

DATES TO REMEMBER IN 1973

- January 15 - 16 East Texas Leadership Workshop
Northwest church of Christ
- February 11 - 15 Gospel Meeting
Reuel Lemmons, Evangelist
- February 18 - 21 Annual Bible Lectureship
Abilene Christian College
- March 15 - 17 Bible Teacher's Workshop
West Erwin church of Christ
- June 4 - 8 Vacation Bible School
- August 5 - 10 Gospel Meeting
James Baird, Evangelist

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Dismiss Matt Haws

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Dismiss Randy Fletcher

Contributions Bible School

January 7 \$2,173.04 369
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A Year Ago . . \$2,219.76 409

THANK YOU

Along with the names listed last week, the following have expressed their thanks for the "cheer baskets" received recently: Mrs. E. L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Trentham, Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy, Mrs. Eula Hoppers and Lois, Mrs. Zora Luncford. Mrs. Lillie Knight.

FUNERAL

Graveside services were conducted on Monday afternoon for sister Emma Buie. We express our sympathy to her loved ones.

SERMONS FOR JANUARY 14

10:20 a. m. A Murderer's Prayer

By George H. Stephenson

6:00 p. m. Faith on Trial

By Hillard Hughes

Spiritual progress in our lives does not just happen !

A BETTER IDEA

If you are staying home on Sunday morning with nothing to do with your time, we have A BETTER IDEA ! Be in a Bible class and improve yourself. There is, as always, a class for you and any friends, relatives or acquaintances that you have. The adult classes and their teachers are:

20 years Things That Accompany

Salvation.

Teacher Dr. Roger Knight

30 years The Life of Christ.

Teacher Hillard Hughes

40 years Heart Diseases and

Their Causes.

Teacher Faber Cauthen

Chapel Revelation

Teacher George Stephenson

Auditorium Life and Travels of

Paul.

Teacher Roy Roberson

Special for Ladies The Words and

Works of Christ.

Teachers Audrey O'Bannon

Bernice Majors

I'm confident the Lord will not be satisfied with any other activity that you engage in during this period. Be here Sunday at 9:30. H. H.

IN APPRECIATION

Thank you dear Christian friends for your visits, prayers, words of interest and encouragement during my recent stay in the hospital. May God bless you. Bessie Willis

Leadership Workshop at Northwest

The Northwest church of Christ will host the fifth annual East Texas Leadership Workshop on this coming Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 15-16 from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m.

Some outstanding speakers and church leaders have been secured to speak during these sessions which are designed to strengthen the church. Out of town speakers include Harde-man Nichols of Dallas, Lowell Worth-ington of Longview and Charles Hodge of Fort Worth.

Of interest to women will be classes conducted by sister T. B. Thompson of Dallas. Her husband served as the preacher for the West Erwin congrega-tion a number of years ago. Sister Thompson has been an outstanding teacher and Christian leader among women. She is scheduled to speak on Monday evening from 7:15 to 8:00 and on Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

Although the workshop is especially for church leaders, it is designed to help any Christian. It is the aim of those who planned the workshop to have one in which all Christians might be strengthened. All Christians, men, women, boys, girls and friends of Christianity are invited. G. H. S.

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the Hillard Hughes home.

BUSINESS MEETING, Sunday after-noon, 1:30 in the Chapel. Copies of the financial statement are in the foyer.

MISSION NEWS

We hope that each family in the church received a copy of the letter which came from Rudolf Rischer and his family in Salzburg, Austria. Brother Rischer sent printed copies of a letter which contained an ex-cel-lent picture of his family. These were distributed to members of the church following our worship last Sun-day. We are very grateful for the letter and the fine report which it contained.

Keith Mitchell continues a fine work with the International Mission of churches of Christ at the World Trade Center in New York. We regret that Margie, the ten year old daughter of the Mitchells, has been seriously ill. We hope and pray that Margie may be much better by this time.

Vern Carrithers, who has been sup-ported by the West Erwin church dur-ing the past year in Colorado, has ac-cepted a new work. He will be work-ing with the Navajo Indians on the Reservation in Kayenta, Arizona. He will be supported by interested Christ-ians and churches throughout that area with the elders in Cortez, Colorado overseeing the work. Brother Car-ri-thers and his wife have done a good work in Pleasant View and in Dove Creek. The elders in Cortez have agreed to look after the work in Dove Creed and the brethren in Pleasant View will carry on their own work for a time according to brother Carri-thers. Our prayers will be with the Carrithers in their new field.

The Joy of Christian Service

Dean Brookshire delivered a fine sermon in the Leader's Workshop held at the Northwest church on Monday evening. He called attention to the large number of church members who are not really involved in the work of the church. He also pointed out that the only way for Christians to grow and the only way for the church to grow is through the involvement of each member. Not all members have the same abilities, but each should use his or her ability for the Lord.

It would not be so difficult to get members of the church to work if they could just realize the joy which comes through faithful service to the Lord. It should encourage each of us to realize that the Bible says in Hebrews 6:10, "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." How wonderful it is to know that the Lord knows every kind deed that you may do and that no effort that is put forth for the Lord's cause is ever in vain. We have the assurance that "our labor is not in vain in the Lord," (I Corinthians 15:58).

While Christians recognize Jesus as their Master, they should realize that He is not a hard master. He does not ask us to serve Him because He wants life to be a burden to us. His "yoke is easy and his burden is light," (Matthew 11:30).

I am persuaded that the happiest people any where are those who are truly dedicated to the service of God. Of course, those who serve God are servants of their fellow man. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me," (Matthew 25:40).

The most miserable people are those who live only for themselves and are unable to think of the needs of others. No one ever performs any act of kindness but that he is blessed more than the one to whom he shows kindness. It is still true that it is more "blessed to give than to receive," (Acts 20:35).

It should be a joy to work with fellow Christians and to realize that all of us are workers together with God, (I Corinthians 3:9). When we share in the work of preaching the gospel and in building up the church we become partners with the creator of the universe. We are partners with the One who brought order out of chaos, and the One who filled the heavens with stars and who is the source of life and all that is good and beautiful in life. What an honor we have in being servants of the King! The greatest investment is the investment

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RESPONSES

We welcome Gene and Linda Gill, Rt. 2, Box 661. They have been worshipping with the Glenwood congregation. We are happy to have the Gills and their three young children. Their phone is 592-5054.

FUNERAL

Funeral services were conducted on Monday in Amarillo for the brother of sister Wyche Harris and sister Julia Langham. We express our sympathy to the loved ones.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Christian Friends, Thank you for the prayers, calls, visits, cards, and lovely birthday cake. May God richly bless each one of you for your thoughtfulness during my recent illness.
Hattie Thomas

The family of Emma Buie acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Thank you so much for the kind expressions of sympathy at the death of our brother.

Wyche Harris and Julia Langham

Expressions of appreciation from the following have been received for the "cheer baskets" or Poinsettia: Mrs. Vannie Lee, Bonnie Williamson, and Mr. Ernest Shuford.

I was able to read all of the more than one hundred cards and letters that I received at Christmas time. I think that I am so fortunate to have so many friends, but my eyes are just not good enough to write answers to your kind best wishes.

When a person is in the last decade of a century, I suppose she should expect to have a few weaknesses. I especially thank you for the poinsettia.

Mrs. Etta Brogan

Dear Christian Friends,

Dora T. Billingsley, West Erwin's oldest member is still enjoying looking at the beautiful flower sent her for Christmas. She loves the church and can still quote scripture concerning some of its teachings. Thank you.

Hazel C. Fagan (daughter)

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

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chandler request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Bettie Nadine
to

Mr. Marvin E. Hollingsworth, Jr.
Saturday, the twenty-seventh of January
Nineteen hundred and seventy-three
at seven o'clock in the evening
Second Street Church of Christ
Killeen, Texas

Reception following in
the fellowship hall

REMEMBER OUR GOSPEL MEETING

The time will soon be here! Reuel Lemmons is scheduled to preach for us in a series of meetings from February 11 - 15. Let us make these five days and nights a great time for the Lord and His church. GHS

SERMONS FOR JANUARY 21

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. Why Should We Pray
6:00 p.m. Praying As Jesus Prayed

TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in January:

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|-------------------|------------------|
| Elwin Crow | K. Max Haws |
| Don Weathers | Bill Butler, Jr. |
| Dick Higginbotham | Jamon Kirby |
| Milburn Cook | Wallace Gayle |
| Walker Weathers | Matt Haws |

"Let discouragement harden your determination, never your heart."

JANUARY 30

This month has five Tuesdays and as has been our practice in the past, we use this night for an "all zone" fellowship. This occasion will be enjoyed at Wyatt's Cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. We have invited brother Leon Sharp from Dennison, Texas to speak at that time. Brother Sharp has been preaching many years and is very aware of the need to visit. Let's have a full house and again enjoy the fellowship of Christians. HH

IN THE HOSPITALS

Patients in the Glenwood Hospital are Mrs. Eula Pool, Mrs. Zeffie Beard, Mrs. Alice Matthews, Mrs. Ollie Cooper, and brother Hawk, the father of Bennie Bynum. Sister Rose Rushing and sister Lillian Becker have been dismissed and are now at home. Brother George Squier is in ICU at Medical Center Hospital.

The Joy of Christian Service
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of our time, talent and money in the Lord's service.

The deeds we may perform as Christians will continue to live after death. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them," (Revelation 14:13).

Will you endeavor to work harder and enjoy the blessings of service for Christ?
G. H. S.

Guest Editorial . . .

Procrastination

The word is derived from pro meaning forward and crastination meaning belonging to tomorrow. Thus, To put off doing something until the future. (Webster). 'Tis a terrible sin, this, but especially is it bad in man's dealings with his Maker; yet it is about the most prevalent thing one could imagine. It is practiced in the church, and out of it, and carries the same reward in both places. Many things are wrong about procrastination; let us note a few.

1. It is a thief. It steals from you the joy that comes from serving God today. It steals from God the influence you could have for him over family, friends and neighbors.

2. It is a liar. It always says tomorrow, but means never: For truly tomorrow never comes.

3. It is dishonorable. It makes promises without the slightest assurance that it can fulfill them. He who promises God his service and obedience tomorrow, promises something that is not his, for tomorrow belongs to those who will live in it, and no one knows that he will be thus privileged.

4. It is a deceiver. It promises to one that which does not belong to it. All time, present and future, belongs to God. (James 4:13-17).

5. It is a robber. It robs you of your soul; it robs your companion of a Christian husband or wife; it robs children of Christian parents, and it robs your parents of Christian children.

Many who read or hear these words are in disfavor with God, none of whom plan to be lost - all plan to obey the Lord, tomorrow! I never met a man who planned to go to hell. All have good intentions concerning the gospel - but the road to hell is said to have been paved with good intentions! One can have good intentions about a thing a life time - and die without doing it. In fact, that is exactly what they usually do.

Much of the beauty of obedience lies in its being rendered immediately. Do you allow your child to be slow in obeying your orders, maybe say, "I'll do it tomorrow?"

So, my friends, heed the admonitions of Paul which you can find upon the pages of the Bible: "Now is the acceptable time; behold now is the day of salvation," (2 Cor. 6:2); "To-day if ye shall hear his voice, harden not your hearts," (Heb. 3:15). . . . Clarence DeLoach, Jr. - From, Minister's Monthly

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RESPONSE
For Prayer: Ann Montgomery

FUNERALS

Funeral services were held Monday in Tampa, Florida for the mother of brother Johnny Owings. We express our sincere sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Dallas for the grandfather of brother Jimmy Walker. He was fatally injured in an automobile accident last Sunday in which Jimmy and Judy and their little girl and Jimmy's grandmother were all injured. We extend our sympathy to the family and their loved ones.

Sister Mack Bynum's father, Mr. Hawk passed away this morning (Wednesday) in Glenwood Hospital. We extend our sympathy to Bennie and her family.

The 4th Sunday Singing will be in Troup Sunday, 2:30 p. m. All are invited.

REMEMBER - Our meeting with brother Reuel Lemmons will be February 11 - 15. Spend some time each day in prayer in behalf of the meeting. Work for this special effort by inviting friends and neighbors to hear brother Lemmons preach the Good News. Through prayer and work we can strengthen our own lives and bring others to Christ.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Keith are the parents of a baby boy born Monday afternoon in Mother Frances Hospital. Laverne and Weldon Keith are the proud grandparents. He has been named Timothy.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I want to thank all of my sweet and thoughtful friends for the many visits, lovely cards, phone calls, and the beautiful flowers received while in the hospital. Your thoughtfulness helped the time to pass more quickly. God bless each of you. In Christian love, Lillian Becker

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Judy Walker is in Medical Center Hospital and cannot have visitors at the present time.

Brother George Squier is in ICU in Medical Center. Blood donors are needed for him. If you are able to give, go to the Blood Bank and give in his name.

Sister Ollie Cooper and sister Alice Matthews are in Glenwood Hospital.

IS IT TRUE LOVE?

God's word teaches much about love and about those that are to be loved and what we are to love. However, there was an occasion during which there was an expression of love that wasn't a true love. The time we refer to is found in Mark 14 where a woman anointed Jesus with the precious ointment. There is little doubt of her love, but those who witnessed her actions said, why waste this on one man when there are so many poor that could have used the money? The reaction of the Lord was that she

Be In Bible Class Sunday, 9:30!!

OUR BEST WISHES

Peggy Swain and Jack Garner were united in marriage January 17, in Searcy, Arkansas. We extend our best wishes for a happy life together.

ONE-MINUTE MEDITATION by Leon Sanderson

If I may begin with a personal question-How does your face look today? I don't mean in beauty, but is it long and sad or bright and cheery? "Mirror, mirror on the wall, do you see Christ in me at all?" One of the characteristics of Jesus was his inner happiness reflected through his pleasant disposition among men. The nine beatitudes which begin with "Blessed" are indicative of the importance of happiness for the disciple of Christ. Doctors tell us that cheerful people resist disease better than gloomy, negative-minded people. Happiness is a possession of the inward man. Paul said, "I have learned in whatsoever state I am therein to be content." Happiness is also to be expressed. Thus James asks "Is any among you cheerful? let him sing praise." Definitely the happy person is a better friend and co-worker. Let me suggest today that you find that which provides true happiness and then, once meditating upon such discovery, reflect the spirit of Christ and the love of God in your face. In this way everyone will say that you are beautiful.

would be remembered throughout the whole world, (Mark 14:9). Judas let this action cause him to betray Jesus. Some did not agree with the woman's good work! Who gained the most, the one performing good works or the one with a negative attitude! Who is to say what is good and what is bad, only God. Many good works have been destroyed because man has decided that our endeavors couldn't or shouldn't be done because of personal feelings. To preach the Word to all the world can be done only by working hand in hand beginning HERE. Let not "true love" become confused with personal feelings. H. H.

AN ALL ZONE FELLOWSHIP

will be held Tuesday, January 30, at Wyatt's Cafeteria at 7:00 p. m. Brother Leon Sharp from Denison, Texas will be the guest speaker.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Seldom has there been a week which was filled with more historic events in our nation than last week.

At long last a truce was signed between the United States and North Vietnam. All Christians should unite in thanksgiving for peace. We should also pray for the leaders of our nation and other nations that peace may be lasting and that men everywhere may learn of the Christ who is Prince of Peace.

Another historic event last week occurred in the death of Lyndon B. Johnson, the only Texan ever to be president of the United States. I met Mr. Johnson on one occasion and I am a good friend of some who had been closely associated with him. His death took place within a short time following the death of Harry S. Truman. Now there are no living ex-presidents of the United States. Observing the impressive ceremonies on television paying tribute to Mr. Johnson, I was reminded of the fact that all of us know - that death is no respecter of persons. It makes no difference how great or how famous one may be, death will come to him the same as it does to the poor and lowly. Death is an appointment all must keep, (Hebrews 9:27). The Bible tells us that death is an enemy, but he is an enemy that is going to be destroyed, (1 Corinthians 15:26). As Christians, we should live not in view of death but in view of a never-ending eternity in the presence of God. "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ," (1 Corinthians 15:57).

Last week another historic event occurred when the Supreme Court declared that the laws in Texas and in most of our states in regard to abortion were unconstitutional. I regret this decision. When the life of a mother is involved, then I would think that the mother's life should be spared if it meant the loss of an unborn child. However, I can not believe that it is right to destroy deliberately the life of a human being even though this one has not yet been born. Physiologists tell us that once conception occurs that the fetus carries the various traits which will belong to an individual for his life. Our society has come to accept pre-marital and extra marital sex as a way of life. We need to uphold the Biblical standard of the sanctity of marriage. The marriage relationship is wonderful for those whose lives are lived for one another and for God. It is still true that adultery and fornication are condemned by our Lord. If one has been guilty of violating God's law and does have a child, I feel that we should encourage this person to seek the Lord who is merciful and gracious. Also, children born out of wedlock are just as innocent at birth as other children. In our troubled times all of us need the guidance of Jehovah.

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RESPONSES
Sunday evening Dawn Knowles asked that we pray for her as she moves with her family to San Antonio. Since her obedience to the gospel, Dawn has been very faithful and we pray that she may be able to continue to be active in the Lord's Kingdom and be happy in her new home.

THANK YOU NOTE
Thank you for remembering us with the lovely flowers. These, along with your prayers, cards and kind words have shown your Christian love for us.
The Johnny Owings

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Feb. 4
By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Everlasting Gospel
6:00 p. m. Sermon by Cecil Herndon

Know Your Bible Campaign
will be conducted at the Frankston Church of Christ, February 4-9. Evening services will be at seven. Leonard Gray, from the White's Ferry Road School of Preaching, will be the speaker. We are invited to attend as a group on Tuesday, February 6th.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in February.
C. B. Hardin Ed Bullard
Bob Threadgill Francis Bullard
Cone Birdwell W. S. Little
Joe Lynch Dwaine Thedford
Randy Fletcher Bart Lemons

IN THE HOSPITALS
Jeff Gill, son of the Gene Gills, underwent a tonsilectomy this week in Mother Frances Hospital.
Sister Judy Walker is in Medical Center Hospital.
Brother George Squier and sister Zora Lunceford are in Medical Center Hospital.
Sister Ruby Degge and sister Alice Matthews are in Glenwood Hospital.

Elders and Deacons will meet Monday evening, February 5, 7:00 p. m. at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

Be In Bible Class Sunday, 9:30 a. m.

REUEL LEMMONS IS COMING
Reuel Lemmons, who has preached in a number of meetings for the West Erwin congregation, will soon be with us again. Our meeting begins February 11 and closes on February 15. We know that he is one of the great preachers of our time. Let us plan to hear him every service and bring others with us. May the five days set aside for this special series of meetings truly be great days for the Lord.

THERE IS SOMETHING FOR YOU TO DO!
"The night cometh when no man can work." John 9:4
"I just can't find anything to do in the church," some people lament. But there is Christian service for everyone.

A junior high school girl arranged a Cottage Bible Class for several friends. Two Christian women made more helpful calls in a week than all the rest of the congregation. A recently converted family arranged for cottage Bible classes with friends. A high school boy converted his girlfriend. A childless couple brought two neighbor girls to Bible school. A shut-in was responsible for several

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p. m. at the M. M. Haws home. Zone 2 will also meet Tuesday, 7:00 p. m. at the Louis E. Jones home.

GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY EVENING
We urge everyone to be present on Sunday evening to hear Cecil Herndon, minister for the North Tenneha church of Christ. Brother Herndon is well educated and a capable preacher of the gospel. Brother Stephenson will be speaking at Omen Road on this Sunday evening in the exchange of preachers of five congregations in our city. We hope that this "exchange" has helped to promote a better fellowship among all the congregations.

conversions by encouraging neighbors to read the Bible to him. An employer led his secretary to a knowledge of the truth. A couple who lost a son go first to offer comfort to others in sorrow.

Certainly we are fulfilling Christian responsibilities when we live clean lives, work in our homes, attend all church services, study the Bible, pray meaningfully, and behave as good citizens. But Jesus says we are the "light of the world." He means you and me when he says: "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest."

Via. Power For Today

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL
Sunday evening, 8:00 o'clock at the Campus Christian Center.

A GREAT WEEK

GREAT GOSPEL PREACHING

A GREAT PREACHER, REUEL LEMMONS

YOU HAVE A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO GROW SPIRITUALLY

BE HERE - INVITE YOUR FRIENDS

FEBRUARY 11 - 15

Sunday 10:20 a. m. and 6:00 p. m.

Monday thru Thursday 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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RESPONSES

We are very happy to welcome the Ferman Carpenter Family to Tyler and into the fellowship of this congregation. Brother Carpenter is Captain with the Texas Department of Public Safety and sister Carpenter (Lucille) is a homemaker. They have two daughters, Sylvia (a student in TJC), and Angel (a 6th grade student) living at home. They are also the parents of a son in Lubbock and a married daughter. Their address is 3513 Glendale, telephone 593-2007.

WE WANT TO EXPRESS our love and appreciation to the congregation at West Erwin. It has been a pleasure and a blessing to have had fellowship with you. Our new address will be, 501 Richland, Waco, Texas 76710. May God bless you always.

Glen and Jo Warner

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.

WE ARE GRATEFUL to brother Cecil Herndon for a very fine sermon last Sunday evening. Also, the fellowship in the basketball game with some of our young people and brethren from the Tenneha church was very enjoyable.

CHANGE YOUR DIRECTORY

The telephone number for the John Brems and Carl Bells is now listed in the Bullard section of your telephone directory. It is 825-3270.

GOSPEL MEETING, Feb. 11 - 15

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Susan Johnson is in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Jimmy Walker is still a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Zora Lunceford is in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Ruby Degge and Mrs. Alice Matthews are in Glenwood Hospital.

"If you would have God hear you when you pray, you MUST hear Him when he speaks."

FOR PARENTS ONLY

The North Boulevard Church of Christ in Baton Rouge, Louisiana made a survey relative to the problem of why so many young people are lost to the church. Their information was enlightening. In their survey they found that where both parents are faithful and active 93% of their children remain faithful. Where only one parent was faithful, 73%. Where both parents were reasonably faithful, but inactive, 53%. Where parents only attended Bible Class occasionally, the children remained faithful in only 6% of the cases!!

Notice that in the case of the 93% figure, parents were both faithful (attended services) and were active (were involved in the work of the church). Where parents were only faithful (attended services), but were not active (did not take part in the work of the church) the percentage of faithful children dropped 40 points! Involvement, yes, active involvement, is the key to success in keeping youth close to God.

Of course, it is assumed in this survey that one is faithful if he just attends but does not involve himself in the work of the church. This assumption is open to serious doubt! The old saying, "sitting in a church house won't make you a Christian any more than sitting in a hen house will make you a chicken" seems to apply.

At any rate, this survey is very revealing. Parents, if you are not coming to Bible School, you ought to seriously consider these statistics, and if you don't begin attending Bible School and become active in the Lord's work, then get ready to see your children eventually lose contact with God and the church.

And don't blame the church, the elders, or the preacher when it happens -- just look in the mirror. People, I know this is HARD, BUT IT IS TRUE.

"Have I then become your enemy by telling you the truth?" (Galatians 4:16)

... Bryan Teagle, Seabrook, Texas

JUST A LITTLE

The members sleep a LITTLE late and get to the assembly a LITTLE tardy. Some of the members chew gum a LITTLE, joke a LITTLE, play with the babies a LITTLE. Brethren in the classes argue a LITTLE, laugh a LITTLE, figure a LITTLE, mark in the songbook a LITTLE, commune a LITTLE, and contribute a LITTLE. Then they gossip a LITTLE, go home and forget what LITTLE they heard and act a LITTLE like they cared but LITTLE about the greatest and most precious institution on earth, the church of our Lord. This may be exaggerated a LITTLE, but very LITTLE and a LITTLE may be omitted. Please think on this a LITTLE. ... Selected

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Roger Knight	Mack Bynum
Tommy White	A. B. Wallace
Roy Driggers	Charles Lemons
Joe McBee	Travis Fletcher
Paul Knight	Grant Knight

ZONE 3 will meet at the Roger Knight home, Tuesday, 7:00 p. m.

ALWAYS A CRITIC

One of the principal steps of progress is for the individual to realize that he is his own greatest problem. It is so easy for me to say this from the top of my head but not really to acknowledge this from the bottom of my heart.

A very destructive habit is that of always finding fault. Nothing will fray your nerves, lose friends, and promote ulcers more than this silly habit. It is a habit that sort of creeps up on you. When it has complete domination, it has alienated you from those that love you the most as well as society in general.

Take a careful look at yourself today. Was your first statement this morning one of criticism? Have you expressed appreciation for anyone or anything today? Would you have enjoyed associating with someone just like you are today?

Habits become "trait" jackets. Don't allow the habit of always being critical to ruin your possibilities for happiness. . . . Virgil Trout

Minister's Monthly

An old philosopher said that the fact that man has two ears and only one tongue should teach us to be more eager to hear than to speak. This is in harmony with the language of James who said: "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak." Blessed is the man who has cultivated the fine art of being silent. (I Thess. 4:11)

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Dismiss Kenny Browning

Contributions Bible School

February 11..\$2,386.00 419
February 4..\$2,445.91 401
A Year Ago ..\$2,034.92 429

RESPONSES

Restored: Mrs. Cora Hughes, Mrs.
Roy Driggers, Lou Ann Driggers,
Debbie Driggers, Paul Knight.

IN APPRECIATION

Our thanks to you for all the kind words and acts of sympathy during our recent loss. We appreciate the love shown and the prayers offered during the past months for Dad and us. Thanks for the food, flowers, and cards. In Christian love,

Mack and Bennie Bynum
Mrs. O. Q. Hawk
Mr. and Mrs. Clint Hawk

I want to thank each and every one for their visits, prayers, cards, and flowers. They meant so much to me. May God bless each one. I love you all.
Mrs. Ruby Degge

THANK YOU BROTHER LEMMONS

We want to thank Reuel Lemmons for the fine sermons he has brought to this congregation this week. We are always disappointed when many of our members fail to attend our meetings. However, we feel that the church has been strengthened and that all who have listened to the sermons will be more zealous and more faithful to Christ.

WE WANT TO THANK Cullen Gilliam for giving of his time each morning and each evening to direct the singing in our meeting. His work is sincerely appreciated by all of us.

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon at the building for sister Susan Johnson.

Sister Virginia Demic's brother-in-law was killed last week while on duty as a policeman in Lubbock, Texas.

Brother F. A. Jones' mother was buried last week in Talco, Texas.

Funeral services were held Sunday for the grandmother of Glenda Wright.

We share in the sorrow and express our deepest sympathy to each family.

BOLES HOME TRUCK

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be in our area the week of March 11-17. A list of their most needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

ACC LECTURES

The fifty-fifth annual Bible Lectureship of Abilene Christian College will be in progress this coming week in Abilene. The lectureship begins on this Sunday, February 18, and will close on Wednesday. Outstanding speakers will speak on the theme: "Jesus." There will also be numerous classes conducted each day. The ACC lectureship is the largest gathering of members of churches of Christ in the world. It has grown to be one of the largest gatherings of any religious group in the state of Texas. We hope that many from West Erwin will be able to attend and enjoy the fellowship and inspiration of this great meeting.
G. H. S.

YOUR CHILDREN AND GOD

Eda J. LeShan wrote in her book The Conspiracy Against Childhood, "Never before have people spent so much time, energy and money on raising children as we do here and now in the United States." This must be a statement that all parents can agree with as our children grow into adulthood. We're made to wonder where our interest lies, with our children or with ourselves? No where in God's word do we find the example or command to spend money and energy on our children. Our efforts are to be concentrated upon the spiritual and not physical. This is not to say we are to have no concern for the physical; children must be cared for but what we put first is most important! Do your children know the 12 apostles, the books of the Bible, are they able to quote from God's Word, could they teach someone what they must do to be saved? If they don't know these simple teachings, we are not meeting our parental responsibilities. Your child loves God unless by your example and lack of teaching he turns to something or someone as his God. Of course, we encourage your attendance in Bible classes; but more energy, time and love must be produced in the HOME!
H. H.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Feb. 18

10:20 a.m. Mighty Hand of God
By George H. Stephenson
6:00 p.m. Our God
By Hillard Hughes

AUDREY O'BANNON will be teaching the Wednesday morning Ladies Bible class next Wednesday.

KITTY OWINGS will be teaching the Ladies Wednesday evening class next Wednesday evening in the absence of Marian Rowe.

CALLING ALL QUILT TOPS

All ladies who took scraps home to piece quilt tops please return them (even if they are not finished) as soon as possible.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Many thoughts have come to my mind during the recent days as prisoners of war have been returning to America and to their loved ones and friends. Of course, we are truly thankful for each one who has now returned to freedom but we realize that many boys will never come home. Many lost their lives in the longest war in which our country has ever fought.

None of us can know the lonely hours spent by those who were prisoners in a foreign land thousands of miles from home. How thankful we should be that we are free. While it would be tragic to be in prison, it would be more tragic to be in bondage to sin. Christians have been set free from such a bondage. Jesus said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed," (John 8:36). Just as we rejoice when our prisoners of war are freed from their enemies, we should rejoice when one becomes a Christian and is made free from sin. Paul said, "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness," (Romans 6:17,18)

Another thought came to my mind as I witnessed on television the reunion of many men with their wives and families and saw the joy of those happy occasions. I thought of the joy which will be in heaven when all of God's children are re-united in glory. How wonderful it must be to be with loved ones from whom you have been separated for as long as seven or even eight years. How wonderful it must be also to be with our loved ones in glory. In heaven we will experience true freedom indeed. We will be free from temptations, trials, suffering, sickness, and death. What a wonderful thought.

GHS

WHO'S TO BLAME

Man is inclined, when in the wrong, to lay the blame on someone else. He is like the small boy who was standing on the cat's tail. The mother hearing the terrible outburst, called from an adjoining room, "Tommy, stop pulling that cat's tail!" Tommy called back, "I'm not pulling the cat's tail, I'm only standing on it. He's the one that's doing the pulling."

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 Prayer Roy Roberson
 Dismiss Jack Beard

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 Announcements Ray Womack
 Prayer James Phillips
 Dismiss Johnny Owings

RESPONSES

Baptized: Late Thursday evening Brother Stephenson baptized Mrs. Jerry (Thelma) Hughes into Christ. Her address is 1005 So. Augusta. We welcome sister Hughes into the fellowship of this congregation.

On Tuesday evening (during the meeting) Kyle McRuiz, son of Henry and Becky McRuiz, was baptized. He is in the 9th grade and a regular member of the Bible School.

Restored: Marie Wylie and David Fuller.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the beautiful pot plant. Your expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. You were indeed kind to think of us at the passing of our loved one. In Christian love,
 F. A. and Norah Jones

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Bible School</u>
February 18..\$2,189.96381
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IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Alice Matthews remains a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Ike Gaiser is in Glenwood Hospital.

T. J. Parsons is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

DeAnn Stone is in Mother Frances.
 T. G. Bell is in Glenwood Hospital.

BOLES HOME TRUCK

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be in our area the week of March 11 - 17. Following is a list of their needed items. However, they will be glad to use whatever can be supplied.

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|---|--------------------------|
| Peanut butter | Honey |
| Jellies | Preserves |
| Syrup (white, brown Karo, Griffin, Blackburn) | Spices (all kinds) |
| | Lipton Instant Tea |
| Canned Vegetables | Canned fruits |
| Juices and fruit flavored drinks | Laundry bleach |
| Barbecue Sauce | Ajax, Comet |
| Aluminum foil | Catsup |
| Pickles | Salad dressings |
| Nestles Quick | Hershey's Choc. syrup |
| Sugar | Cooking Oil |
| Shortening (Crisco, Mazola, Wesson) | (Crisco, Mazola, Wesson) |
| Paper Towels | Toilet Tissue |
| Facial Tissue | Table Napkins |
| Hair Shampoo | Toilet soap |
| Deodorant (Colgate, Crest, Gleem) | Tooth paste |
| Razors and blades | |

A RUMOR is about as hard to unspread as butter.

NEW ARRIVALS

The Norman Morrrows are the happy parents of a boy, Norman Douglas, born February 12 in Scott City, Kansas.

Jimmy and Judy Walker are the parents of a baby girl born last Friday, the 17th, in Medical Center.

Judy and the baby were to go home on Wednesday.

The Ken Godes' have a granddaughter born last week in Mineola.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 25

- By George H. Stephenson
 10:20 a.m. Why Is The Bible Misunderstood?
 6:00 p.m. Miracle Drugs For the Soul.

DIVIDE AND CONQUER

This has always been Satan's philosophy. When God's people are united in a spirit of devotion, love, and service, they become invincible.

Some of the divisions of Satan are quite obvious. They are manifested in a party spirit, unforgiving attitudes, and in general bickering. However, he has other divisive devices. Some who would never hamper the Cause of Christ by the above mentioned evils become effective instruments of division of the Devil. Examine yourself:

1. When your attendance at Bible classes and worship becomes spasmodic, you are dividing the strength of the congregation.
2. When your giving loses a sacrificial nature, you are dividing the Master's work.
3. When you are doing less than your best, you are promoting division of spiritual vitality which our weary world so desperately needs.

"We never know what ripples of healing we set in motion by simply smiling at one another."

INTROSPECTION

To get his goodnight kiss he stood
 Beside my chair one night
 And raised an eager face to me,
 A face with love alight.

And as I gathered in my arms
 The son God gave to me,
 I thanked the lad for being good,
 And hoped he'd always be.

His little arms crept 'round my neck,
 And then I heard him say
 Four simple words I shan't forget
 Four words that made me pray.

They turned a mirror on my soul,
 On secrets no one knew.
 They startled me, I hear them yet;
 He said, "I'll be like you."

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

I would like to extend congratulations to Frank L. Cox of our city for the honor he received last week from the Twentieth Century Christian magazine. My wife and I were glad we could be present at the dinner held in Abilene last week when brother Cox was presented an award for his outstanding achievements in the field of Christian journalism. I feel that no one could have been more worthy to receive such an honor. He has made splendid contributions to our various religious publications for many years and for a number of years was editor of the excellent publication, Minister's Monthly. He has authored numerous books which will bless the world for generations to come. Brother Cox serves as one of the elders of the Glenwood congregation in our city. He is a fine Christian man and is blessed with a wonderful Christian companion. I am glad to consider them my personal friends and pray that they may have many more years with us.

Another individual to be honored in Abilene last week was Rita Foster Stocking of Arlington, Virginia. She was honored by Abilene Christian College as the outstanding alumnus of the year. She is the first woman to receive this honor. We were glad to be present for this occasion. We have been acquainted with her parents, the Otto Fosters, for many years. Sister Foster died a few years ago but brother Foster, age 91, was able to attend the banquet given in honor of his daughter. For many years brother Foster served as an elder for the church in Cleburne and came to be known all over the brotherhood for his leadership. The Fosters have made generous contributions to the Cause of our Lord and to the Cause of Christian education. Reta Foster Stocking has occupied prominent positions with our government in Washington. I was impressed with the statement she made in regard to the honor she received. While she said she was very grateful for the award of being named outstanding alumnus of Abilene Christian College, but that the really important award would be to receive the blessings of heaven - to be able to hear the Lord say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." It was great to hear this talented, gifted woman let it be known that the greatest achievement in life is to be prepared for eternity. This honor may be achieved by all of us.

We had many wonderful experiences in Abilene last week. We are thankful we could be there and especially thankful we could be present for the honoring of an outstanding Christian man and for an outstanding Christian woman.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 4

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10:20 a.m. Why Is The Bible Misunderstood? 6:00 p.m. David Mathis

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WELCOME

Wednesday evening of last week, Mrs. David (Glenda) Wright was baptized into Christ and her husband, David, was restored to fellowship. Their address is 1307 Woodland Hills Drive, telephone 595-2016.

Sunday evening Mr. Gerald E. Sar- gent was baptized and his wife, Myra, was restored. Myra is the daughter of the Foy Richeys. She formerly worshipped with the Northwest con- gregation. Their address is 1422 Easy Street, telephone 597-7167.

Kay Montgomery came Sunday even- ing for the prayers of the church.

SUNDAY EVENING SPEAKER

Brother David Mathis who preaches for the Glenwood church will be our speaker Sunday evening and brother Stephenson will preach at Glenwood. This will conclude the "exchange" of preachers of the five congregations.

IS IT YOU?

Are you holding up the progress of our Bible School attendance? The only way you cannot be considered a hindrance is by attending regularly. If you are really serious about serv- ing God, this hour of Bible study is going to be time well spent. Jesus is Lord, He is coming, so be ready.

HH

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We want to thank you for the kind inquiries, cards, and words of con- dolence on the untimely death of my brother-in-law, Jack Stevens, in Lubbock recently. Please remember my sister and the children in your prayers. Virginia & David Demic

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Alice Matthews and T. G. Bell are in the Glenwood Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mildred Parris has a new grand- daughter, Deborah Lynne, born in Dallas to Robert and Sue Parris on February 16.

Wilmer and Dianne Little are the parents of a baby girl born this week in Mother Frances. The W. Sherrill Littles are the happy grandparents.

THE LORD'S SUPPER will be served by the following men, March 4 & 11.

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| Foy Richey | Bruce Raley |
| Odell Malone | Harvey Grier |
| Dalton Jones | Johnny Owings |
| Guy Potts | Darrell Holt |
| David Fuller | David Grier |

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT SERIES

MARCH 15 - 16 - 17

All teachers, helpers, and those interested in learning how to teach are invited to attend this workshop.

Thursday Evening	7:30 - 9:00
Friday Evening	7:30 - 9:00
Saturday Morning	9:00 - 11:30

Classes and Instructors

PRE-SCHOOL DEPT.	<u>Mary Lois Meggs</u> from Dallas, Texas
PRIMARY DEPT.	<u>Hazel Stover</u> from Houston, Texas
JUNIOR DEPT.	<u>Linda Fleet</u> from Tyler (Glenwood)
JR. HIGH SCHOOL DEPT.	<u>Dan Whitaker</u> from Dallas, Texas
ADULT DEPT.	<u>Mike Warner</u> from Tyler (Northwest)

Attended Nursery at all sessions

GOSPEL MEETINGS March 4-9
 Church of Christ, Quitman and Cen-
 ter St., Gladewater, Texas. Robert
 D. Bankes of Ft. Worth will preach.
 Weekday services at 7:30 p. m.

March 2 - 4 a workshop on home
 improvement, Families in Crisis,
 will be held at the Mobberly church
 of Christ in Longview. Carl Brecheen
 will be the speaker. Friday, 7:00 to
 9:00 p. m., Saturday, 9:00 - 10:30 for
 men and 10:30 - 12:00 for women.

Elders and Deacons will meet Monday
 evening, March 5, 7:00 p. m. at
 Wyatt's Cafeteria.

Christ uses the willing servant.

HIGH SCHOOL DEVOTIONAL

Sunday evening, 8:00 o'clock at the
 Campus Christian Center, "Friends,"
 a singing group from the ACC Metro-
 center in Dallas will perform. West
 Erwin will be host for this week's
 devotional. All high school young
 people are invited to attend.

Thursday evening, March 8,

The HIS players from Pepperdine
 College, a drama group, will perform
 at Wise auditorium at TJC. The pro-
 gram is free to the public. The time
 is 8:00 p. m.

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
 at Mrs. Ruby Degge's home.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It has been a pleasure to visit other congregations in our city during the past four months. Each first Sunday night the various preachers have exchanged "pulpits." I feel that this has been good for all of us. You have been privileged to hear four other preachers and I am sure you have been blessed. I have been blessed in getting better acquainted with the sister congregations of our city. There are many wonderful Christians in all of the congregations. We need to work together for the advancement of the cause of Christ in Tyler and elsewhere. We must maintain a loyalty and devotion to our home congregation, but we should realize that we are not competitors but co-laborers with the other congregations of our city.

This coming week we will have a wonderful opportunity at West Erwin to receive instruction and inspiration for Bible School teachers and prospective Bible School teachers. We hope that many from other congregations in East Texas will visit us and that we will help to promote the teaching of God's Word throughout this area. I am persuaded that we need to give more and more emphasis to our Bible School. The best way to get the church to grow is to help the Bible School grow. Be sure to attend the Teacher Development Series on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of next week.

We continue to pray for the Keith Mitchell family and especially for their ten year old daughter, Margie. In our latest letter from brother Mitchell who works at the Mission in the World Trade Center in New York, he states:

"She (Margie) is now in her 14th week of illness which we first detected at Thanksgiving time. She has spent most of the time in the hospital since then. . . Most of the time has been spent at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City. This is a private Jewish hospital with probably the finest reputation in the northeast. . . Margie's illness seems to be emotional based. Basically her illness has "programmed" her central nervous and digestive systems to reject all food and drink. Now the condition is affecting her motor skills; the ability to walk is about gone. She is very passive, depressed and despondent, thinking she cannot be well again. Intensive hospital care likely will last several more weeks at best and possibly months."

Our hearts go out in love and compassion to the Mitchells during such a trying ordeal.

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Everyone interested in the teaching
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to attend this workshop.

OUR SYMPATHY

Sister Dora Billingsley passed away last Friday and funeral services were conducted for her on Saturday afternoon. Sister Billingsley was 97 the 20th of last month. We express our deepest sympathy to her family.

Sister Hillard Hughes' grandmother was buried Tuesday afternoon in Rockdale, Texas. We extend our sympathy to the family.

RESPONSES

Restored: Nona Freeman, Tommy Lowrance, Kim Hughes, Reagan Phillips, Terry Stephenson, and Mark Cauthen.

THANK YOU NOTES

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

The family of Susan Johnson

It is sweet to know that we had Christian friends at West Erwin to help us during the recent sorrow in the loss of our darling mother, Mrs. Dora T. Billingsley.

For all the food, flowers, visits, and cards her children and grandchildren are deeply grateful. God will bless each of you for these lovely services. The singing was very beautiful and brother Stephenson's reading of 1 Cor. 13 was superior to any Bible reading we had ever heard.

Hazel C. Fagan, Winnie Billingsley Webster, Merle B. Campbell, Burre Billingsley - Tyler

Dorothy C. Davis - Ft. Worth
Buck Billingsley - Longview

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, March 11
10:20 a.m. Are We Living In The
Last Days?

By George H. Stephenson
6:00 p.m. Why God's Child Is
Defeated.

By Hillard Hughes

We want to express our appreciation to brother David Mathis for the fine sermon he brought Sunday evening.

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

A WORTHY NEED

A fund has been established in the Lubbock National Bank in Lubbock for the purpose of aiding Frances Stevens whose husband was recently killed in the line of duty while serving as a policeman.

Frances Stevens is a sister of our own Virginia Demic. Frances has three small children to rear without a father. Her husband died while serving society. Any contribution you could make to assist Mrs. Stevens during this trying time would be used in a worthwhile way.

You may send checks to the Lubbock National Bank for the Frances Stevens Fund. Or, if you prefer to have us send your contributions from the church we would be glad to do so. Little help is provided for widows of policemen. This is an opportunity for us to demonstrate compassion and kindness toward others. GHS

BOLES HOME TRUCK

Remember the grocery truck from Boles Home will be here some time during the week of March 11 - 17 to pick up any items we may have for them. If possible, bring whatever you wish to contribute by Sunday.

IN THE HOSPITAL

T. G. Bell, Walter Clyburn and Alice Matthews are in the Glenwood Hospital.

TEACHERS
"Workshop", March 15, 16, 17

HOW TO MAKE WORSHIP

SATISFYING AND ENJOYABLE

1. Always pray before you come to worship God.
2. When you enter the auditorium let all conversation cease. Be as quiet as possible. Spend a few minutes in quiet meditation.
3. Come expecting to enjoy the service and to receive a blessing.
4. Come to worship God. Remember that worship is not to amuse or entertain, but to honor God and Christ.
5. Enter enthusiastically into every part of the worship. Sing from the heart, pray, study, listen, give. Be a worshipper, not a spectator.
6. When worshipping forget the faults of others there and think of your own imperfections. Confess your sins and forget the sins of others. Seek forgiveness.
7. Give the preacher a sympathetic hearing, and pray for his success and power in the word. Do not allow anything to detract you from getting his lesson.
8. When listening, remember you are listening to God's Word. It is manna to your soul. Feast upon it.
9. When the service is over, be warm and friendly to those about you. Notice the stranger, and make him feel welcome. He came because his soul was hungry. Encourage him. Via - The Reminder Temple, Texas

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

We need to remember and pray for the ones we are helping to support in their preaching of the gospel in various other places in the United States and throughout the world.

While in Abilene during the annual lectureship at Abilene Christian College I met two of the elders of the church in Somerville, New Jersey. This is the congregation which oversees the work of the International Mission of churches of Christ in the World Trade Center in New York City. There are two preachers who are devoting their full time to this very challenging work. They are Phil Evanson who is fully supported by the Broadway church in Lubbock and the other is Keith Mitchell whose support comes from several congregations including the West Erwin church. Outstanding men and women from all over the world are being contacted in the World Trade Center and opportunities for teaching are tremendous. Brother Mitchell, according to the report of the elders in Somerville and the reports from many others, is doing an outstanding work. More and more Internationals are being taught on a daily basis at the Mission Center. Some of these are near to obeying the gospel. Several have been reached in the past.

The Keith Mitchells continue to need our prayers on their behalf and on behalf of their ten year old Margie who has been ill for several months. This is a heavy burden on the Mitchell family. The medical and hospital expense for this little girl has been tremendous. Christians from many places will surely want to assist the Mitchells in helping to bear their expense.

Another item of interest in regard to our present mission work is that we are now supporting John Lachmana in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. John is a young man who will be working very closely with American missionaries in Malaysia. He is a graduate of the Four Seas College of Bible and Missions in Singapore. Among his duties with the Kuala Lumpur church he preaches at evening worship services twice a month. He teaches the Adult Bible class on Sunday mornings. He spends much time in working with the Bible Correspondence Course, visiting and studying with them. John is an Indian and makes many of his contacts among the Indian people in Malaysia. He has ten hours of intensive Bible instruction per week conducted by missionaries Ron Warpole and Charles Bishop.

I know you are glad to read the monthly reports which come to us from Rudolf Rischer in Salzburg, Austria. Some of our men hope to visit in Salzburg some time this year.

We look forward to having Norman Morrow from Scott City, Kansas and Lem Ford from Hastings, Nebraska with us in our Vacation Bible School in June. We continue to assist these men in their support, however both Scott City and Hastings are assuming more of the support of these men. GHS

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 Prayer M. B. Beard
 Dismiss Tommy Lowrance

Sunday Evening

Announcements David Demic
 Prayer Joe McBee
 Dismiss Mark Whitworth

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Bible School</u>
March 11...\$2,292.32405
March 4...\$2,154.63399
A Year Ago \$2,212.17398

RESPONSES

Baptized: Lisa Higginbotham was baptized into Christ Sunday evening. Lisa is the daughter of Dick and Sue Higginbotham. She is in the 5th grade and a regular member of the Bible school.

SUMMER MEETING

The dates for our summer meeting in which James Baird, president of Oklahoma Christian College, will do the preaching have been set for August 12 through August 17. This is a week later than we published in an earlier bulletin.

Please try to arrange your vacations, etc. so that you will be in town for the meeting and also for the Vacation Bible School to be conducted from June 4 - 8.

Be in Bible Class Sunday, 9:30 a. m.

FUNERALS

Brother B. J. Tucker's mother passed away in Fort Worth last week. Funeral services were conducted on Saturday in Ennis, Texas.

The husbands of two nieces of sister Kitty Owings were fatally injured in an automobile accident last Saturday near Temple, Texas. Both funerals were conducted Monday.

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

SERMONS FOR MARCH 18

By George H. Stephenson
 10:20 a. m. Discernment
 6:00 p. m. The Steadfast Face

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the 18th and 25th of March.

C. E. Caskey R. C. O'Bannon
 Averyt Smith Monroe Sublette
 Mark Cauthen Dwain Smith
 Tim Holt Kim Smith
 Marty Stitt Ken Browning

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Alice Matthews remains a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Hawk, mother of sister Mack Bynum is in Glenwood Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS

The J. B. Grays have a new grandson born in Mother Frances Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. William Manning of Kaufman.

SPIRITUALITY ... OR STIMULATION

There is a recurring request from some, especially young people, to change the order of worship on the Lord's Day. That usually is based on a plea that to change the routine would make the services more "spiritual," and less dry.

Be it clearly understood that I do not believe any particular order of services is exclusively scriptural. And count me in the number who thinks an occasional change is refreshing and enjoyable. And also, I want to be in the number who favors any change which improves. But to say that the same decreases spirituality, or causes dryness shows some fuzzy thinking.

During childhood we remember some routines which were tiring and often boring. As a little boy, I never did enjoy washing my hands, or having my ears washed. Any change in routine was welcomed. Any delay was more than welcomed. I secretly hoped someone would build a detour around that task. The trouble was not the water -- or the soap. It was with me. It was more fun to catch a toad or to chase my sister with a snake, than to have my ears washed, regardless of the order of occurrence.

But I also remember some daily routines which were exciting. I never regretted hearing the call to dinner. And I didn't worry about whether we would have to eat dessert first or last. It really did not make much difference to me. My only complaint was when the meal happened to be a few minutes late. I found that tri-daily routine to be refreshing always. It never became monotonous, never "dry." I NEVER hated to hear that call. And I doubt seriously if anything in the line of custom could have hurt it much. The only improvement I could think of was to have it more often. Chasing toads and playing marbles were never so important as that regular habit of eating.

And I'm wondering if the services are not "spiritual" or if they are "dull," is it the order of arrangement? Or, is it from the inside? Remember... externals do not determine spirituality. That comes from within.

(copied) W. T. Hamilton

MY CHILD IS TOO YOUNG

"But my child is too young to learn, so I don't bring her to Bible School. But isn't she cute? She can recognize Santa Claus. Did you ever hear her recite "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star?" She doesn't miss a word. You know, she can tell when I am going to slip away. The other day I came home from town and she was already asking me what I brought her. She is such a little helper. She can put her toys up just like a big girl. But the other day she said the naughtiest word. I don't know where she learned it."

THE QUESTION - What would you say???

(Copied)

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

We were thrilled to see the increase in our Bible classes Sunday - the largest attendance we have had in a long time. We hope that this is just the beginning of a renewed interest and growth in our Bible School.

We have set as a goal 475 in Bible School each Sunday in April. This is a goal which is realistic - and one which should be reached without too much effort. However, we must all work together if we reach our goal.

There are always numbers of people present for worship who fail to come to Bible classes. We would like to encourage all of these to put forth a little extra effort and be here by 9:30 a. m. for Bible Study. We have good teachers - good facilities - and plan to make them better. We want your help and your co-operation in bringing more to Bible School.

It is our desire to have more in Bible School not just to boast of so many numbers; but because we believe that the Bible is God's Word, and when it is received into honest and sincere hearts it will change their lives. It will provide spiritual nourishment for our souls and light to direct our feet in the paths they should go. The psalmist declared:

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver... O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day... How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way... Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Portions of Psalm 119)

We had a fine workshop last week for our Bible School teachers. We had some very capable teachers who came to us from other congregations to help us and help all others who came to the workshop. Hillard Hughes did a fine job in planning and arranging this important activity. GHS

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 25

By George H. Stephenson

10:20 a. m. Famous Gardens

6:00 p. m. Crucified With Christ

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Prayer.....John Teague
Dismiss.....Stephen Pickle
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March 18...\$2,614.27 451
March 11...\$2,292.32 405
Year Ago...\$2,454.28 394

RESPONSES

Don O'Bannon came Wednesday evening of last week to confess wrongs and be restored.

THANK YOU NOTES

Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated.

The Tucker Family

Jim and I would like to express our thanks for the food and especially the prayers following our recent accident. We really appreciated our Christian friends' help through our recent ordeal. May God bless each of you.

Jim and Judy Walker

ATTENTION LADIES

Ladies, you are invited to attend class Tuesday morning, 10:00 a.m. at the Northwest church to hear Tony Ash speak.

WELCOME VISITORS

A large number of visitors were with us for worship last Lord's Day. We were pleased to have each one and extend an invitation to return at every opportunity.

This weekend the Azalea Trails will begin and we look forward to having many guests for this event. Bring your visitors to Bible School.

GOSPEL MEETING

Tony Ash, Gospel Preacher and Bible Teacher of Pepperdine College, will be preaching at the Northwest church of Christ, March 25 through 28. Weekday evening worship, 7:30.

SINGING SCHOOL

The church at Houston and Broadway in Kilgore is sponsoring a singing school, April 2-6. Bob Connel from Haskell, Texas will be teaching during this week. Bob conducts school every year at Haskell. This training will improve congregational singing by learning more of the basics of singing. We hope many will attend.

HH

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Alice Matthews is very seriously ill in Glenwood Hospital.

Ike Gaiser is in Glenwood Hospital.

Reagan Phillips is ill with pneumonia in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Pauline Daughtry had eye surgery in Medical Center Tuesday.

Meredith Womack underwent a tonsillectomy last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Stringer request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Pamela Diane

to

Mr. Don Overton Faubus
on Saturday, the seventh of April
Nineteen hundred and seventy-three
at half after ten o'clock in the morning
West Erwin Church of Christ

420 West Erwin

Tyler, Texas

Reception

Woman's Building

944 South Broadway

"Stand UP And Shout It"

A youth meeting is planned for area youth, March 31 at Lufkin. The theme is "Stand up and Shout it." We are planning to take as many of our young people that can possibly go. Speakers for the occasion are Stanley Shipp from Saint Louis and Wendell Broom from Abilene. Lunch will be provided. The program begins at 10:00 a.m. and is over at 3:00. Make plans now to go.

HH

"The right train of thought can take you to a better station in life."

THINK:

- "If you discriminate against me:
---because I am dirty, I can wash myself;
---because I am bad, I can reform and be good;
---because I am ignorant, I can learn;
---because I am ill-mannered, I can improve my behavior.

BUT, if you discriminate against me because of my color or race, you discriminate against something which God gave me, and over which I have no power. ---Think about that. (from the Corinth Rd. bulletin, Jacksonville)

TEN RULES FOR HAPPINESS

1. Make up your mind to be happy? You can think yourself into being miserable. Learn to find pleasure in simple things.
2. Make the most of what you have, where you are, and with what time there is.
3. Don't take yourself too seriously. Don't think that everything that happens to you is of world-shaking importance.
4. Don't borrow trouble. You have to pay compound interest on borrowed trouble.
5. Don't let your neighbors set your standards.
6. Don't cherish enmities and grudges. Hate takes all the joy out of life.
7. Keep in circulation. Meet interesting people.
8. Don't hold post-mortems, don't spend time brooding over mistakes.
9. Do something every day for somebody else.
10. Keep busy doing constructive things.

Your life can be enriched through Bible Study. Won't you make an extra effort to be in class Sunday, 9:30 a.m.

We are very encouraged by the fine number we have been having in our Sunday morning worship. We were especially pleased with the large number present last Sunday. The building was practically filled. Of course, we had many visitors who had come to Tyler to see the azaleas and other spring flowers. This is always a great time when visitors from many places come to share with us the beauty of this season.

We are glad to see the Bible School attendance on the increase. Let us do everything possible to have 475 each Sunday in April. There is a class for everyone regardless of age. You will be glad if you get here in time for Bible School every Sunday. The time spent in Bible School should help to prepare you for the worship which follows.

On Monday of this week I attended the quarterly meeting of the trustees of Boles Home. Ross Walker and I are two of the trustees. It is an honor to work with the men who assist in the important work of helping to maintain a home for dependent and neglected children. Boles Home has many needs at the present time. Most of the buildings are getting old. However, I am glad to say that many individuals have worked to get them in better repair. Contrary to the report received by many, Boles Home is in need of more contributions from interested churches and individuals. For the first time in several years our expenses this year have not exceeded our income. There is a need to build a new cottage at the home. Plans call for the building of such a cottage and to honor Tillit S. Teddlie in its construction. Brother Teddlie is well known for his many songs and for his years of service in the Lord's work. He is a former superintendent of Boles Home. While I am interested in all of the homes for needy children maintained by our brethren, I am especially interested in Boles, for it is the home serving North and Northeast Texas. It is truly a home for children because Christians have a heart.

This coming Sunday will find me with the church in Lake Jackson, Texas. I will be speaking Sunday through Wednesday on the theme, "The Christian Home." Gary Montgomery, who formerly worked with us at West Erwin as the educational director, is preaching for the Lake Jackson congregation. It will be good to be associated with him and his good family again.

Please remember us in your prayers while we are in Lake Jackson. We will be praying for Hillard Hughes and all of you. We know he will bring lessons from God's Word which will do much good. GHS

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Prayer.....	Elwin Crow
Dismiss	Walker Weathers
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March 25..468 \$2,865.68
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Year Ago..430 \$2,185.32

THANK YOU

Thank each and everyone for your prayers, cards and kindness during my recent illness. Deann Stone

RESPONSES

For prayer: Martha Powell and Jo Ellen Willis.

AREA MEETINGS

April 1 - 8, Alpine & Glover Church of Christ, Longview. Paul L. Wallace, Evangelist will preach each weekday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Crockett Road church of Christ in Palestine will have Roy Hannah in a Gospel Meeting, April 2 - 8. Evening services at 7:30 p. m.

You are invited to attend.

Singing School.. Remember the Singing School in Kilgore at the Broadway church, April 2 - 6. Bob Connel from Haskell, Texas will be teaching.

JUST ONE FOR SUNDAY

Our young people sing the song, "We are One In the Spirit" during some of their devotionals, and we are. Those of us that are in Christ became One just as man and woman became one in marriage. Yet we are many individuals. Wouldn't it be disappointing to have only 474 in Bible classes Sunday when our goal is 475 if you could have been here and were not? We, as a congregation (one), are working together to have every member present every Sunday during April. Goals are good to have if they also have some meaning. This one does. It means there will be 475 studying God's word together. It means that 475 individuals are showing their love for God. It means that 475 people will be meeting together as brothers and sisters in the Lord. What a family reunion! So, we just need 1 Sunday... YOU! April has five Sundays. Does God mean anything to you? Be here and bring someone. HH

FUNERALS

Brother Stephenson conducted the service Saturday for sister Alice Matthews. We extend sympathy to brother L. L. Prater and the family.

We express our sympathy to Ed and Carolyn Stitt. Ed's father passed away this week in Fairmont, W. Va.

YOU ARE INVITED to attend a program of singing Sunday, 2:30 p. m. at the Glenwood Church. The Melody Boys and The Horizons will be part of this teaching program.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Voelkle, Sr. request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Emma Louise

to

Mr. Gary Wayne Weaver on Saturday, the fourteenth of April Nineteen hundred and seventy-three at four o'clock in the afternoon Collinsville Church of Christ Collinsville, Texas

Reception following ceremony Church Annex

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Bud and Louise Caskey have a new granddaughter born last Thursday in Kilgore to Dudley and Jeannie Brookshire.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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|------------------|-------------------|
| Louis J. Jones | O. C. Becker |
| Harley Turner | Ben Young |
| F. A. Jones | Tom Williams |
| B. J. Tucker | W. O. Rushing |
| Terry Stephenson | Rick Higginbotham |

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

- By Hillard Hughes
- 10:20 a. m. Until He Comes
- 6:00 p. m. Of The World

Attention Ladies - Sunday morning Bible Class - Lesson for Sunday: The Compassion of Jesus, Matthew 15:21-31.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

. . . for the Mitchells

On this coming Sunday a special contribution will be made for the Keith Mitchell family in New York to assist them in the tremendous expense they have in caring for their ten year old daughter, Margie. As you know, Margie has been ill since Thanksgiving and there is a possibility of her needing hospital care for months to come. None of us can possibly know what a burden this has been to the Mitchell family. The Bible says, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2).

Keith is working faithfully for the Lord in the International Trade Mission. The last report from him states that Margie has shown a little improvement. We want to continue to pray for her that she may be able to be restored to health.

The special contribution will be taken Sunday following our regular contribution. Please be prepared to give for this important cause. GHS

Elders and Deacons will meet Monday evening, April 2, 7:00 p. m. at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister George Welch's mother, Mrs. Sanders, is very ill in Medical Center. Brother L. L. Prater's brother from Midland is in ICU in Medical Center. Brother H. McCarty is in ICU in Mother Frances suffering from burns.

Guest Editorial . . .

I Can Sleep When The Wind Blows

Nearly everyone who has written anything has tried to define "peace" and give his magic formula for achieving it. It is my personal opinion that men do not have peace among themselves because they do not have peace with God. Perhaps the following story illustrates this point.

A farmer advertised for men to work on his farm but received only one applicant, an eighteen year old boy who was asked:

"Can you run a tractor?" "No, sir," replied the youth.

"Can you handle a milking machine?" "No, sir. I've never worked with one."

After several more questions, all with negative answers, the farmer said, "Well, what can you do, young man?" And he answered, "I can sleep when the wind blows."

The farmer didn't understand, but neither did he press for an explanation. He needed help so badly that he gave the job to the young man. It was not many days afterward that a storm came up in the middle of the night. The wind began to blow, accompanied by thunder and lightning and rain. The farmer was awakened and ran to the room where the young man was sleeping. There, just as he had said, he was sleeping through the storm. Rather than trying to waken the youth, the farmer himself ran out to the barn to check on the animals and equipment. He found the doors to the barn were tightly shut and bolted. The animals were in their shelters, properly secured. Then he remembered the pile of straw that the wind would be blowing in all directions, but he found it had been covered with canvas and tied down. Everything was secure. On the way back to the house the farmer remembered what the young man had told him: "I can sleep when the wind blows." And he understood.

What about you? Have you the confidence to live through life's storms knowing that you are prepared to meet your Maker? Are you fulfilling all your obligations to God and to man? Are your "chores done?" If so, you can sleep when the wind blows. . . You can say with Paul, "I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of life." Then, and only then, can you know the "peace of God that passeth all understanding" (Phil. 4: 4-9)

. . . Carl B. Garner

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RESPONSES

Membership: Sister A. L. (Ruth)

McCauley, 3126 Shady Trail Drive,
telephone 592-1235.

For Prayer: Scott Ferguson, Dwain
Strait, Laurie Rowe, Susan McKeever
and Mrs. Gerald Montgomery.

THANK YOU NOTES

To all those who ministered to my
needs during my recent hospital stay:
For the lovely cards, prayers and
other services, thank you very much.
Mrs. Pauline Daughtry

The family of Alice Prater Matthews
acknowledges with grateful apprecia-
tion your kind expressions of sympa-
thy. Your prayers, food and flowers
were greatly appreciated.

Dear Brothers, and Sisters in Christ,
The Eastside church of Christ on
Highway 80 in Hawkins, Texas wishes
to thank you for the contribution which
was needed so very much. We are
also inviting you to our dedication
service, April 8, 1973 at 2:30 p. m.

OOPS - WE MISSED !

SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE WAS
GOOD, BUT WE DID NOT REACH
OUR GOAL OF 475. WE HAD A
LARGE NUMBER OF VISITORS FOR
WHOM WE WERE GRATEFUL. . . BUT
SOME OF OUR OWN MEMBERS LEFT
TOWN. I KNOW IT IS GOOD TO VISIT
WHEN WE CAN, BUT LET'S REALLY
TRY THIS SUNDAY TO BEAT THAT
450 MARK AND REACH 475. PLEASE
HELP US. HH

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Importance of the Bible
School.
6:00 p. m. Who Is on the Lord's
Side?

AREA MEETINGS

Omen Road church here in Tyler,
April 8 - 13. Bubba Phillips of the
Boles Home congregation will be the
speaker each evening at 7:30.

Jefferson St. church in Sulphur
Springs will have Gene Glaeser in a
meeting, April 9 - 15. Evening
services at 7:30.

The Mineola church of Christ will
have a meeting, April 9 - 13 at 7:30
each evening with Dean Brookshire.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 4 will be a great day at West Erwin. That is the first day of our VBS. We are working on some plans that will make this more than just another Vacation Bible School. This will be a time when GOD'S WORD will be taught and training on how to live closer to Him. Our theme this year is "How Great Thou Art." A very special class will be conducted at night - more about that later. Two of the men we help support in other places will be here to help motivate us to a higher plane. Brother Lem Ford will again teach the adult class each morning and Norman Morrow will work with the Jr. High young people. If you will help during this great week, please let me know where you would like to work. HH

BANQUET FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS

Everyone should have been contacted by now in regard to the banquet for our high school students. Here is a time all of us can show our appreciation to them by helping provide them with a night of entertainment with other Christians. Of course, we are not obligated to provide this for them, but if you love young people you will be glad to help. Any contributions can be given to Jamon or Clay Kirby or Hillard or Jeanine Hughes. We hope all of our young people will take advantage of this occasion. HH

LADIES, you are invited to attend
the Bible Class at the Omen Road
church next Tuesday morning at ten
o'clock. Sister Ina Mae Stolz will be
the speaker. Her subject is "Fellow-
ship of Sorrow."

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother H. McCarty remains in
Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister George Welch's mother, Mrs.
Sanders, is in Medical Center.

Mrs. Gerald Sargent is in Glenwood
Hospital.

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted on
Wednesday in Little Rock for an aunt
of Dr. Roger Knight.

TEACHERS, The time has arrived for
our annual Teacher's Banquet. This
occasion is for all those who teach and
their husband or wife. Our banquet
will be at Wyatt's Cafeteria, April 20
at 7:00 p. m. Would you please call
the church office and make your res-
ervations soon. HH

THE JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS Wednesday
evening class are reading the Bible
through this year. Suzanne Pickle and
Prissy Potts have completed reading
the Bible once this year.

A NEW SON

Tanna and Keith Cameron are the
proud parents of a boy born Monday
in Mother Frances. Lucille Stone is
the happy grandmother.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

In recent years much has been said about the growing number of drug addicts in this country, especially among the youth, and of the dangers of drug abuse. As great as this problem is, I have felt that the growing use of alcohol and the increasing number of alcoholics poses a greater danger to our country than the use of drugs. This opinion of mine was corroborated by the report of the National Commission on Marijuana and Drug Abuse which has recently been given to President Nixon.

In a news column of the Dallas Morning News, April 6, 1973, Tom Wicker states:

"The commission, after a 2 year study directed by former Republican Governor Raymond P. Shafer of Pennsylvania concluded for example that 'without question the most serious drug problem in the country today is dependence on alcohol - not on heroin or speed.' "

Wicker's column continues, "Alcohol is not generally thought of as a drug so the commission noted that many people think of a martini as something fundamentally different from a marijuana cigarette, a barbituate capsule, or a bag of heroin. But alcohol has more addicts than any other drug; it is more damaging to the body than any other; it probably causes more violence and domestic discord."

In a time when the majority of people around us have come to accept social drinking as a way of life, Christians need to recognize the dangers of drinking. We are told that there are over nine million problem drinkers in our country. Surely no one intended to become an alcoholic when he took his first drink. No one becomes an alcoholic who completely abstains from drinking. There are too many with wrecked lives and wrecked homes caused by their drinking for me to take drinking lightly. We should be compassionate toward those who are alcoholic and help them come to the one who can forgive and give strength to overcome every sin. We should also continue to warn our youth that alcohol is a very powerful and dangerous narcotic. GHS

SUNDAY EVENING SERMONS

On this Sunday evening we plan to begin a study of some of the people who were praised by Jesus when He was on the earth. Our study on this Sunday will be devoted to a study of Nathanael. Jesus paid a wonderful tribute to this man as recorded in John 1:47:

"Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!"

Why not plan to be present this Sunday and every Sunday evening at six?

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Dismiss Ken Jones

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Bible School</u>
April 8.. \$2,240.30 435
April 1.. \$2,834.99 450
Year Ago.\$2,184.93 407

AREA MEETINGS

Jay Lockhart will begin a meeting with the Northwest church Sunday evening and continue through Wednesday evening. The time is 7:30 each week night.

Glynn V. Purdy will be in a meeting April 16 - 22 at the South Main church of Christ in Henderson, 7:30 each week night.

FUNERAL

Sister R. M. Mayo's sister, Mrs. Rieves, passed away Monday in Ft. Worth. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday. We extend our sympathy to the family.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, April 15

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. My God and I
6:00 p. m. An Israelite Without Guile

HAPPENINGS THAT ARE NEAR

Our Teacher's Banquet is just one week away and we must have your reservation by Sunday. The date is Friday, April 20, at Wyatt's Cafeteria. This is for all teachers and wife or husband. Brother Carl Brecheen from Abilene Christian College will be here to speak to us on The Teacher's Spiritual Life. Please call the office now or see me.

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A good number of our members have been very generous in contributing to the banquet for the Juniors and Seniors. However, we still are short of our required needs. If you haven't given yet, we appreciate any amount.

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We hope all Juniors and Seniors will attend the banquet since it is free to you and your guests. This is done at the expense of many people who ask nothing of you. The date is April 28, at the Woman's Building, beginning at 7:00 p. m.

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The time has arrived for our Vacation Bible School. It has been inspiring to me to have so many planning to help. This should be a great week as we teach God's Word. The dates are, June 4 - 8 from 9:00 to 11:30 each morning. The theme is built around the greatness of God, "How Great Thou Art." All VBS Teachers will meet this Sunday at 4:00 p. m. for a short but important meeting. HH

CAKES FOR BOLES HOME

For the past several years we have participated in a rotation plan to provide baked sweets for the Boles home. April 20th (Friday week) is our day to take cakes and pies to the home. Also, a volunteer is needed to take the things to the home.

LAKE JACKSON MEETING

I enjoyed the few days spent with the church in Lake Jackson speaking on the theme, "Christ in the Home." Gary Montgomery is doing a fine work as preacher for this church. He and his wife, Sandra, sent greetings to their many friends here. GHS

BEST WISHES

Miss Pam Stringer and Don Faubus were married here at West Erwin last Saturday. We extend our best wishes for a long and happy life together. They will make their home in Richardson, Texas.

CAMP DEER RUN

One of the best ways young people can spend part of their summer is at a Christian youth camp. Many of our Tyler young people attend and love Camp Deer Run. Even though there is much time given to recreation and relaxation many hours are spent in the study of God's Word. The area around the camp provides young people with a surrounding of our Lord's handiwork. The hikes, campfires, and camp outs are highlighted by devotionals at the close of each day. There will be six (6) sessions, beginning June 3. For the one week sessions, the cost is \$30.00 and for the two week sessions, the cost is \$50.00. If you don't have a child who could attend, why not help provide help for someone that might want to go but cannot afford the expense. If you would help the camp financially with a donation, brother Ray Womack is on the Board of Directors and will be anxious to talk with you. HH

CHURCH WIDE FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited to bring a basket lunch and be present for a fellowship of all the members of the congregation to be held at the Rose Center Building on Monday night, April 23, at 7:00 o'clock. Mark this on your calendar. We want this to be a time for all of us to become better acquainted and to enjoy our fellowship together. GHS

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother H. McCarty continues to be a patient in Mother Frances. Sister George Welch's mother, Mrs. Sanders, remains in Medical Center. Sister Mary Prater underwent surgery Wednesday in Glenwood Hospital. Brother Jim Franklin is in Mother Frances Hospital. Brother R. L. Trentham is in the V. A. Hospital in Dallas. Brother M. M. Grayson, father of sister Jo Butler, is in Mother Frances.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

We look forward to the supper and the opportunity to enjoy being with fellow Christians on this coming Monday evening in the Rose Center Building at 7:00 o'clock. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring friends with you who may not be members of the church.

Solomon said, "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven... a time to weep, and a time to laugh," (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4).

Christians are glad when the opportunity comes to worship God. We are also glad when we have opportunities for wholesome recreation and pleasure especially with our families and Christian friends. Such an opportunity is afforded us when we meet at the Rose Center Building Monday night and share our food together.

This coming Sunday, referred to as Easter by many, will be the time when more people attend some kind of religious service than any other time in the year.

We will be thinking of the triumphant resurrection of Jesus on this day, but we will be thinking of it the following Lord's Day and every other Lord's Day. That is the very reason we meet on the first day of the week. This is the day Jesus was raised from the dead. Every first day of the week should renew our faith and rekindle our hope as we remember the significance of Christ's resurrection.

I agree with Batsell Barrett Baxter when he said, "when I think of the resurrection of Jesus, it seems to me that this historic event's greatest contribution is its bringing of hope to a dying world - a world engulfed in despair. Think what it would mean if the message of Christ had ended with His death, and did not include His resurrection. Such a message would obviously have pointed us to defeat - to tragedy and to despair. For those disciples who had been with Jesus on earth, after His death, it was a return to their drab lives of the period before the Messiah came. Regardless of what He said, He was really an imposter. That's about all one could conclude - without His resurrection."

Let us truly worship the Lord on this and every first day of the week and rejoice in the glorious assurance that Jesus died and rose again and ever lives for us today. GHS

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 22

By George H. Stephenson

10:20 a.m. Keeping the Appointments 6:00 p.m. Jesus Marveled at His Faith.

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Year Ago..\$2,537.42386

RESPONSES

Kathleen Reynolds, 1422 Easy St., daughter of Myra and Gerald Sargent, was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. She is in the 6th grade.

Jimmy Ferguson, Rt. 10, Box 453, was baptized Sunday morning. Jimmy is the son of Molly and Dick Ferguson and is in the 9th grade.

* Church Get-Together *
* Make your plans to be present *
* for the "get-together" Monday *
* evening at the Garden Center *
* Building, 7:00 p. m. *
* Bring food for your family and *
* guests. Bread and drinks will *
* be furnished. Bring serving *
* utensils. *
* This is for the entire congrega- *
* tion and will be an enjoyable *
* time for everyone. *

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

In times like this we are so thankful we have good Christian friends. I want to thank all of you for the beautiful flowers and your prayers, phone calls, and words of comfort at the death of my sister, Margaret Rieves. May God's richest blessings be yours. In Christian love,
Mrs. Burla Mayo

BEST WISHES

Miss Louise Voelkle and Gary Weaver were united in marriage last Saturday in Collinsville, Texas. Brother Stephenson performed the ceremony. We extend our best wishes for a happy life together.

A NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kennedy, Jr. are the parents of a new girl, Jill Aimee, born April 12, 1973. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Foy Richey.

MEETING AT GLENWOOD

Brother James LeFan will preach in a meeting at the Glenwood church of Christ, April 22 - 27. Week day services will be 12:10 noon, and 7:30 each evening.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. James Phillips and James Beard are in Glenwood Hospital.
H. McCarty and Mrs. Sanders are in Medical Center Hospital.

DISCOURAGED?

You have plenty of company. There is no mood so common. People become discouraged about their work, their families, and boredom. Many are discouraged, not because of their own failure, but because of another's success. In a hundred ways discouragement casts its gloomy shadow across our lives.

Discouragement is often the opening for all sorts of temptations. Some try to forget their feelings by drinking. Others have stolen or committed suicide.

There is a better way to meet and beat this mood. First recognize the values of discouragement.

1. It cuts us down to size. Uninter-

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"STOP THAT GRINNING! YOU'RE IN CHURCH"

In the worship the other Sunday, I was intent on a small child who was smiling at everyone. He wasn't gurgling, spitting, humming, kicking, tearing hymnals, or busily rummaging through mother's handbag. He was just smiling. Finally, his mother jerked him about and in a stage whisper that could be heard in a little theater off Broadway said, "Stop that grinning! You're in church!" With that, she gave him a belt on the backside and as the tears rolled down his cheeks added, "That's better!" and returned to her prayers. What they must think, these children of the 70's. We sing, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord," while our faces reflect the sadness of one who has just buried a rich aunt who left everything to her hamster.

It occurred to me that the entire world was in tears, and if you're not, then you'd better get with it! I wanted to grab this child with the tear-stained face close to me and tell him about God--the HAPPY God, the smiling God, the God who has a sense of humor to have created the likes of human beings, who wear faith with the solemnity of a mourner, the gravity of a mask of tragedy and the dedication of a college fraternity pin. If this child couldn't smile in church, where was there left to go?

... Copied

A REMINDER OF OUR MISSION WORK

We ask you to continue to remember all of the men whom we are helping to support in other fields of work. These include the following:

LEM FORD	Hastings, Nebraska
KIETH MITCHELL	International Mission, New York
NORMAN MORROW	Scott City, Kansas
RUDOLF RISCHER	Salzburg, Austria
JOHN LACHMANA	Kuala Lumpur, W. Malaysia

We receive regular reports from all of these men at least once each month. A mimeographed copy of Rudolf Rischer's monthly report is distributed to the members of the church. We appreciate all of these men and want to continue to pray for them.

We also send a contribution each month to help preach the gospel over the Herald of Truth radio and television program, and also make a monthly contribution to help teach the Bible at Tyler Junior College.

Our work of benevolence includes regular contributions to Boles Home, Sunny Glen Home, and Tipton Home.

Your continued support of the work at West Erwin enables us to help preach the gospel, not only in Tyler, but in many other places in this country and other parts of the world.

GHS

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Sunday Evening

Announcements T. F. Holland
Prayer Travis Fletcher
Dismiss..... Randy Fletcher

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Year Ago..\$2,511.35405

RESPONSES

Denise Freeman, daughter of Fay and Willie Freeman was baptized into Christ on Sunday.

DeRay Bennett, son of Alma and Ken Bennett was also added to the Lord's body by baptism last Sunday.

We are happy for the obedience of each young person. Denise and DeRay are in the 6th grade.

Lisa Higginbotham asked for the prayers of the church on Sunday.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you very much for your prayers, visits, cards and phone calls during my recent hospitalization. Being in Tyler among friends and loved ones has been wonderful. May God's richest blessings be with each of you.

Mary A. Prater

FUNERALS

Mrs. W. L. Stephenson, sister-in-law to brother George Stephenson, passed away Friday and funeral services were conducted in Collinsville on Sunday afternoon.

Funeral services were conducted in Logansport, La. Saturday for an aunt of brother Hillard Hughes.

We extend sympathy to each family.

IN APPRECIATION

Thanks to the B. B. Lamberts for taking the cakes and pies to Boles Home last Thursday.

The ladies here provided lunch for the students of the Bible Chair on Thursday. Brother Hillard Hughes spoke for the devotional.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Keeping the Appointments
6:00 p. m. Jesus Marveled
at His Faith

I regret that I was unable to be present for the great services at West Erwin last Lord's Day due to the death of my sister-in-law. We appreciate the preaching of Hillard Hughes and the work of each of you on that day. We still would like to have at least 475 in Bible School on Sunday. Will you be there? GHS

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday, May 1, at the G. C. Wright home, 7:00 p. m.

VENEZUELAN BECOMES A CHRISTIAN IN NEW YORK CITY

Brother Kieth Mitchell, whom we help to support in the International Mission ministry, informs us of the most recent convert related to the unique mission outreach from the World Trade Center in New York City.

Raphael Flores confessed his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, and the Lord of his life Friday evening, April 13. Brother Mitchell used the facilities of the Manhattan church of Christ for the baptismal service. Raphael is 25 years old and studying to become a naval architect and design a fleet of fishing boats for the Venezuelan government to completely revolutionize the nation's economy. Raphael obeyed his Lord just a few hours before he returned to his home country. He possesses a keen mind, a warm personality, a fair knowledge of the Scriptures, and a deep love for Jesus. He is already in contact with our preaching brethren in Venezuela. Raphael came to NYC in October. He was first contacted through the International Mission Home visitation program - which takes the Internationals into Christian homes for a weekend or over a holiday. His first contact with New Testament Christians was on Thanksgiving Day. He returned for Christmas dinner with a Christian family. At the first of the year, he enrolled in the "Conversational English Program" which teaches the Internationals English, but which used New Testament materials for its text. Through this daily English program he was taught the truth. Raphael has deep aspirations to convert his brothers to the Lord.

Perhaps this exciting report can help all of us understand better the form that the International Mission ministry takes - to help us see the relationships among the Home Visits program, the English Conversation program, and the presentation of the saving Gospel. We feel that through this new work "key" persons can be won to the Lord and prepared in such a way that the Lord can use them for helping to evangelize the neglected nations of the world. Raphael became a Christian a few hours before he returned to his homeland.

TIME CHANGE (or adding an hour)

As the story goes, an old Indian needed a longer blanket, so he cut one end off of his blanket and sewed it on to the other end. Sunday we are to again go on "Daylight Savings Time," so before you go to bed Saturday evening set your clocks ahead one hour and be on time for Bible Class Sunday morning at 9:30.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Darrell Holt is in Mother Frances.
Gerald Sargent is in Mother Frances.
Mrs. Bill (Jo) Henderson is in Mother Frances Hospital.
Mrs. Sanders is in Medical Center.
Mrs. Etta Brogan is in Glenwood Hospital.

Guest Editorial. . .

Noah Will Be In The Audience

There's a story going around of a man who got to heaven and asked about a crowd he saw gathered. "Oh, it's show and tell time. Would you care to participate?" answered one standing by.

"Why sure," he said. "I'll tell about the big flood we had in 1889 when I was a boy in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Twenty-two hundred people drowned!"

"That will be fine," came the answer, "But remember, Noah will be in the audience."

It will be a little hard to tell Noah about Johnstown, or for that matter how a wicked world kept us from doing God's will. It will be difficult to tell of our aches and pains to Job. I wonder if Isaiah, who spent fifty years preaching to a deaf Israel, will appreciate preacher complaints?

There is something very humbling when one tries to match story for story, and problem for problem with those of God's faithful servants through the ages. What will be our excuse for not attending every service of the church in our high powered cars when we tell the chariot-driving Ethiopian eunuch our troubles? What will Ezra, who walked a thousand miles to rebuild the temple, think of our inability to get to mid-week Bible study? What will Abraham, who was willing to offer his only son in obedience to God, think of the way our boys take us from God to serve "little league?" What would the widow, who "of her want did cast in all that she had," think of our level of giving to the Lord's cause?

"... Seeing that we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith..." Heb. 12: 1-2.

--Tom W. Pickard

IN THE HOSPITALS

Jack Beard is in Glenwood Hospital. He has pneumonia.

T. G. Bell is a patient in Glenwood.

Mrs. Etta Brogan remains in Glenwood Hospital.

Gerald Sargent underwent surgery Thursday in Mother Frances.

Jason Walling, baby son of Michael

and Carobeth Walling, had surgery in Mother Frances Thursday.

Mrs. Sanders, mother of Jolene Welch, underwent surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.

Bill Butler's sister, Mrs. Mary Moore, suffered a heart attack Sunday evening and is in ICU in Mother Frances. She is improving.

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RESPONSES
 Restored: Mrs. Jean Oliver,
 Gerald Sargent and Rick Higginbotham.

APPRECIATION
 We have appreciated each act of kindness shown my mother and our family. A special "thank you" to all the ladies who have been sitters. Continue to remember my mother and the family in your prayers.

Jolene and George Welch
 A letter of thanks was received from BOLES HOME for the generous supply of pies and cakes recently sent to them.

SERVING the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in May: Gerald Montgomery, Bill Whitworth, John Teague, Tom Parsons, Mark Whitworth, Jack Beard, Wayne Fears, Henry McRuiz, Tom Lowrance and Tony Fears.

APRIL. . . What-a-month!
 Have you ever seen so much rain? That question was well worn by the end of April and yet I'm sure there was a need for rain. However, April was a good month for West Erwin. Even though we never reached our goal of 475 for Bible Class we had the highest average attendance since 1969 with 429. We also had a very successful Teacher Banquet with brother Carl Brecheen doing a fine job speaking. There is nothing better for a Bible School than some outstanding teachers such as we have here. We also enjoyed a fellowship dinner for the entire congregation at the Rose Building with our young people providing the after-dinner program. Let's not let our momentum waiver, but continue to improve our attendance in Bible School and the many other activities that are planned. Our Vacation Bible School is planned for June 4 - 8 and we anticipate a great week for West Erwin.

HH
 WE REGRET that the Melvin Carters and the Foy O'Neals have moved from Tyler. The Carters moved back home to Palestine and the O'Neals moved to Antlers, Oklahoma. We will miss them.

FUNERALS
 Bruce Raley's brother was buried last week in Winnsboro and an aunt of Joe Willis was buried in Hillsboro. We express our deepest sympathy to each family.

Sermons, May 6, by George Stephenson
 10:20 a. m. Do You Want to be Saved?
 6:00 p. m. A Beautiful Work.

DIRECTORY CHANGES

Many of you like to keep your church directory up to date but find it difficult to do it weekly. We are printing below changes of address and additions since our directory was printed last October. We hope there are no mistakes.

- Mrs. John Appling, 5017 Atlanta
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Beard,
1023 E. Earle 593-6747
- Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Beard
2110 Airline Drive
- DeRay Bennett, Rt. 10, Box 452
- Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Carpenter
(Lucille), Sylvia and Angel
3513 Glendale 593-2007
- Billy Chandler, Rt. 2, Box 389
- Mrs. Ned (Barbara) Duncan,
2905 Roanoke 595-1204
- Mrs. Miller Dial, 223 Atlanta
- Mr. and Mrs. Jack Emmons (Dorothy)
5315 So. Broadway 561-1596
- Jimmy Ferguson, Rt. 10, Box 453
- Denise Freeman, 2014 Rogers
- Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gill (Linda)
Rt. 2, Box 661 592-5054
- Lisa Higginbotham, 1116 Hansford
- Mrs. Jerry Hughes (Thelma)
1005 So. Augusta
- Mrs. A. C. Layton (Ann)
435 So. Bonner
- Mrs. Wilmer Little (Dianne)
2212 Debby Drive
- Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Lowrance
Rt. 2, Box 383 A

- Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lynch
522 A So. Palace
- Mrs. A. L. McCauley (Ruth)
3126 Shady Trail Drive 592-1235
- Kyle McRuiz, 3214 Autumn Leaves
- Don O'Bannon, 435 So. Bonner, Apt. 9
- Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Owings (Kitty)
Nancy and Molly
1010 Barbara 595-3266
- Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rhoades
Rt. 7, Box 455-305
- Kathleen Reynolds, 1422 Easy St.
- Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sargent (Myra)
1422 Easy Street 597-7167
- Mrs. Marie Skeeters
3100 Hwy. 31, Apt. 147 592-6810
- Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Williams
5313 So. Broadway, Apt. 130
- Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williamson
200 So. Beckham
- Mr. and Mrs. David Wright (Glenda)
1307 Woodland Hills Dr. 595-2016
- Marie Wylie, 1809 Charlotte

Please delete the following names because of death or moving from Tyler.
 Mrs. Lyska Adams, Mrs. Dora Billingsley, Mrs. Emma Buie, Mrs. Eula Drennan, Mrs. Norma Goodloe, Mr. and Mrs. Werner Green, Mrs. J. B. Johnson, Miss Dawn Knowles, Mrs. Alice Matthews, Richard Parsons, Mrs. Brian Riley, Mrs. Annie Shotwell, Mrs. Ralph Swain, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Warner.

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

On this coming Sunday many will pay special tribute to their mothers. The Bible teaches that we should honor our mothers and our fathers. The greatest honor we can give them is to serve the Lord faithfully - and this includes our worship to the Lord every Lord's Day.

Much is being said in our time about the role of women both in and out of the church. While there are many jobs women may assume and many professions they may enter, I still believe the greatest work of any woman is to be a godly mother. I am not saying that women are not to work outside the home. I believe many fine Christian women have been engaged in various works, but I believe we should realize the greatness of the mother who teaches her children both by precept and example.

Some have expressed the feeling that Paul was a woman hater because of some of his teaching in the New Testament. Of course, those of us who believe that Paul wrote by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, do not question what Paul had to say. We believe that Paul made known God's will and that God who made both man and woman knows what is best for them.

While Paul's writings place some restrictions on the work of women in church, I do not know of anyone who had more words of praise for women than did Paul. Notice the words of commendation Paul had for Phoebe, "a servant of the church" as we read in Romans 16. Read the entire chapter and you will be impressed with the number of women Paul praised for their service to the Lord. Then read Paul's beautiful tribute to Christian women in Philippians 4:3, "Help those women which labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellow laborers, whose names are in the book of life."

Christian wives Paul taught are worthy of the highest love possible, for Paul admonished husbands to love wives "even as Christ also loved the church" (Ephesians 5:25).

We hope you will be present Sunday as we discuss these and other Scriptures as we consider the question, "Was Paul a Woman Hater?" in our Sunday Morning worship. GHS

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 13

10:20 a.m. Was Paul A Woman Hater? 6:00 p.m. Religion Versus Salvation

By George H. Stephenson

By Hillard Hughes

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May 6. . . \$2,288.32 391
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Year Ago. \$2,110.00 393

RESPONSES
For Prayer Mrs. Mike (Betty)
Rhoades.

Baptized: Virginia Graf was baptized
into Christ Sunday. She is the daughter
of Charles and Juanita Graf. She is a
regular member of the Bible School.

THANK YOU NOTES

We want to express our appreciation
for the flowers, food, calls,
and prayers during my recent stay
in the hospital.

Eveline and H. McCarty

A letter of thanks has been received
from the Campus Christian Center for
the delicious meal provided by ladies
of West Erwin on Thursday of last
week.

ZONE MEETING

Members of Zone 3 are invited to
the home of the George Stephensons
on Tuesday night, May 15, 7:00 p. m.

T. F. HOLLAND

Truman F. Holland, one of the
elders of the West Erwin congrega-
tion, died of injuries sustained in an
automobile accident last Sunday even-
ing about five o'clock. He and his
wife were returning to Tyler following
a visit with relatives in Vernon. Sis-
ter Holland sustained painful injuries,
but we are thankful that they were not
critical.

Funeral services for brother Hol-
land were conducted Wednesday after-
noon in the West Erwin building. He
had served as one of the elders of the
congregation for over twenty years
and had served for a number of years
as a deacon before becoming an elder.
The church is grieved over his un-
expected death. He will be missed by
the host of friends he had both in the
church and on the outside as well. We
pray God's blessings to be with his
devoted wife, Beatrice, during the
trying days ahead. We extend our
deepest sympathy to her, to their
sons and their families, and to all of
the other relatives. May this shocking
experience serve as a reminder to all
of us of the uncertainty of life and
may we endeavor to follow God's Word
as revealed in the Bible, the book
which meant so much in the life of
Truman Holland. GHS

BUSINESS MEETING, Sunday after-
noon, 1:30 in the Chapel. All men of
the church are invited to attend.

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

Mr. Paul Watson Montandon
Saturday, the nineteenth of May
nineteen hundred and seventy-three
at seven o'clock in the evening
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception Following at Rose
Garden Building

If you are unable to attend,
we ask your presence in thought
and prayer.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

We are proud of our young people at
West Erwin and extend congratula-
tions to our seniors. The following
will be graduating from our high
schools this spring.

- Mark Cauthen Deann Stone
- Scott Ferguson Dwain Strait
- David Fuller Kenny Stringer
- David Grier David Tuel
- Reagan Phillips Becky Young

MOTHERS DOING THEIR BEST

A busy mother was one day regretting that she could do so little Christian
work. "I shall have only a life of housework to show at last," she said rather
sadly to a friend one day. "Why, Mother," exclaimed her little daughter, who
overheard the words, "all we children will stand up and tell all you've done
for us - everything! I shouldn't suppose they'd want anything better than good
mothers up in heaven!" And the friend answered: "The child is right. Earth
will send to heaven no better saints than the true Christian mothers who have
done their best."

... Selected

YOUR HOME

During the week of our Vacation
Bible School in June, we are planning
to have a special class each night for
parents and their Jr. High through
College age students. There will be
many good idea and problem solving
sessions. I hope every parent and
teenager will make very special ef-
forts to attend. Three nights we will
talk about, "The Home-what is it?",
"Discipline and Freedom in the
Home," "Happiness in the Home."

Each night we will have a speaker
and a panel to respond to any question
or problem presented. Your presence
and prayers will help this program.

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IN THE HOSPITALS

Molly Ferguson's father, C. W.
Strode, underwent surgery Monday
in Jacksonville.

Naomi McKeever's husband had sur-
gery Monday in Medical Center.

Mrs. Sanders remains in Medical
Center Hospital.

BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

A friend of mine noticed a sign in the foyer of a church building which read:

Before the service speak to the Lord
During the service let the Lord speak to you
After the service speak to one another.

I would like for all of us to be impressed with the sentiment expressed in each one of these statements. How much more the worship would mean to each of us if we would really approach worship by speaking or praying to the Lord. If we must whisper, why not whisper a prayer to the Lord? I believe the singing, the praying, and the preaching would mean so much more if we spent more time talking to the Lord.

When the Word is being proclaimed do we let the Lord speak to us? Do we allow worldly thoughts to come into our minds and crowd out the message of God? Learn to listen reverently when anyone is making known the glad news of the gospel. You will find something good in every sermon if you listen carefully. Apply the message to your own life and your own heart.

It is also important to speak to others when the worship is concluded. I believe that the West Erwin congregation is composed of friendly people. However, sometimes there are strangers who come our way who feel that we are not as friendly as we should be. I would like to encourage every member to be cordial, friendly, and hospitable to every person who worships with us. It will help you. It will encourage others. It will help the church to grow. The Bible says, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly." (Proverbs 18:24).

Let us continue to endeavor to make the West Erwin church a reverent church and also a friendly church. GHS

REMEMBER, VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, JUNE 4 - 8

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RESPONSES
Baptized: Kelly Ray, 2219 Glenview, was baptized into Christ on Sunday. Kelly is the grandson of the Jack Bennetts and formerly attended worship at Omen Road. He is in the 8th grade.
For Prayer: Nona Freeman

FUNERALS
 Funeral services were held in the church building in Troup, Texas on Tuesday for C. E. Hedgecough, father of sister Jessie Smith. We express our deepest sympathy to sister Smith and her family.

An aunt of sister Leora Tate, and relative of several others in the congregation, was buried last week in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. We express our sympathy to the family.

WORKSHOP AT NORTHWEST
 Dr. Willis E. Kirk from the ACC Campus in Dallas will speak at the Northwest church building on Friday evening, 7:30 - 9:30 and Saturday morning, 8:30 - 10:30. Dr. Kirk is an elder, preacher, psychologist, and a teacher of psychology. His lectures will cover counselling of discouraged and negligent members and the healthy Christian family. All men are invited to attend each session. The workshop is especially designed for elders, deacons, and preachers.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR MAY 20
 By George H. Stephenson
 10:20 a. m. Defeating God's Purposes
 6:00 p. m. Jesus' Tribute to John the Baptist

IN THE HOSPITALS
 Little Tina Roberson, baby daughter of Roy and Elaine Roberson, underwent emergency surgery last Sunday evening in Mother Frances Hospital. She is recovering nicely.
 Sister Fay Wallace is in Medical Center Hospital.
 Brother Bill Butler entered Glenwood Hospital Tuesday for tests.
 Sister Naomi McKeever's husband remains a patient in Medical Center.
 Sister George Welch's mother, Mrs. Sanders, is to be moved to the Village East Nursing Home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Max Haws request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
 Melody
 to
 Mr. James Milton Cockrell
 on Saturday, the twenty-sixth of May nineteen hundred and seventy-three at half after seven o'clock in the evening
 West Erwin Church of Christ
 Tyler, Texas
 Reception following
 2010 Belvedere

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
 The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper the last two Sundays in May:
 Milburn Cook Wallace Gayle
 Elwin Crow K. Max Haws
 Don Weathers Bill Butler, Jr.
 Dick Higginbotham Jamon Kirby
 Walker Weathers Matt Haws

THE LADIES WEDNESDAY morning Bible Class will not meet again until September.

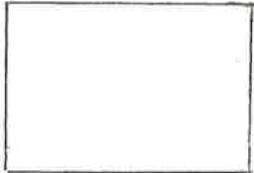
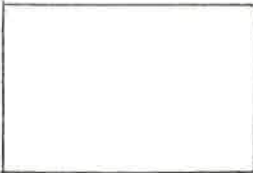
CONGRATULATIONS
 Chuck Cauthen received a Masters degree in Public Administration, May 12 from the Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn.
 Bob Turner received a Masters degree in Speech and Hearing Pathology from Lake University in San Antonio.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION
 We are humbly grateful for your concern and Christian devotion shown us in so many ways. We could not have borne our burdens without you. Please continue to remember us in your prayers.
 Faye and Pete Wallace

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 JUNE 4 - 8

TWO WRONGS DO NOT MAKE A RIGHT. . .

But the One may explain the Other

The doctor went to see him; The preacher didn't go. The doctor, he was sent for; The preacher didn't know. The doctor, for his going, Got a big, fat check. The preacher, for not knowing, Got it in the neck.	 <p>This is a picture of somebody not being visited in the hospital.</p>	 <p>This is a picture of somebody not notifying anybody at the church that they are going in the hospital.</p>
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The closing session of the "Friday School" was held last Friday, May 18. I would like to express my personal appreciation to all who gave of their time and of themselves in helping to make this school a success. We appreciate the work of Hillard Hughes in planning and directing this important work for pre-school children. We express appreciation for the dedication of the fine Christian women who taught from week to week.

We will never know the good accomplished in the teaching of the boys and girls who came each Friday. It was thrilling to see the boys and girls as they marched in the hall from their classes to the chapel each week. I wish you could have heard the expressions of appreciation and praise from some of the mothers of these children. They told how much it meant for these children to learn the great lessons they learned about God and His love for us.

A great amount of money has been invested in our church building. It is good that it can be used on various occasions to teach God's Word and make impressions for good in the lives of others.

Another opportunity for teaching will soon be ours. The time is almost here for our annual Vacation Bible School. We would like to see large numbers attend each day. However, we are interested in the quality of teaching even more than in the numbers who come. We believe that we will have a group of dedicated teachers who will strive for excellence in their work.

I believe that the primary mission of the church of our Lord is to teach God's Word. The only way for people to be brought to Christ is for them to be taught. Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day," (John 6:44). Then Jesus explained how we are drawn to God in these words: "It is written in the prophets, and they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me," (John 6:45).

Construction has begun on a new addition to the south side of our building. It is hoped that this will be another tool to help us improve the educational work of this church. We will have a nice foyer and entrance to our auditorium with some large class rooms above. Our present educational building has many desirable features, but many of its rooms are not desirable for the most effective teaching. I am thankful for the vision of our elders who have launched this new work. I believe West Erwin can go forward and that we can do a great work for the Lord if all of us will work and pray toward that end.

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RESPONSES

Baptism: Cindy Welch, daughter of George and Jolene Welch was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. We rejoice with Cindy and her family. She is in the tenth grade.

Restored: Mrs. George (Jolene) Welch, 2304 Plume Drive.

Membership: Kelly Pickle, 2409 Sunnybrook, phone 592-5535. Kelly is the grandson of the E. C. Pickles. He is in the tenth grade and formerly worshipped at the Mineral Wells Church of Christ.

IN APPRECIATION

I find words inadequate to express my heart-felt gratitude and appreciation to my sweet and wonderful friends for the tender, loving way in which you ministered to my every need. You certainly went far over and beyond the call of duty at the time of the great loss of my dearly beloved husband,

who meant every thing to me. For your prayers, the beautiful flowers, cards, letters, visits, phone calls, contributions of books for the church library, contributions to Boles Home, the Heart Association, the food, and many, many other acts of kindness, I will ever be grateful. These things helped me, in some measure, to lift the burden of a heavily grieved heart. I doubt that I would have survived this ordeal, being injured myself, without your words of comfort and encouragement. They gave me a desire to live and rededicate my life to God, to serve Him and my fellowman as faithfully as I know how according to the scriptures for my remaining days.

Though the future now looks sad and lonely without my darling husband who so faithfully walked beside me for so many years, I know the Lord will find a way for me. Dear Christian friends, I can truly say with my Lord, you are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. May God's richest blessings rest and abide with you forever.

Your sister,
Mrs. Truman Holland

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and the kindness shown at the death of my father.

Mrs. Jessie Smith

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Young People and the Bible.
6:00 p. m. A Leper

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Evalyn Stone is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Pat Williams entered the hospital in Beaumont, Texas on Thursday for surgery on the 29th. You may send her a card to Baptist Women's and Children's Hospital in Beaumont.

Brother Hillard Hughes flew to New Mexico Tuesday to visit his mother who is a patient in the hospital in Albuquerque. He plans to return on Thursday evening.

Brother Mason Adair is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

SYMPATHY

A brother of sister Ken Gode was buried last week in Winder, Ga.

Funeral services were conducted in Tyler Monday for the father of brother Ike Gaiser.

We extend deepest sympathy to these families and their loved ones.

WORDS ONCE SPOKEN

"Enable me, our Father, to realize that words once spoken, like coins in circulation, pass from person to person along an uncharted course. Grant me the insight so to speak that any words of mine may be repeated without giving hurt. Help me not to criticize but rather to stress the things that are pure, lovely, and of good report. Make my habit of thought gentle and eager to pass along news of kindness and work well done. May my words build, never destroy faith and confidence. To this end I pray that Thou wilt lead me in the ways of understanding. Amen"

A THOUGHT ON VBS

My dishes went unwashed today:
I didn't make the beds:
I took God's hand and followed
to VBS instead.

Oh, yes, we went adventuring,
The children, faculty, and I
Exploring the Bible and its Truths
We find we can't deny.

That my house was neglected,
That I didn't sweep the stairs,
In twenty years no one on earth
Will know or say he cares.
But that I helped a boy or girl to grow
In 20 years, the whole world will
know.

BEST WISHES

We extend best wishes to Barbara Caskey and Paul Montandon who were united in marriage last Saturday evening at the West Erwin building. They will make their home in Lubbock.

THE NAME CHRISTIAN

- * The ONLY NAME which
- * Gives proper HONOR
- * To the TRUE HEAD
- * Of the CHURCH
- * * * * *

"Yet if any man suffer as a CHRISTIAN, let him not be ashamed: but let him glorify God on this behalf."

... I Peter 4:16

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 4 - 8

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 * YOU ARE INVITED TO
 *
 * VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
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 * June 4 - 8
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 * 9:00 a. m. to 11:00 a. m.
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 * Classes For All Ages
 * 2 years thru junior high
 * With a Special Adult Class
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 * THEME: HOW GREAT THOU ART
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 * WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST
 * 420 West Erwin Street
 * Tyler, Texas
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IT IS WONDERFUL to know that sixty five men and young men of this congregation have indicated that they will give \$18,000 on our present building project. Surely other men, women, boys and girls will also want to have a part in this improvement to our facilities. Under the direction of our elders, a building committee headed by James Massey has been working very diligently on this project.

DURING THE CONSTRUCTION of the annex to our church building we will experience some inconveniences. All of the entrances on the south side of the building are blocked, so we will have to adjust to this situation. Also, it has been necessary to remove the books from the church library for a time. Some of these will be in the studies of the preachers until they can be returned to the church library.

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RESPONSES

Membership: Last Wednesday evening
 Miss Alva Jo Chambers, 800 North
 Broadway, placed membership. She
 formerly worshipped at the Malakoff
 church of Christ. We welcome Alva
 Jo to Tyler and West Erwin.

Restored: Denise Freeman and Mrs.
 Janie Chelf.

For Prayer: Miss Marie Wylie.

NURSERY ATTENDANT NEEDED

There is a need for a woman to serve
 as an attendant in our nursery for the
 various services of the church. If
 you know of a capable person who
 could serve in this capacity, please
 notify the church office or one of the
 preachers or elders.

AREA MEETING

Brother Foy Wallace will be in a
 meeting June 3 - 6 at the Carthage
 Church of Christ. Evening services,
 7:30. You are cordially invited.

WELCOME TO MORROW AND FORD

We are glad that Norman Morrow of
 Scott City, Kansas and Lem Ford of
 Hastings, Nebraska will be with us on
 this Sunday, May 27. These men have
 been working faithfully as preachers
 of the gospel supported by this con-
 gregation for a number of years. Lem
 Ford will preach Sunday morning and
 Norman Morrow will preach Sunday
 evening. Both will be assisting in our
 Vacation Bible School.

ADULTS, there is a class for you in
 Vacation Bible School. We hope that
 numbers of our men and women will
 be able to attend the class each morn-
 ing during VBS. We will be pleased
 to have Lem Ford as the teacher for
 this class.

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

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving
 the Lord's Supper the first two Sun-
 days in June.

C. B. Hardin Ed Bullard
 Bob Threadgill Francis Bullard
 Cone Birdwell W. S. Little
 Joe Lynch Dwaine Thedford
 Randy Fletcher Bart Lemons

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Luther Thompson and sister
Ollie Cooper are in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Evalyn Stone is now in Village
 East Nursing Home.

Sister Sara Stringer is in Medical
 Center Hospital.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHERS - JUNE 4 - 8

Nursery	Attendant		
2 Yr. Old	Deann Stone	Julia Phillips	102
3 Yr. Old	Dorothy Hulsey	Cheryl Parsons	103
4 Yr. Old	Maxine Freeman	Ann Montgomery	107
5 Yr. Old	Pauline Aven	Laneva Turner	104
6 Yr. Old	Jeanine Hughes	Sue Higginbotham	215
1st grade	Kitty Owings	Jo Butler	105
1st grade	Mary Drummond	Stephen Pickle	106
2nd grade	Margret Montgomery	Marie Threadgill	209
2nd grade	Virginia Demic	Donna Lowrance	210
		Kevin Womack	
3rd grade	Jane Jones	Becky Young	206
3rd grade	Jalna Gayle	Pat Crow	108
4th grade	Penny McDonald		202
5th grade	Carolyn Stitt	David Fuller	211
5th grade	Velma Lemons	Audeen Thedford	201
6th grade	Molly Ferguson	Ken Jones	214
Junior High	Norman Morrow		Chapel
Adult	Lem Ford		Auditorium

Additional Teacher-Helpers: Grant Knight, Tim Holt, Rick Higginbotham

EVENING (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) - Junior High, High School, and
 College age Students AND their parents.

THANK YOU NOTES

During the death of our father we
 realize how much our friends really
 mean to us. Your expressions of
 sympathy, cards, flowers, visits and
 food will always be remembered.

Ike and Mary Gaiser

We want to thank each one of you
 for the prayers, visits and cards you
 sent during our recent stay in the
 hospital. Your thoughtfulness will
 always be remembered and deeply
 appreciated.

John and Naomi McKeever

CONGRATULATIONS

Miss Melody Haws and Jim Cockrell
 were married in the West Erwin
 building last Saturday evening. We
 extend best wishes for a long and
 happy life together. They will make
 their home in Abilene.

SYMPATHY

Mrs. Bessie Sanders, mother of
 Jolene Welch, passed away on Sunday
 afternoon. Funeral services were
 conducted Tuesday in Nashville, Ark.
 We extend our deepest sympathy to
 the family.

Guest Editorial . . .

The Lord's Day

Off the west coast of Asia Minor lies the small island of Patmos, ten miles long and six miles wide. It is a rocky island and barren of trees. It was one of the many places to which the Romans banished their exiles. It was located in the Aegean Sea ("archipelago" - meaning, "chief sea," or a sea with many scattered islands). To this lonely island the beloved apostle, John was exiled in 95 A. D. Yet when the Lord's day came he declared that he was "in the Spirit on the Lord's day." He was in a kind of spiritual ecstasy and exalted under the Spirit's influence, and thereby he could understand the visions which were to be presented to him and accurately report them. Doubtless John was made to think of his fellow Christians meeting, as was their custom, on the Lord's day, and perhaps in imagination he was worshipping with them when the Spirit came upon him and revealed to him the great mission to which he was called. He was to write what he was to see in vision and send it to the seven churches of Asia.

This day is called "the Lord's day;" this word "Lord's" (kuriakos) is found but one other time in the scriptures, in I Corinthians 11:20, used in connection with "the Lord's Supper." It means "that which belongs to the Lord." Inasmuch as this day belongs to the Lord, He has the sole right to it and to how it should be used by His disciples. Yet many people who claim to be Christians abuse it in so many ways. Occasionally you may hear a member of the Lord's church say, "Sunday is the only day that I can really call my own, therefore, I'll use it as I want to." How irreverent and impious! How can one who claims to be the Lord's so speak of and so treat that which "belongs to the Lord?" If I am truly committed to the Lord, I shall look forward to the coming of the Lord's day, and I shall rejoice when it comes, for then I can join in with the saints of God in worship and praise to God and in the observance of the Lord's Supper in commemoration of the death of my Savior, who died that I might have life and have it more abundantly.

The Christian who can be at his or her work at eight or nine o'clock each morning, five or six days each week, can surely be present (on time) on the Lord's day at 9:30 a.m. for Bible study and worship at 10:20 a.m., and be prepared to be "in the Spirit" to worship God "in spirit and in truth."

If the Catholic can get up in time to attend his early morning mass, would such not put many of us to shame who claim to be members of the Lord's body, if we cannot (with delight) truly say, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord!'"

. . . Melvin Wise

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THANK YOU NOTES

My sincere thanks for the kind words and deeds of sympathy shown at the death of my brother.

Dana Gode

The family of Bess Sanders thanks each of their Christian friends for their kind expressions of sympathy. The lovely flowers, food, cards, calls and prayers have helped us to bear our sorrow.

Jolene, George and Cindy Welch

W. D. METCALF WILL TEACH the auditorium class on next Wednesday evening, June 13. Brother Stephenson will be speaking for the church in Whitehouse on that evening. The Whitehouse congregation will have a series of meetings, June 10 - 15 with different preachers speaking each evening.

WE ARE TRULY THANKFUL that Lem Ford and Norman Morrow have been with us this week - and glad too that their families have been with us part of the time. It makes us more appreciative of the great work they are doing in Kansas and Nebraska to have them with us. Our prayers will go with them as they return to their homes. GHS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are having a great Vacation Bible School this week. While the attendance in some of the classes has been smaller than in some previous years, we feel that the quality of work being done has been superior. We are especially pleased with the fine attendance and interest shown in the evening sessions for young people and their parents. GHS

GROCERY TRUCK

The grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here the week of June 25 - 29 to pick up items we have for the home. They are in need of the following items.

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|-----------------|-------------------|
| Crackers | Fruit Cocktail |
| Tea | Saran Wrap |
| Dream Whip | Catsup |
| Coffee | Peanut Butter |
| Powdered Sugar | Tuna |
| Salad Dressings | Jellies and Jams |
| Canned Meats | Pickles |
| Cake Mixes | Laundry Detergent |

PLAN FOR MEETING

Now that Vacation Bible School is coming to a conclusion we should begin to plan and to work for the gospel meeting scheduled in August. If you have not already done so, please mark the dates, August 12 - 17 on your calendar. James Baird, the president of Oklahoma Christian College, who is a splendid preacher, is scheduled to preach in this meeting. If at all possible, please arrange your vacation so that you can be in town at that time to support the meeting in every possible way. GHS

IN THE HOSPITALS

Charlene Graf underwent major surgery on Monday in Mother Frances Hospital. She is recovering nicely.

Brother Dunn, father of Janell Fletcher, is in Mother Frances.

Walter Clyburn, Mrs. Ollie Cooper, and Mrs. Luther Thompson are in Glenwood Hospital. Mason Adair, known to many at West Erwin, hopes to be dismissed from Glenwood hospital this week.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS and high school seniors are invited to meet at the Campus Christian Center at 6:00 p. m., June 15 and go to the State Park for a Wiener Roast.

ALL MEN OF THE CHURCH are encouraged to be present for the regular business meeting Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 10

By George H. Stephenson

10:20 a. m. The Poor Widow

6:00 p. m. The Woman of Great Faith

TEACHER'S WORKSHOP AT ACC

This year's Bible Teacher's Workshop at Abilene Christian College will be the 19th annual Workshop. The theme this year is "Madison Returns," and the program will feature Ira North and the team from Madison, Tenn. More than 170 people will be coming from Madison and they will be teaching more than 200 classes during the four days of the Workshop. The dates are July 23 - 26. Several have indicated an interest in attending. We hope a large number from West Erwin will want to go. HH

TO BE IN MEETING

Brother Hillard Hughes will be in Louisiana to hold a meeting Sunday through Tuesday.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p. m. at the Wallace Gayle home.

I am only one;
 But still I am one,
 I cannot do everything
 But still, I can do something.
 And because I cannot do everything,
 I will not refuse to do something I
 can do.

The Ted Snipes' are the proud grandparents of a girl, born to Sandra and Leon Brewer in Milton, Fla., June 6.

Vacation Time

This is the time of year when many of our members will be away from home on vacation. I am glad if you have the opportunity to be away for a while from your usual routine. I am glad that you may be able to refresh your bodies and your spirits also.

I would encourage you not to leave the Lord out of your vacation plans. Do not forget to attend worship on the Lord's Day wherever you may be. Of course, as a Christian you will want to do this.

While on your vacation, do not engage in some activity which is not becoming to a Christian. Just because one is away from home does not justify your doing things you would not do if you were at home. In your vacation, why not devote some time to the reading of your Bible and in family devotions?

Please remember that the work of the church must go on when you are away. Will you please continue your giving to the Lord's work at home while you are away? If every member would do this, our contribution would not decline.

I would remind you again of our proposed meeting for this summer. If at all possible, please arrange your schedule so that you will be in town August 12 - August 17 to lend your support to our meeting. This should be a good time for a meeting. We have a comfortable air conditioned church building. Our children will not be in school. Even television should not interfere, because it will be showing re-runs! Let us pray that each of us may feel our responsibility in helping to make the meeting a success.

You will be having visitors this summer. Bring them with you to worship. You should let your light shine and your influence be felt in the lives of your loved ones and friends.

We wish for you a happy summer, but let all of us try to do our part to avoid the traditional "summer slump." May this summer be a time for spiritual growth.

GHS

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RESPONSE
For Prayer: Holly Womack
Stephen Pickle

THANK YOU NOTE
My sincere thanks to all of you for remembering me while I was a patient in the hospital. I am doing well and may God bountifully bless you.

Mason Adair
ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS and high school seniors are invited to an Ice Cream party, Monday evening, June 18, 8:00 o'clock at the Johnny Owings home, 1010 Barbara.

SYMPATHY
Brother Stephenson conducted the graveside services for the step-son of sister Hattie Thomas and the step-brother of sister Fay Freeman Wednesday afternoon at Starville, Texas. We express our sympathy to the family.

ANGELA STANSBURY
The entire congregation has been grieved and shocked over the tragic death of one of our fine Christian women, Angela Stansbury, who lost her life in an automobile accident last Saturday afternoon, June 9. Funeral services were conducted on Monday, June 11 at the Lloyd James Funeral Home with an overflow audience in attendance.

Once again, we have been impressed with the uncertainty of life. All of us should be reminded that our lives may end at any moment. While we are very sorrowful over Angela's unexpected passing and are most sympathetic to her devoted parents, yet we rejoice in the promises of God's Word and in the hope we have in Christ for Angela. Her sweet Christian life touched the lives of many others for good. May all of us be drawn nearer to Christ and someday be reunited with Angela and all the faithful in the heavenly home prepared by our Saviour. GHS

THE FOLLOWING MEN will serve the Lord's Supper June 17 and June 24.
Roger Knight Mack Bynum
Tommy White A. B. Wallace
Roy Driggers Charles Lemons
Joe McBee Travis Fletcher
Paul Knight Grant Knight

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 17
By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Simon Peter
6:00 p. m. Friends of Jesus

IN APPRECIATION
Brethren,
Thank you for every kindness, courtesy, and consideration extended for our comfort and welfare while we were with you. You have endeared yourselves to us in every way and our love to and for you is a constant reminder of the enriching fellowship together in Christ. May the love of God and the comfort of the Holy Spirit keep your hearts and minds in Christ, the Lord. We rejoice to be workers together with you in the gospel of Christ.
In brotherly love,
The Fords'
Fellow Christians,

I want to try to express how much your hospitality has been appreciated by Mary and me. Your warmth and friendliness could not be surpassed. Also, thank you for the fine accommodations of the past week and for all the fine meals and refreshments that have been offered. Your fellowship in our work is appreciated and your prayers are asked.

Norman Morrow

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IN THE HOSPITALS
Brother Ed Naul is in Medical Center for tests.
Sister Luther Thompson underwent surgery on Monday in Medical Center for a broken hip.
J. M. Skeeters, son of sister Marie Skeeters, is in Medical Center.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 1973
has come and gone and what a great week! So many did so much that we are unable to mention everyone. If you were unable to see the rooms, you missed a treat. Our morning average for five days was 214, but this year our emphasis was more on the quality of the class than on large numbers and this was accomplished. However, in our three night classes there were more than 100 each session for which we were very grateful. One of the enjoyments of the week was being associated with the Lem Ford family and the Norman Morrows. These people are outstanding, humble servants of our Lord. We can be thankful that West Erwin has a part in supporting them. I personally feel that there cannot be found more dedicated Christians. It is our desire that from this effort (VBS) we might reach many souls in the teaching of God's mighty Word. As our teachers follow-up in their contacts of their students we should be able to increase our regular Bible School attendance. Have a full and happy summer, but not without the Lord. HH

Sister Ross Walker is recovering at home following surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.
Brother Bill Butler's sister, Mrs. Mary Moore, is in Mother Frances.
Brother Morris Dunn, father of sister Janell Fletcher remains in Mother Frances.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Compliments of Jesus

Last Sunday I concluded a series of sermons based upon a study of various individuals who were praised by Jesus when He lived on the earth. Some have expressed a desire to have a list of these individuals. I have found a study of all of these to be very interesting. Below you will find the names of the ones we have discussed.

1. Nathanael - "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." (John 1:47).

2. Centurion in Capernaum - "When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." (John 8:10)

3. Mary of Bethany - "Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." (John 10:42) She hath wrought a good work on me. . . She hath done what she could. . . Wheresoever this gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, this also that she hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her." (Mark 14:6, 8, 9)

4. John the Baptist - "Verily, I say unto you, among them born of woman there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist." (Matthew 11:11)

5. A grateful Samaritan leper - "And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole." (Luke 17:19)

6. A poor widow - "Verily I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." (Mark 12:44)

7. Syro-Phoenician woman - "O woman great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour." (Matthew 15:28)

8. Simon Peter on his confession of faith - "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar Jonah, for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Matthew 16:17-19)

9. Disciples of Christ - "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants, for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends." (John 15:14, 15)

I trust that each of us may some day have the wonderful commendation of our Lord and hear Him say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant - enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." (Matthew 25:21) GHS

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RESPONSES
✓ Restored and Membership: Mark Ellis, Rt. 11, Box 96 C.
✓ Restored: Marie Wylie, Betty Williams, Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Sutton and Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Stansbury.

OUR SYMPATHY
Funeral services were conducted last Sunday afternoon for sister Luther Thompson who had been a faithful member of this congregation for over fifty years. Her husband had served as one of the elders of the congregation for a number of years. Sister Thompson will long be remembered for her many acts of benevolence and hospitality. Our sympathy and prayers are with all of the family at this time.

BE IN BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

YOUNG PEOPLE
Tuesday night, June 26 offers a Youth Night at the Mobberly church in Longview. David Mathis will be the speaker for the occasion. Following the worship services everyone will go to the park for refreshments and entertainment. Let's take a bus load from West Erwin. We'll leave our building at 5:00 p. m. HH

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY
By Hillard Hughes
10:20 a. m. The Badge of Discipleship
6:00 p. m. Beware

CONGRATULATIONS
Andy and Lynn Fuller are the parents of twin girls, born June 11 in Mother Frances Hospital. The baby girls, Heather Michelle and Christin Marie are still in the hospital but doing well at this time. Mrs. Jean Fuller is the proud grandmother. The Walter Fullers are the great grandparents.

MEDINA CHILDREN'S HOME TRUCK will be here during the week of June 25 - 29. Since we do not know which day the truck will arrive, please have your groceries here by Sunday.
The home especially needs: Crackers, Tea, Dream Whip, Coffee, Powdered Sugar, Salad Dressings, Canned Meats, Cake Mixes, Fruit Cocktail, Saran Wrap, Catsup, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jellies and Jams, Pickles, and Laundry Detergent.

SHALL WE PRAY?
Now is as good a time as any to put into practice our Christian obligation toward "all that are in high place" (I Timothy 2:2). As countrymen we are viewing and reeling from reports of misconduct by governmental officials. Political party lines are expected to be drawn among those who avidly follow their loyalties, but from authentic children of God only one course of action is thinkable: Supplication, or more simply, prayer.

Proper investigation people will get at some of the roots of this national upheaval, and it is certain that more hurt will be felt among those indicted and "we, the people." Whatever may be the outcome, and however the historians will interpret these critical moments, there should not be a temporary halt in the fervent prayers we ought to voice in behalf of those who lead our nation. Such prayers might soberly include a "second look" into our own conscience as a people. Perhaps we have not insisted that our zeal for good work in every-member-evangelism could cut the percentages for things like dishonesty, lying, and conspiracy amid men who, like ourselves, react toward life from a carnal viewpoint until they have exchanged guilt for grace. Perhaps if guilt were more important to us, the means for getting the message of divine grace would become more intense in our mission.

. . . William E. Young
From Lakewood church of Christ, Denver, Colorado

IN THE HOSPITALS
Sister Alice Long is in Mother Frances Hospital.
Brother Ed Naul is in Medical Center Hospital.

IN THE NAVY
Reagan Phillips, son of James and Frances Phillips left last Sunday evening for Dallas where he planned to enter the U. S. Navy.

BROTHER STEPHENSON WILL be preaching in a series of meetings for the church in Shannon, a rural church located between Sherman and Denison, beginning Sunday, June 24 and closing Friday, June 29.

ARE YOU PLANNING to attend the "Teacher's Workshop" at ACC in July? I know of no better place to spend some time. If you are teaching now you will come back a better teacher and if you are not teaching, you will be back wanting to teach. The dates are July 23 - 26. We have a few rooms reserved on the campus. Let us know if you plan to attend.

AREA MEETING
You are invited to attend a Gospel Meeting at the Oakdale church of Christ, beginning Sunday evening, June 24 through July 1. Week night services, 7:30. Lynn Browning of Auburn, Wash. will be the speaker.

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial . . .

Do You Really Have Faith?

Years ago a man stretched a cable over Niagra Falls and advertised he would walk across it. On the appointed day a crowd gathered to watch the dangerous feat. The man walked the cable, not once, but a number of times. To the delight of the spectators he finished his act by walking the cable while pushing a wheelbarrow. When the cheers subsided he asked the crowd, "How many of you believe I can push the wheelbarrow back across the cable?" Everyone, without exception, shouted their confidence that he could do it. "Then," he said, "who will volunteer to ride in the wheelbarrow?" No one said a word!

How easy it is for us to respond positively to the question, "Do you believe in God and in Jesus the Christ?" "Yes!" we confidently affirm, "We believe!" But when it comes time to act upon that faith -- to put your life on the line by faith, many say not a word!

Faith, real saving faith, is more than mental assent that there is a God and that Jesus is His Son. "The demons also believe, and shudder." (James 2:19) You don't really have faith until you are ready, willing and able to act upon your belief in God.

Hebrews Chapter 11, is the "Faith Chapter" of the Bible. The great Old Testament heroes of faith are numbered there. In every case the inspired writer tells us what the man DID or accomplished by his faith. This is why James says, "Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself." (James 2:17) Obedience is a necessity if belief is to be real faith.

Some people who think they are believers really aren't! They aren't willing to get in God's wheelbarrow.

...By Mike Warner

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WELCOME

Larry and Teresa Hardin, 319 So. Peach, phone - 592-5343, placed membership last Sunday morning. They formerly worshipped with the Sunset Acres Church in Shreveport, La. They are the parents of a baby son. We welcome this fine young family to West Erwin.

Directory Change - Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy's phone number is now 597-7016.

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday evening, July 3 at the John Teague home in Chandler.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, July 1

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. If I Were the Devil
6:00 p. m. Abraham's Surrender

CONGRATULATIONS

A baby girl, Kerrie Jan, was born in Fort Worth last Thursday to Mike and Myra Sublette. Monroe and Cleo Sublette are the proud grandparents.

Bob and Melinda Turner are the parents of a baby girl, born Tuesday morning in Medical Center Hospital. Mary and Max Haws are the happy grandparents and the M. M. Haws and John Brems are the great grandparents.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for your visits, flowers, and prayers. Your thoughtfulness of me meant so much during the time of my hospitalization and recovery.

Mrs. Inez Edgar

Thank you for sharing with us our grief at losing our beloved Angela. Your prayers, visits, food, and floral offerings meant more to us than any of you can ever know. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. God bless each of you. The Stansburys

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Guy Potts underwent surgery last Friday in Glenwood Hospital.

Brother T. G. Bell is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Alice Long is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Hillard Hughes' mother is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

SO YOU DON'T SING . . .

Singing reveals the spirituality of a congregation. Church members who are passive and unconcerned will make little or no effort to sing, for they have little feeling for God and spiritual things. Those who love the Lord fervently enjoy worshipping Him and are always ready to pour their hearts out in song. Singing does not come from hearts filled with hatred and strife or even indifference. It is amazing, and a little sad, to observe the number of church members who never sing at all. Many others sing only part of the time and in a most unconvincing manner. Excuses such as, a lack of training, absence of a good singing voice, no knowledge of music, etc., usually indicate a misunderstanding of the real purpose of singing! This problem is spiritual, rather than musical. When a heart is tuned to the worship of God, singing comes naturally. Christians sing because they have something to express. Singing is meaningful in proportion to the singer's acquaintance with God. A Christian has a song in his heart and is ever ready to express through song the joy of being a child of God

...Richard Rogers

REASONS FOR ATTENDING BIBLE SCHOOL

From the standpoint of Godliness; it teaches the Bible - which is the basis of our faith in God, and leads to Christ as Savior and Lord.

From the standpoint of Education; it trains your mind and heart along the lines of things eternal.

From the Social standpoint; it enables you to enjoy the friendship and fellowship of genuine Christians.

From the standpoint of the Personality; it helps to develop the Christian character necessary to face life's problems victoriously.

From the standpoint of Character; it is the chief aim of the Bible School to teach us to be examples of the believer in word and deed.

From the standpoint of Interest; it presents interesting lessons for your delight and culture.

From the standpoint of the Family; it has a class for every age, and the whole family can go together and profit by its teaching.

From the standpoint of Immortality; it turns our eyes heavenward and makes us realize that we must prepare for a life beyond the grave.

From the practical standpoint; the time spent in Bible School each Sunday could not be expended more profitably.

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You will not receive The Visitor next week because of mailing regulations.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Several weeks ago a number of the men and boys of the congregation indicated their willingness to contribute funds to be used in our present building program. Several thousand dollars have already been contributed toward this purpose. All who possibly can are asked to make their contributions by July 29 for this expansion program. The more money we contribute means the less money we will have to borrow at the present high interest rates. We look forward to the completion of the addition to our building and feel that it will be useful for us in our efforts to worship God and to teach His Word.

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James Baird is coming. Brother Baird is president of Oklahoma Christian College and an outstanding evangelist. We are thankful that he has recovered from serious surgery and that the Lord has blessed him with health so that he will be able to preach for us. Have you marked the dates, August 12 - 17 on your calendar? We want that week to be a time for spiritual growth for Christians and a time for sharing the good news of the gospel with our friends.

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It was very sad when I learned a few weeks ago of the unexpected death of one of the great leaders in the Lord's church, James Walter Nichols. He, along with James Willeford, conceived the idea of a nation wide radio program which came to be known as the Herald of Truth. Brother Nichols was only forty-five when he died on a business trip in California. He was in his early twenties when he had his "dream" of a nation wide radio program which later expanded into television also. Many tried to discourage him, but he finally secured the backing of the elders of the Highland St. Church in Abilene. The first congregation he approached asking for assistance in his endeavor, after securing the oversight of the Highland elders, was the Tenth and Broad church in Wichita Falls. I was serving as their preacher at that time. Our elders agreed to contribute one thousand dollars toward the project. Brother Nichols said that the reception he received from our elders helped him to have courage to continue his asking for support from others.

We will never measure the vast amount of good which has been accomplished by the Herald of Truth. May God give us more men with faith and optimism such as characterized James Walter Nichols. He was one who was told "it couldn't be done," but he knew that all things are possible for the God whom we love and serve. GHS

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 15, 1973 by George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. Responsibilities of Church Leadership.
6:00 p.m. Whole-Hearted Servants of God.

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RESPONSES

Lisa Wells, 117 Alpine Dr. was baptized into Christ, Sunday, July 1. Lisa is in the 6th grade. We are happy to welcome her to West Erwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Turner (Melinda), 1509 So. Augusta, placed membership Wednesday, July 4. They recently moved to Tyler from San Antonio where they worshipped with the Oak Hills church. They are the parents of two girls, Traci and Amy. Melinda is a daughter of the K. Max Haws'. We welcome them to West Erwin.

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon in Gilmer for sister Alice Long. She passed away Sunday afternoon. She was the mother of sister Percy Tate and a relative to many in the congregation. We extend our sympathy to the family and friends.

THE GREATEST POWER

If you were asked the question, "are you doing all you can for the Lord?" there is little doubt the answer would be, no! That is, of course, if you are sincere in your efforts. It occurs to me that an important question is, how much is enough? Should a mother with children be concerned with teaching a friend, or make only efforts in teaching her children? What about the father who spends eight to ten hours per day trying to provide for his family, how much extra effort, if any, should he put forth? Then there are our children with their many and varied activities, what are their responsibilities? With every man there can be an opinion of what others should do, yet we cannot give an answer. However, there are some examples in God's Word for us. For instance, Paul, the Apostle, "I'm not ashamed of the gospel. . ." (Romans 1:16) and he proved it. Do you believe Paul could have been chained to a Roman soldier and that soldier never hear the plan of salvation? Paul told the Thesalonians that he labored day and night while he was in their midst. Surely he wasn't that constant in his teaching of others, but it is certain he never failed to use his opportunities. Peter denied Christ but gave his life trying to make up for that denial. Are you really doing all you can? What will it take for us to realize that we must give more of ourselves if the Lord's Kingdom is to grow? Love for God will overcome our weaknesses. That's where the power lies. HH

TO THE CONGREGATION

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
It has been a long time since last Thanksgiving when our Margie first took ill. During that time she has received the finest medical attention available today, and the healing care of our Father in heaven. She is showing remarkable improvement. During June she was with us at home just going into the hospital each day as a day patient - Monday through Friday. During July she is attending a therapeutically oriented camp, related to the hospital, near Rhinebeck in upstate New York.

Several months ago, our Garretson Road elders established a "trust fund" to help our family with Margie's heavy medical expenses. In the past months thousands of dollars have poured into the fund - many of those dollars came from this congregation. May you be thanked and God praised for the way

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IN THE NEAR FUTURE it is expected that additional elders and deacons will be selected for this congregation. Brother Stephenson will be preaching some sermons on the responsibilities and qualifications of church leaders. Members of the church will be asked to submit the names of men, who they feel meet these qualifications, to our present elders for consideration.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Ivah Miller underwent minor surgery last Friday in Glenwood Hospital.

that nearly \$30,000 worth of expenses have been cared for. I rejoice to announce that liberality has been so great, additional funds do not seem to be needed at this time.

We and Margie thank each of you deeply, and pray that we may be ever so sensitive to the needs of others as you have been to ours. We are very happy for the special fellowship we enjoy with the West Erwin church.

In deepest appreciation,
Kieth Mitchell and family

We are very grateful to Kieth Mitchell for being with us last Sunday. His report to the combined adult classes was most interesting and his sermons were excellent. Kieth is a most capable preacher and dedicated Christian. We pray God's blessings to be upon him and all who are working at the International Mission in New York City. GHS

Mrs. David Hannah had major surgery last week in Mother Frances. Sister Pauline Daughtry's mother is in Glenwood Hospital.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We want to thank each one of you who visited, brought food, sent flowers and remembered us in your prayers after our loved one's death. Christian friends such as you were a great comfort to us.

In Christian love,
The Family of Mrs. Vera Thompson

TRYING TO JUSTIFY OURSELVES

The Bible account of the conversation between Jesus and a certain lawyer informs us that "he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, and who is my neighbor?" (Luke 10:29).

All of us are familiar with the beautiful story told by our Lord in answer to the lawyer's question - the story of the Good Samaritan. However, I am impressed with the statement made by the lawyer that he wanted to justify himself. I feel that all too often we try to justify ourselves for our failures and sins.

Man has always tried to evade his own responsibility and often has tried to blame others for his own sins. This was true of Adam in the garden of Eden when he wanted to blame Eve for his own sin. Adam said to the Lord, "The woman whom thou gavest me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat." (Genesis 3:12) In a sense Adam was not only blaming Eve but blaming God, who had given him Eve, for the sin of Adam's life. In other words, Adam was trying to "justify himself."

How often we try today to blame others for our failure to serve God. We blame the shortcomings of elders or preachers. We talk about the hypocrisy of those who regularly worship God when we ourselves are not doing the Lord's Will. How can we possibly imagine that we can "justify ourselves" by the wrongs - real or imagined - of other people?

Each one of us should recognize that he or she is responsible to God for his or her own conduct. Paul said, "So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God." (Romans 14:12) We are not going to answer to God for the conduct of others, not even the conduct of our parents or of our children. "The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son." (Ezekiel 18:20) This does not mean that we are not to try to teach and encourage our children in the way of righteousness, but it does mean that each one of us is responsible for his own conduct in the sight of God.

It is much easier to find excuses for our shortcomings than it is to do what we know is right. Brother, if you are lost, don't blame the church, don't blame your parents, don't blame your companion, don't blame the Lord, because you are to blame and no one else. Let us quit finding excuses for ourselves and let us each seek to serve God and trust in Him for guidance and direction.

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 Prayer.....Ray Womack
 Dismiss.....Kim Smith

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 Prayer.....K. Max Haws
 Dismiss.....Marty Stitt

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Bible School</u>
July 15...\$2,704.39381
(including \$250.00 bldg. fund)	
July 8...\$2,520.27No Count
Year Ago.\$2,090.06359

RESPONSES

Brother and sister Ed Naul and brother and sister Averyt Smith came forward Sunday to ask for the prayers of the church.

IN APPRECIATION

We take this opportunity to try to express our heart felt thanks and appreciation to our good and wonderful friends for all the deeds of kindness shown by you during the illness and death of our beloved mother. For the ladies who came and gave of their time to sit with her in the hospital, we will ever be grateful. The beautiful flowers sent to the house from the church helped to brighten our day. The wonderful way in which the food was so generously taken care of was greatly appreciated. May the Lord richly bless and keep you.

The Family of Alice Long

NEW ARRIVAL

Vicki and Jimmy Brookshire are the parents of a baby girl, Jennifer Wynn, born July 15 at Mother Frances. Pat McCarley is the happy grandmother.

LOVE MAGNIFIED!

Last week the love for those in need was manifested by several Christians from West Erwin. They simply saw a need and fulfilled it. Three families lost all or part of everything they owned in a house fire. An appeal was made and many answered that appeal. Household items, clothing, food and money came from people that were touched by this need of someone unknown by most. This brings to mind the saying of Jesus, "when you do this unto the least of these you do it unto me." And, although this writer was not involved, it was most gratifying to see the excitement and love generated among those that were involved. To see a heart touched by others in need and for them to realize what is meant by, "it is more blessed to give than to receive," brethren, this is what the Lord's work is all about. We share the "Good News" by talking to one another, but we teach the "Good News" by doing for others. Show your love for your God by helping someone every day, whether it is by replacing a household or telling someone about Jesus. HH

Your life can be enriched through Bible Study. Won't you make an extra effort to be in class Sunday, 9:30 a. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas William Holland request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Cherie
to

Mr. Joseph Hall Mathias
on Saturday evening, the twenty-eighth of July one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three
at half after seven o'clock
Dewey Avenue Church of Christ
Sherman, Texas
and afterwards at the reception
Holiday Inn

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 22
10:20 a. m. Qualifications of Elders and Deacons
By George H. Stephenson
6:00 p. m. Do You Love ME?
By Hillard Hughes

GUEST SPEAKER

Brother H. G. Taylor, well known evangelist of Dallas, will speak for the combined Zone Meeting to be held at Wyatt's Cafeteria, Tuesday night, July 31 at 7:00 o'clock. Everyone in the congregation is invited and encouraged to hear this outstanding speaker.

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* REMEMBER our Gospel Meeting - August 12 - 17. Brother James O. *
* Baird, President of Oklahoma Christian College, will be the evangelist. *
* Let us plan to be here for every service and bring others with us. *
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There is nothing so kingly as kindness and nothing so royal as truth.

THE SICK

Mrs. Ollie Cooper and T. J. Parsons are in Glenwood Hospital.

Austin Giesecke suffered a heart attack while he and Veda Mae were on vacation visiting their daughter. He is in the Glen Rose Hospital in Glen Rose, Texas 76043. You may write or send a card to him there.

Bruce Jones is in Medical Center Hospital following surgery on his feet.

Little Cody Walker, grandson of the Ross Walkers is now out of the hospital and doing well. The Walkers wish to express their appreciation for your prayers and concern for him.

Mrs. Mary Squier suffered a heart attack Sunday evening. She is in ICU in Medical Center Hospital.

REMEMBER - if you have indicated that you plan to make a special contribution to the building fund, all who possibly can are asked to make their contributions by July 29.

Special Contribution On Sunday

In addition to our regular contribution on Sunday, there will be a special contribution for the building fund. Those who purposed to give by August 1 and who have not yet given may make their contributions on this Sunday. Others who wish to assist in our building program will have the opportunity also. Members at West Erwin have been liberal in the past and we feel will continue to be liberal in the future. We appreciate the work done by our building committee and the vision of our elders who decided to improve our physical plant. Let us give to the best of our ability in order that we may have a smaller debt on this project. It is our prayer that our improved facilities may be used in a way which will glorify the Lord.

Christian Workers' Meeting Tuesday Evening

We feel very fortunate in having Harold G. Taylor of Dallas as the guest speaker for a dinner and meeting of workers in the congregation to be held Tuesday evening, July 31, at 7:00 o'clock at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

Brother Taylor is an outstanding gospel preacher and is one who will encourage us in our work for the Lord. You will enjoy hearing him speak and will enjoy the fellowship of the hour.

Everyone is invited to attend who is interested in the work of the Lord at West Erwin. Of course, this includes all who have been working in the zone meetings. We also want elders, deacons, Bible school teachers, and others to be present.

Each person will pay for his own food - whatever he or she selects in the cafeteria serving line. If you can do so, it will be well to get to the Cafeteria before seven o'clock in order that we may get started with the program as early as possible.

Let us make this a very fine occasion for our workers at West Erwin.

Pray For Our Meeting

Please pray for our evangelistic meeting which will be in progress from August 12 through August 17. Pray for James Baird, our visiting evangelist from Oklahoma City. Pray for our congregation that we may work together and be ready for this meeting. Pray for specific individuals that they may be led to Christ during the meeting. If you pray sincerely of course, you will do your part in making the meeting a success. GHS

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 Announcements..... Hillard Hughes
 Prayer..... Cone Birdwell
 DismissHarold Browning

Sunday Evening
 Announcements..... James Massey
 Prayer..... Bob Threadgill
 DismissBilly Chandler

Contributions Bible School
 July 22...\$2,490.98 410
 (including \$375.00 bldg. fund)
 July 15...\$2,704.39 381
 Year Ago.\$1,998.25 373

RESPONSES

For Prayer - Marie Wylie

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

by George H. Stephenson

10:20 a.m. Workers Together With Christ.

6:00 p.m. Two Sons

NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS

We hope that the members of the church are prayerfully considering the selection of additional elders and deacons. Members have been asked to submit the names of individuals who might serve as elders or deacons to the elders by this Sunday, July 29. Please submit names of those who measure up to the qualifications as outlined in I Timothy 3. Names submitted will be prayerfully considered.

THE SICK

Sister Ruth McCauley was recently in an automobile accident in Albuquerque, New Mexico. It has been learned that she has a very painful back injury. Her address is St. Joseph's Hospital 400 Walker St., Albuquerque, New Mexico 87100

Brother Austin Giesecke is very ill in the Glen Rose Hospital in Glen Rose, Texas.

Sister Alice Stephenson is in Glenwood Hospital for minor surgery and tests.

Brother Roy Roberson's mother is in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Algie Sherman's husband has been in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister R. M. Mayo is in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Ben Young underwent minor surgery on his ankle last week.

Keith and Kenneth Ray, grandsons of the Jack Bennetts, were in an automobile accident this week. Both boys received injuries. Keith remains a patient in Medical Center with back injuries.

ATTENDING WORKSHOP

Several from West Erwin are in Abilene this week attend the Teachers Workshop at ACC. Those we know of are: Mrs. Mary Evelyn Grier, Mrs. Audie Grier, Mrs. Margret Montgomery, Ann Montgomery and Pam Proctor, a friend of Ann's. Mrs. Kitty Owings and Jeanine and Hillard Hughes and their boys.

THOSE WERE THE DAYS

You remember the good old days. The air was pure and the water clean. People knew how to be friends then, and a neighbor counted for something. Children said "Yes Sir," and "No, Ma'am." Folks were so law abiding that you didn't even think about locking your door. People did an honest day's work for their dollar. The church was located in the center of town and everyone just loved good preaching. There were picnics in the summer with home-made ice cream and band concerts in the park. Oh, those were the days.

Have you ever wondered, "Why were the former days better than these?" If you have, Solomon would chide you by saying, "It is not from wisdom that you ask this."

1. The good days may not have been that good. Maybe you have just forgotten what it was like to stand over a boiling washpot, or make your way down a dirt road. Perhaps the "dust bowls" and "hard times" have just been crowded out of your mind by more pleasant things. Maybe folks aren't all that religious. Could it be that there just wasn't much to do except go to church? Distance lends enchantment to the view.

2. The present may not be all that bad. Charles Gould reminds us that last year more than 196 million of our people were not arrested. More than 89 million married of our people did not file for divorce. More than 49 million students did not riot or petition to destroy our system. And more than 115 million individuals maintained a formal affiliation with some religious group. Even morality may not have sunk to a new depth. When God sent the flood upon the earth, "The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continuously" (Gen. 6:5). Or if you look at the days of the apostles, you will find that men "were filled with all manner of wickedness, evil covetousness, malice" (Rom. 1:29-31).

3. We should consider the duty which is at hand. WE should not sigh for "old, unhappy, far-off things, and battles long ago." The present is ours. With the help of God we must make the most of today. ...John Gipson

FOR YOUR DIRECTORY

Jack and Zeffie Beard have moved into their new house. The address is Rt. 2, Box 391C, telephone 593-6747.

Michael and Carobeth Walling have moved to Dallas.

"A friend is one who knows all about you, but loves you just the same."

"Men are like steel - of little value when they lose their temper."

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

On the first Sunday in August 1968 I preached my first sermons as the local evangelist for the West Erwin church. I had preached here on previous occasions in gospel meetings.

How quickly these five years have passed! They have been filled with many wonderful experiences which will provide us with precious memories for the remainder of our lives. We have also experienced some sorrows and some disappointments.

In all of our experiences we have been most grateful for the love and encouragement which you have given us.

Looking over the church bulletin of August 8, 1968 I find that I made the following comments concerning my first Sunday with you:

"I want you to know that I am delighted with the fine way you have received us at West Erwin. I was very pleased with the fine number present for all of the services and with the spirit of enthusiasm and good will which seemed to characterize all who were present last Sunday."

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

I hope and pray that each of us will want to serve the Lord to the best of our ability even as I said five years ago. I believe that there are great challenges and opportunities for the West Erwin church. May we all unite our efforts and seek the guidance of our Lord in our working together for the building up of the Lord's church in Tyler and elsewhere.

My sermon topics for this Sunday will be the same ones I used five years ago:

Sunday morning - "Hindrances to Spiritual Growth"

Sunday evening - "Life on Another Planet"

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 Prayer. James Phillips
 Dismiss. Jack Beard

Sunday Evening
 Announcements. . . . Dalton Jones
 Prayer. Milburn Cook
 Dismiss. Mike Franklin

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Bible School</u>
July 29...\$9,656.51	394
(including \$7,618.80 bldg. fund)	
July 22...\$2,490.98	381
Year Ago.\$1,873.68	337

ZONE MEETING

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday evening, August 7, at the home of the Cullen Gilliams.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the Wallace Gayles in the loss of his grandfather.

PHONE NUMBER CHANGE

Please change the phone number of the Eddie Stansburys to 566-3213.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper August 5 and August 12.

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

HARDING TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

The 11th annual Christian Workers' Workshop will begin next Monday, August 6, at Harding College. Hillard Hughes will be conducting several classes during the week. Also, Jack and Rita Colvin from Glenwood will have classes. This year the theme is "Emphasis: Family Recovery". If you are able, this would be a wonderful opportunity to share ideas with other Christians.

AREA MEETINGS

The Church of Christ in Gladewater will have their Vacation Bible School August 6-10 each evening at 7:30 P. M. Neil Lightfoot of the A. C. C. Bible Department will be the Adult speaker on "The Origin of the Bible."

You are invited to attend a Gospel Meeting at the Church of Christ in Reese August 5 through August 10. Week night services will be at 7:30. Dean Brookshire of Tyler will be the speaker.

THE SICK

Sister Ruth McCauley, injured in an auto accident, is reported improving.

Brother Austin Giesecke remains in the Glen Rose Hospital.

Sister Ollie Cooper is also in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Alice Stephenson remains a patient in Glenwood Hospital. She is doing well.

Sister W. A. Chandler's husband is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Remember the sick in your prayers.

CHRISTIANS

The greatest accomplishment and position in life is that of a Christian. I know after spending a day with Christians as we do on Sunday there should be enthusiasm generated in our other activities. I'm confident that if we become involved in the worship of our God as we meet together from time to time, we'll always be excited about our lives. What better way to express our love for God than singing praises, talking to Him in prayer, and hearing His word taught. Yet there is still another part - serving others. Who do you like to do the most for? For those whom you love, of course. Those that are of your family. If you are a Christian, you are a member of the largest family in existence; we are children of God. If your physical family works together, worships together, plays together, eats together and loves each other more deeply every day, why not share these same times with your spiritual family? To care is to love, and to love is to want to do for our Lord and our brethren. Think on these things and be INVOLVED! HH

THE CAMPUS MINISTRY

We received the following letter from Bill Allan who has been the Campus Minister at Tyler Junior College:

"Dear Brethren:
 Thank you so much for the financial support you have contributed to our work in the past years. Without it we would not have been able to accomplish near what we have wanted to. We hope and pray that this support and interest will continue and possibly even increase as you consider your 1974 budget.

As you may or may not know, we will be leaving the work at TJC effective August 1 to begin working with the Friendswood Church of Christ and to begin some schooling at the University of Houston. Brother Larry Heath from Pensacola, Florida has agreed to take the work here, and I trust that you will give him the same support and interest and encouragement that we have received. Larry is new to the East Texas area so it will take him a while to meet preachers, elders, deacons and brethren in the area churches. Perhaps you could help by dropping by the Center and meeting him.

May the Lord continue to bless the efforts of His Kingdom in East Texas."

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You may depend on the Lord. May the Lord depend on you? Make your plans now to attend our GOSPEL MEETING August 12 through August 17.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS TO HEAR . . .

JAMES BAIRD

President - Oklahoma Christian College

PREACH CHRIST

AUGUST 12 - AUGUST 17



James Baird, Evangelist

SUNDAY

10:20 A. M.

6:00 P. M.

MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:30 P. M.

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SYMPATHY

Funeral services were held Sunday for Austin Giesecke in Glen Rose. We extend our sympathy to Veda Mae and the family.

A nephew of James Massey was buried last week.

Funeral services were conducted in Tyler for Dr. James Ferrell, a brother-in-law of Bill Butler, Sr.

Funeral services were conducted today by Brother Stephenson for Nick Gregory, husband of Doris Gregory. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

Our sincere sympathy goes to these in their sorrow.

MEMBERSHIP

Dawn Knowles, 706 S. Donnybrook, has returned to Tyler and placed her membership again with West Erwin.

HILLARD HUGHES IN WORKSHOP

Hillard Hughes is in Searcy, Arkansas this week where he is one of the teachers in the eleventh annual Harding College Christian Workers' Workshop. He has a class each morning and each evening in regard to the work of Junior High students and their involvement with the church and home. We are very pleased that Hillard was selected for this work and are thankful for this honor he has received. We feel that Harding College was wise in their selection of Hillard to be a participant in their workshop.

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE - NOTICE

There is to be an area "Youth Rally" August 19 at Omen Road here in Tyler. Registration begins at 5:15 with the worship service at 6:00 P. M. Doug Warner of Dallas is the speaker. You will need a sack lunch and clothes to change into for games. Plan to go.

THE SICK

Ruth McCauley has written to friends in Tyler that she is improving. She remains in St. Joseph's Hospital in Albuquerque and would appreciate cards.

Deann Stone is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

A twin daughter of the Andy Fullers is improving in Mother Frances Hospital after having been seriously ill.

Mrs. Melvonda Sparkman, daughter of the T. Murrays, is recuperating at their home from a broken ankle.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Allen Chandler request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Charlotte Ann
to

Mr. Donald Edward Castleberry
on Wednesday, the fifteenth of August
nineteen hundred and seventy-three
at six o'clock in the evening
Northwest Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception following
Ramada Inn

BUSINESS MEETING, Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel. All men of the church are invited to attend.

WHY PREACHERS STAY

There is a serious problem confronting both preachers and churches each year - THE GREAT MIGRATION - as termed by Brother Lemmons. But let's look at five good reasons why preachers stay with one congregation five, ten, fifteen or twenty years.

1. PREACHERS STAY BECAUSE THEY WANT TO STAY. They move to a place only after serious and prayerful consideration.
2. PREACHERS STAY BECAUSE THE CONGREGATION WANTS THEM TO STAY. Congregations with wise leaderships realize that the preacher becomes more valuable to the local work the longer he is associated with it.
3. PREACHERS STAY BECAUSE THEY ARE WILLING TO WORK. Local work is hard. It demands the very best in each preacher. It means coping with new problems and dealing with resurgence of old ones.
4. PREACHERS STAY BECAUSE THEY ARE TREATED AS HUMAN BEINGS. They are not horses to pull the congregations; they are brothers to share the load.
5. PREACHERS STAY BECAUSE BRETHREN ARE WILLING TO CO-OPERATE. There is more than intellectual possession of Bible commands to work together; there is an experimental insight into them. Preachers like to work with rather than for churches.

Alice Stephenson

THANK YOU

Sister R. M. Mayo wants to express her appreciation for the cards, visits, gifts and prayers on her behalf while she was a patient in the hospital. We are glad that she is showing improvement.

J. B. Hudson

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Booth Planned at Fair

The West Erwin church is planning to have a booth at the East Texas Fair which is scheduled from September 24 - 29. Opportunities will be provided for visitors at the Fair to receive information about the church. Also, Bible Correspondence Courses will be offered to any who care to enroll. It will be necessary for a number of our members to be involved in order for this endeavor to be a success. Fred Powell, Henry McRuiz and Roy Roberson constitute a committee of deacons who are organizing the preparation for the booth during the week of the Fair. They will be asking for assistance from others in the congregation.

New Pictorial Directory Planned

Plans are underway for the publication of a new church directory containing pictures of members of the church and their families. Photographs will be taken on September 15 and 16 and September 22 and 23. We hope to have the co-operation of everyone in making this directory as complete as possible.

Our Meeting

Our meeting with James Baird of Oklahoma City as the evangelist comes to a conclusion on this Friday night. We are very thankful he has come our way and know that his splendid preaching will bear fruit for a long time to come.

Addition to Building

It is good to see the construction of the addition to our building making progress. The date set for its completion is November 29. Contributions continue to be made toward the building fund and for this we are grateful. Our elders have secured a loan from the East Texas Savings and Loan Association. Any contributions made will help reduce the final amount of the total indebtedness on this addition to the building.

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Prayer W. D. Metcalf
Dismiss Dwaine Thedford
Sunday Evening

Announcements Mack Bynum
Prayer Ross Walker
Dismiss Robert Hall
Contributions Bible School
August 12...\$2,358.34395
(including \$65.00 bldg. fund)
August 5...\$2,299.26394
Year Ago... \$2,158.98361

RESPONSES

Baptized: Jill Rowe, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Rowe, was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. Jill is in the 6th grade and attends Bible School regularly.

We are happy that brother and sister Foy O'Neal (Margie), who recently moved to Tyler from Holyoke, Colo., placed membership with us last Sunday. Their address is 1811 So. Wall, telephone 595-1202. Brother O'Neal works for Tyler Lincoln Mercury.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

We, the family of Nick Gregory, wish to express our gratitude and appreciation for the prayers and thoughtfulness of everyone during our time of grief. We are thankful that God has blessed us with such Christian friends as yourselves.

Your cards and flowers were greatly appreciated, but your thoughts and prayers were our strength in our hour of need. May God bless each of you.

The family of Austin Giesecke

With special thanks to the Dick Ferguson Family who opened their "hearts and home" to us, those who worked so very hard among the blackened embers, and the wonderful women for their beautiful dinner, clothes, linens, food, etc.; our sincerest and deepest appreciation.

C. L. Canady and Family

SERMON SUBJECTS, AUGUST 19

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Decisions
6:00 p. m. A Trip To Paradise

YOUNG PEOPLE

Remember the youth program this Sunday evening at Omen Road. Registration will begin at 5:15 with a worship period at 6:00. Take a sack lunch and clothes to change into after worship. HH

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Ed Naul is in Medical Center Hospital.

Deann Stone is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Ruby Degge is in Glenwood Hospital.

IF YOU KNOW of a Christian lady who needs a small, clean apartment in a Christian home, call 593-2941.

ANOTHER ANNIVERSARY

August 16, 1970 is a date that we will always have on our calendar of time. That Sunday began what we consider a wonderful relationship with the fine people of West Erwin; and even though the time has been three years, it doesn't seem that long to us. Our blessings have been many and the love you have shown us has been most rewarding. It is our prayer that our work together for the Lord will always be greater and with a strengthening power that will accomplish what He expects of us.

Thank you from my family,
Jeanine, Kim, Laurie, Shannon,
Trey and Hillard

WHAT I WANT AND HOW I CAN GET IT

I want the congregation to radiate a wholesome influence in the community; therefore, I can set an example of a wholesome life.

I want the strangers who visit the services to feel welcome; therefore, I can put forth a big effort to be friendly toward all.

I want the leaders of the church to have the support and appreciation of the congregation; so, I can assure them of my co-operation in all the works that are planned.

I want the congregation to meet all of its financial obligations promptly; therefore, I can give my money regularly and generously.

I want the congregation to grow; therefore, I can dedicate myself to the high task of winning souls to Christ.

I want the congregation to thrive in its love for Christ and others; therefore, I can joyfully demonstrate my love for Christ in all my associations.

Of course, if I don't do much of anything, I can't have the things I want.

... Bill Gipson

LADIES, please pick up your dishes from the foyer. Many have been here for several weeks.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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

OUR GUESTS

We have had many visitors for the worship services this week. We are always happy to have guests and extend a cordial invitation for you to return at every opportunity.

"Every project needs someone for a spark plug. How about you?"

Our Mission Work

The West Erwin church continues to help support a number of mission enterprises both in the United States and in other parts of the world. We need to keep these various projects in our mind and in our prayers.

Lem Ford reports that the church in Hastings, Nebraska has broken its attendance record and that the congregation is exceeding its budget. We rejoice with him and the Hastings church in that two older retired people were baptized recently who had been contacted through Herald of Truth programs. West Erwin sends a monthly contribution to the Herald of Truth which is heard by millions of people. The church in Hastings hopes to be fully self-supporting within another year.

Norman Morrow has an encouraging report concerning the work in Scott City, Kansas. He helped direct a youth camp which had a great impact for good in the lives of young people in that area. Several were baptized at the camp. Brother Morrow indicated that efforts are made not to put too much emotional thrust into the camp, but that great results come from the teaching and training given to the young people.

Five precious souls were led to Christ in the past month in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. Ron Warpole is an American missionary located there. West Erwin is supporting a young Indian preacher by the name of John Lachmana. A tremendous Bible correspondence work is being done in Kuala Lumpur. At present there are 2,346 students enrolled in the courses. We are asked to pray for Anthony Tay, one of the Bible course students serving a term in the federal prison. He has requested baptism and the missionaries are facing some difficulty in getting permission to baptize the man. We pray that a way will be opened for his baptism.

Rudolf Rischer continues to send interesting reports of his work in Austria. He has been busy in his work in camp recently. Mimeographed copies of his reports are distributed regularly to the members at West Erwin.

From the International Mission in New York City comes the wonderful report found elsewhere in the bulletin. In addition to our regular mission work, we have recently sent contributions to help purchase a lot for the church in Holyoke, Colorado and to help build a church building where the children from Sunny Glen Home meet for worship. May the Lord bless our every effort to build up the church in Tyler and in other places as well. GHS

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Announcements Roger Knight
 Prayer O. C. Becker
 Dismiss Bruce Raley

Sunday Evening

Announcements R. C. O'Bannon
 Prayer M. B. Beard
 Dismiss Kevin Womack

Contributions

Bible School

August 19.. \$2,247.25402
August 12.. \$2,358.34395
Year Ago.. \$2,193.68369

RESPONSES

We are happy that Mr. and Mrs. Dale (Vonnie) Hamblett, 4701 Stratford, telephone 592-2046, placed membership with us Sunday. Dale also asked for the prayers of the church. They have three children: Barry, 12; Kerry, 9; and Alan, 6. Dale is a buyer for the Southland Corp. They formerly worshipped with the Richland Hills church in Ft. Worth.

Paul Ray, 2101 So. Wiley, was baptized into Christ on Sunday evening. Paul is in the Navy serving on the U. S. S. Hancock.

IMPORTANT TO PARENTS

Sunday, September 9, all parents are encouraged to meet together for a general planning session for our young people. Our Fall programs will begin the first Sunday in October and we need your help in making these plans. If you have children from the 7th grade through college, please be present. Remember the date! HH

ANOTHER SON

Gary and Sandra Montgomery are the happy parents of a boy, Timothy Harold, born August 12 in Lake Jackson, Texas.

THE GROCERY TRUCK from Boles Home will be here sometime during the week of September 9 - 15.

FUNERALS

The mother of U. G. Rozell, Jr. was buried this week. We extend sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were held recently for Mrs. Ada Fitts of Jacksonville. She was a former member of West Erwin.

Christian Courtesy

"One of the most neglected flowers in the garden of Christian character is courtesy. This seemingly insignificant virtue can determine the difference in happiness and sorrow, between heaven and hell. Good manners are a real ornament, and are worth more in winning favor than the finest of clothes or jewels ever worn. Coarseness will lock doors and close hearts, but politeness will cause the doors of home and heart to open wide. There is no society where smiles, pleasant looks, kindness, gratitude, and graciousness are not welcomed. The little courtesies which form the small chains of life may not appear important, but they become a treasure as they accumulate."

... Selected

BEST WISHES

Miss Debbie Smith and Richard A. Fromm were married in the Chapel on Saturday evening. They will live in Abilene. We extend best wishes for a long and happy life together.

WE ARE HAPPY that Reagan Phillips has been able to be at home on leave from the Navy to visit with his family and friends.

YOU HAVE A SPECIAL INVITATION to the Open House of the Church of Christ in Edgewood, Sunday, Aug. 26, 2:00 - 4:00 p. m.

SERMONS FOR AUGUST 26, 1973

By George H. Stephenson
 10:20 a. m. Attitudes of the Heart
 6:00 p. m. There Is A God in Heaven

THE SICK

Evelyn Ford, daughter of the Lem Fords underwent surgery last week in Hastings, Nebraska.

Sarah Stringer underwent surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances.

Henry McRuiz's mother is in Glenwood hospital following surgery.

MAN FROM TRINIDAD CONVERTED IN NEW YORK CITY

NEW YORK - C. P. Barclay is the most recent convert related to the unique ministry of International Mission from the World Trade Center in N. Y. C. This 54 year old man confessed his faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God, and the Lord of his life in recent weeks. Our workers used the facilities of the Manhattan Church of Christ for the baptismal service. Mr. Barclay first met New Testament Christians while traveling in Switzerland. Brother Doyle Kee of Geneva gave him our address in New York. When Mr. Barclay came to New York he came to our office and then spent a weekend in a Christian home at Somerville, New Jersey.

Mr. Barclay had been Roman Catholic and was disenchanted with the Catholic Church. He had been searching for a church for some time but never did he find one that resembled the New Testament church about which he read in the Bible. He has now returned to his home as a Christian. He told his staff of 30 that upon his return he would be more of a changed man than what they knew.

The following is an excerpt from his most recent letter to us:

"I send you greetings in Jesus' name and hope that he will sustain and keep you to carry out the good work of finding lost souls and bringing them to the throne of grace in Jesus' name. I must thank you for bringing me to Jesus. I know that Satan will try to persuade me to continue with him, but I will assure him that in Jesus' name I will keep the straight way to heaven."

Guest Editorial. . .

Why All The Announcements ?

A wonderful young doctor was at West End a few weeks ago, and wrote on his registration card, "As much as I love West End must there be so many announcements?" That good question deserves an answer.

We make announcements first because it's "angelic." Read these words, "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Lk. 2:8-11).

Secondly, we make announcements because it's "apostolic." "And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles. And there they abode a long time with the disciples" (Acts 14:27-28). It's a joy to read it took so long to make the announcements "they abode a long time." Hm m m m m m m m m!

Thirdly, we make announcements because of accomplishments. "The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil" (Prov. 13:19).

Fourthly, announcements come because we are "affectionate." "So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the Gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear to us" (I Thess. 2:8).

Fifthly, we make announcements because of "audience needs." "Then all the multitude kept silence, and gave audience to Barnabas and Paul. Declaring what miracles and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them."

Sixthly, we make announcements in order to awaken people to opportunities and responsibilities even as Jesus did Lazarus from the dead when he said, "I go that I may awake him out of sleep" (John 11:11).

Lastly, we make announcements because all in Christ we are "alive" (I Cor. 15:22).

Because they are angelic, apostolic, accomplishable, affectionate, audience needed, of awakening power and evidence of being alive we make announcements. Do nothing, be nothing, accomplish nothing, naturally you've nothing to announce! Guess what --- I LOVE ANNOUNCEMENTS!

. . . Jim Bill McInteer

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Dismiss..... Willie Freeman

Sunday Evening
Announcements..... Ray Womack
Prayer..... Tommy Lowrance
Dismiss..... Edwin Pickle

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother Clarence Strait's father passed away last week in Houston. We express our sympathy to the family.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for your prayers and thoughts during my recent stay in the hospital. DeAnn Stone

THANKS TO MANY

I don't know where to start to thank everyone that surprised us Sunday night with the cake and money "heart." To all of the young people and every adult that participated, our love and thank you. Our three years at West Erwin have been gratifying and very enjoyable. I know of no other group of young people that could be finer than we have been in contact with here. We appreciate every effort put forth by you and your encouragement as we work together for the Lord. HH

CONTRIBUTIONS BIBLE SCHOOL

August 26..\$2,547.94	442
August 19..\$2,247.25	402
Year Ago..\$2,024.22	440

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, SEPT. 2

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. The Importance of the Church.
6:00 p. m. The Establishment of the Church.

PARENTS REMEMBER

Are you still planning to attend our session together on Sunday afternoon, 4:30 o'clock, September 9? This will help us make plans that will include your young people. Please help!

HH

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the M. M. Haws home.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Gerald Montgomery	Henry McRuiz
Bill Whitworth	Wayne Fears
John Teague	Jack Beard
Tom Parsons	Tom Lowrance
Mark Whitworth	Tony Fears

IN THE HOSPITAL

Sister Ruth McCauley is now in Medical Center Hospital, room 271. She was brought to Tyler by air ambulance last Saturday. She cannot have visitors at this time.

ALL WOMEN who do not work away from home are encouraged to be here for Ladies Bible Class, Wednesday morning, 10:00 o'clock, September 5. Brother George Stephenson will be teaching the class. Let's make this class the best we have ever had.

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR an appointment to have your family's picture made for the new directory. The photographer will be here Sept. 15 and 16 and again Sept. 22 and 23. We hope every one will help to make this directory as complete as possible.

COLLEGE STUDENTS

The following is a list of our young men and women attending college this fall. If you know of any we have not listed, please call the office.

- Tyler Junior College
Sylvia Carpenter Mark Cauthen
Lou Ann Driggers Scott Ferguson
Marc Lemons David Tuel
Nancy Owings Debbie Potts
Gail Krewall David Fuller
- East Texas School of Nursing
Sue Ann Ferguson Charlene Graf
- David Lipscomb College
Becky Young
- Abilene Christian College
Marie Wylie David Stephenson
Julia Phillips

- North Texas University
Cindi McBee
- Tyler Commercial College
DeAnn Stone

- Federal Institute
Gail Malone
- Texas Tech
Dwain Strait

Dwain was honored to receive a swimming scholarship from Texas Tech in Lubbock, Texas.

An epidemic of Christianity is the only answer for the wave of sin.

Courses at Campus Christian Center

- Bible - Fall Semester - 1973
Larry C. Heath, Instructor
- Bible 123 - New Testament Survey
MWF - 8:00 a. m.
- Bible 223 - Life of Paul
MWF - 10:00 a. m.
- Bible 123 - New Testament Survey
TTh 11:15 a. m.
- Bible 123 - New Testament Survey
Thurs night
All of these courses may be taken for credit or non-credit.

BROTHER T. G. BELL

Early this morning (Wednesday) brother T. G. Bell passed away after a long illness. Funeral services will be conducted for him Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Burks-Walker. We express our deepest sympathy to sister Bell and Virginia and all of the family.

The Better Part

The days are all too short to waste
A moment, with the time it takes
For hunting flaws in useful folks
And magnifying small mistakes.

But there is time enough to spare
Between the dawn and sunset's glow
To recognize the kindly traits
Possessed by people whom we know.

Why make ado for minor faults;
And would it not be better far
To notice only things that prove
What loyal friends the neighbors are?

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Did you see the wonderful television programs last week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights on Channel five out of Fort Worth and Dallas? They were based on the theme, "One Way, One Truth and One Life," and lasted for one hour on prime time at nine each evening. Following a presentation of the Herald of Truth with Batsell Barrett Baxter as the principal speaker, a panel of three men answered questions which were phoned in by the viewers of the program.

I regret that we did not receive information about this program to give it wider publicity in the Tyler area. I was greatly impressed with the programs. The panel consisted of Joe Barnett of Lubbock, Jack Evans of Terrell and Virgil Trout of Oklahoma City. All of these men answered questions in a kind yet forceful manner. These are three of the great preachers in the church today and all of them showed that they have great respect for the Bible and the fundamental truths of the gospel of Christ. I am thankful for the vision of those who made it possible for such a program to be seen by many thousands of people.

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This past week all eighteen year olds were recognized by the laws of Texas as being legally responsible for their conduct. It seems that many look upon the "privilege" of buying alcoholic beverages as one of the great evidences of manhood. It is too bad that many of the older generation have set such a poor example in this regard. More and more people - including some church members - are accepting social drinking as a way of life. However, it is still true that alcohol is a very powerful and dangerous narcotic. It is still true that over half the fatal accidents on the highways are the result of drinking. It is still true that drinking destroys homes, lives and souls. The Bible is still true when it says, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." (Proverbs 20:1)

Young people, if you are now eighteen and over, we hope that you will recognize your responsibilities as well as your privileges and that you will set the proper example before your friends and associates. GHS

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1973

10:20 a. m. Worship of the Church
By George H. Stephenson

6:00 p. m. A Christian
By Hillard Hughes

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APPOINTMENTS - Sunday Morning
Announcements.....Hillard Hughes
Prayer..... Johnny Owings
Dismiss Guy Potts

Sunday Evening

Announcements..... Elwin Crow
Prayer..... Dick Higginbotham
Dismiss Rick Higginbotham
CONTRIBUTIONS BIBLE SCHOOL

September 2...\$2,225.27395
August 26 ... \$2,547.94442
A Year Ago ... \$2,458.41407

RESPONSES

Mrs. Morene Sant, 1212 E. Houston, Apt. 28, telephone, 592-5422, came Sunday to place membership at West Erwin. She formerly worshipped at Mineola. We are happy to welcome her to West Erwin and to Tyler.

THANK YOU NOTES

We deeply appreciate your many kind expressions of sympathy, your visits, prayers and cards during the illness and passing of T. G. Bell.

We shall always remember with deepest gratitude your many kind deeds and the delicious food that was prepared and served for us.

In Christian love,
Velma Bell
Virginia and Bob Lowry and the family

I want to express my appreciation for the prayers and kindnesses shown to me during my recent stay in the hospital.

Mrs. Ruby Degge

I wish to thank each of you for your every kindness and consideration during my recent and continued stay in the hospital and most especially for your prayers in my behalf. May God's richest blessings be with you all.

In Christian love,
Ruth McCauley

MEETING AT GLENWOOD

You are invited to attend a meeting at the Glenwood church of Christ, Sept. 9-13. Wesley Reagan from Pasadena, Texas will be the speaker. Services will be at 7:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

BEST WISHES

Miss Deann Stone and Paul Ray were married September 1. We extend our best wishes for a long and happy life together.

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother Wallace Gayle's father was buried in Houston last week. We extend our sympathy to the family.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Ruth McCauley is in Medical Center and can have a few visitors.

Sister Florene Lowrance has been in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Ed Naul is in Medical Center Hospital.

REMEMBER - to sign up for an appointment to have your family picture made for the church directory.

SELECTION OF "NEW ELDERS AND DEACONS"

Last Sunday three additional elders and four additional deacons were formally recognized by the West Erwin church. These men were selected after prayer, Bible study, and meditation by members of the church and the present eldership. Men who have been selected as elders are: Ferman Carpenter, Faber Cauthen, and Foy Richey. Men who have been selected as deacons are: Francis Bullard, Elwin Crow, Dick Higginbotham, and Bob Turner. This brings us to a total of eight elders and twenty-four deacons at the present time. It was pointed out Sunday by Dr. Roger Knight that at future times other men will be considered to serve as deacons and as elders as the need and opportunity arise.

Let us support our elders and deacons and work with them as we endeavor to be faithful to our Lord at West Erwin. Especially let us remember the elders whose responsibilities are very heavy. "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." (Hebrews 13:17).

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

BOLES HOME GROCERY TURCK

The grocery truck will be here next week sometime between the 9th and 15th. If you can be of help, please bring your grocery items by Sunday. The following items are especially needed:

Peanut butter, Honey, Jellies and preserves, Syrup, Karo, white and brown, Griffin, Blackburn, Spices-all kinds, Lipton Instant tea, Canned vegetables, canned fruits, Juices and fruit flavored drinks, steel wool scouring pads, Laundry bleach, Ajax, Comet, Bonami, Razors and blades, Cream or Roll-on Deodorant, Tooth paste-Colgate, Crest, Gleem, Hair shampoo, Toilet soap-all brands, Facial tissue, Table napkins, paper towels, Toilet tissue, Shortening-Crisco, Snowdrift, Mazola, Sugar-granulated, powdered, Nestles Quick, Hershey's chocolate syrup, Pickles, Salad Dressing-all kinds, Catsup, Aluminum foil, Barbecue Sauce.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Elwin Crow home.

PARENTS of young people 7th grade through college age are invited to meet for a planning session next Sunday afternoon, 4:30 o'clock. Your help is needed. HH

The strange thing is that the man who is satisfied with so little in himself demands so much in others.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

For Better or For Worse?

Many of you know that I have been preaching a sermon in regard to marriage on or near our wedding anniversary - September 15 - ever since our tenth wedding anniversary. So on this coming Sunday, September 16, once again I plan to preach on this topic. My sermon will be on the subject, "For Better or For Worse?" This is the same topic I used two or three years ago at this time.

What great changes have taken place in the attitudes people have toward marriage and the home since I began this custom back in 1946! While divorce was common then and adultery and fornication prevailed just as they always have, yet it was usually recognized by most people that these were wrong. Today there are many who would like to do away with marriage completely and thus destroy the home. Many regard the vows of "till death do us part" as being unrealistic for our present society. Some would have contracts of marriage set up for one or two years at a time.

In spite of all the efforts of man to discredit marriage and the home I am still of the persuasion that the Biblical concept of marriage provides for the highest happiness for man and woman and for that which is best for human society. Jesus said, "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they twain shall be one flesh. Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. . . . Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery," (Matthew 19:5, 6, 8, 9).

I believe that marriage vows should be taken with the understanding that they are not to be broken. I believe that we are to marry "for better or for worse." However, I believe it can be for better. There is no greater happiness to be found than that of a devoted husband and wife as they share together their joys and their sorrows and as they live together for the Lord and for eternity.

On this Sunday I will be privileged again to give some principles which I believe make for a happy marriage and one which is pleasing in God's sight.

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Dismiss..... Larry Hardin
Sunday Evening

Announcements..... Jamon Kirby
Prayer..... Bob Turner
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FUNERALS

Services were conducted Tuesday afternoon for sister Etta Brogan. She passed away late Sunday evening at the age of 91. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

We share in the sorrow of sister Ed Naul whose brother died Monday. The funeral was held Wednesday in Wills Point, Texas.

THE PHOTOGRAPHER will be here this weekend to begin work on our new church directory. Calls are being made to everyone who did not sign up for an appointment. We appreciate brother Louis E. Jones for coordinating this work and all who are helping in the project. We hope everyone in the congregation will help to make this directory as complete as possible.

JUST STARTING

Every member at West Erwin is now receiving our absentee list each week. This list includes those who may have been in worship, but did not sign an attendance card. This has a two-fold purpose. First, so we might be aware of who misses the worship service and make a contact with them and second, to let you be aware that records are being kept by the elders for follow-up purposes. Thank you for your help and understanding.

Also, efforts and plans are continuing to increase as the time draws near for our booth work at the East Texas Fair. This program can be a source of many contacts, by the Lord's people, of those who are not Christians. Only the Lord knows how much can be accomplished with this endeavor. If you have not been contacted and would be able to work at any time, contact Fred Powell or the church office. We need you.

Friday School began with a lot of excitement and enthusiasm. Nearly all our classes are full and have waiting list for which we are thankful. To the teachers goes a BIG Thank you. We are confident that much good will be accomplished with the help of the Lord. HH

ZONE 3 will meet at the Ed Bullard home Tuesday evening, 7 o'clock.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE

For more than a quarter of a century brother Bill Butler, Sr. has served the West Erwin church as maintenance supervisor. As of September brother Butler will no longer be working for the church. He has plans of fishing more and spending some time with his cattle. Bill has been a big asset to our work here as he has prepared the building for our comfort during the class periods and worship services. Words are inadequate to express our thankfulness for him and his work. Our prayers and best wishes will be with him in the years to come.

Brother Dalton Jones is now working in this capacity for the church.

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. For Better or For Worse?
6:00 p. m. Departures from the Faith.

ALL TEACHERS - We will have an important meeting, Sunday afternoon, 5:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Please be present.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Don Weathers	K. Max Haws
Elwin Crow	Bill Butler, Jr.
Dick Higginbotham	Jamon Kirby
Milburn Cook	Wallace Gayle
Walker Weathers	Matt Haws

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Jack Bennett underwent surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances.

Sister Ruth McCauley remains in Medical Center Hospital.

LITTLE FELLOW

"There's a wide-eyed little fellow... Who believes you're always right... And his ears are always open and he watches day and night... You are setting an example every day in all you do... For the little boy who's waiting to grow up to be like you.

"There are little eyes upon you and they're watching night and day; There are little ears that quickly take in every word you say; There are little hands all eager to do everything you do... And a little boy who's dreaming of the day he'll be like you.

"You're the little fellow's idol... You're the wisest of the wise... In his mind about you no suspicions ever, ever rise. He believes in you devoutly, holds that all you say or do... He will say or do in your way, when he grows up just like you."

About Boles Home

One of the responsibilities I have had for a number of years has been to serve as one of the directors of Boles Home in Quinlan. Another one of our members who served in this capacity is Ross Walker. The board members are all approved by the elders of the church in Terrell and the chairman of the board is Reeve Holmes, one of the elders in Terrell.

Recently, I was in a meeting of the directors which was held at the Texoma Youth Camp. This camp is in a very beautiful setting on Lake Texoma, northwest of Denison. The camp is used by children from Boles Home and for various other youth groups.

Boles Home has been taking care of needy children for about fifty years. Many changes have taken place in the field of child care during these years. When the home began, most of the children in its care were placed there because of the death of their parents. However, at the present time, just a small percentage of the children in Boles and in all other such institutions are placed there because of the death of their parents. They are children who are from broken homes and from tragic and unfortunate situations in life. They have very definite needs for moral and spiritual training. They need the sincere and compassionate interest of Christians. We need to do what we can to help them adjust to the problems of our modern society and to help them become worthy citizens of our country and of the Lord's Kingdom.

I believe that Boles Home is worthy of more financial help than it receives from Christians in Texas. Since the Home has been given valuable property through the years, some have concluded that the Home does not need any further help. If it were not for the income from the property owned by the Home, the Home could not continue to exist. At the present time, church contributions provide for just about half of the cost of operating the Home while the other half comes from investment income as a result of bequests, wills, etc. left to the Home.

Some have thought we should just liquidate the assets, but would this be the part of wisdom? Would this be fair to those who have given property to help endow the home? Would it be wise for the farmer who depends on eggs for a living to sell the hens that produce the eggs? In recent years Boles Home has had to use some of its capital for living expenses. Surely, men of business sense will know this is not good. (continued inside)

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September 16..\$2,208.23442
September 9..\$2,427.13414
A Year Ago....\$2,379.36420

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Sept. 23

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. Seeking the Old Paths.
6:00 p.m. Is the Devil Real?

CONGRATULATIONS IN ORDER

Last Saturday was an exciting day for West Erwin and Glenwood young people. We were hosted by the Gilmer Christians in a "Bible Bowl" which included teams competing in answering hundreds of Bible questions. Approximately 360 people were involved in some way during the all day program. Of this number, we had 15 present. Our Junior High team, made up of Denise Freeman, Mike Franklin, Lee Knight, Kay Montgomery, and Kim and Laurie Hughes, came away with an excellent 3rd place. Also involved were eight of our High School students (two teams) with one of these coming away with 1st place honors. The team members were Dawn Knowles, Kim Smith, Paul Knight and Terry Stephenson. The other team that finished a respectable 5th included Nona Freeman, Ann Montgomery, Molly Owings, and Grant Knight. We were also proud that the two Glenwood High School teams finished 3rd and 4th in the same competition. These young people were outstanding and their followers were very proud and happy for them. Don't say that all young people don't know the Bible because last Saturday disproved that.

HH

RESPONSES

Robert Hall, 212 Ridgecrest, son of Robert and Corrinne Hall, was baptized into Christ on Sunday evening. He is in the 5th grade. We are happy for Robert's decision.

Brother and Sister G. W. McElroy (Leona), 100 Ridgecrest, phone 595-2301, placed membership with us on Wednesday evening. They have two grand children living with them who are also members of the church - Roger, a ninth grade student and Diana, a seventh grade student. The McElroy family lived in Tyler a number of years ago and worshipped at West Erwin. We are happy to welcome them and Roger and Diana to Tyler and West Erwin again.

MEETING WITH WORKERS

If you are part of the large numbers of workers in our booth at the East Texas Fair, would you please meet with us Sunday evening at 5:15. This is important to you as we will cover the various phases of the work there. THIS IS IMPORTANT.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Mary Drummond is in Mother Frances Hospital.
Sister A. A. Brett is in Nan Travis Hospital.
Sister Ruth McCauley is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.
Sister Bessie Willis is in Glenwood Hospital.

BIBLE CLASS GOAL

A goal of 475 has been set for Bible Class attendance for each Sunday in October. Every Christian should want to be in Bible Study every time it meets.

IN APPRECIATION

We want to express our thanks to the church for the beautiful flowers and many expressions of sympathy at the time of the death of my brother, A. J. Woolverton.

Mrs. Ed Naul

We are deeply grateful for your prayers, visits, cards, and calls during Ed's recent hospitalization and since returning home.

Ed and Vernon Naul

"If you see someone without a smile give him yours."

About Boles Home (continued from back page)

For the most part, all of the buildings at Boles are old. In recent years many individuals have worked to refurbish them, but they will not last indefinitely. A new cottage is being planned for the Home - the first to be named in honor of Tillet S. Teddlie, who served as superintendent of the Home in the past. Brother Teddlie is known for the many wonderful songs he has written. Perhaps his best known song is "Heaven Holds All to Me." It is hoped that many friends of brother Teddlie will want to contribute to the building of the cottage which will require about \$70,000 to build. I know that we have many appeals for help and heavy obligations here at West Erwin at the present, but if you are able, I feel that a contribution to help build this cottage would be for a most worthy work.

Recently the Boles Home truck picked up supplies. You are to be commended for the generous amount of goods you brought for the truck. As one who is interested in Boles, I want to thank you for your response and your response to other worthy needs.

GHS

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It is wonderful to see the fine spirit prevailing among the members at West Erwin. I think this was evident in the services last Sunday morning and evening. We had large, receptive, and enthusiastic audiences at both services.

How encouraging it was to see about half of our audience on Sunday evening composed of those under twenty-five years of age! What an inspiration it is to know that we have so many fine young people. There is a tremendous potential for good in their lives. West Erwin is an old congregation and we are blessed with many wonderfully fine older people, but it is good to know there are younger people coming on who will help make the church a great church in years to come. There is a challenge for those of us who are older to give proper guidance, direction and encouragement to those who are younger.

We should easily reach our goal of 475 in Bible School each Sunday morning. However, we need to have the co-operation of every member. You are needed in Bible School and you need the Bible School. Bible School provides us the opportunity to grow in knowledge and also the opportunity for a closer fellowship with other Christians.

I want to commend all who helped to build the very attractive booth we have at the East Texas Fair. Also, I would like to commend each one who has given of his or her time in serving as host and hostess to those who come to the booth. I feel that much good will come from this endeavor.

I look forward to seeing you on Sunday. Let us pray that God may truly bless us as we meet to worship in the name of our Saviour. GHS

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, September 30, 1973

By George H. Stephenson

10:20 a. m. Things Which Abide. 6:00 p. m. We Shall Give An Account.

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RESPONSES

We are very happy to welcome Mrs. Billy (Juanice) Wells, 117 Alpine, phone 592-1910, and her daughter, Terry, into the fellowship of West Erwin. Another daughter, Lisa, was recently baptized by brother Stephenson. Juanice and Terry come to us from the Glenwood congregation. The two younger girls, Connie and Susie, are not yet old enough to be members of the church. Juanice works for the Peoples National Bank.

MEETING in Kilgore

Gospel meeting at the Houston at Broadway Church of Christ in Kilgore, Sunday, Sept. 30 - Oct. 5. Weekday services at 7:30 p.m. Brother Wallace Gooch of Temple will be the speaker. You are invited to attend.

Be present for Bible Study Sunday
There is a class for you!

ATTENTION, WOMEN

The women of the congregation are invited to a "covered dish" luncheon on Wednesday, October 3 at noon in the preacher's home at 300 Ridgecrest. We would like for you to be in our class on Wednesday, but would like for you to come to the luncheon even if you cannot come to the class.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

The food you so generously provided gave us physical strength for the day. The words spoken by brother Stephenson, the hymns sung by the choir, and your presence and comfort have provided us with spiritual strength to renew us day by day. May God's good and perfect gifts be yours.

Mrs. W. P. Brogan's Family

Thank you for your expressions of kindness to me during my recent hospitalization and recovery at home.

Jack Bennett

FROM BOLES HOME

Dear Brethren:

We want to thank you for your contribution of groceries which brother Wayne Stubblefield recently secured. He has brought them to the campus and they are currently being used in feeding Boles Home children. Before we inaugurated this program we had an annual outlay for groceries near \$50,000.00. Helping as you are in this manner substantially reduces such financial outlay. Thank you again for your cooperation and benevolence.

Alan Sowders

NEVER QUIT

Never quit! Run one more mile! Climb one more hill! The person who refuses to quit will win.

Over 350,000 Cubans, sick of the Castro regime, came to the United States. They weren't permitted to bring anything with them. They arrived as poor as the proverbial church mouse. Most of them settled in the Miami area.

Their determination to succeed has produced a healthy average per family income of \$8,000 a year. More than half of them own their own homes, and they pump \$600,000,000 a year into the economy. They control 30% of the new construction in Miami and are erecting the biggest office building there.

The youngest bank president in Miami is a Cuban. He was a banker in Havana. His first job in Miami was in a shoe factory at \$45 a week. Four presidents and thirty-six vice-presidents of banks in Miami are Cubans. Many of the restaurants in the area are operated by Cubans. The mayor of Miami said that the greatest thing that ever happened to Florida was the Cuban invasion.

Job lost everything. Family, livestock, possessions, health . . . all were destroyed. His friends taunted him. His wife said, "Give up, Curse God and die." But Job possessed rare perseverance. He refused to quit. He stuck close to God, saying, "I know that thou canst do all things, and that no purpose of thine can be thwarted" (Job 42:2). "And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job . . . and gave Job twice as much as he had before." (Job 42:10).

The secret of success is not luck, but hard work and perseverance. "In the morning sow your seed, and at evening withhold not your hand." (Ecclesiastes 11:6).

... Joe R. Barnett

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Roy Driggers is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Ruth McCauley remains in Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Henry McRuiz's mother is very seriously ill in Mother Frances.

Brother George Russell of Kilgore, father of sister Howard Holland, is a patient in Medical Center.

Do not keep one eye on the temptation you pray not to be led into.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

SIN adds to your troubles,
Subtracts from your energy,
Multiplies your difficulties,
Divides your interest in your work,
And its wages is death.

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

We all know right from wrong. What we need now is a way to tell opportunity from temptation.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

On this coming Sunday, October 7, it will be my privilege to preach for the Tenth and Broad Streets congregation in Wichita Falls. This Sunday marks the 25th anniversary of the opening of this building. I was the preacher for this congregation for over eight years and was there when the building was erected. The church is planning to repeat a lectureship which was held 25 years ago when the building was opened for the service of the Lord. In addition to myself the other speakers who will participate in a lectureship during the week will include: Robert C. Jones, Burton Coffman, Raymond Kelcy and Don Morris. We are thankful that all of these men are still living and still active in the service of the Lord. Some of the most fruitful years of our ministry were spent in Wichita Falls. It will be good to be back and to meet those whom we have known in years gone by during a homecoming of this great congregation.

During October it will also be my privilege to visit in two other cities for meetings. In both of these cities we have lived in the past and have endeavored to work for the Lord. From October 14 through October 19, I am scheduled to preach for a meeting with the Parkway Drive congregation in Lubbock. While this is not the church where I served as the preacher, it will be good to be with those whom we have known in the past. I have preached in meetings for the Parkway Drive congregation and, of course, have many friends at the Broadway church and other congregations throughout the city. Following the meeting in Lubbock we will be back in Tyler for a week and then will return for a four day meeting with the Southside church in Ft. Worth. We were with this church before moving to Tyler five years ago. Of course, we feel honored in being asked to return to the places where we have lived in the past. We have been greatly blessed by the Lord in having the opportunity to associate with some of the true saints of God who have been so very good to us in years gone by.

While we look forward in great anticipation to these opportunities in Wichita Falls, Lubbock and Ft. Worth, yet I must tell you that I have some mixed emotions at this time. We do regret that we will be away from home so much during the time of October. However, we still expect this to be a great month for the West Erwin congregation. Brother Hillard Hughes will be speaking on October 7 and October 28. We feel very fortunate in knowing that Dean Brookshire, who served faithfully here for ten years, will plan to speak here on Sunday, October 14. I know that you will be glad to have the opportunity of hearing him again and are so thankful that he has consented to speak on that Sunday. We look forward to being with you on the Sunday of October 21. We solicit your prayers while we are traveling and we shall be praying for you and for the West Erwin congregation during the time that we are not with you.

GHS

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Prayer Roy Roberson
Dismiss Bruce Raley

Contributions Eible School

September 30.. \$2, 223. 04 385
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RESPONSES

Membership

Last Wednesday evening, Sept. 26, Ron Jones, 528 So. Saunders, Apt. 33-A, phone 595-3127, came to place membership. He formerly worshipped at Terrell, Texas. We welcome him to Tyler and West Erwin.

For Prayer

Rick Higginbotham, Angel Carpenter and Marie Wylie.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

The church in Bullard will have a meeting, October 7 - 12 with Dean Brookshire preaching. Services at 7:30 each week-night.

The Jefferson St. Church of Christ in Sulphur Springs will have a series of lessons on the Holy Spirit and His Work, October 7 - 10, 7:30 p.m. Hubert Roach of Paris, Texas will be the speaker.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Bill Butler, Jr. has been in Glenwood Hospital but may be dismissed by this time.

Mrs. Jim Willis is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Ruth McCauley remains in the Medical Center Hospital.

Roy Driggers is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Bob Threadgill is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Henry McRuiz's mother is improved and has gone home.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

C. B. Hardin	Ed Bullard
Bob Threadgill	Francis Bullard
Cone Birdwell	W. S. Little
Dwaine Thedford	Wilmer Little
Randy Fletcher	Bart Lemons

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Hillard Hughes

10:20 a. m. Worship

3:00 p. m. Is Jesus Lost?

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7:00 p. m. at the Milburn Cook home.

ATTEND EVERY SERVICE OF THE CHURCH

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them."

Matt. 18:20

OCTOBER 7 BEGINS A NEW BIBLE SCHOOL YEAR at West Erwin. Your Presence each Sunday will make it the best ever. If you are not regular in attendance, you can begin with a new study with everyone else. Check your room number and teacher and be here Sunday, 9:30 a. m.

Grade or Age	Room	SUNDAY MORNING	Teachers
Toddlers	109	Jeanine Hughes, Jo Butler	WEDNESDAY EVENING Melinda Turner
2 years	102	Velma Lemons, Verda Driggers	Frances McBee, Nettie & Debbie Potts
3 years	101	Johnnie Stringer, Fay Freeman	
4 years	107	Joyce Willis, Audeen Thedford	
5 years	201	Pat Crow, Jalna Gayle	Janell Fletcher Dell Bullard, Marie Threadgill Nell Wright (same as Sunday) Zeffie Beard, Terrilyn Beard
1st grade	215	Pauline Jones, Eleanor Birdwell	Mary Haws, Juanita Graf Juanita Teague, Mary Ruth Gilliam
2nd grade	203	Bennie Bynum, Mary E. Grier	Jr. High Boys: Mack Bynum
3rd grade	206	Virginia Demic, Donna Lowrance	Jr. High Girls: Kitty Owings
4th grade	204	Jean Oliver, Pauline Aven	High School: Hillard Hughes Bob Turner
5th grade	205	Jan Knight, Nancy Owings	
6th grade	208	Ray Womack, Dwaine Thedford	Singing Class Cullen Gilliam
7th grade	213	Gerald Montgomery, Jack Stringer	Marian Rowe Barbara Williams George Stephenson
8th grade	212	Jim Franklin, Willie Freeman	
9th grade	214	Louis E. Jones, Milburn Cook	
10th	210	Joe McBee, Henry McRuiz	
11th	211	K. Max Haws, Tommy Lowrance	
12th	209	Dick Higginbotham	
College	202	David Demic	
ADULTS			
20's	104	Roger Knight	
30's	108	Hillard Hughes	
40's	106	Roy Roberson	
Ladies Chapel	105	Audrey O'Bannon, Bernice Majors George Stephenson	
Auditorium		Faber Cauthen	

We have several "new" teachers both Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.

HH

ONWARD AND UPWARD

We are endeavoring to accomplish more for our Lord here in Tyler and I believe we are. Just consider a few of our programs. Recently, we were able to offer to the people of Tyler and surrounding towns some contact with the church as they visited the East Texas Fair. Though we didn't keep records on the number of tracts handed out, there were several hundred distributed. Of equal importance was the signing of some 50 Bible Correspondence course applications. The first lessons have been mailed to these people. Not least in importance, people were made aware of the Lord's church.

Another program is our "Friday School." This effort has doubled from last years attendance. Seven Christian ladies are giving of their time, effort and patience directing the young minds. There are about 40 children present each Friday and a number waiting to get into a class. The program helps us to use our building more than just five or six hours per week.

Looking to the future we are going to be able to have even bigger and better classes on Sunday and Wednesday as the completion of our new addition is near. We are hoping for classes that will build even better attendance and participation. This addition will have great effect on our overall Bible School program.

Another boost to our service in His Kingdom begins this Sunday. A "Training for Worship" program for ages 2 through 5 will be conducted simultaneously with the regular worship. Fred and Sara Powell, along with the help of several others, will be training the children in the importance of worshipping God.

With your prayers and involvement and with God's help, West Erwin is on the march for the Lord. HH

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October 7.....\$2,891.62435
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DEAN BROOKSHIRE to speak Sunday
Dean Brookshire, former preacher for the West Erwin church, will be the guest speaker for both services on this coming Sunday, October 14. Brother Brookshire is now working with the Northwest church of Christ in our city. He and his wife, Maurine, are loved here for their ten years of service with West Erwin. We are thankful that they will be here and hope and pray that it will be a great day for the Lord.

BROTHER GEORGE STEPHENSON will be in a meeting next week with the Parkway Drive church in Lubbock.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at the Milburn Cook home.
ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at the Johnny Owings home.

FOY AND MARY RICHEY will leave Monday for a tour of the Bible Lands. CULLEN AND MARY RUTH GILLIAM are scheduled to leave Tuesday for a trip to Europe and a visit is included to Salzburg, Austria where Rudolf and Christel Rischer - missionaries we support - live.

We pray for the safe journey and return of each family.

WE SHARE IN THE SORROW of the family of brother Gayle Oler. Funeral services were conducted for him in Dallas on Monday at the White Rock church of Christ. Brother Oler served for many years as the superintendent of Boles Home.

YOUNG PEOPLE - Jr. High through High School will have a "get-together" Sunday evening, 7:30, at the Johnny Owings home.

WE ARE SORRY to lose Larry and Teresa Hardin. They will be moving to Houston very soon.

IN THE HOSPITALS
Brother R. C. O'Bannon is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Brother G. W. McElroy has been a patient in Glenwood Hospital but may be home by now.

Sister Ruth McCauley hopes to go home from Medical Center in a few days.

"LET-ME-A LONE"

Several years ago a lady came to visit with me saying she was thinking about attending the congregation for which I was preaching. "The congregation I've been attending just won't leave me alone; they're always calling me up to say that they missed me at Bible Study. I've told them that I just don't attend Bible Study, but they don't understand that. They will not leave me alone.

I assured her that I could offer her little comfort. Neither could I understand why she didn't attend Bible class. I told her that personally I could not "let her alone" and that I did not believe the elders would either.

She added, of course, a timeworn cliché: "But it's nobody's business whether or not I attend Bible Study." Kindly, but firmly, I tried to explain to her it was the Lord's business. The Lord wants Christians to grow. I explained further that it was the elders' business whether or not she studied the Bible. Elders are charged with the tremendous task of feeding the flock. They must encourage the sick members to take spiritual nourishment.

There are, no doubt, people today who think they would like to be let alone, but the Lord won't let any of us alone. Let us pray that we may never leave each other alone, but encourage each other to love and good works.

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WILL YOU BE HERE TO STUDY WITH US SUNDAY AT 9:30 A. M. ?

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY
By Dean Brookshire, Guest Speaker
10:20 a. m. Seeking The Best
6:00 p. m. Some Lessons Learned
From Christ

BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday is the second Sunday of the month and the scheduled time for the regular business meeting. All men of the church are invited to meet in the Chapel at 1:30 p. m.

WE WERE PLEASED to have so many visitors in the worship service last Lord's Day. We sincerely hope each guest was made to feel welcome and that you will worship with us again at every opportunity.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION
My sincere appreciation is extended to you for all the wonderful deeds during my recent illness. I treasure these many acts of kindness, truly, as blessings from God. Thanks to you for everything. Sincerely,
Mary Drummond

"A clear conscience is often no more than a poor memory."

HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

When we are doing for the Lord, when can we slow down? We are aware of the large number that are working zealously each day. There are many who visit the sick, help people in need, and encourage those who are bereaved along with caring for their own families. Efforts are made to always encourage these people to even greater accomplishments. Along with these faithful workers there is an outstanding teaching staff. Our teachers are capable of instructing their students in the Truth. I am reminded of at least one of the teachers that is so zealous and enthusiastic about his class that his personal schedule "fits" around his class. If he and his family plan a trip out of town, he makes sure they are back before class or leaves after class on Sunday. With this kind of personal dedication to God we all should be motivated to do much more. This teacher also serves as a deacon of the church with the same dependable attitude. How much is too much? Only you are able to answer that question. For one to work in the Kingdom of his Lord causes that same one to grow. The great apostle Paul said, "For me to live is Christ and to die is gain." Paul's performance can be equaled by us if we seek to gain his height in the service of God. Nothing is required of us that is unattainable, but we are expected to do all that is within our realm of ability. Start your week attending a Bible class, than try to determine what is "TOO MUCH."

HH

BEING PURE (Rom. 12:2)

David says that only the pure may worship God. We want to worship God. How then can we be pure?

Paul says that purity doesn't come from learning a list of do's and don'ts but by renewing our minds. We must get our hearts (affections and attitudes) right. When we start thinking right, we will do right.

Jesus put it this way. "For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart." (Matthew 12:34) Not only our speech, but everything we do comes from our heart. Nothing can be done that is not

first thought of. A pure heart produces a pure life. Solomon said, "For as he thinks within himself, so is he."

But having become impure through sin, how can we be made pure again so that we may worship God? We must repent of those impurities and be cleansed by the blood of Christ. It alone can make us pure and righteous once more. In repenting or turning away from our sin, we force impurities out of our heart. When Jesus' blood forgives them, our hearts are again pure and we are ready to worship God.

-Lynn Rhodes

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Dismiss.....Kyle McRuiz

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RESPONSES

Baptized: Shayne Bennett, Rt. 10, Box 452, was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. Shayne is the son of Alma and Ken Bennett. He is in the 6th grade.

For Prayer: Nona Freeman

THANK YOU NOTES

My thanks to all for your visits, telephone calls, cards and prayers during my stay in the hospital. At a time like this is when Christian friends mean so much.

Roy Driggers

The words "thank you" can't even begin to express how much I appreciated your cards and visits while in the hospital. Gaither McElroy

To all our wonderful Christian friends at West Erwin we want to say "thank you" for the many acts of kindness shown us during my recent stay in the hospital and since coming home. It is wonderful to be a part of such a family. May God bless each of you.

Marie and Bob Threadgill

TOWELS FOR BOLES HOME

It was mentioned in an article in the Boles Home News that the home is in need of towels and wash cloths. They use approximately 200 towels and wash cloths each day. If you would like to help provide a new supply of wash cloths and towels, bring them to the church and we will see that the Home receives them.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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|--------------|-----------------|
| Roger Knight | Mack Bynum |
| Tommy White | A. B. Wallace |
| Roy Driggers | Charles Lemons |
| Joe McBee | Travis Fletcher |
| Paul Knight | Grant Knight |

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Great Bible Questions
6:00 p. m. Superstition

If we hem in both ends of the day with prayer, it won't be so likely to unravel in the middle.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Ruth McCauley will be going home soon from the hospital and will need a walking stick. Do you have one she might borrow?

Sister Jack Stringer had eye surgery Monday in Medical Center Hospital.

Dr. Roger Knight's mother is recovering from surgery in the Glenwood hospital.

Brother Ben Sutton is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

WHAT IS YOUR CONSCIENCE?

"Oh, yes," said the Indian, "I know what my conscience is. It is a little three-cornered thing inside my heart that stands still when I am good, but when I am bad it turns around and around and the corners hurt very much! But, if I keep on doing wrong, by and by the corners wear off and it does not hurt any more." Should it hurt one's conscience to miss Bible Study or Worship? DOES IT HURT YOU???

PARENTS, I need your help! You are the only ones that can help with a problem which concerns me. Several of our young people do not attend the extra functions of the youth group. Why? I'm sure there are many answers but your encouragement is needed. Some do not attend because of the example set by you as parents. They see no activity in which you participate, hence why should they do other wise. Some of them make an appearance and then disappear quickly. It may be that others do not feel a desire or need to come and have further fellowship with us. Would you please do all possible to see that your student participates. We need everyone to make the programs bigger successes. HH

OLD FOLKS ARE PEOPLE!

It seems as folks grow older - The time then soon will come,
When they seem to be "old fogies" to those who are still young.
Their ideas are all outdated, Their advice, the young ignore.
Their company becomes dull and tiresome; To the young, they're just a bore.
Though years may bring them wrinkles, And their appearance may also change
Yet in their hearts, there is no difference; Their feelings are the same.
They still like to be included; The family fun they like to share
And not to be just overlooked, as though they were not there.
But old folks are soon forgotten when they lose their usefulness,
And the hurt this realization brings, no words can quite express.
Yet, just as night follows day, and sunshine follows rain;
If you're causing your old folks grief this way, someday YOU will feel the pain!

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It was great to be back home Sunday and to be back in Tyler this week. I was glad to hear of the fine work of Hillard Hughes, Dean Brookshire, W. D. Metcalf and all others who assumed some of my duties while we were away for two weeks.

We had a most delightful time in Wichita Falls on October 7 when the Tenth and Broad Streets church observed the twenty fifth anniversary of the opening of their beautiful building. Many former members of the congregation were back home for the many activities of the day. The many expressions of love showered upon us that day made us truly thankful that the Lord blessed us by allowing us to work with that great church in our younger days. During the eight years we were there we had some 1400 to respond to the invitation, including about 450 who were baptized into Christ. How good it was to be associated with friends and loved ones in Christ from years of the past.

We enjoyed a few days of rest and recreation in New Mexico before going to Lubbock for a meeting with the Parkway Drive congregation. Once again we were glad to see many friends of the past who attended our meeting there. We were given an old fashioned "pounding" on the closing night of the meeting. It had been many years since we had such an expression as that. But we brought some of the vegetables and food from the Lubbock area back to Tyler with us and will have food for a while!

This Sunday through Wednesday will find me preaching in a series of meetings with the Southside church in Fort Worth. We look forward to this meeting and then look forward to being "settled" again in Tyler.

I know that we have been blessed far more than most people by having been privileged to know many of God's saints in places where we have lived - including Tyler.

May God's blessings be with each of you and with Hillard as he preaches for both services on this Lord's Day.

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RESPONSES

Baptized: Miss Becky Cates, 3715 Arlington, was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. Becky is in the 9th grade and has been attending our Bible Classes regularly. We welcome her into the fellowship of the West Erwin church.

Restored: Sister Clara Sims came forward Sunday evening for prayers of the church and to be restored to fellowship.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We appreciate your many prayers, cards and kindnesses during my stay in the hospital and your continued concern makes us grateful for the wonderful Christians at West Erwin. May God bless you all.

Russell O'Bannon

REPORT FROM KIETH MITCHELL

Kieth Mitchell continues to make many contacts and continues to be very busy in his work for the Lord with the International Mission in the World Trade Center in New York.

However, we are truly sorry to learn of the serious illness of Kieth's wife, Diane. Brother Mitchell reported, "about four weeks ago she (Diane) took very sick with a respiratory infection. This landed her in the hospital for eight days, much oxygen and many tests under fifteen lung specialists. The final result of all the tests was the diagnosis that she suffers from Emphysema. Even now after two weeks out of the hospital, she is able to be up just about two hours a day, can do none of her work and suffers a fatigue that is keeping her energies and spirits drained."

Brother Mitchell requests a special interest in our prayers at this time. We are thankful that his daughter, Margie, who was ill for a very long time, continues to show improvement. We pray that the wife will be much better soon. GHS

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By Hillard Hughes
 10:20 a. m. What Shall My Answer Be?
 6:00 p. m. Worse Than Swords.

HAYRIDE

All Jr. High and High School students are invited to a Hayride Sunday evening following the worship service.

Remember The Time Change

Sunday, October 28, is the day we change back to Central Standard Time. Saturday evening before you go to bed be sure to set your clocks back one hour.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister C. E. Caskey has been in the Glenwood Hospital.

Dr. Roger Knight's mother is still a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Erna Brett is in Intensive Care in Medical Center.

"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9

WHEN COMING TO WORSHIP

When we come together to worship God, there are some things that we should bring along, and there are some things that we should leave at home.

We should bring along:

- A cheerful disposition. Worship will be joyful.
- A pleasant smile. Others will be encouraged.
- An open mind, ready to learn. The preacher's efforts will be more successful.
- An honest heart. We can worship with a clear conscience.
- A humble and contrite spirit. Worship will be more acceptable unto God.
- A rested body. (Tired bodies often cause one to drop off to sleep. One does not worship while asleep).

We should leave at home:

- All home and business problems and worries.
- The plans for the week.
- Thoughts and plans about the vacation.
- All envy, malice, ill will and insincerity.

IN SALZBURG

After being unable to make their planned tour of the Bible Lands, brother and sister Foy Richey were to meet brother and sister Cullen Gilliam in Salzburg, Austria last week-end. They planned to worship with the church there and visit with the Rudolf Rischer family and other missionaries there. We pray for a pleasant journey and safe return home for each family.

MEETING IN HAWKINS

Dr. Jack Evans, President of Southwestern Christian College will preach in a gospel meeting at the Eastside church of Christ (Highway 80) October 28 thru November 2. Services 7:30 each evening. You are invited.

... Basil D. Shilling

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial. . .

Congregational Pride

Not long ago I heard a young lady talking about the congregation where she worshipped. She loved the elders, enjoyed hearing the preacher and bragged on the Bible classes. She closed this "testimonial" by saying, "There's just no place like it anywhere."

At first I felt that she was too much in love with her home congregation and that she ought to realize that there were good congregations of the saints in many places. And then, I had some second thoughts.

What's wrong with a Christian loving the congregation where they live and worship? What is wrong with our being a little proud of our program of work and the joy we have in the worship there? There are all too many Christians that never say a good word about their home church, never feel any close attachment to the church. It is referred to as "they" and not "we."

When a student goes to college and is proud of the school, he usually does better work. It's his school; he supports it, he fights for it, he talks it up.

It's wonderful to see a man who is working for a firm that he is not ashamed of. He can say with pride that he is a part of that honorable organization.

We joke about grandparents talking about their wonderful grandchildren, but isn't it nice? And don't you like to hear a wife brag on her husband instead of criticizing him.

It may be that we have heard sermons condemning congregational rivalry so much that we have felt that it would be wrong to talk up our own congregation. It seems to me that in the letters to the seven churches of Asia that the Lord appealed to their sense of congregational pride by speaking of the things they had done well and urging them to do better.

We must put Christ at the center of our heart and of all we do, but remember that the congregation is loved by Him and sustained by Him. When Israel fought the Midianites, their cry was "For Gideon and the Lord." Gideon as the Lord's servant and instrument was loved and honored too.

Let us build, love, support, and be proud of our congregation. It is a part of Christ.

... Harvey Porter

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OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our deepest sympathy to brother John D. Brem and his family in the loss of his brother, Mr. Buster Brem. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at Lloyd James Funeral Home.

THANKS TO THE LADIES

Women of West Erwin prepared and served lunch on Tuesday for the monthly luncheon at the Campus Christian Center. Sister Ross Walker, who coordinated the work, wishes to thank each one of the ladies who helped. We appreciate June for her good work.

THE SICK

Little Jennifer Gill, daughter of Linda and Gene Gill, has been in the hospital with asthma and pneumonia. She is now at home recovering from a virus.

Brother and sister W. D. Metcalf's daughter, Evelyn Rodieck, was to undergo major surgery sometime this week in Arlington Memorial Hospital in Arlington, Texas.

LETTER OF THANKS

The church has received a letter of thanks from Boles Home for the much needed supply of towels and wash cloths you contributed. We appreciate brother and sister Roy Driggers and sister Lula Taylor who visited the home and delivered the towels.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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|---------------|-------------------|
| Bruce Raley | Foy Richey |
| Harvey Grier | Odell Malone |
| Johnny Owings | Gerald Montgomery |
| Robert Hall | Guy Potts |
| David Grier | David Fuller |

ALL HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE

students are invited to attend the sandwich supper and devotional period Sunday evening at the Campus Christian Center. Activities begin at 7:30. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

OPEN HOUSE AND MEETING

The church in Canton will have Open House, November 4, 2:30 p. m. and a Gospel Meeting, Nov. 4, 5, & 6. with O. J. Russell as speaker. Week-night services, 7:30. You are invited.

Be present for Bible Study Sunday

TRYING ALONE

There is a saying that goes something like this, "Behind every successful man is a gracious woman." Somewhere in our lives we have someone encouraging us to be something better than we are. We depend on others. How much do we depend on our God? If the work of the church depends on us - alone - there will be many failures. If the church grew just by our efforts alone, growth would be slow or even nonexistent. It is most imperative that we put our trust in God. Paul said, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." And though Paul was speaking of some trials in his life that he could overcome, God still received the credit for strength he received. When the time arrives that we launch into another program of work or even make plans for the church with little or no thought of God's power and control, it is no wonder we fail. We often pray, "Lord, defeat us in things that are wrong" and begin wondering if our decisions are right. Is our faith as large as the mustard seed? It is not often that the Lord's people will not meet or exceed the challenges set before them. Let us continue to respond to the work before us knowing God will see his work grow - quit trying alone! HH

PARENTS - the activities for our young people during the month of October were great, thanks to you. The arrangements made for the financial support were very satisfactory and helped us accomplish our goal. Remember to make out your check and hand it to Ferman Carpenter, Elwin Crow or Hillard Hughes.

The weekend of November 10 is to be High School Day at Abilene Christian College. Our plans are to leave Tyler Friday afternoon at 5:00 and return Sunday after worship services. We hope everyone that can, from the 9th grade through 12th, will make plans to make this trip. HH

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 4

- By George H. Stephenson
- 10:20 a. m. Self Encouragement
- 6:00 p. m. Prove All Things

MEDINA GROCERY TRUCK

The grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here sometime during the week of November 12-16. The following is a list of their most needed items. Apple, Peach, Cherry Pie Filling, Dried Apples, Peaches & Apricots, Powdered Sugar, Canned Meats, Tuna, and Salmon, Chili, Cream Soups, White Karo & Pancake Syrup, Orange Tang & Fruit Juices, Salad Dressing, Chocolate Chips, Mandarin Oranges, Maraschino Cherries, Assorted Nuts, Coconut, Cake and Brownie Mixes, Tea - Instant and Leaf, Cooking Oil, Saran Wrap, Christmas Candy, Christmas gifts for children, 10-18.

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 at the G. C. Wright home.

The Claims of Jesus

When we read the gospel records which tell the life of Jesus we should be impressed with some very daring claims which Jesus made for Himself. Let us notice some of these claims.

1. Pre-existence. In His prayer of intercession, Jesus prayed, "Glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was" (John 17:5).

2. Omnipotence. He declared, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" (Matthew 28:18). He said His words would last forever. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away" (Mark 13:31). Again He proclaimed, "I am the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6).

3. Omnipresence. Jesus promised His disciples, "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

4. Moral perfection. Jesus asked His critics, "Which one of you convinceth me of sin?" (John 8:46).

5. Right to judge man. Jesus said, "For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (John 5:22).

6. Right to forgive sins. When the paralytic was healed, Jesus said, "That ye may know the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, I say unto thee, arise, and take up thy bed and go thy way unto thine own house" (Mark 2:10,11).

These remarkable claims made by Jesus belong only to Deity. There can be no doubt that Jesus claimed that He was divine - that He was God's Son. Because of this claim, the enemies of Jesus accused Him of blasphemy and judged Him worthy of death (Mark 14:61-64). It would be absurd for an ordinary man to make such claims as Jesus made. If Jesus was not what He claimed to be, He was either self deceived or the world's greatest deceiver. It is not reasonable to believe either.

The fruits of Christianity have vindicated the claims made by Jesus. The early disciples faced persecution and death as they proclaimed to the world that they were eye witnesses of the resurrection of Jesus. His resurrection proved He was all He claimed to be. Although Jesus lived in a small and obscure part of the earth, no other one has had so profound an influence on the thinking and lives of men. Jesus gave to the world a new date, a new law, and a new religion. We count time from His birth.

Let those of us who follow Jesus let the world know that He is the source of happiness in our own lives. May the world see Jesus in our daily conduct and speech - and may we lead others to the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

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Dismiss..... Ken Jones

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RESPONSES

For Prayer:Wednesday, Oct. 29,
Dawn Knowles, Laurie Hughes, Lee
Knight, Molly Owings, Kim Hughes,
Rick Higginbotham.

✓ Membership: Sunday morning Miss
Jacque R. Clardy, 3301 So. Broadway,
Apt. A-23, phone 592-3185, came to
place membership. She formerly
worshipped in Overton, Texas. She
is employed by Gulf Insurance Co. We
welcome her into the fellowship here.

NOTE OF THANKS

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

Some folks are like blotters - they
soak it all in, but get it all backward.

ABOUT THE SICK

Sister Mack Bynum's mother, Mrs.
Beatrice Hawk, underwent surgery
last week in Glenwood Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Munn's son,
Jeff, will have surgery in Mother
Frances on Friday. The Munns are
newcomers to Tyler and have wor-
shipped with us several times. Their
address is 1411 Alamo. Jeff is 12.

Several in the congregation will re-
member sister Cora Nelson who was
a member of West Erwin at one time
and later served as a house-mother
at Boles Home. We have received
word that she is seriously ill in the
hospital in Port Arthur, Texas. You
may send her a card in care of Mrs.
Earl Clary, 2409 Lake Shore Drive,
Port Arthur 77640.

Brother David Ingram, the preacher
from Daingerfield, is in Medical
Center Hospital.

Brother Eris Ritchie, from Troup,
is in ICU in Medical Center.

Brother H. C. Williamson's bro-
ther from Gladewater is in Medical
Center Hospital.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. Faces About the Cross
6:00 p.m. "In the Resurrection,
Whose Wife Shall She Be?"

REMEMBER, the Medina grocery
truck will be here one day next week
(between the 12th and 16th). Bring
your grocery items by Sunday if pos-
sible.

SATURDAY MORNING

What time does your day start on
Saturday? For many it starts just
like any other, but for some they are
able to sleep later, do less and enjoy
a day off. Recently, several of our
junior high girls have been doing a
good work. They have been going to
Leisure Lodge nursing home to visit
with the people there. Under the
direction of Kitty Owings and with the
help of Jeanine Hughes, these girls
have given their Saturday mornings in
service to some people who long to
have company. Their time is often
spent by reading the Bible for as much
as an hour to one person. Maybe they
just talk, but whatever they do these
people enjoy having them. Remember
it was our Lord who said when we
visit people in need we do it to Him
also.

HH

TOUCHING SILENCE

Last Wednesday evening was a time
that will be remembered by me for a
long time. As we spent our time in
singing and praying I could hardly
keep from wondering how many did
not enjoy our service. My answer
came at the close of our devotional
period as five of our young people
came asking for the prayers of
Christians in their behalf. As their
statements and names were read I
became aware of the almost deafening
silence. Most touching. The love of
Christians was being expressed with-
out a word being spoken. How great
it is to be a Christian and to be loved
by others and by Him who died so this
could be a possibility.

HH

Defending your faults shows that you
have no intention of quitting them.

NUMBERS

Are numbers important? Very definitely! If you are unsure about that,
just think how often each day you depend on numbers. Numbers are used in
practically every phase of our lives. Jesus counted people - remembering
that he healed ten and only one came to thank him - he asked about the nine.
His lesson concerning the lost sheep showed that one was important to the
fold. On the day of Pentecost Luke records that 3,000 were baptized on that
occasion. Time after time numbers are mentioned for specific reasons, so
I'm convinced counting is important. All this has been said to bring us to
this thought. . . you count on Sunday and Wednesday. Our Bible school at-
tendance has been great for the last five weeks. We have averaged 423 for
this period as compared to only 393 last year. I know numbers are important!
The more that attend a class or worship service the more opportunities God
and His Word have to touch our hearts. So, the next time someone says we
aren't interested in numbers, remember that we are! Be here Sunday so you
will count.

HH

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

REPORT FROM AUSTRIA

The Cullen Gilliams and the Foy Richeys recently attended worship in Salzburg, Austria and visited with Rudolf Rischer and his family. The Gilliams and Richeys report a very enjoyable visit and that they feel Rudolf Rischer is doing an outstanding work for the Lord.

A recent letter from brother Rischer expresses appreciation for members from West Erwin visiting in Austria. He said, "Christel and I still remember with great joy your visit here in Salzburg, and once more we would like to express to you as well as to

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NORMAN MORROW

Norman Morrow continues to work very faithfully with the church in Scott City, Kansas. The church there plans to assume their own financial responsibilities in the near future.

Norman reports a very profitable seminar in Oakley, Kansas. Over 100 from some dozen communities assembled together for the meeting which was felt accomplished much good.

We appreciate the very diligent work Norman is doing.

the West Erwin church our heartiest thanks and appreciation for your visit. Your being here has meant so much to us and to the folks at church."

Christel Rischer has had a painful operation on one of her thumbs. We are hoping that she will soon be completely recovered.

We are thankful to receive the fine report concerning the work of the Rischers. We look forward to a more complete report from the Gilliams and Richeys to the entire congregation on some Wednesday night in the near future.

CHURCH WIDE FELLOWSHIP
DINNER, DECEMBER 8

Mark your calendars now for the great meeting planned for Saturday, December 8 in the Rose Center Building. We will have a "covered dish" dinner and an enjoyable fellowship with our fellow Christians in the West Erwin congregation. We will plan to eat at 7:00 p.m. Invite your friends to come with you. Let us begin to plan now for a wonderful time together.

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November 11..\$2,386.64391
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RESPONSES

Elizabeth Reynolds, Rt. 9, Box 54-C, came Sunday to be baptized into Christ. She is the daughter of Myra Reynolds and the grand daughter of the Foy Richeys. She is in the 7th grade.

Denise Freeman and Becky Cates came Sunday to be restored and to ask for the prayers of the church.

IN APPRECIATION

Ruby and I wish to thank each and every one for the cards, food and words of sympathy during the illness and death of my brother, W. L. "Buster" Brem. Yours in Christ,
John D. Brem

We appreciate so much the cards and letters while I was in the hospital, and the prayers in my behalf.

Evelyn Metcalf Rodieck

Thank you very much for all the calls, visits and kindness shown me during my recent illness.

Jeff Munn

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to brother John Teague and his family. His father was buried last week in Lubbock, Texas.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday here at the building for sister G. H. (Irene) Andrews. She was a sister to brother C. B. Hardin, sister Lester Scogins, sister Leona Hardin, and sister T. J. Parsons, all of this congregation. Sister Andrews died suddenly last Saturday in Alvin, Texas. We extend our sympathy to her husband and each member of the family.

THE LADIES' CLASS will not meet on this coming Wednesday, November 21 due to the preparation many women are making for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday. We will meet again on Wednesday, November 28. We would like to encourage more of our women to come and study with us about Jesus as we read of his life in the gospel of Luke.

THE SICK

Dr. Roger Knight's mother and father are in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Zora Lunceford is a patient in Medical Center. She is not able to have company at this time.

BUILDING NEARING COMPLETION

The new annex to our church building is nearing completion. This is going to be a wonderful addition to our property containing a large foyer with large class rooms above.

Many members of the church have responded very generously to help pay for this building. The second Sunday in December has been set aside as a day for another special contribution toward this effort. No doubt there are many who will still be able to make a contribution at this time. The more we can give means the less money we will have to borrow and consequently the less interest we will have to pay. Please think and pray about the extra amount you can give on December 9.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Tom Williams	Ray Womack
Bob Threadgill	W. S. Little
Bill Whitworth	Charles Lemons
Mark Whitworth	Marc Lemons
Mike Whitworth	Bart Lemons

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, NOV. 18

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Parable of the Talents
6:00 p. m. Gone After Other Lovers

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Elwin Crows.
ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Hillard Hughes.

ONLY IF YOU DIG!!!

My God and I raised a flower bed... He really did the most, I guess... We used His soil, His air, His water, His life, His sun. My part seemed so trivial that I said, "Lord, You take these bulbs and make them grow right there in the box in the garage." His reply, "Oh no, I'll do my part. I am waiting to begin, but you must do yours, too. You'll have to dig the bed, bury the bulbs and pull the weeds." So I did my feeble part, and God took that bulb: burst it with life; fed it with soil; showered it with rain; grew it with sunshine - until we had a beautiful garden.

And then He seemed to say: "Your life is like a garden, and if you like, we'll make it a beautiful thing!

I'll furnish the soil of grace, the sunshine of love, the rain of blessing, the wonder of life; but you must do the digging." "Lord," I said, "You just go ahead and make me what you want me to be. Make me a saint - Give me great faith; fill me with compassion."

"Oh, no, He said, "You've got to receive with meekness the implanted word, keep your heart with all diligence, obey from the heart the form of doctrine, hoe the weeds of evil, chop away the second best, and I'll make a thing of beauty and a joy forever: pure, clean, noble, useful, happy - just about anything good - but only if you dig!!!

Via Radford, Va.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Thanksgiving

This week we observe one of the distinctive American holidays - Thanksgiving Day. I am glad that our forefathers recognized that God is the source of all the blessings we have and that our nation has set aside one day out of the year expressly as a time to offer our thanks to the one who is the source of life and all that sustains life.

Thanksgiving Day will be spent by most people in our country with little thought about the origin of the holiday. We will be eating huge meals, watching football, and enjoying the leisure of another holiday. The vast majority of Americans will leave God out of their thoughts and out of their lives.

Christians should consider every day as a day for giving thanks. The Bible says, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you," (I Thessalonians 5:18). Not only is the giving of thanks a command, but we have a promise of peace of mind when our thanks are offered along with our prayers and supplications. Read this wonderful assurance in Philippians 4:6, 7: "In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus."

Instead of counting our blessings, many of us are guilty of counting our disappointments and our misfortunes. Like the children of Israel we murmur and complain. Paul said, "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer," (I Corinthians 10:10).

When we realize that we have a Father who loves us, a Saviour who died for us, a Bible to guide us, fellow Christians to help us, and a heaven prepared for us - shouldn't we always be a thankful people? GHS

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a.m. Beautiful People 6:00 p.m. A Majority Report

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RESPONSES

Membership: On Wednesday evening of last week Mrs. Robert Bray (Betty) and her daughter, Ginger, placed membership with us. They formerly worshipped at the Glenwood congregation. Their address is 204 Clemson, phone 561-1706. Ginger is a 10th grade student at Lee.

Dale Blackstone, Rt. 12, Box 104, comes to us from the Broadway church in Lubbock, Texas. He has a small son, Jeff. His phone is 595-0130.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Mark (Tawana) Stewart came to place membership with us. Their address is 804 West Sixth, phone 597-0417. They have a small daughter, Marcie. They formerly worshipped at the College St. church in Paris, Texas.

We want to welcome each one into the fellowship of the church here.

For Prayer: Diana McElroy

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Your visits, cards and prayers extended during my recent illness were greatly appreciated. These helped to make my hospital stay much brighter. Thanks for remembering me.

Beatrice Hawk

I deeply appreciated the flowers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital both times. Christian friends mean so much to us.

Johnny Stringer

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. Irene Hardin Andrews.

To The West Erwin Church

You were so very kind and generous in serving such a lovely dinner to all of us who were part of Irene Hardin Andrews' family. There were so many of us - all of us who loved her so very much. We are deeply appreciative for your love and concern. My husband joins in thanking you.

God bless all of you and your church. We thought the service was beautiful.

Sincerely,
Hallie Andrews Plyler
Mission, Texas

WADE McDONALD appeared on KLTU television at the opening of Opportunities in Tyler on Sunday afternoon. Wade cut the ribbon to open the new building.

RELIGIOUS DISCUSSION IN SHERMAN, TEXAS

Johnny Ramsey is scheduled to have a religious discussion with Marvin Hicks, a Pentecostal preacher, in the City Auditorium in Sherman, Texas, December 3, 4, 5, and 6.

The first three nights the usual format in debates will be followed. However, on Thursday night, December 6, the entire time is to be devoted to questions from the audience.

This religious discussion should be very interesting and profitable. Johnny Ramsey is an excellent Bible student. He has preached in a series of meetings at West Erwin and has preached in many meetings in East Texas. Marvin Hicks is recognized as a very able speaker and an outstanding debater for the Pentecostals.

Religious debates are very rare today, but when conducted in the right spirit and with a desire to learn the truth, they should be a means of learning more of God's Word.

GHS

FOOD NEEDED

We have a need to restock our now depleted pantry. For some time we have not stocked food because of a lack of space, but our plans are changing. Occasions arise often when we can help families who have a need for food. Please begin Sunday bringing non-perishable foods for this cause and leave them at one of the building entrances.

THE GROCERY TRUCK from the Medina Children's Home came Thursday afternoon. We had approximately \$60 in groceries and \$10 in cash.

If we knew whose feet were standing
Close beside the silent stream;
If we knew whose eyes were closing
In the sleep that knows no dream;
We should be so kind and tender,
Lightly judge, and gently speak!
Let us act as if our vision
Saw the links that swiftly break.
.. Selected

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother F. A. Jones suffered a serious heart attack Monday. He is in ICU in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Bill Butler, Jr. has been in Glenwood Hospital with an infected hand. He may be home by this time.

Dr. Roger Knight's parents remain in Glenwood Hospital.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of C. T. Carruthers. Funeral services were conducted for him on Friday afternoon. Survivors include sister Carruthers and two daughters: sister Doris Gregory and sister Dorothy Manson of this congregation.

IF YOU KNOW OF A LADY who needs a small, clean apartment in a Christian home, call 593-2941.

A good example is a powerful sermon.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

An Energy Crisis?

Americans have enjoyed the greatest prosperity of any people on earth. Our abundance of natural resources has enabled us to enjoy many luxuries and conveniences which we have assumed would always be available. We have seemingly thought that we had an inexhaustible supply of energy and now we find ourselves facing a severe energy crisis.

We do not know how the present crisis may affect our entire economy and way of life. It is possible that some may be staying at home more on Sundays with gas stations being closed. This might be a blessing in disguise to the church. We might have fewer absentees in Bible School and in Worship!

I have confidence in the ingenuity of our people that eventually other sources of power will be found and will be utilized. However, we should ever keep in mind that this earth is not to abide forever. Christians should keep in mind that our "citizenship is in heaven, from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ," (Philippians 3:20).

There is plenty of spiritual power available for God's children. The divine resources of heaven are indeed inexhaustible! There is an abundance of power in the gospel of Christ. Paul declared it is the power of God unto salvation, (Romans 1:16). It still has informing, reforming, and transforming power in the lives of those who accept and obey it.

What a wonderful assurance we have in Paul's great statement in Ephesians 3: 20, 21: "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."

While we face a limit to our natural resources, we are thankful for the abundance of spiritual power available for all who seek to do God's will.

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Dismiss Marty Stitt

Sunday - 6:00 P. M.

Announcements .. Ferman Carpenter
Prayer Charles Graf
Dismiss Grant Knight

Contributions

Bible School

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A Year Ago .. \$2,155.14 396

RESPONSES

We welcome Barbara and Paul Montandon into the fellowship here. They have been living in Lubbock. Their address is Rt. 2, Box 476-A, phone 595-2745. She is the former Barbara Caskey.

THANK YOU NOTES

We give thanks each day for you and for your many acts of concern when we lost our father. The lovely cards were such a comfort. May God richly bless each of you as he has us with your friendship. Gratefully,

John & Juanita Teague

We sincerely appreciate your remembrances and acts of thoughtfulness toward us during our time of sorrow.

The family of C. T. Carruthers

To The Women of West Erwin

On behalf of all the students and staff of the Campus Christian Center we wish to express our sincere thanks for the marvelous meal you prepared for the devotional. I must apologize for being so late with this note.

Larry C. Heath

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. A Beautiful Example
6:00 p. m. Three Kingdoms

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Algie Sherman has been a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

Brother F. A. Jones is improving. He is in Mother Frances in ICU.

Brother Ben Sutton underwent surgery on Monday in Mother Frances.

Brother David Ingram who preaches in Dalingerfield, Texas underwent surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.

Glenn Steffee, a relative of several in this congregation, is in ICU in Medical Center Hospital.

There is a need for blood for Mr. Steffee. If you are able to give blood, go to the Stewart Blood Center and give in his name.

Resignation - It is with regret that we announce that Bob Turner has submitted his resignation as one of the deacons of the West Erwin church.

ELDERS AND DEACONS will meet Monday evening, December 3, 7:00 o'clock at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

SPECIAL REPORT

on Wednesday Evening

On this coming Wednesday evening, December 5, a special report will be presented by Cullen Gilliam concerning our work in Salzburg, Austria. The Gilliams and Richeys recently visited with Rudolf Rischer and the congregation in Austria. We hope that every member of the church will want to hear this report. Your contributions are helping to make it possible for the church to preach the gospel in Austria. All classes will meet together in the auditorium with the exception of the pre-school classes.

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Everyone is invited to the fellowship meeting to be held in the Rose Center Building on Saturday night, December 8. Invite your friends to come with you and to enjoy this happy occasion. Bring food and serving utensils. Bread and drinks will be provided. The time for the dinner will be 7:00 p.m. It would be advisable for you to come with your food a little earlier. It is good for us to assemble for worship, but it is also good for us to have opportunities to enjoy the fellowship of our fellow Christians. GHS

SOUL-WINNING (A paraphrase of I Cor. 13)

"Tho I speak with the tongues of scholarship, and tho I use approved methods of education, and fail to win my pupils to Christ, or to build them up in Christian Character, I am become as the moan of the wind in a Syrian desert.

"And tho I have the best teaching skill and understand all mysteries of religious psychology, and tho I have all Biblical knowledge, and lose not myself in the task of winning others to Christ, I am become as a cloud of mist in an open sea.

"And tho I read all Sunday School literature, and attend Sunday School meetings and workshops, and yet am satisfied with less than winning to Christ and establishing my pupils in Christian character and service, it profiteth nothing.

"The soul-winning teacher, the character-building teacher, suffereth long and is kind; he envieth not others who are free from the teaching task; he vaunteth not himself, is not puffed up with intellectual pride.

"Such a teacher doth not behave himself unseemly between Sundays, seeketh not his own comfort, is not easily provoked.

"Bareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things.

"And now abideth knowledge, methods, evangelism, these three; but the greatest of these is evangelism." ... from Out of My Treasure

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

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial . . .

Speaking in Tongues

A clinical psychologist, Dr. John P. Kildahl, has authored a book just published by Harper and Row, entitled The Psychology of Speaking in Tongues. The book is the result of two major research projects and ten years of intensive independent research by the author. His information was gathered from coast to coast and tongue-speakers from every educational level. They tape recorded and interviewed dozens of tongue-speakers who also filled out detailed questionnaires.

In order to make a valid comparison, their investigation also included non-tongue speaking prayer groups which otherwise were equivalent in every possible way to those who were tongue-speakers. Extensive psychological testing was done with both groups, using standardized tests.

Some very interesting conclusions came from this study. Significantly, more than 85% of the tongue-speakers had experienced personal crises preceding their "gift" of tongues. Anxieties caused by marriage problems, loneliness, illness, financial pressures, and guilt figures prominently in these crises. In the non-speaking groups, only 30% expressed similar concerns. "We believe," says Kildahl, "anxiety is a prerequisite for developing the ability to speak in tongues."

The researchers also observed great differences between the interpretations given to the tongue-speaking, when tapes submitted to those claiming interpretation, yielded widely differing-interpretations. When confronted with this, tongue-speakers sincerely defended the varying interpretations as having equal validity. One man who was raised in Africa (the son of a missionary) attended a tongue-speaking meeting at which he arose and spoke the Lord's Prayer in an African dialect. It was immediately interpreted as a message about the "imminent second coming of Christ."

This study, and many others like it, should lead us to see tongue-speaking for what it really is, a psychological abnormality which has no kinship with the Holy Spirit.
...Joe Schubert

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Prayer Averyt Smith
Dismiss Wilmer Little
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.
Announcements . . . Russell O'Bannon
Prayer James Massey
Dismiss Mark Ellis

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RESPONSES

Mark Ellis came Sunday to be baptized into Christ. He was previously baptized at a young age, but after much thought he felt that he needed to be sure his baptism was scriptural. Sunday evening Bob Turner came to be restored and ask for the prayers of the church.

SINGING - December 26

The Year End Singing of all the congregations in Tyler will be conducted on Wednesday evening, December 26, at the Northwest church building. Plan to be present for this period of worship in song.

"Money cannot go to heaven, but it can do something heavenly here on earth."

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION
December 16

We appreciate the announcement made by Dr. Roger Knight on last Sunday. A special contribution will be taken on Sunday, December 16.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY
a. m. The Clothing That Marks A Man
By George H. Stephenson
p. m. Let Love Abound
By Hillard Hughes

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We want to express appreciation for the prayers, cards, and visits during the time of my hospitalization.
Ben and Dollie Sutton

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother F. A. Jones remains a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. Sister Guy Potts and Debbie Potts are in Glenwood Hospital. Sister Myra Reynolds is in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

SPECIAL FOR SUNDAY EVENING

This Sunday evening I plan to present a special lesson on the home. The Bible speaks about our home relationships as parents and children. As we understand more and more of our responsibilities to one another we seem to wonder what we do wrong. As a SPECIAL request let's have every family sitting together instead of the young people sitting at the front as a group. Let's develop more love in the home.

FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL

Plan to attend the "get-together" on Saturday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Rose Center Building. This is an opportunity to bring a guest and enjoy the fellowship of Christians. Bring food and serving utensils. Bread and drinks will be provided. Everyone is invited.

THE NON-CHURCH-GOER CANNOT BE REACHED BY THE NON-GOING CHURCH!!!

THE EXPERT FAULT-FINDER HAS NO REASON TO BE PROUD OF HIS ACCOMPLISHMENT.

WHAT CAN I DO FOR THE LORD

- Pray
- Visit a shut-in
- Visit the sick
- Give of my money
- Tell a lost soul about Jesus
- Bake a pie for a neighbor
- Comfort the bereaved
- Provide clothing for a needy family
- Care for the needs of a homeless Child.
- Give someone a gospel tract.

MOVING

Sister Austin (Veda Mae) Giesecke will be moving very soon to Glen Rose, Texas. We hope she will be happy in her new home.

MATURITY

- If you can see a work which you have begun taken from you and given to another without feeling bitterness, this is maturity. . .
- If you can listen to someone criticize you, even unkindly, and receive instruction from it without hard feelings, this is maturity. . .
- If you can see others chosen for a job which you are better qualified to do, without feeling hurt, this is maturity. . .
- If you can hear a man argue a point of view which is contrary to your own and accept his right to his own opinion, without feeling hostile or smug, this is maturity. . .
- If you can see someone you know deliberately snub you and still make allowances for his action, this is maturity. . .
- If you can give of yourself in helping another without getting the idea that you are a pretty good fellow, this is maturity. . .
- If you can rise to a Christian need of service even when your feelings and mood are prompting you to rest or "take it easy," this is maturity. . .
- If you can have an inward peace which comes from God, while all about you there is confusion, chaos, and complaint, this is maturity. . .

--Selected

All people SMILE in the same language!!!

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It was a wonderful day last Lord's Day at West Erwin. We had good attendance and a fine interest. It is good to see more in Bible School each Sunday. If we keep working one of these days we will be having over 500 in Bible School every week.

The sermon preached by Hillard on Sunday night was very timely. It was needed by all of us. We need Christ in our lives and in our homes. I am sure that the sermon on last Sunday will help all of us to be better parents and better children.

This coming Sunday has been set aside as a day for a special contribution toward the payment for the addition to our building. Many have already given very generously toward this project. Perhaps there are some who had planned to give but have waited until now to do so. I know that all of us would like to reduce the amount we have to borrow as much as possible. The more we give means the less interest we will be paying in the future. Let us all be willing to sacrifice to help take care of this need.

This is a time of year when many are buying various gifts for loved ones and friends. Some will spend more than they are able and in some instances will buy useless gifts. We can give to the Lord's work and know that we are laying up treasures in heaven.

It has been said that "the love that lives is the love that gives." God loved us and he gave His Son for us. Paul exclaimed, "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift," (2 Corinthians 9:15). Paul urged others to give to prove the sincerity of their love," (2 Corinthians 8:8).

May all of us be very prayerful as we make our plans for giving on this Sunday. Surely we love the Lord. Let us prove it by our giving. GHS

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16 - By George H. Stephenson
A. M. The Value of the Dollar P. M. The Beginning

On Sunday evening we plan to begin a series of sermons based on some of the great chapters of the Bible. Our sermon on this Sunday will be based on the first chapter of Genesis, "The Beginning."

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RESPONSES

Brother and sister Wayne (Molly) Terry and their daughter, Denise came Sunday morning to place their membership with us. They formerly worshipped at the Central church of Christ in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Their address is 2806 Amy Lane, phone 595-1815. Brother Terry is employed by Montgomery-Ward as a Merchandiser and sister Terry is a homemaker. Denise is in the 9th grade. We welcome this family to West Erwin.

Restored: Dick Higginbotham, Rick Higginbotham, Ann Montgomery, Kay Montgomery, Roger McElroy, Theron Pickle, Sammy Williams, Denton Phillips and Mark Cauthen.

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE - We are to sing at the Leisure Lodge, Sunday, December 16, 4:30 p. m.

OPEN HOUSE ON JANUARY 6

On Sunday afternoon, January 6, we plan to have an open house in our new building annex and will have a special service at 2:00 o'clock. This should be a time of thanksgiving for all the Lord has done for us and a time of prayer that His blessings may be ours as we endeavor to increase our work and service for Him.

We are pleased to know that the Bel Canto Chorus from Boles Home will be with us on that day and will sing for us in the afternoon.

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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| Foy Richey | C. E. Caskey |
| Fred Powell | Gerald Montgomery |
| Joe Willis | Willie Freeman |
| Guy Potts | Henry McRuiz |
| Kevin Womack | Kyle McRuiz |

ATTENTION WOMEN

Our Women's Class will not meet for the next two weeks. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 2. We would like to encourage all of our women to plan to attend this class with the beginning of the New Year.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Carolyn and Ray Womack are the happy grandparents of a new baby girl born last Thursday to David and Carrie Womack. They have named her Leigh Davis.

EAST TEXAS

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

The West Erwin congregation will host the sixth annual East Texas Leadership Workshop on January 21-22, 1974. Some of the outstanding teachers in the brotherhood will be with us for these sessions.

John White, one of the elders of the Broadway church in Lubbock, will be having a class on the leadership of the church. Lottie Beth Hobbs, well known author and teacher of women, will be here to speak concerning the work of women in the church. Joe Barnett, preacher for the Broadway church in Lubbock, will be speaking on "Building up the Church." Lanny Hinnegar, preacher for the University Avenue church in Austin, will have a class devoted to young people and their parents.

We hope that this meeting will be an inspiration to all of us at West Erwin and to all of the congregations in the East Texas Area. GHS

GOOD FELLOWSHIP

Last Saturday evening a fellowship was enjoyed by a large number of us. The Rose Center building was the place of much food and fun. Even though many were present, some were unable to attend and we missed you. Our thanks to all those who prepared the tables. A special thanks to the Roger Knights for furnishing the entertainment and having the boys in their home for the night. We need to have more times together like this.

HH

WORK IN SCOTT CITY, KANSAS

For a number of years the West Erwin congregation has contributed toward the support of a preacher in Scott City, Kansas. Norman Morrow, who has worked faithfully for this church for several years, reports that the church in Scott City plans to assume all of his support beginning January 1. We commend the church there for their faith and for their wanting to be self supporting. We pray that the church in Scott City may grow and may be an influence for good in that city and throughout that section of Kansas. We are glad that we have had Norman Morrow as one of our "missionaries." We will continue to pray for him and his fine family as they continue their work for the Lord. GHS

WE REGRET that Evelyn Ford, daughter of the Lem Fords, recently suffered painful injuries as a result of being hit by an automobile. We pray that her injuries will not be too serious and that she may soon be completely recovered. The Fords are planning a vacation the last two weeks of December and plan to visit us at West Erwin on the last Sunday of the month. We look forward to their visit.

REMEMBER the Year End Singing to be conducted this year, December 26, at the Northwest building.

ATTEND A BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY



BEST WISHES DURING THIS SEASON

At this season of the year, when our minds are filled with tender thoughts of loved ones and friends, we want to express our appreciation for our many friends in the West Erwin church. We are thankful that we may serve as fellow workers with you in the Kingdom of God. We are thankful to our elders for the confidence they have placed in us in giving us the opportunity to work with you.

We wish for each of you joy and happiness during the holidays. We trust that 1974 will be a year of growth and progress as we endeavor to serve our Lord. God bless you.

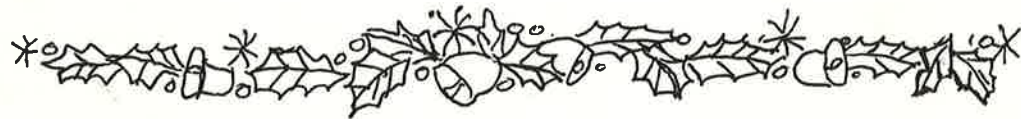
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Announcements Hillard Hughes
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December 16..\$18,445.07445
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RESPONSES

Brother and sister Sam (Sher) Sevier, 1030 Old Omen Rd., E-206, phone 593-1543, came Sunday to place membership with us. They formerly worshipped at the Broadway church of Christ in Lubbock. He is a Physical Therapist at Mother Frances. They have a small son, Cris. We welcome this fine family to West Erwin.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for the cards, visits, and food, but most of all for the prayers that went to the Good Lord above and was answered in our behalf. We know if it is the Lord's will F. A. will fully recover. Your thoughtfulness during this time has been greatly appreciated.

The F. A. Jones Family

Thank you for every kindness shown us and every prayer offered in our behalf while we were in the hospital.

Nettie and Debbie Potts

Brother and sister John Harris wish to express their appreciation for all the cards and remembrances and a special thanks to the 3rd grade class.

NO SERVICES WILL BE HELD at the West Erwin building on Wednesday evening, December 26. The annual Year End Singing for all the congregations in Tyler will be held this year at the Northwest building. Be present for this hour of worship in song.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Charlene Graf underwent surgery Monday at Mother Frances Hospital. Suzanne Pickle entered Mother Frances Hospital Monday for tests. Baby Trey Dobbs, son of Ray and Debbie Dobbs is in Mother Frances. Kathy Tucker, daughter of sister Clara Sims, is a patient in John Sealy Hospital in Galveston. They have asked for the prayers of the church.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. The Master Teacher
P. M. The Beginning of Sin and Death

The Visitor will not be printed next week in keeping with the mailing regulations for our permit.

ATTEND A BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

We feel that we may exclaim with the psalmist, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever," (Psalm 136:1).

The members at West Erwin gave over \$18,400 last Sunday! We are thankful that God has blessed us in such a wonderful way. We have had numerous ones to make substantial contributions already toward our building - for example we had over \$9,000 contributed, July 29 and over \$7,000 one Sunday in October, in addition to other special contributions.

We are thankful that God has blessed you so that you are able to give and that you have shown a willingness to give for the Lord's cause. This shows a wonderful spirit of love and co-operation.

May the Lord bless our elders as they continue to guide us in our efforts to build up the church. We pray that the beautiful new addition to our building may be used as a tool for more effective teaching and that it may be used in a way which will honor our Lord.

OUR LIBRARY

Our Library is growing with several additions made in 1973. You are encouraged to use this facility for your study program. As remodeling was done recently to the Library, we know you will want to be aware of its function. During our open house in January we will have available a complete catalogue of these books. Also, many are unaware of our sermons being taped each week. If you wish a copy or have any other use for them, please contact the office. HH

WATCH Channel 5 (WBAP), Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. The Amazing Grace Bible Class from the Madison Church in Madison, Tennessee is shown followed at 7:30 a.m. by The Carpenter's Children, sponsored by the Richland Hills church of Christ in Ft. Worth. This program is designed for children ages 9 - 11 years.

LITTLE PEOPLE

The size of a person is not always measured by his physical body. We know that just because we are big in stature does not mean we are big inside. The person who can forgive another is a big person. On the other hand, there are some that would have you think they are big because of their ability of finding fault. I believe it to be true that people who often criticize someone or something are the ones who do nothing or, at most, very little. Good people and great works have had heartaches and met disaster because of a few "little people." As someone has said, there is a little good in everything. So, just because you cannot (or will not) do as much as someone else, don't criticize until you know all the facts. Ask yourself what the Lord will think about your efforts! Those who humble themselves will be exalted. HH

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

How disappointing to me not to be able to be present for worship on the last day which was also the last Lord's Day of 1972! I had not missed a day of worship in 1971 nor in 1972 until the very last Sunday and then the "flu bug" got me down. But I am thankful to be better and look forward, the Lord willing, to being with you and preaching the first Lord's Day of 1973.

I received good reports concerning the sermons preached by Hillard on Sunday. He and his family have the love and respect of the West Erwin members. It is good to have them with us and know that he is always ready to do his part in every work.

By now you have probably broken some of the resolutions you have made. However, I still like to look forward with hope and confidence for the future. Let us hope and pray for a greater work for Christ at West Erwin in the year that lies ahead.

We have two gospel meetings scheduled at West Erwin this year. One in February with Reuel Lemmons as our visiting evangelist and one in August with James Baird, president of Oklahoma Christian College, as our visiting evangelist. The meeting with Reuel Lemmons is just five weeks away! The dates are February 11 - February 15. We need to get busy now preparing for a great meeting at that time.

This coming Sunday night will find the preachers of Tyler exchanging pulpits again. I look forward to preaching at Northwest. Jim Welch, the Omen Road preacher, will be speaking at West Erwin. He is a fine young preacher and you will be glad that you heard him. It is good to have opportunities for fellowship and association with the other congregations of the city. I was sorry to miss the song service attended by all the congregations on Wednesday night. I heard that it was great.

As we enter the New Year let us pray for both physical health and spiritual health. I like to think of the beautiful wish of John on behalf of his beloved Gaius. The prayer he offered is one I would offer for each of you.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." III John 2 G. H. S.

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THANK YOU NOTES

In funerals and in weddings, we think first of a preacher. This is right and good, but the group of singers are there and are needed so much.

I have needed this group in two funerals and three weddings and they have been there - so sweet. Nothing is sweeter than pretty music from the heart through well trained vocal cords. These people sacrifice to come and help us be happy or help us feel better in sorrow. Let's all seek them out and say thanks for a wonderful love for Christ. I thank them all.

Mrs. Jean Oliver

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December 24..\$1,921.98383
December 31..\$2,169.46386
A Year Ago...\$2,091.22398

We want to thank all of you for the beautiful flowers, cards, and calls. May God bless each of you.

The R. M. Mayo Family

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Annie Mae Shotwell.

Expressions of appreciation have been received from the following for "cheer baskets" received during the holidays: T. G. Bell, John and Wyche Harris, Mrs. Nettie Kissinger, Mrs. Alice Long, Mrs. Bessie Sanders (mother of Jolene Welch). Mrs. Susan Johnson, Mrs. Dexter Browning, and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Turner.

CONGRATULATIONS

Foy and Lois O'Neal are the happy parents of a baby girl born January 1, at Mother Frances Hospital.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL

East Texas Leadership Workshop will be held at the Northwest church of Christ here in Tyler, January 15-16, from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Speakers include: Dean Brookshire, Hardeman Nichols, Mrs. T. B. Thompson, Lowell Worthington, and Charles Hodge, Jr. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at 10:00 a.m., Sister T. B. Thompson will speak to all ladies on "The Church Leaders Wife." All ladies are invited to attend this class and enjoy a fellowship together.

SPENDING TIME

What we do with our time during a year is usually flexible, guided only by personal interests. However, someone has compiled some interesting figures about our time and how we spend it. Taking the figure of seventy for years lived, we spend

- 24 years sleeping
- 14 years working
- 8 years amusing ourselves
- 6 years eating
- 5 years traveling
- 4 years conversing
- 3 years learning

And if we spend ten minutes "everyday" in prayer and three hours per week in church services we will have invested only twenty months in worship to our God. MANY of us have gone half way through that 70 years, now we need to stop and examine what we "owe" God. There is no better time to begin than right now. What you are doing may be enough, but if not, make 1973 a beginning of a well-spent life in Him.

H. H.

NORTH TEXAS GRADUATE

Jensy McDonald was a December graduate from the North Texas State University School of Music. She was awarded a Bachelor of Music degree with an all-level teaching certificate in choral education.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY- Jan. 7

10:20 a.m. The Lukewarm Church
 By George H. Stephenson
 6:00 p.m. Sermon by Jim Welch

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time.

I Peter 1: 3-5

TO SERVE THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will serve the Lord's Supper January 7th and 14th.
 Gerald Montgomery Henry McRuiz
 Bill Whitworth Wayne Fears
 Foy O'Neal Jack Beard
 Tom Parsons Tom Lowrance
 Mark Whitworth Tony Fears

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7:00 p.m. at the Louis E. Jones' home, 1507 Kensington.

Life is short, Death is sure, Sin's the curse, Christ the cure.