to make each guest feel welcome and encouraged to return often.

"How often do we sigh for opportunities of doing good, while we neglect the openings of Providence in little things, which would frequently lead to the accomplishment of most important usefulness."

The Work of Satan

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light," (2 Corinthians 11:13, 14).

Satan is described by various terms in the Bible. Many times he is called the devil. In Revelation 20:2 he is called "the dragon, that old serpent and Satan," (Revelation 20:2). He is the source of all that is evil in the world. However, Paul reminds us that he may be transformed into an 'angel of light.' "

In the cunning craftiness of Satan, he is capable of making evil appear to be good, and good appear to be evil. (Isaiah 5:20). Satan poses as our friend, but is our worst enemy. Pretending to uphold God's goodness and love, he attacks such Biblical doctrines as the atonement and future punishment. Satan would make it appear that God's love would not be compatible with the doctrine of eternal punishment. Now Satan does not really care about God's love, but he is interested in destroying our faith in God's Word. God does love us with a love we can never fully understand, but he warns us of the possibility of spending eternity in the "place prepared for the devil and his angels," (Matthew 25:41).

The best people, the best institutions -in fact all that is good in this world - have been the victims of the vicious attacks of the devil. The church of the New Testament, which cost the price of Jesus blood, has been the object of scorn and ridicule. Many think of the church as being filled with hypocrisy and ignorance and should no longer exist. Satan would destroy God's plan of salvation by saying that man is good enough and wise enough to be saved without obedience to God's will.

Within the church itself, Satan wants to destroy the good which is done by the Lord's people. Satan gets busy every time the church gets busy. Every worth while endeavor in the field of evangelism and benevolence has been attacked by Satan. Satan uses devious methods in getting sincere people to think that many great works undertaken by the church today are sinful and wrong.

While Satan belittles the good, he also makes the bad appear to be good. Pride appears to be self respect. Covetousness appears to be nothing more than making wise provision for the future. A bad temper just shows that we are "human." Worldly conformity and compromise of conviction appear to be "broad mindedness." The pleasures of sin are made to appear much more appealing than living a godly life. Satan is the author of many expressions such as "Everybody else is doing it;" "You're young only once;" "Don't be chicken;" "Don't be a sissy;" "Don't be so narrow;" "What's wrong with having fun?" "If you are lost, you won't be by yourself." These and many other ex-
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September 10.. \$2,686.36403
September 3.. \$2,458.41407
Year Ago \$2,083.45429

RESPONSES

For Prayer: Jo Ellen Willis, Karen Porter, Lee Knight, Laurie Hughes, and Meredith Womack.

SERMONS FOR SEPTEMBER 17

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Women Who Are Needed in the Church.
6:00 p. m. Who Can Be Saved?

CONGRATULATIONS

Ray and Debbie Dobbs are the happy parents of a baby girl born last Thursday in Mother Frances.

MEN SERVING the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in September are:
Elwin Crow Bill Butler, Jr.
Don Weathers K. Max Haws
Jamon Kirby Francis Bullard
Milburn Cook Wallace Gayle
Tim Holt Mark Whitworth

For The Family - Each third Monday night of the month the family can enjoy an evening together. The management of the Jet Skating rink has reserved this night for the churches of Christ in this area. For 80¢ per person you can enjoy skating from 7:00 to 9:30. Take the family out this Monday evening.

Our Bible Classes are also for the entire family and if you are not attending on a regular basis, why don't you? We have had good attendance for the past few weeks, but I'm sure we should have more attending.

The First Sunday in October is our Bible School promotion day. Plan to be here. On that Sunday all members of the church will be asked to fill out a card indicating in what area of the work of the church you are willing to participate. HH

ALL TEACHERS

Sunday, September 24, there will be a Teacher's Meeting that you are requested to attend. We will begin at 5:00 p. m. and discuss some important phases of our Bible School program and some future plans. Mark your calendar! HH

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Sam Bailey underwent surgery Tuesday in Medical Center Hospital. Mrs. Zora Lunceford is a patient in Medical Center Intensive Care Unit.

KTBB, Mon. thru Fri., 12:30 Noon

COLLEGE STUDENTS

The following is a list of our young men and women attending college this fall. If you know of others, please call the office.

Tyler Junior College

Julia Phillips Betty Oliver
Marc Lemons Mike Rhoades
Angela Stansbury Andy Fuller
Debbie Potts Gair Krewall
Steve Drennan Larry Hubbard
Charlotte Chandler

Abilene Christian College

Barbara Caskey Melody Haws
Lou Ann Driggers Debbie Smith

North Texas State

Jensy McDonald Cindi McBee
Richard Parsons

East Texas School of Nursing

Charlene Graf Beth Montgomery
Sue Ann Ferguson

Federal Institute

Gail Malone

MOVED FROM TYLER

Melvin and Judy Massey recently moved to Tacoma, Washington where he will be teaching in a college.

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at the Ed Bullard Home.

The Work of Satan (continued from back page)

pressions of a similar nature are a part of Satan's scheme to make that which is bad appear to be good.

Satan is very clever and very powerful. However, Christians can be thankful to know that Jesus is more powerful. Jesus conquered Satan and Jesus gives us power to overcome the temptations of evil and to live triumphant, victorious lives. Satan will be destroyed eventually, but God's people are destined to live forever with the Lord. GHS

CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER

Bill Allan reports from the Campus Christian Center, "The school year has now begun at Tyler Junior College and all the signs point toward a very positive and productive year. Our enrollment is up once again. We have 75 students this semester enrolled in credit classes. We have also met a number of Freshmen from new communities (that is, new to us), and I feel like we will have a very prosperous year for the Lord. It is of vital importance that you continue your support, interest, and prayers. We look forward to visiting with you some time this semester in order to better inform you of the work here."

LOST BOOKS from the Children's and Teacher's Library

Finger Plays for Little Folks, Jackson; Can You Do This? Duffy; Finger Plays and How to Use Them, Colina; Bible Box Talks, Thompson; Bible Teacher's Treasure Chest, Miller; Handcraft Encyclopedia, Doan; The Church's Educational Program, Speck; Object Talks with Paper and Scissors, Brown; Little Visits with God, Jahsmann; Me, Myself and God, Jones.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Work in Malaysia

On Wednesday evening, August 30, we were privileged to have as guests for our mid-week service Joe Nelson of Overton and Bill Graham of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Joe serves as one of the elders in Overton. He is a retired employee of the Humble Co. and has worked for the company in Malaysia. Bill Graham is at present working for the Humble Co. in Malaysia. At the same time he gives of his time in helping to build up the church.

These men presented slide pictures of the church in Malaysia and all who were present were impressed with the opportunities for preaching the gospel in that land. Young people there are eager to hear about Christ and the Bible. As a result of one small advertisement in a Malaysian paper, over three hundred enrolled in a Bible correspondence course. At present there are 2400 enrolled in a Bible Correspondence course and it is predicted that soon there will be 5,000 enrolled. It is thrilling to hear Joe Nelson and Bill Graham speak about their telling about Christ to people who had never heard of Him before. It is most encouraging to know that a man as capable as Bill Graham will devote his time and talent in helping to spread the Word although he is not receiving his support from the church.

The church in Lake Jackson, where Gary Montgomery now serves as evangelist, has been very active in the work in Malaysia. They established the work in Seremban, Malaysia eleven years ago. The Seremban church now has its own elders. Numbers of members of the Lake Jackson church have gone, at their own expense, to work in campaigns for the Lord in Malaysia. Some have borrowed money in order to do this.

There is a great need to train and develop young native preachers in Malaysia. It is predicted that in a short time evangelists from America will not be allowed to enter the country. We feel that the natives will be able to work more effectively among their own people anyway. The elders of the church have agreed to support a man there. He is a capable young Indian by the name of Silvarajah who speaks an Indian dialect as well as Malay and English. English is spoken throughout Malaysia. This young man is sacrificing a better salary in order that he may study, teach and preach God's word. It will require only \$132.10 per month to support this man full time. This is a great challenge and opportunity for us to have fellowship in a work where the field is "white unto harvest."

G. H. S.

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THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the visits and calls during my stay in the hospital.

C. N. Strait

Your visits, prayers, cards, and flowers were a great encouragement to get well and I wish to thank all of you for the love shown during my stay in the hospital.

Aline Beard

We appreciate so much your prayers and your cards with their expressions of love and concern during our stay in the hospital. We are now at home and will be able to visit Tyler before too long.

Marikate and Bob Davis

The family of Essie White acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Sister Alice Long whose sister passed away last Friday in Jacksonville.

WE REGRET THAT A NUMBER of our faithful members have recently moved to other places. L. G. and Gloria Drennan, along with sister Eula Drennan, have moved to Henderson. We will miss them very much but know they will be an asset to the church in Henderson.

The Bob Pearson family has moved to Waco. Bob has served the church in many areas including the work of a deacon. We are glad for his advancement, but we will greatly miss Bob and Sandra and the family.

John and Lois Weaver are moving to Corsicana. They have been members of the West Erwin church for many years. She has been one of our Bible School teachers. Our prayers will go with all of these families as they work in other places.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

Most of you know that it has been a practice of mine for many years to preach a sermon on Marriage each year near the time of our wedding anniversary (September 15). My sermon for this coming Sunday morning will be, Marriage - Ordained by God.

Sermon Sunday Evening by Hillard Hughes - What Brought Tears?

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS will meet at 10:00 A. M. next Wednesday morning. There will be a work session for all ladies who can stay after the class is over. Bring your scissors if you are able to stay for the work session.

CBS RESPONSE

A few weeks ago an article appeared in our bulletin asking you to write CBS Television Network concerning their fall movies that were "X" rated. Several letters have been received from Mr. Thomas J. Swafford, Vice President of CBS with this statement. "I cannot be too emphatic in stressing the fact that the CBS Television Network has no intention of broadcasting "X" or "R" rated movies; nor has it ever had any such intentions." CBS has purchased 167 features with some "X" and "R" rated films included, but they have either edited them to another rating or have rejected them. We should continue to be interested in what our families see on television and let these companies know our feelings.

H. H.

WELCOME TO THE MATHIS FAMILY

We are glad to have the David Mathis family in Tyler. Brother Mathis assumed his duties as preacher for the Glenwood church last week. For the past several years he has been working for the church in Muskegon, Michigan. He and his wife, Brenda, were reared in Dallas. They have three children, Jean, 12, John David, 10, and Julie, 7. Brother Mathis is highly recommended. We welcome him to Tyler and pray that his ministry at Glenwood will be fruitful.

G. H. S.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Sister Alice Matthews is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

MORE ABOUT FRIDAY SCHOOL

We plan to have our first class session September 15. If you are interested in your child attending, please pick up a registration form in the office before Wednesday, Sept. 13. There will be classes for 3's, 4's, and 5's with a limit of 15 each. Invite your neighbors. NEED... Children's furniture, large blocks, dolls, trucks, etc.

H. H.

DON'T FORGET... Parents and High School students don't forget about Saturday night and our get-together. This can be a great occasion for your family to "grow" together. Bring your sandwiches and come out to brother Massey's lake cabin.

H. H.

WE BEGIN AGAIN SUNDAY AT 5:00

After taking a break for a couple of months we will again resume our classes for all junior high and high school students at 5:00 p. m. Sunday. Plan to come and study some interesting topics that will help your life.

H. H.

BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK

Remember the Boles Home grocery truck will be here one day next week. A list of their special needs is posted on the bulletin board.

CAMPAIGN IN SHREVEPORT

An area-wide campaign for Christ will be conducted in the Shreveport Civic Center September 10-17. The campaign will feature George Bailey as speaker and Leon Sanderson as song director.

Work of Keith Mitchell in New York

We are excited about the reports and the possibilities of the work of Keith Mitchell at the international mission of churches of Christ in the World Trade Center in New York City. The West Erwin congregation is making a monthly contribution toward the support of brother Mitchell who is under the oversight of the elders of the Garretson Road church of Christ in Somerville, New Jersey. Brother Mitchell works with Phillip Evanson, who is supported by the Broadway church in Lubbock.

Our brethren have an office in the World Trade Center and there they make contacts with people from all over the world. The Somerville church has been making contacts with various people from other countries for some time. Many have learned about Christ and our plea for New Testament Christianity as a result of their efforts in the past.

Brother Mitchell reports about the recent baptism of Toshihiko Nishi from Tokyo who is now a Christian in Tokyo because of the efforts in New York. He also reports that Jackton Kwambo, one of the earliest converts with the program, has translated Bible teaching materials into Swahili for his native Kenya. His wife is a secretary for the Kenyan delegation at the U. N.

Brother Mitchell has been provided with a unique opportunity to contact hundreds of people who work with the various companies and agencies housed in the Trade Center.

The heads of the World Trade Center organization have agreed for brother Mitchell to serve as "Chaplain - Orientation Counselor" for the center. Brother Mitchell explains, "Basically our service to the Trade Center will involve coordinating a broad home hospitality program for the visiting internationals, providing professional and religious referral when needs arise and provide counseling for loneliness and crisis situations which the international visitors might face. We envision this 'Chaplain - Orientation Counselor' role as a 'handle' with which to make contact with vast numbers of internationals right in the World Trade Center where our ministry is housed. We recognize that contacts must be made and friendships cultivated before contacts will be realized widely."

Brother Mitchell further states, "Getting materials ready and making these hundreds of contacts is absorbing much of our initial time. A couple of encouraging Bible studies are being conducted. Pray for these as well as all other phases of our work."

We will pray for this work. We feel that this is one way to help obey the Great Commission to preach the gospel to "every creature." G. H. S.

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RESPONSES

For Prayer: Jeannine Ferguson and
Cindy Rowe.

THANK YOU NOTES

As we go through life, each experience brings a richer and deeper appreciation for our Christian friends. From a prayerful and thankful heart I want to say each card, call, food, flowers, and prayer during our grief and heavy burdens have been a blessing to us. Thank you and may God bless you all. Audrey O'Bannon

Thanks to all of you for being so nice! For the beautiful floral offering and especially for your prayers in the loss of our brother, Harold Holt, who was also, thankfully, my brother in Christ.

Darrell and Jean Holt

Pray for the work here . . .

FRIDAY SCHOOL

A new program for West Erwin is now in the final planning stages with most of the main program established. We are going to have a "Friday School" for our pre-school children beginning in September. This can be one of the greatest programs of our work if we will put forth the right amount of effort. We are, however, going to start small with a limit of 15 children per class with two teachers. There will be no charge for the students. YOU CAN HELP by donating easy reading and picture books and toys. More information will be published later but begin planning for this and help with your donations. H. H.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies' Bible Class will resume its meetings on Wednesday morning, September 13 at ten o'clock in the Chapel. We hope that our class this year will be one of the biggest and best that we have had. All women are invited to attend. G. H. S.

OUR INCREASED ATTENDANCE in Bible School and worship last Sunday was most encouraging. We realize that the Labor Day holiday may take a number of our members away again, but we look forward with optimism to our work for the Lord this fall. Let us all work and pray that West Erwin may grow in numbers and in spirituality. G. H. S.

Be present for Bible Study Sunday! !

WHAT IS THE ANSWER ?

I often wonder what the Lord is going to do about those of us who have all the answers. Christ was asked once, "What is the greatest commandment?" His answer was, "Love God with all your being, and like unto it love your neighbor." Who is your neighbor? We think we know God, but what about your neighbor? Is it just those you believe are conservative when it comes to being a Christian? What is a Liberal? What is a Conservative? Yes, you draw your own lines unless you follow God's law just as he gave it to us. Can you, do you, have all the "right" answers? I am thoroughly convinced that someone, unsuspectingly of course, is going to answer to Him about some attitudes toward our brothers (neighbors) in Christ. That is, "If you don't do it just like I think, you're liberal." There are lots of Christians in Tyler and East Texas who have caused turmoil in the Lord's church that I believe will answer to God. "God is not a God of confusion, but of peace." I Cor. 14:33. When you divide the church in any way, whether it be an entire congregation or brother from brother, you cause confusion! H. H.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS - The high school devotionals will be resumed at the Campus Christian Center on September 3, 8:00 p.m. You are invited to attend.

The elders and deacons will not meet Monday evening, September 4th.

WORK IN SCOTT CITY, KANSAS

Norman Morrow continues his fine work in Scott City, Kansas. He recently baptized a man into Christ who had in the past been somewhat agnostic and antagonistic toward Christians. Norman had spent much time in study with the man. His wife, who had been unfaithful as a Christian, rededicated her life to the Lord. Another fine couple recently placed their membership with the church. Also, Norman reports a fine youth camp in which he had a part in teaching and counselling. During the week, there were 25 young people brought to Christ. We are thankful for the Lord's blessings on this work. G. H. S.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in September.
Hillard Hughes Gerald Montgomery
Joe Willis Bill Whitworth
Henry McRuiz Wayne Fears
Tommy Lowrance Tommy Parsons
Tony Fears Walker Weathers

REMEMBER - The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here the week of September 11 - 16.

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at the Cullen Gilliam home.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Sept. 3

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. Paradoxes of the Bible
6:00 p.m. I Am Not Ashamed

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

How grateful we are to the elders of the church for allowing us to have a vacation. We enjoyed our travels across the country, but are now glad to be back home.

After preaching here on Sunday morning, August 6, we began our travels. We attended worship at the Tenth and Broad Streets congregation in Wichita Falls on that Sunday night. I was preaching for that congregation when their beautiful building was erected twenty four years ago. It was good to be associated with friends and brothers in Christ who meant much to us in years gone by. We were guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Harry Ledbetter that night. The Ledbetters are wonderful Christian people. They have traveled extensively all over the world and have encouraged the preaching of the gospel in many places. They have made three trips to the Bible lands. Dr. Ledbetter has lectured and shown his slide pictures in many churches in various places.

We traveled through Colorado and visited some friends in Colorado Springs. We enjoyed some of the sights of Wyoming and Montana and spent three nights in Glacier National Park. Words cannot describe the beautiful scenery there; mountains, trees, waterfalls, flowers, lakes and rivers were all beautiful to see.

We worshipped with the congregation in Kalispell, Montana on Sunday, August 13. The church in Athens, Texas is assisting in the support of the work at Kalispell. On Wednesday night, August 16, we worshipped in Pleasant View, Colorado where Verne Carrithers and his wife live. They are supported by the West Erwin congregation. I was glad to preach for the group who had assembled on that Wednesday.

I am pleased to bring you a good report concerning the work of brother Carrithers. He and his family are loved and respected for the work they are doing. Brother Carrithers is preaching in two communities, Pleasant View and Dove Creek, located sixteen miles apart in the southwest corner of Colorado near the Utah border. There are some 28 members of the church in Pleasant View and about 18 in Dove Creek. Brother Carrithers preaches at 9:00 o'clock on Sunday morning and then drives sixteen miles to preach at 11:00 o'clock in Dove Creek. There were members present from both congregations on Wednesday evening in Pleasant View. The members have worked in painting and repairing the small building where they worship. Everything looked neat and attractive. I was impressed with the friendliness of the people. O. H. Tabor of Lamesa, Texas recently conducted a mission meeting in Pleasant View. It was felt that interest was created in the gospel and prospects were made for the Lord. Brother Carrithers conducts various home

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 A. M. Grow In Grace
6:00 P. M. Pilate

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother Darrell Holt's brother, Harold Holt, passed away suddenly last Sunday. Funeral services were conducted in Shreveport on Tuesday.

Sister Russell O'Bannon's sister, Mrs. A. C. Richards, was buried on Friday of last week in Huntsville.

We express our sympathy to each family.

BOLES HOME TRUCK

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here the week of September 11 through 16. A list of items needed by the home is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer and in the education building.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Melvin Crawford request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter

Diane
to

Mr. Dennis Edward Stansbury on Saturday, the second of September nineteen hundred and seventy-two at eight o'clock in the evening
First Baptist Church
Tyler, Texas

Reception
immediately following ceremony
Fellowship Hall
Fourth Floor of the Church

THANK YOU NOTE

Your cards, letters, and flowers meant very much to me during my stay in the hospital. Thank you for remembering me with such kind thoughts.
Floia Payne

IN THE HOSPITALS

Benjamin Sutton underwent eye surgery on Monday in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Roy Driggers was in Medical Center a part of this week for tests.

Mrs. R. H. Davis, formerly a member here and the mother of Carolyn Womack, underwent surgery on Saturday in Cleburne, Texas.

ALL TJC STUDENTS

You are invited to attend the kick-off party on Sunday, August 27, 8:00 p. m. at the Campus Christian Center.

WE APPRECIATE THE MANY WORDS OF COMMENDATION of the fine work done by our young people in Manassas, Virginia. The young people have written letters of appreciation to the elders telling about the good they received from the trip. How thankful we are for such dedicated young Christians. The following letter from Manassas expresses appreciation for the great good which was done there.

"In behalf of the Business Group, I want to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to you for allowing your young people to come our way. It was a great experience for all of us here and I especially feel privileged to have been a part of it.

"Your young people are to be commended for their teaching ability and conduct. They set a very good example for all of us here, young and old alike.

"As you know, we had an average daily attendance of 190. That is the best we have ever had. We have had one baptism that we feel was greatly influenced by this V. B. S. We feel that we will bear more fruit from this V. B. S. than any previous ones.

"Brother and Sister Hughes, Brother and Sister Crow and Sister Montgomery are to be commended also. They did an outstanding job. We are still receiving very good comments about the Teacher's Workshop.

"Brethren, we also want to commend you for providing the type of leadership that makes such programs like this a success. May God bless you in your efforts to serve Him."

Leslie Ferguson, Temporary Chairman
Business Group, Manassas, Virginia

From The Preacher's Desk (continued from back page)

studies. The communities are small and the members are scattered over a wide area, hence it will be difficult to have large congregations. However, good is being done and I truly appreciate the courtesy and hospitality of the Carrithers and the other Christians we met in Pleasant View and in Dove Creek.

The West Erwin church is now engaged in an extensive mission program. We have had some excellent reports from Norman Morrow in Scott City, Kansas, Lem Ford in Hastings, Nebraska, Keith Mitchell in New York City, and Rudolf Rischer in Salzburg, Austria. We want to be passing these reports on to you from time to time. May the Lord bless all of these workers and may he bless us in all that we endeavor to do to build up the Lord's Kingdom.

It will be good when all of our "vacationers" are settled back home. We need to get busy building up our Bible School and every other phase of our work. It was good to see each of you last Lord's Day and we look forward to seeing you again on this coming Lord's Day.

G. H. S.

I WISH IT WERE ONLY A STORY, BUT IT REALLY HAPPENED!

A few weeks ago I visited a congregation. I was greeted warmly at the door. Everyone seemed so happy seeing one another. It was obvious they were friends and brethren.

As everyone talked, a very pleasant man arrived at the door. The preacher asked, "Do I know you?" The fine gentlemen answered that he lived near and was visiting. The preacher welcomed him as best he could, with many others waiting to come in.

The pleasant visitor moved inside where it became painfully clear he did not know the way to the auditorium. He inquired twice and received a rapid, "that-a-way" reply as the interrupted brethren resumed their talking. While moving "that-a-way" he arrived at two doors and inquired again. When he received his third "that-a-way" I went immediately and introduced myself, asking if I could show him into the auditorium. He was so kind and appreciative. He said he was ashamed this was his first visit for he lived very near. He said it was embarrassing not even knowing where to sit. His wife had planned to come but she was sick so he came alone.

After a pleasant exchange of words, I moved on greeting many brethren. Just before services began, our visitor was still sitting alone. This moved me deeply . . . alone in a crowd and not a friend. I asked if I could sit with him. His face lit up as he said, "I would appreciate it. I'm feeling sorta like the lost sheep, you know how it is when you are new and don't know anyone." My heart melted because if there is a feeling I've known, this is it.

We had a wonderful visit, singing and studying together. The personal benefit from that service seemed somehow greater than many in the past. As we worked our way out of the building ONE brother came and asked if I had met this visitor. The visitor immediately told the inquiring brother how lost and alone he felt when arriving, but he had found a friend and "sorta felt at home" and would now bring his wife since he knew "folks" here.

I didn't have the heart to tell this kind soul that I was a visitor, too, and much less, that I was a preacher of the Gospel.

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Announcements Henry McRuiz
Prayer Austin Giesecke
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Sunday Evening

Announcements Jamon Kirby
Prayer Robert Hall
Dismiss Tommy Parsons

Contributions

Bible School

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RESPONSE

For Prayer, Kim Hughes

IN THE HOSPITAL

Sister Aubrey Payne is a patient in Baylor Hospital in Dallas. She will probably be there another week. Her address is Room 3752, Collins Wing, Dallas, Texas 75200.

BIBLE COURSES AVAILABLE this fall at the Campus Christian Center are as follows:

Old Testament Survey

MWF 8:00 a. m. TTh 11:15 a. m.

New Testament Survey

TTh 8:25 a. m.

Uniqueness of Jesus (one hour course)

Wed. only 10:00 a. m.

New Testament Survey

TTh 5:25 p. m.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson

10:20 a. m. The Misunderstood Christ.

6:00 p. m. The Way, The Truth,
The Life.

ALL TJC STUDENTS are invited to attend the "kick-off" party on Sunday, August 27, 8:00 p. m. at the Campus Christian Center.

WHAT'S THAT? A four year old was spending a night away from home. At bedtime she knelt at her hostess' knees to say her prayers, expecting the usual prompting. Finding the hostess unable to help her, she concluded thus: "Please God, excuse me, I can't remember my prayers and I'm staying with a lady who doesn't know any!"

RADIO STATION KTBB, Monday thru Friday, 12:30 Noon.

MEN TO SERVE

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

Faber Cauthen Fred Powell
Ray Womack James Phillips
Ted Snipes Harold Browning
Jack Stringer Willie Freeman
Kevin Womack Mike Whitworth

"Most of us think we could move mountains - if someone would clear the hills out of the way."

IS WEDNESDAY NIGHT IMPORTANT TO YOU?

IF you think of Wednesday night as "preparation time" for Sunday, it should be important to you.
IF you think of Wednesday night as "a learning experience," it should be important to you.
IF you think of Wednesday night as "a midweek hour of power" it should be important to you.
IF you think of Wednesday night as "a time of Christian fellowship," it should be important to you.
IF you think of Wednesday night as "a Bible study time," it should be important to you.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT should be important to you. YOU are important to the life of the church on Wednesday night.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY - "My boy," a father advised his son, "treat everybody with politeness, even those who are rude to you. For remember that you show courtesy to others not because they are gentlemen, but because you are one."

WHAT IS A BOY?

He is the person who is going to carry on what you have started. He is going to sit right where you are sitting and attend to those things you think are so important when you are gone. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they will be carried on depends on him. Even if you make leagues and treaties, he will have to manage them. He is going to sit at your desk in the Senate and occupy your place on the Supreme Court bench. He will serve at the Lord's Table in your place. He is going to move in and take over your prisons, universities and corporations. When you get done, all your work is going

to be judged and praised or condemned by him. Your reputation and your fortune are in his hands. He will assume the control of your cities. Right now the future President of the United States is playing marbles, and the most famous actor of his day is complaining because he does not want to go to bed. This very night the future man of God that may become the most famous evangelist in the world, one that might shake this continent for the Lord may appear as a tousled haired little boy asleep in your bed. Watch your step . . . the fate of the nation, of humanity is in his hands.

... Copied

I AM CALLING YOU!

I am the best friend of mankind. To the man who prizes sanity, peacefulness, pure mindedness, social standing and longevity I am a necessity.

I am hung about with sweet memories - memories of brides - memories of mothers - memories of boys and girls - memories of the aged as they grope their way down into the shadows.

I am decked with loving tears - crowned by loving hands and shadows. In the minds of the greatest men on earth, I find a constant dwelling place.

I live in the lives of the young and in the dreams of the old.

I safeguard man through all his paths - from the first hour life's sun slants upon his footprints until the purple gathers in the west and the darkness falls.

I lift up the fallen. I strengthen the weak. I help the distressed - I show mercy, bestow kindness, and I offer a friendly hand to the man in fine linen and the man in rough homespun.

I am the essence of good fellowship, friendliness and love.

I give the gifts that gold cannot buy, nor kings take away. They are given freely to all who ask.

I bring back the freshness of life, the eagerness - the spirit of youth which feels that it has something to live for ahead.

I meet you with outstretched arms and with songs of gladness. Sometime - someday - some hour - in the near or far future, you will yearn for the touch of my very friendly hand.

I am your comforter and best friend. I am calling YOU. I am the New Testament CHURCH, the body of Christ, the family of God! What does God think of me? Read Ephesians 1: 22-23 and 5:25-27.

OUR AIM

The church is composed, not of people who think they are better than others, but of people who are trying to become better than they are. As Christians they are devoted to the restoration of New Testament Christianity. It is not our mission to be another denomination, but rather to urge all religious people to return to the simple plan of God. It is our plea that this is a solution to the problems that confront a divided Christendom. We desire that ultimately the church for which Christ died may supersede all the movements of men, and that His people may be ONE in every sense of the word. May His church shine in all its beauty and pristine glory. In Christ - unity... In opinion - liberty... In everything - charity or love.

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Prayer K. Max Haws
Dismiss Matt Haws

Sunday Evening

Announcements Louis J. Jones
Prayer Joe McBee
Dismiss H. McCarty

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August 6. . \$2,193.68 369
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RESPONSE

For Prayer - Mrs. Walter Fuller.

DO YOU HAVE ONE OF THESE?

Following an inventory of our church library it was found that several books have been misplaced. Please check to see if you have one of the following books!

Living Messages of the Books of the Bible, G. C. Morgan. The Treatises of Luke, Frank L. Cox. Gospel of John, Vol. 2, Paul T. Butler. Show Us the Father, W. T. Hamilton. The Gospel According to John, G. C. Morgan. John's Wonderful Gospel, Ivor Powell. Sermon Outline on Acts, C. C. Crawford. Why We Believe the Bible, G. W. DeHoff. The Christian Home, P. D. Wilmeth.

"The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention."

CHANGES FOR YOUR DIRECTORY

Last week brother and sister J. M. Norris moved to Carthage, Texas.

The Bob Pearson family will soon be moving to Waco, Texas.

Bill Chandler is now working and living in Bryan, Texas.

We regret to lose each one, but we pray for the success and happiness of each.

Brother and sister B. B. (Ann) Lambert are moving back to Tyler. They will be living at the same address, 434 So. Vine, telephone 595-1855.

Sammy and Betty Williams have moved back to Tyler and are living, for the present, with Betty's parents, the Jack Beards, Rt. 1, Box 66 D, Troup, Texas.

James and Terrilynn Beard, who were recently married, will be living in Athens but plan to continue to worship here at West Erwin.

BEST WISHES

Hillard Hughes performed the marriage ceremony last Friday evening for Glynis Jones and Joe Lynch. They will be at home at 439 So. Broadway, Apt. #34.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, August 13

By Hillard Hughes
10:20 A. M. If I Were The Devil.
6:00 P. M. Hell Has Them - and The Church Needs Them.

Be present for Bible Class Sunday.

REPORT ON TRIP TO MANASSAS

I am just a little late reporting on our trip to Manassas, but so many things happened it has been hard to put them in correct order. Twenty-six of us left here Wednesday, July 20, anticipating, and having, a good 12 days. We made an unscheduled stop in Memphis, Tennessee with bus trouble, which cost one day of travel. After getting under way Thursday evening around 5:00 we got into Manassas, Virginia Saturday at noon. We were received very warmly by the Ronald Knights (younger twin brother of our Roger Knight). Sunday afternoon was spent preparing Bible class rooms by the teachers. Monday morning began our VBS with 155. The school grew to an average of 190 per day. Our largest day was Thursday with 204. We were very pleased with the attendance because of the many contacts that were made.

The church in Manassas has grown from two families to about 175 members today. They have a large auditorium and a newly completed education complex with some beautiful rooms. The elders have received a very nice letter from the church there with a check enclosed for \$250.00 to help defray some of our expenses. I personally believe this was a wonderful gesture on their part.

Words are not available to express the outstanding teaching job done by our young people, Pat and Elwin Crow, and Margret Montgomery. The West Erwin church can be extremely proud of their representatives. You were there through them. Our sincerest thanks to each of you for your prayers, support and encouragement. I believe West Erwin will be stronger because of this effort.

H. H.

WE WERE HAPPY TO HAVE several visitors last Lord's Day. Among them Mrs. Albert Jetton and daughter, Kathy, from Gainesville, Texas. Mrs. Jetton's husband is a patient in East Texas Chest Hospital - Room 538.

YOU ARE INVITED TO hear brother Jack White of Jacksonville preach in a series of lessons August 14-18, at the Reese Church of Christ. The time is 7:30 each evening.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Mrs. C. T. Beard is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

"OLD-FASHIONED SINGING"

The Broad Street Church of Christ (440 W. Broad) in Mineola will conduct a singing Friday evening, August 18 from 7:30 until midnight. All are invited. You may just come and go as you wish.

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the chapel is the time for the regular monthly business meeting of the men of the church.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

We missed many of our regular members last Lord's Day in both the Bible classes and the periods of worship. The vacation season this year has hurt our attendance and our contributions. We hope that all who are away from home will worship the Lord and also will remember that the work at West Erwin depends upon our support 52 weeks out of the year. Will you "make up" for the time you are away in your giving? How thankful we should be that the Lord has blessed us abundantly and that we can have periods of rest and relaxation! Let us not be so selfish as to forget the Lord's cause. While it is good for us to have vacations, let us not take a vacation from the Lord. He has never taken a vacation away from us.

We look forward ourselves to having a vacation for about twelve days beginning this coming Sunday. I plan to preach Sunday morning and then Hillard Hughes will preach on Sunday night and on Sunday, August 13. We look forward to this period of rest and relaxation and hope that it will help us to do a better work in the future.

It was good to have our young people who had been to Virginia to return on Sunday evening. They report a very successful period of work and Bible teaching. We are truly thankful for all of the young people who went on this trip and for the adults who accompanied them. Hillard and Jeanine Hughes deserve our praise for their guidance and direction on two "mission" trips this summer. They are excellent with the young people and have worked untiringly in these efforts. Elwin and Pat Crow are to be commended also for giving of their time to assist on the Virginia trip and Jamon and Clay Kirby are to be commended for their help on the Nebraska trip. We congratulate Margret Montgomery on her fine work in teaching a teacher training school while in Virginia. We are glad to have such a dedicated and capable worker among our numbers. I know that all who went on this trip feel that they have been greatly blessed and that our young people's lives have been enriched.

We have many wonderful people at West Erwin. There is much to be done if we will dedicate our time and talents to the service of Christ.

G. H. S.

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WELCOME

We were very pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Dick Higginbotham (Sue) and two of their sons to place membership with us on Sunday. Their address is 1116 Hansford Pl., phone 595-1633. Dick is associated with Blue Cross Insurance and Sue is a homemaker. Rick is 15 and will be in the 10th grade. Steve is 13 and will be in the 8th grade. They also have two daughters, Lisa, 10, and Julie, 8.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. at the Wallace Gayles', 1911 Sterling.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, August 6
10:20 a. m. Unanswered Prayer.

By George H. Stephenson

6:00 p. m. No One Will Miss The Assembly!

By Hillard Hughes

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July 23...\$1,998.24373
Year Ago.\$2,060.71410

EVERYONE COME WEDNESDAY,

August 9th

Everyone is urged to be present on Wednesday evening, August 9 for our mid-week service at 7:30. Gwynneth Curtis, who will be working in Salzburg, Austria, will have a most interesting and inspirational lecture along with some slide pictures. This will help us to be informed of the work in which we have a part in Austria. Be sure to be here. Only pre-school classes will meet. G. H. S.

"He who takes but never gives, may last for years, but never lives."

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. C. T. Beard is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Dora Billingsley is in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Gladys Holcomb is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. R. M. Mayo's sister is critically ill in a Fort Worth Hospital.

Brother and sister Luther Thompson now live at 508 West Selman Street.

ELDERS AND DEACONS will meet Monday, 7:00 p. m. at Wyatt's Cafeteria for their regular monthly business meeting.

"He who does not enjoy Christian fellowship on earth will never enjoy heaven."

PRAYER

A prayer an hour increases your power.

A prayer in the morning is the day's adorning.

A prayer at noon keeps the heart in tune.

A prayer at night makes the day end right.

A NEW ARRIVAL

Foy, Jr. and Sharon Richey of Plano are the parents of a baby boy named Reagan. Foy and Mary Richey of this congregation are the happy grandparents.

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JOY . . FIRST ON THE "WANT LIST"

"Happy the people whose God is the Lord!" (Psalms 144:15)

"What do you most want from life?" Ask the question anytime, anyplace. The answer is always the same. Happiness! That's what we want.

And that is what Christianity supplies. Joy! a part of the cluster labeled "the fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22). Unfortunately, the very opposite picture of Christianity is often assumed by the world.

A preacher entered a studio to have his picture made. "What is your occupation?" questioned the photographer. "I am a minister." "Oh," said the photographer, "then it will be a solemn expression." Well, that's exactly what the world thinks of some of us. They don't think we're marching to glory. We don't look like it. The Bread of Life cannot be recommended by those who look as if it gives them indigestion.

Probably no feature in the Christian religion would do more to convince a weary, cynical generation of the supernatural power of the gospel than a view of the joy it can infuse into a life. Do what it will, the world cannot produce joy. It can offer its counterfeits, framed in the neon lights of the entertainment world...but it cannot give joy. Christianity can!

"Joy is the flag which is flown from the castle of the heart when the king is in residence there." ...Joe R. Barnett

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in August.

M. M. Haws	Louis J. Jones
O. C. Becker	Harley Turner
Tom Williams	F. A. Jones
J. M. Norris	B. J. Tucker
Bruce Raley	W. O. Rushing

WE EXPRESS SYMPATHY to sister Jack Beard whose sister-in-law was fatally injured in an automobile accident last Saturday.

Have you visited a shut-in lately?

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WHY I DO OR WHY I DO NOT ATTEND BIBLE CLASS!

We either attend Bible class or we do not. In either case, there are reasons for it. Here is a brief analysis of the topic pro and con.

I ATTEND BIBLE CLASS BECAUSE:

1. I am commanded to add knowledge to my faith (II Peter 1:5).
2. I love the Lord (Jno. 14:15).
3. I wish to show my faith by my works (Jas. 2:18).
4. I wish to be a good example (I Tim. 4:12).
5. I must have spiritual food to grow (I Pet. 2:2).

I DO NOT ATTEND BIBLE CLASS BECAUSE:

1. I do not get up early enough (of course, I could).
2. Sunday is my day of rest (you see, I pursue my pleasures, and not my spiritual interests for the Lord's cause).
3. I am too busy (the Lord's work comes last, so there is no time left for it).
4. I don't get anything out of the class (that's because I don't put anything into it).
5. I don't like the teacher (down deep in my heart, I know that if I and all the others would study and work in the class as much as he does, we would have a wonderful class).

These excuses seem very puny and juvenile in comparison with the scriptural reasons. Think them over prayerfully. Be in Bible Class this Sunday. . . ALL THE FAMILY. --- Leroy Brownlow

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Announcements..... L. G. Drennan
Prayer.....Joe McBee
DismissTerry Stephenson

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson

10:20 A. M. Ruined Sermons
6:00 P. M. Running The Race

CONGRATULATIONS to James Beard and Terrilynn James who will be married Saturday evening, July 29, in Conroe, Texas. Brother Stephenson will perform the ceremony.

FUNERAL

The grandmother of brother Fred Powell was buried Monday afternoon. We express our sympathy to the family and friends.

The Ladies meet on Wednesday morning for a work session, 9:00 till Noon.

RADIO STATION KTBB, Monday thru Friday, 12:30 Noon

CONTRIBUTIONS BIBLE SCHOOL
July 23...\$1,998.24373
July 16...\$2,090.06359
Year Ago.\$2,146.12361

NEWS FROM VIRGINIA

The group of young people and adults from West Erwin arrived last Saturday about noon in Manassas, Virginia. The Vacation Bible School began Monday and will continue through Friday. We are thankful for their safe journey to Virginia. Remember to pray for a successful school and a safe trip home, July 30.

"A man's limitations are not the things he wants to do and can't...but the things he ought to do and doesn't."

THE SICK

Brother Walter Clyburn is in Glenwood hospital. He underwent surgery on Tuesday.

Sister Dora Billingsley is in Medical Center Hospital. She underwent surgery Tuesday afternoon for a fractured hip.

SURPRISE

I dreamed death came the other night, and heaven's gate swung wide. With kindly grace an angel came and welcomed me inside. Well, there to my astonishment stood folks I'd known on earth, Some I had judged and called unfit, and some of little worth. Indignant words rose to my lips, but never were set free, For every face showed stunned surprise - No one expected me!

AUSTRIAN WORK

We are pleased to learn that our able missionary in Salzburg, Austria, Rudolf Rischer, will soon be joined by Gwynneth Curtis in working for the Lord in that city. Gwynneth recently visited in Tyler and met with the West Erwin elders. The elders were impressed with his ability and with his dedication to the Lord's work.

For the past five years Gwynneth Curtis has been working with the church in Vienna, Austria. He has accomplished much good in Vienna, but he feels that there is now a great opportunity in Salzburg to build up the cause of Christ as he works with Rudolf Rischer.

Brother Curtis is a native of

Amarillo and a graduate of Abilene Christian College. His wife, Joyce, is a dedicated Christian. They are the parents of three children. Brother Curtis is supported by the church in Pampa and plans to return to Austria soon.

Brother Curtis brought an excellent report of the work of Brother Rischer. The elders invited Brother Curtis to speak and show slide pictures of the Austrian work to the congregation on Wednesday evening, August 9. It is hoped that a large number will be present for this interesting and informative presentation. This will help you to be better informed concerning one of the mission projects of this congregation. G. H. S.

THE WRONG CHURCH... A minister was approached by a man who expressed a desire to become a member of the congregation. The man said, however, that he was rather bushed. "I don't want to be called on for any service as committee work, visitation, or teaching the Bible School. I would like to be spared from anything that would take my time. Then, too, don't expect me for worship too often. And when I do attend, my giving will be very small as I have other payments to make each month."

The minister thought for a moment and then replied, "I believe you are at the wrong church. The church you are looking for is three blocks down the street."

The man followed the preacher's directions and soon came to an old, abandoned, boarded up, closed church building. It was a dead church, out of business, as a result of too many members like this man wanted to be.

... From Patchogue Truth Seeker

... So live that people who remember you will also remember Jesus Christ.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Our meeting in Gunter last week proved to be a very enjoyable time for us. It was good to be back in our "home county" and to have the opportunity of fellowship with many of our longtime friends and loved ones. There were only four responses to the invitation, including one baptism; however, we hope that good was accomplished as a result of our efforts.

Gunter is located about fifty miles north of Dallas in Grayson County. Sherman is the county seat. I "discovered America" about eighteen miles from Gunter in Collinsville, Texas. I have preached many times in Gunter through the years. My first appointment with the Gunter church was when I was eighteen years of age and a student in Abilene Christian College.

We had excellent attendance throughout the meeting. Many came from other communities in the area. Perhaps our largest attendance was on Friday night when I lectured and showed slide pictures made on our trip to the Bible Lands. There were more present from the community on that night who were not members of the church.

It was wonderful to have in the audience each night individuals I had baptized in years of the past. There were two couples who came from other communities to be present at nearly every service. I had baptized both of these couples and all of their children. It was a source of encouragement to see their faith and to know of the influence of their children in the work of the Lord. There are many discouragements in the lives of preachers, but I have lived long enough to see the influence of the Word of God as it lives on in the lives of others.

Wayne Lowe has served for six years as the preacher for the church in Gunter. He and his wife are loved by the church and by the citizens of the community. Brother Lowe is as capable a preacher as one would find anywhere.

Hilltop Haven, a home for the aged, is located in Gunter. The church building is in the very heart of the home. Residents of the home are able to go from their rooms to the church building. There are 220 residents in the home which is under the oversight of the elders of the Garland Road church in Dallas. I was very impressed with the management of the home and with the excellent care which is given to all who live there. Some who were unable to attend the meetings could hear the sermons on the public address system.

Not only were elderly people present for the meeting, but there were also numbers of young couples with small children. This, of course, gives us hope for the future. We are truly thankful for all of the rich experiences we had last week both with the elderly and with the young.

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APPOINTMENTS - Sunday Morning
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Prayer Milburn Cook
Dismiss Charlie Cook

Sunday Evening
Announcements... Tommy Lowrance
Prayer Travis Fletcher
Dismiss Randy Fletcher

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NEW ARRIVALS

Gayle and Joe Ford are the parents of a baby daughter born last Sunday in Medical Center Hospital. Bruce and Armita Raley are the happy grandparents.

Shirley and Doug Warner have a baby girl born July 13 in Mesquite, Texas. Louise and Bud Caskey and Glen and Jo Warner are the grandparents.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 23

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. Why Do Souls Go Away
From Jesus?
6:00 p.m. A Good Medicine.

GOSPEL MEETING. . . You are invited to attend a gospel meeting in Brownsboro, Hwy. 31 church of Christ, with Johnny Ramsey, July 23 - 28 at 8:00 o'clock each evening.

WEDNESDAY MORNING twenty one of our young people and five adults left for Manassas, Virginia. They will be conducting a Vacation Bible School and a Training Class for teachers in the congregation there.

The adults making this trip with the young people are: Hillard and Jeanine Hughes, Elwin and Pat Crow, and Margret Montgomery.

The young people are as follows: DeAnn Stone, Julia Phillips, Barbara Caskey, Kenny Browning, Sue Ann Ferguson, Angela Stansbury, Lou Ann Driggers, Debbie Driggers, Pam Potts, Dawn Knowles, Ken Jones, Karen Porter, Grant Knight, Ann Montgomery, Mark Whitworth, David Fuller, David Grier, Cathy Crow, Kay Montgomery, Laurie Hughes, and Kim Hughes.

Plans are for the group to return to Tyler, July 30th. Remember to pray for the success of the Bible School and for a safe journey to Virginia and back.

MOVED TO BULLARD

Sister Ruby Vaughan is now living in Bullard and will be attending worship there. Her address is Box 265, and her telephone is 896-4455. She would enjoy hearing from some here.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Lillie Knight is still a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

EVERY FAMILY IN BIBLE SCHOOL AND WORSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Jones
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Glynis Brenna
to

Mr. Robert Joe Lynch
on Friday, the fourth of August
Nineteen hundred and seventy-two
at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception
immediately following ceremony
914 Chilton

SPEAK IN KINDNESS AND LOVE

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Colossians 4:6

Once an old gray-haired farmer received a letter from his son and daughter-in-law asking for financial help. Since the farmer had not received any formal education and could not read, he asked one of his neighbors to read the letter. The neighbor was rough, discordant and a harsh spoken individual. When he finished reading the letter the farmer doubled his fists and exclaimed, "I'll never send them a cent."

A few days later the farmer began to think about his children and decided to have the letter read once more. Again he approached a neighbor. As the neighbor began to read, the farmer thought, "This does not sound like the same letter." And when the letter had been read the farmer turned to his neighbor with tears streaming down his cheeks and said, "Sell my farm and send them all I have."

Does this not illustrate why we many times fail to make a sale, win a friend or convert a soul? We need to concentrate on speaking in kindness and in love. This is the Christian way.

"Cold words freeze people, and hot words scorch them, and bitter words make them bitter, and wrathful words make them wrathful. Kind words also produce their image on men's souls; and a beautiful image it is. They soothe and quiet and comfort the hearer." -Pascal

...The Minister's Monthly

FRIENDS

It is my joy in life to find,
At every turning of the road,
The strong arm of a comrade kind,
To help me onward with my load.

And since I have no gold to give,
And love alone must make amends,
My only prayer is, while I live,
God make me worthy of my friends.
- Anon.

REMEMBER

Ladies Workday - Wednesday morning, 9:00 o'clock until Noon.

DYNAMISM WITHOUT EXTREMISM

Jesus was not an extremist nor a revolutionary in the sense the words are used today. Although his marvelous teachings had the most profound influence upon the course of human history, it was as leaven and not as dynamite that his influence worked. Present-day extremists who would impute the posture of a revolutionary to mild and gentle Jesus betray their total ignorance of Christ and of the gospels. Jesus was no extremist.

Jesus was in possession of the measureless gift of the Holy Spirit, but not even then did Jesus manifest any extremism. He did not roll in the straw, nor speak in tongues, nor cast dirt in the air, but fulfilled perfectly the prophecy of Isaiah that the voice of the Messiah should not be in the streets and that he would not strive nor cry aloud (Isaiah 42:1).

Christ was not an extremist in his dress and appearance. He wore no garment of camel's hair as did John the Baptist, nor did he affect any other outlandish or bizarre clothing, but dressed most remarkably like all other men, a fact attested by the need of the Pharisees and priests to bribe Judas with thirty pieces of silver to identify him.

As regarded the Law of Moses, Jesus said he came not to destroy but to fulfill; and there is no record that he ever disobeyed any law. He did not advocate civil disobedience nor any other kind of disobedience.

Jesus never led a riot, organized any underground, or engaged in filthy and obscene conversation. He was not a nudist, an exhibitionist, an extrovert or introvert. He never sanctioned rebellion, revolt, civil disobedience or violence of any kind.

Our Lord never offered himself as an advocate against society on behalf of so-called victims of social injustice; and once he even refused to take the part of a man who claimed he had been robbed of his inheritance (Luke 12:13). Christ did not come to convert society but to convert men, and there is a world of difference.

Positively stated, Jesus paid his taxes, even though legally exempt, observed the Sabbath day, attended the synagogue, read the Scriptures publicly and for 20 years endured the toils and discipline of that small carpenter's shop in Nazareth. He even observed all of the amenities and rebuked Simon the Pharisee for neglecting to provide the customary bowl of water in which Jesus would have washed his feet--he wanted the smell of a clean person.

--Burton Coffman, Houston

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Prayer..... Charles Graf
Dismiss..... Ken Jones
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July 2...\$2,544.11 392
July 9...\$2,241.59 421
Year Ago\$2,258.41 401

THANK YOU NOTES

We appreciate so much the flowers, food, those who called, and every act of kindness shown to us during our recent sorrow.

Mrs. W. H. Gourley and Family

The family of Jessie L. Mills acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Glen Warner	C. B. Hardin
Dalton Jones	David Hannah
Guy Potts	Darrell Holt
Joe McBee	Travis Fletcher
David Grier	David Fuller

THE TRUCK from Medina Home picked up groceries in the amount of \$50.00 the last week in June.

GEORGE AND ALICE STEPHENSON are in Gunter, Texas where he is engaged in a gospel meeting, July 10 - 16.

AREA MEETINGS

Overton, July 16-21, 7:30 each evening with Dean Brookshire.

Arp, July 10 - 16, 7:30 each night with Ron Lowrance as evangelist.

Crockett Road in Palestine, July 10-16, 7:30 each evening with Wayne England from Dallas, Texas.

CONGRATULATIONS

Tom and Cheryl Parsons are the happy parents of a girl born last week. The T. J. Parsons are the grandparents.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Lillie Knight is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, July 16

By Hillard Hughes
10:20 A. M. Death of Self
6:00 P. M. Some Great Questions

CHRIST'S LAST WILL

He left His purse to Judas; His body to Joseph of Arimathea; His mother to John; His clothes to the soldiers; His peace to His disciples; His supper to His followers; Himself as an example and as a servant; His Gospel to the world; His presence always with God's children!

KTBB, Mon. thru Fri., 12:30 Noon

NEEDED - \$800 for SALZBURG

The Elders received a letter from Brother Rudolf Rischer last week asking for advice and help. It seems that he has been able to find some property to rent for 5 years for only \$800. This land can be used by the Christians there for a children's camp or just an outing for the church. Those that know the situation there tell us there are no parks or other areas in Salzburg for people to enjoy any type of outings. Rudolf said in his letter that this was only about a 35 minute drive from town. There is a house and barn on the property that could be used also. Here is an opportunity for us to be more involved with the people there on a real PERSONAL basis. If you wish to help, just see one of the elders, deacons or preachers. Lets help these people enjoy life more. How wonderful it would be for us to encourage them in this way.

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EVERY CHRISTIAN - Write a Letter

CBS has announced that they will begin showing "X-RATED" movies on the late show on TV. If they receive no protest they will be shown later at all hours of the day. We'll have homosexuality, incest, child molestation, and nudity almost daily. May we encourage all in this congregation to write a letter of PROTEST to the president of CBS: Dr. Frank Stanton, President, CBS Network, 51 W. 52nd St., New York, N. Y., 10010.

Another TEACHING Opportunity

A group of young people and adults will be leaving next week to teach in another V. B. S. - this time in Virginia. Twenty-five of us will be working in this effort, representing West Erwin. This trip will cover 2600 plus miles - round trip. The church in Manassas, Virginia has about 200 members which, from many indications, are good workers in the area. If you would be interested in helping with the expenses of some of these young people, please make your check payable to the church by this Sunday.

"Your strength is seen in what you stand for; your weakness in what you fall for."

"Temptations are like tramps. Treat them kindly and they return bringing others with them."

A BAG OF TOOLS

Isn't it strange
That princes and kings
And clowns that caper
In sawdust rings,
And common people
Like you and me
Are builders for eternity?

Each is given a bag of tools,
A shapeless mass,
A book of rules;
And each must make -
Ere life has flown -
A stumbling block
Or a stepping stone.

R. L. Sharpe

Is It Prohibited?

There are those who try to justify the use of instrumental music in worship by saying that it is no where prohibited in the New Testament. Carl Ketcherside, in Mission Messenger, February 1972 says:

"Is it not a fact that instrumental music is condemned by the scriptures?"

"Of course not! If it were it would not even be a matter of discussion between sincere and conscientious followers of the Lamb who recognize his Lordship over their lives. The new covenant scriptures do not say it is a sin. They do not teach that it is wrong. They do not once mention it in the context in which we discuss it. Those who consider it to be wrong do so on the basis of deduction from what they think is the tenor of God's Word."

If the reasoning (?) of Ketcherside is a justification for the use of instrumental music in worship it is also justification for the practice of infant baptism. Let us substitute "infant baptism" for "instrumental music" in Ketcherside's statement.

"Is it not a fact that infant baptism is condemned by the scriptures?"

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You see, we oppose instrumental music and infant baptism for the very same reason. Neither one is taught in the New Testament. There is not scripture which says, "Thou shalt not baptize infants." But the Scriptures do teach that we are to baptize penitent believers. There is no Scripture which says, "Thou shalt not use instrumental music in worship." But the Scriptures do tell us to sing. We are not at liberty to use any music except that which is authorized by the Lord. The Bible does not say, "Thou shalt not have ice cream and cake on the Lord's table," but it does tell us to have bread and the fruit of the vine.

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 Dismiss Matt Haws

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BAPTIZED

Stafford Franklin, 600 West Rusk, son of Jim and Margaret Franklin was baptized Sunday morning.

THANK YOU NOTES

We would like to express appreciation to all who visited, sent cards, called, and offered prayers while we were in the hospital and since we returned home.

Mary Sims and Earnesene Shuford

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 Mrs. Blanche Thedford.

Thank you for your visits and cards while I was in the hospital. They helped brighten the days and were greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Georgia Lee

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Etta Brogan is now in the Hearthstone Nursing Home.

Brother L. G. Drennan is in the Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Lloyd Rutledge is in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

Sister Bennie Bynum's father, brother Hawk from Gladewater, is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Vannie Lee is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

The Elders and Deacons WILL NOT meet Monday evening for their regular monthly meeting.

IN KEEPING with our 2nd class mailing regulations, the bulletin will not be printed next week.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

- R. C. O'Bannon C. E. Caskey
- Dwaine Thedford Tommy Lowrance
- Dwain Strait Scott Ferguson
- Kim Smith Mark Cauthen
- Ken Browning Marty Stitt

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother Stephenson conducted the funeral service Saturday morning for brother W. H. Gourley. We express our deepest sympathy to his family.

Special Guest speakers for "Teen Thing" Monday, 7:00 p.m. at the Campus Christian Center are Dr. Bill Smyth and Dr. Ralph Rowe.

KEITH MITCHELL TO SPEAK, JULY 9

Keith Mitchell, who has been preaching for the Sixteenth and Vine Streets congregation in Abilene, is scheduled to speak for us at West Erwin on Sunday morning, July 9. Brother Mitchell and his family will be in Tyler en route to New York City where he is to be engaged in mission work at the World Trade Center. He recently spoke to the men in our monthly business meeting in regard to his proposed work. Everyone who heard him was impressed both with Brother Mitchell and the work in which he will be engaged.

The elders here have decided to make a monthly contribution toward this work which will be directed toward teaching the many people who come to New York City from all over the world. Brother Mitchell will show slide pictures and explain the nature of his work at the Bible study hour at 9:30 on July 9. All Bible School classes from high school up will assemble in the auditorium on that day. We know that everyone will profit from the presentation of Brother Mitchell at Bible School and from the sermon he will deliver also.

G. H. S.

WE DEEPLY REGRET that Jay Lockhart and his family are moving from Tyler. They are moving to Tulsa, Oklahoma this week where Brother Lockhart will be serving as an evangelist for a congregation there. Brother Lockhart has had an influence for good in our city, where he has been the capable evangelist of the Glenwood church, and throughout an area of Texas. He will be missed by all of the Christians of Tyler, but we pray that God may richly bless him in his new field of labor for the Lord.

G. H. S.

IS IT PROHIBITED? (continued from back page)
This eliminates any thing else on the Table.

Reliable historians, both Catholic and Protestant, agree that it was several hundred years after the establishment of the church before instrumental music was used in "Christian" worship. It is our contention that when the Lord tells us what to do, it is not necessary to tell us in detail every thing which is prohibited. Let us be faithful and true in obeying what the Lord has told us to do in His Word. We have divine authority for singing, praying, teaching God's Word, having the Lord's Supper, and giving of our means. True, not all who engage in these acts really worship God, but this is no reason for substituting our desires for God's Will.

G. H. S.

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<u>Zone 1 will meet Tuesday, July 11,</u>	<u>Zone 2 will meet Tuesday, July 11,</u>
at 7:00 p. m. at the Doc Wright home.	7:00 p. m. at the Bobby Pearsons',
State Park Hwy.	1700 Sterling.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Bertrand Russell in his book, Why I Am Not A Christian says:

"Science will teach us no longer to invent allies in the sky, but rather to look on our own efforts herebelow to make this world a fit place to live in, instead of the sort of place the churches in all the centuries have made it."

We should be very grateful for all the blessings science has brought us, but science will never do for us all that is claimed by Mr. Russell. Science has extended the life expectancy of man and has provided him with many luxuries and conveniences undreamed of in the past. Science has made it possible for man to explore outer space and even walk and ride on the moon. With all of the accomplishments of science, however, man has not learned from science how to live with others nor really how to live with himself. I am persuaded that science and education, without God, will never solve the problems of man or bring hope and peace to this sin cursed earth.

The only hope we have for this world being a "fit place to live in" is through our "allies in the sky." These allies are not the result of our invention, as Russell suggests, but they are the creators of the universe and the life which sustains us. Jesus came into the world to tell us about God and He dared to say, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh to the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

Those who argue against the claims of Jesus have been unwilling to test them in their own lives. When we let Jesus live in our hearts as Paul did, it is not difficult to believe that Jesus is all that He claimed and that through Him we come to know God. Paul could say, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20).

Jesus is our hope. He gives us inspiration for living, forgiveness of our sins, courage for our trials, and comfort for our sorrows. If men would truly follow Him, there is no doubt but that this world would be a better place in which to live. Just think of living among people who are absolutely trustworthy, who are compassionate and considerate of others, and who practice the religion of Jesus each day. While I am thankful for all that Jesus does for us in this life, I am thankful for the hope of a better life. Some day all of us must leave this earth. I can believe that "the best is yet to be" in the home Jesus is preparing for us.

I would not exchange the faith and hope which is mine today for any of the speculations of human philosophy or the human wisdom of science "falsely called." They fail to meet the needs of my soul, but Jesus does. How wonderful to be able to sing, "Jesus is all the world to me." G. H. S.

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RESPONSES

Baptism: Martha Powell, daughter of Fred and Sara Powell, 1125 Dogwood.

Charlie Cook, 215 Vicksburg, son of Milburn and Jan Cook.

Nona Freeman, 2014 Rogers, daughter of Willie and Faye Freeman.

Nona and Charlie are junior high students. Martha is in the fourth grade. All are regular members of our Bible school.

IN APPRECIATION

We want to express our deep appreciation to "the best people in the world" (especially to members of the West Erwin and Northwest congregations) for every act of kindness and thoughtfulness shown to us during my hospitalization.

Marvin and Wilma Jones
(Brother Jones is now at home)

A LOT OF WORK - But enjoyable!

I hope this is the way you feel about our week of Vacation Bible School. I believe there were many good things that came from the efforts of a large group of Christians. Adequate appreciation cannot be expressed by us to all the many teachers and other workers. They put forth great effort to make this a very productive week. Friday was our largest day in attendance with 314, but our total enrollment would be well over this number. We can benefit from this work if we will continue to be in contact with our students that attended. Thank God for continuing to be with the church here.

H. H.

GROCERY TRUCK From Medina

The truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here sometime during the week of June 26-30 to pick up the groceries and other items we have for them. They have a special need for the following items.

- Salad dressing
- Canned meats
- Cream Soups
- Aluminum Foil
- Wax Paper
- Dry Cereal
- Marshmallows
- Sauerkraut
- Dream Whip
- Jelly
- Dish Cloths
- Coconut
- Tea, instant & reg.
- Fruit juices-46 oz.
- Sweetened condensed milk
- Apple, Cherry & Peach pie filling
- Ajax or Comet
- Cleansers
- Powdered sugar
- Pot holders
- Bath Towels
- Syrup

Please bring your groceries by Sunday if possible.

THANK YOU, BRETHERN

For sending the very fine group of "work-fellows" to Hastings - who did a laudable job in every way. They are a fine group of "Ambassadors" for you and the Hughes' and Kirbys' are among the finest I've ever known.

We hope your V. B. S. enjoyed a tremendous success. Ours was the best ever. Thank you again for your love and help in the Lord's Work. We love you and covet your continued prayers and assistance.

In brotherly love,
Lemuel Ford for the
Hastings Church

18th Annual Teacher's Workshop

The Abilene Christian College Bible Teacher's Workshop is to be conducted July 24-27. The theme this year is to be "Creative Ideas for Teaching." This should be very helpful to any one that teaches or is interested in teaching. If you are able to attend this program, whether all or part, may we have your reservation by July 9. The church here will pay the registration fee. We also have the schedule if you wish to see the program of the week.

H. H.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Alice Matthews is in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

Sister Etta Brogan remains a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Ruby Degge is in Glenwood Hospital and is improving.

Brother W. H. Gourley is still a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

IT IS NEVER RIGHT

It is never right to do certain things; therefore they should be abhorrent to the Christian's nature. He who is a Christian should purpose in his heart to put those things out of his life because they are never right.

It is never right to try to exalt yourself by running down someone who is not present.

It is never right to be dishonest in small matters or in large affairs.

It is never right to tell an untruth, however insignificant it may seem to be.

It is never right to play the hypocrite either with a friend or an enemy.

It is never right to be inconsiderate of the other person, whether he is a stranger, or a well-known acquaintance.

It is never right to engage in those things which lower you or the church in the estimation of others.

It is never right to divide a congregation through strife or selfish ambition. . . . Selected

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, June 25

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. David's Army
6:00 p. m. A Lord's Day In Troas

ATTENTION LADIES

Meet Monday afternoon at the building from 2:00 until 4:00 o'clock to roll bandages.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, June 28, is the time for our monthly singing. Everyone plan to be here.

25 units

2

42

67

78

103

105

130

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

This is a great week at the West Erwin church. We are having great preaching by Trine Starnes and a great Vacation Bible School every morning. Our attendance in the Bible School is exceeding our attendance last year. We are thankful for our teachers and for all who have worked under the leadership of Hillard Hughes.

We are thankful for the fine work of the young people who helped in the Bible School in Hastings, Nebraska last week. We are proud of all the young people here and congratulate them on the work they do for the Lord.

I was glad to have the opportunity to be with the church in Miami, Okla. for a Vacation Bible School and meeting last week. Everyone seemed to appreciate our efforts, especially our showing slides of the Bible lands. The brethren asked me to return for another meeting in October, 1977. The Lord willing, I shall look forward to being there again. Bobby Key has been the faithful preacher for the Miami church for fifteen years. It was a pleasure to be associated with him and with his lovely family.

We hope and pray that all of us will be working for the Lord this summer and avoid any "summer slump."

The Kind of Dad to Buy

If I went shopping for a dad, Here is what I'd buy: One who would always stop To answer a little boy's "Why?"	I'd pick a dad that followed The Bible's Golden Rule, And one who went regularly To church and Sunday School.
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One who would always speak kindly To a little girl or boy, One who would give to others A bit of sunshine and joy.	I'd buy the very finest dad To place on our family tree And then I'd try to live like him So he would be proud of me. Helen Kitchell Evans
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SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY - By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Gideon's Army 6:00 p. m. Conversion of the Corinthians

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Dismiss..... Willie Freeman

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Prayer..... Louis J. Jones
Dismiss..... Reagan Phillips

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Bible School</u>
June 11...\$2,370.03423
June 4...\$2,085.11359
Year Ago.\$1,999.93446

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of Allie Shaddix acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

For your love, every kindness and consideration, we shall ever be most grateful.

The Family of Robert S. Parris

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted on Monday in Flint for Mr. Troy Lee Lusk. He was a son-in-law to Mrs. Ruby Vaughan. We express our sympathy to his loved ones.

LIBRARY TO BE INVENTORIED

If you have books from the church Library, please return them by Sunday. The Library will be inventoried the first of the week and you may check books out again after Wednesday, June 21.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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|---------------|--------------|
| Roger Knight | Mack Bynum |
| John Porter | Pete Wallace |
| Roy Driggers | Doc Wright |
| Ernest Pickle | Averyt Smith |
| Paul Knight | Grant Knight |

"TEEN THING"

Classes for boys and girls, 10th grade thru College, began June 12th at the Campus Christian Center building. These classes will be meeting each Monday evening from 7:00 until 9:00 o'clock. Joy Welch from the Omen Road congregation and Carmen Hilliard from the Glenwood church will be in charge of the girls class. Ron Rose and Glenn Miller from the Glenwood church will teach the boys class. You are invited to attend next Monday evening.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister E. E. Degge is in Glenwood Hospital suffering from pneumonia.

Sister Brogan and brother Marvin Jones remain in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Georgia Lee is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother W. H. Gourley is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Tanna Cameron is in Mother Frances Hospital for tests.

BUSINESS MEETING - Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel. All men of the congregation are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Jackson Young request the pleasure of your company at the marriage of their daughter
Deborah Lynn

to

Mr. John Gregory Self
on Saturday, the twenty-fourth of June
Nineteen hundred and seventy-two
at half after eight in the evening
The Tyler Rose Garden
Tyler, Texas

Reception following
Garden Center Building

MAYBE YOU DOUBTED!

Several remarks were made about how difficult it would be to have a VBS and Gospel Meeting the same week... but I don't know how much better it could be. The attendance Sunday was good for our first two services and then Monday we started off with 260 in our VBS classes. To make everything even brighter, Tuesday saw us have 283 and Wednesday 305. I hope you have been a part of this great week. I feel brother Starnes has done a marvelous job each evening and his classes have been excellent. There cannot be enough said about the good job our teachers have done for our school.
H. H.

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday evening 7:00 o'clock at the home of Max and Mary Haws, 3801 Birdwell.

RADIO STATION KTBB, Monday thru Friday, 12:30 Noon.

I WISH YOU COULD HAVE BEEN IN NEBRASKA last week with me. Of the many experiences that I have enjoyed, this would rank very near the top. Twenty-two of us from West Erwin worked with the church in Hastings for what I considered a very successful Vacation Bible School. I can say without reservation that our young people did an outstanding job in teaching our classes. Some had experience, some did not, but they could not have been more effective. Much praise should also go to the people in Hastings for their preparation of materials and especially for inviting their neighbors to attend. The church there has approximately 40 children of all ages, and we had as many as 155 on the last day (including teachers). This number is excellent because every church there had a VBS going the same time. We ran a route with the bus each day and had as many as 41 riding. So again, the money spent by many of you for this transportation has helped the Lord's Cause. Several parents visited on Friday for a closing session and visiting of rooms. These were people of denominations who had not attended services there. Brother Lem Ford felt many doors were opened for the work there. With all the good things said and done in Nebraska, we think of the passage, I Corinthians 3:6, Paul said, "I planted, Apollos watered; but God will give the increase." Pray for the work in Nebraska and especially the Lem Ford family.
H. H.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND . . .

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN
and
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 11 - 16

SUNDAY

10:20 A. M.

6:00 P. M.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:30 P. M.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Classes Each Morning

9:00 - 11:00 A. M.

Special Adult Classes



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Prayer C. B. Hardin

Dismiss Roy Roberson

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Prayer..... Mack Bynum

DismissJohn Teague

Contributions Bible School

June 4.....\$2,085.11359

May 28.... \$2,343.36380

Year Ago.. \$2,333.91412

We want to express our appreciation to brother D. L. Thompson for the two good lessons he presented last Lord's Day.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We share the sorrow and grief of the Robert Parris family. Brother Parris died late Sunday evening in North Little Rock. His funeral service was conducted at the Lloyd James Funeral Home on Wednesday.

CONGRATULATIONS

David and Carrye Womack are the parents of a baby boy, born Saturday evening in Medical Center. He has been named David Craig. Ray and Carolyn Womack are the happy grandparents.

MEN AND BOYS will be needed Sunday afternoon, 2:30 o'clock to help arrange furniture for VBS.

BRING OTHERS WITH YOU

to hear

Trine Starnes, well known Evangelist of Waco, Texas

Preach the Gospel of Christ

June 11 - 16

MEDINA GROCERY TRUCK

The grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here the week of June 26 - 30 to pick up the groceries and any other items we have for them. A list of the most needed items is on the bulletin board in the foyer.

HILLARD HUGHES AND HIS FAMILY and the young people with him will return to Tyler on Saturday around noon. They have been teaching in Vacation Bible School this week in Hastings, Nebraska.

GEORGE AND ALICE STEPHENSON will also return home Saturday from Miami, Oklahoma where he has been engaged in a Gospel Meeting with the church there.

WE HAD A GREAT NUMBER OF OUR members out of town last Sunday. We are looking forward to everyone returning home to begin our Gospel Meeting this Lord's Day with brother TRINE STARNES.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Marvin Jones, sister Etta Brogan, and sister Mary Sims are all patients in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Lillie Knight is in Mother Frances Hospital.

WHY

VACATION BIBLE

SCHOOL???

JUNE 12 - 16

9:00 - 11:00 A. M.

TEACHERS - for Vacation Bible School, June 12 - 16

Nursery	109	DeAnn Stone	Pam Potts
2 years	102	Julia Phillips	Debbie Driggers
3 years	101	Dorothy Hulsey	Dawn Knowles
4 years	104	Juanita Teague	Jan Knight
5 years	105	Barbara Caskey	Ken Jones
6 years	106	Velma Lemons	Jo Butler
1st Grade	215	Jeanine Hughes	Sandra Pearson
1st Grade	214	Jalna Gayle	Jan Cook
2nd Grade	203	Margret Montgomery	Virginia Demic
2nd Grade	204	Jane Jones	Wanda Weathers
3rd Grade	209	Carolyn Stitt	Penny McDonald
4th Grade	201	Mary Haws	Angela Stansbury
5th Grade	211	Alice Stephenson	Lou Ann Driggers
6th Grade	206	Ray Womack	
7th thru 9th	108	Trine Starnes	
Adult	Chapel		

In The Church, VBS

*Develops appreciation for the Lord, His Word, His people, His church.

*Meets need, problems, interest, in an informal setting.

*Wins to Christ many children, youths, and adults.

*Enlists new recruits for Bible School. Develops and trains new teachers.

*Imparts missionary vision and motivation.

In The Home, VBS

*Links church and homes - unites families through mutual interest in God's Word.

*Leads pupils to go to God's Word for answers to everyday needs.

*Makes the Bible a more appreciated, a better understood book.

In The Community, VBS

*Reaches not only "stand-bys" but also unreached pupils and parents.

*Strikes a major blow at juvenile delinquency.

*Builds up respect for the church that is IN MOTION FOR GOD.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The next two weeks are going to be very busy for many of us. A group of young people left Thursday to go to Hastings, Nebraska to be in a Vacation Bible School this coming week. They are being accompanied by the Hillard Hughes' and the Jamon Kirbys. We want to commend these young people for taking the time to prepare for working in the Vacation Bible School in Hastings. We know that much good will be accomplished as a result of their efforts. We are truly thankful for the work in Hastings and for the good which is being done by Lem Ford. We continue to help in the support of brother Ford. However, the church in Hastings has assumed a partial amount of his support this year. Our prayers will be with this entire group in their work in Hastings.

The young people along with the Hughes family will return to Tyler on Saturday, June 10, just before our Vacation Bible School here. They will assist in our school which begins on Monday, June 12. Our meeting, as you know, will begin on Sunday, June 11, with Trine Starnes as the evangelist. We will be having a Gospel Meeting and a Vacation Bible school simultaneously. Brother Starnes will be teaching an adult class each morning and preaching each evening during this special campaign.

While one group will be in Nebraska, I am scheduled to be teaching in a Vacation Bible School and preaching in a Gospel Meeting for the church in Miami, Oklahoma. It is my plan each morning to teach an adult class in Miami. I plan to base my lessons on pictures which we were privileged to make on our tour of the Bible Lands last fall. We used these in a series of lessons for our Wednesday morning class here at West Erwin recently. I shall never cease to be grateful for those who helped us to have the marvelous experience of visiting in the lands where Jesus and his followers lived and worked. This will be my third meeting with the church in Miami. I am hoping that much good will be accomplished in this effort.

The West Erwin church will be privileged to have D. L. Thompson preach here on this Sunday, June 4 while I am in Miami. Brother Thompson recently moved to Tyler. He has preached for a number of churches in Texas and is a very capable speaker. He will be preaching at both services on Sunday and we know that you will be glad to hear him.

Please pray for all of the efforts that are going to be put forth by the members of this congregation during these next two weeks. Pray for the efforts in Nebraska and Miami, Oklahoma and do not forget to pray for our own Bible School and Gospel Meeting here at West Erwin.

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THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for your visits and cards while I was in the hospital. They were greatly appreciated.

In Christian love,
Norah Jones

TO ALL PARENTS

Because of the many activities, which include Vacation Bible School, and because we are planning for a greater study beginning in September, we have discontinued Sunday evening 5:00 o'clock classes. We want to have better classes for our young people with more enthusiasm for a study of the Word. Our plans are for more in-depth studies and the possibilities of even more classes. More to come concerning this at a later date. H. H.

PRAY FOR OUR GOSPEL MEETING WITH TRINE STARNES, JUNE 11 - 16.

IN THE HOSPITALS

↳ Mrs. Jean Oliver underwent major surgery Monday in Mother Frances. Mrs. Georgia Lee is in Medical Center Hospital.
↳ Tim Holt is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.
Mrs. Mary Sims, Mrs. Etta Brogan, and T. G. Bell are all patients in the Glenwood Hospital.
Mrs. Worsham, mother of Jack Beard is in Glenwood Hospital.

OUR SYMPATHY

Mrs. Allie Shaddix, a sister to our brother Pete Wallace was buried Tuesday morning in Hughes Springs, Texas. We express our sympathy to the family.

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday, June 6, 7:00 o'clock at the John Teague home in Chandler.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in June:

Ed Bullard	Ross Walker
L. G. Drennan	Tommy White
Cone Birdwell	W. S. Little
Charles Lemons	Bob Threadgill
Matt Haws	Randy Fletcher

AREA MEETING

Dangerfield Church of Christ, June 4 - 7, 7:30 Nightly. David East, Evangelist. You are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Franklin Seals request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughters

Arlene
to

Mr. David Byron Chadwick
and
Charlotte

to

Mr. Charles Furman Cauthen on Friday, the ninth of June nineteen hundred and seventy-two at seven-thirty in the evening

Church of Christ

Mt. Carmel, Illinois

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CARRITHERS MOVES TO PLEASANT VIEW, COLORADO

Vern Carrithers, who has been working for the past few months with the church in Oakley, Kansas has moved to Pleasant View, Colorado to do mission work there. Brother Carrithers had worked with this congregation in the past. It speaks well for his work that the church there wanted him to return. Not only will he be working with Pleasant View, but also with the congregation in Dove Creek. We feel that brother Carrithers is a faithful Gospel preacher and our prayers will be with him in this new field of endeavor.

For a number of years the church here has assisted in the support of a preacher in Oakley, Kansas. We feel that much good has been accomplished as a result of this effort. However, the elders have decided that the church in Oakley has a number of capable young men who are able to teach and to preach and to carry on the work in that place. It is felt that there are other areas where we might be able to accomplish more good. Our prayers and interest will continue to be with the church in Oakley. We hope that they may grow and prosper both in numbers and in spirituality. It has been agreed by the elders of the congregation to continue our support of Vern Carrithers in his mission work in Colorado for the remainder of the year, 1972. We are hopeful that we may be able to engage in other mission activities during 1973.

Please continue to pray for all of our men supported by this congregation in other fields. We know that all of these men face many problems. They are men of faith and courage. We pray that the gospel which they preach may find a place in the hearts of many people. May the Lord be with all of us as we endeavor to carry out his commission to preach the gospel here in Tyler and other places as well. G. H. S.

How to Build Up the Church!!!

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is" (Heb. 10:25).

"Be ready to give an answer to every man that asketh you the reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (I Peter 3:15).

"Pray without ceasing" (II Thess. 5:17).

"Present your bodies a living sacrifice unto the Lord which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

Vacation Bible School, June 12 - 16.

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The house on Elm Street, which formerly served as a minister's home, has been demolished. The house was in a bad state of repair. The leaders of the church felt it was best to remove the structure from our property and thus enlarge our parking facilities.

I do not know who were the first ones to own this property, but I can imagine how proud they were when they moved into their new home. It was a fine old house in its day. A number of gospel preachers who served the West Erwin church called this house home. In more recent years it was used for the benevolent work of the church.

The house was a place of joy and of love for many people. There is a sadness in the tearing down of this once proud home. However, I am reminded of the fact that there is nothing permanent in this life or in this world. Every building will some day be destroyed. There will come a time when even the earth itself will melt with fervent heat.

Each one of us is living in a house which is going to perish. Our bodies are but houses in which we live for a few years on this earth. Some day these bodies will have served their purposes and our spirits will depart from them. We are thankful for these houses - our bodies - and should realize that they are to be the habitation of the Holy Spirit, (I Corinthians 6:19). They are to be used for the glory of God. But we are to realize that after they have served their purpose, they will be removed just as the old house on Elm Street is being removed.

We are thankful to know that there is an eternal home for the soul which will never be destroyed. Paul spoke of that house in these words, "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." (II Corinthians 5:1).

It should not be considered morbid to think of that house not made with hands in which we may some day live. How wonderful that mansion must be. Paul says that in this present house or body we groan (II Corinthians 5:2). The reference seems to be to the pains, the burdens and illnesses we have in this life. But in that other body - or house - there will be no groaning, no weariness, no frustration, no pain, and no dying. Forever and forever our new home in glory will last.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

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Dismiss Denton Phillips

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Gospel Meeting with Trine Starnes
preaching, June 11 thru June 16.
Bring your friends and neighbors.

WELCOME TO WEST ERWIN

Mrs. Joann Lynch, 2010 N. Haynie, telephone 595-1398, came Sunday to place membership. She formerly worshipped at the Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola. She is the mother of Joe Lynch who placed membership here a few months ago.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. The Challenge of a Gospel Meeting.
6:00 p. m. Paul's Sermon on Mar's Hill.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 12 - 16

LEAVING THURSDAY

The time has arrived for our group to travel to Hastings, Nebraska for the Vacation Bible School there. Plans are for a departure on Thursday morning and arrival in Hastings on Friday.

Making the trip are: DeAnn Stone, Julia Phillips, Dawn Knowles, Ken Jones, Barbara Caskey, David Fuller, Ann Montgomery, Kenny Browning, David Grier, Mark Whitworth, Terry Stephenson, Lou Ann Driggers, Angela Stansbury, and Holly Womack. Traveling with these young people are Jamon, Clay and Suzanne Kirby and Hillard, Jeanine, Shannon and Trey Hughes.

Remember all of these in your prayers. H. H.

COME and BRING others to our Vacation Bible School - June 12-16.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mr. T. G. Bell, Mrs. Etta Brogan, Mrs. Mary Sims, and Mrs. Earnesene Shuford are all patients in Glenwood Hospital.

Gary Weaver was in an automobile accident in Dallas Monday evening, but was not seriously injured.

Mrs. Sid Weathers, from the Columbus Ave. congregation in Waco, is a patient in East Texas Chest Hospital, Room 335, Box 2003, Tyler, Texas. She would appreciate cards or visits.

Work and Pray for our Meeting

MEDINA HOME CHORUS TO SING

The Medina Home Chorus will present a program in song at the West Erwin Church building on Wednesday evening, May 31 at 7:30. There will be no classes on this evening.

The Medina Home is operated for the benefit of adolescent boys and girls. This will be the first time this chorus has visited with us. We hope that a large number will come to hear the young people sing. They will be spending the night in various homes in the congregation.

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THE BIBLE

"This book contains the mind of God; the state of man; the way of salvation; the doom of sinners, and the happiness of the righteous. Its doctrines are holy; its precepts are binding; its records are true; and all its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise; believe it to be safe; and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you; food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, the Christian's charter. Here paradise is re-

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From Campus Christian Center. . .

We will have a kick-off party Tuesday evening at 7:30 to begin the summer program. All high school seniors and college students are invited.

"The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention."

How Willing?

Just how far am I willing to go
That the Gospel may be preached?
Just how much am I willing to give
That the lost ones may be reached?
Just how much am I willing to pray
For the souls that are lost in sin?
Just how much am I willing to do to
go and bring them in?
Just how yielded am I to Christ?
Do I let His spirit fill?
Just how willing to pay the price
To obey the Master's will?

...Harriet Heine

stored, heaven opened, and the ways of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand object, our good its design, and the redemption of man its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, a river of pleasure. It is given to you in life, will be quoted at the judgment and remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the obedient and condemn all who trifle with its precepts."

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AT GLENWOOD

Tuesday through Friday of next week at 7:00 each evening there will be classes for all ages. The keynote address will be given by Lynn Anderson at 7:45 p. m.

Be present for Bible Class Sunday.

THE DEVIL DOESN'T CARE

The devil doesn't care if we have a Gospel Meeting . . .

1. As long as we are not enthusiastic about it.
2. As long as we do not pray for it.
3. As long as we will not sacrifice for it.
4. As long as we will not work hard to tell our friends and neighbors about it.
5. As long as we won't even attend the meeting ourselves.

LET'S MAKE THE DEVIL CARE!

LET US GET BUSY NOW WORKING AND

PRAYING FOR A GREAT MEETING!

JUNE 11 - JUNE 16
TRINE STARNES - EVANGELIST

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APPOINTMENTS Sunday Morning

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer L. G. Drennan
Dismiss Don Weathers

Sunday Evening

Announcements Ray Womack
Prayer Wallace Gayle
Dismiss Louis E. Jones

CONTRIBUTIONS BIBLE SCHOOL

May 14...\$2,386.96429
May 7...\$2,110.00393
Year Ago.\$2,359.70420

THANK YOU NOTES

We would like to thank you for the visits, prayers, food, flowers, and cards during our time of sorrow. Knowing others care makes our loss easier to bear.

Mrs. Matt Thomas
Willie and Fay Freeman

IN THE HOSPITALS

Don O'Bannon had surgery last week on his arm in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Charlie Gilstrap is still a patient in Mother Frances.

Robert Parris remains in critical condition in Arkansas.

Mrs. Burt has been moved to her home in Nacogdoches.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 21

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. Overcoming Sorrow
6:00 p.m. The Philippian Jailer

CONGRATULATIONS TO Donna and Glen Howard, Jr. who are the parents of a baby boy born May 11 in Mineola. Mrs. Jean Oliver is the proud grandmother.

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING Ladies Bible Class will not meet again until September.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

K. Max Haws Elwin Crow
Jamon Kirby Don Weathers
Francis Bullard Bill Butler, Jr.
Wallace Gayle Milburn Cook
Mark Whitworth Tim Holt

THE BACCALAUREATE service for all Seniors will be Sunday evening at the Glenwood building. The time is 7:45 p. m.

School of Music Fundamentals

May 22 through May 26, beginning at 7:30 p.m. each evening, brother Wilkin Bacon will instruct a School of Music Fundamentals at the Omen Road Church of Christ. You are invited to attend. Brother Bacon is now preaching for the Talihina congregation in Oklahoma, his home town. He is a Choctaw Indian. For a number of years he sang and taught with the Stamps and Hartford Music Companies. He has also served as Music Director and Associate Minister for several congregations.

THE TRAGEDY OF ABSENTEEISM

The burial detail at Bataan found this poem on a 19 year old lad from Indiana who lost his life in a bloody battle:

"And if our lines should sag and break,
because of things you failed to make...
that extra tank, that ship, that plane
for which we waited all in vain;
will you then come to take the blame?
For we, not you, must pay the cost
of battles you, not we, have lost."

This is a burning indictment of industrial absenteeism--and how right was that lad. Bataan and many lives were lost for failure on the home front.

But we are concerned with the army of the Lord. Round about us millions die without hope because we do not furnish the means of their salvation. We haphazardly study God's word; we miss Bible study and worship; we halfheartedly work at our jobs; we give too little; our vision is limited; and this neglect, this absenteeism, this idleness becomes a dark blot on the church. It is the taproot to almost every weakness and failure. The "world at its worst needs the church at its best." Let's do our part in making this church one of the best and most faithful. . . . Eldred Stevens

AW! WHO READS THE BULLETIN?

Are you going to read this, I hope so. Just 13 days from the time you read this a group of our young people and four adults will leave Tyler for Hastings, Nebraska. We will be spending a week with the church there in their Vacation Bible School. Even though just a few are going, this will be an endeavor of the entire congregation here. Travel expenses to and from will be paid for by the church here and the people in Hastings will provide housing while there. NOW, we've said that to say this, if you will be interested in helping these young people with their personal expenses (some have already contributed), it would be greatly appreciated. In this way you will again be helping in your wonderful way. We also will be making another trip to Virginia in July for the same purpose. These are our young people doing a good work. Let's continue to encourage them. H. H.

The Merciful

Jesus said, "Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy." (Matt. 5:7)

It is comforting to know that the Bible assures us that our God is filled with mercy. Paul said, "But God who is rich in mercy, for his great love where-with he loved us." (Ephesians 2:4) He also said that it was by God's mercy that we are saved. "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and re-newing of the Holy Ghost." (Titus 3:5)

All of us stand in need of the mercy of God, for "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23) The life of Jesus is a demonstra-tion of the mercy and kindness of God toward all men. All classes of human-ity found in Jesus a kind and sympathetic friend. If we are truly disciples of Jesus we will also be merciful. Let us consider some of the characteristics we should possess if we are merciful.

1. The merciful are kind in their judgments of others. Jesus warned a-against fault finding. He asked, "Why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?" (Matt. 7:1-5) Many times we would not be as harsh in our denunciations of others if we o nly understood the hearts of others. Sometimes individuals who pride themselves on their "tolerance" can be most intolerant toward those whom they think are "intolerant." Christians will show kindness toward all men, even though they may not always agree with all men. Christians should es-pecially be careful not to accuse their brethren of evil motives. Remember, only God knows the hearts of all of us.

2. The merciful will help the distressed and unfortunate of the world. Pure religion, according to the Bible, is more than going to church and teaching the right doctrine (as important as those things are). James declares, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, and to keep him self unspotted from the world." (James 1:27) If we have failed to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and minister to the needy, Jesus teaches that we will be lost. (Matthew 25: 34-46) Paul gave instructions to the churches in Galatia, "As we have there-fore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto those who are of the household of faith." (Galatians 6:10)

3. The merciful will be forgiving of others. Christ taught us to love our enemies and to pray for them. (Matthew 5:44) Paul taught that we are not to recompense "evil for evil," but that we are to help our enemies. (Romans 12:17-20) Peter taught that we should follow in the steps of Jesus, who "when
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APPOINTMENTS Sunday Morning

Announcements Mack Bynum
Prayer Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Kenny Browning

Sunday Evening

Announcements . . . Hillard Hughes
Prayer Travis Fletcher
Dismiss Randy Fletcher

Contributions Bible School

April 30. . . \$2,253.79 386
April 23. . . \$2,511.35 405
Year Ago. . . \$1,925.37 434

RESPONSES

Jana McRuiz, 3214 Autumn Leaves, was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. Jana is in the 5th grade and a regular member of the Bible School. She is the daughter of Henry and Becky McRuiz.

Mrs. Gerald Dobbs (Sharon) placed membership and asked for the prayers of the church Sunday. Her address is 3207 Greg Lane, telephone 593-9675

Mrs. David (Ruth) Hannah, 2002 So. Wall, and C. T. Langham, 2400 Belvedere came Sunday morning to be restored.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, May 7

By George H. Stephenson

A. M. Overcoming Temptation

P. M. A Heart the Lord Opened

LEAVING TYLER

We regret that Howard and Maurine Ellis and family are leaving Tyler to move to DeSoto, Texas. We hope they will be happy in their new home.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

The following young people will be graduating from high school later this month. We offer congratulations to each one.

Charlotte Chandler Marc Lemons
Lou Ann Driggers Gail Malone
Sammy Ellis Beth Montgomery
Sue Ann Ferguson Betty Oliver
Andy Fuller Debbie Potts
Charlene Graf Mike Rhoades
Glynis Jones Susan Smith
Gail Krewall Angela Stansbury

Baccalaureate services will be held for all seniors, May 21 at the Glenwood building. Landon Saunders will be the speaker.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you for your cards and expressions of sympathy in the loss of my father. You are dear to me and the knowledge that you are mindful of me in prayer lends strength to our sad aching hearts. We thank God for you always. May He bless you in His service. The Lem Ford Family

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Maxine Freeman has been in Mother Frances, but hopes to go home this week.

Sister Norah Jones is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Gary Weaver is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Robert Parris is very seriously ill in the Veteran's Hospital in North Little Rock, Arkansas.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p. m. at the home of Louis and Jane Jones, 1507 Kensington.

GOD IN NATURE

Throughout the Bible we find many references to nature which cause us to have a greater appreciation of the power of God. This is especially true in the Psalms. One of my favorite Psalms is the nineteenth which begins with the declaration, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork."

In our sermon last Sunday evening we noted Paul's use of nature in his preaching in Lystra. He said, "Nevertheless, he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness." (Acts 4:17) We have been asked to list in the bulletin some of the objects of nature which we mentioned in the sermon.

When we see mountains, we are reminded of the steadfast, unchanging nature of our God. When we see the recurring seasons, we are reminded of God's fidelity. (Gen. 8:22) When we see the rainbow, we are reminded that

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for your food, cards, telephone calls, flowers, and every kindness shown us during the illness and at the time of my sister's death. We thank God for Christian friends.

Fay Wallace and Family

Bob and I would like to thank all our many friends for the calls, the cards, the visits and especially your prayers during my stay in the hospital. May God bless all of you.

Marie and Bob Threadgill

God always keeps His promise, (Gen. 9:8-17) and that our God is merciful. (Rev. 4:3) When we see the clouds, we are reminded of how God led his people toward the Promised Land. (Exodus 14:19) When we see the sea, we are reminded that our sins are removed from us to the depths of the deepest sea. (Psalm 103:12) When we see a river, we are reminded of the river of life which flows by the throne of God. (Rev. 22:1) When we see troubled waves, we think of Him who stilled the storms. (Matt. 14:32) When we see the rocks, we are reminded of the "Rock of Ages, cleft for me." (Psalm 27:5) When we see the stars, we are reminded of the "Bright and Morning Star," our Lord Jesus. (Rev. 22:16) When we see the sun, we are reminded of the one who is the the Sun of righteousness with healing in his wings. (Malachi 4:2) When we see the trees, flowers and waving grain, we are reminded of the one who gives life and sustains life. G. H. S.

From the Preacher's Desk (Contd.) he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." (I Peter 2:23) Someone has said, "The best way to get rid of an enemy is to make him your friend." We may not always succeed in getting him to become a friend, but we can be forgiving of our enemies, and we must be if we expect to receive the forgiveness of God. Remember that God is merciful to those who are merciful. G. H. S.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The days of May are rushing by and soon school will be out and vacation time will be here. No doubt you have been making your plans for your activities for the summer ahead.

I hope that you do not leave the Lord out of your plans. We hope everyone will be in town for the week of June 11 - 16 for our combination Meeting and Vacation Bible School. This should be a wonderful week of spiritual enrichment. Trine Starnes of Waco will be preaching each night and teaching a Bible class every morning. Brother Starnes has devoted his full time to conducting evangelistic meetings for many years. He is a very capable speaker and is a man whose rich experience in the church of the Lord qualify him as one of the great preachers of our time. Plan to bring others to hear him each night and, if at all possible, hear him each morning in Bible School.

Our Sunday morning Bible School has been down again. Many of our members have been out of town and I think Daylight Savings Time has not helped during the past two Sundays. However, we need to get busy and bring our attendance up. You need to be here. Your children need to be here. You need to set the proper example before others.

Several have told me that the series of sermons we are now preaching in regard to our various problems have been helpful to them. I still believe that the Bible helps us in every situation in life. There are many who would seek to destroy faith in God and faith in the Bible. Those who live by its teaching still are able to find purpose in living, hope during discouragement, victory in trials, solace in sorrow, and the promise of glory in the world to come. Why not bring others to hear our sermon this Sunday on, "Overcoming Anxiety and Fear." Let us share with others the great faith which is ours.

G. H. S.

FINAL SESSION OF WEDNESDAY CLASS

The final session of the Wednesday morning class for this season will be held next Wednesday morning, May 17 at 10:00 o'clock in the chapel. The classes are scheduled to resume their meetings in September.

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Prayer..... Bob Pearson
Dismiss Robert Hall

Sunday Evening
Announcements... George Stephenson
Prayer Elwin Crow
Dismiss Ken Jones

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RESPONSES

Dawn Knowles, Rt. 2, B ox 455 A, was baptized into Christ last Sunday morning. Dawn is in the 10th grade in John Tyler. We welcome her to the West Erwin congregation.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the prayers, cards, visits while I was in the hospital.

Mrs. Lillie Knight

The family of Katherine Quillin acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy. (Mrs. Quillin was the sister of Fay Wallace).

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 14

A. M. Overcoming Anxiety and Fear.

By George Stephenson

P. M. What Makes A Church Strong?

By Hillard Hughes

THE MEDINA HOME CHORUS will be here, Wednesday, May 31, to visit and sing for us. Since they will be here over night, we will need to provide lodging for 16 girls, 8 boys, and 3 adults (2 men and 1 lady). The children are all teen-agers and are packed in pairs. They will arrive at the building about 4:30 in the afternoon. They will need the evening meal, breakfast the following morning and sack lunches to take with them on Thursday. If you are willing to take two or more of these children into your home, call the office.

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother Matt Thomas passed away Monday evening. Brother Stephenson conducted funeral services Tuesday afternoon. Brother Thomas was the father of sister Willie Freeman. We express our sympathy to the family and friends.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Etta Brogan is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Robert Parris is still critically ill in the Veterans Hospital in Arkansas.

Mrs. Arch Burt, aunt of Lera Bennett, is in Mother Frances. She is scheduled to have surgery Friday.

Mr. Charlie Gilstrap is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

ZONE 3 WILL MEET Tuesday evening, May 16, at the James Massey's lake house for a covered dish supper. The time is 6:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Womack
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Montgomery
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their children

Barbara Candace
to

Mr. Alan Richard
on Saturday, May thirteenth
Nineteen hundred and seventy-two
at two o'clock

West Erwin Church of Christ
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Campus Christian Center
Tyler Junior College

UP IN THE STANDS AND
OUT ON THE FIELD

"If you think it is hard to sit through a sermon, try preaching one. If you think the pew is hard, try the pulpit. If you think the singing should be better, try leading the song service. If you think the teaching is not plain enough, try explaining the lesson yourself. If you think the church is not friendly, try speaking to someone before he speaks to you. YOU WILL BE AMAZED AT WHAT YOU DISCOVER?" ... taken from the 6th and Izard Little Rock bulletin.

WE ARE ALWAYS very happy to have visitors. Last Lord's day we had several guests and we extend a cordial invitation for you to return at every opportunity.

RADIO STATION KTBB, Monday thru Friday, 12:30 Noon.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
WORKSHOP - MAY 20

All VBS teachers should be planning to attend a Saturday morning session with other Christians of Tyler to share ideas for our Bible school. Earl Davidson, a representative of the Sweet Publishing Co., will be here to help with this workshop. This will be mainly for those that will be teaching classes through the Junior Dept. We will meet at the West Erwin building at 9:00 a.m. for about two hours. NURSERY attendants will be provided.

H. H.

HILLARD HUGHES IS TEACHING in a Training School for Bible School Teachers this week in Athens at the So. Palestine Church of Christ.

ALL MEN OF THE CONGREGATION are invited to attend the monthly business meeting Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel.

Mothers

Little eyes are watching,
Mothers, watching what you do;
Doing what they see you doing,
Looking up to you.

Little ears are listening, mothers,
Hearing what you say;
Hiding there for years to follow,
Words that do not pass away.

THE CHRISTIAN TEACHER magazine is in the Teacher Workroom. You may pick up your copy there. This is the May issue.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The Problems of Life

"Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble." Job 14:1

Sooner or later, in life, most of us come to appreciate the statement of Job. Today, we are living in a time of anxiety and frustration. Each age has had its own problems and burdens. Furthermore, every individual has his own troubles which may seem to him the greatest anyone is called upon to bear. But everyone should realize that he is not alone in having troubles, temptations, and trials.

We believe that the Bible is able to help us in every difficult situation in life. It provides strength in trouble, courage in the face of danger, and comfort in the hour of sorrow.

There are many who do not look upon religion as an aid in bearing our burdens. Rather, they think of religion as just another burden added to all our other burdens. However, religion which is burdensome is not the religion of the New Testament. The religion of the New Testament is no more of a burden than wings are to a bird or than sails are to a sail boat.

The Bible not only points the way to an eternal home in heaven; it also helps with the problems of living in the present. It is my plan to discuss during the next few weeks some of the problems we face. Invite others to come and hear these Sunday morning sermons:

- "Overcoming Feelings of Guilt." April 23
- "Overcoming Discouragement." April 30
- "Overcoming Temptation." May 7
- "Overcoming Anxiety and Fear." May 14
- "Overcoming Sorrow." May 21

Gospel Meeting Seven Weeks Away

It is just seven weeks until our Gospel Meeting in which Trine Starnes will do the preaching. Brother Starnes will also be teaching a class for adults in our Vacation Bible School which will be conducted each morning during the meeting. Remember the dates: June 11-June 16. Let us pray and work for this to be one of the greatest weeks in the history of the West Erwin congregation.

G. H. S.

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Prayer Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Sammy Ellis

Sunday Evening
Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Tom Williams
Dismiss David Fuller

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April 16...\$2,537.42386
April 9...\$2,184.93407
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RESPONSES

Baptized: Susan Harris, 1021 West Tenth.

Restored: Mrs. Beatrice Harris, Joe Lynch, and Glynis Jones.

OUR SYMPATHY

We express our sympathy to brother Lem Ford and his family. Brother Ford's father passed away Saturday in Lefors, Texas. If you would like to send a card or letter of sympathy, brother Ford's address is Box 991, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.

THANK YOU NOTES

In appreciation for the beautiful flowers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital I want to thank everyone.
Johnnie Stringer

I would like to thank everyone for the visits, prayers, and gifts while I was in the hospital.

Mrs. Rozener Strait
IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Etta Brogan is in room 114, Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Lillie Knight underwent eye surgery again Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Vannie Lee hopes to go home this week from Glenwood Hospital.

"JESUS NEVER CHANGES"

Vacation Bible School is a time that we have an opportunity to teach our children and our neighbor's children in a concentrated effort. This year our theme is "Jesus Never Changes." The date is June 12 through 16, beginning at nine each morning. Our classes will be for all ages from the nursery to a class for adults. Brother Trine Starnes will be conducting our gospel meeting each evening of that week and will also be teaching the adult class each morning. We also plan to use this same material in the Vacation Bible Schools in Hastings, Nebraska and Manasses, Virginia with our young people teaching. However, we are planning more classes here and we need you to help. If you are willing to TEACH a class, please let me know soon. The material is available now if you wish to begin preparation. Remember, June 12-16!

H. H.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SINGING

On the last Wednesday evening in each month our mid-week services are devoted to singing. In the past these services have proved to be enjoyable, instructive, and inspirational. Plan to be here next Wednesday evening, April 26, at 7:30. The regular classes from junior high school and up are dismissed in order that more may participate in the singing.

MEN ARE INVITED

At the present time we are showing slide pictures of the Bible Lands together with lectures on these various places each Wednesday morning at ten o'clock in the Chapel. While this time is usually for the Ladies' Bible Class, we are inviting men to come also to view these slides. Everyone who wishes to come is welcome.

G. H. S.

SERMONS - Sunday, April 23

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Overcoming Feelings of Guilt.
6:00 p. m. Traveling With Paul

TEACHERS

There will be a Teacher's Meeting for ALL Teachers Sunday, April 30, at 5:00 p. m. Several important items will be discussed at that time. Please attend.
H. H.

SENIORS

Remember the baccalaureate service for you, May 21 at the Glenwood building. Landon Saunders, speaker for radio "Herald of Truth" will make the address. This is for you, something you will remember.
H. H.

"THE VISIBLE CHRIST"

A week-end at Camp Deer Run with the theme, "The Visible Christ" will be up-lifting to all who participate. YOU are invited if you are in the 9th grade or older. The Glenwood church is sponsoring this program. Make your reservation with me not later than Friday.
H. H.

ARE YOU WASTING YOURSELF?

YOU have heard it said that you can't waste time or spend time, or save time. To tell a man not to waste time is like telling a fish in the ocean not to waste water. Actually, we have no influence on time at all. What we can waste and do waste is ourselves! The tragedy and real waste lies in what we could do and become, BUT DO NOT! Next time you say, "I'm wasting time," change that to say, "I'm wasting myself!"

...Via Bulletin - Hastings, Neb.

SINGING, Sunday, April 23 from 2:30 until 3:30 p. m. at the Crockett Road Church of Christ, Palestine, Texas.

A Psychiatrist Speaks Concerning Guilt

Last Sunday in my sermon, Overcoming Feelings of Guilt, I gave a quotation from the book, THE CHRISTIAN'S HANDBOOK OF PSYCHIATRY by O. Quentin Hyder, M.D. Dr. Hyder maintains a private practice of psychiatry in New York City and also is involved in clinical research and teaching at the Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. He received his medical degree at Cambridge University and his psychiatric training at Columbia University. It is refreshing to know that Dr. Hyder believes the Bible and that his practice of psychiatry is in harmony with Biblical principles. In his book, Dr. Hyder makes a distinction between true guilt and false guilt. Dr. Hyder says:

"Generally speaking, conventional psychiatry and psychoanalysis do not admit to the existence of true guilt. Psychiatrists prefer to talk about guilt feelings, not guilt itself. To admit that guilt exists would be to admit that there is in fact an absolute moral standard against which we compare ourselves unfavorably. To avoid this admission makes psychotherapy easier, because all behaviour can then be evaluated in terms of relative, not absolute values. It is not necessary, then, to help the patient find answers to the problem of real guilt but merely to help him understand the reasons he feels the way he does. The theory is that once he understands why he feels guilty he will be able to accept the facts as part of his unchangeable past and not let them bother him any more. Conscious and unconscious conflicts are brought to the surface of full awareness in the expectation that such insight will enable the patient to live at peace with them. Unfortunately this theory very often does not work in practice. Any psychological theory which denies the Biblical concept that there is in fact a divine standard for man's behaviour is limited in therapeutic effectiveness precisely because it is virtually impossible to forget about serious past guilt provoking transgressions. The memory is a stubborn part of the mind. To try and forget wrong doing cannot be done. Only forgiveness can give peace. Forgiveness from the man who has been wronged can help greatly; forgiveness from God can eradicate guilt feelings completely."

We are thankful for the many assurances from God's Word that we may have the forgiveness of our Lord. There is no reason for a Christian to be burdened with the guilt of sin.

"Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:7)

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Dismiss Matt Haws
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OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in Lufkin for Mrs. Quillian, sister of Fay Wallace. We express our sympathy to the family.

THANK YOU NOTE

I would like to thank all my Christian friends for the visits, prayers, and cards which I received while in the hospital. Vannie Lee

FROM BOLES HOME

Again you have brought the most delicious cakes and cookies. The house-mothers were so glad to receive them because they help out so much in their busy schedule and the children enjoy them so much. We surely do appreciate friends such as you for your continued support and concern for the children of Boles Home.

A GREAT WEEK - June 11 - 16

During the week of June 11-16, we will have great preaching by Trine Starnes of Waco, Texas. For many years this evangelist has devoted his full time to gospel meetings. He will be speaking each morning for adults while the children are in classes of the Vacation Bible School. This is the only gospel meeting scheduled at West Erwin in 1972. Let us work for its success as well as the success of the Bible School. G. H. S.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, April 30

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Overcoming Discouragement
P. M. Paul Faces Tribulation

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 o'clock at the Henry McRuiz home.

TIME CHANGE

Remember, Saturday night before you go to bed, set your clocks ahead one hour. Be on time for Bible class Sunday morning.

TEACHERS

Remember, the Teacher's Meeting for all Teachers Sunday, 5:00 p. m. Please be present.

5th Sunday Singing - Van Church of Christ, April 30th, 2:30 - 3:30 p. m.

RADIO STATION KTBB, Monday thru Friday, 12:30 Noon.

From The Preacher's Desk (continued from back page)

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies; ... He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:2-4; 10-12)

"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)

The sermons we are now preaching on Sunday morning are designed to help us face the various problems of life. I fully believe that Christ and the teaching of the Bible will help all of us to live a richer, fuller life and offer hope for the life to come. On this Sunday we plan to speak on, Overcoming Discouragement. Surely this is a lesson which all of us need. I know that your preacher needs it and feel that you do too. G. H. S.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Charles Lemons and two of their sons, Clark and Bart, have been in the Glenwood Hospital. They were in an automobile accident Sunday evening while returning home from worship. Their injuries were not too serious, but their car was demolished.

Ray Womack has been in Glenwood Hospital, but hopes to go home this week.

Mrs. Etta Brogan remains in the Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Bob Threadgill has been in Medical Center for tests.

Ike Gaiser had minor surgery on Tuesday in Medical Center.

Ed Naul is in Nan Travis Hospital in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Lillie Knight is still a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

The Indians used to give their children the name that they earned. Thus, some girl might become Laughing Water, Timid One, or Sunshine. A boy might be named Running Feet, Wise Owl, or Black Hawk.

Suppose God gave each of his children the name that each earned? Some would be Helping Hand, Faithful Teacher, Lively Stone, Generous Giver. But, on the other hand, there would be many wearing names such as Unreliable, Lukewarm, Evil Tongue, Stingy Giver.

If God named you according to your life, what would your name be?

... Copied

If you feel that you are not as near the Lord as you once were, remember that you are the one who has moved.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Is The Church Relevant?

Many of our day are teaching that there is no need for the church - that it has no relevant message for modern man. There are those who say, "Jesus, Yes! - The church - No." Those who make such statements do not understand the true nature of the church as revealed in the New Testament. It is impossible to separate Jesus from His body, the church. One may be loyal to Christ without being loyal to a denomination, but one cannot be loyal to Jesus who is disloyal to His church. Let us notice some of the reasons why the church is the greatest institution on the earth and why it is relevant in our day and in every day.

1. The church was built by the greatest person the world has ever known - by Jesus himself. Jesus gave this promise after Peter's great confession of faith: "upon this rock I will build my church," (Matthew 16:18).

2. The church came into existence not as an accident, but because of God's eternal plan and purpose. We read, "To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord," (Ephesians 3:10,11).

3. The purchase price of the church was the precious blood of Jesus. Addressing the elders of the church in Ephesus, Paul said, "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." (Acts 20:28). No other institution ever came into existence at such a tremendous price. How dare anyone to challenge its right to exist?

4. The church is to bring glory to Christ. "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end? (Ephesians 3:20, 21).

5. The church is God's house or family. Paul wrote to Timothy, "But if I tarry long that thou mayest know how to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth," (I Timothy 3:15). Would you want some one to speak in a disrespectful way concerning your family? What about one who speaks in a disrespectful way concerning God's family? God's children are in his family. They came into the family by being born of water and of the Spirit, (John 3:5).

6. The church is referred to as Christ's bride, the object of His love and devotion. "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

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APPOINTMENTS - Sunday Morning

Announcements T. F. Holland
Prayer Howard Holland
Dismiss Mark Whitworth

Sunday Evening

Announcements David Demic
Prayer Ray Womack
Dismiss Kenny Browning

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

We want to express our appreciation for the flowers, visits, and every act of kindness shown us while I was in the hospital. A special thanks to the George Stephensons and the B. E. Walkers for being with us during the surgery. Marvin Jones

I want to express my appreciation for all the lovely cards sent to me during my stay in the hospital and at home. A special thanks for all the prayers, visits and well wishes on my behalf. Jo Warner

GOSPEL MEETING - Pine Tree church of Christ, Longview, April 9-14. Evening services 7:30. Dyrel Collins will be preaching. Plan to attend.

RESPONSES

Susan McKeever, Box 163, Chandler, Texas, came Sunday evening to place membership and to ask for prayers. Susan is the granddaughter of sister Naomi McKeever. We are happy to welcome her.

FOR YAULD YOUTH

Many varied youth programs and parties are planned for the month of April, of which we hope you will be a part.

This Sunday evening all Junior High and High School students are to be at the Gerald Montgomery home after Sunday evening services for food and a devotional.

On Saturday, April 15, we will leave our building at 6:15 to go to Sulphur Springs to hear Jimmy Allen and have a fellowship afterward with other area young people.

April 22 is a big event for all Juniors and Seniors. This is the annual banquet that always affords a good time for you and your date. Plan now to attend. Boys, don't wait too long to ask that girl!

The last weekend of this month will be a big weekend for all 9th through 12th grade students to be involved in a weekend retreat at Camp Deer Run. The Glenwood church will provide the meals and leadership for this event. If you plan to attend, I will need your reservation by April 19. I encourage you to participate in any of these programs that are for you. H. H.

Is The Church Relevant? (Continued from back page)

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and gave himself for it," (Ephesians 5:23-25).

7. The church is the spiritual body of Christ. "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all," (Ephesians 1:22, 23). Whatever blessings we receive in Christ are to be in His church which is His body.

8. The Lord adds the saved to His church. "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved," (Acts 2:47). The church is not the saviour, but it is composed of the 'saved,' those who are saved by our Saviour.

Of course, we realize that the fact that one has his name on some church roll on earth is no guarantee that his name is enrolled in heaven.

The word "church" refers to all the saved in its universal sense; it is also used in a congregational sense to refer to a local group of Christians meeting together to worship and praise the Lord and to obey the will of Christ.

Let us do our part to make the local church at West Erwin a truly great church. We ourselves are weak, but the head of the church is powerful and strong. We are not here to glorify ourselves, but to bring glory to Jesus who built the church. G. H. S.

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CAKES FOR BOLES HOME

In keeping with the rotation plan of providing cakes for the children of Boles Home, April 14 is the date for West Erwin to send cakes, cookies and pies to the home. Keep this in mind, we want to send an abundant supply.

CONGRATULATIONS

Audeen and Dwaine Thedford are the happy parents of a boy born Tuesday evening in Mother Frances. They have named him Glenn David.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Wayne Fears is in Medical Center. Lilla Tigert and Gary Weaver are patients in Mother Frances.

Johnnie Stringer is in Glenwood hospital.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, April 9

By Hillard Hughes
10:20 a.m. How Is Your Heart?
6:00 p.m. Is It Time For A New Religion?

BUSINESS MEETING... Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel. All men of the congregation are welcome to attend this meeting.

TEACHERS -Remember to make your reservations for the Banquet, April 14.

ZONE 2 WILL MEET Tuesday evening, April 11, 7:00 o'clock at the Faber Cauthen home.

Juniors and Seniors are urged to make reservations for the Banquet, April 22.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

A Visit In Kansas

I was privileged to visit in Oakley and in Scott City, Kansas on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. As you know, West Erwin has been helping in the support of evangelists in both of these places for several years. This was the first opportunity I have had to visit these places. C. E. Caskey and Mack Bynum, two of our elders, went with me. They are to be commended for taking the time necessary to make this trip.

We visited with a number of members in both places, including the evangelists, Norman Morrow and Vern Carrithers. We found some unusually fine dedicated Christians in both congregations. We should be encouraged by the progress which has been made in both towns. We pray for their continued growth both numerically and spiritually.

G. H. S.

Whispering During Services ...by Dudley R. Spears

I had occasion to visit the services of another congregation recently. I arrived late because I had preached at 6:00 p. m. and could not get there earlier. I took a seat near the rear of the auditorium, unfortunately, just in front of two high school girls. I could hear them whispering during the song that preceded the sermon. This I thought about a little, but did not become excited.

As the minister spoke, I was constantly annoyed by the whispering that came from behind me. Even though I tried very hard to hear what the preacher was saying, the continual disturbance by these two girls let me get little (if anything) from the sermon. It was like trying to listen to a radio station and having interference from another station. Reception is impossible through interference.

These two young girls sang the song of invitation with as much fervor as any of the other worshippers present. I thought about speaking to them, but being a stranger in their service, I simply left. I could not but reflect that they did not know if I were a Christian or not, nor did they care whether I heard the sermon or not. They had no interest in the preacher's sermon and through their muffled conversation killed the lesson for me and others who sat near them. I kept wondering why their parents did not check on them and stop their talking.

To those of you who whisper in church services, I appeal - either wait until services are ended, get your conversations over before they begin, or stay home. I surely encourage everyone to attend every service, but if your actions will disturb others who want to worship, you would be wasting your time and bothering them if you attend. I saw a little poster in the lobby of a church house one time that went like this: "If you must whisper, whisper a prayer." I like the idea and encourage its practice.

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APPOINTMENTS Sunday Morning

Announcements ... R. C. O'Bannon

Prayer Glen Warner

Dismiss Joe Lynch

Sunday Evening

Announcements..... Hillard Hughes

Prayer Bob Threadgill

Dismiss Sammy Ellis

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, April 16

By George H. Stephenson

10:20 a.m. My People Are Destroyed

6:00 p.m. The Horrible Death of

Herod

FOR YOUR DIRECTORY: Bob and Fleta Butler now live at 717 W. Shaw Apt. #32, telephone 595-1443.

RESPONSES

For Prayer: Dwain Strait, Teresa Ellis, Sammy Ellis, Jeff Ellis, Mark Cauthen, Jan O'Bannon, Linda Hall, Beth Montgomery, Scott Ferguson, Meredith Womack, Sue Ann Ferguson, Sheila Strait, Reagan Phillips, Mary June Green, and Howard Ellis.

THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to thank all the wonderful members of the congregation who were so very kind to me during my recent hospitalization and confinement here at Hearthstone. I have appreciated so greatly the visits, cards and flowers and also the many kindnesses shown at the time of my husband's death. Emsley Walker

Thank you for your every act of kindness shown during the illness and loss of our beloved sister in Christ, Tella McCann. For the prayers, singers in the chorus and food, we are grateful. The Ralph Lowrances Wesley H. Turners

A note of appreciation was received from the students of the Campus Christian Center for food provided for their Mini-Retreat, March 10.

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held Saturday in Palestine for an aunt of C. E. Caskey's. A cousin of Louise Caskey's was buried in Dallas on Sunday.

MEETING AT GLENWOOD

Brother Jim Welch of the Glenwood church has extended a personal invitation to us to attend their gospel meeting. Services begin Sunday and continue through Wednesday. Glen O. Dods of Canada and presently a student at Oklahoma Christian College will be preaching each day at 12:10 and 7:30. Let's plan to attend.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parris announce the marriage of their daughter, June, to Mr. David Fonseca, son of Mr. and Mrs. Teles E. Fonseca of Houma, La. They were married, March 26 in Houston, Texas and are at home at 6220 Alder in Houston.

TEACHER TRAINING SERIES

The church of Christ in Canton will conduct a Teacher Training series, April 17, 18, 20, 21 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Nine classes will be conducted each evening.

FOR THE BLUES

One day when I was worried
And feeling very blue,
I read a small prescription
That I will share with you.

It said, "When you're discouraged
Don't sit down and frown
Just get a piece of paper
And write your blessings down."

I thought that there was nothing
For me to write about,
But long before I finished
My fountain pen ran out!

I HAVE HEARD SOME fine reports concerning the work of Hillard Hughes last Sunday. We appreciate the response that was made to his appeal for a closer relationship to the Lord and His church. G. H. S.

TO ALL SENIORS

There is to be a baccalaureate service for you, Sunday, May 21 at the Glenwood building. Landon Saunders will be the speaker for the occasion. Make your plans now to attend!

IN THE HOSPITALS

David Hannah is in the Glenwood Hospital for tests.

Mrs. Vannie Lee and Mrs. C. N. Strait are patients in Glenwood Hospital.

NOTE: The weekly advertisement we have in the local newspaper referred last week to me as "pastor." This was a mistake made by the paper and was not in the copy we furnished. I serve as the evangelist or preacher or as one of the ministers of the church. We recognize our elders as pastors of the church.

TO SERVE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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| James Phillips | Ray Womack |
| Harold Browning | Howard Ellis |
| Jack Stringer | Faber Cauthen |
| Willie Freeman | Fred Powell |
| Mike Whitworth | Kevin Womack |

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday evening, April 17, 7:00 o'clock at the Gerald Montgomery Home.

Attend a Bible Class Sunday, 9:30

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Let's keep up the good work which began last Sunday in the increase in Bible School. How good it was to see 430 present. Let us start working toward 500 each Sunday. This is a good time for you to begin to come to Bible School if you are not now attending. This Sunday marks the beginning of a new quarter with some changes in our teachers and our classes. Be here Sunday and be sure that your children are here also for 9:30 Bible Study.

I would like to commend Hillard Hughes for his planning and arranging the fine youth rally conducted last Friday evening. It was well attended by young people from many different congregations. They listened attentively to the excellent sermons delivered by Pat Stephenson and Floyd Reeves. We appreciate the young people of this congregation. They deserve all the encouragement we can give them to be faithful and true to the Lord and His church. It is good for them to meet with young people in worship and it is also good for them to have opportunities for wholesome recreation and fellowship with other Christians. There are many things which we teach that they should not do. We are glad that they may engage in many wholesome activities which are good.

Statistics show that there has been a decline in attendance and in membership in many of the denominations in the past few years. However, many people will be attending on this Sunday who go just once a year. Many people regard "Easter Sunday" as the day to be sure to "go to church."

Now we believe that every Sunday is a day for worshipping God. On every first day of the week we meet because it is the resurrection day. We are always glad when people are reminded of the resurrection. The resurrection is the strongest evidence that Jesus is what he claimed to be, the Son of God, (Romans 1:4). Since Jesus has been raised, we know that our redeemer is one who was dead but is now alive forevermore! We worship a living Christ. Since we believe in the resurrection, we believe that some day we too will be raised to be with Christ and all of God's people forever. We do not wait until "Easter Sunday" to rejoice in this great hope which is ours. Every Sunday is a day of joy as we come to worship God. Every Sunday we assemble around the Lord's table to remember Christ's death for us and to look forward to His coming again.

If we have some who come on this Sunday who do not usually attend we will be glad for your presence. We hope that our worship and study will impress you in such a way that you will want to worship Christ every Lord's Day and serve Him as a faithful Christian every day in the year.

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APPOINTMENTS - Sunday Morning
Announcements..... Hillard Hughes
Prayer John Teague
Dismiss..... Terry Stephenson
Sunday Evening
Announcements..... Hillard Hughes
Prayer..... Faber Cauthen
Dismiss..... Mark Cauthen

THANK YOU NOTE

Your expression of sympathy will
always be remembered by the loved
ones of Robert L. Walker.

RESPONSES

Mrs. John (Margaret) Appling, 3216
Hallmark, phone 597-4174 came to be
identified Sunday. She and her hus-
band and daughter recently moved to
Tyler from Dallas. We welcome sis-
ter Appling to West Erwin.

For prayers: Michael Franklin came
on Wednesday evening to ask for the
prayers of the church. Also, thirteen
young people rededicated their lives
and asked for prayer at the Youth
Meeting on Friday evening. They are:
Randy Fletcher, Vicki Fletcher, Kay

Montgomery, Prissy Potts, Lee
Knight, Kim Hughes, Laurie Hughes,
Barbara Caskey. Jamey Dement,
Jacksonville; Mathis Roberts, Gilmer;
Jeri Lewis, Longview; Debbie Hill,
Longview; Teresa Underwood, Long-
view.

Baptized: Hillard Hughes had the
privilege of baptizing Inez Edgar, the
mother of Brad Edgar, last Thursday
afternoon in the Glenwood building.

WELCOME HOME

We are happy that Bob and Fleta
Butler and their baby son, Robbie have
returned home from Germany. Bob
is now discharged from the service
and they will be living in Tyler.

THE SICK

Vicki Collins, Jeanine and Sue Ann
Ferguson and Angela Stansbury all
underwent tonsillectomies recently.

Gail Malone is in Mother Frances
Hospital.

Mrs. Mary Scruggs, mother of
Maxine Freeman, is now at 1226 W.
Shaw (Mrs. Prieto's home).

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - April 2

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. The Greatest Command-
ment.

6:00 p.m. The Disciples in Antioch!

ZONE 1 WILL MEET Tuesday evening,
April 4, 7:00 o'clock at the home of
Cullen and Mary Ruth Gilliam.

Attend a Bible Class Sunday, 9:30

A WONDERFUL RESPONSE

We were delighted at the response
of many area young people and their
adult sponsors last Friday evening
for our YOUTH NIGHT. There were
at least 220 in attendance plus a num-
ber that joined the activities at the
YMCA. Floyd Reeves and Pat
Stephenson had some very thought
provoking and challenging messages
for us. But the greatest part was the
13 young people who decided to re-
dedicate themselves into the pathway
of truth.

I wish to express, for myself and the
young people here, to our elders our
appreciation for having the desire to
help train, encourage and motivate the
many in attendance. As long as
elderships see a need to help the youth
of today, the Lord's church will al-
ways be strong.

A thought to parents - this is not a
relief of your responsibility in your
own home. H. H.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving
the Lord's Supper the first two Sun-
days in April:

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

"The Lord will give grace and glory;
no good thing will He withhold from
them that walk uprightly.

Psalm 84:11

WE CONGRATULATE THE Northwest
church in our city in the new educa-
tional wing they have added to their
building. We were glad to hear Dean
Brookshire who preached in a meeting
to mark the opening of the building.
We predict that Northwest will con-
tinue to grow with their capable
preacher, Mike Warner, and all the
other leaders they have including
Dean Brookshire. G. H. S.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

The Junior-Senior Banquet honoring
Junior and Senior high school students
is planned for April 22. Funds for this
project are provided by members of
the local congregations. Jeanine and
Hillard Hughes and Clay and Jamor
Kirby are serving on the committee
from this congregation. They will be
happy to receive your contribution.

LADIES...there are several dishes
in the foyer at the south entrance.
Please check and see if some of them
belong to you.

OUR SYMPATHY

A great grandchild of sister Ruby
Vaughan was buried on Sunday.

Mrs. Tella McCann of Gilmer pas-
sed away in Medical Center Wednes-
day morning.

Brother Leo Prater's sister-in-law
was buried in Jamestown this week.

Brother Hubert Green, a brother-in-
law to sister Ethel Payne, and a gos-
pel preacher was buried recently in
Nashville, Tennessee.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It was a wonderful experience to be in the series of meetings with the Broadway church in Lubbock. Our many friends treated us royally and their expressions of love for us made us feel humble.

Joe Barnett is doing an excellent work as evangelist for this church. He is assisted by a number of able men who are working in various areas to build up the church. The church continues to grow and it exerts a powerful influence for good in Lubbock and in many parts of the world. The church is having a contribution of about \$10,000 per week, so they are able to do much good in many fields of endeavor.

One of the thrilling aspects of our meeting was to see the large number of young people in attendance. Jack Paul is doing a very outstanding work in his ministry with college students. Every night large numbers of them were present and seated at the front of the building. They came with their Bibles and with pencils and paper to take notes. The sermons were on very fundamental topics and were preached by request of the elders of the church. It was truly good to see the interest of the young people in the topics discussed. We hear so many unfavorable comments about today's youth that it is most encouraging to see the large numbers of youth who are definitely interested in spiritual matters.

There were thirty seven "responses" to the invitation during the four days of the meeting. Most of these were young people, many of whom came to ask for prayers and to rededicate their lives to Christ. There were several baptisms of those who had been studying the Bible with other young people.

It was good to be back in the pulpit here on Sunday. Our prayer is that we may have a revival of interest in our Bible School and in all other phases of the Lord's work with the coming of spring. Let us prepare in April and May for a great meeting with Trine Starnes in June. The church needs you, but remember you need the church!
G. H. S.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, March 26, 1972

By George H. Stephenson

10:20 a.m. Master Your Desires 6:00 p.m. The Conversion of Cornelius

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APPOINTMENTS - Sunday Morning

Announcements T. F. Holland

Prayer O. C. Becker

Dismiss Dwain Strait

Sunday Evening

Announcements Hillard Hughes

Prayer Tom Williams

Dismiss Willie Freeman

RESPONSES

Requesting Prayer: Holly Womack,
Ann Montgomery, Kim Hughes, Lynn
Aven.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I wish to express my sincere ap-
preciation for every kindness shown
me during my recent illness.

Myrtle Ginn

A NEW DAUGHTER

Roy and Elaine Roberson are the
happy parents of a baby daughter. She
was born last Thursday evening in
Mother Frances. Elaine and the baby
are now at home.

WHERE IS GOD?

This question is one that has been
discussed time and time again with
many answers. But this question now,
only refers to you - where is God in
your life? Is He real to you? Do you
really serve Him? Only you can an-
swer these questions truthfully, but may
we make some observations? I am
led to believe that some today are do-
ing as much as they possibly can for
the Lord, but on the other hand more
and more are putting God farther and
farther out of their lives. Our young
people are following the paths that
mother and father have paved with
their do-nothingness. Activities of
the world are taking the place of God's
work just as it has in the parents life.
These are people that seldom miss a
worship service but never or hardly
ever WORK. Our young people begin
putting their school work, their jobs,
and their friends ahead of their ser-
vice just as they see mom and dad put
their jobs, their housework, and
friends in a place of utmost impor-
tance in their lives. May I urge you
as parents to encourage your children
to begin serving the Lord instead of
this present world. Some good work
is planned for them and yet these other
activities are taking God's place. It's
your decision to make, but remember
at the judgment all will be judged by
the works which they have done. Rev.
20:12. H. H.

Teacher Appreciation Banquet

April 14th

MISSION REPORTS

All four of the men supported by this congregation in other places send re-
ports regularly to the elders and to the church concerning their work. We are
always glad to hear from them and feel that each one is working very faithfully.

Rudolf Rischer has sent a beautiful calendar from Austria. On the calendar
is this greeting:

"The churches of Christ in Austria and Eastern Europe greet you! May
this calendar remind you of our appreciation for your prayers and support
in behalf of the work in Austria and Eastern Europe."

The names of eighteen missionaries follow including Rudolf Rischer whom we
support. The calendar with its beautiful scenes from Austria may be seen in
the church office.

A card, dated March 15, has been received from Rudolf which states:

"This week I am in the most southern part of Austria to preach in a
Gospel meeting for the church in Klajenfurt. The church here is very
small but we have visitors each night. There is still a lot of snow around
here. Heartiest greetings to each one of you."

Lem Ford reports from Hastings, Nebraska that they recently broke at-
tendance records for Sunday morning and for Wednesday night. 114 were
present on Sunday morning and 84 were present on Wednesday night. There
have been six responses since the first of the year: 4 restorations, 1 member-
ship and 1 baptism. It is hoped that others will soon be reached.

Norman Morrow has reported from Scott City, Kansas about the addition of
some very capable people in the service of Christ. Vern Carrithers is faith-
fully working at Oakley, Kansas. God bless all of these men in their work for
Christ. G. H. S.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Zora Lunceford is in Medical Cen-
ter. She has a broken foot. Jo Warner
is in Medical Center for foot surgery.
George Squires has been in Medical
Center for surgery on his arm. Marvin
Jones underwent surgery Tuesday in
Glenwood Hospital. Emsley Walker
is now in the Hearthstone Nursing
Home, room 115. Patsy Mackey's
father, Mr. Kilgore, is seriously ill.
Werner Greene is in Glenwood hos-
pital.

OPEN HOUSE AND MEETING

The Northwest church of Christ will
have Open House in their new educa-
tional addition to their building on
Sunday, March 26, from 2 till 4 p. m.

Brother Dean Brookshire will be
preaching in a meeting at the North-
west church, March 26 through 29.
The evening services - Monday thru
Wednesday - will be 7:30. You are
cordially invited to attend the Open
House and the Gospel Meeting.

LET THE "SON" SHINE IN - YOU

"YOUTH NIGHT"

AT WEST ERWIN FOR YOU!

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 24, 1972

Come and bring your friends and hear FLOYD REEVES of Edmond, Okla. Also, PAT STEPHENSON of Hobbs, New Mexico.



Floyd Reeves

Registration 6:30 - 7:00 p. m.
Devotional & Speakers
Floyd Reeves 7:00 - 7:45 p. m.
Pat Stephenson 7:45 - 8:30 p. m.
Move to YMCA for food and recreation 9:00 - 12:00 p. m.



Pat Stephenson

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APPOINTMENTS Sunday Morning

Announcements C. B. Hardin
 Prayer W. D. Metcalf
 Dismiss John Teague

Sunday Evening

Announcements M. M. Haws
 Prayer Charles Graf
 Dismiss Milburn Cook

Thank You Notes

Thank you for the lovely flowers,
 cards and words of comfort.

Mrs. R. O. Gilliam

I want to express my appreciation
 for the prayers, cards, visits and
 phone calls while I was in the hospi-
 tal. Louise Malone

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted on
 Wednesday afternoon at Lloyd James
 Funeral Home for Mr. Robert Wal-
 ker, husband of sister Emsley Walker
 and brother to brother Ross Walker.
 We express our sympathy to the loved
 ones.

TEACHER'S BANQUET

Our annual Teacher's Banquet is set
 for April 14 at Wyatt's Cafeteria. We
 will have a buffet style dinner that
 should be pleasing to any taste. Dr.
 Bruce Evans, Vice President of Lub-
 bock Christian College will be our
 speaker for the occasion. We hope
 all our teachers, their wives and or
 husbands will make plans now to at-
 tend. The time is 7:00 p. m. H. H.

ARE YOU PREPARING?

With Spring so near and Summer
 just around the corner, I'm sure many
 of us are making some plans for the
 vacation season. We hope you are
 preparing yourself and your friends
 for our Gospel Meeting with Trine
 Starnes. The dates are June 11-16,
 7:30 each evening. Your prayers now
 will help you and our meeting.
Prepare now!

Sermons For Sunday, March 19

By George H. Stephenson

10:20 a. m. Do Not Bear False
Witness.

6:00 p. m. Conversion of Saul of
Tarsus.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving
 the Lord's Supper the last two Sun-
 days in March.

R. C. O'Bannon	C. E. Caskey
Dwaine Thedford	Tommy Lowrance
Jeff Ellis	Scott Ferguson
Kim Smith	Dwain Strait
Kenny Browning	Mark Cauthen

PARABLE OF TWO ROCKS

"But speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things unto him, who is the head, even Christ" (Eph. 4:15).

Both rocks were large - as large as an ordinary dwelling house. One was a plain rock, without a covering. When men leaned against it, they had a sense of security: for the rock was immovable. But its exterior was rough and ragged, with sharp, pointed projections. It frequently tore the garments, or left cuts and bruises on the bodies of people leaning against it. For this reason men, though worn and weary, avoided this rock.

The other rock was just as large and firm. The men who leaned against this rock had the same sense of security. But its surface was smooth and covered with a cushion of delightful moss. For this reason it did not tear the garments or wound the bodies of men who leaned against it. Weary men did not avoid the moss-covered rock, but were attracted to it. Not only did it give a feeling of security, but also of peace and comfort.

The two rocks are two Christians. Both are firm and loyal to the Lord. One teaches the truth in HARSHNESS, making himself and his message an OFFENSE. The other teaches "the truth in love," making his life and the message an ATTRACTION. A teacher does not need to be offensive in order to be loyal to the Lord. KINDNESS as well as firmness is a Christian virtue. The truth of the gospel is most powerful and effective when proclaimed by the Christian in whose heart kindness is KING.

- Frank L. Cox

(Via - The Henderson Herald
 So. Main Church of Christ)

OUR BIBLE SCHOOL attendance
 seems to be looking a little better.
 Even though we were down last Sunday
 our average has begun to pick up.
 Our study quarter will be changing,
 April 2. We sincerely hope you will
 resolve to attend regularly. The
 studies, no matter who teaches, will
 be beneficial to you. H. H.

We wish to thank brother Mike Warner
 for his lesson to the Ladie's Bible
 Class Wednesday morning.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Emsley Walker is in Medi-
 cal Center Hospital following surgery
 following surgery because of a
 fractured leg.

Sister Earnesene Shuford is in Glen-
 wood hospital.

Brother and sister George Stephenson
 will return this week from Lubbock
 where he was in a meeting the 12th -
 15th with the Broadway church.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Carrithers Begins Work in Oakley

A letter from Dr. Terry Nelson states that Verne Carrithers and his wife arrived in Oakley, Kansas to begin work with the church there on Tuesday, February 22. Dr. Nelson also reported that Brother Ed Courtney recently baptized a couple with whom he has been studying.

We feel that Brother Carrithers will be able to do much good in Oakley. He recently wrote the West Erwin church:

"We were truly overwhelmed by the manner in which we were received by all at West Erwin. Thanks so much for making us feel as though we really were a part of the family. February 13th will be recorded in our memory as one of the most wonderful days of our life on earth. We can only pray that we will be worthy of your trust and confidence by doing our little part in building the church in Oakley.

"It is not often that a preacher is blessed with so much fine talent as there appears to be in Oakley. We hope to exploit that talent to its full extent. We ask your prayers in our behalf as we begin this challenging work. We know that if we sow the seed that God will give the increase.

"Please be patient with us. We do not expect to accomplish in one or two years what the church there has been unable to do in seven, but we will be working at it, and diligently. Please give our warmest regards to all for making us welcome and a special thanks to the O'Bannons for seeing to our needs while there."

Let us remember that we are now contributing to the support of four evangelists who are working in other areas. In addition to Brother Carrithers, we now support Norman Morrow in Scott City, Kansas; Lem Ford in Hastings, Nebraska, and Rudolph Rischer in Salzburg, Austria.

Let us pray that all of these men will be able to do much good as they sow the seed of the kingdom:

G. H. S.

OFF TO LUBBOCK

Alice and I are looking forward to our going to Lubbock for a meeting with the Broadway church, March 12 through March 15. It was my privilege to serve this church as the local evangelist from 1957 to 1963. It is always a thrill as well as a challenge to preach for this church which has a membership of about

2500. Please pray for us that we may be able to do much good during the four days we will be in the meeting. We will be praying for a great day at West Erwin Sunday. We are thankful to have Hillard Hughes here and know that he will have sermons which will help you and challenge you to live for Christ.

G. H. S.



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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY
 Announcements . . . M. M. Haws
 Prayer Joe McBee
 Dismiss Kim Smith

SUNDAY EVENING
 Announcements . . . L. G. Drennan
 Prayer. Charles Graf
 Dismiss Dwaine Thedford

RESPONSES

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Teague
(Juanita), Box 525, Chandler, and
Mrs. Naomi McKeever, Box 183,
Chandler, came Sunday to place
membership. We are very happy to
welcome them to the West Erwin
church.

THANK YOU NOTE

I wish to thank the many Christian
friends for their visits, prayers,
cards, and flowers while I was in the
hospital. Mrs. Ollie Cooper

OUR SYMPATHY

Sister R. O. Gilliam's sister, Mrs.
J. H. Wallace, died last Wednesday
in Clarendon, Texas. Funeral ser-
vices were held on Friday in Green-
ville, Texas.

CONTRIBUTION

It was good to know that we met the
budget set for this year last Sunday.
Wouldn't it be fine if we would do this
each week? This congregation, in the
past, has always met any deficit in
the budget by special contributions in
December. This is certainly com-
mendable, but it would be much better
to find ourselves without a deficit at
the end of the year. We are engaged
in the greatest work in the world. The
work depends upon the co-operation
and help of every member. G. H. S.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Emsley Walker suffered a
fractured leg last week and underwent
surgery in Medical Center Hospital.
Sister Myrtle Ginn is still a patient
in the Glenwood Hospital.
Sister Earnesene Shuford is in Glen-
wood Hospital.
Sister Maxine Freeman's mother is
very ill in Jacksonville.
Sister Maurine Brookshire is also
a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

"When the heart is full of love, the
life will be full of service."

WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL for the
very fine way women of the congrega-
tion take care of our beautiful com-
munion service. These women are
working for the Lord and deserve our
commendation. If you can be used at
some time in the future, call the of-
fice and give your name to the
secretary.

YOUTH NIGHT PLANNED

Theme:
Let The "Son" Shine In - You!
March 24 is going to be a great night
for the young people of this area. The
West Erwin young people are working
in several areas making plans for
this evening of spiritual and social
fellowship.

Floyd Reeves of Edmond, Oklahoma
and Pat Stephenson of Hobbs, New
Mexico will be our guest speakers.
Our program can be successful if we
all become enthusiastic and begin in-
viting our friends now. H. H.

NURSERY ATTENDANT

Sister Alberta Morris has submitted
her resignation as nursery attendant.
We appreciate her faithful service.
It has been decided to use young wo-
men in the congregation in the nur-
sery. There will be different ones
who will be serving in this most im-
portant work.

SERMONS For Sunday, March 12

By Hillard Hughes
A. M. No Deposit - No Return
P. M. A Repulsive Population

BUSINESS MEETING

The monthly business meeting of the
congregation will be conducted this
Sunday afternoon, March 12, at 1:30
in the Chapel. All of the men of the
congregation are welcome to attend
this meeting.

Attend a Bible Class Sunday, 9:30

MIKE WARNER TO SPEAK

To Women
Mike Warner, capable preacher for
the Northwest church in our city, will
speak to the women of West Erwin on
Wednesday morning, March 15 at ten
o'clock in the Chapel. All of the
women are urged to attend. Mike's
parents are some of our faithful
workers at West Erwin and he was
supported for some time by this con-
gregation in Scott City, Kansas where
he did an outstanding work.

WEDNESDAY EVENING CLASS

W. D. Metcalf will be teaching the
Wednesday evening class in the audi-
torium as he has for the past two Wed-
nesdays. We are very thankful to
have a man of his character and abi-
lity among our members. He under-
stands and loves the Will of the Lord.
We are grateful to him for the lessons
he has brought on Wednesday evening.
G. H. S.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
at Faber and Kathryn Cauthen's home,
327 Brookwood.

"The WORD in Focus"
KLVO Cable, Position 6 each Thurs-
day, 6:30 - 7:00 p. m.

RADIO STATION KTBB, Monday thru
Friday, 12:30 Noon.

"We love ourselves, notwithstand-
ing our faults, we should love others
in like manner."

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Every year I look forward to the last of February - the time for the annual Bible lectureship at Abilene Christian College. I have attended most of the ones which have been held during the past thirty-five years. We were thankful for the privilege which was ours last week once more to be in Abilene and to receive the inspiration from the fellowship of thousands of Christians and the lectures delivered by great men of God.

It is almost unbelievable to think of how these annual lectures have grown since the time when I was a student in Abilene Christian College. The people would come into Abilene by a few hundred and now they come by the thousands from all over the United States and from foreign countries as well. The growth of the lectureship is, in a measure, an indication of the growth of the church during these years.

One of the greatest joys of the lectureship is to be able to meet friends and loved ones in Christ with whom we have been associated in the past. It was my privilege to meet some from every congregation I have served as the preacher.

We are living in troubled times. Great changes are taking place in our present society - and some of them are not for good. I can not believe it is for the good and welfare of mankind to discard the moral principles set forth in the Scriptures. Living in a world of unrest and frustration, it is but natural that the church is also going through a period of trouble and sometimes uncertainty. But when you meet with the thousands of Christians from all parts of the world and sing with them and pray with them, you are made to realize that there are many yet who have not bowed their knees to Baal. While it is distressing to realize that there are a few even in the church who prefer human philosophy to the teaching of God's Word, yet it is encouraging to know that the vast majority of our preachers still believe that the Bible is God's Word and that Jesus Christ is God's Son. I love the church of our Lord and believe that she will continue to go forward in spite of the opposition of the world and in spite of the indifference of many of its members. We need to remember that the church belongs to the Lord and that we are dependent upon Him. Let us endeavor to sing from the heart, "Have thine own way, Lord." May we be used as instruments of the Lord to lead others to Christ and to do our part in building up God's Kingdom on earth.

G. H. S.



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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer K. Max Haws
Dismiss Sammy Ellis
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Charles Graf
Dismiss Jeff Ellis

THANK YOU NOTE

I want to express my appreciation
for your prayers, visits, and every
deed of kindness while my son, Carl
Sims, was in the hospital. He was able
to go to his daughter's in Longview on
Feb. 22. Mary Sims

Thank you for the cards, visits, and
every act of thoughtfulness during my
stay in the hospital. Kim Smith

I want to express my appreciation
for your prayers, food and cards
while I was in the hospital.
Maurine Ellis

Teacher Appreciation Banquet
April 14th

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Troy Ginn underwent surgery
Wednesday in Glenwood Hospital.
Sister Odell Malone underwent major
surgery last week in Glenwood Hospi-
tal.
Brother B. J. Tucker went home
this week from Glenwood Hospital.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving
the Lord's Supper the first two Sun-
days in March.
Mack Bynum Roger Knight
A. B. Wallace John Porter
G. C. Wright Roy Driggers
Averyt Smith E. C. Pickle
Grant Knight Paul Knight

"Every day's life should be a sermon
on righteousness."

ARE YOU WILLING

To close your eyes to faults and open
them to virtues?
To close your books of complaints and
open a book of praise?
To ignore what life owes us and to
think what we owe life?
To stop looking for friendship and
start being friendly?
To cease looking for someone to help
us and to devote ourselves to help-
ing others?
To stop saying what are they doing
for the church and start saying
what can I do?
To stop saying that the members need
to give more and start giving sacri-
ficially. ... Selected

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 5

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. Do Not Steal
6:00 p.m. If I Had But One Sermon
To Preach

ZONE 1 WILL MEET Tuesday, March
7th at 7:00 p.m. at the C. E. Caskey
home.

WE HAVE A MEETING scheduled with
brother Trine Starnes, June 11 - 16.
Please keep these dates in mind when
planning your vacation.

EACH WEEK WE HAVE a number of guests to visit the worship services.
We invite you to return at every opportunity.

A SON DIES - ALMOST!

Recently a father stood and watched his child run so quickly into the path of
an on-coming car that all there was to do was scream his name in an effort to
help the situation, and yet with no results. Fortunately, the young lady driving
the car was able to avoid hitting the child. As the father shakily approached
the child his son's only remark was, "I didn't see it coming."

How sad it would have been for that father to see his child struck down by an
automobile, but there are parents today who live in a sadder state - those who
see their children "run down" by the world. Those that "did not see it coming"
are unable to see life's temptations as a power that will ruin a life for eternity.
How many parents stand and see their children lose their spiritual lives be-
cause of the lack of good influence in the home? A child is loaned to the parents
by God to train and to provide the necessary needs for his physical and spiri-
tual life, and yet so little seems to be done in the area of the spiritual. God
must have gone through agony as he saw "His only Son" hang on the cross, but
all the pain suffered by Christ and the agony experienced by God was done
for US, you and me! A parent can warn a child of the dangers of crossing the
street in the path of an automobile and be effective, but how many parents
really warn their children of the spiritual death caused by running into the
path of the world?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son. . ." Do you love your
son enough to keep him from the world?
H. H.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The monthly devotional at the Campus
Christian Center is Sunday evening at
8:00 o'clock. All high school students
are encouraged to attend.

COMING - MARCH 24 -
YOUTH PROGRAM AT WEST ERWIN

CONGRATULATIONS

Mary June and Werner Greene are
the happy parents of a boy born last
Sunday in Mother Frances Hospital.
The Harvey Griers are the grand-
parents.

MAKE IT A PEARL by C. W. Wilson

One of the most precious and beautiful things in the world is the pearl. The finest specimens command almost fabulous prices, and have had historic place in royal adornment through the centuries. The pearl has become the symbol of the richest and most beautiful elements of human life. All virtues and excellencies of character are like pearls gracing human life as precious jewels adorn the person of the possessor. The kingdom of heaven itself Jesus taught was like a merchantman seeking after goodly pearls, and gladly surrendering all for the "pearl of great price." The origin of the pearl found within the shell of the pearl oyster or mollusk was, to the ancients, most mysterious.

There was a widespread opinion expressed by Pliny and others that pearls were drops of rain or dew falling in the sea and finding their way within the shell of the mollusk and becoming transformed by some strange process into pearls. This is referred to by one of the poets in the lines:

And precious the tear as that rain from the sky,
Which turns into pearls, as it falls in the sea.

This is a very beautiful and poetic idea, but one far from truth, for the discovery was at length made that the pearl was anything but poetic and beautiful in its first origin - that it came from irritation caused by some foreign substance getting within the shell of the mollusk, and results from the wonderful and mysterious power of the mollusk to obtain relief from things that irritate its sensitive flesh by covering them with a secretion of pearl, until there is no longer any irritation. It might follow that the larger the cause of annoyance and irritation the larger the pearl. What a marvelous and beautiful symbolism and lesson here for the annoyance, irritations, and things that hurt and disturb in human life - to make pearls out of them instead of allowing them to go on hurting and vexing us.

The nearest analogy we can find of this noble use of trials is not in the philosophical attitude of mind, although that may be of value, but supremely in the gift of God's grace. It would seem from Paul's case the "thorn of the flesh," that this was what God's grace did for him. The thorn was not removed but he was promised God's grace would be sufficient. This is quite like the way the pearl mollusk transforms its irritations into beautiful pearls.

Most of us as Christians must confess our failures in making use of God's grace for our trials and irritations, at least in a noble and beautiful degree. But we know how, here and there, we ever find those rare souls that so use the grace of God as to make pearls out of their trials and troubles; and for us all there ever awaits the privilege and duty of making new and larger uses of divine grace. For those of us who will persevere we may have the glad experience of finding many a hard trial of earthly days becoming transformed into pearls. (Rom. 8:28).

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING
Announcements ... R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer..... Glen Warner
Dismiss..... Mark Whitworth
SUNDAY EVENING
AnnouncementsL. G. Drennan
Prayer..... Cone Birdwell
Dismiss David Fuller

RESPONSES

Sister Nancy Riley, 1009 So. Col-
lege, phone 597-0266, came on Wed-
nesday evening of last week to ask for
prayer and to place membership. Her
husband, Brian, indicated a desire for
further study.

Brother and sister Robert L. Hall
(Corrine), 2714 Copeland Rd., phone
592-5321, came Sunday to place mem-
bership. They formerly worshipped
with the Golf Course Rd. church in
Midland, Texas. Their two older
children, Linda and Richard are also
members. They are jr. high students.
They also have two younger children,
Robert and Kathleen. We are very hap-
py to welcome this fine family to West
Erwin.

THANK YOU NOTE

I want to express my appreciation
for your prayers, visits, cards,
flowers and every deed of kindness
shown me during my recent stay in
the hospital. Jack Emmons

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Howard Ellis is in the Glen-
wood hospital for tests.

Mrs. Louise Malone is a patient in
Glenwood Hospital.

THE MORROWS' VISIT

It was good to have the Norman
Morrow family with us over the week-
end. Norman is attending the ACC
Lectureship at Abilene and came by
Tyler to visit with the elders. He
reported that the work in Scott City,
Kansas is growing both spiritually and
numerically. Several of the members
there are conducting Bible studies
with neighbors. Continue to pray for
the Morrows and the church in Scott
City.

SEVERAL OF OUR MEMBERS at-
tended the Abilene Christian College
Lectureship activities this week. The
Roger Knights and the K. Max Haws'
participated in some of the activities
over the weekend. George and Alice
Stephenson and C. E. Caskey were
there during the week benefiting from
the lectures and classes.

Sermons for Sunday, February 27

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Do Not Commit Adultery
6:00 p. m. The Gospel In Samaria

HEAR JACK WHITE

Jack White, preacher for the Corinth
Road church in Jacksonville, will be
the guest speaker for the fellowship
meal scheduled on Tuesday, Feb. 29
at 7:00 p. m. at Wyatt's Cafeteria.
This is the regular "fifth Tuesday"
meeting of all the workers of all the
zones.

Jack White is a man of experience
in the Lord's work, having faithfully
served as the evangelist for a number
of congregations. At one time the
West Erwin congregation assisted him
in his work at Lindale. He will have
a lesson which will strengthen all who
hear him.

Each one may go to Wyatt's Cafe-
teria and select whatever he or she
may desire in the serving line and then
go to the room reserved for this oc-
casion.

We hope that every one who is in-
terested in the work at West Erwin
will plan to attend this meeting. Every
one is invited whether or not you are
presently involved in our "zone visi-
tation." G. H. S.

CARRY A LITTLE HONEY (Genesis 43:11)

We ought to "carry a little honey" for the sake of others, also for our own
sake. It is not enough for us to be good. All of us know good people who are
disagreeable and unpleasant and difficult to get along with; people who are
quite religious but lack attractiveness and cheerfulness; people whose lives
conform to the strictest moral code but are unlovely; people who possess
strength of character without grace of character. The pillars in Solomon's
temple, we are told, were crowned with lily-work. There are people who are
pillars without the lily-work. They possess the strength which impresses,
but they lack the beauty which adorns. ...from The Minister's Monthly

A GROUP OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
will leave Friday morning for a trip
to Lubbock to visit Lubbock Christian
College. The school is having home-
coming and High School day combined.
We feel it important that our junior
high and high school students begin
becoming acquainted with our Christ-
ian colleges. In our opinion young
people today need as much Christian
influence as possible after leaving
home. Even though a Christian col-
lege is not a perfect institution the
influence for good is greater than
might be found somewhere else.

Speaking of trips, we will be travel-
ing in our bus which has been a won-
derful asset to our work with the young
people's activities. We appreciate all
who have made it possible. We can
always use financial assistance. If
you would be willing to help in any way
we would be very pleased to accept
your contributions. See Louis E.
Jones, Jamon Kirby, or K. Max Haws.
They will give you any information you
might need. Even a dollar a month
will help provide a working fund for
the bus. H. H.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Sunday proved to be a wonderful day for the West Erwin congregation. The weather was ideal and apparently a fine spirit prevailed in the congregation. We were glad to see a large number for Bible School and hope that this is the beginning of a general increase in our classes and in all other activities of the church.

Vern Carrithers of Pleasant View, Colorado was here to preach for the morning service. We were glad to have the opportunity to meet him and his wife. Our elders have agreed to support Brother Carrithers in preaching the gospel in Oakley, Kansas. We have been without an evangelist in Oakley since last August when Jim Morrow left the work there to do mission work in Africa.

Brother Carrithers has been preaching for some twelve years in mission areas in Minnesota, Nebraska, Idaho and Colorado. He is a man of maturity but has been very successful in working with young people. He has been highly recommended and we feel that he is well qualified for the work he will be doing in Oakley.

It was good also to have a number of men from Oakley with us on Sunday. We feel closer to the work there as a result of their visit. We were impressed with these men. They are capable, dedicated Christians who will work for the advancement of the Lord's Cause in Oakley.

In the past three years we have doubled the number of evangelists we are supporting in fields outside of Tyler. We have increased from two to four. We support the work in Scott City and Oakley in Kansas as we have done for a number of years. We also support the work in Hastings, Nebraska and in Salzburg, Austria. We expect the churches in Kansas and Nebraska supported by West Erwin to be able to support themselves in a few years.

In addition to our increase in these mission areas, in recent years we have also increased our contributions to children's homes, to the Bible teaching at Tyler Junior College, to the Herald of Truth nation wide radio and television, and other good works. We are thankful that the indebtedness against both of the preacher's homes has been retired and substantial payments have been made on the retirement of the indebtedness on the church buildings.

We are thankful that the Lord has blessed us and made it possible for us to assume these obligations. We need to work harder and pray fervently that we will be able to do more and more for the Cause of Christ here and elsewhere. Just now our contributions are below what they should be and what they must be if we maintain the work we feel must be done. Will you "purpose in your heart" now what you will give and how you will serve the Lord during this year? We have many wonderful Christians at West Erwin and God will surely bless us if we do His Will.

G. H. S.

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements C. E. Caskey

Prayer Norman Morrow

Dismiss Marc Lemons

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements Dalton Jones

Prayer Austin Giesecke

Dismiss Mark Whitworth

RESPONSE

Mr. Thomas Elmore Hall, 1800 E.
Houston, came Sunday to be identi-
fied with this congregation. He for-
merly lived in Huntsville, Texas.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Kim Smith is in Medical Center
Hospital.

Mrs. Foy Richey has been in Glen-
wood Hospital.

Mrs. Susan Johnson in in Mother
Frances Hospital.

SERMONS - SUNDAY, FEB. 20

A. M. Delightful Beggars

By George H. Stephenson

P. M. The Sin of Division

By Hillard Hughes

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held last Sun-
day in Big Sandy for Mrs. Annie Davis,
a sister to Mrs. E. L. Taylor.

Funeral services were held Sunday
in Athens for the grandfather of Faye
Freeman.

Mrs. Ruby Teel's daughter, Mrs.
Barbee, was buried on Tuesday here
in Tyler.

The father of Mary Evelyn Grier,
Mr. Roy Cook, passed away suddenly
Tuesday morning. Funeral services
were Wednesday afternoon.

We offer our sincere sympathy to
each family.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving
the Lord's Supper the last two Sun-
days in February.

Ed Bullard C. B. Hardin
L. G. Drennan Tommy White
Cone Birdwell W. S. Little
Charles Lemons Bob Threadgill
Matt Haws Randy Fletcher

BIBLE SCHOOL INCREASED

It was wonderful to see our attendance
up last Sunday for Bible classes. Even
though this isn't our limit, it is very
encouraging to us to see more present.
We had a number of visitors from
Kansas and other areas for which we
were thankful. If you are a member
at West Erwin, please continue to at-
tend these classes and benefit from
studying God's Word. H. H.

"BE A WEDNESDAY NIGHTER"
A class is provided for everyone.

Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Byrd
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter

Linda Jo
to

Mr. Jerry Len Brown
on Saturday, the twenty-sixth of February
Nineteen hundred and seventy-two
at seven o'clock in the evening
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception following
Ramada Inn

ALL ZONE FELLOWSHIP

February has five Tuesdays and as
our practice has been for some time,
we are planning a fellowship dinner.
Every one who cares to attend is in-
vited to meet at Wyatt's Cafeteria,
Tuesday, Feb. 29th at 7:00 p. m. We
will have a guest speaker for the
occasion that will enhance the meeting.
Make your plans to attend. H. H.

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An Indian evangelist, preaching to a village crowd, was interrupted by a
flippant youth who said, "You talk about the burden of sin. I feel no burden!
How heavy is - ten pounds, fifty pounds?"

The preacher replied, "If you laid a four hundred pound weight on a corpse,
would it feel the weight?"

"Of course not," the youth replied, "because it is dead."

To which the preacher said, "That spirit is dead which feels no load of sin."

"I'M GONNA CONVERT SOMEBODY SOME DAY."

1. "Gonna" is not in the dictionary.
2. "Somebody" is not found in the phone book.
3. "Some day" is not on any calendar.

THINK IT OVER!!!

THE BIBLE TEACHES US TO. . .

"Abound to every good work" (2 Cor.
9:8).

"Be fruitful in every good work"
(Col.1:10).

"Be established in every good word
and work" (2 Thess. 2:17).

"Be adorned with good works"
(I Tim. 2:9,10).

"Be well reported of for good works"
(I Tim. 5:10).

"Be rich in good works" (I Tim.
6:18).

"Be prepared unto every good work"
(2 Tim. 2:21).

"Be a pattern of good works" (Titus
2:7).

"Be zealous of good works" (Titus
2:14).

"Be ready to every good work" (Titus
3:1).

"Be perfect in every good work"
(Hebrews 13:21).

SOUNDS LIKE WE NEED TO BE
BUSY, DOESN'T IT???

SOME PECULIAR PEOPLE I HAVE KNOWN

Some who want the preacher and song leader at every service, but refuse to attend every service themselves.

People who believe children ought to be taught the Bible, but make little or no effort to bring them where the Bible is taught, or to teach them at home.

People who demand visitation when they are ill but never visit other people at all.

People who believe that the gospel is God's power unto salvation but are never known to study or teach it.

People who say they believe the Bible, but refuse to listen to warning given by the Hebrew writer when he said, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? (Heb. 2:3)

People who laud a boy who gets up at 4 o'clock in the morning to deliver his papers, and say that there is a go-getter but if the church were to ask this boy to get up at 4 o'clock in the morning to do some work for the Lord would say, "That's asking too much."

If a woman spends eight hours from her home working in a factory or office, she is called an energetic wife. If, however, she is willing to do the same amount of hours of work for the church they say, "Religion has gone to her head."

If the employer asks and expects a man to be at work on time every day without missing, he is at work on time every day without missing, he is lauded with honor and glory for his stability. If you ask this same man to attend all meetings of the church on time each week, you are being inconsiderate. If one ties himself down to make payments of \$10 to \$20 per week on a car for pleasure or some other item of personal enjoyment, he pays them diligently. But if that same person were expected to place the same amount in the collection plate as he is prospered many people would quit the Lord and the church before meeting the need.

... Roger Dill

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The story goes that two men were talking. One was a huge, strong fellow while the other was quite small in stature. The small man was admiring the physical proportions of the other and said, "Boy, if I was as big as you I wouldn't be afraid o' nothin'. Why I'd go out in the woods and find

me the biggest bear there and I'd tear that big bear limb from limb.

The big fellow smiled and said, "There's a lot of little bears in the woods, too!"

It is not what we have that counts, but how we use that which God has given us.

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Announcements .. George Stephenson	
Prayer	M. B..Beard
Dismiss	Bruce Raley
SUNDAY EVENING	
Announcements Hillard Hughes	
Prayer	James Massey
Dismiss	Reagan Phillips

RESPONSES

Jeannine Ferguson, daughter of Dick and Molly Ferguson was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. She is a sixth grade student.

NOTE OF THANKS

Words cannot express just how grateful we are for your every act of kindness during the loss of our loved one, Lloyd. We appreciate the prayers, flowers, food, and every visit. May God bless each of you.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Turner
Ralph and Florene Lowrance
Tommy and Donna Lowrance
Ronny and Linda Lowrance

The calls, visits, flowers, and especially the prayers and offers of assistance during my hospitalization have been appreciated.

Marian Rowe

BIBLE SCHOOL DISCONTINUED!!

NO, but did that statement get your attention? If it did, what were your thoughts? Did you feel relieved, now that you won't have someone always talking about attendance? Were you upset, wondering what the elders were thinking of by such action? I'm afraid some couldn't care less. On the other hand, the "regulars" would be up-in-arms - yet are they willing to put forth some effort to contact those who fail to attend and encourage them to begin? Last Sunday morning I counted 23 who stood waiting for the classes to dismiss so they might enter the auditorium. Where were they forty minutes earlier? Oh, their absence didn't hurt those of us that were here. They are the sufferers - they are the ones who must give an account of their neglect and seeming disinterest. If the teacher isn't all you hope for, don't quit attending - just study more and help him - don't quit. Call someone this week and invite them to class. Pray for them and the teacher. Be faithful yourself! Please God, not man. H. H.

SYMPATHY

Sister E. L. Taylor's nephew, Mr. Stegall, was buried on Wednesday.

JANUARY: I hereby resolve to start attending worship regularly. Gotta get over the holidays first though. They take a lot out of a fellow.

FEBRUARY: Weather is terrible. I'll start when it gets a bit warmer. My blood is too thin this time of the year!

MARCH: Lots of sickness just now. Got to stay in and keep away those "bugs."

APRIL: Easter ... Big crowds ... They won't miss me.

MAY: I've been holed up all winter and now that the weather is getting better its time to hold reunions.

JUNE: I'll wait until the baby is older. How on earth do some folks take their babies out when they are just a few weeks old and never miss a service?

JULY: Boy! The heat is terrific! That air conditioning in the church always gives me a chill. And, anyway, we've got the cabin and boat for Sundays.

AUGUST: Preacher's on vacation. He'll never know that I missed. And I never like those guest preachers anyhow. But when the preacher gets back...

SEPTEMBER: School's started. Vacation threw me behind in my work. Got to make one last visit to my relatives before the snow flies.

OCTOBER: Leaves are beautiful this time of year ... I can worship God outdoor anyway ... Kids will be cooped up all winter, so...

NOVEMBER: Getting colder ... Can't stand warm church building with a lot of people in them. I'll start back to church when it gets warmer.

DECEMBER: Christmas! I don't have time now for the church. Roads are dangerous, too. Anyway, next month is January and I'll resolve to start back next year. ... Selected

BUSINESS MEETING

All men of the congregation are invited to be present for the business meeting Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel.

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the George Stephenson home.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Susan Johnson is still a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mr. Ernest Shuford is now a patient in the East Texas Chest Hospital.

Mrs. E. L. Taylor's sister is very ill in the hospital in Gladewater.

Mr. Carl Sims is a patient in Glenwood hospital.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Remember June 11 - June 16

Now is the time for us to begin planning, praying and working for a great week - June 11-June 16, 1972. We are planning a great evangelistic campaign combined with our annual Vacation Bible School. This year we have only one gospel meeting scheduled at the West Erwin congregation and it will be at this time.

Our guest evangelist will be Trine Starnes of Waco, a man who has devoted all of his time for many years to preaching in gospel meetings. He is one of the best known preachers among our brethren. We look forward to his being here to help teach in our Bible School each morning and to preach each night.

We know that this week will be a busy week for all of us, but it will surely be worth all of the effort we put in it. We feel that we will have a better meeting and a better Bible School by combining them rather than having one event during one week and the other event during another week.

I would like to encourage everyone to make an effort to be in Tyler during this time. Try to arrange your vacation time so that it will not conflict with this week. Of course, if you could spend part of your vacation by attending the services of the meeting and of the Vacation Bible School - that would be great!

Let us be enthusiastic about our meeting. We can still have great meetings in our time if we will only support them with our presence, our interest, and our prayers. The gospel is still God's power to save the believer, but if people do not hear it they will never be touched by its power. Do you know some person you would like to respond to the Lord during the meeting? Why not begin to cultivate this person's interest now? Begin praying for him and plan now to bring him to the meeting. You may be able to help save a soul and this will bring you the greatest joy you have ever known. But if you do not succeed in winning another, you will strengthen your own soul. We are not obligated to convert others, but we are obligated to teach them. After we have taught others, then the responsibility of accepting or rejecting the gospel rests with them. Read Ezekiel 33:7-9

"So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he do not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul."

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Announcements..... T. F. Holland
Prayer R. O. Gilliam
Dismiss David Hannah
SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer..... James Massey
Dismiss Bruce Raley

THANK YOU NOTES

We would like to express our appreciation to our Christian friends who sent flowers, cards, food and the many kind expressions of love and the prayers offered in our behalf at the loss of our brother, Furman.

The Faber Cauthen Family

We want to express our appreciation for your prayers, and every deed of kindness which was shown us in the loss of our loved one, Quincy Lee Bedsole, Sr.

Mrs. Quincy Lee Bedsole, Sr. and children

Mr. and Mrs. Mason Adair
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Emmons

Thank you for the flowers, cards, prayers, and every kindness shown to us during my stay in the hospital.

Christine Parsons

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother Stephenson conducted graveside services for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Harrison Knight. The baby was a great grandson of sister Harry Knight, formerly of this congregation, but now living in La Porte, Texas.

PEPPERDINE UNIVERSITY

Singin' Trav'lers will appear Tuesday evening, February 8th at 8:00 o'clock in Wise Auditorium. The admission is free.

To know what to do is Wisdom;
To know how to do it is Skill;
To do it as it should be done, is Service!! - Service is the rent we pay for the space we occupy in this world!!

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

K. Max Haws Charles Graf
Elwin Crow Don Weathers
Francis Bullard Bill Butler, Jr.
Wallace Gayle Joe McBee
Terry Stephenson Tim Holt

"BE A WEDNESDAY NIGHTER"
A Class is Provided for Everyone!

PREACHERS PAY... Too Much ???

Some times I wonder why we have a preacher, pay him as much as we do and then not heed his exhortations. I believe that we, at West Erwin, have one of the finest preachers you can find any where, and yet I see day after day people who fail to respond to his teachings from God's Word. Do you really feel that he doesn't teach the truth? Do you think the Bible is misquoted by him? Some must. There is seldom a Sunday that he doesn't encourage us to attend the Bible classes but the response is almost none, except those that never miss. There are fathers who attend just occasionally. What would happen if the preacher attended just as often as you? You know the answer... his pay would be altered or stopped completely. You may not be lost for not attending Bible class, but I don't think you are showing God that you are really interested. Read Hebrews 10:25. Paul wrote in I Cor. 15:58. "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." The preacher is not paid to do YOUR work. Where will you be Sunday at 9:30? H. H.

Be in Bible School and Worship Sunday
WHEN YOU ATTEND BIBLE SCHOOL

- *You encourage faithful teachers and show God you mean business.
- *You enrich your children in Christian education.
- *You cast your vote to keep the Bible school program going.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Elwin Crow home, 1411 Yosemite Dr.

SERMONS - Sunday, February 6

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. Respect For Life
6:00 p.m. Peter's Deliverance From Prison

IN THE HOSPITALS

Jack Emmons is in Medical Center Hospital for tests.

Mrs. Susan Johnson underwent surgery Monday in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Mary Sims' son, Carl Sims of Longview, is in Glenwood Hospital following a heart attack.

A NEW DAUGHTER

David and Glenda Wright are the parents of a baby girl born last Tuesday in Mother Frances. They have named her Dana Donne.

DEVOTIONAL SUNDAY EVENING

West Erwin is in charge of the monthly devotional at the Campus Christian Center Sunday evening at 8:00 o'clock. This is for all High School students.

"Not what has happened to me today but what has happened to others through me, should be my chief concern."

"Deeds of kindness is love in working clothes."

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

I wish every member of the West Erwin congregation could have been present with those of us who were privileged to worship in Jerusalem on one Sunday last October.

My heart was filled with emotion and my thoughts were centered on so many events of Bible history as I assembled along with the others in our American group with the small congregation of Christians in the ancient city of Jerusalem. Here we were in the city loved by David and the city where Solomon's temple stood in all its splendor and glory. Here the worthy saints in the past had come to keep the sacred festivals of the Old Law, the Passover, Pentecost, Feast of Tabernacles, etc. Here on the first Pentecost following our Lord's resurrection the church had its birth with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. One of the greatest days in our world's history was that day when three thousand were saved when they responded to Peter's great sermon concerning the Christ they had helped to crucify. What tremendous success the church had in the early days of its existence in Jerusalem. But soon persecution arose and the disciples were scattered. However, everywhere they went they took the gospel of Jesus first preached in Jerusalem.

But Jerusalem was also the place our Lord visited and as he looked over the city he was made to weep. What pathos were in his words, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matt. 23:37). It was in this city our Saviour was condemned to die and outside this city he was nailed to a cruel cross. Nearby in a garden tomb his body was placed and on the resurrection morning he came forth from the grave.

As I ate the bread and drank the wine on that Lord's Day I could not keep back the tears. Some how on that day I felt so near to the one who gave his body and shed his blood for me.

One also feels like weeping today when he realizes how few there are in Jerusalem who are endeavoring to be the same church which began there in the long ago. John Crossland is the hard working preacher for this congregation. He is supported by a church in East Gadsen, Alabama. He spoke in English, but his sermons were interpreted in Arabic by a fine young native. It was evident that this young man was very intelligent and he gave the appearance of a devoted Christian. He has been trained in a preacher's training school in Beirut, Lebanon and also in the university there. It is to be hoped

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements T. F. Holland

Prayer W. D. Metcalf

Dismiss W. O. Rushing

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements..... Hillard Hughes

Prayer T. J. Parsons

Dismiss Tom Parsons

RESPONSES

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Emmons came Sunday to ask for prayer and to be restored to fellowship. Their address is 4412 Casa Grande Dr., Apt. 1057, telephone 595-0587. We are thankful for their courage and welcome them to West Erwin.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LESSONS

We wish that more of you would avail yourselves of the opportunity to learn more of God's Word by attending our Wednesday evening classes. Those who are in the auditorium class have expressed appreciation for the lessons we are giving on books of the Old Testament. We want you to come and believe you will profit from these studies.
G. H. S.

THANK YOU NOTES

Brother and sister W. H. Turner expressed their appreciation for the "cheer" basket they received during the holiday season.

Thank you for the cards, visits and every act of kindness shown to me during my recent stay in the hospital.

Naomi Haws

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the kind deeds, food, and cards sent during the illness and death of our mother.

The Family of Mrs. Ora Keith

TO ALL TEENS!

Remember the two big programs this Saturday and Sunday. Saturday, we plan to leave our building at 11:00 a. m. to go to Lufkin for an afternoon of fellowship with area young people. This should be an excellent day to learn more about our service in the Lord's Kingdom.

Then on Sunday afternoon, we want to go to Jacksonville about 1:00 p. m. for a program there at 2:00. Here is an opportunity to learn some new songs and participate in other activities. Plan to go!
H. H.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Christine Parsons and sister Olie Cooper are in the Glenwood hospital.

Sister Marian Rowe had surgery Wednesday in Medical Center.

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00, at the Foy Richey home.

ARE YOU REMEMBERING?

Have you gotten into the habit of watching our T. V. Program? I hope you have and just as important, are you inviting your friends to watch it? The programs are very helpful and an excellent way of teaching others. As more and more programs are produced, all the small "bugs" should be worked out and they will become even more effective. The church in Tyler is being put before more people every day. Our radio program each day at 12:30 on KTBB has many followers. Glenwood presents a T. V. program each Tuesday at 5:00 p. m. on KLTV, then brother Lockhart has a program on KDOK each Sunday at 10:00 p. m. that has a large number of listeners. Brother Mike Warner has a newspaper article each week that is very effective. We hope you will use these programs by inviting your friends to watch, listen to, and read them.

H. H.

Annual Bible Lectures in Abilene

The fifty fourth annual Bible Lectureship of Abilene Christian College will be conducted February 20-24 in Abilene. This is the largest meeting of members of churches of Christ held in the world. Each year some 8,000 to 10,000 Christians gather in Abilene to attend the classes and hear the Bible lectures delivered at this time. We hope that numbers of our members will be able to attend. The theme for the lectureship this year will be "The Church and the Future." If you would like to have a complete program, you may obtain one in the church office.

FUNERALS

Brother and sister Faber Cauthen attended the funeral of Faber's brother, Furman Cauthen, last Sunday in Montgomery, Alabama.

Funeral Services were held Wednesday in Lyons, Kansas for a son of brother and sister W. H. Turner. Brother and sister Turner were unable to attend.

We express our sincere sympathy to each family.

Mission Reports

Lemuel C. Ford reports that the work is making progress in Hastings, Nebraska. There have been several to respond to the invitation recently. The church is also increasing its giving and looking forward to the time when it can be self-supporting.

Norman Morrow reports from Scott City, Kansas that two have recently been baptized into Christ. Also, some recent converts are growing in their usefulness to the church. Also, the church there is hoping to reduce its indebtedness with the hope of becoming self supporting sooner.

Rudolf Rischer is very pleased that he now has a bus for his work with the church in Salzburg, Austria. This enables him to bring children for Bible Study. We hope that the West Erwin members have read the card from the congregation in Salzburg expressing appreciation to the members at West Erwin. The card was on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Let us remember these men in our prayers.
G. H. S.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

John Crossland, who preaches for the church in Jerusalem, has been able to make some converts in other places near Jerusalem. Some young men have been baptized at Nablus.

Nablus today is a Moslem city. It is located in the area known in the Bible as Shechem. It was here that Jacob's well was dug. Jesus stopped here (called Sychar) and asked for water from a Samaritan woman. The famous conversation Jesus had with the woman is recorded in the fourth chapter of John.

Brother Crossland has been going to Nablus each Sunday afternoon to meet with the young men who have obeyed the gospel and to have the communion service with them. Just recently Brother Crossland secured a bus and it is possible to have services in the bus. Before this he would meet in the open air with the young Christians. During the month of Ramadan (corresponding to our October) they had to go outside of town to partake of the Lord's Supper. Moslems do not eat food nor drink water from sun up to sun down during this month. Even though the people are not Moslems, they are subject to arrest if they are seen eating and drinking at that time. It is not at all easy for these young men to remain faithful to the Lord. It is to be hoped that they may be able to accomplish much good for the Lord in future years. We should pray for them and for all others who worship in areas of the world where it is truly difficult to be a Christian.

How thankful we should be that we have freedom to meet and to worship according to God's Word in this great land of freedom. We should be ashamed when it is really easy for us to serve the Lord, when we are careless, lukewarm, and indifferent. We have a privilege each Sunday morning to study the Bible and yet many fail to attend Bible School. There are many who "pay their respects" for a few minutes each Sunday morning, but they show no real interest in God's Word or in the building up of God's Kingdom. What we need is more love for the Lord, and then we would seek to do more rather than try to see how little we can do for the Lord. How sad to think of the sacrifice Jesus made for us - and how little sacrifice we make for Him. May the Lord help each one of us to be more concerned about the church and about our own souls.
G. H. S.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 30 - By George H. Stephenson

10:20 a.m. The First Commandment With Promise.

6:00 p.m. What The Lord Did With Hypocrites in the Church.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Announcements Ross Walker

Prayer Wallace Gayle

Dismiss Elwin Crow

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements Hillard Hughes

Prayer Bob Pearson

Dismiss Monroe Sublette

FUNERALS

Services were held Thursday morning at 10:00 o'clock at Burks-Walker for brother Quincy Bedsole.

Thursday afternoon at 1:30, services were conducted for Mrs. Ora Keith, mother-in-law to sister Weldon Keith and grandmother of Tommy Keith.

Brother Hillard Hughes attended the funeral of an aunt on Tuesday. She was buried in Houston.

We express our sympathy to each family.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 23

by George H. Stephenson

10:20 a.m. The Sabbath

6:00 p.m. When Life Gets Difficult

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hanson
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Patricia Dianne

to

Mr. Wilmer S. Little, Jr.

on Saturday, the twenty-ninth of January

Nineteen hundred and seventy-two

at seven o'clock in the evening

West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception

immediately following ceremony

3522 South Keaton

YOUNG PEOPLE - Sunday, Jan. 30,
from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Steve White
from Dallas, will be with the Corinth
Road Church in Jacksonville for a
gathering of youth from over this
area. This is to be a spiritual feast
in song and fellowship and you are
invited to be present.

Copies of a Newsletter from Rudolf
Rischer are in the foyer.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Sister Christine Parsons suffered a
broken leg Monday. She is in the
Glenwood Hospital.

THE REGULAR 4th Sunday singing
will be in Henderson, Sunday, Jan-
uary 23 at 2:30 p.m.

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

From The Preacher's Desk (continued)

that some congregation will support this young man. All of us who saw him feel that he can be a valuable asset to the work, but as yet no congregation has offered to support him.

We are thankful today that Jesus is with his followers everywhere. It was a privilege to walk where He walked, but it is a greater privilege to have Him walk daily by our side. It was good to go where He lived, but how good it is to know that He has promised to live in our hearts. G. H. S.

MARK THESE DATES

We have a meeting scheduled at the West Erwin Church, June 11 - 16. Trine Starnes, well known evangelist, will be with us. In planning your vacation, please keep these dates in mind. Please arrange your schedules so that you will be here during the meeting.

SOME THINGS ARE HARD TO TALK
about when they involve some and not
others. It has been brought to our
attention that some are being careless
about the care of our facilities here.
Song books have been torn, gum left
on the seats, restrooms have been
damaged, and some shrubs have been
destroyed. Parents, please know what
your children are doing before and
after services!

H. H.

EAST TEXAS TRAINING

FOR SERVICE SERIES will be
hosted by the Alpine and Glover Dr.
Church of Christ in Longview, Mon-
day and Tuesday, January 24th and
25th. The time is 7:30 till 9:00 each
evening. Leonard Gray and George
David Tipps, Jr. will be the speak-
ers. You are invited to attend. Bro-
chures are in the foyer.

MY ONLY TALENT

I have no voice for singing,
I cannot make a speech,
I have no gift for music,
I know I cannot teach,
I am no good at leading,
I cannot organize;
And anything I write
Would never win a prize.
But at roll call in meetings,
I always answer "Here."
When others are performing,
I lend a listening ear.

After the program's over,
I praise its every part,
My words are not to flatter;
I mean it from my heart.
It seems my only talent
Is neither big nor rare,
Just to listen and encourage,
And to fill a vacant chair,
But all the gifted people
Could not so brightly shine,
Were it not for those who use
A talent such as mine!

Where Are You at 9:30 Sunday Morning?

Our Bible School attendance has been pitifully low in recent weeks. True there have been many families with colds, flu, etc. But the fact remains that we have many who come to the worship at 10:20 who are not present at 9:30 for the Bible classes.

Why is it that so many arrive too late for Bible Study? Probably some think class attendance is optional and not important. Some people think they have outgrown "Sunday School" which is for "kids." Is it possible that some people think they know enough? Probably there are those who think they know more than their teacher or who fail to find the excitement or intellectual stimulation they need in Bible class. Perhaps there are a few, because of health, who become weary by two hours of "sitting." I doubt that many at West Erwin fall in this category. Some of our most faithful in Bible School attendance are some who are older and who are not as strong physically as some who do not come to class.

I have an idea that many are not here for Bible class simply because they are unwilling to put forth the effort to get up an hour earlier. Some had rather read the newspaper or attend to chores or other business until time for worship.

"What can be more important than studying the Bible?" is a question asked by Page Morgan of the A and M Church in College Station. It is a question for all of us to consider. Brother Morgan continues, "It's the book by which we will be judged. It contains the gospel - salvation through faith in and obedience to Christ. It teaches us to observe all things (Matt. 28:20), how to live after we deny ourselves, take up our crosses and follow Jesus (Matt. 16:24). It teaches us the magnitude of God's love. Love and knowledge lead us to teach others, help the needy, live in a spiritual state of mind, fellowship the saints, and worship God. Duties become privileges, responsibilities grow into pleasant opportunities. Love and the mind of Christ rule our lives. Christianity becomes a wonderful meaningful experience - each moment to be relished and used.

Now, honestly, would you trade this for a more leisurely breakfast or an extra hour of sleep? Can you and I come before God with a clear conscience when He has told us clearly to seek first the Kingdom and we don't even learn about it?"

Please be in class next Sunday morning at 9:30. Let's build up our Bible School.
G. H. S.

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APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY
Announcements Ross Walker
Prayer Foy Richey
Dismiss..... Ben Young

SUNDAY EVENING
Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer Ray Womack
Dismiss Harold Browning

RESPONSES

Membership: Mrs. Norma Goodloe, Village East Apts., 3100 New Kilgore Hwy. Apt. 222. Sister Goodloe is a secretary at the Village East Nursing home.

Joe Lynch, 815 1/2 North Harris. Joe is a student at Tyler Junior College.

Baptized: Mike Mackey, P. O. Box 1332. He is the son of John and Patsy Mackey. He is in the 9th grade.

Restored and Membership: John and Patsy Mackey, P. O. Box 1332 (Old Omen Rd.) telephone, 592-2832.

We are happy to welcome each one.

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p. m. at the K. Max Haws home.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Eula Pool is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Brother Joe Willis is in Medical Center. He underwent surgery on Monday.

FUNERAL

Services were conducted Sunday for sister George Meek. We express our sympathy to her husband and family.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the flowers, food and every act of kindness shown to us. A special thanks to the singers and to brother George Stephenson.

The Family of Mrs. George Meek

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 Lester C. Scogins.

I would like to express my appreciation for the nice things done for me during the holiday season, as well as all through the year. My wishes for everyone for 1972 are good health and much happiness. Bill Butler

Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy, Mrs. Mary Sims, Mrs. Vannie Lee, Mrs. Janie Chelf, and Mrs. Zora Lunceford have expressed appreciation for the fruit and flowers received during the holidays.

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What Has Happened To Parents?

Maybe a better question is, what has happened to the old standard of discipline? I'm sure those who have no children or their children are grown and gone from home wonder. But I think some of the younger parents are wondering also. I heard recently of a youngster who was reprimanded in his Bible class for mis-conduct and told his parents he wasn't going back. What did the parents do? Yes, they got upset with the teacher and maybe with the congregation. What about the youngster's conduct? Who rules the home, the child or the parents? This isn't the only case. I've had parents say, "what can I do? will you talk to him or her and see what you can do?" Of course, we are happy to encourage anyone, but what about the responsibilities of parents?

We have young people here who take no active part in Bible classes or other activities of the church. Yes, there is a good possibility of them not liking the "youth director" or the "Bible school teacher" or the "preacher" but what "encouragement" is received from the parents? We have those who attend classes who continually disrupt through talking or some other action. Parents, your influence and discipline is required if your children are to be saved in Heaven.

H. H.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

by George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Respect for God's Name
6:00 p. m. The Name Which Saves

TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Jamon Kirby Gerald Montgomery
Jack Stringer Bill Whitworth
Henry McRuiz Wayne Fears
Travis Fletcher Tommy Parsons
Tony Fears Walker Weathers

LEAVING Tyler - Sister John Jackson has moved to Forney, Texas and the Bruce Wiggs family will soon be moving to Jefferson, Texas. We hope each will be happy in their new home.

OUR THANKS to sister Jean Oliver for her thoughtfulness in preparing material for one of the downstairs bulletin boards in the educational building.

A WISE ORIENTAL once said, "A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step," and that is how it is traveled, one step at a time.

It is not the cares and burdens of one day that break us. It is when we add to today's responsibilities the remorse for Yesterday and the fear of Tomorrow that we fall beneath the load. "Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof."

"Give us this day our daily bread." That is all you need or will ever need. Grace for today, strength for today. Today is too late for the cares of yesterday and too early for the responsibilities of tomorrow.

Make the most of today - for God has given it to you - only for today.

THE PARABLE OF THE TALENTS - Slightly Rewritten

For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his commission - to go and win souls. And unto one he gave the task to win five disciples; to another, the task to win two disciples; and to another the task to win one disciple - to each man according to his ability; and straightway took his journey.

Then he that had received the commission to win five disciples got up and went to work - and won those five souls.

And likewise he that had received the commission to win two disciples got up and went to work - and won those two souls.

But he that had received the commission to win one soul sat and sulked and complained that the kingdom was not growing and that the preacher was not visiting as he should.

After a long time the lord of these servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. And so he that had received the commission to win five souls (because he had the ability to win five) came and brought those five souls to his lord, who said unto him, well done, thou good and faithful servant - because you took seriously the commission you received and used the ability you had, the church is surely growing, and you will certainly not be the least in that church!

He also that had received the commission to win two souls (because he had the ability to win two) came and brought those two souls he had won to his lord, who said unto him, well done, good and faithful servant; you had the ability to win two and took my commission seriously. Congratulations on your part in building up the church, for of your kind is the heart of the church composed!

Then he which had received the commission to win one soul (because he had the ability to win one) came and said, Lord, I knew that my winning only one wouldn't amount to much, and besides I've had all kinds of family problems, and my job has been keeping me under real pressure, and I haven't felt too well lately. Besides I'm not much good at talking to people about church... isn't that what we pay a preacher to do?

His Lord answered and said unto him, thou wicked and slothful servant - all I challenged you with was the winning of one soul, but you disregarded that task as unimportant. How stupid you have been - murmuring about this and that instead of going to work for me. I tell you this - you may hold membership in the church till you die, but because you have disobeyed me, you will surely burn in hell!
... Raymond L. Hardin

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APPOINTMENTS SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements..... Louis J. Jones

Prayer..... Howard Holland

Dismiss..... Louis E. Jones

SUNDAY EVENING

Announcements... George Stephenson

Prayer..... Ed Naul

Dismiss..... Fred Powell

EXPRESSIONS OF THANKS have been received from the following for the "cheer baskets" or flowers received during the holidays: Mrs. Lucille Stone, Mrs. Alice Long, Mrs. Susan Johnson, T. G. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Thompson, Mrs. Evalyn Stone, Mrs. Bessie Sanders, Mrs. Annie Shotwell, Mrs. E. L. Taylor, Mrs. Eula Hoppers and Lois Hoppers, Mrs. Dexter Browning, Mrs. Lillie Knight, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Trentham and Bonnie Williamson.

A GREETING CARD with a note of appreciation signed by all the members of the church in Salzburg, Austria is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

WEDDING INVITATION

Our daughter, Dawn Elizabeth, will be married to Gary Lee Frederich Abrahams, on Saturday, the eighth of January, nineteen hundred and seventy-two, at seven o'clock in the evening. Their vows will be spoken at West Erwin Church of Christ, 420 West Erwin, Tyler, Texas.

We invite you to witness their vows and be our guest at the reception to follow at 536 Park Heights Circle.

If you are unable to attend, we ask your presence in thought and prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Parris

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday for brother Lester Scogins. He passed from this life last Thursday afternoon. We extend our sincere sympathy to Adela and the family.

Mrs. I. L. George of Muskogee, Oklahoma, passed away Sunday. She was a sister-in-law to sister Luther Thompson.

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

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister M. M. Haws hopes to go home from Medical Center on Friday.

Brother Clarence Strait is in the Glenwood Hospital.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

10:20 a. m. No Graven Images

by George H. Stephenson

6:00 p. m. Be Ready To Answer

by Hillard Hughes

TEENAGERS - Interest or Non-interest?

When do you, as teenagers, begin to lose interest in serving your God? Maybe you don't, but a great many of our young people do to some degree. Was this loss of interest caused by your parents, your Bible school teacher, the preacher or by your own doing? What happened? I'm positive that every person with whom you associate has not been the best influence upon you, but what about God? How do you let His teaching influence you? Surely we can agree that many activities outside the church are forced upon young people, but how many times do you pass up an opportunity to engage in activities with your Christian friends? It seems that if there is a party, the interest is good - unless

there is some work to be done. Everyone likes parties, but few like to work. When Christ lived upon this earth he was very interested in children, referring to them on several occasions. Why would you live without him now?

There is one definite way to develop an interest in anything - that is - get involved! Get involved by living your life as God expects, get involved doing good for others, get involved in worshipping God and in your Bible classes, get involved setting better examples for your friends. There are many, many ways to help gain more interest in serving your God. "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, it is sin!" H. H.

THE TWENTY-THIRD CHANNEL

The TV set is my Shepherd. My spiritual growth shall want. It maketh me to sit down and do nothing for its name sake because it requireth all my spare time. It keepeth me from doing my duty as a Christian because it presenteth so many good programs that I must see.

It restoreth my knowledge of things of the world and keepeth me from the study of the word of God. It leadeth me in the paths of failing to attend the evening services, doing nothing in the kingdom of God.

Yea, though I live to be a hundred, I shall keep on viewing my TV as long as it will work for it is my closest companion. Its sounds and its picture, they comfort me.

It preventeth me from doing important things with my family. It fills my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the word of God.

Surely, no good thing will come to my life because my TV offereth me no good time to do God's will, thus I shall dwell in the place of the devil and his angels forever.

... Joe Wallace, Gadsen, Alabama