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* TO OUR WEST ERWIN FRIENDS

We would like to wish for each of you much joy and happiness during this holiday season. We consider it a privilege to be associated with you in the work of our Lord. We would like to pass on to you the sentiment of this old Irish poem:

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

In Christian love,

Geo. H. Stephenson

Nelda Browning

Hillard Hughes

Frances McBee

Doctor [unclear]



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Prayer.....Tom Williams
Dismiss..... Steve Higginbotham

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements....Russell O'Bannon
Prayer..... Charles Graf
Dismiss Joe Willis

Contributions

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December 15..\$ 2,884.17442
December 8..\$23,629.65442
A Year Ago ..\$18,445.07445

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Dec. 22

By George H. Stephenson

A. M. A Plea For Christ

P. M. The Night of Nights

THANK YOU NOTES

I wish to express my appreciation for all the cards, prayers and visits from the congregation in my behalf during my recent illness. May God bless each and every one of you.

In Christian love,
Robert L. Trentham

Dear Friends in Christ,

Words cannot express our appreciation for the love you have shown in your concern for Charlotte. We deeply appreciate your kindness.

Myra and Bill Chandler

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

BILL BUTLER DIES

We were shocked and saddened on Tuesday morning to hear of the sudden death of Bill Butler. Bill retired a little over a year ago after many years as a faithful employee of the West Erwin church. Bill's mechanical ability and his interest in the church property made him a very valuable maintenance man for the church. He also served as one of the deacons of this congregation for many years. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday afternoon at the church building. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wonderful Christian companion, Mary, to the two sons, Bill Jr. and Bob, the daughter, Nancy Kincheloe, and the many other relatives and friends. May they find comfort in the promises of God's Word and in the hope we have of eternal life. GHS

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother Truman Langham's sister, Mrs. Avie Lee Hardin, passed away Monday in Dallas. We express our sincere sympathy to the family. Brother Langham was unable to attend the funeral service.

NO LADIES CLASS

The Wednesday morning Ladies Bible Class will not meet again until Wednesday, January 8.

THE VISITOR will not be published next week in keeping with our permit regulations.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ingram
and
Mr. and Mrs. Louie D. Fisher
would like for you to share in the joy of the marriage of their children
Elizabeth Ann
and
Robert Louis
as they pledge their love
and vow to live as one
with God as their guide
Saturday, the twenty-eighth of December
nineteen hundred and seventy-four
at seven o'clock in the evening
Daingerfield Church of Christ
Daingerfield, Texas
Reception following

NEW BABY GIRL

Jay and Jackie Bynum are the happy parents of a baby girl, Joanna Gail, born Sunday evening in College Station. Mack and Bennie Bynum are the proud grandparents. They hope to be back home this week-end.

GUEST PREACHER

Ronny Lowrance will be preaching for us on Sunday evening, December 22. He will be visiting here from El Paso, Texas.

NEW QUARTER OF STUDY

January 5 will begin our new adult studies. There will be a variety of lessons from which you may choose. Listed here are the teachers and studies.

20's	"Acts"	Ferman Carpenter	Room 104
30's	"Romans"	Roger Knight	Room 108
40's	"Prayer"	Hillard Hughes	Room 105
Chapel	"Hebrews"	George Stephenson	
Auditorium	"Life of Christ"	Faber Cauthen	
Ladies	"Acts"	Audrey O'Bannon	Room 106

YEAR-END SINGING

The annual year-end gathering of all the churches of Christ in Tyler will be at the Omen Road building, Wednesday, December 25. Since we will all meet together there will be no service here. This is always a very enjoyable service. (7:30 p. m.)

ALAN BRYAN to speak at Glenwood

Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock Alan Bryan from Florence, Alabama will speak at the Glenwood church of Christ. He will be speaking on evangelism - especially bus evangelism. You are invited to attend.

PARKING PROBLEMS

If you are parking on the lot behind the T. B. Butler Publishing Co. during our worship periods, please do not park in unmarked areas. Their employees must be able to get in and out with materials, etc. Also, in case of fire they will need room to evacuate. Please keep this in mind when you park. HH

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister A. O. Mayo remains a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Thank The Lord for Your Generosity

This is truly a time for us to be thankful and to praise the Lord for the blessings we have received. We are indeed thankful for the wonderful contribution of \$23,629.65 which the members at West Erwin gave last Sunday.

It is wonderful to know that this amount was contributed even though several special contributions had been made recently. Several thousand dollars had already been given toward the payment of our new bus. Also, special donations had recently been made to help certain individuals with some of their financial needs. In addition the members have been giving more each Lord's Day than in years of the past.

We know that in order for us to have such a large contribution on Sunday that evidently some individuals made very substantial donations. We are grateful that the Lord has blessed these people. We are thankful that they are able and willing to support the Cause of Christ with their material possessions. All of us have been blessed and we are not to excuse ourselves by thinking we are not able to give as much as others. There is no limit to the possibilities of doing good if all of us recognize our responsibility to give of our money - our time - and talents to the Lord. I believe that each one who gave Sunday - whether the gift was large or small - gave because you love the Lord and because you want the West Erwin church to grow both in numbers and in spirituality. For this we give thanks and praise the Lord! GHS

SERMON SUBJECTS - December 15, 1974 by George H. Stephenson
A. M. When the Heavens Were Opened P. M. The Night of Dissipation

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Prayer David Hubbard
Dismiss Marty Stitt
Serving Communion, Dec. 15, 22, 29
Roger Knight Elwin Crow
Don Weathers K. Max Haws
Bill Whitworth Wayne Terry
David Hubbard Tom Parsons
Walker Weathers Tim Holt
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RESPONSES

✓ We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. David (Pat) Cooper, 2729 So. Broadway. David is employed by Atlantic Richfield.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for all of the calls and visits at the hospital when I was sick. I appreciated it. Amanda Munn

CONGRATULATIONS

Mike and Dana Gregory are the parents of a baby girl born last Thursday. Sister Doris Gregory is the happy grandmother.

FUNERALS

Sister Carruther's brother was buried last week.
Sister Tommy Parson's grandfather was buried last week.
We extend our sympathy to each family and their loved ones.

AREA MEETING

Brother Guy N. Woods will speak December 13, 14, 15 at the Carthage Church of Christ. Friday and Saturday services will be at 7:30 p. m.

YEAR END SINGING

The annual year-end meeting of Churches of Christ in Tyler will be held this year at the Omen Road congregation on December 25 at 7:30 p. m. There will be an old fashioned singing and all congregations have been invited to participate.

"I do not ask for mighty words
To leave the crowd impressed,
But grant my life may ring so true
My neighbor may be blessed."

4:00 P. M. MEETING SUNDAY

Sunday afternoon at four o'clock everyone is to meet at our building to discuss the possibilities of a bus program. This meeting will include all details as to what the program will do and what we can look for in it; such as, how much time is required, how many people will be needed, who it will reach, and all other areas. Our leaders feel that the congregation must be wholly behind this program to make it work. We ask that whether you want it or not, please be here and discuss it with us. Your aid and prayers are requested in behalf of these plans. HH

THE MANY FRIENDS of Luther and Ida Gieger will regret to know that their home in Oklahoma City was recently broken into while the Giegers were at Bible School and worship. Thieves took a television set, radio, watches, clocks, jewelry, silver tea service, slide and movie projection equipment, and various other items. Brother Gieger, one of the former preachers here, said in his bulletin, "Ida and I were reminded again of one thing: they cannot steal what is really valuable - faith in God!"

CHEER BASKETS (and in some instances, flowers) will be distributed among the elderly and "shut-ins" on Saturday morning, December 21. If you can assist in this program, please be at the church building by ten o'clock on that day.

GIFT TO CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Dear Christian friends,
I am pleased to read about the new interest in the Children's Church Library. I would like to donate my fifteen beautiful volumes of Childcraft, Treasury of Childhood to this library.
These books contain stories, poetry, arts, handcraft and a multitude of information about nature, history, science and the world generally, including many recreational activities. From nursery school through elementary these volumes offer a great childhood education.
Sincerely,
Hazel Chapel Fagan

We want to thank sister Fagan for her thoughtfulness in giving her set of Childcraft books to our Children's Library. They will be a lasting treasure for our children to enjoy. We appreciate her gift so much.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister A. O. Mayo is a patient in ICU at Medical Center Hospital.
Sister Clarence Strait is in Glenwood Hospital.
A note was received this week from the Fords in Nebraska. Sister Ford will go to Denver about the first of January for tests and possibly surgery. Brother Ford is in a cast from his hip to toe. They have expressed appreciation for our prayers and interest.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

To Prove Your Love

In writing to the Corinthians about the important grace of giving Paul said, "I speak not by commandment, but by occasion of the forwardness of others, and to prove the sincerity of your love," (2 Corinthians 8:8).

Each Lord's Day when the contribution plates are passed we have an opportunity to show whether or not we are sincere in saying that we love the Lord. We may sing of our love for the Lord and we may speak of our love for the Lord, but the real test of our love may be shown in our giving. It is true that there are some who may give and not be Christians, but it is also true that one can not be a Christian who does not give.

If we could cause people to fall in love with the Lord, it would then be easy to persuade them to give. We know that we are to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:37). We also know that our love for Jesus should be the greatest love of our lives. He said, "He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me," (Matthew 10:37). Do we have such love for Jesus? Why should we not love the one who is altogether lovely and the one who has done so much for us? Surely, we love him because he first loved us, (I John 4:19). Those who love the Lord to such a great extent actually are the ones who make the best husbands, wives, and children.

This Sunday, December 8, the elders have set aside for sacrificial giving. In the past, many of you have given most generously. At the present time the church has many needs. There are many financial obligations which must be met if we are to go forward in our work for Christ. We hope that you will prayerfully consider what you are able to give for the work of Christ and be prepared on Sunday to prove the sincerity of your love. GHS

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 Dismiss..... Francis Bullard

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 Prayer..... Tommy Lowrance
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RESPONSE

For Prayer: Marie Wylie

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Dear Friends in Christ,
 The beautiful flowers and many kind expressions of sympathy at the recent loss of our beloved mother and grandmother will long be remembered. We deeply appreciate your kindness.

Jan and Roger Knight
 Paul, Grant, Lee and Amy

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Trentham remains in the V. A. Hospital. You may send him a card to the following address:

Robert L. Trentham
 Veterans Hospital
 2nd floor South, Old Bldg. Room 251
 Dallas, Texas 75200

Brother Jack Bennett has a broken leg he received in a fall. He is at home.

Sister Ben Young is in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister A. O. Mayo is in Medical Center Hospital.

BUSINESS MEETING

The regular monthly business meeting of the men of the congregation will be Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel. All men are invited.

SERMONS - December 8, 1974

A. M. What Makes A Man Profitable?

By George H. Stephenson

P. M. "Whatever He Says, Do It."

By Hillard Hughes

ADDRESSES OF THOSE WE SUPPORT

If you would like to send cards and gifts during the coming season we are listing the addresses of those we support in other places.

Rudolf and Christel Rischer Andreas, Martina, & Thomas Bulowstr. 4 D-89 Augsburg, Germany	Kieth Mitchell International Mission Church of Christ Five World Trade Center Suite 6351 New York, New York 10048	Charles Miles P. O. Box 41 Basalt, Colorado 81621
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We are also listing the address of the Lem Ford Family whom we formerly supported. Brother Ford has a broken leg suffered in a fall last week and is in a Veterans Hospital. Sister Ford had a mild heart attack last Sunday and is hospitalized in Hastings. Their home address is: P. O. Box 991, Hastings, Nebraska 68901.

That's Too Much Trouble!

Every one has made that statement at some time. This is also an attitude. Whenever there is a task to be done this statement becomes very prevalent in many people. If work is involved, so many excuses and interest in other things begin to come forth from those who would have the Lord believe they are really interested in Him. "Lord, that's too hard." No one would say this where others could hear and be serious. However, the Lord hears that every day concerning the work in His Kingdom. "But seek ye first his kingdom, and all righteousness" - Are you sure you are aware of the importance of man's soul? We are not willing to give up our "Dallas Cowboys" and our "wants" to be dedicated to His service. "That's too much trouble" and besides, "I don't want to!"

HH

"Make up your mind to live one day at a time. Any one can carry his burden, however heavy, till night-fall. Any one can do work, however hard, for one day. Any one can live sweetly, patiently, lovingly, purely, till the sun goes down. Make a success of this one day - every day."

Remember to bring non-perishable food for our pantry.

We have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Eph. 1:7.

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(Special) ..\$1,315.00

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday afternoon in Canyon, Texas for Edwin Caskey, brother of brother C. E. Caskey. We extend our sympathy to the Caskey family.

RESPONSES

Restored: Mr. and Mrs. David Harris, 2616 Oak Lane.
Baptized: David Wells, 1120 E. 8th, was baptized Monday evening by Hillard Hughes. David is a student at Tyler Junior College.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

ON DECEMBER 8

The elders have announced that Sunday, December 8, has been set aside for a special contribution for the work at West Erwin. The members here have always responded in a generous way to every worthy appeal. You have contributed liberally this year. However, there are many needs which need to be met at this time. We hope to have a greater work at West Erwin in the coming year. In order to do this, we definitely need the financial help of everyone. May the Lord bless you as you purpose to make a special contribution on December 8.

GUEST SPEAKER WEDNESDAY

John W. Calvert, Jr. Superintendent of the Sunny Glen Home in San Benito, Texas, will speak for our evening services on this coming Wednesday, December 4 at 7:30 p. m. Brother Calvert is a former member of the West Erwin congregation. The church here has had the Sunny Glen Home in our budget for many years. It will be good to have a report of this home in its work of caring for children. Let us have a large number to hear brother Calvert. The classes will be dismissed. GHS

BUS FUND

Contributions continue to come in from those that are helping with our new bus. Many of us determined to give a specific amount by January 1. If you haven't completed your commitment, remember you have about six weeks. Any one wishing to help just make your check payable to the church.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - Dec. 1

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. What About the Future of the Church?
6:00 p. m. The Night Angels Climbed A Ladder.

The Case of the Crazy . . . Cat?

A newspaper carried a letter written by an unhappy woman who complained that her husband thought it funny to make her pet cat drunk by constantly pouring gin in its milk. The distressed woman complained that she didn't think it was doing the cat any good, for the cat would dance like mad and stagger around in circles, and finally fall in a heap in the corner and go to sleep. Besides, the woman reported, the cat was now losing all its hair as a result of the gin diet, and what did a cat look like without any hair?

Immediately letters poured into the newspaper from aroused readers all over the country denouncing the husband and suggesting various degrees of punishment for a man who would be so cruel to animals. Perhaps I have a warped sense of humor but the reactions of the readers struck me as ironically funny. Give an animal liquor and you are considered cruel. Give a man liquor and you are considered sophisticated. Let an animal reel, act foolishly, fall into a drunken stupor and immediately it's an occasion for readers from coast to coast to howl protest. Let a man do the same thing and we ignore it.

We wouldn't give liquor to a dog. It is inhuman! Yet we give it to our sons and daughters, friends and business associates. With all the advertising media at our command we continually encourage them to drink it! It's not fit for a cat or dog, but it's fit for our children, friends, and associates. How crazy can we get? . . . Selected - via bulletin of Corinth Road church

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother R. L. Trentham is still in the Veterans Hospital in Dallas. He underwent surgery on Tuesday.
Sister Mary Squiers is in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I want to express appreciation for the flowers and Christian love shown to us in the loss of my brother.

C. E. Caskey

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Gode are grandparents of a baby girl born recently to David and Faye Gode in Fort Worth.

Saving Faith

All of us are familiar with John 3:16 which has been called the Golden Text of the Bible. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Genuine faith in God and in Christ will lead to salvation. "Being justified by faith we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," (Romans 5:1).

Faith includes: (1) belief of testimony and (2) confidence or trust. We believe the devil exists, but do not have faith in him. We must believe God is, and that he rewards those who seek him, (Hebrews 11:6).

Faith is seen in every realm of life. A little baby soon learns to have faith in its mother. Business is carried on by faith. Our country was settled by men who had faith that they could make a great nation out of a wilderness. We accept the statements of historians and many of the declarations of scientists by faith. We take our physician's prescription by faith. We have never seen many of the places of the earth, but because of the testimony of those who have been there we believe they exist.

God cannot be demonstrated as a mathematical formula, but we do have evidence for His existence and evidence for believing the Bible to be His Word.

In order for our faith to save, it must be an active, obedient faith. Paul said that we might have faith which would remove mountains, but without love it would profit nothing, (I Corinthians 13:3). James taught that faith without works is dead, (James 2:17). In Jesus' day there were some who believed on him, but were afraid to confess him (John 12:42, 43). Surely no one would think they were pleasing to God. In the great faith chapter, Hebrews 11, all of the examples of faith were examples of faith in action. According to Paul the faith which saves is a faith which works by love, (Galatians 5:6).

Every act of obedience in becoming a Christian and living the Christian life is a manifestation of faith. Repentance is faith willing. Confession is faith speaking. Baptism is faith acting. Prayer is faith communing. The Christian life is faith servicing. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith, (I John 4:4). GHS

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 Travis Fletcher Willie Freeman
 Joe McBee Bruce Raley
 Grant Knight Paul Knight
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RESPONSES

Restored: Denise Freeman

INVITATION FROM BOLES HOME

Sunday Afternoon, November 24, at 2:30 p. m. a cottage built in honor of Tillit S. Teddlie will be dedicated on the Boles Home Campus. He is to speak on that occasion and the Bel Canto Singers will sing several songs written by brother Teddlie.

November 28, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day at 10:00 a. m. Boles Home will celebrate their Golden Anniversary. Former student R. B. Cantrell will speak at Chapel at 10 a. m. and lunch will be served in the gymnasium at 12:00 o'clock (bring your lunch and spread it with us). Singing at the chapel at 2:00 p. m. and open house campus wide from 3 - 5 p. m.

THANK YOU NOTES

Many thanks for your prayers, cards, flowers, visits, blood replacement and all other expressions of Christian love during my lengthy illness. I am now more aware that the "fervent prayers of the righteous availeth much," and ask that you continue to keep me in your prayers.

In Christian love,
Georgia S. Lee

The family of Joe Anderson acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

BROTHER HILLARD HUGHES will be speaking for both services, as a guest speaker, for the Ninth and Austin St. church in Garland, Texas on Sunday.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother James Massey is in Medical Center Hospital for tests.

Brother Trentham remains a patient in the V. A. Hospital in Dallas.

Sister Mary Squiers underwent surgery Tuesday in Dallas.

Sister L. C. Lowry, Jr. has been a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Jim Willis has been in Glenwood Hospital.

Brother John Harris is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

THE LADIES WEDNESDAY morning Bible Class will not meet next week.

AREA MEETING

Brother Will M. Thompson, of Lawton, Okla. will be preaching in a meeting in Van, Texas November 24 - 26. You are especially encouraged to attend Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p. m.

SEVERAL HAVE ASKED about having the young people in their home for a devotional period on Sunday evening. If you care to have one of the groups, let me know as a schedule is being prepared. HH

BE IN A BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

FULL TABLES OR FULL LIVES?

When Thanksgiving Day comes, there will be many homes that will have tables overloaded with much food, but no real love and happiness in the home.

Proverbs 15:17 - "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith." A humble meal with love is far better than a feast on a fatted calf with hatred in the home.

In the sermon on the Mount, Jesus asked one of the most profoundly simple questions of His ministry - simple because its answer is so obvious, profound because its implications are so far-reaching. Addressing the disciples, Jesus asked, "Is not life more than meat, and the body more than raiment?"

Of course, many things such as friendship, health, integrity, faith, and peace with God are greater than food and clothing. But multitudes of people live as if food and clothing were all that mattered.

If we have full tables and full lives also, we ought to be thankful indeed.

...from Out of My Treasure

Guest Editorial . . .

Rejoice!

The apostle Paul said about 62 A. D., "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say Rejoice" (Phil. 4: 4).

Anyone can be down, discouraged, blue and despondent. Many are. Many are always this way. But the Christian isn't! Paul, by inspiration said the Christian has reasons to always rejoice and be glad. No matter what befalls us there are still many things for which we must be grateful and rejoice.

Nearly 300 times the Bible uses the word rejoice or those similar to it. What the book is trying to tell us is that the Christian is a unique person. He is different. He should be superior. He has problems true, but has so many more blessings than problems that his rejoicing should overcome his grief.

If the Christian had nothing else to be happy about but that he is registered in God's book of life, he would have cause to rejoice! This is the ultimate goal of life - to make heaven our eternal home! If we accomplish this, other matters seem, and are, small by comparison. Luke 10:20.

After teaching his disciples the Beatitudes, Jesus told them to "rejoice and be exceeding glad for great is your reward in heaven" (Matt. 5:12). Rejoicing comes with the long-range look, not the short-sighted glance. We must look beyond today. We must see even beyond tomorrow. We must see eternity as it will be. The ultimate reward of eternal life with God makes all the trials and tribulations for the kingdom's sake seem relatively small. The difference is in whether we are earth-minded or heaven-minded.

While waiting for the eternal reward of heaven, we enjoy the blessings of fellowship with God's children of like precious faith. Paul said, "I am glad (rejoice) of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus; for that which was lacking on your part they have supplied" (I Cor. 16:17). This is today's rejoicing! Fellowship with God in spiritual worship is great! Fellowship with Jesus at the Lord's Supper in spiritual worship is great! Fellowship with Christians in worship, Bible study and the work of the kingdom is great! With salvation in Christ Jesus and all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Jesus, how can the dedicated Christian do anything else but count his many, many blessings - and rejoice!

... Wyatt Sawyer

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SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Misunderstandings About The
Church of Christ
P. M. The Neglected Garden

RESPONSES

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. Goode, 1617 E. Earle, phone 595-2783, came Sunday to place membership. We are happy to welcome them into the fellowship of this congregation. They formerly lived in Lufkin and have been worshipping with the Glenwood congregation.

IN APPRECIATION

The family of Tom Kirkpatrick acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was a brother to Mrs. Beatrice Harris. We extend our sympathy to her and the family. He was buried at Teaselville, Nov. 31. We are sorry this was not included in last week's bulletin.

The love and care expressed by the beautiful flowers and many cards and calls have meant so much to us. Mother is gone - great emptiness and loss. Your love and care - so meaningful, will help to fill this gap.

Bless be the tie that binds us in Christian love.

The Foy E. O'Neals
Thank you so much for the visits, cards, phone calls and prayers during my stay in the hospital, and for the food since my return home.

Lillie Knight
Thank you for your thoughtfulness of me during my recent stay in the hospital. Christine Parsons (Christine has been re-admitted to the Glenwood Hospital.)

AREA MEETINGS

Meeting at North Tenneha Church

Alonza Z. Rose of Valdosta, Georgia will be preaching in a gospel meeting at the North Tenneha church beginning this coming Monday, Nov. 18. The meeting will continue through Sunday, Nov. 24 with services each evening at 7:45. Brother Rose is an outstanding preacher of the gospel.

Dedication services for the beautiful new church building of the Tenneha congregation will be held at 3:00 p. m. on Sunday, November 24.

Open House and Meeting in Longview

You are invited to hear O. J. Russell preach in a series of meetings at the Alpine Church of Christ, November 17 - 22 in Longview, Texas. You are especially invited to Open House for their new building, Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2:30 p. m. (N. E. Loop 281).

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to Dr. Roger Knight and his family. His mother, Mrs. Felix Knight, passed away suddenly Tuesday evening in Little Rock. Funeral services were conducted on Thursday.

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FELLOWSHIP FOR EVERYONE
SATURDAY EVENING, 7 O'CLOCK
GARDEN CENTER BUILDING

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother R. L. Trentham's condition is improving. He is in the Veteran's Hospital in Dallas.

Sister Christine Parsons is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Georgia Lee has been dismissed from the hospital and is now with her sister, Mary Butler.

Gail Malone is in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

REMEMBER - We need to keep our pantry stocked with a good supply of food at all times. Please bring non-perishable food.

The Grocery Truck from Medina Children's Home will be here sometime during the week of November 18 - 22. A list of the most needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

THE LADIES BIBLE CLASS is invited to a luncheon next Wednesday following Bible class at the home of Elaine Roberson. Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship.

Let's Make This Coming Week Great!

This coming week, beginning Sunday the 10th, should be another great week for the West Erwin church. It can be if all of us will work and pray as we should.

We will have four days of preaching by one of the outstanding preachers of our day. Reuel Lemmons has probably preached in more meetings in more places throughout the world than any man living today in our brotherhood. I do not know of any one who has done more to encourage the preaching of the gospel throughout the world than he has. He is interested in the lost and encourages every worthwhile endeavor to reach them. He has served with distinction as the editor of the Firm Foundation, one of the oldest and most influential papers published by our brethren. His editorial writings are always interesting and thought provoking.

Brother Lemmons is no stranger to Tyler and the West Erwin congregation. He has preached here in a number of meetings in the past. We want to urge you to do your part to help make this meeting a great one. We will have just four days, so we must make each day count for good.

Will you resolve now that you will attend every service of the meeting unless you are providentially hindered? Will you invite others to come with you? Will you pray earnestly and fervently on behalf of the meeting? Your own soul will be strengthened if you do your part in this evangelistic endeavor.

In addition to the spiritual food we expect to receive on Sunday through Wednesday we look forward to the physical food and the fellowship together on Saturday night of next week. We enjoy our worship together, but it is good also to have periods of wholesome recreation together. Bring your food on Saturday night, the 16th, to the Rose Center Building in ample time for us to begin eating by seven o'clock and then be ready for the program which follows.

I hope to see you Sunday morning at Bible School and worship as we begin a great week for the Lord at West Erwin.

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THANK YOU NOTES

I want to thank every one for the visits, cards, calls and most of all for the prayers during my stay in the hospital. Earnesene Shuford

We want to thank all who were so kind and helpful to us while Truman was in the hospital. We appreciate so much your prayers and every act of thoughtfulness.

Julia and Truman Langham

RESPONSES

Baptized: Dan Howell was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning. He is the son-in-law of brother and sister B. P. Sutton. He and his wife live at 2934 Myerwood, Carrollton, Texas. We rejoice with Dan and his family.

Restored: Stephen Mark Ellis, Rt. 11, Box 86-205 and Karen Porter, 2340 Hunter.

OUR SYMPATHY

We share in the sorrow of two families who lost loved ones this past week. Funeral services were conducted Thursday for the father of sister Forest McFadden, and the mother of brother Foy O'Neal was buried in Hugo, Oklahoma. We express our deepest sympathy to each family.

MEETING IN KILGORE - Melvin Wise of Dallas will be preaching in a meeting at the Houston and Broadway church in Kilgore, November 10-15. After our meeting, which closes on Wednesday, you would enjoy hearing brother Wise on Thursday or Friday night. Services at 7:30 p. m. GHS

THERE IS A BIBLE CLASS FOR YOU
SUNDAY - 9:30 A. M.

SPECIAL SERVICE

on Wednesday Morning

Wednesday morning, November 13, at ten o'clock will be the only day service in our meeting except on Sunday. This is the regular hour for our women's class but on this day we look forward to hearing Reuel Lemmons. Everyone, both men and women, are invited to be present for this service.

DEDICATION AT TENNEHA CHURCH

The dedication service of the fine new church building of the North Tenneha congregation will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock on November 24. A gospel meeting will be conducted from November 18 thru November 24 with Alonza Z. Rose of Valdosta, Georgia as the evangelist. We are thankful for the progress of the Tenneha church with their preacher, Cecil Herndon. GHS

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Georgia Lee and Charlotte Chandler remain patients in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother R. L. Trentham is in the Veterans Hospital in Dallas.

BUSINESS MEETING

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

The Grocery Truck from Medina Children's Home will be here the week of Nov. 18-22. A list of the most needed items is posted in the foyer.

WELCOME TO THE FRED HUDSONS

Fred Hudson, formerly of Jennings, Louisiana, recently moved to Tyler to become the preacher for the Omen Road congregation. We would like to welcome him and his family to Tyler and pray that God may richly bless his work for the Lord in our city.

CHECK SHEET

For A Christian Home

1. Is faith in God an essential element of our home life?
2. Are decisions in the home made in such a manner as to recognize God and to respect the rights of each member?
3. As parents, is our religious faith vital enough to be seen in everyday conduct?
4. Do we, as parents, seek to lead our children to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour?
5. Does the entire family attend church regularly?
6. Does the weather make any difference in our church attendance?
7. Do we plan outings and trips at hours which conflict with church services?
8. Do we criticize the church program and its leaders in the presence of our children and friends?
9. Do we make a sincere effort to improve our talent in the Kingdom of God?

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Eph. 6:13

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RESPONSES

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Forest McFadden and their son, Keston, 2700 Meadowlark, phone 593-1862. They formerly worshipped with the Omen Road congregation. Brother McFadden is currently preaching each Sunday in Brownsboro.

Pat Barham, 2000 Sherwood Forest Apt. He recently moved here from Ada, Oklahoma, but has lived in Tyler in the past. We welcome him to West Erwin.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you for the calls, cards, visits, and prayers during my recent stay in the hospital. Your Christian concern will always be remembered.

Dwaine Thedford

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER - Nov. 16

Everybody is encouraged to make plans now to attend the fellowship meeting on Saturday evening, November 16 at seven o'clock. The meeting will be held in the Rose Center Building. We will bring our baskets filled with food and enjoy a period of fellowship with our fellow Christian. We want all who have become members at West Erwin during 1974 to be honored. Bring guests with you for this occasion. This fellowship meeting will be on Saturday following our gospel meeting which closes on Wednesday of the same week. - GHS

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Louis J. Jones F. C. Carpenter
Harley Turner Ted Snipes
Eddie Stansbury John D. Porter
B. J. Tucker T. J. Parsons
Kevin Womack Kyle McRuiz

THE SICK

Brother Truman Langham and brother John Harris have been in Glenwood Hospital but both hope to go home this week.

Sister Georgia Lee remains a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

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ACADEMIC FREEDOM - By Charles Hodge

Indianapolis News, March 14, 1974

A math professor was fired from Indiana State University for starting his class by reading Bible Scriptures without comment! This was held by officials as an open violation of the law! He could have read Mao, Confucius, Freud, Mohammed, Lenin... but not Jesus! The Bible is the danger! Our law protects atheism, spiritism, astrology, weird causes, playboy philosophy; but not the Bible! This was accomplished in the name "academic freedom" and minority rights.

How tragic! What a bad memory! Indiana State University is an outgrowth of Indiana State Normal (1865) begun by religionists! The Bible is truly the "mother" of most educational institutions in America. Now the pseudo-intellectual university "turns its back" upon its founder!

"Academic freedom?" This is the chant of the radicals. "I have a right to speak," they chant. Yet those who hide behind "academic freedom" will not allow it to others. To them it is a "one way street." They say: "Listen to us -- but you shut up." Why cannot purity be taught along with the "new morality?" Why cannot creation be taught by the side of evolution theory?

"Academic freedom" at Indiana State is gross dishonesty and unmitigated bigotry. You know it -- they know it -- and I know it!

LADIES, if you do not work away from home please make your plans to be present each Wednesday morning at ten o'clock in the Chapel for Ladies' Bible Class. Our study is the last week in the life of Jesus.

THE ELDERS AND DEACONS will meet Monday evening, 7 o'clock at Wyatt's Cafeteria, for their regular monthly business meeting.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
a.m. A Successful Service
p.m. Superstition

A SUPPLEMENTAL PAGE listing the newcomers to West Erwin is available for your Church Directory. You may pick up a copy in either foyer.

WHAT IS LOVE?

"Joy is love lifted up; peace is love at ease; patience is love in sympathy; gentleness is love among people; goodness is love serving; faith is love believing; meekness is love at the feet of the Master; and temperance is love in control."

Selfishness with much can do very little, but love with little can do much.

Christ Died For Us

May we never forget that one of the cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith is that Christ died for our sins. Paul declared, "I delivered unto you first of all that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures," (I Cor. 15:3). Again he said, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ and him crucified," (I Cor. 2:2).

The cross, not as a piece of architecture or a steeple, but as a divine fact and truth, is the distinctive characteristic of the Christian religion. Christianity is more than a system of ethical principles and a code of moral laws. Of course, it does teach the highest ethics, but the superiority of Christianity over other religions rests in the fact that it offers sinful man forgiveness and cleansing through the death of Christ.

There is much about the death of Christ which we may not understand, but this we believe: "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," (Romans 5:8). We believe that Christ's blood redeemed us from our sins, (I Peter 1:18, 19). We know that none of us are worthy of such love as was shown when Christ died for us.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper would have no significance if it were not for the death of Christ. In the act of baptism we see a likeness of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, (Read Romans 6:3, 4). In the observance of the Lord's Supper we are told, "For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come, (I Cor. 11:26). How precious is that period of meditation each Lord's Day around the Lord's Table when we are reminded of the offering of the body and blood of Jesus for us.

Christians have the wonderful assurance of the constant cleansing of their sins through the blood of Jesus. John said, "But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his son cleanseth us from all sin," (I John 1:7). This wonderful assurance frees a Christian from the burden of guilt and lets him know that he can live in hope of eternal life with Jesus at any time the Lord may call him home.

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Announcements..... Tom Williams

Prayer..... Wayne Terry

Dismiss..... Willie Freeman

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RESPONSES

We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Maurice (Evelyn) Henderson, 1002 Hudnall. Their two older children, Sandra, an 8th grade student, and Theresa, a senior, are also members of the church. They also have two younger children, Lorie, a 6th grade student, and Holly, a first grader. The Henderson family formerly worshipped at the League City church of Christ. We are happy to welcome them to West Erwin.

Restored: Lou Ann Driggers

TIME CHANGE

Sunday morning at 2 a. m. the nation will again return to Standard time for the winter months. Before you go to bed Saturday night, turn your clocks back one hour.

REUEL LEMMONS COMING

We look forward to the return of Reuel Lemmons to preach in another series of meetings at the West Erwin church. The meeting is just two weeks away from this Sunday! It will last just four days - November 10 - 13. Let us make these days count for the Lord. Will you do your part!

Meal Schedule For Lemmons

If you would like to have brother Lemmons for a meal while he is in our meeting, please put your name on the schedule which you will find in the foyer. GHS

THANK YOU NOTES

Notes of appreciation for the expressions of sympathy have been received from the families of Mrs. Grace Taylor and Mrs. Mettie Kissinger.

Thanks for every expression of kindness shown me during my stay in the hospital and while recuperating at home. The Lord willing, I will see you in three weeks at church.

M. M. Haws

Thank you for your concern and thoughtfulness, your many visits, cards and calls, and for every kindness. It is all appreciated so much and will be long remembered.

James Massey

Thank you for the brotherly kindness shown me during my illness. The cards, calls and visits make me glad that I am a Christian.

B. B. Lambert

NEW BUS ARRIVES

What a wonderful sight on our parking lot to see the new International bus parked there. This bus has been long awaited as we plan activities for young and old alike. However, there is always the task of paying for it. But people here are fantastic about such things. There has been about \$6,827 collected of the promised \$11,000, which leaves about \$6,000 balance. Many that have promised to give, will be doing so between now and January 1. If you haven't helped and can, just mark your check "bus fund." This bus can be a great tool if used properly and our elders are looking to the future as we use it. God continues to bless us as we work for Him. HH

SPOOK HOUSE

The students of the Campus Christian Center on the campus of TJC invite all children under eight years to the annual free Halloween Spook House. The Spook House will open at 6:30 p. m. Halloween night, October 31. Each child will receive a free bag of popcorn, compliments of the students of the CCC, and a tour they will never forget.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 27

By George H. Stephenson

A. M. Which Church To Join?

P. M. Kept By the Power of God.

THE BOLES HOME grocery truck is scheduled to be here sometime next week.

KIETH MITCHELL reports that another man is now a part of the team of workers at the International Mission of churches of Christ in New York City. John Chan, a native born Chinese evangelist, is working to plant Chinese churches in Flushing, Queens. Brother Chan has baptized over 700 souls and planted more than a score of churches in Hong Kong in the past four years since coming into our fellowship from denominationalism. The church in Chatham, New Jersey will support brother Chan as he works among the Chinese in New York. The Chinese brethren will use the Flushing building for worship on Sunday afternoons. Let us thank the Lord for this great opportunity. GHS

THE SICK

Sister Georgia Lee entered Mother Frances Hospital again last Friday. She underwent surgery on Thursday.

Carl Sims remains in Glenwood Hospital.

Charlotte Chandler was seriously injured Sunday afternoon in a motorcycle accident. She is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Roger McElroy is suffering from a broken arm he received during the Lee High School Rodeo last week.

Sister Lillie Knight is in Mother Frances Hospital.

We are very happy that brother James Massey is able to come to worship again.

Sister T. J. Parsons is in Glenwood Hospital.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Great things have been happening at West Erwin recently. How wonderful it was to have Ira North and his wife with us. As he said concerning the numbers present, they were marvelous. It was good to have brother North share with us his enthusiasm for the Lord and the Lord's church.

We were blessed in having Kieth Mitchell present with us for two days. I am truly grateful for this fine young man - for the depth of his spirituality, for his faith and dedication and for his ability to communicate with others concerning the good news of the gospel. I regret that more of our members did not hear Kieth. We will continue to pray for him and for his family in their work for Christ at the International Mission in New York City.

The booth at the East Texas Fair proved to be very successful. Much interest was shown by many people. There were 160 who enrolled in a Bible Study Correspondence Course. We believe that many impressions for good were made for our Lord by this special effort in evangelism.

Many other encouraging things have been happening. Our Bible School attendance is higher than a year ago. Our contributions have been running higher. We have had some wonderful couples this year to place their membership with us. We have secured a new air-conditioned bus which we hope will be used in a way which will build up the church. The Friday School is meeting with great success.

We have another series of evangelistic meetings in the near future. Reuel Lemmons, the well known editor of the Firm Foundation and splendid gospel preacher, will speak for us November 10 - 13. Let us pray for a great meeting at that time. Let us all work for greater growth - both in numbers and in spirituality.

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Guest Editorial. . .

CRITICISM

Three things in life are certain: death, taxes, and criticism. No one misses the last, and our emotional stability, basically speaking, depends upon our reaction to it. There are two kinds - the soft and tactful, the hard and cutting. Criticism must be handled - it must be faced.

Emotionally: This is the hardest!!! Control that temper, that wrath! As criticism is a direct attack on our ego, this makes us vulnerable. Make yourself impersonal - this is difficult. Anticipate, imagine and prepare. The Bible teaches prayer and love for your enemies. This, indirectly, prepares Christians for criticism. The strong are always criticized the most, just as the tallest tree is hit most by the wind. Also, there is no such animal as "constructive criticism." Construct means to build up, criticism is to tear down. If you could remove your jealousy there would be no criticism.

Rationally: One learns best from enemies. They expose weakness and mistakes. Compliments make one glad, but criticism makes one think! Dignified silence is usually the best answer to slander. Also, gossip tends to exaggerate. Consequently, what you hear should be cut in two, then divided by four. Face it - not anyone is going to like everyone. Jesus Christ, Paul, Abe Lincoln all had intense enemies. We all rub some the wrong way. So accept it.

Practical: Return good for evil. Go two miles when you're taken one. It DOES take two to fight! A gossip usually feels the other side because gossip is a two-edged sword. It is easier for one to tear another down than to build himself up. Kindness is stronger than malice. Act instead of "react." Critical folk are little and unhappy. They're to be pitied. It is easier to criticize than to be correct.
...Charles Hodge

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1974

A. M. In A Far Country

By George H. Stephenson

P. M. Visions That Work

By Hillard Hughes

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Dismiss..... Steve Higginbotham

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Prayer.....John Teague
Dismiss..... Tim Holt

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RESPONSES

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Jan) Faulkner, P. O. Box 417, Whitehouse, came Sunday to be identified with this congregation. They formerly worshipped in Fredericksberg, Va. Jan is the daughter of Mack and Bennie Bynum.

Mr. and Mrs. David (Jeanell) Harris, 2616 Oak Lane, phone 593-0933, came Tuesday evening to place membership. They formerly worshipped in Atlanta, Texas. David is a former member of West Erwin.

Restored: Mrs. Beatrice Harris and Rick Higginbotham.

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to thank you for the beautiful flowers for the funerals of my brothers, James Walter and Jesse Elbert Cheek. Also, thank you for the pretty cards, calls, and visits. I would like

to thank Mrs. Mary Drummond and sister Ginn for the delicious cake and visit. It is wonderful to have good Christian people to look to in a time like this. We appreciate every thing.

In Christian love,
Buria and Raymond Mayo

Thank you for the cards, visits, food, and for every other act of Christian kindness shown me while I was in the hospital. Sincerely,
Jewell Pickle

WE WERE GLAD to have the opportunity recently to see the beautiful new building of the North Tenneha congregation. Thurman Cannon, who supervised the construction of the building, gave us a tour of this fine edifice. Brother Cannon and his wife have worshipped with us at West Erwin during the time of the construction. We are very thankful for the Tenneha building and for the growth of this congregation. Special services marking the opening of the building are scheduled to be held in November.

ANOTHER GREAT PREACHER IS COMING TO TYLER!

Charles Coil, a very fine gospel preacher, will be preaching this coming week for the Glenwood church. The meeting will be conducted Sunday through Wednesday, October 13-16. Services at the usual hours on Sunday and 7:30 each night through the week.

IN APPRECIATION

We want to express our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Mike Warner for speaking for our Ladies class last week. There have been many fine comments about the lesson she brought.

(When we revised our bulletin mailing list recently, we received many notes of appreciation. Here is one we want to share with you.)

Dear Brethren:

I appreciate getting the "West Erwin Visitor." It is among the best of the many bulletins that I receive. I hope you see fit to retain me on your mailing list.

I appreciate the West Erwin Church. Its stand for truth in a world of doubt is refreshing. May God bless His people in their efforts to "contend for the faith." by speaking the truth in love.

J. Leathel Roberts
Seguin, Texas

WE REGRET to learn that a nephew to sister Fay Wallace was killed in a accident last week in Marshall. We extend our sympathy to the family.

IN THE HOSPITALS

M. M. Haws underwent surgery on Monday in Medical Center. Mrs. Georgia Lee remains in Medical Center. Carl Sims and Earnesene Shuford are in Glenwood Hospital.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening at 7:00 at the Wallace Gayle home.
ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday evening at 7:00 at the R. C. O'Bannon home.

FOR OUR WOMEN

On this coming Wednesday, October 16 we plan to begin a study of the last week in the life of Christ. This is surely the most important week in history. Christ is the greatest character who ever lived and more is said about his last week than any other period in his life. Beginning with the arrival of Jesus in Bethany and his triumphal entry into Jerusalem and closing with his tragic death and glorious resurrection we may find a wealth of spiritual lessons.

We want more and more of the women in the church to come every Wednesday morning. This provides an opportunity for spiritual growth and development. Meet us in the Chapel at ten o'clock. For your lesson this week please study: John 11:15 - John 12:11.

The elders and deacons will meet at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Monday evening, October 14 at 7:00 o'clock.

INTERESTING REPORTS have been received from Rudolf Rischer and Charles Miles. These reports have been mimeographed and will be distributed in the Bible classes on Sunday. Please take the time to read them. Brother Rischer and his family are now settled in their new home in Augsburg, Germany.

The monthly business meeting of the men of the congregation will be conducted on this Sunday afternoon, Oct. 13 at 1:30 p. m. in the Chapel.

BUILDING THE LOCAL CHURCH

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PREACHER OF LARGEST CHURCH OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD

MADISON, TENNESSEE

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We are happy to welcome Jay and Jackie Bynum. They formerly worshipped with the A & M church in College Station. They will be living temporarily in Whitehouse. Jay is the son of Mack and Bennie Bynum.

Also, Mrs. Laura Sparks is now living in Tyler and wants to again be identified as a member of this congregation.

We are happy for the obedience to the gospel of Mrs. Nell Prieto, 312A So. Saunders. She was baptized on Thursday evening by brother Stephenson. She is the sister of Maxine Freeman.

FUNERALS

Sister Mettie Kissinger passed away Sunday Morning after a very brief illness. Brother Stephenson conducted funeral services for her on Wednesday afternoon. We extend our sympathy to the family.

We offer our heartfelt sympathy to sister R. M. Mayo who suffered the loss of another brother last week. This is the second brother to pass away within a week.

THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to thank the church for the beautiful Carnation spray sent to the funeral of my sister, Beatrice Peavy. Also, thank you for the visits, cards, and cake that we received. Thank you one and all.

Charles Graf

The family of James Walter Cheek acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Walter Fuller and Carl Sims are in the Glenwood Hospital. Mrs. Georgia Lee is in Mother Frances. James Massey, Mrs. Ernest Pickle and Mrs. Linda Magee are patients in Medical Center. Mrs. Bernice Majors will undergo surgery Thursday in Medical Center. Foy Richey's sister-in-law is also a patient in Medical Center. B. B. Lambert's brother is critically ill in Waco, Texas.

WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO?

In a recent article in the Manassas, Virginia bulletin we read where some of the people were to conduct a Teachers Workshop. We cannot take credit for work of other brethren, however, I'm sure the two trips made by us to Manassas did generate interest and help train some of these people in this work. It is good for us to use what God has given us. REMEMBER THE BUS FUND! HH

A SPECIAL CLASS ASSEMBLY - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

For All Classes - 7th Grade Through Adults

WE HOPE ALL WEST ERWIN MEMBERS WILL ATTEND AS OUR NEW BIBLE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS. EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO HELP US, AS A CONGREGATION, GROW IN KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S TEACHINGS.

IRA NORTH

Ira North is a native of Tennessee, educated at David Lipscomb College, Abilene Christian College, University of Illinois, and Louisiana State University. Holds a Ph.D in Speech.

Former Professor of Speech and Bible at David Lipscomb College - Author of the book, You Can March For the Master. Has weekly column in Gospel Advocate and on staff of 20th Century Christian.

Has preached for 22 years for Madison church of Christ in Madison, Tennessee which has grown to be the largest church of Christ in the world, and has record Bible School attendance of 6,183. Christian Life Magazine ranked Madison church of Christ ninth in the nation in Sunday school attendance.

Brother North has served for several years on Metropolitan Welfare Commission of greater Nashville, named recently "Man of the Year" by East Nashville Exchange Club and is nationally known for the weekly live telecast of the Amazing Grace Bible Class. The program is taped live, and in color each week from the Madison church of Christ and has been seen and heard on 130 radio and TV Stations throughout the world, including the Armed Forces Network.

Most important of all - he is a dedicated Christian who loves the Lord and His Church.

GHS

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THANK YOU NOTES

We would like to thank the church for the beautiful carnation spray sent to the funeral of our beloved brother, Thurman Clements. Also thank brother and sister Stephenson for the comforting visit and prayer, and our friend Leora Tate for the delicious cake and the visit, and to all who sent cards. Thank you one and all.

Homer and Lerah Williamson

Thank you and may God above bless you with His Holy love for remembering us when we needed you most.

Gilbert and Lorene Venable

SERMONS, Sunday September 29

By George H. Stephenson
a. m. Christian Growth
p. m. Does the Bible Contradict
Itself?

IRA NORTH'S SPECIAL LESSON
FOR WOMEN

Ira North will be speaking on Tuesday morning, October 8, at ten o'clock. He will deliver his famous sermon, "If I Were A Woman." We hope that women from this area will be present in large numbers to hear this address. Of course, men will be welcome too. The regular women's class on Wednesday morning will not meet on October 9, but everyone is urged to come on Tuesday morning, October 8 instead.

FUNERALS

Funeral services for Bob Williamson, brother-in-law of Foy O'Neal, were held Thursday in Cincinnati, Ohio. Foy attended the funeral.

Mr. James Walter Cheek, brother of Mrs. R. M. Mayo, was buried on Saturday of last week in Ennis, Texas.

Services were conducted Tuesday in Texarkana for Mrs. Beatrice Peavy, sister of Charles Graf.

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

Mrs. Mike Warner to Speak for Women

All of the women of the church are urged to attend the women's class on this coming Wednesday, October 2 to hear a lesson presented by Mrs. Mike (Barbara) Warner. Barbara is the regular teacher for the women's class of the Northwest church where her husband, Mike, is doing a fine work as the preacher. We know that Barbara will have a lesson which the women will want to hear. GHS

NEW BOOKS

The following books are new in our church library and are available for your use.

Speaking for the Master by Baxter
Elect in the Son by Shank
Teacher and Child by Ginott
We Be Brethren by Thomas
The Last Things by West
The Hazard of the Die by Wilburn
Dictionary of Bible Manners and Customs by Van Deursen
Commentary on Hebrews by Coffman
Spiritual Power by Thomas
New Testament History by Wartick
Bible Study of Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon by Fields
Moral and Spiritual Aspects of Baptism by Alysworth
The Spreading Kingdom by Lemmons
Seeds of the Kingdom by Gurganus

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Jim Willis is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Olie Cooper is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Carl Sims, Mrs. Mary Sims' son, is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Ernest Pickle is in Medical Center Hospital for tests.

Bryan Chambless, young son of Sharon and Rocky Chambless, was in Medical Center this week for tests.

Mrs. Linda Magee underwent surgery last week in Medical Center.

Mrs. Georgia Lee has been moved from ICU to a room in Mother Frances Hospital.

PROCRASTINATION

He was going to be all that a mortal should be - tomorrow!
No one would be kinder or braver than he - tomorrow!
A friend who was troubled and weary he knew,
Who'd be glad of a lift, and who needed it, too;
On Him he would call and see what he could do - tomorrow!
Each morning he would stack up the letters he'd write - tomorrow,
And thought of the folks he would fill with delight - tomorrow!
It was too bad, indeed, he was too busy today,
And hadn't a minute to stop on the way
More time he would give to others, he'd say - tomorrow!
The greatest of workers this man would have been - tomorrow!
The world would have known him, had he ever seen - tomorrow.
But the fact is he died, and faded from view,
And all that was left here when living was through
Was a mountain of things he intended to do - Tomorrow!

OUR FRIDAY SCHOOL was shown briefly as a news item on television station KLTV, Friday afternoon during the six o'clock news. We appreciate the news coverage of our program for these pre-school children.

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday, October, 1, 7:30 p. m. at the home of Bud and Louise Caskey.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

After spending two Sundays away from home on Vacation it was good to be back in the pulpit at West Erwin on the past Sunday and to see the large numbers present both Sunday morning and Sunday night.

We had many wonderful experiences and saw many interesting places on our vacation which was spent for the most part in the state of Colorado. The most enjoyable experiences of all came to us when we met for worship with Christians in other places. We were delighted to meet many people we had known in the past in the two congregations we visited in Denver. These congregations were the Dahlia Street (formerly Park Hill) and the Lakewood congregations. We found both of these congregations to be very enthusiastic about their work for the Lord. We were received very cordially and our spirits were refreshed by the hospitality shown us. On the second Sunday of our vacation we were back in Texas and we had the privilege of visiting with long time friends in Wichita Falls. When we arrived for Bible classes on Sunday morning I was asked to preach. I gladly accepted the invitation. How thrilling it was to stand in the pulpit of the beautiful building at Tenth and Broad Streets and preach where I preached years ago. Lynn Rhodes, a fine young man, is now doing an effective work as the local evangelist at Tenth and Broad.

We were truly glad to spend a few days in the area of Basalt, Colorado where we are supporting Charles Miles and his family in the work for the Lord. We enjoyed getting to worship at Basalt on a Wednesday evening. Charles and his co-worker, Gordon Lindley, are very dedicated Christians. We were impressed with the members in the Basalt congregation. They love one another and are zealous for the Cause of Christ. They have a very comfortable and well arranged meeting house which they built largely with their own hands. The church serves several towns and communities including Basalt, Carbondale, Aspen, and Redstone. We were treated royally by Charles Miles and the other Christians there. Let us continue to pray for this work as well as the other places we are assisting. GHS

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, September 22 - by George H. Stephenson
A. M. The Raising of Lazarus P. M. What About the Millennium?

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Prayer Don Chaffin
Dismiss David Grier

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September 15.. \$2,555.02 443
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A Year Ago... \$2,208.23 442

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Brethren,

Your visits, cards and prayers extended during my recent illness were greatly appreciated. These helped to make my hospital stay much brighter and my convalescence at home more enjoyable. In Christian love,

F. A. Jones & Family

The Roberson families thank you for all the phone calls, cards, and prayers for Greg Roberson.

FUNERAL SERVICES were conducted in Marshall last week for Thurman Clemments, brother of sister H. C. Williamson. We express our sympathy to the family.

Brother Leonard Gray from West Monroe, La. will be speaking each evening, September 24 - October 4 at the Frankston church of Christ.

KIETH MITCHELL IS COMING

We look forward to having Kieth Mitchell of New York City present with us this coming week. He will speak three times, Wednesday morning, Wednesday evening and Thursday evening. You should receive a letter written by Kieth explaining the topics he plans to discuss. He will inspire all of us to be more evangelistic. GHS

NEW BUS

For some time several of us have been working toward purchasing a new bus. We have been working through Ronald Knight in Manassas, Virginia who owns the International dealership there. Through his "appreciation for what the Tyler church has done for the Manassas church," he is letting us have the bus at his cost, plus he plans to deliver it to us. Of course, there is the point of us paying for it. We have talked to several parents and other interested people and with great response. This bus is larger than our present one and will be air-conditioned for more comfort. The seats are to be arranged so adults will be more comfortable and will have a desire to attend more programs as a group. There is a great deal of potential in its use. Your contributions can be given to any of the elders or Louis E. Jones. HH

TUESDAY EVENING, September 24, will be a work night for all who will help in the Teacher's work room, supply room, etc., 7 o'clock.

LOST BOOKS

An inventory has been completed of our Library by the McCartys. After their work was done and other checks made they have found eight (8) books missing. If you have failed to return any of the following books, please do so as soon as you have completed your use of them. The books that are missing are:

- Analytical Concordance to The Bible
- Commentary on the Epistles, Vol. III
- Holy Spirit
- Your God Is Too Small
- Object Talks for Special Occasions
- Psychology of Early Adolescence
- Churches of Today in the Light of the Scriptures.

We encourage you to continue to use our Library as you study. HH

IRA NORTH HERE OCTOBER 7, 8

Two great days are in store for us when Ira North, the dynamic preacher from Madison, Tennessee, will be at West Erwin to speak on October 7 and 8. Brother North preaches for the largest congregation among churches of Christ in America. The theme of the meeting will be "Building the Local Church." Topics to be discussed include:

- Monday, October 7
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OCTOBER 6 IS A SPECIAL DAY!

FRIDAY SCHOOL began with an excitement only generated by children and good teachers. Even with rain as a hindrance most of the 71 registered were here. And even though we could not have a school without children, the teachers are the successful ingredient. These ladies are to be held in high esteem for their willingness to perform this work on a voluntary basis. Elaine Roberson is coordinating this program and the teachers are: Two Years Old

- Barbara Mankin Tawana Stewart
- Debbie Dobbs Fleta Butler
- Three Years Old
- Edith Porter Judy Walker
- Gail Ford Joyce Willis
- Janell Fletcher Pat Williams
- Four Years Old

Maxine Freeman
Other helpers are: Sharen Chambless, Audeen Thedford and Sher Sevier, along with our two secretaries who have spent a lot of time with registration and other preparations. We appreciate all these women. HH

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Zora Lunceford is in ICU at Medical Center Hospital.
Mrs. Bernice Majors underwent surgery in Medical Center Tuesday.
Kathy Tucker, daughter of Clara Sims had surgery in Glenwood Hospital.
Bonnie Williamson is in the Leisure Lodge Nursing Home, Room 82.
Mrs. Georgia Lee is a patient in ICU in Mother Frances Hospital.
Gilbert Venable is improving in Baylor Hospital in Dallas following heart surgery.

SPECIAL EFFORT

Brother Kieth Mitchell will be here to speak for us on "Motivation to Evangelism," September 25-26. The West Erwin church is helping to support the ministry of brother Mitchell in the International Mission in the Five World Trade Center, New York City. This work involves telling the story of Jesus to many people from other lands in New York City everyday. Brother Mitchell will speak Wednesday morning, Wednesday evening, and Thursday evening.

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EDUCATION PROGRAM

Many of us are working together to make our education program one that will be growing continually. Hour after hour is being put in by coordinators, teachers and other workers to improve our workroom, supply room, art department, teacher recruitment and training. If you have not been part of some of these activities, don't be surprised if you are contacted. Our coordinators will be contacting you to learn of your desires and where you want to work. Some changes have been made recently in our coordinators. They are:

Nursery	Jeanine Hughes
Pre-School	Clay Kirby
Primary	Margret Montgomery
Junior	Jan Knight
High School	Joe McBee
Adult	Hillard Hughes

These people will be having regular departmental meetings with the intentions of building a bigger and stronger education program. Winning souls and teaching children are the two most important things a church can do. We have some people with great abilities and we want to use you. God blesses a working, alive, and loving church. HH

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REMEMBER to bring non-perishable food to re-stock our pantry. We need to have food available when the need arises.

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday, September 17, 7 o'clock at the home of Kitty and Johnny Owings.

October 6 will be promotion day and a special day for all junior high

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more on this!

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Prayer..... Odell Malone
Dismiss..... DeRay Bennett

FUNERALS

Sister Troy Ginn's sister was buried in Palestine last Saturday.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday for the grandmother of sister Harvey Grier.

We express our sympathy to each family.

THE BOLES HOME grocery truck has changed their schedule and will not be in our area until the week of October 28th.

The Ladies Bible Class will have its first meeting, Wednesday, September 18. Meet in the Chapel at ten o'clock. We hope all, who do not work away from home, will plan to attend.

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September 8.. \$2,713.09378
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Year Ago..... \$2,427.13414

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, September 15 - by George H. Stephenson
A. M. Christ's Teaching About Marriage P. M. The Battle of Armageddon

RESPONSES

Mr. and Mrs. Don (Kaye) Chaffin, 212 Ridgecrest, phone 593-7008, came Sunday to place membership. They formerly lived in Lubbock, Texas. They have a young son, Kim, 5 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob (Cheryl) Greenwalt and son, Robert, came Sunday to place membership. Their address is 202 West Shaw, phone 597-8257. Robert is 9 years old and in the 4th grade. They also have two younger children, Michael, 5 years, and Jeanne, 3 years. They formerly worshipped with the College Ave. church in Medina, Texas.

We are very happy to welcome these fine families to West Erwin.

For Prayer

Naomi McKeever	Elaine Roberson
Modena Jones	Mary Gaiser
Johnnie Stringer	Dick Higginbotham
Barbara Montandon	Sue Higginbotham
Carolyn Womack	Carolyn Kniffen
Fleta Butler	Pauline Fuller
Jane Jones	Marian Rowe
Wanda Whitworth	Laurie Rowe
Betty Hubbard	Nona Freeman

THANK YOU NOTE

Thank you so much for the pot of blooming chrysanthemums you sent me - each bloom carries a message of love and understanding. My church family means much to me; you help me to "keep on, keeping on."

Mrs. Myrtle Ginn

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Krewall
and
Mrs. Joyce Smith
request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their children
Jacqueline Denise
and
Scotty Wade Smith
on Saturday, September twenty-first
Nineteen hundred and seventy-four
at seven o'clock in the evening
at Heburn Baptist Church
Tyler, Texas
Reception following ceremony

RECORD ENROLLMENT

With our Friday School beginning only its third year, we are elated at the response. Our first year saw an enrollment of 19 which was probably a good way to start a new program. This year, however, we have reached an enrollment of 72 with ten teachers on a regular basis. There have been several volunteering to help if needed. Elaine Roberson has done an exceptional job of coordinating this program. She will be working with the teachers and also planning any other activities during this weekly program of work. We cannot let an opportunity pass to thank her and the teachers and helpers for their efforts in guiding these young lives. I know their lives will be blessed by our Lord.

David Grier and Miss Teresa Hanna were married September 5th. Their address is 210 So. Boone.

THE SICK

Brother Gilbert Venable, formerly of this congregation, will undergo heart surgery Thursday in Baylor Hospital in Dallas. They have asked that we remember him in our prayers.

Sister Mary Sims' son, Carl Sims, is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Bob and Bobbie Rushing and family want you to know how much they appreciate being remembered by the cards from so many at West Erwin during their recovery recently from an automobile accident. Bobbie is in the hospital again but hopes to return home in a few days. They ask that you continue to remember them in your prayers.

Brother A. A. Brett is in Medical Center Hospital.

IN APPRECIATION

Your many calls, cards, words of comfort and encouragement, the food, flowers, and all of your concern will be remembered and appreciated by us all the days of our lives. May God bless each of you. You helped so much in the loss of our dear mother, Mrs. Ida Trest. Bessie and Jim Willis

The Horizons, a college age group of singers will present a devotional program of popular religious music on Monday evening, September 16, 7 o'clock.

REMEMBER

October 7 - 8, Ira North

"And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends..." (Job 42:10).

HOW TO BLESS YOURSELF

How do you react when someone mistreats you? Do you fume and fuss? mark them off of your list? heap ridicule and scorn upon them? Or, do you retreat into resentment and ill-will? Just how do you handle it?

Job suffered at the hands of his friends. Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar made all kinds of unfounded accusations. But they soon learned that you can't injure your fellow man without touching God. God said to Eliphaz: "My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends; for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has." Eliphaz had been the ringleader in the attack made upon Job, so God addressed him. He learned first hand that it's not a light thing to despise, reproach, or judge harshly a brother.

But if one so sins, how does he get right again? God demanded of these three that they go to Job, and beg him to offer their sacrifices. Then, "my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly." Satisfaction must first be made for the wrong done, and then it is time to pray. God would not be reconciled to those that offended Job until things were right once again between them. A man can't be right with God, and at odds with his brother. But once prayer followed penitence, forgiveness came in the wake.

There was a blessing for those who sinned. They were forgiven! But there was also a blessing for the one who was sinned against. The scripture says, "And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job, when he had prayed for his friends." The tide turned when Job forgave men their trespasses and prayed for them. In seeking mercy for others, he found it for himself.

Bless yourself! Forgive your enemy and pray for him. It's the best thing you can do.

John Gipson
Little Rock, Arkansas

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Hillard Hughes

A. M. Yesterday Was Good

P. M. Stand In Your Place

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

The family of L. W. Woolverton acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Thank you so much for the calls, cards and visits during my recent illness and recovery. It is good to be remembered by Christian friends.

In Christian love,
Marie Skeeters

(Sister Skeeters is now at her home).

BUSINESS MEETING, Sunday afternoon for all men of the congregation, 1:30 p. m. in the Chapel.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

Recently we mentioned that our library is under the supervision of the McCartys. They have begun their work with the enthusiasm that we knew they would. This library is basically used by adults for their study. However, there is another library that does as much good and is for our children. This facility is located in room 212 and it is growing in usefulness. Virginia Demic has put in many long hours developing books and materials that youngsters can use. She spends time decorating the room so as to be appealing and this also takes a considerable amount of time. We appreciate Virginia very much. If you have children's books that you care to donate, would you put them in room 212 or see Virginia.

HH

Someone gave me a smile today,

I tried my best to give it away

To everyone I chanced to meet

As I was going along the street.

But everyone that I could see

Would give my smile right back to me.

When I got home, besides one smile,

I had enough to reach a mile.

THE GROCERY TRUCK from Boles Home will be here sometime during the week of September 16 - 21. A list of needed items is posted in the south foyer.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Milburn Cook home, 215 Vicksburg.

"Grudgitis" ... Killer Disease!

A grizzly bear lumbered into a clearing where garbage had been dumped. Tourist noticed that there was only one animal the grizzly would permit to eat with him... a skunk. Doubtless he resented the skunk's brazen impudence. He could have easily won a fight with the two-tone intruder. But he didn't. WHY? Because he knew the high cost of getting even.

Smart grizzly. Much smarter than the thousands of humans who spend weary days and sleepless nights brooding over resentments and inventing ways to "get-even." Dr. S. I. McMillen says that a disordered emotional life is a frequent cause of ulcerative colitis, toxic goiters, high blood pressure and scores of other diseases. If the truth were revealed thousands of death certificates would record that the victims died of "grudgitis."

Scoffers have ridiculed the advice of Jesus, "Love your enemies." Impractical. Idealistic. Absurd. Now psychiatrists are recommending it is a panacea for many of man's ills. When the Great Physician said, "Forgive," he prescribed good medicine, not only for our souls, but for our bodies too.

The moment I start hating a man, I become his slave. He controls my thoughts. He hounds me wherever I go. So, the Good Book advises, "... off with anger, rage, malice, slander... be clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and good temper - forbear and forgive each other..." (Col. 3: 3, 12, Moffatt)

- Joe R. Barnett

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

There will be a new study for ladies beginning Wednesday, September 11. This study will be over the book of Psalms with an approach different than usual. Any ladies wanting to know more are asked to meet in room 105 after our devotional period next Wednesday evening. Sister Marian Rowe will be working with one or two other ladies teaching these periods of Bible study.

HH

FROM CAMPUS CHRISTIAN CENTER
Attention: College Age Young People!

The Campus Christian Center will host a Special Supper and Devotional on Monday, September 9th. All college age young people are invited regardless of whether they are in college or not. The supper will start at 6 p.m. Then, at 7 p.m. a special devotional of singing, prayer and fellowship activities will begin. Come be a part of the group.

OUR PANTRY

We have been able to help several families recently with food. Our pantry is now empty. We need to restock with non-perishable foods as soon as possible.

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* Special Meetings *
* September 25-26, Kieth Mitchell *
* October 7-8, Ira North *

WORSHIP OR ENTERTAINMENT

In our point in time, we have developed a ravenous craving for entertainment. In fact, a great part of every dollar made today is spent directly or indirectly to satisfy this consuming appetite. There are some ever-increasing dangers that are confronting the church because the members are bringing these appetites into the assemblies. It can be seen in the desire to criticize and the seeking of innovations in worship.

Worship is not entertainment. To worship is to do something quite different from going to a play or show to be entertained. The primary difference is that the worshipper is the actor and God is the audience. Those taking public parts in the worship service are only the prompters, encouraging the worship processes to be engaged in by each attendant. They are simply standing alongside of each worshipper, reminding and suggesting. Worship is not for the "clergy," not for only an ordained few, but it is inter-action that takes place between the worshipper and God. This comes from the heart and soul of the participant.

We have, because of our craze for entertainment, started viewing worship as ritual. Something done for our benefit, instead of something we engage in because of our love and devotion to God, our Creator. This, of course, accounts for the lack of steadfastness in the attendance to services, because we haven't placed priority on worship, as true worship. It is only entertainment and that can be done or left off as we have the desire. The lack of attention and the seeming indifference of those present, show unquestionably that we have got to be entertained instead of this being a meaningful meeting between creature and Creator.

As long as we attend "church," instead of being dependent worshippers that are blessed with an opportunity to praise and adore the God of the universe, the Lord of life, the services will be dull and uninteresting and innovations bordering on sensationalism will be needed to pump some life into this boring "hour." When we, on the other hand, come reverently to His word to discover the prescribed acts that the Father allows as worship and then enter into them with our whole being, then life and power will again be present within us and also the church.

...Jerry Yarbrough

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OCTOBER 6 IS A SPECIAL DAY!

RESPONSES

Membership: We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Don (Mary Jo) Crowder, 4709 Chad, phone 561-4501. Their daughter Anne, a ninth grade student is also a member of the church. They recently worshipped in Singapore, but before that lived in Midland, Texas. They have three younger children, Barry 11, Don 10, and Susan 2. We are very happy to welcome this fine family to West Erwin and to Tyler.

Restored: Bruce Jones

Sermons For Sunday, September 1

By Hillard Hughes
A. M. "What Is The Good News?"
P. M. "Our Relationship With The Lord." OCTOBER 6 IS A SPECIAL DAY!

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted in Gilmer on Monday for an aunt of Mrs. H. C. Williamson.

The funeral service for Mrs. Ida Alma Trest, mother of Mrs. Jim Willis, was held on Saturday.

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

THE SICK

Weldon Keith underwent surgery Monday afternoon in Mother Frances Hospital.

Bonnie Williamson is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

F. A. Jones returned home last Saturday from the hospital in Dallas.

Margie Mitchell, young daughter of the Kieth Mitchells in New York, underwent surgery Monday.

Greg Roberson, 4 year old son of the Jerry Robersons, underwent heart surgery Tuesday in Children's Medical Center in Dallas. He will be in ICU until Friday. He is getting along well.

Mrs. Hattie Murphy from Big Sandy is in Medical Center Hospital.

PARENTS REMEMBER an important meeting Sunday evening at 5 o'clock. Your presence will mean a lot to our plans for the coming year's youth activities. This meeting is to include parents with children from the first grade through High School. HH

JAY LOCKHART IN TV MEETING

Jay Lockhart of Tulsa, Oklahoma is scheduled to preach in a series of sermons on KLTV, Channel 7, Tyler for four nights, Wednesday through Saturday, September 4 - 7. The sermons will be delivered at 6:30 p. m. each day immediately following the news.

Brother Lockhart is well known in Tyler, having served as the capable evangelist for the Glenwood church for a number of years. While living in Tyler he conducted a regular television program which had a large viewing audience.

This special meeting on television is being sponsored by the Omen Road church of our city. We hope that the members at West Erwin will take advantage of this opportunity to listen to the preaching of the gospel and to encourage their friends to listen also.

GHS

ZONE 1 will meet at 7:30 Tuesday evening, September 3, at the home of Mary Ruth and Cullen Gilliam.

SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGN IN MALAYSIA

A great Campaign for Christ was recently conducted in Klang, Malaysia under the oversight of the church in Lake Jackson. A number from Lake Jackson participated in the campaign including Gary Montgomery, their preacher. David Ingram of Daingerfield also helped in the campaign.

The campaign proved to be very, very successful with large attendance and very fine interest. A total of 90 responded in a public way to the Lord's invitation, including 46 who were baptized into Christ.

We are thankful that the cause of Christ is growing in Malaysia. The West Erwin church helped in the support of a man in Kuala Lumpar, Malaysia for a period of time. GHS

EAST TEXAS FAIR

In just three weeks the city of Tyler will be very active with people attending the East Texas Fair. Again this year we will be manning a booth each day. Last year we had very good response to our Bible Correspondence courses that were offered. This year we are hoping for even greater response since we will have a much larger location. Our booth will be located in the Agriculture Building. You might be contacted to help in this effort. The dates are September 23-28. HH

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER THE first two Sundays in September:

Bill Butler, Jr.	Mack Bynum
Roy Driggers	Wayne Terry
Travis Fletcher	O'Neal Tuel
Bruce Raley	W. O. Rushing
Stafford Franklin	Steve Higginbotham

Special Meetings

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial. . .

Ten Rules For Improving Attitudes Within The Church

1. Remind yourself over and over again that you are not perfect, therefore you would not fit into a congregation of perfect people, if such a congregation existed.
2. Instead of picking out the worldly, denominational, hypocritical members of the church to point to, pick out the sincere, dedicated spiritual members and thank God for them. You will find whichever you look for.
3. If you are old, treat the young with the consideration you desired as a young person. If you are young, treat the old with the respect you will want when you grow old.
4. When you are tempted to criticize the Bible teachers and other church leaders, pray earnestly for them first. This can not only have an effect upon them, but it will do wonders for your own attitude.
5. When you see work being neglected, instead of being critical, roll up your sleeves and get to work.
6. Never, NEVER blame others for your own failures. Every individual CAN be faithful to God in spite of the bad examples and discouraging attitudes of others, if he is determined to be.
7. Remind yourself every day that the only way you can improve the world and the church is to begin with YOURSELF! Make self-improvement a daily goal for yourself.
8. Conscientiously look for the good qualities in every brother and sister in Christ. When you think of a particular brother and sister, make a quick mental note of the good qualities you have found in him/her.
9. Constantly strive to increase your circle of loved ones (those which you associate with) in the church.
10. The church has an abundance of problems, etc. Constantly ask yourself, "Am I a part of the problem or the solution? Or am I trying to be merely a critical spectator?"

Be Honest With Your Answers!

...Joe Keener

(Please read carefully. The practice of these rules will help any church.)

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DismissCarroll Magee

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OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted last Saturday for the mother of Henry McRuiz. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

The Ladies' Bible Class will have its first meeting of this season on Wednesday, September 18. We hope that the women of the congregation will be planning to attend each Wednesday morning at ten o'clock when the class meets in the Chapel.

GHS

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Here Am I, Send Me
P. M. When Peter Saw the Wind

THANK YOU NOTES

The prayers, cards, flowers and visits were so appreciated during my stay in the hospital. Thank you and may God bless you.

Mrs. Ralph Lowrance

We wish to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the prayers, visits, cards and the food during the illness and death of our dear mother.

In Christian love,
The Family of Henry McRuiz

ABOUT THE SICK

Brother F. A. Jones remains a patient in Baylor Hospital in Dallas. He has been moved from ICU to a room. We are thankful he is improving.

Sister Sims' son, Carl Sims, will enter the hospital in Houston this week for possible heart surgery.

We were glad that brother Metcalf was able to be here for worship Sunday. We regret that he has been unable to teach his class.

Foy and Margie O'Neal's young grandson, Timmie, underwent surgery Tuesday in Oklahoma.

"One who sins only a very little may be much more dangerous to others than one who sins a great deal. A clock that is 5 min. slow is much more misleading than one that is five hours wrong."

BIBLE COURSES AT TJC

We would like to encourage the young people who plan to attend Tyler Junior College to take advantage of the opportunities afforded at the Campus Christian Center for Bible Study and Christian association. Larry Heath, director of the Bible Chair, announces the following courses of study for the Fall Semester.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
213 - Life and Teachings of Christ
(also called: Philosophy of Religion I)
8:00 - 8:50 a. m. & 11:00 - 11:30 a. m.

Tuesday, Thursday
113 - Old Testament Survey - (History of Judaism) - 11:15 - 12:30 a. m.

Thursday Nights
113 - Old Testament Survey - (History of Judaism) 7:00 - 9:30 p. m.

THE BOLES HOME GROCERY

truck will be here the week of September 16 - 21. The following is a list of items needed by the home. However, they will be glad to use whatever can be supplied.

Towels (paper), Toilet Tissue, Table napkins, Facial tissue, Toilet soap (all brands), Hair shampoo, Tooth paste (Colgate, Crest, Gleem), Cream or Roll-on Deodorant, Razors and razorblades, Scouring powders (Ajax, Comet, Bonami), Laundry bleach, Steel wool scouring pads, Juices and fruit flavored drinks (all flavors), canned fruits, canned vegetables, Lipton Instant tea, Spices (all kinds),

Syrup (Karo-white and brown, Griffin, Blackburn), Jellies and preserves, Honey, Peanut butter, Shortening (Crisco, Snowdrift, Mazola), Cooking Oil (Crisco, Wesson, Mazola), Sugar (granulated, powdered), Nestles Quick, Hershey's chocolate syrup, Pickles, Salad Dressing, Catsup, Barbecue sauce, Aluminum foil.

"The Wrong Church"

A minister was approached by a man who wanted to become a member of the congregation. This man said however, that he was too busy to do anything for Christ. "I can't attend worship services very often," he said. "Also, I don't want to be called on to serve in any capacity such as personal work, Bible school, etc. I'm just too busy for all that!" The minister thought for a moment and then replied, "I believe you're at the wrong church. The church you want is three blocks down the street." A short time later, having followed the preacher's directions, the man stood in front of an abandoned boarded-up, closed church building which was dead and gone out of business!

... Copied

THE PREACHER IS EXPECTED TO be prepared to preach a funeral at any time; What many people object to is when he tries to help them prepare for the funeral.

"Let brotherly love continue." (Hebrews 13: 1)

A genuine love for our brethren will cause us to believe the best about them. Love "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things" (I Corinthians 13:7). While we do not need to be credulous, yet we should not be known as a suspicious people, especially where our brethren are concerned. Without proper investigation and without going to the individual to determine if we may help him if he is in error, we sometimes seem to delight in spreading ugly rumors and slander about him. How often we have heard it said, "where there is smoke, there must be a fire." And so we think we have evidence to show that someone is guilty of wrong doing when we may not know all the facts. Things are not always what they seem to be. No doubt there was "smoke" when a wicked woman falsely accused Joseph, but he was not guilty of any wrong. False accusations were brought against one of the greatest Christians of all time, the apostle Paul. And even our Lord suffered the false charges and accusations brought against him. If we loved one another as we should we would follow the advice of the poem:

If you are tempted to reveal
A tale to you someone has told
About another, make it pass
Before you speak, three gates of gold;
These narrow gates. First, "Is it true?"
Then, "Is it needful?" In your mind
Give truthful answer. And the next
Is last and narrowest, "Is it kind?"
And if to reach your lips at last
It passes through these gateways three,
Then you may tell the tale, nor fear
What the result of speech may be.

Love will prompt us to "bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ"(Galatians 6:2). The love of God in our hearts will fill us with love for others. As we gather for worship on the Lord's Day and gather around the Table of His love, our minds should be filled with "love divine" that causes us to be lost "in wonder, love and praise." This should cause the resentments, the unkind words, and evil thoughts of our minds to vanish away. GHS

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Dismiss..... Kevin Womack

RESPONSES

For Prayer: Donnie O'Bannon and Dawn Knowles.

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Barbara) Mankin, 1136 E. Houston, Apt. 59, phone 593-3640. Steve and Barbara formerly worshipped with the Wilshire church of Christ in Oklahoma City. He is employed at K.L.T.V. We welcome this fine young couple to Tyler and West Erwin.

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday evening, 7 p.m. at the home of George and Alice Stephenson.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George Stephenson
A. M. The Three R's
P. M. From Whence Cometh My Help?

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IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother F. A. Jones is still in the ICU of Baylor Hospital in Dallas, but hopes to be in a room soon. You may send him a card in care of Cardiac Care, Room 4500.

Sister Marie Skeeters will leave the hospital on Friday and will be staying with her daughter for a while.

Bob and Bobbie Rushing, formerly of this congregation, were in an automobile accident recently in Irving, Texas. Bobbie suffered several injuries and has been in ICU; however she was scheduled to go home the first of this week. If you would like to send them a card their address is: 1614 Choteau Circle, Grapevine, Texas 76051.

LAST CALL

Because of the great increase in the cost of paper for the West Erwin Visitor, we are revising our mailing list. We want everyone who enjoys the Visitor to continue receiving it; however, we need to hear from you if you would like to remain on the mailing list. Please fill out the form below and mail it to us promptly. We appreciate the thoughtfulness and kind remarks from those we have heard from.

Name _____
Address _____
_____ zip _____

(This does not apply to West Erwin members)

FRIDAY SCHOOL TIME

Again this year big plans are being made for another good Friday school. This will be our third year and we anticipate another increase in our enrollment. If you have children, 2, 3, or 4 years of age you should enroll them for this activity each Friday morning. The classes begin, Friday September 13, and we do limit each class to 15. IF YOU CAN HELP US IN ANY AREA WE NEED YOU. . .

COLLEGE STUDENTS

Speaking of school, many of our young people are leaving soon for college. I know we'll miss them here, but I believe their higher education is important. Those planning to attend Abilene Christian College are: Kim Smith, Mark Whitworth, David Fuller and Peggy Paul. Julia Phillips and Marie Wylie are returning to ACC. Kenny Browning, Dawn Knowles, and Ken Jones will be entering Lubbock Christian College. Edwin Pickle and Brenda Lott plan to enroll in Texas A & M. Dwain Strait returns to Texas Tech and Becky Young is remaining at David Lipscomb. Most of our other graduates plan to enter Tyler Junior College.

YOUNG TEACHERS

Last Sunday Suzanne Kirby and Trent Gayle gave a Puppet show for the five year old class. The lesson taught in the program was on sharing.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brethren:

Please accept our thanks and gratitude for your faithfulness in assisting in the support for the Fords these past four years. These years have gone swiftly, but have been years of growth and progress in the church at Hastings.

We feel the time has come for the church to be self-supporting. We feel the church will arise to this challenge and continue to grow, so we can reach out to others as you have to us.

We seek your continued prayers and interest in the work here at Hastings. Our prayer will be that God will continue to bless you and his church at 420 West Erwin St. and the church here to greater service. We remain,

Your brethren in Christ
(signed by the men of the church)
Hastings, Nebraska

Dear Brethren,

Just a note to let you know we made the move back to Hot Springs just fine. It was truly a blessing to have been able to worship with you all, even if the time was short.

Henry and Linda Cook

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday in Arlington for the brother of sister Ed Naul.

Brother Foy Richey's brother-in-law, J. T. Bromley, was killed in a car wreck last Friday. The funeral was in Sulphur Springs.

We extend our deepest sympathy to each family.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Six years have passed since my family and I moved to Tyler and I filled my duties as preacher for the West Erwin congregation. My first sermon as your preacher was delivered on the first Sunday in August of 1968.

I would be most ungrateful if I did not express my appreciation for every kindness which has been shown us during the past six years. You have been very kind and generous to us, and for this we shall ever be grateful.

These years have been filled with many, many changes. There have been changes taking place in the world around us. We have had many changes to take place in our own congregation. Many have moved here, and others have moved away. Many who were active six years ago are now inactive, and some have gone on to their reward. All of us should be aware that we are now six years nearer our eternal destiny than we were. As an indication of some of the changes which have taken place in our congregation, there is only one man who is now serving as an active elder who was an elder when we moved here - R. C. O'Bannon. In the bulletin printed six years ago I wrote "I want each of 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 seem to characterize all who were present last Sunday --- I am aware that it is not so important whether or not the services and work of the church please 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."

These words which I wrote six years ago seem to be very fitting at the present time. I would like to emphasize again the importance of all of us seeking to be pleasing and acceptable in the sight of our heavenly father. All of us must answer eventually for whatever work we have done to our father in heaven as we stand before Him in judgment. Let us hope and pray that each of us will be able to hear the Lord say "Well done, thou good and faithful servant".

I solicit your prayers on our behalf as we continue our work with you as we endeavor to proclaim the wonderful gospel of Jesus Christ. There seems to be a spirit of optimism and enthusiasm among the members of the church at this time. This has been a good summer for us. The decision of Hillard Hughes to remain as Education Director has been a source of encouragement to the congregation. I feel that there is no limit to the good which we can do in the name of the Lord. I would like to encourage all of us to rededicate our time, our talents, our money, and our lives to the Lord.

GHS

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ZONE MEETING

Zone 2 will meet August 11 at the Elwin Crow home, 7:00 P. M.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to Brother R. C. O'Bannon in the loss of his niece this past week in the tragedy at the Huntsville Prison. Services were held in Huntsville on Monday.

ATTENTION: YOUNG PEOPLE

Remember the Area-Wide Meeting for Young People will be at the Northwest Church of Christ Tuesday, 7:30. All are invited to attend. ? I P T A ?

BUSINESS MEETING

The regular monthly business meeting is at 1:30 this Sunday in the chapel. All the men are urged to be present.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Mrs. Ivah Miller, the mother of Alice Stephenson, will be observing her eighty-sixth birthday on this Saturday, August 10. Sister Miller is loved and respected by her many friends here and elsewhere. She is spending the summer in Collinsville. If you would like to send her a card, her address is Box 43, Collinsville, Texas 76233.

SICK

F. A. Jones will undergo heart surgery in Dallas this week. Mrs. Marie Skeeters is in Glenwood Hospital after having had surgery. Mrs. Ralph Lowrance is in Medical Center Hospital.

THANK YOU

My sincere appreciation for the many kindnesses shown at the time of sorrow in the loss of my father. For the beautiful flowers, food, cards, visits, calls, prayers and other expressions of sympathy extended. May God bless each of you. Maxine Freeman

SMILE POWER

A Smile Can. . . .
Lift a sad heart.
Stop a harsh word.
Soothe a baby's cry.
Banish a child's fears.
Start a friendship.
Light up a face pretty.
Make an apology easier.
Do loads of work for our Lord.

A GOOD WORK

The library is one of the most useful tools a church can provide. It is something which all of the members have access. It is provided for teachers to prepare better lessons or for private study of any member. However, often times the library becomes some room that we avoid because we are unaware of its usefulness. We have an excellent facility, good books and accessibility. We have not promoted it properly because of the lack of time of those that care for it. It is a wonderful thing that we have people interested in efforts such as this that are willing to give much time and energy to this good work. Recently, the McCartys have taken the complete oversight of the library. We appreciate them very much for their willingness and the excitement they have already shown. You can begin to look for good things to happen in our library so you will be aware of what's available. Thank you, H. and Eveline!
HH

AREA MEETING

You are invited to hear Leonard Gray in a series of gospel messages at Reese August 11 - August 16, weekdays at 7:30 P. M.

Sermon Topics for Sunday, August 11
10:20 A. M. "Enemies of Christ" by George H. Stephenson
6:00 P. M. "Our Reason to Live" by Hillard Hughes

Important Future Events-Please Note

"Motivation for Evangelism"
Kieth Mitchell, September 24 and 25
"Spiritual Growth and Development"
Ira North, October 7 and 8
Evangelistic Campaign
Reuel Lemmons, November 10 - 13

LET'S BE CONCERNED

The real problem of the church is not that of getting youth to decide for Christ, but of helping middle-age to abide in Him. To become converted is comparatively easy; it may be the work of a moment, but to remain converted is the work of a lifetime. Too many times the problem of turned-off youth is the symptom of a much greater problem: lukewarm middle-age.

It is easy to follow the line of least resistance - to let things go, to shuffle out of a personal responsibility, to give way to spiritless formality - and all this to faint. The promises of God are given to patient continuance in well doing. To yield the soul afresh each day to God, to make every small detail of life a means of fellowship with Him. We owe it to youth to demonstrate that life in Christ consists in ever-new beginnings.

Darrel Rickard
(Copied from 20th Century Christian)

"A beautiful woman is one you notice. A charming woman is one who notices you!"

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial . . .

Dying is Gain

Today I talked to a dear friend I haven't seen for several years. Tears kept trying to well up in my eyes as I beheld his wasting and crippled body. The best available medical opinion has pronounced my friend the victim of an incurable disease. He's dying, I painfully admitted, and he knows it!

It was his great attitude that impressed me even beyond the hurt I felt as we talked quietly together. With difficult speech enunciation he looked at me and said, "Well, everybody has some form of troubling problem and this happens to be mine. I guess I'll live each day as it comes---maybe one month or 30 years---but it really doesn't matter because I belong to the Lord." That statement will be mine to recall for as long as I may live.

Only a person possessing faith in the Lord can ever value this life in such a context. He hasn't trusted in Christ only in this life, I privately mused, remembering the Biblical passage written by the distinguished apostle Paul to early-day Christians in the ancient city of Corinth. In actual fact, we all interact with each other as dying men. Some sense it more realistically than others. What we fail to say to each other during these passing moments of time is that we belong to the Lord regardless of what happens.

Whenever the news comes to me that my friend is gone, the anguish will be tempered by thanksgiving. What I will miss is not lost in Christ. I pray that my end can be like his.

William E. Young
Lakewood Church of Christ
Denver, Colorado

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - AUGUST 4 By George H. Stephenson

A. M. "Playing the Fool"

P. M. "Remember Lot's Wife"

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IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. C. H. Skeeters is in Glenwood Hospital.
Mrs. Jim Willis' mother, Mrs. Trest, remains in Glenwood Hospital.

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted in Hillsboro Monday for an aunt of Thomas White. We extend our sympathy to this family.

YOUTH MEETING

The Area-Wide Meeting for Young People will be at 7:30 Tuesday evening at the Quitman and Center Church in Gladewater. Plan to attend.

ELDERS AND DEACONS MEETING

Remember the monthly Elders and Deacons Meeting, Wyatt's Cafeteria at 7:00 P. M. on August 5.

ZONE MEETING

Zone 1 will meet on August 6 at the Paul Montandon home, 7:30 P. M.

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the many friends for their visits, flowers, and wonderful cards; and a special thanks to Brother and Sister Stephenson for their prayers while in the hospital.

Mrs. A. O. Mayo

A REMINDER

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"Have you ever noticed how much more interesting a book becomes when you know the author? So it is with the Bible. The closer your acquaintance with God, the more meaningful His Book becomes."

Kieth Mitchell Here September 25-26

Kieth Mitchell, who is partially supported by the West Erwin Church in the great work he is doing with the International Mission in New York City, will be here on Wednesday and Thursday, September 25 and 26. He will present lessons on "Motivation for Evangelism".

Brother Mitchell's latest report contains some very interesting and thrilling news. He tells of the conversion of two Koreans. One was taught by two Korean women who are recent converts. The other convert is a Korean father of several children with a lovely wife. It is wonderful to know that converts are being trained to convert others. Brother Mitchell has also baptized two who live in his own community, including a woman his wife met at P. T. A. and a college girl with whom he had studied on Sunday afternoons.

Brother Mitchell's great work in evangelism should qualify him for the work he will have at West Erwin. We look forward to his coming.

"DID IS A WORD of achievement,
WON'T IS A WORD of retreat,
MIGHT IS A WORD of bereavement,
CAN'T IS A WORD of defeat,
OUGHT IS A WORD of duty,
TRY IS A WORD of each hour,
WILL IS A WORD of beauty,
CAN IS A WORD of power."

WHAT ABOUT NEXT YEAR?

Would you make your plans to attend one of the best and most uplifting weeks you can spend. I'm talking about the Teachers Workshop at Abilene Christian College. The activities that are conducted during these four days can cause you to grow and be motivated to greater things in the Lord's kingdom. Last week about twenty from West Erwin attended this workshop and gained so much enthusiasm that our efforts must gain momentum. We were able to attend a varied selection of classes. I hope you will make a mental note of this week during the summer of 1975. We have made reservations for air conditioned rooms which will add to the comfort of the week. A special recognition goes to our own Margaret Montgomery for teaching in the workshop this year. Her class was filled every day with many requesting that she send materials to them from her class. We appreciate her and all our teachers who contribute to our teaching staff here. HH

MOVING

Leaving us this Saturday are the Henry Cooks. They will be moving back to Hot Springs, Arkansas after being here only a short while. This fine young couple are very dedicated to the service of God and showed this by becoming involved here immediately. We will miss them.

THE RISCHER family was scheduled to leave Tyler on Wednesday. They will spend some time in Gainesboro, Tennessee before their return to Austria. Our prayers will go with each one, Rudolf, Christel, Andreas, Martina and Thomas. They have the love of all of us at West Erwin.

JAMES BAIRD RETURNS TO STATES

James O. Baird has returned to the United States from his mission work in the Orient after suffering two angina attacks in Japan. At the present time he is in an Oklahoma City hospital undergoing tests. We hope and pray that his condition will not prove to be too serious and that he will be able to continue his work as an educator and gospel preacher.

Brother Baird was able to complete most of the work he had planned in the Orient. He did not complete two classes and seven public speaking engagements in Japan. He was able to establish contact with some key preachers in Japan and hopes, through correspondence, to encourage them in their work for Christ. Brother Baird stated that he will have a complete report of his work before long. He is grateful for the support he received from West Erwin. GHS

THE AREA WIDE YOUTH MEETING next week will be at the Mobberly Avenue church in Longview, July 30 at 7:30. All are invited.

REPORT FROM BASALT, COLORADO

Gordon Lindley, who is a co-worker with Charles Miles in Basalt, Colorado has sent a very encouraging report of the Lord's work there. Charles Miles, supported by the West Erwin church, arrived on June 27. Since that time there have been four baptisms and one restoration. During the month of June there were seven restorations and one baptism.

The evangelists in Basalt have an extensive bus ministry and an excellent educational program. Brother Lindley says, "We have already been blessed with wonderful doors of opportunity being opened to the church here; we ask your prayers that we might do and say those things that will bring glory to His Kingdom."

Let us continue to pray for this great work. GHS

WORKSHOP AT ACC

Approximately twenty of our Bible School teachers, under the leadership of Hillard Hughes, left on the bus Monday morning to attend the annual Bible Teacher's Workshop at Abilene Christian College. We hope that all of these teachers will be greatly helped and encouraged in their teaching. We appreciate their zeal and their desire to improve their teaching skills. GHS

AREA MEETING - E. C. McKenzie of Canton will preach in a gospel meeting in Big Sandy, 7:45 each evening, July 29 - August 4.

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RESPONSES

Baptized: Sunday Morning Kindall Lee Roberson and Ricky Aven were baptized into Christ. Kendall Lee's father, Roy Roberson, baptized them. The Roberson's older son, Roy Lane, was baptized at Camp Deer Run during the last session.

Mrs. Jack (Zeffie) Beard came forward Sunday evening to be baptized. She was dissatisfied with her previous immersion in her earlier life.

The following came for prayer and to rededicate their lives to Christ.

- Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Metcalf
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Whitworth
Mike Whitworth
Mrs. Earnesene Shuford
Mr. Joe C. Willis
Miss JoEllen Willis
Miss Sue Ann Ferguson
Miss Denise Freeman
Mark Cauthen
Philip Montandon
Rick Higginbotham
Paul Knight

Membership:

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll L. Magee (Cherrie) and their son, Ray, came Sunday morning to be identified with West Erwin. Their address is Rt. 1, Chandler, Texas, phone 849-6467

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Paul (Sue) and their two daughters, Peggy and Jamie, placed membership Sunday evening. Their address is 113 Heritage Drive, phone 597-4414. They formerly worshipped at the Jefferson Street church in Sulphur Springs, Texas.

We are happy to welcome each family as a part of West Erwin.

OUR MEETING in which Truman Spring did the preaching proved to be very successful. The services on Sunday morning and Sunday night proved to be a grand climax to all of our efforts. Brother Spring did some of the most powerful preaching we have been privileged to hear. All of us should be stronger as a result. The church should be in a position to do more for the Lord. GHS

APPRECIATION from the church in MANASSAS, VIRGINIA

We would like to express to you and your fine workers our appreciation for the outstanding service that you rendered to us. Please convey our gratitude to Margret, Clay, Jeanine, Jamon and all of the teenagers for the inspiring lessons that you brought to our teachers and our Vacation Bible School students. I personally believe, if our teachers grow as much as a result of this work shop as some did during the one two years ago, that we can anticipate requesting your services again not too many years hence.

May God give you continued success in your efforts to strengthen the teachers and the teaching of His Word.

Sincerely,
John Tucker
Manassas Church of Christ

OUR GUESTS

Last Lord's Day we were privileged to have many visitors to worship with us. We are grateful for every visitor and extend a cordial invitation for you to return at every opportunity.

BEST WISHES

Miss Cindi McBee and Howard Galletly were married Saturday afternoon at the West Erwin building. They will make their home in Dickinson. We extend best wishes for a long and happy life together.

OUR SYMPATHY is extended to Linda Cook and her family. Her grandmother passed away last Sunday morning in Arkansas.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JULY 28

- By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Great Bible Questions
P. M. Mistakes of "Successful" Men

IF THE SHOE FITS

How easy it is to judge what is right
When we're not the one who's on trial.
The shoes that are worn
By a soul who's forlorn
Must be heavy when walking that mile.
How easy it is for a finger to point
And a tongue to tell every mistake.
The sole of a shoe
Can wear out, it's true,
But the soul of a human can break.
How easy it is for the gossiping tongue
To cut the soul of another.
Be willing to choose
To take stones from the shoes
That have to be worn by a brother.
... Dorothy Hahn

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Last Sunday was a great day for those of us meeting at West Erwin. The building was almost filled at the worship hour. Rudolf Rischer brought us a very interesting and thought provoking lesson concerning the challenges, problems, and opportunities of mission work. I am thankful for the foresight of our elders in bringing the Rischer family to the United States in order that they might know us better and in order that we might know them better. They are a wonderful Christian family and have gained the love and respect of the congregation here. Brother Rischer is scheduled to move to Augsburg, Germany in October and will continue to be supported by the West Erwin church.

Truman Spring began the preaching in our meeting on Sunday night. His first sermon, "Revive Us Again," started the meeting in a fine way. As brother Spring so ably told us, there is such a great need for our spirits to be revived. Brother Spring preaches the gospel with earnestness, power, and persuasion. Everyone has the feeling that he feels very deeply what he says. Let us all work very diligently to make the closing days of this campaign all that God would have them to be.

In addition to the lessons which have been brought by brother Spring to the adults, the children have had a special class each evening under the direction of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes. The children have been receiving instruction adapted to their needs while those who are older are being taught also.

We wish that more of you could have heard the preaching each night. We do appreciate those of you who show your love for the Lord and His Word by your faithful attendance and continued loyalty to the church. GHS

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - JULY 21 By Truman Spring
A. M. "Behold, I Stand and Knock." P. M. "The Devil's Method of Deception."

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RESPONSES

Restored: Nona Freeman and Tom Parsons, Kathy Tucker.

THANK YOU NOTE

Thanks to my Christian friends for the prayers, food, and cards and for one very dear friend who came and helped me. May God bless each one of you. In Christian love,
Mrs. Marvin Jones

LECTURESHIP IN GLADEWATER

The church in Gladewater (Quitman and Center) will have a lectureship on the Holy Spirit next week, Monday - Friday - 7:30 each evening. Brother Stephenson will speak on Thursday evening on "Baptism of the Holy Spirit." A different speaker will speak each evening.

IN THE HOSPITALS

David Demic underwent eye surgery last week in Houston. He is at home and has been able to attend worship. Mrs. Ben Young had surgery last Friday but is now at home. Mrs. Fred Strait is in Medical Center at this writing but may be at home in a day or two. Mrs. Jim Willis' mother, Mrs. Trest, is in Glenwood Hospital. Sister Morene Sant's husband underwent surgery Monday in M. F. Hospital.

MOVING FROM TYLER

George and Jolene Welch and their daughter, Cindy moved to Miami, Florida last Saturday. Also, Gene and Linda Gill and their children recently moved to Shreveport, La. Paul and Deann Ray have moved to Kaufman.

We regret the loss of each family, but hope they will be happy in their new homes.

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

Father in Heaven, make me wise,
So that my gaze may never meet
A question in my children's eyes.
God keep me always kind and sweet,
And patient, too before their need;
Let each vexation know its place,
Let gentleness be all my creed,
Let laughter live upon my face!
A mother's day is very long,
There are so many things to do!
But never let me lose my song
Before the hardest day is through.
- Margaret E. Sangster

MEETING IN BROWNSBORO

Johnny Ramsey will speak in a gospel meeting, July 21 - 26 at 8:00 p. m. each evening at the Highway 31 church of Christ in Brownsboro, Texas. All are invited to attend.

CORRECTIONS

Last week we listed the names and telephone numbers of those in the congregation who have new phone numbers. We need to make two corrections. D. C. Jones 561-2270
Louis E. Jones 561-2818

CONGRATULATIONS

Glynis and Joe Lynch are the happy parents of a baby girl, Stacey Dianne, born Sunday morning in Mother Frances Hospital. Dalton Jones is the proud grandfather.

THE YOUNG PEOPLES' Area Meeting will be Tuesday, July 23, 7:30 p. m. at the Houston and Broadway church in Kilgore.

THE NURSERY for babies up to 2 years is staffed each evening during the meeting and classes for children from 3 years to 3rd grade are provided.

EACH SUNDAY the baby nursery is now staffed and worship training classes are provided for all pre-school children.

MANY GUESTS were present for the worship last Lord's Day. We invite you to return at every opportunity.

A TEACHER SPEAKS

I must not interfere with any child,
I have been told,
To bend his will to mine or try
to shape him in some mould
of thought.
Naturally as a flower he must unfold
Yet flowers have the discipline
of wind and rain
And though I know it gives
the gardener pain,
I've seen him use his pruning shears
to gain
More strength and beauty
for a blossom bright.
And he would do whatever he
thought right
To save his flowers from
a deadening blight.
I do not know, yet it does
seem to me
That only weeds unfold
just naturally.
... Alice Jay Judd

FUNERALS

Funeral services were conducted Saturday in Jacksonville for Mr. Scruggs, father of Mrs. Maxine Freeman.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday in Sulphur Springs for Mrs. Jack Hargrave, sister-in-law to Mrs. Foy Richey.

The Ross Walkers and Mrs. Robert Parris were in Fort Smith, Arkansas Sunday to attend the funeral of a cousin to June and Mildred.

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

BRING YOUR FRIENDS

TO HEAR

THIS GREAT GOSPEL PREACHER



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Baptized: Miss Teresa Hanna, Rt. 2, Box 235 A, was baptized Sunday evening. She has been attending the services here for some time.

Membership: Mrs. Dorothy Lowry, Rt. 3, Box 549, placed membership Sunday, June 30. She formerly worshipped with the church in Troup.

For Prayer: Marie Wylie and Mary Evelyn Grier.

NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you so much for the visits, calls, and cards during my stay in the hospital. Mrs. C. N. Strait

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. (Sermon) Rudolf Rischer
P.M. Revive Us Again
By Truman Spring

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE
and all who can help provide cars.
The young people will be distributing brochures door to door to advertise our meeting with Truman Spring. If you can work, please meet at the building Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Brother Roy Roberson will coordinate this work.

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday in Hico, Texas for Mrs. Segrest, sister of Mrs. Marvin Jones. We extend our sympathy to the family.
Funeral services were conducted for the step-father of Foy Richey in Sulphur Springs two weeks ago. We express our sympathy to the Richeys.

HOUSING FOR TJC STUDENTS

If you have a room or apartment that you have available to rent to a student of TJC, call Larry Heath between the hours of 8:30 and 4:00 at the Campus Christian Center. The dormitories are full and rooms in Christian homes are needed.

NURSERY FACILITIES are available for babies up to 2 years of age during worship services and worship training classes are provided for all pre-school children.

EACH WEEK NIGHT through out the meeting next week the nursery will be staffed and class sessions will be conducted for children from 3 years through 3rd grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Calvin McBee request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Cynthia Ruth
to
Mr. Howard Duane Galletly
on Saturday, the twentieth of July nineteen hundred and seventy-four at half past two o'clock in the afternoon
west Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception following
The Woman's Building
911 South Broadway

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

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Floia Payne is in Mother Frances Hospital.
Sister Houston Holcomb's brother, Leslie Moore from Big Sandy, is in ICU in Medical Center Hospital.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It is good to have the Rudolf Rischer family visiting us from Salzburg, Austria. It is truly a pleasure to be associated with this lovely family. While in Tyler the family is staying in a house trailer through arrangements made by some of our deacons. They are visiting in various homes of our members. Rudolf spoke for the young peoples' rally held on Tuesday and gave a slide presentation of his work in Austria on Wednesday night. He is scheduled to preach for us in our worship on this Sunday morning, July 14. We hope that our house will be filled for this service.

Truman Spring will be driving from Houston Sunday afternoon and is scheduled to arrive in time to preach for our Sunday evening services at 6:00 o'clock. Let us have a large number present at that time and every night during the meeting. This meeting will last longer than our recent meetings. Let us pray that every service will help to save souls and build up the church. GHS

DIRECTORY CHANGES
Recently the telephone company made several changes in telephone numbers. Please correct the following numbers in your directory.

Mrs. John Appling	561-3165
Francis Bullard	561-3290
Karr Collins	561-1855
Milburn Cook	561-2638
Elwin Crow	561-2702
Miller Dial	561-3547
Mrs. L. L. Gann	561-2229
Dale Hamblett	561-2069
D. C. Jones	561-2818 561-2270
James Massey	561-2330
Ed Naul	561-2686
R. C. O'Bannon	561-3202
Averyt Smith	561-3404
Fred Strait	561-2269
George Welch	561-2804
Howard Wheeler	561-3511

Have you remembered to pray for our meeting?

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Truman E. Spring

Truman E. Spring was born in the state of Arkansas in 1917 and graduated from High School in Hope, Arkansas in 1936. Brother Spring decided that he wanted to be a salesman and it was in April of 1937 that he began a career of selling that did not terminate until August of 1950.

It was while he was in the insurance business in Corpus Christi that he attended a preacher's training class conducted by brother C. B. Thomas of the Central Church of Christ (now known as Ayers Street). Brother Spring preached his first sermon in 1944 just prior to entering the Navy. Upon discharge from the Navy he began a fairly active role in being a 'fill-in preacher' in the Gulf Coast Area. Upon the insistence of the brethren he gave up his sales career in August of 1950 to give full time to the proclamation of the gospel.

His first work was in Corpus Christi with what was then the Hillcrest church of Christ and is known today as the Arlington Heights church of Christ. While in the 6th year with this congregation he was contacted by the Central congregation in Amarillo and in October of 1955 accepted the work at Central. He preached for this congregation until February of 1959 when at that time he accepted the challenge of the work at the Garden Oaks church in Houston, Texas. He served this congregation for almost 8 years and saw this work grow to the second largest congregation in the Houston area. Due to the increased calls for meetings he terminated the work at Garden Oaks in August of 1966 and made his home in Amarillo to go into full time meeting work.

After 6 years of full time meeting work in which he conducted meetings in 26 states and 3 foreign countries, once again a challenge came from Houston. This time it was from the Sharpstown congregation. In August of 1972 the Spring family moved back to Houston and is presently serving this thriving congregation.

Brother and sister Spring, along with their teenage son, Mark, who is the youngest of five children, make their home at 6914 Carvel Lane.

HEAR TRUMAN SPRING PREACH
JULY 14 - 20
WEST ERWIN CHURCH OF CHRIST, TYLER, TEXAS

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Dismiss.....Tim Holt
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Announcements..... Faber Cauthen
Prayer.....Theron Pickle
Dismiss David Grier

Contributions	Bible School
June 23...\$2,565.45421
June 16...\$4,437.10350
Year Ago.\$2,220.52377

RESPONSES

We are happy to welcome brother and sister Thurman H. Cannon (Etta) to West Erwin. The Cannons live in the Shady Grove Mobile Home Park on Hwy. 64. He is in charge of the construction of the new building for the Tenneha St. church. They will be in Tyler for several months. Wichita Falls is their "home."

Lawrence Tate, Rt. 1, Flint, Texas came last Wednesday evening to be identified as a member of West Erwin. We are happy to welcome him.

Scott Owings, 1010 Barbara, son of brother and sister Johnny Owings was baptized into Christ Sunday evening. Scott will be in the 6th grade this fall.

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday, July 2, 7:30 p. m. at sister Degge's home.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother F. A. Jones continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. He is now recovering from pneumonia and is scheduled to go to Dallas for more tests, possibly this week.

Sister Morene Sant's husband is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Lera Bennett is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister C. N. Strait is in Glenwood Hospital but expects to go home soon.

Dwaine Thedford was injured in an accident while hauling hay. He has been in Mother Frances, but may be home by now.

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 from
Briefs for Church Bulletins

MANASSAS REPORT

The West Erwin congregation is again to be commended for providing an opportunity for twenty-five members to work in the Manassas, Virginia Vacation Bible School. I believe from many reactions it was successful. The daily attendance was very good with 190 average. Our young people did another outstanding teaching job. You can be proud you were represented by this group. On several occasions while traveling they were praised by restaurant personnel for being so well mannered and quiet. And, in general, they performed every duty asked of them.

Our Teacher Training sessions each evening were very successful and helpful to those that attended. Jeanine Hughes showed them the possibilities of teaching the Nursery children while Clay Kirby did an outstanding job with Pre-school level. Margret Montgomery provided a session for Primary and Junior teachers that was filled each evening. While these sessions were in progress Jamon Kirby worked with the high school students and from every comment, he was able to have some great influence on them. Thank you for your prayers and support.

HH

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Dialogue With Mr. Truth Seeker
P. M. We Preach Christ

CONGRATULATIONS

Sam and Sher Sevier are the proud parents of a baby boy born last week in Mother Frances Hospital.

LET'S ALL HELP

Recently a young lady was involved in an automobile accident that may have caused extensive brain damage. The damage may be so severe that as a Tyler neurologist stated, "It may be irreversible." This was not a unique accident, but it was one that could have been prevented. The accident was caused by a man who was suspected of being under the influence of alcohol. Nothing can be done about this incident now, but we need to all do our part to see that it doesn't happen again. With stricter laws and stricter law enforcement these kind of accidents can be prevented in the future. This problem is a reality and has to be dealt with accordingly. If it is not, it may be your son or daughter that is hit by a drunken driver next. Let's all help and see that it is not our friends or relatives that are severely injured next. ... Ken Jones

MEN ARE SADLY apt to forget that it does not require great open sins to be sinned in order to ruin a soul forever. They have only to go on hearing without believing, listening without repenting, going to the church without going to Christ, and by and by they will find themselves in hell.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S weekly meeting, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. - Mineola church.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

On this Sunday I am scheduled to be preaching in a meeting with the Watters Road church of Christ in Pasadena, a suburb of Houston. Lawrence Hazelip serves as the preacher for this congregation. One of the elders of the church is Seth Cunningham whose wife is the former Virginia Phillips, sister of James Phillips of this congregation. I read the marriage ceremony for Seth and Virginia in Wichita Falls years ago. It is good to know that they are active in the work of the Lord. We ask for your prayers while we are away from Tyler.

Charles Miles will be preaching at West Erwin again on this coming Sunday. It has been good to have him and his wife Sherryl and daughter Shelly with us for the past few weeks. They have gained the love and respect of the members at West Erwin. They will be leaving Tyler on this coming Monday, June 24 for their new work in Basalt, Colorado. We are expecting to hear great things from the work there.

We were pleased to hear from Hillard Hughes that all is going well with the Vacation Bible School in Manassas, Virginia. Our young people there are doing a great work. We know that they will be stronger Christians as a result of their work and that they will strengthen the church in Manassas also. Hillard reports some minor problems with the bus, but that he feels they can make it safely home. They will leave Manassas Friday afternoon and hope to arrive back in Tyler by this Sunday evening.

We were sorry to see another low attendance for both Bible School and worship on Sunday. We are glad to know about the good contribution in spite of the smaller attendance. There was one special contribution of one thousand dollars for the relief of tornado victims in Oklahoma. We still had \$3,400 contributed on our regular budget. We need to have contributions of this nature, because we have been behind on the budget. We have undertaken many missionary and evangelistic activities for this year. We believe that the Lord's blessings will be ours as we give to advance His cause both in Tyler and in other places.

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Dismiss Mike Whitworth
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Announcements Elwin Crow
Prayer M. B. Beard
Dismiss Hunt Rowe

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June 16...\$4,437.10350
June 9...\$2,860.97321
Year Ago.\$2,908.49367

RESPONSES

Sister Charles Miles (Ruby) wishes to be identified as a member of the West Erwin Church. Her address is 515 Richardson. She is the mother of brother Charles Miles who will be supported by this congregation in Basalt, Colorado. We are happy to welcome sister Miles.

REMINDER - The grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be here the week of June 24 - 28 to collect the items you have for them. A list is on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

THE FOY O'NEALS went to Palo Alto, California last week to see their son, Michael O'Neal, receive his degree in Law, Doctor of Jurisprudence. This fine young man will use his talents to work for Harding College.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother F. A. Jones continues to be a patient in Mother Frances.

Brother Faber Cauthen is in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

Mr. Alvin Shackelford is at home following surgery last week.

Sister Marvin Jones' sister, Mrs. Segrest is very ill in Medical Center.

We regret that Mike Franklin, one of our young people who went to Virginia, developed pneumonia and had to fly home. He is recovering nicely.

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE

Tuesday, June 25th, 7:30 p.m. all area young people are invited to be at the Glenwood church for an hour of worship and praise led by Gary Mabry. Gary is the author/composer of such popular hymns as Thank You, Lord, Jesus is Well and Alive Today, and I've Got My Head in Heaven. He has recently moved to Houston, where he serves as Minister of Youth for the Southwest church.

Following the meeting, all will go to the Bergfeld Park for refreshments and a "talent show" in the amphitheater. You are to be the talent, so bring your guitar or other instrument, your musical groups, comedy skit, or whatever and share your talent.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By Charles Miles
a. m. Things in Hell Needed in the Church.
p. m. What is the Church of Christ?

JUST THREE WEEKS

Our Gospel Meeting is just three weeks away. Truman Spring will drive from Houston on Sunday afternoon, July 14 and preach for us on that night. The meeting will continue through the following Sunday, July 21. Brother Spring is a dynamic preacher. Let us pray that this will be a great week for the Lord at West Erwin.

(Our thanks to L. L. Gieger for the following article)

"Women's Lib"

Women's liberation movement leaders may be "killing the goose that lays the golden eggs." There is a question that ought to be answered by these and all that they are influencing: What do you gain by losing the respect of men, destroying the joy of being the queen of the home, giving up the softness of your skin and voice, and planning at night how to elbow another man out of the way on the morrow? Is there not something better than this that is available? Is it not better to be loved and respected, appreciated and served? What is more wonderful than being a precious thing of beauty to the king of your castle? Those who need to work outside the home do not lose their beauty and dignity by doing so, but even they lose it if they are demanding of their rights and abusive to their peers.

The contribution that women make to society by occupying the exalted place they fill best is priced far above rubies and what they give to and receive from life hereby cannot be equalled by all the treasures of earth. (Prov. 31: 10-31).

As in the days of Eve, God's word is good, but many do not know it and have the impression that it is galling, limiting, restricting, and out-of-date. Eve thought that obeying God was unpleasant and disobeying was pleasant. She was deceived; but so are those today who think they are doing women a good turn by liberating them from making homes out of houses and being faithful daughters, sisters, companions, mothers, friends and servants.

The truth that Jesus expressed - "He that is greatest among you shall be your servant" (Mt. 23:11) - should be tried before it is despised. Complying with God's wisdom, instead of hinting that either is inferior to the other, is permitting that which produces the greatest happiness to have a chance to work in the life.

AREA MEETINGS

Ron Lowrance will be preaching in a meeting, June 23 - 28 in Arp. Services are at 7:30 each evening. You are invited to attend.

You are invited to attend a gospel meeting at the Robbins Road church in Athens, June 23-28, 7:30 p. m. Dan Manuel will be preaching.

COMING EVENTS

- JULY 6 - 20 RUDOLF RISCHER and family from SALZBURG, AUSTRIA will be visiting with us in Tyler.
- JULY 14 - 21 TRUMAN SPRING of Houston will preach great sermons in our Gospel Meeting.
- JULY 22 - 25 Annual BIBLE SCHOOL TEACHER'S WORKSHOP at Abilene Christian College.
- SEPTEMBER 25, 26 KIETH MITCHELL from the International Mission in New York will conduct "Motivation To Evangelize."
- OCTOBER 7, 8 IRA NORTH, preacher for the great Madison church in Tennessee will be here to inspire us to do more for the Lord.
- NOVEMBER 10 - 13 REUEL LEMMONS of Austin returns for another Gospel Meeting with the West Erwin church.

1974 has already been filled with many great events. There are many great things ahead. Let us pray that all of our endeavors will make us stronger Christians and help us win others to Christ.

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 Prayer Fred Kniffen
 Dismiss Willie Freeman
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.
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 Prayer Harold Browning
 Dismiss Mark Whitworth

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RESPONSE
 For Prayer: Denise Freeman

THANK YOU NOTE
 Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 Thank you very, very, much for being so sweet and thoughtful while my husband was in the hospital. For the visits, calls, cards and most of all the prayers in our behalf, we are grateful.
 Naomi McKeever

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER
 The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper, June 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

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|---------------|---------------|
| O. C. Becker | James Massey |
| Ike Gaiser | Harvey Grier |
| T. J. Parsons | Cone Birdwell |
| Joe McBee | Aubrey Payne |
| David Fuller | David Grier |

WEDDING INVITATION
 "Our daughter, Connie Kathleen, will be married to James Monroe Sublette, son of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe F. Sublette, on Saturday, the fifteenth day of June, Nineteen hundred and seventy-four, at seven-thirty in the evening. Their vows will be spoken at Brentwood Church of Christ, 6701 Arroyo Seca, Austin, Texas.

We invite you to worship with us, witness their vows, and be our guest at the reception which will follow immediately in the church Fellowship Hall.
 If you are unable to attend, we ask your presence in thought and prayer."
 Mr. and Mrs. Gordon W. Smith

IN THE HOSPITALS
 Deann Ray is in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Mrs. Olie Cooper has been in the Glenwood Hospital but may be home by now.

Mr. Algie Sherman is to undergo surgery this week.
 F. A. Jones became ill while at work Tuesday. He was hospitalized in Gladewater and transferred to Mother Frances Hospital that afternoon. He is now in ICU.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY
 a. m. Dying More Than Once?
 By Charles Miles
 p. m. Our Heavenly Home
 Revelation 22
 By George H. Stephenson

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK
 I would like to express my own personal appreciation for the fine work of those who taught and who gave of their time in making our Vacation Bible School a success. We appreciate the work of Hillard Hughes in directing the school. Isn't it wonderful to see the fine young people in the church who helped in the teaching? Our prayers will be with all of them as they work in a similar school in Manassas, Virginia.

The lessons taught by Charles Miles in the adult class were great. We are thankful that he and his wife can be with us at West Erwin for a few weeks before moving to Basalt, Colorado where they will be supported by us as they work for the Lord. Charles preached a great sermon last Sunday morning and we look forward to another fine sermon from him on this coming Sunday morning.
 GHS

MONDAY EVENING, June 17th, the Alpine and Glover Church in Longview have an evening prepared for all young people. Be at their building by 6:15 p. m to register. The devotional will begin at 6:30 p. m. By 7:15 all will go to the skating rink for two hours of recreation. At 9:30, there will be a ten minute devotional before going home. Bring a dollar for the skating.

REMEMBER TO PRAY for the group of young people traveling to Virginia with Hillard Hughes. They will be conducting a Vacation Bible School in Manassas next week, and will return June 23.

A mother asked her six year old son, "What does loving kindness mean?" "Well," he said, "When I ask you for a piece of bread and butter and you give it to me, that's kindness, mother. But when you put jam on it, that's loving kindness."

A CITY WIDE DEVOTIONAL for High School Students will be held at the Campus Christian Center, Sunday evening, 8 o'clock. All high school young people are invited.

THE CHURCH THAT DOES NOT VISIT WILL VANISH!!
 How can the non-church goer be reached by the non-going church? Nothing can take the place of visitation in the development and growth of the church. Observe the early church: "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ." (Acts 5:42) Paul stressed to the Ephesian elders that he had gone "from house to house." (Acts 20:20) The only way this can be done is by visitation. Go into any city, wherever you will, and we promise you that the church that is making the greatest growth is the one that is doing the most visiting.
 Raymond C. Kelsey

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Efforts have been made by certain senators and congressmen during the past few years to enact legislation which would not allow income tax deductions for contributions to churches and charitable organizations. If such legislation should be passed, I feel that this would hinder church contributions and would especially be a blow to Christian colleges and children's homes.

In an editorial in the Firm Foundation, November 13, 1973 it was pointed out that if you give \$1,000 to the Lord in a year (this averages about \$20 weekly) through church contributions and gifts to our Christian colleges, missionaries, children's home, etc. - and are in the 25 per cent tax bracket, this means you will be paying an additional \$250 in income taxes should the proposed legislation be passed.

The Senate Bill S-3657 and the House Bill HR-15230 automatically died in 1972. These were bills designed to take away tax exemptions for church contributions. However, new bills have been introduced by Senator Mike Mansfield and Congressman Wilbur Mills.

I would like to urge everyone to let our congressmen know that we are opposed to such legislation. We live in a country which allows us to voice our sentiments.

I fully believe that the religious and benevolent organizations in our land - even though we may not agree with some of their doctrinal teaching - have made valuable contributions to the moral and cultural values of our nation. We may write to our congressmen our opposition to any legislation which would terminate income tax deductions for religious and charitable contributions. Write:

Representative Ray Roberts
Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Senator Lloyd Bentsen
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Senator John Tower
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

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THANK YOU

A special thank you to all my good Christian friends for the cards, flowers, and visits and every other act of kindness shown to Eleanor and me during my stay in the hospital and while convalescing at home.

In Christian love,
Cone Birdwell

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR JUNE 9

By George H. Stephenson
a. m. Dialogue With A Truth Seeker
p. m. The End of the World
(2 Peter 3)

The sermon topic this Sunday morning will be in the form of a dialogue concerning questions about the church of Christ. I preached it several years ago and have been asked to preach it again. Bring your friends to hear it.

GHS

OUR SYMPATHY

We were shocked to learn of the untimely death of David Masters in a traffic accident near Abilene last week. David was a student in Abilene Christian College preparing himself for service in the church of the Lord. His home was in Lake Jackson, but he had many friends and acquaintances here. He had visited here on many occasions and we knew him as a fine Christian young man. His brother is a son-in-law of the Louis J. Jones. If you would like to send a card to Dickey and Gene Ann, their address is: Dickey Masters, Rt. 2, Hoosick, Falls, New York, 12090.

A GROUP OF YOUNG PEOPLE accompanied by Hillard and Jeanine Hughes, Jamon and Clay Kirby, and Margret Montgomery will leave Wednesday, June 12 for Manassas, Virginia where they will assist in a Vacation Bible School and a Bible Teachers Workshop. They will return to Tyler on June 23. Let us pray that these workers will have a safe trip and accomplish much good for the Lord.

REMEMBER OUR MEETING

It is just five weeks until our gospel meeting with Truman Spring. We hope you have already marked on your calendar JULY 14 - 21. If you have not, please do so. Plan now to be here during this time. Be working and praying for a great meeting at that time.

SUMMER YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The young people of the East Texas area will be able to enjoy a weekly fellowship beginning this month. Every Tuesday night there will be an opportunity for you to meet at one of the area church buildings for a period of worship followed by other activities. The following congregations will be hosts on the given dates.

- June 17* Alpine and Glover, Longview
- June 25 Glenwood, Tyler
- July 2 Mineola
- July 9 West Erwin, Tyler
- July 16 Pine Tree, Longview
- July 23 Houston & Broadway, Kilgore
- July 30 Mobberly Ave., Longview
- August 6 Quitman & Center, Gladewater

August 13 Northwest, Tyler
*(Monday night in order to be able to reserve skating rink afterward)

Other announcements will be made as each congregation makes their final plans. We want to encourage every young person to attend all of these programs. Our thanks to David Mathis for arranging these activities for the summer.

WILL YOU BE ABLE TO WORK in the Athens Campaign? If you are High School or College age your help is needed. You will leave Tyler, July 8 and return July 12. See me for more information and a reservation to fill out. There is a need for 36 people.

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AREA MEETING

Brother Mike Warner will preach in a series of meetings at the Whitehouse church of Christ, June 10 - 14. Evening services at 7:30.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Leo Prater underwent eye surgery last Friday in Medical Center Hospital.

Miller Dial has been in Medical Center Hospital but is now at home.

THE MONTHLY business meeting of the congregation will be held Sunday afternoon at 1:30 in the Chapel. All of the men of the congregation are welcome to attend.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday, June 11, 7 o'clock at the Bob Threadgill home.

MEDINA HOME TRUCK

The grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here sometime during the week of June 24-28 to pick up the groceries we have for them. They especially need the following items:

- Peanut Butter, Salad Dressings, Cake Mixes, Pancake Syrup, Jelly and Jams, Cream Soups, Shortening, Cooking Oil, Tea and Coffee, Sugar, Dry Cereal, Canned Fruits, Fruit Juices, Canned Condensed Milk, Tuna, Canned Meat, Macaroni and Spaghetti.

"Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and He shall strengthen thine heart."
... Psalm 27:14

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

How thrilling it was to see such a fine audience present for worship on Sunday morning! The house was filled. Then, we had the largest Bible School attendance we have had in a long time - 460 - without any special drive or effort.

We are encouraged to know that this year we are consistently having more in Bible School. Also, our contributions are running higher than they were a year ago. During the first eleven weeks of 1974 you have contributed over \$28,000. During the same period in 1973 you contributed over \$25,000. We are thankful for this evidence of increased zeal, however, we feel that there is so much more for us to do. Let us work and pray for greater growth in the weeks ahead.

I want to thank those who expressed appreciation for the sermon I preached on Sunday in regard to "The Living Bible Paraphrased." Of course, this has been a very popular book and we are glad when anyone seeks to have a better understanding of God's Word. However, as pointed out, this book is not a translation of the Scriptures. After much study I have found it to be filled with many doctrinal errors. I appreciate the elders' statement in this week's bulletin in regard to this matter. If you did not make notes of some of the errors in the book, I would be glad to give you some of them. There were other errors in the paraphrase which I did not have time to notice Sunday.

Dr. J. D. Thomas, head of the Bible Department of Abilene Christian College, made this comment on the Living Bible:

"The Living Bible, which is not really a translation of the Bible, but only a paraphrase (as it admits on the cover), has become quite a popular book with many people, including many New Testament Christians. It is styled in very popular, easy to read phrases, but in many places gives a wrong meaning. It should never be used for public reading of the scriptures unless the passage is checked carefully beforehand and is known (by comparison with good translations) to transmit the meaning of the original accurately."

Dr. Jack Lewis, who has earned two Ph. D. degrees, reviewed The Living Bible and mentioned numbers of renderings which he considered from "chatty to vulgar." He stated,

"While I am enthusiastic about putting the Bible into current English and while paraphrase properly used is in itself not bad, when I read the Bible I want it to be true enough to the text that I can be reasonably certain that it is reliable and that I will not be led into error. This work does not have that quality. It does not make the Bible say to the twentieth century what it said to the first century."

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Prayer Ron Jones
Dismiss..... Bart Lemons

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Prayer Milburn Cook
Dismiss..... Stephen Pickle

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

RESPONSES

Baptized: Miss Linda Henniger, 1916 Faulkner was baptized on Wednesday evening, March 13. Linda has been attending Bible classes and worship for several months. We are happy for her obedience to Christ.

David Fears, 3423 Martha, was baptized Sunday morning. He is the son of Wayne and Kathryn Fears, and is in the 6th grade.

Restored: Terry Stephenson, Paul Knight and Paul Ray.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, March 24

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. The Most Mysterious Word
P. M. The Comfort Filled Chapter (John 14)

A WORD FROM THE ELDERS

Since we are very concerned about the souls of those who worship here at West Erwin, we want you to know we heartily endorse the very fine lesson brought to us last Lord's Day morning by brother Stephenson. We realize there are several good translations of the Bible, but the Living Bible is not a translation - only a paraphrase of the Word in one man's language. The author admits it is not a translation. Since there are so many errors in this book, we encourage the membership here to be very careful in using it as their guide in studying. The Elders

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Marvin Jones is in Glenwood Hospital.
Brother Fred Strait is in Medical Center Hospital.

The Northeast Texas Bible Teachers Workshop will be conducted, March 30th, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Daingerfield church of Christ. This workshop is supported by a number of the area churches. David Ingram is the preacher for the Daingerfield church. Four of the teachers for the workshop are from Tyler: Hillard Hughes - Junior High, and Margret Montgomery - Primary, from West Erwin and Mike Warner - Adult, and Sandra Clark - Junior, from the Northwest congregation.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

I hope you participated in our excellent Teacher Training Series. Many people commented on the good classes and the quality of the teachers. However, it is always a little disappointing that some of our teachers do not attend. To those of you that were here for the sessions, thank you for your desire to increase your knowledge and be a better teacher. The Lord's work will grow because of your efforts.

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Isn't it a blessing to enjoy a Bible class on Sunday morning? Our attendance has grown and continues to grow for which we are thankful. Your attendance not only helps your life, but it has an influence on all those who see your example. April is to be our month to put forth extra effort to get every member of West Erwin to attend a Bible Class. Numbers in attendance ARE important. The more that are present, the more God's Word is spread. If you are present regularly - May God bless you. If you do not attend you are not receiving every happiness that can be yours. Please make Bible study a part of your life.

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Just a reminder... The Junior Senior Banquet is not too far off. I'm always so appreciative of the many people who contribute to this program who do not have children. If you would help support this program financially, please do so soon. HH

GOSPEL MEETING

Landon Saunders will be with the Glenwood church in a Gospel Meeting, March 31 - April 5. You are invited to attend.

ALL ZONES are to participate in the visiting program of the church on the 4th Tuesday evening of the month - March 25. Meet at the building at 7 o'clock.

TEACHERS MEETING

All Teachers are requested to be present Sunday evening at 5 o'clock for a general Teachers Meeting.

FRIDAY EVENING - APRIL 5

We will enjoy a "get-together" for the entire congregation at the Rose Building. Mark your calendar now.

OUR GUESTS... The Azalea Trails bring many visitors to Tyler at this time of the year. We are always happy to have guests for the worship services and invite you to return at every opportunity.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial. . .

"He who has an ear, let him hear. . ."
(Revelation 2:7).

Don't Talk To Me

You hear little children say it. And sometimes older ones. "Don't talk to me," they shout. They may have ears, but they don't intend to hear.

I became amused the other afternoon driving home from work. Obviously the occupants in the car ahead of me were married. And they were having a quarrel. Perhaps that's not too unusual, but these two were deaf. They had to hold up on their talking until they could stop at a red light. Then their hands would go ninety miles an hour in sign language. The light would change, and the discussion would shut down for a block or so. Light after light I watched with growing interest. The argument became hotter and hotter. I guess the wife was winning the fight, because at the next traffic signal the husband jerked up a newspaper which was beside him and covered his face so that he couldn't see her hands. He didn't want to hear!

In contrast, there are some souls who are anxious to hear and to learn. Consider the queen of Sheba. When she heard of the fame of Solomon she came from the ends of the earth to test him with hard questions. Never mind the distance. Forget the trip has to be made on foot. Do not think of the blazing sun, the dust of the road, the winds or the rain. In her quest for wisdom these were minor prices to be paid. At last she reached Jerusalem and met Solomon face to face. How blessed she felt to hear his wisdom. She said, "The report was true which I heard in my own land of your affairs and of your wisdom, but I did not believe the reports until I came and my own eyes had seen it; and behold, half the greatness of your wisdom was not told me; you surpass the report I heard" (2 Chronicles 9:5,6).

Look carefully at this queen. You might meet her in the judgment. Jesus said, "The queen of the South will arise at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here" (Matthew 12:42). None other than Jesus is here, "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3). Are you anxious to learn from Him? Are you willing to put forth the same kind of effort the queen of Sheba did to acquire knowledge? "He who has an ear, let him hear!"

. . . John Gipson
Little Rock, Arkansas

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Prayer..... W. D. Metcalf
Dismiss..... Joe Willis

Contributions

Bible School

May 26...\$2,721.70443
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NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. We do appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Milburn and Jan Cook

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

The following men will be serving the Lord's Supper, June 2 and 9.

Ed Bullard C. B. Hardin
Foy O'Neal Johnny Owings
George Welch Wayne Fears
Jack Beard Jack Stringer
Marty Stitt Tony Fears

DIRECTORY CHANGE

Monroe and Cleo Sublette recently moved back into town from Hide-A-Way Lake. Their address is 3111 Chandler Hwy., telephone 593-3456.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS FOR EVERYONE - JUNE 3 - 7.

TO MANASSAS - JUNE 12

The time is near for seventeen of our young people to leave Tyler for Manassas, Virginia. In Manassas they will be conducting a Vacation Bible School for the church there. This is the second trip to Manassas, the first of which was successful in many ways.

Not only will there be a VBS at Manassas, but there will also be a Teachers Training Class conducted each night. Clay Kirby will be working with the pre-school teachers, Margret Montgomery with the Primary and Junior, Jeanine Hughes with the Toddler age teachers, and I will work with the Junior High and High School teachers. Jamon Kirby will be conducting a class for High School students during this same period. The VBS classes will be scheduled each morning and the Teacher Training will be conducted each evening.

YOU might be willing to help with some of the expenses of these young people. If you wish to help, please make your check to the church and give them to me or Jamon Kirby.

HH

WE WANT TO EXPRESS our thanks to Monroe Sublette for the class room Directory which is in the new south foyer. This will assist our visitors in finding their classes in the new addition.

A PARABLE OF PENTECOST

A modern author once wrote in one of his columns that there never would have been a Pentecost with all of its wonderful events if the apostles had been like so many of today. If they had been, something like this might have been written concerning the day:

"The meeting was called for the first day of the week, but so many things interfered that of the company of 120 only 40 could be present. Peter and his wife had bought a cottage on Lake Galilee and were away from the city over the weekend. Bartholomew had guests, and of course, could not come. Philip and his family had been up late the night before and overslept. Andrew had a business conference about a new fishing boat. James had to

stay home and cut the grass."

We can all agree that the church would never have come into existence if conditions had been as pictured above. Pentecost would never have been the day it was. But a question is in order just here: How can we successfully recruit new members for the Lord's army when so many of us are A. W. O. L. from the services which are designed to train and edify?

Again, the question comes ringing out: Am I playing at religion? Do I place the Kingdom first in my affections, in my schedule, and in my life? Am I a serious participant in this most important of all contests; or do I sit on the sidelines and criticize those who are doing the work?

... Raymond C. Kelcy
Oklahoma Christian College

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother and sister George Stephenson were in Dallas Monday to attend the funeral of his aunt.

THE SICK

Brother Cone Birdwell underwent surgery last week in Medical Center Hospital. He is at home now.

ZONE 1 WILL MEET Tuesday evening, June 4, 7:30 o'clock at the G. C. Wright home.

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS

9:30 a. m. Sunday

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Life of Contentment
6:00 p. m. Heroes of Faith
(Hebrews 11)

ELDERS AND DEACONS MEETING

The Elders and Deacons will meet Monday evening, June 3, at 7 o'clock at Wyatt's Cafeteria for their regular monthly meeting.

"It is wise and well to speak but little of thyself, or of anything that is thine, for all others have a history also."

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

A Girl Who Attended VBS

Many years ago a fine little girl attended Vacation Bible School at the old Tenth and Austin Streets church in Wichita Falls where I was serving as the preacher. Her parents were not members of the church of Christ but were very active in another religious group in the city. They were impressed with the amount of Bible their daughter learned in the two weeks of Bible School (in those days our schools lasted two weeks).

Later the parents began to visit our congregation and other congregations as well. As time went by they became members of the church and influenced another couple to come with them. Those parents became lasting friends of ours, and have now gone on to their eternal reward. That little girl I knew years ago is now a fine Christian woman married to a fine Christian man. They have three children who are being brought up in the way of the Lord. They are both very active in the work of the Broadway church in Lubbock. They are very active in the choral groups who sing for weddings. They have both taught Bible classes. She devotes much time to the women's group in Lubbock which helps in the support of Lubbock Christian College.

I am so glad that little girl came to Vacation Bible School many years ago. Eternity alone will reveal the good accomplished by her parents and now by her own family for the Lord.

Won't you encourage others to come to our Vacation Bible School? The time is almost here. The dates: June 3 - 7. You will never know just how much possibility for good there can be in each child who attends. Let us remember also that there will be a class for adults taught by Charles Miles, a man we plan to support in Colorado. GHS

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Prayer.....Wilmer Little
Dismiss.....Bruce Raley
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.
Announcements.....Louis J. Jones
Prayer.....Travis Fletcher
Dismiss.....Clarence Strait

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RESPONSES

Mr. and Mrs. Harry O. Collins,
Rt. 1, Chandler, Texas, phone 849-
6691, came Sunday evening to place
membership. We are happy to wel-
come them back - they worshipped
at West Erwin several years ago.

THANK YOU NOTE

In appreciation for the Christian
love shown to us in the loss of my fa-
ther, I want to say thank you for the
calls, cards, words of comfort and
the beautiful flowers. It is so won-
derful to be remembered by the ones
you love. Edith and John Porter

SERMON TOPICS - May 26, 1974

10:20 a. m. Lead Us Not Into
Temptation
6:00 p. m. The Greatest Thing In
The World
By George H. Stephenson

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mr. J. B. McKeever is a patinet
in Medical Center. He is recovering
from surgery.

Mrs. B. M. Wells had surgery on
her feet Tuesday in Medical Center.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 3 - 7

BEST WISHES

Miss Jency McDonald and Michael
Mannion Gregory were married at the
West Erwin building last Saturday.
We extend best wishes for a happy
life together. They are at home in
Irving, Texas.

MEETING IN VAN

Brother Charles R. Williams of
Sulphur Springs will preach in a series
of meetings, June 2 - 7 in Van, Texas.
Weeknight services, 7:30. You are
cordially invited to attend.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 3 - 7

DON'T FEAR CRITICISM

Two taxidermists stopped before a
window, in which an owl was on dis-
play... They immediately began to
criticize - its mounting - its eyes
were not natural - its wings were not
in proportion - its head and feathers
were not neatly arranged - and its
feet could be improved. When they
finished with the criticism, the owl
winked at them!

... From The Good Omen

*Do not
pray
reader*

YOUTH RALLY AT GLENWOOD SUNDAY

Young people from a large area of East Texas
have been invited to a youth rally at the Glenwood
church building on this Saturday afternoon, May
26, at three o'clock.

Clyde Thompson of Huntsville will be the featured
speaker. He is an ex-convict who was on death
row twice but is now a powerful preacher of the
gospel of Christ. He has a special love and con-
cern for youth and has spoken throughout the
country for youth rallies.

Brother Thompson will be speaking for the reg-
ular worship services at Glenwood on Sunday as
well as the youth rally in the afternoon. The story
of his life is very fascinating and causes us to
realize the power God's Word may have in the life
of anyone who will carefully read and follow it.

Brother Thompson today is working at the
Prisoner's Aid Center, which he established in
Huntsville in 1970. In less than four years since
the beginning of this ministry, 838 souls have
been baptized into Christ.

GHS

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A smile is Cheer to you and me.

The cost is nothing - it's given free.

Consoles those in trouble - good or bad.

It comforts the weary - gladdens the sad.

To rich and poor - beggar or thief,

It's free to all of any belief.

A natural gesture of young and old,

Cheers on the faint - disarms the cold.

Unlike most blessings for which we pray,

It's one thing we keep when we give it away.

WILL YOU HELP?

There is still much work
to be done at CAMP DEER
RUN before the regular
camping sessions begin.
Saturday will be another
"work day" and your help
will be appreciated very
much. For more infor-
mation concerning the
camp and the needs, call
Ray Womack.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Ted and Dorothy Snipes
have a new granddaughter,
Angela Renee, born in
Dallas on Saturday, May
18 to Donna and Travis
Stodghill.

ATTEND BIBLE SCHOOL

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All people SMILE in the
same language!!!

The smile on your face is the light in the window that tells people you're at home.

via bulletin - Central Church, Lufkin, Texas

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

We had a delightful time while I was in a meeting with the Airways church in Memphis, Tennessee. Now we are glad to be back home and look forward to our worship and Bible School on this coming Lord's Day.

In our meeting in Memphis we were glad to have two families from the West Erwin congregation to visit us. On the first Sunday of the meeting we had the Ben Suttons (and their friends) and on the second Sunday we had the Ross Walkers. How thrilling it was to have these good people with us when we were so far from home!

This was my third meeting with the Airways church where Stoy Pate has served as the local preacher for many years. We had good interest and attendance with ten "responses" to the invitation. We had visitors present for every service from the Highland church where I preached years ago. Our years with that great church were very happy ones and we feel blessed in that we still have many friends there. The Highland church has grown and continues to grow with Harold Hazelip and Larry McKenzie as their preachers.

I was glad to hear about the good services here with Hillard Hughes and Charles Miles. We look forward to a pleasant association with brother Miles as he becomes one of the evangelists working for the church in Basalt, Colorado. We feel that there are great possibilities for the Lord's work in that area and congratulate the elders on their decision to enter into this mission field. We will discontinue our support of Lem Ford in Hastings, Nebraska as of July 1. The church there will be self supporting and for this we are grateful. Also, we are no longer helping the work in Scott City,

The West Erwin church is, as it should be, a mission minded church. It takes more money now to support any mission just as it takes more money for everything else. We ask you, therefore, to show your love for the Lord's work by giving liberally and generously in order that we may carry on the program of work planned by our elders and deacons in our budget.

We hope to meet with you as we meet with the Lord on Sunday. GHS

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, May 19 by George H. Stephenson
A. M. Forgiveness P. M. A Living Sacrifice (Romans 12)

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THANK YOU NOTES

Your thoughtfulness, calls, words of comfort and the beautiful flowers will always be remembered and appreciated by us. It was such a comfort to us in the loss of our sister, Mrs. Maude Funderburk. Thank you so much. Jim and Bessie Willis

For every expression of kindness shown me in my recent stay in the hospital and at home I want to say, thank you and I love you all.

Naomi Haws

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Naomi McKeever's husband had major surgery Wednesday in the Medical Center Hospital.

Brother and sister J. M. Norris from Carthage are in Medical Center.

Brother Frank Cox is in ICU in Medical Center suffering from a heart attack.

A PROBLEM ABOUT PROBLEMS

Our most common gripe and one of the most used words is ... "problem." We all have problems because we are a problem. Paradoxically, the word problem is not in the Bible! Imagine the "problem solving" Bible never using the word.

Every day I am approached by people with problems - all kinds and all sizes. Too many have too many complications. Some pose no simple solution. People are disappointed that I offer no magical short cut. If it has taken years to become entangled, how can a minister free you in fifteen minutes?

The great temptation is a "quickie" solution. Forget it! It may take time to find the solution and years to correct it. FACE it - some problems cannot be solved. If you are blind then you are blind! Paul prayed thrice for God to remove the thorn (2 Cor. 12) but to no avail. We might as well learn to live with problems! Some can neither be solved nor left. They are ours for life.

But Christianity is not pessimistic resignation - not simply "grin and bear it." Paul could not be freed of the thorn but God sent "grace." So Paul lived with a problem only to mature and be a better person. Problems can be stepping stones. They can be a foundation for better character and holier living.

So try to find solutions. If such cannot be - accept God's grace for "when I am weak then I am strong."

... Charles Hodge

Mr. and Mrs. Agnew Overton Duckworth
and

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Wayne Terry
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their children

Sally Ann

and

David Wayne

on Saturday, the first day of June
nineteen hundred and seventy-four
at half after eight o'clock
Columbus Avenue Church of Christ
Waco, Texas

Reception immediately following
2200 North Fiftieth

YOU are needed in Bible School Sunday

SUMMER WORK

What a blessing it was to be in our services Sunday. Many visitors came our way and helped make our day a brighter one. Among the visitors was our speaker, Charles Miles. Those of you that missed his sermons should know that he is a man of God with a determination to do his part in teaching the truth. Charles and his family will be with us during the month of June before going to Basalt, Colorado to work with the church there. His first endeavor with us will be teaching the adult class each morning during our Vacation Bible School.

Our Summer will be full and exciting. As has been mentioned, June will include a VBS, June 3 - 7 conducted by many of our young people with the help of some of our adults. This effort will be followed by a VBS in Manassas, Virginia. Our high school and college students will be teaching the classes there with the help of some of the Manassas young people. Jamon and Clay Kirby and Margret Montgomery will be making the trip to be teaching in a Teacher Workshop each evening. After June ends we look forward to a big July. Plans are being made for the Rudolf Rischer family to be here for several weeks which should be enjoyable to us all. During July brother Truman Spring will be conducting a gospel meeting, July 14 - 21. This week should be marked on your calendar NOW! Other activities will develop as the summer progresses. I can hardly see a "summer slump" at West Erwin.

HH

A FEW WEEKS ago we gave special recognition in the Visitor to the accomplishments, that we knew about, of our high school students. This year Holly Womack lettered on the swim team, was the Sweetheart of Metal Trades and a Student Council Representative. She is a member of the National Honor Society and Senior secretary for '74-'75. She was also voted the friendliest Junior Girl of John Tyler High School.

OUR SYMPATHY

The step-father of Milburn Cook was buried this week in California. We extend our sympathy to the family.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial . . .

The Dead Never Object

In Portland last week, I was discussing the power of the gospel to convict and convert. I stated that people would not quibble over baptism if their hearts were truly touched with the gospel. Afterward, an older preacher remarked, "Yes, the dead never object to being buried. Men resist the burial of baptism because they haven't been crucified with Christ."

The dead never object to being buried! Paul did say, "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his" (Romans 6:4, 5).

The 3,000 on Pentecost, the Ethiopian eunuch, Saul of Tarsus, Cornelius, the Philippian jailer, and others converted in the book of Acts, did not question baptism as a pre-requisite to salvation when they realized their own sin. They submitted to baptism immediately, and without protest, when they saw their inability to save themselves.

What implication does this have for the church as it seeks to convict and convert those still outside the rule of God? For one thing, we should stress the evangelistic message that touches the heart of the unbeliever, rather than stressing the act of baptism. How many would have been baptized on Pentecost had the apostles preached on baptism, rather than the gospel of Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection? It has been men's failure to die to self and die with Christ that has plunged the world into darkness, not simply their failure to be buried in baptism.

We can take nothing for granted. We must get back to basics in evangelism, stressing the nature of man, sin, and God. This will convict the sincere man. When he is "cut to the heart" and asks "what shall I do?" we can then tell him to "repent and be baptized," and not before (Acts 2:37, 38). If he has died, he will not object to being buried.

-- Silas Shotwell
University church of Christ
Denton, Texas

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Prayer..... M. M. Haws
Dismiss..... Carl Lott

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements.... F. C. Carpenter
Prayer..... Ray Lott
Dismiss..... Henry Cook

Contributions

May 5....\$2,609.83
April 28..\$2,226.05
Year Ago.\$2,288.32

Bible School

.....405
.....467
.....391

RESPONSES

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Ray (Dell) Lott and their three children placed membership on Wednesday evening. They come to us from the Omen Rd. congregation. Their address is 2005 Clubview, phone 593-0908. The daughter, Brenda Kay, is working and the two sons, Carl and Ron are a senior and a sophomore in Lee high school. We are happy to welcome this family.

For Prayer: Ann Montgomery and Rick Higginbotham.

OUR SYMPATHY

Mrs. Maude Funderburk, a sister to Jim Willis, was fatally injured in an automobile accident in Alexander City, Alabama. We express our deepest sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were conducted for W. R. Amyx, father of Mrs. John Porter, Wednesday in DeSoto. We extend our sympathy to the family.

BASALT, COLORADO

West Erwin is to begin a new work, July 1 in Basalt, Colorado. After much consideration, the mission committee and elders have decided to support brother Charles Miles in this work.

Charles is known by many at West Erwin since he married the former Sherryl Lemons and attended services here. His mother now attends West Erwin. Charles is a 1969 graduate of the Preston Road School of Preaching in Dallas. He has had five years experience in full time work with churches in Louisiana and Arkansas. Gordon Lindley and Charles plan to work together in Basalt, as they believe that two working together will be much more effective.

The Basalt church began meeting in October, 1969. Eleven souls were baptized within the first 21 months. Basalt is in an area of about 15,000 people. These two men have plans for the church to be self-supporting in two years with the help of the Lord.

Charles will be in Tyler this Lord's Day and will be speaking for both services. HH

SUNDAY is the second Sunday of the month, the time for the monthly business meeting of the church. All men of the congregation are invited to meet in the Chapel, 1:30 p. m.

Mrs. Roy Franklin McDonald
and
Doctor and Mrs. Charles Francis Gregory
request the honour of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Jensy Louise
and
Michael Mannion
on Saturday, the eighteenth of May
Nineteen hundred and seventy-four
at two o'clock in the afternoon
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

Reception
immediately following ceremony
The Womans Building
911 So. Broadway

THE SICK

Mrs. M. M. Haws went home Monday from the hospital.

Dick Ferguson injured his hand and underwent surgery on Thursday of last week.

Buck Frederick has a broken arm.

Mrs. Naomi McKeever's husband is scheduled to undergo surgery this week.

Mrs. Ed Naul is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

LET'S BLAME GOD!

Who should receive the blame when something goes contrary to our plans in life? There are times people will blame God. When we don't get our way - let's blame God. When we lose a loved one - blame God. If the preacher says something in a sermon that condemns our behavior - take it out on God and quit attending services. As things get into a turmoil in our homes - let's blame God. Of course, we say all these things with tongue-in-cheek. We can't blame God for anything that is a hurt. God is love! God cares for us. Often we bring hurt into our own lives whether it is by disobedience or a lack of faith. One of the best ways to become closer to God is through a concentrated study and prayer. God didn't give his Son for a people that he didn't love. Before you blame God, consider your own life. Is your faith what it should be? HH

Occasionally, when we have weather such as last Sunday's, umbrellas become mixed up. Mrs. Vannie Lee lost a navy blue umbrella last Sunday.

The Human Touch

'Tis the human touch in this world that counts,
The touch of your hand in mine,
Which means far more to the fainting heart
Than shelter and bread and wine.
For shelter is gone when the night is o'er,
And the bread lasts only a day;
But the touch of the hand and the sound of the voice
Sing on in the soul away.

-- Spencer M. Free

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Vote Against This Evil

On this Saturday, May 4, voters in both the Democratic and Republican primaries in Texas will be asked to express their opinions about legalized pari-mutuel gambling. I do hope that Christian people will vote against this evil.

It is a well known fact that in pari-mutuel betting at horse races "the house" makes a sure profit and a few "lucky" gamblers win something (and usually lose it on the next race).

I remember very well when pari-mutuel betting was legal in Texas and when Arlington Downs was in operation. At that time I was preaching for the church in Arlington - my first "local work." In spite of the depression, huge crowds attended the races. The business men of Arlington suffered as a result of these races. Women would take their household allowances and instead of paying their grocery bills would gamble and most often lose on the races. The local bank became insolvent during this time. It was reported that the banker had taken bank funds and gambled at the races. The banker was found dead of self inflicted wounds on a country road. I was glad for the federal insurance which paid the bank depositors (including myself), but business was practically paralyzed for two or three weeks with the closing of the bank.

Organized crime usually follows wherever legalized gambling occurs. I hope that you will recognize that the basic principles involved in gambling are contrary to the principles of Christianity.

Meeting in Memphis, Tennessee

This coming week will find me in Memphis, Tennessee preaching in a series of meetings with the Airways church of Christ. We look forward to being in Memphis where we lived a number of years ago and worked with the Highland Street congregation. I have been with the Airways church on several occasions. This meeting will include two Sundays, May 5 and May 12. We solicit your prayers while we are away and we will be praying for all of the work here at West Erwin.
GHS

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Announcements.....Bob Threadgill
Prayer.....Tom Williams
Dismiss..... Dwaine Thedford

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April 28...\$2, 226. 05467
April 21...\$2, 563. 90453
Year Ago..\$2, 258. 67410

RESPONSE

We are happy to welcome Henry and Linda Cook to Tyler and West Erwin. They formerly worshipped with the Richard St. Church in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Their address is Rt. 4, Box 339-E (Thigpen Dr.), phone 561-0879.

NEW DAUGHTER

Mark and Becky Ellis have a baby girl, Shana, born Friday in Medical Center Hospital.

AREA MEETING

Brother Dean Brookshire will preach in a meeting in Carthage Sunday thru Friday. Week-night services at 7:30.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 5

By Hillard Hughes
A. M. Sing and Be Happy!
P. M. Can We Be Neutral?

"DEER RUN" WORKDAY

This Saturday, May 4, is to be a big workday at Camp Deer Run. Anyone who can help should be at the camp between 9 and 10 a. m. You will need rakes, brooms, hammers, nails and lots of energy and enthusiasm. Take a sack lunch and enjoy the fellowship of other people who are interested in young people.

Every year there are several children who attend camping sessions with the financial support of Christians. If you would like to send some child to camp, just give your donation to Ray Womack. This might help teach and encourage some young soul to be a follower of Christ. HH

THE SICK

Brother T. Murry underwent surgery last week in Temple.

Brother Foy O'Neal's brother suffered a heart attack last week in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Brother David Hannah is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister M. M. Haws is in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Ed Naul is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER the first two Sundays in May:

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| Don Weathers | Elwin Crow |
| Harold Browning | Ben Young |
| Dale Hamblett | Kenneth Bennett |
| Ron Jones | Mark Cauthen |
| Walker Weathers | Kenny Browning |

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. at sister Truman Holland's home.

SENIORS

The following young people will soon be graduating from high school. We are proud of each one and extend our congratulations.

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| Kenneth Browning | Pam Potts |
| Debra Driggers | Karen Porter |
| Nina Fuller | Ginger Rozell |
| Ken Jones | Kim Smith |
| Dawn Knowles | Terry Stephenson |
| Jackie Krewall | Mark Whitworth |
| Pam Little | Carl Lott |
| Edwin Pickle | |

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Each year many of our young people accomplish some good things during their school year. We have tried to find out this information so you might be able to congratulate and encourage these young people.

Debra Driggers, a senior at Chapel Hill has been in the school band for 8 years. Received two first place medals in the band U. I. L. Solo and Ensemble contest. She was runner-up for Band Sweetheart. She is a new member of the National Honor Society.

Ken Jones, a senior at John Tyler won third place in the Optimist Oratorical contest in his sophomore year. He is a member of the "Junior Engineering Technical Society." Ken has become a new member of the National Honor Society and is finishing 8th in his graduating class.

Edwin Pickle is a senior at Robert E. Lee. He is a Regional finalist in Interscholastic Swimming. He lettered all four years in High School.

Dawn Knowles is a senior at John Tyler, a member of the Quill and Scroll Society. She is a new member of the National Honor Society and is graduating 11th in her class. She was elected to the Hall of Fame for outstanding work on the school year book.

Carl Lott is a senior at Robert E. Lee and a new member of the National Honor Society.

Pam Potts is a senior at John Tyler. She received second place in U. I. L. solo and ensemble band contest. Pam is graduating in the top 10% of her class.

Karen Porter is a senior at Robert E. Lee. She is an officer and instructor in the Southern Belle drill team and has been nominated in the top 10 for class favorite for three years. She is a member of the young Republicans.

Laurie Rowe, a sophomore at Chapel Hill is president of the Spanish Club and won fourth place in National Spanish Examination contest. Won 1st division Saxophone solo in U. I. L. Band contest.

JoEllen Willis, a sophomore at Chapel Hill, won a first division in Band solo and ensemble U. I. L. contest.

Stephen Pickle, a sophomore at Robert E. Lee, is a letterman on the high school swim team.

PLEASE NOTE

The weekly Wednesday morning Ladies' Class has been dismissed for the present. It will resume meeting in September.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

I am glad that we have had good attendance in Bible School during April, but I am disappointed that we have not yet reached our goal of 500. We have one remaining Sunday in the month. Won't you get busy right now and start calling others and working for 500 on this Sunday in Bible School?

We really should have 500 every Sunday. We have excellent facilities, splendid teachers, and every incentive for everyone to come to Bible School. Why don't we have 500? Is it because too many church members are more interested in other things than in a study of the Bible? Of course, I am aware that some who are elderly may not feel able to come to Bible School and worship services. It is apparent, however, that not only at West Erwin, but at congregations everywhere, there are many who do not show the love and interest they should in spiritual matters.

I want to thank all of our teachers who give of their time each week in preparation and in teaching of the Bible. Also, we appreciate the capable leadership of Hillard Hughes as he works with the educational program under the oversight of our elders.

There is never a week that passes that I am not impressed with the thought that life is very brief and that we should be concerned about preparing for eternity. Since I have been privileged to preach for several large congregations and have been associated with thousands of Christians, I am always hearing of the death of individuals I have known and loved. Just this past week we learned of the death of the brother of my brother-in-law. Then we heard of the death of a woman for whom I said the marriage ceremony when I was only eighteen. It was my first "wedding" and how nervous I was! It made me sad to think of the passing of this woman and to realize how quickly the years go by. Then I was saddened to know of the death of a man - just 36 years old - who had a stroke while vacationing in Colorado. He was married to a relative of mine and I had said their marriage ceremony also. Death can come at any time! I believe we should want to live for Christ even if we had the assurance of many years. If we are prepared to live we will be prepared to die. Death for the Christian is not a defeat but a victory. GHS

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 28 By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Our Daily Bread P. M. More Than Conquerors (Romans 8)

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Prayer Ross Walker
Dismiss Kelly Pickle

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April 21...\$2,563.90453
April 14...\$2,451.79454
Year Ago..\$2,726.62460

MEETING AT NORTHWEST

The Northwest church will have a gospel meeting Sunday, April 28 thru Wednesday, May 1. Brother Curtis Ramey will preach. The week-night services will be at 7:30. Brother Ramey will speak to the Ladies Class Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock.

THANK YOU NOTES

In appreciation for the many phone calls, visits, cards, and for the prayers offered for my recovery while I was still in the hospital, I wish to thank you all. May God bless each of you.
In Christian love,
Julia Langham

I wish to thank each and every one for the visits, cards, calls, and gifts I received while in the hospital.

Eula Hoppers

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother H. McCarty went home Tuesday from Medical Center.

The baby son of Keith and Tanna Cameron underwent surgery Monday in Houston. He is the grandson of sister Lucille Stone.

Sister James Beard is in Glenwood Hospital.

NEW GRANDSON

Sister Earnesene Shuford has a new grandson born last week to Bill and Virgellyne Shuford in Houston.

LADIES' LUNCHEON

Following the Ladies' Bible class on this coming Wednesday, May 1, the women of the church are invited to a "covered dish" luncheon in the home of Mrs. Ross Walker at 536 Park Heights Circle. Each one is asked to bring a dish. Bread and drinks will be provided.

This Wednesday will be the last class for the ladies to meet during this season. The class will resume its meeting in September. We hope we have a large class for the final session.

Mary Ellen's little friends in planning a picnic, left her out. At the last minute, they relented and invited her, after all.

"Hurry, dear," urged her mother, "wash your face and slip on a clean dress while I fix your picnic lunch."

Mary Ellen shook her head, "It's no use, Mother," she explained, "I've already prayed for rain."

NOT JUST KID STUFF

Some people seem to think of Vacation Bible School as just something for the little kids to attend to get them out of their hair and maybe learn a little Bible while they are at it. But Vacation Bible School means a lot more than that. It is a project that the whole church can undertake. Vacation Bible School teachers have a big responsibility. They must prepare their lessons in an interesting way while at the same time they give new information and stimulate the thinking of their pupils. Parents also have a responsibility of not only bringing their children to VBS, but also following up the things taught there. The rest of the people in the church have the responsibility of helping to bring children whose families may not be members of the church, but that need the encouragement VBS gives. Vacation Bible School is a way of refreshing our minds in the middle of the year and giving us a new start in June. Now is the time to start preparing for our Vacation Bible School. Let's all work to make this the best VBS we have ever had, not only in quantity, but also in quality.

-- Ken Jones

FROM BOLES HOME

We have received a thank you letter from Boles Home for the cakes and cookies that were sent to them last Friday. We want to thank brother and sister B. B. Lambert for taking the sweets to the home.

THE INTERNATIONAL MISSION of Churches of Christ located in the World Trade Center of New York City continues to bear fruit. In a recent letter from Kieth Mitchell, he reports the baptism of two young women from Korea. Brother Mitchell continues to work very diligently with citizens of other nations. Your contributions are helping to preach the gospel to people in various parts of the world.

MOVED

Sister T. G. (Velma) Bell has gone to North Carolina to live near her daughter, Virginia. We will miss her but hope that she will be very happy in her new home. Her address is: 1408-D Quail Ridge Rd., Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

WE HAVE RECEIVED a letter from brother Leroy Brownlow stating that the Brownlow Gift Books are now available at Gibson Stores. The Brownlow Gift Books are excellent gifts for all occasions.

INA MAE STOLZ of Dallas will be speaking to the Ladies' Bible Class at the Omen Road church, Tuesday morning at 9:45. All are invited.

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at Burks-Walker for Mrs. Velma Lee Horton, sister of brother Luther Thompson. We extend our sympathy to the family.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The West Erwin church is contributing \$1,500 this year to assist James O. Baird, president of Oklahoma Christian College, as he travels to Australia, Singapore, Vietnam and Japan on an evangelistic mission to strengthen the church in these various areas. Brother Baird is being sponsored by the College church where he serves as one of the elders. A number of congregations are assisting in this missionary endeavor.

Brother Baird has written us and has asked an interest in our prayers as he travels from place to place. He plans to depart from Oklahoma City on April 22 and after a two day stay in San Francisco arrive in Sydney, Australia on April 24. While in Sydney, brother Baird will speak to a city wide gathering of church members and on another day speak on "Church Leadership." He will give a series of lessons at Macquarie School of Preaching and preach in a series of meetings at the Blacktown church in Sydney.

Brother Baird is going to have a very heavy schedule everywhere he goes. He hopes to strengthen church leaders and in some places help to keep down some of the liberal views which may have affected the thinking of some brethren.

We were pleased to have brother Baird with us in a meeting last summer and feel that he is a man especially well qualified for the work he plans to do. We know that he is sound in the faith and we know that he is well educated and can gain the respect of intellectual leaders. His going to the Orient at this time may have a tremendous effect on the teaching and training of church leaders in the future. During the months he will be preaching and teaching he may accomplish as much good as several years spent in some mission fields.

We want to comply with brother Baird's request that we remember him in our prayers that God may grant him fruitful opportunities for useful services. From time to time we will publish in the bulletin the various places brother Baird will be so that we may continue our prayers for him every place he goes. We pray that he may have a successful work this coming week in Sydney, Australia.

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Announcements R. C. O'Bannon
Prayer..... Wilmer Little
Dismiss..... Jimmy Walker

Table with 2 columns: Contributions, Bible School. Rows for April 14, April 7, and Year Ago.

RESPONSES

For Prayer: Tommy Lowrance

BEST WISHES

Brother and sister R. M. Mayo celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary with an open house last Sunday afternoon. We extend our congratulations to them.

They have expressed their thanks to all who came and shared the happy occasion with them.

BUSINESS MEETING - There will be a business meeting for all men of the congregation on Sunday afternoon, 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Is Your Home PRAYER Conditioned?
PRAYER Changes Things!

THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks ever so much for all of the cards and prayers offered in my behalf during my surgery. I love you all very much. I am feeling much stronger and feel that it is just a matter of time until I will be working again. Thank you and God bless you all. In Christian love,

Nancy and Mack Kincheloe
(Nancy is now at home in San Angelo)

I wish to thank everyone who sent so many cards, the visits, and phone calls, prayers and flowers while I was in the hospital. I also want to thank sister Imogene Myers for the food she prepared for us and also sister Naomi Haws for the pie and beautiful flowers. May God's richest blessings be with you all. Jo Metcalf

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Julia Langham has been in Glenwood Hospital but hopes to return home by the end of the week.

Reagan Phillips, stationed in California with the Navy, underwent surgery on Tuesday. He is doing well.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - April 21

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Thy Will Be Done
P. M. The Great Day of Pentecost
(Acts 2)

BEST WISHES to Miss Nancy Hannah and Elvin Stanley who were married last Friday evening. They will be at home in Maypearl, Texas.

FUTURE GOSPEL MEETINGS

The elders have made arrangements for some outstanding men to preach in evangelistic meetings for the next five years. You might like to keep this schedule.

- 1974 -
Truman Spring July 14 - 21
Ira North October 7, 8
Reuel Lemmons November 10 - 13
- 1975 -
Jim Bill McInteer Feb. 10 - 14
Gary Beauchamp (In June)
- 1976 -
Johnny Thompson Spring
Avon Malone Fall
- 1977 -
Harold Taylor Spring
Harvey Porter Fall
- 1978 -
Virgil Trout Spring
Raymond Hardin Fall
- 1979 -
Wyatt Sawyer Spring
Joe Barnett Fall

LITTLE PEOPLE'S SCHOOL

The Glenwood church is now registering students for the fall session: Classes are conducted from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. for the following ages:

- 3 years - Tuesday and Thursday
4 years - Mon., Wed., Fri.
5 years - Mon. thru Fri.
For more information, call Sally Miller at 595-0361.

ALL ZONES will meet for visitation Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, April 23, in the Chapel.

VBS TEACHERS - If you are helping or will help in our VBS this year, please attend a short meeting Sunday afternoon at 5:30 in the Chapel.

HERE'S AN OLD FAVORITE that has been around for many years. . .

"Do something beautiful! Mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in word or deed. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forget a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy. Examine your demands on others. Thinking first of someone else. Appreciate. Be kind; be gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency. Express your gratitude. Go to church. Welcome a stranger. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonders of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again; and speak it still once again." (anon.)

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

- Tom Williams Ray Womack
Bob Threadgill W. S. Little
Bill Whitworth Charles Lemons
Mark Whitworth Marc Lemons
Mike Whitworth Bart Lemons

More About the Living Bible Paraphrased (continued from inside)

but God put into effect a different plan to save us." But didn't Jesus say, "If ye love me, you will keep my commandments," (John 14:15 RSV)? And John tells us, "He who says I know him but disobeys his commandments is a liar and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps his word, in him truly love for God is perfected," (I John 2:4 RSV)

The LBP leaves out the importance of obeying the gospel in its rendering of II Thessalonians 1:8, "Bringing judgment on those who do not wish to know God, and refuse to accept his plan to save them through our Lord Jesus Christ." According to the RSV this verse reads, "Inflicting vengeance upon those who do not know God and upon those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus."

The LBP makes quite an addition to Hebrews 6:1 when it says, "Surely we don't need to speak further about the foolishness of trying to be saved by being good, or about the necessity of faith in God." The Hebrew writer does teach us to go beyond the elementary principles of the gospel, but these principles are always important. One who is an advanced student of literature does not spend his time on the alphabet but he never outgrows the use of the alphabet.

The LBP has I Peter 3:21 saying, "In baptism we show that we have been saved from death." The RSV says, "Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a clear conscience."

The LBP teaches that Christ will come to set up his kingdom in II Timothy 4:1, His Kingdom was to be setup during the lifetime of some of his disciples, (Mark 9:1). He is now ruling in his kingdom (I Corinthians 15:24, 25).

These are just a few of the errors in this paraphrase. We feel that the language which is used in many instances does not have the dignity which should characterize a translation of God's word. For example, read I Samuel 20:30.

If you do read the Living Bible, please compare it carefully with the King James Version, American Standard Version, or Revised Standard Version. As you know, I usually quote from the King James Version, because it is the most familiar version to English speaking people. I have numerous modern versions which I sometimes find helpful even as I find commentaries helpful. But let us use them cautiously.

GHS

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY by George H. Stephenson

A. M. Pray for the Kingdom

P. M. The Resurrection

(I Corinthians 15)

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RESPONSES

For Prayer: Paul Montandon, Mrs. James Phillips, Mrs. Paul Ray, Nona Freeman, Sheila Strait, Becky Cates, Diana McElroy, Kay Montgomery, JoEllen Willis and Mike Franklin.

THANK YOU NOTES

Your prayers, visits, cards, and expressions of concern will always be remembered with deep appreciation and gratitude. May God's richest blessings be with each of you.

The family of Theo Murry

Thank you so much for all the visits, calls, words of encouragement, and especially your prayers for my recovery and welfare during my recent stay in the hospital. It is so nice to be a part of you. In Christian love, Bessie Willis

CAKES FOR BOLES HOME

For the past several years we have participated in a rotation plan to provide cakes and pies for the children of Boles Home. April 19 (Friday week) is the day we are to do this again. We want to send a large supply to the home again this year.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Ike Gaiser is in Glenwood Hospital.

Brother Gilbert Venable from Dallas is in Mother Frances Hospital.

WHAT GOD HATH PROMISED

God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flowerstrewn pathways all our lives through;
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.
God hath not promised we shall not know
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,
Swift easy travel, needing no guide;
Never a mountain, rocky and steep,
Never a river, turbid and deep.
But God hath promised strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love,
...Annie Johnson Flint

MORE ABOUT THE LIVING BIBLE PARAPHRASED

Several individuals have asked for a list of the errors in The Living Bible Paraphrased which were pointed out in a recent sermon of mine.

I would like to mention that this book is easily read and in some instances makes for a clearer understanding of certain passages. For example, Acts 2:38 and Mark 16:16 are very clear. However, we should keep in mind that this particular book is a paraphrase and not an actual translation. In the preface of the Living Bible Paraphrased the author, Kenneth Taylor, recognizes that there are dangers in such a work as his. He says, "There are dangers in paraphrases, as well as values. For whenever the author's exact words are not translated from the original languages, there is a possibility that the translator, however honest, may give the English reader something that the original writer did not mean to say. This is because a paraphrase is guided not only by the translator's skill in simplifying but also by the clarity of his understanding of what the author meant and by his theology." (Emphasis mine. GHS). In many instances I feel that Taylor has not put in his version what the original writer intended to say.

We want to notice verses in the Living Bible Paraphrased (LBP) in contrast to the same verses in the Revised Standard Version (RSV) of 1956.

The LBP upholds the doctrine of original sin in Psalm 51:5, "But I was born a sinner, yes, from the moment my mother conceived me."

The RSV reads, "Behold I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me." I do not believe that infants are sinners. The sin in this passage has reference to the mother's sin. How can anyone believe that an embryo, at the moment of conception, is a sinner?

The LBP says in Ephesians 2:3, "We started out bad, being born with evil natures, and were under God's anger just like everyone else."

The RSV says, "Among these we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of body and mind, and so we were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind."

The LBP teaches that Abraham was saved by faith alone. That he was saved by faith, we believe, but not by faith alone. The LBP says in Romans 4:12, "They can see from his example that it is not this ceremony that saves them, for Abraham found favor with God by faith alone." The RSV says, "And likewise the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but also follow the example of the faith which our father Abraham had before he was circumcised."

The LBP in Romans 8:3 reads, "We aren't saved from sin's grasp by knowing the commandments of God, because we can't and don't keep them,

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Numbers Are Important

The time is here! April is the month for our Bible School Drive. Let's get behind this endeavor and have at least 500 in Bible School every Sunday morning. We can do it with work and the Lord's help.

Yes, I am interested in numbers. Numbers represent people and the Lord is interested in people. Every number represents a precious soul. The more people who are in Bible School means the greater possibility of doing good for the Lord.

We are not interested in having numbers if it means that we are compromising truth or sacrificing principles of right. The Lord reduced Gideon's army from 22,000 to 300 to show the Israelites that their strength was not in their numerical power, but in the Lord. However, we do know the Lord has always been pleased when great numbers have turned to the Lord. Please notice the many Scriptures in Acts which emphasize numbers.

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (2:41). "Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand" (4:4). "And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul" (4:32). "And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women" (5:14). "And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied" (6:1). "And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priest were obedient to the faith" (6:7). "And the hand of the Lord was with them; and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord" (11:21). "They went both together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of the Jews and also of the Greeks believed" (14:1). "And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily" (16:1). "And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few" (17:4). "Therefore many of them believed, also of honorable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few" (17:12). "And many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized" (18:8). "And many that believed came, and confessed and showed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together, and burned them before all men - So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed" (19:18-20).

Yes, the Lord is pleased with numbers. Will you be one who seeks to bring others to Bible School in April?
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RESPONSES

We are happy to welcome Mr. Rodney Mason, Rt. 2, Box 425-13. He formerly worshipped with the Maul Road Church of Christ in Camden, Arkansas.

For Prayer: Mrs. E. L. Taylor.

THANK YOU NOTES

We appreciate every kindness shown us - the prayers, food, flowers and visits. For such a minister as George and Alice we are most thankful. He stood by time and time again, and prayed so fervently. For ministers and their wives and Christians like them - we bow our heads and say, "Thank you Lord."

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Turner

APRIL means 500 in Bible School

Dear Brother George, Hillard and West Erwin Elders:
 "Bless be the tie that binds..." - that song today expressed some of our feelings for all who so lovingly offered prayer and expressed good wishes to us and to Nancy and Mack during this critical time.

We wish to express our gratitude for this and know assuredly those prayers were answered, in that she went through the surgery and is now on the recovery side.

Our "thanks" is but a small part of our feelings for all of you at West Erwin. Lovingly,
 Bill and Mary Butler

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Jim Willis has been in the Glenwood Hospital suffering from bronchitis.

Sister Aubrey Byrd's mother is improving. She is in the hospital in Grapevine, Texas. You may send her a card to: Mrs. S. C. Ratliff, 311 E. Wall, Grapevine, Texas 76051.

Sister John Porter's father is very critically ill in Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

Bill and Mary Butler's daughter, Nancy Kincheloe, remains a patient in the Cardiac Unit of Methodist Hospital in Houston. She is improving.

Sister C. T. Beard's niece is a patient in Scott-White Hospital in Temple.

Sister Russell O'Bannon is at home and we are glad to know that she is making some improvement.

KEN JONES

TO WORK WITH CHURCH

Ken Jones, one of our fine young men who plans to be a gospel preacher, will be working with the West Erwin church for the next five months. Ken plans to enroll in Lubbock Christian College in September of this year. Ken ranks very high among the graduates of John Tyler High School for this year.

The elders want to encourage Ken in his desire to preach. It is felt that working with us at West Erwin will provide Ken with valuable experience and training. Primarily Ken will be working with Hillard Hughes, but he will also be working from time to time with George Stephenson. Ken will be preparing Wednesday night devotionals, devotionals for young people on Sunday evening, and will continue working with the Sunday morning Children's Worship Training Program. He will take an active part in our Vacation Bible School and work with the young people who plan to conduct a school in Manassas, Virginia. He will also be engaged in some of our visitation program, including the visiting of the hospitals, the older people, new comers, etc.

We know that all of the members at West Erwin will want to encourage Ken as he prepares himself for the great work of a gospel preacher.

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SISTER IVAH MILLER has returned to Collinsville for a while. She always enjoys being home during the spring and summer months.

IRA NORTH COMING IN OCTOBER

Ira North, preacher for the great church in Madison, Tennessee, is scheduled to be with the West Erwin church for a special two day meeting on October 7 and 8. Brother North inspires all who hear him to become more zealous in the Lord's service. You may hear him on television each Sunday morning at 7 o'clock on channel 5 (if you are on the cable).

Other great events for this year include our Vacation Bible School, June 3 - 7, our summer meeting with Truman Spring, July 14 - 21, and our fall meeting with Reuel Lemmons, November 10 - 13. Let us work and pray for all of these special meetings.

GOSPEL MEETING

The Omen Road church of Christ will be in a Gospel Meeting. Sunday through Wednesday with O. J. Russell preaching. The time is 7:30 each weekday evening.

REMEMBER - The fellowship meeting of the congregation on this Friday night, April 5 at the Rose Center Building. Bring your food in time for us to begin the meal by 7 o'clock.

SERMONS for Sunday, April 7

a.m. Hallowed Be Thy Name

By George H. Stephenson

p.m. Spirit of Christianity

By Hillard Hughes

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday, 7 o'clock p.m. at the Elwin Crow home.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial . . .

Dressing Appropriately

Matt. 22: 11-15, tells of a man who came to a wedding feast without the proper attire. The King, who had planned the feast, when he saw the inappropriately dressed guest, commanded that he be "cast into outer darkness." Admittedly, this passage has a spiritual application which has little to do with outward dress; yet, this parable presupposes that some dress is appropriate on some occasions and inappropriate on others.

Generally, we dress nice to show respect. When we go to visit an honorable person we dress in such a way as to honor him. If, for instance, we had an appointment with the president, we would dress our best for the occasion.

Recently, we have seen dress used to show disrespect and dishonor. Militant and rebellious groups have appeared before our president dressed as shabbily as possible. This is just another way in which they show their disrespect.

Someone may have wondered why we dress our best when we go to worship. It is one way in which we show our respect for God. This, however, is not to say that one should dress expensively or ostentatiously for worship; recall James' statement, "For if there come unto your assembly a man in vile raiment; and ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: Are ye not then partial in yourselves and are become judges of evil thoughts?" (James 2:2-4) Thus, we are warned against showing partiality against those who are poorly dressed because of their poverty. Still, it is a different matter when we could dress respectfully and appropriately but refuse to do so.

Out of respect for God and our fellow worshippers let us dress modestly and appropriately when we come to worship. . . .by Jack Pape

Taken from The Herald of Youth

Southwest Amarillo church of Christ, Amarillo, Texas

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 17 . . . By George H. Stephenson

A. M. The Living Word

P. M. Christ and the Lost (Luke 15)

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Prayer Tommy Lowrance
Dismiss Mark Stewart

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TEACHER DEVELOPMENT SERIES
Remember the Teacher Training Series Friday evening, 7 to 9 o'clock and Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. This is a very special and enjoyable event planned for YOU.

Classes are as follows:
Nursery Glenda Ravanelli
Pre-School Jane Evans
Primary Joy Rosser
Junior Pat Malone
Junior High Steve White
High School Larry Calvin
Adult B. B. Stevens
There is an excellent class for every teacher. Plan to be present!

OUR SYMPATHY

A cousin to sister Dovie Norsworthy was buried last week. We extend our sympathy to the family.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Ralph Lowrance will enter Medical Center Hospital on Wednesday for surgery.

Brother T. Murry has entered the Veterans Hospital in Waco.

Sister F. D. Hoppers has been in Mother Frances Hospital, but may be home by now.

TO THE LADIES OF WEST ERWIN

Thank you for providing a wonderful meal for our February Devotional and Dinner. All the students of the Campus Christian Center enjoyed it and offer you our thanks.

Larry Heath
(We want to thank Wanda Weathers for co-ordinating this work.)

THANK YOU NOTE

I want to thank my many Christian friends for the visits, cards, calls, gifts, food, flowers, and prayers that were offered in my behalf. These things made my stay in the hospital and my recovery at home much easier to bear. May God bless you.

Birdie Lee Norris

Brother Hillard Hughes will be a guest speaker during Bible School Sunday at the Northwest church. They are emphasizing Bible School attendance during March.

APRIL MEANS 500 IN BIBLE SCHOOL

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday, March 19 at the Hillard Hughes home.

AREA MEETING

March 20 - 23, Christian Evidences Lectureship - Virgil Trout, Speaker South Washington Church in Marshall

We are happy to know that sister Ruth McCauley has recovered sufficiently to again attend the worship services. She has been able to be here the past two weeks.

"My knowledge of that life is small,
The eye of faith is dim;
But it's enough that Christ knows all;
And I shall be with Him."

WHAT KIND OF SHOE DESCRIBES YOU?

In an article entitled "Shoes," L. D. Martin very cleverly and pointedly sets forth different members of the church. He says: Someone has said, "If the shoe fits, wear it." We sometimes say, "I'd hate to be in his shoes!" I think that everyone of us will fit into one of these styles of shoes.

LOAFER - "Thou wicked and slothful servant." (Matt. 25:26) "Be not slothful in business." (Rom. 12:11).

HIGH HEEL - This fits the haughty, proud, individual. "A man is not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think." (Romans 12:13)

OVERSHOES - Puts on Christianity only when the going gets rough. Wants the prayers and visits of the preacher only when in trouble.

HOUSE SHOES - This person wants things easy and comfortable. Is scared by a building program, mission work,

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

For the benefit of congregations in East Texas, and in the interest of serving dependent children in the area, an office which provides adoption and foster care services will be opened at the Mobberly Ave. Church of Christ on March 1, in Longview.

Brethren who are aware of special needs or who wish to develop child care work within their own local congregation should contact Dave Amonette. Adoptive placements will also be handled through that office.

benevolent work, etc. Cannot get to worship in bad weather. "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion." (Amos 6:1)

SANDAL - Just a skeleton of a Christian; did not grow into well-rounded service. "As new born babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that ye may grow thereby." (I Peter 2:2)

SUNDAY SHOES - Once-a-week Christian. "If a man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me." (Luke 9:23)

WORK SHOES - No beauty; but always in style. This is a pair of shoes we put on when things are to be done. (Compare with Heb. 6:30, I Cor. 3:13) When we sing, "I want to be a WORKER for the Lord," do we really mean it?

- from bulletin
Central church, Lufkin, Texas

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

At my age, I suppose that I am not to notice birthdays. But, the other day was my birthday and I am glad that the Lord has blessed me with another year. I look forward to other years - the Lord willing - and hope that I may never be so obsessed with the past that I fail to look forward to the future.

However, I hope you will bear with me as I do lookback upon these years I have been privileged to live and to preach. I have lived during an exciting time in the history of the church. I have lived during a time when churches moved out from their humble meeting houses often located on the "wrong side of the tracks" into many elegant and beautiful buildings. I remember when a church with a budget of \$15,000 per year was considered one of our strongest and most able congregations. We now have congregations whose budgets call for almost three fourths of a million dollars a year. With the increase in prosperity among our members, I have seen an increase in our mission and benevolent work. While we are doing only a fraction of what should be done in mission work, yet there is no comparison with what the church does now and what it did when I began my preaching career. The gospel is being preached in more and more places, both in our country and around the world.

I am thankful for the accomplishments of the Lord's people in the last thirty or forty years, yet there are some things which make me sad. We enjoyed a tremendous growth in the "forties" and "fifties," but I feel that we are reaching comparatively few outsiders with the gospel today. I know that twenty and thirty years ago it was easier to reach people with the gospel. Back then, where I was preaching, it was unusual to have a Sunday when no one was baptized. Usually there would be one or maybe several to be baptized each Sunday. I feel that the deterioration of moral principles and the materialistic age in which we live have caused people to become indifferent to the gospel of Christ.

I have been distressed because of division among our people. For the first years of my ministry, our congregations in Texas all thought it was scriptural to help support homes for the care of the fatherless. They also engaged in various co-operative endeavors. In the 1950's I saw the church divide over these issues. I have often wondered if some of the leaders of this movement against co-operation, who at one time supported the homes, etc., ever confessed their "sins" (?). I am also distressed today because of liberal tendencies among some in the brotherhood who actually question the authority of the Scriptures.

The church, however, has always had its problems. It did in Bible times and it does today. Each one of us should place our confidence in the Lord and

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Dismiss Paul Knight
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CONGRATULATIONS

Phillip and Brenda Browning are the parents of a baby girl, Jena Brooke, born February 28 at Mother Frances Hospital. Harold and Nelda Browning are the happy grandparents and the Lonnie Taylors are the great, grandparents.

THE SICK

Brother T. Murry is a patient in Doctor's Memorial Hospital.
Brother Ralph Lowrance is in the Medical Center Hospital.
Sister F. D. Hoppers is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.
Mr. W. R. Riley is now in Leisure Lodge, room 61.

Business Meeting - 1:30 Sunday afternoon in the Chapel.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - April 5, All Church Fellowship-Rose Bldg.

TEACHERS - March 15 and 16

As has been announced, we plan to have an outstanding group of people here for a training series. This program is designed to help each one of us to be better teachers. We have very fine teachers here, people dedicated to the teaching of God's Word. I hope you are making your plans to use this 4 hours to benefit you and our teaching program.

Friday night we will meet from 7 o'clock until 9 o'clock, and begin on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. We will provide a nursery for the younger children. Please be present.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 10

A. M. On Being Friendly
by George H. Stephenson
P. M. Every Little Bit Hurts
by Hillard Hughes

From the Preacher's Desk . . .
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know that He still is on the throne and that He is able to over-rule all things for His glory. I believe that you and I, as Christians, have the message which is so needed in our troubled world - the precious gospel of a Saviour who gave himself for us, who promises to live in us, and who has gone to prepare a place in glory for us. May all of us rededicate our lives to the great task which the Lord has given us as sons and daughters of the Almighty. GHS

ZONE II will meet Tuesday evening, 7 o'clock at the Wallace Gayle home.

JESUS' EXAMPLE . . .by Silas Shotwell, University Reminder, Denton

Jesus set the precedent for proper conduct when he condemned adultery vehemently, yet had compassion on an adulterous woman (Matthew 5: John 8). To use modern labeling, He was "conservative" when it came to law, but "liberal" when it came to people. He crusaded to prevent sin, but sought to cure the sinner who had stumbled.

Too often followers of Christ have reversed the process. There is neglect of principle and specific teaching, but harsh condemnation for the person "overtaken in a trespass" (Galatians 6:1). The Biblical mandate to the spiritual brother is to "restore" the overtaken brother in a spirit of gentleness. The next admonition, then, is to "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ" (Galatians 6:2). But so often this is not practiced. "Spiritual" brothers often become witch-hunters and executioners rather than restorers. The self-appointed "defenders of the faith" I know are the last ones to whom I would go with a problem. They do not exhibit the spirit of Christ.

How wonderful that Jesus is different! As He told a multitude, He came not to judge the world, but to save it (John 12:47). He was the friend of publicans and sinners (Matthew 11:19).

I believe the Church today is paying dearly for its failure to imitate Christ. We are not only failing in saving the world but are constantly losing our own children. We have assumed that loyalty to some doctrinal truths, spiritual arrogance, and biting sarcasm are the ways to serve Christ. But He is the Great Physician, and these things are not healing.

Let us open our eyes to the real problems of our time. Corruption in genuine Christlikeness has caused many to react with sinful symptoms. But let us face the causes and not simply the symptoms.

Lord Jesus, help us to be pure! But let it be so that we might serve rather than judge. Help us to hate sin, but love sinners.

BOLES HOME GROCERY TRUCK

The grocery truck will be here some time during the week of March 11-15. They will be glad to pick up whatever we can supply. Here is a list of needs: Paper goods (tissue, towels, napkins, facial tissue), Toilet soap (all brands) Shampoo, Tooth paste (Colgate, Crest & Gleem), Cream or Roll-on Deodorant, Razors and razor blades, Laundry bleach, Scouring powders, Juices and fruit flavored drinks, Canned fruits, Canned vegetables, Lipton Instant tea, Spices (all kinds), Syrup (Karo-white and brown, Griffin, Blackburn), Jellies and preserves, Honey, Peanut butter, Shortening (Crisco, Snowdrift, Mazola), Cooking Oil (Crisco, Wesson, Mazola), Sugar, Nestles Quick, Hershey's chocolate syrup, Pickles, Salad Dressing, Catsup, Aluminum foil, Barbecue sauce.

Instrumental Music in Worship

Dr. Everett Ferguson, professor of Bible at Abilene Christian College, is the author of a study booklet entitled, "A Capella Music in the Public Worship of the Church," published by the Biblical Research Press in Abilene. The book is a scholarly presentation advocating the use of a capella music (unaccompanied singing) in public worship. In the preface of the book, brother Ferguson says:

"During my graduate study days at Harvard I lived in the same dormitory with a Greek Orthodox student who was a graduate of the University of Athens and a candidate for an advanced degree at Harvard. I asked him if it was correct that the Greek Orthodox churches did not use instrumental music in their public worship. He said, 'yes.' Then I inquired as to the reasons why. His reply was most interesting to me. 'We do not use instrumental music because it is not in the New Testament and it is contrary to the nature of Christian worship! By this he stated my case exactly for unaccompanied church music.'"

A book published in 1842 by the Presbyterial Board of Publication, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania has this lengthy title, "Questions on The Confession of Faith and Form of Government of the Presbyterial Church in the United States of America With a Selection of Scripture Proofs: Designed For the Instruction of Classes in the Doctrine of Said Church." On page 55 of this booklet the following appears:

"Question 6. Is there any authority for instrumental music in the worship of God under the present dispensation? Answer. Not the least; only the singing of psalms and hymns and spiritual songs was appointed by the apostles; not a syllable is said in the New Testament in favor of instrumental music nor was it ever introduced into the church until after the eighth century, after the Catholics had corrupted the simplicity of the gospel by their carnal inventions. It was not allowed in the Synagogues, the parish churches of the Jews; but was confined to the Temple service and was abolished with the rites of that dispensation."

Our basis for rejecting instrumental music should not be just because some other group has opposed it, but it is interesting to know that most of the major Protestant denominations opposed the use of instrumental music in worship when they were first established. GHS

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WE EXPRESS our sympathy to sister Margret Montgomery. Her aunt was buried in Pittsburg, Texas last week.

WE ARE HAPPY that Wayne Reynolds, son-in-law to the F. C. Carpenters, was baptized last week in Athens.

BEGINNING THIS MONTH, the Glenwood church will conduct the following classes for men, women, and teenage girls.

Fascinating Womanhood - Wednesday, 9 a. m. - 11 a. m., Carmen Hilliard, Teacher. Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. - 9 p. m. Teacher, Edith McLendon.

Head of the House, Tuesday 7:30 p. m. - 9 p. m., Teacher, Clyde McLendon.

Feminine Profile (Teenage girls), Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. - 9 p. m. Teacher, Lynn Dickey.

Teacher Development Series
March 15 and 16

DIVIDING THE CHURCH

From the beginning of time all things that God has made and joined together, man has tried to tear apart. Because man is inconsistent, thoughtless, and sometimes overbearing, he causes division. Jesus Christ died for His Church but Paul found division in Corinth. Paul exhorted the people to be of the same mind and in the same judgment. Christ asked, can a house that is divided stand? Of course, it cannot. The Lord's Church has people that will cause trouble and division due to the lack of real love and concern for God. Men, women, and children are capable of dividing the body of Christ because of some little whim that may have engulfed them. There is little left to the imagination as to what God's answer will be to those that have caused division in the Church. I'm afraid of anyone who has "all" the answers. I'm afraid of anyone who is narrow enough that they cannot learn more. This is not to say God's Word, revealed to man, has double meaning - far from it. But, we can say that no one person has enough knowledge that he can completely direct the Church, locally or universally. If so, Jesus would have given authority to such a person. Jesus remains as its head. We need men in the leadership of every congregation that are full of wisdom. Men that are concerned for the souls of their respective congregations and who are continually working for unity. (continued on next page...)

ROUTINE PLAY

Sometimes we hear someone denounce the routine way in which we do things and plead for a change. Now routine can become only meaningless ritual, but it may also have its value. "As his custom was," Jesus went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day (Luke 4:16), and he would even repeat "the same words" in prayers (Matt. 26:44). Repetition is wrong only when it becomes "vain" repetition.

In baseball games, and in life, much depends on "routine play." When a ball is hit directly to a fielder, if he is competent, you can take it for granted the ball will be caught and the proper procedure followed and the opposing batter put out. Should a fielder fail to make his routine play, it is marked down as an error. The routine plays may not be spectacular, but every manager knows they are a major part of winning and places great value in players who can make them successfully.

In the early church there were some rather spectacular members like Peter and Paul, but also important were those like James the Less, Bartholomew, Thaddaeus, etc. They did not get special "write-ups" and are only mentioned as members of Christ's team of apostles. Perhaps they only made "routine plays," as "they continued in prayer and supplication;" but they were still valuable.

Christians must not fail in routine loyalty, for it is consistent, day-by-day, and week-by-week service that may tell more about our real dedication to Christ than a few showy plays. Let's just make sure we don't drop the ball!

... Loren Gieger, taken from Highland Herald

Dividing the Church (continued)

Preachers, elders, and teachers have great responsibility in seeing that unity prevails. Woe unto the man that causes division. Unity must abound. HH

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday evening, March 5, 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Mildred Parris.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, March 3

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. The Seed of the Kingdom
P. M. Matthew Seven

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

Very soon you will be receiving a letter telling you about the banquet that is being planned for the Juniors and Seniors, April 27. This party is paid for with contributions from Christians. West Erwin has always been very generous to help with this program. Please give your contributions to Hillard and Jeanine Hughes or Jamon and Clay Kirby.

ELDERS AND DEACONS will meet Monday evening, March 4, 7 o'clock at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Do You Believe the Miracles of the Bible?

It does not seem difficult to believe the miracles of the Bible if we believe in an all powerful God. If you do not believe in a personal God who created the world in the beginning, of course you may find it difficult to believe in any thing supernatural or miraculous.

Personally, I believe in a God of infinite power. I believe he made the world and placed the laws of nature in operation. I believe he has the power to control the laws of nature which he made. If I deny the existence of God, then there is no logical explanation for the origin of the universe or for the existence of man.

The marvels of the world about me cause me to believe in a marvelous Creator. Every birth, even though it is the result of the operation of natural laws, is beyond our ability to comprehend. How is it possible for the union of two microscopic cells to carry the traits and characteristics of a father and mother and their ancestors into the formation of a new life, and how these two cells multiply in such a manner that all of the various cells of the human body come into existence is beyond our ability to understand. All of the organs, the skeleton, the brain, and other parts of the body are all contained in two microscopic cells. The God who set in motion the law of reproduction certainly has the power to work a miracle.

Think of the marvelous workings of God which are seen everywhere. Man can send an electric current through a copper wire at sixty degrees below zero, and at the other end of the wire, heat a platinum wire to one thousand degrees. How marvelous is electricity! How powerful is our God! Someone has said: "Admit a God, that mystery supreme. That cause uncaused, all other wonders cease; Nothing is marvelous for Him to do. Deny Him, all is mystery beside."

Many in our day say that they are willing to follow Jesus, but they do not want to accept His miracles. They seem to think they can believe in Jesus, yet not believe the wonderful works which we read in the Gospels. But who is this Jesus they would accept? He is merely a man - a weak man - with no more power than any other great man. He is merely the figment of someone's imagination, for the only Jesus we know in the New Testament is the miracle working Jesus. If we reject the miracles, then how can we accept any of the Gospels?

The Jesus I want and believe is the Jesus who came into this world in a supernatural way, performed supernatural deeds, and was raised from the dead with supernatural power. This is the Christ I preach - the one who has through the ages brought comfort to the sorrowing, peace to the troubled, forgiveness to the sinner, and hope to the dying.

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Announcements.....Hillard Hughes

Prayer.....O. C. Becker

Dismiss..... Kyle McRuiz

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements.....Faber Cauthen

Prayer.....Fred Kniffen

Dismiss.....Bruce Raley

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February 17..\$2,973.31419

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RESPONSES

For Prayer: Rick Higginbotham

THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to express my genuine appreciation for the Christian love shown to me while I was in the hospital, for the many cards, flowers, visits, and most of all for your prayers. Will you please continue to pray for me that I may be a better Christian and serve the Lord more faithfully. Monroe Sublette

Happiness is: having the love and prayers of so many wonderful people. Mere words can't express what each of you mean to me nor can they express the gratitude for the endless kindnesses you bestow on me; but in humility I want to say thank you and may the Lord bless you. Love,
Audrey O'Bannon

Thank you for the cards and visits during my stay in the hospital. It is so wonderful to be remembered by Christians. Zora Lunceford

To my many Christian friends, I want to express thanks to all for their prayers, visits, cards and gifts during my stay in the hospital with my eye surgery. Leona Hardin

IN THE HOSPITAL

Sister W. H. Turner remains a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

VISITATION - February 26

We are thankful for the interest shown by the forty-five who attended the fellowship dinner recently at Wyatt's Cafeteria. However, we regret that more were not present. We hope that more and more of our members will become involved in this important part of our work.

Every fourth Tuesday in the month we plan to meet at the church building and go calling. On the first three Tuesday nights of the month we will be meeting in various homes.

This coming Tuesday, February 26, is the time to meet for general visitation. Be here no later than 7:00 p.m. You will be blessed and will be a blessing to others if you participate. "Try it - you will like it." GHS

COMING UP

Teacher Development Series

March 15 and 16

OAKLEY, KANSAS

We were glad to receive a report from Oakley, Kansas concerning the progress of the church there. While we have not made a financial contribution to this work in some time, yet all of us should be interested in this and every good work and especially in this work since we were helping in its support for a number of years. Lee Lacy is a young evangelist who is now working with the Oakley church. The church in Oakley is paying him a salary and he is allowed to drive a school bus to supplement his salary. There seems to be a good spirit in Oakley. Some Christians who have lived in Colby, Kansas and who have been meeting in Oakley have now started a work in their own city. Terry Nelson, who has been one of the leaders in the Oakley congregation, has been ill but we are thankful that he is now improved. We pray for the growth and prosperity of the Lord's cause in Oakley. GHS

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted in Dallas last week for the brother of Ray Womack.

Dawn Knowles' grandfather was buried here in Tyler last Saturday.

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

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson

A. M. Does Our Worship Please God?

P. M. Matthew Six

SOCIETY CHURCH?

Will God accept what society will not? Look around you today and see what you like and don't like. If we can't accept people today as human beings who may or may not have the social standards that we require, is God looking on us with favor? Jesus traveled through-out the country of Judea and found himself surrounded with multitudes of people. People from all walks of life came to him - rich young rulers, fishermen, children, harlots, sick, and beggars, and yet the Bible does not one time mention that he picked only a certain society group. He was not and is not a respecter of persons. We are! Yes, I believe we draw our lines of society where God does not. We like the "good" families - meaning those who are in the upper-middle class and up. God's love is bigger than ours and he has manifested this by the giving of His son for US. But, it seems that we often times try to forget that and try what pleases us. If we don't believe someone has our social standards we have a tendency to ignore them. Can a poor family worship God with Christians and have the same closeness as a more affluent family? We need to quit looking at clothes, jobs, cars, and neighborhoods, and start looking at souls. Let's start trying to out-do each other in Christianity instead of society. HH

THE TROUP CHURCH OF CHRIST invites you to the 4th Sunday singing, the 24th at 2:30 p. m.

Guest Editorial. . .

The Power of an Invitation

Most of us have difficulty in realizing the value of as simple a thing as an invitation to worship service.

Richard W. Massa, professor of English and instructor of Russian at the Oklahoma College of Liberal Arts in Chickasha, Okla., does not question the worth of a personal invitation. He recently penned the emotions of one who responded to such a call. It is hoped that his experience will encourage you and me to invite "that person" to hear the gospel of Christ.

"In the past ten years, it has been my privilege to stand within the walls of some of the great cathedrals and churches of Europe. I have attended services in the Cathedral of Notre Dame of Paris, in Westminster Abbey of London, in St. Stephens Cathedral of Vienna, and a host of other religious buildings, both large and small, both grandiose and simple in 16 foreign countries. I have visited in synagogues and in Greek and Russian Orthodox shrines. I have had contact in the past ten years with 500 religious groups. And my attendance at each of these services came because of an invitation from a person who was a member of the faith involved.

"But never, in my entire lifetime, had I been inside a church of Christ (building) until five years ago. I had never been invited. Yet, as I have gone back in church directories of towns where I have lived and worked, I have found that more than half of them in this country have had congregations of the Lord's church - including my home town where I spent the first 18 years of my life.

"Still it was not until I moved to Chickasha and not until I had been here two years that I was invited to and did attend a service of the Lord's church. Nor do I recall knowing until five years ago a person who said he was a member of the church of Christ. I must leave this thought with you. Had someone in the church taken the initiative years earlier, I today might be a member of the church of 21 years' standing rather than of five years. What about those you know?"
...Tom W. Packard

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - February 17, 1974

A. M. A Time for Everything
By George H. Stephenson

P. M. Lights in Dark Places
By Hillard Hughes

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 Prayer..... Wayne Terry
 Dismiss..... Harold Browning

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 Announcements Tom Williams
 Prayer..... John Teague
 Dismiss Wilmer Little

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RESPONSES

For Prayer: Miss Holly Womack

IN APPRECIATION

We want to express our genuine appreciation for the Christian love and interest shown for us and the entire Browning family at the time of the death of our mother. We are truly grateful for every kindness and expression of sympathy.

Harold and Nelda Browning

I am very grateful for all the lovely cards and remembrances of me during my stay in the hospital and since coming home. I am thankful to have Christian friends.

Mrs. E. L. Taylor

PANTRY: Canned Vegetables

FUNERALS

We extend our deepest sympathy to the B. J. Tucker family in the death of a grandbaby.

Also, our sympathy is extended to Terrilynn Beard. Her grandfather was buried last week.

LEM FORD HAS REPORTED a recent baptism in Hastings, Nebraska which united a family in Christ. We rejoice over the continued progress of the church in Hastings.

REGULAR REPORTS from Rudolf Rischer in Austria are distributed among the members of the congregation. We hope that you will read them carefully and that you will remember the Rischers in your prayers. The reports are always very interesting.

MEN SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

K. Max Haws	Roger Knight
Tommy Lowrance	Dwaine Thedford
David Hubbard	Tom Parsons
Grant Knight	Paul Knight
Matt Haws	Randy Fletcher

BOLES HOME TRUCK

The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here the week of March 11 - 15. A list of most needed items will be in the bulletin next week.

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Harley Norris underwent eye surgery in Mother Frances Hospital Tuesday.

Sister Jimmy Brown is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister W. H. Turner is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Zora Lunceford is in Mother Frances but hopes to go home soon.

Dawn Knowles entered Medical Center Tuesday for tests.

Mrs. Jim Bogenschutz (formerly Jan Stokes) from Henderson is in the Mother Frances Hospital.

OUR DIRECTORIES

We are disappointed that we have not received our directories yet. However, we feel that they will be very attractive. The Glenwood church, whose pictures were made before ours, has received their directories. They are very attractive. The same company is in the process of printing ours. We have been told that illness among some of the workers on our directory delayed its publication.

CORRECTION... In our bulletin last week it was stated that the Abilene Christian College Lectureship was scheduled from January 17 - 20. This should have been from February 17 - 20. Your preacher plans to attend the Lectureship.

LADIES - there are many dishes in the foyer to be picked up.

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT SERIES

Our second "Teacher Development Series" is only a month away. We hope every teacher will be making plans to attend this program. The dates are March 15 and 16. There will be a class for teachers of each department, nursery through adults. Plan to take advantage of this opportunity to be a better prepared teacher. We hope many of the surrounding area churches will attend also. HH

TEENAGERS!!

If you are now in Junior High or older, you should begin looking for the "Teenage Christian" to arrive at your home. This magazine has some very helpful and enlightening articles for young people. This magazine is being sent to you from the church to help in furthering your Christian growth. Read it and learn. HH

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Two Christian wives sat mending their husbands' pants... One of them said to the other, "My poor John, he is so discouraged in his church work. He said the other day he felt like quitting. Nothing is right for him." The other replied: "Why, my husband was saying just the opposite, he is so enthused. It seems like the Lord is closer to him than ever before." A hushed silence fell as they continued to mend the trousers, one patching the knees and the other the seat.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Profanity

It is very distressing to realize that there is an increase in the use of profanity in the movies, on television, and in the press. There seems to be a general acceptance of this evil among all classes of people. Apparently, people feel that they cannot express themselves adequately without resorting to profane language.

The Israelites were commanded, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain," (Exodus 20:7). While this was given to the Israelites to teach them that they should keep the oaths they made in the name of the Lord, it should also warn against all forms of profanity and irreverence. Jesus said, "Let your communication be, yea, yea; nay, nay; for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil," (Matthew 5:37). James wrote to Christians these words: "Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be," (James 3:10).

The prevalence of profanity in our day is a symptom of a sick society - a society which has lost its sense of reverence for things which are sacred. I fail to understand why authors think that their works are more interesting when they fill the mouths of their leading characters with profanity and vulgarity. How we need leaders of youth today who will teach them clean speech and a reverence for God. I remember Johnny Ramsey telling about his high school football coach, Finis Vaughn, who would not tolerate profanity among his boys. How we need more leaders of youth like Finis Vaughn - a Christian gentleman whom I respect very much.

George Washington once issued this order to his troops: "The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish, wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing, a vice heretofore little known in an American army, is growing in fashion. He hopes the officers will by example, as well as by influence, endeavor to check it. We can have little hope of the blessing of Heaven on our arms if we insult it by our impiety and folly. Added to this it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense and character detests and despises it."

All of us need to examine our lives to see that we have the proper respect for our Lord. One may have the appearance of piety and might never use the language of profanity, but he is a profane person if his life is inconsistent with his profession as a Christian. Prayer without practice is blasphemy; worship without obedience is profanity. Jesus said, "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46) The most subtle and most evil way of taking God's name in vain is to be guilty of hypocrisy.

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R. C. O'Bannon. . . . Announcements
Dick Higginbotham Prayer
Kelly Ray Dismiss

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THANK YOU

I wish to say thanks for the Christmas fruit basket, for all the prayers, cards, beautiful flowers, and visits during my illness.

Your sister in Christ,
Lilla Tigert

FELLOWSHIP MEETING FOR
ZONE WORKERS

There will be a fellowship meeting at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Tuesday evening, February 12 at seven o'clock. All who have been working in the zones and all who are interested in the visitation work of this congregation are urged to be present. The future visitation work of the church will be explained. All of us need to be interested in this vital work of the church.

THE SICK

Mrs. E. L. Taylor is in Medical Center for tests.

Mrs. Zora Lunceford continues to be a patient in Medical Center.

Monroe Sublette is improving and hopes to go home soon. He is also in Medical Center.

Mrs. W. H. Turner entered Mother Frances Hospital on Wednesday for surgery.

Mr. W. R. Amyx, father of Edith Porter, is very seriously ill in the Methodist Hospital in Dallas.

Leona Hardin underwent eye surgery in Mother Frances Hospital on Monday.

We regret that Hillard Hughes is now in a walking cast. He suffered a bone fracture in his leg Sunday evening. He hopes to be about his usual work very soon.

WE WERE HAPPY TO HEAR, through one of our members, from sister L. E. Carpenter. She wrote "...Hope everyone in Tyler is doing well. They send me the church paper and I surely enjoy it. When it comes I lay everything aside and read every word of it. Tyler is still in my heart and the church there, I'll never forget." Sister Carpenter lives in Robertsedale, Alabama. It is good to hear from her.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 10

By George H. Stephenson
10:20 a. m. Going Visiting
6:00 p. m. Matthew 5

ACC LECTURESHIP

The 56th annual Bible Lectureship of Abilene Christian College will be held from January 17 - 20. The theme for the lectureship this year is, "Discipleship." In addition to the various lectures to be presented, there will be many classes, book reviews, panel discussions and activities of interest for every Christian. Some of the speakers include Gary Beauchamp and Don Anders of Houston, John Whitley of Abilene, Frank Worgan of England, and Mack Wayne Craig and Jim Bill McInteer of Nashville. We have copies of the entire program available in the church office for any who would like to have them.

God didn't put me on this earth
To have an easy time;
He put me here to fight a fight;
To hold a battle line.
He put me here to help the weak
And help myself grow strong;
He put me here to lend a hand
And help the world along.
He put me here to say a word
Of encouragement and cheer;
He put me here to sing a song
For someone else to hear.
He didn't put me here to whine,
Put out my lips and pout;
He put me here to work a work
And Satan's evil rout.
He only asks that I do my best,
To carry out His plan;
Forget rewards and starry crowns,
And leave all in His hands!

...author unknown

OUR SYMPATHY

Sister Fannie Belle Browning passed away Wednesday. Sister Browning was 94 years of age. We express our deepest sympathy to Harold and all the family.

CONGRATULATIONS...

go to Janet Kniffen who won the 8th grade singles Tennis Championship over this past week-end. The tournament was sponsored by the Tyler Tennis and Swim Club.

Also, congratulations to Bart Lemons as he received his Eagle Scout Badge. This is the highest achievement a young man can obtain in Scouting. Bart's older brother, Marc, received this same award about three years ago. We are always happy to see our young people excel in their various interest. HH

HEAR...

Mid McKnight, February 10 - 13, each evening at 7:00 o'clock at the Central Church of Christ in Lufkin, Texas.

PERSONS NOBODY ADMIRE

Nobody admires a sponger - a person who will gladly accept and enjoy all the benefits and pleasures of some activity and let others pay all the expense thereof. Still there are people who attend worship, where they enjoy the benefits thereof and the comforts of the building, and let others pay the expenses thereof.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

We feel that the East Texas Leadership Workshop was very successful. Numerous expressions of appreciation for the workshop have been received by us. We had four fine speakers present with us and are most grateful that they could share with us their knowledge and experience. There were many elders, deacons and preachers present from congregations throughout this area. Then we had such a large number of women to hear Lottie Beth Hobbs speak to them. It is our prayer that the leaders of the Lord's church throughout East Texas will be encouraged to do a greater work.

There are some other great events in store for us this year at West Erwin. We hope you will mark your calendars and remember the following dates:

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March 15 - 16	Bible School Teachers' Workshop
June 3 - 7	Vacation Bible School
July 14 - 21	Gospel Meeting with Truman Spring of Houston, Texas
November (dates to be set)	Gospel Meeting with Reuel Lemmons of Austin, Texas

FROM FRANKSTON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Dear Brethren, Big things are happening at the Frankston church of Christ. We have scheduled a "Know Your Bible Campaign for Christ," February 3 - 8. Evening service will be at 7:30 p.m. We need your prayers and support in other ways. If any who are personal workers could come for a day or more, that would help. J. J. Turner from the White's Ferry Road School of Preaching will be our speaker. Also, several preachers from Louisiana and Texas have committed themselves to come either all or part of the week. We are willing to house and provide food for those who come and to buy their gasoline. One great way that you could help would be to come as a group. We are asking that you consider coming Feb. 4th or 5th, but we urge you to come any night that is convenient. In Christian love,

Hershel Bearden

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THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the flowers, cards and remembrances of me during my recent stay in the hospital.

Kathryn Cauthen

Your visits, cards, and expressions of concern and your prayers are gratefully acknowledged and will always be remembered by the family of Darrell Holt. Words are never adequate to express ones appreciation and humility during times of trial. So thank you and may God bless and keep you in Christian love.

Darrell Holt

We wish to express our appreciation for your remembrance of us during the time my husband was in the hospital.

Mrs. W. R. Riley

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. Floy Moore.

T. J. and Christine Parsons

NEW CLASSES

Wednesday evening, February 6, we will begin several new classes for adults. Here is the schedule.

<u>Parables of Jesus</u>	Room 106
Johnny Owings, Teacher	
<u>Prayer</u>	Room 108
John Teague, Teacher	
<u>The Christian Home</u>	Room 104
Roger Knight, Teacher	
<u>Personal Work</u>	Room 304
Bud Caskey	(new wing)
<u>Ladies Class</u>	Room 105
Marian Rowe, Teacher	
<u>II Corinthians</u>	Chapel
George Stephenson, Teacher	
<u>Singing Class</u>	Auditorium
Cullen Gilliam	

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Lilla Tigert is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Monroe Sublette is in the Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Luther Thompson will be going to Houston Friday to see an eye doctor.

An aunt of Paul Ray, Mrs. Della McNeil, is in Medical Center.

Sister Zora Lunceford is in Medical Center Hospital.

FUNERALS

We extend sympathy to the family of brother Walter Handley of Reese. His funeral was conducted last Sunday in Jacksonville.

Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. Leon Potter, mother of Mrs. Robert "Sparky" Parris, on Wednesday afternoon at Lloyd James. We express our sympathy to the family.

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

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KNEE DRILL (How regularly do you pray?)

A British soldier one night was caught creeping stealthily back to his quarters. He was taken before his commanding officer and charged with having communicated with the enemy. The man pleaded that he had gone into the woods only to pray by himself. That was his only defense.

"Have you been in the habit of spending hours in private prayer?", the officer growled.

"Yes Sir!"

"Then get down on your knees and pray now!" he roared, "You never needed it so much!"

Expecting immediate death, the soldier knelt and poured out his soul in prayer.

"You may go," said the officer simply, when he had finished. "I believe your story. If you hadn't been often at drill . . . you couldn't have done so well at review."

How would it have been with you?

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God makes a promise. Faith believes it. Hope anticipates it. Patience awaits it.

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, February 3, 1974

By George H. Stephenson

A.M. Obedience

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

Jamon Kirby	Dick Higginbotham
Wallace Gayle	Milburn Cook
Theron Pickle	Wilmer Little
Joe McBee	David Demic
Stephen Pickle	Rick Higginbotham

ELDERS AND DEACONS. . .

meet Monday evening, February 4, Wyatts Cafeteria, 7:00 o'clock, for their regular monthly meeting.

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... from Out of My Treasure

"Life's greatest tragedy is to lose God - and not miss Him!"

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P.M. God's Invitation (Isaiah 55)

Patience

James said, "Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh," (James 5:8). The commands and exhortations concerning patience found in the New Testament are too numerous for us to note in this short article. Every student of the New Testament should be aware that patience is a virtue to be cultivated and is a mark of mature Christian character.

To be patient does not mean that we are complacent and indifferent. Neither does it mean that we are apathetic or unconcerned about the evil and sinfulness of the world around us. As Christians we should be concerned about the evil of the world and should be working for the betterment of ourselves and of all mankind. However, if we are strong we should learn to bear the infirmities of the weak, (Romans 15:1). How patient God has been with all of us! May we learn to be more patient with others.

Patience enables one to endure the trials of life courageously. It causes us not to be "weary in well doing," (Galatians 6:9,10). Patience is learned through the trying experiences of life, (James 1:3). Men have been able to demonstrate their greatest courage and finest heroism in hours of distress and calamity. In the darkest hours in England's history when it looked as if it might be destroyed in World War II, Winston Churchill said, "If England shall last for a thousand years it will be said, this was her finest hour. We shall draw from the heart of suffering itself the means of inspiration and survival."

Christians believe that God is able, if it is His will, to remove any infirmity, but they also believe that God can help them use any infirmity that may be theirs in a way which will honor the Lord. When Paul's "thorn in the flesh" was not removed, he said, "...my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong," (2 Corinthians 12:9,10).

Sin, suffering and death are all real, but Christ has conquered them all and He will lead us at last to the place where sin is unknown and where suffering and death are no more. This life is but a period of training and preparation enabling us at last, by the grace of God, to enter into the glory of heaven.

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Dismiss.....Marc Lemons
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Prayer Bob Hall
Dismiss..... Roger McElroy

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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Saved By Grace
P. M. Foregleams of Calvary
(Isaiah 53)

KEEP IN MIND. . .

June 3 - 7 - Vacation Bible School
July 14 - 21 - Gospel Meeting with
brother Truman Spring preaching.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Monroe Sublette suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized early Sunday morning. He is in ICU in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Lilla Tigert underwent surgery Sunday evening in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Darrell Holt underwent surgery Monday morning in Medical Center Hospital. He is doing well.

Sister Audrey O'Bannon underwent eye surgery again Friday afternoon. She is getting along well at this time. She is in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Ola Dunwoody is also still a patient in Medical Center and will be there for several weeks.

Mr. W. R. Riley remains in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Ruby Miles in in Glenwood Hospital. Sister Miles visits here regularly.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the flowers, cards, and many expressions of sympathy since the passing from this life of our mother and grandmother, Mrs. Sue Aven.

The A. Z. Aven Family &
The Roy Roberson Family

It seems inadequate to express my sincere appreciation for the many kindnesses shown at the time of sorrow in the loss of my mother. I am humbly grateful for the beautiful flowers, food, cards, calls, visits, prayers and other expressions of sympathy extended. May God bless each of you.

Maxine Freeman

SYMPATHY

Mrs. Floy Moore, a sister to brother T. J. Parsons passed away in Dallas on Tuesday. Funeral services were Thursday in Gilmer. We express our deepest sympathy to the family.

ARE THERE NO INDISPENSABLE MEN?

It is popular to dismiss the distinctive value of one person by saying: "You know there are no indispensable men." Of course, we recognize that life continues regardless of the loss of any single life. Adjustments must be made and will be made and the tide of history moves on.

But I would like to examine the assumption that men are interchangeable and that the loss of one person can be overcome by someone else filling his shoes. This is not true. There is a uniqueness about each man or woman and the loss of his or her distinctive personality is not replaced by someone else even though the role they play may be filled and the show goes on.

For example, the assassination of Abraham Lincoln brought untold burdens for decades on the people of the defeated Confederacy. The Union was preserved, but Andrew Johnson could not take Lincoln's place in binding up the wounds of the South and bringing all the states together in harmony. There was something indispensable in the leadership of Lincoln and untold harm was done by his murder.

Or again, suppose Shakespeare had died in a plague after he wrote his first masterpiece. Would another writer have been able to give us the equivalent of "Macbeth" or "Hamlet" or "Othello"? Our culture would have been impoverished by his early death.

Each year there are hundreds of businesses which go into bankruptcy because one man dies and he was indispensable to the survival of that business. I have known churches that flourished during the lifetime of one dynamic elder and which withered when this man died. Evidently he was so important to the health of that church that no one was found to take his place. (This is one pressing reason why elders should be giving much attention to developing depth in leadership).

Was Peter indispensable in the great work he did in the beginning of the church? Did anyone really take the place of Paul when he was martyred?

The reason for stressing this point is to emphasize that God has a place for you to fill which no one else can fill in exactly the same way. Human beings are unique and they are not interchangeable as a cog in a machine.

May we look around and appreciate the unique persons we know. Let us not denigrate their indispensable contributions even though we know God's purposes will be carried on in spite of any individual's passing.

Also, may we examine our lives and see if we are giving ourselves in such a way that we can be used of God to do a work which is unique.

I believe there are indispensable men and women today.

M. Norvel Young
From Firm Foundation

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Many thoughts came rushing through my mind last Wednesday when I was told of the death of Don H. Morris. Don Morris served for twenty nine years as president of Abilene Christian College and for the past few years as chancellor of the college. I remember him as one of my teachers when he was vice president of the college and professor of speech.

I considered Don Morris as one of my good friends. No doubt thousands of others felt the same way, for he had the wonderful ability to make everyone feel that he was a true friend to all who knew him. Don Morris was a great man, but he made everyone feel "at home" in his presence. He was equally at ease with the poor and the rich, the humble and the great, the educated and uneducated.

There was no sham nor pretense about Don Morris. He was completely sincere in all he said or did. I always thought of him as one of the most genuine persons I have been privileged to know.

Don Morris, because of his many years of dedicated service to the college he loved, came to be known as Mr. A. C. C. I am glad that I could be present for the dinner given by the citizens of Abilene and attended by friends from across the nation on the occasion of his twenty fifth anniversary as president of the college. I am also glad that I could attend a dinner in his honor given in Fort Worth at a later time. On that occasion I was a speaker and had the opportunity to express publicly my esteem for him as an educator and as a Christian.

Thousands of people are better today because their lives have been touched by the life of Don Morris. I am thankful for the influence he and others at Abilene Christian College had on me when I was a teen-ager. When I heard of his death I got out my old school "annuals" and relived some of the happy and enriching experiences of my college days. In my freshman annual, Don Morris wrote, "George, we are expecting big things from you." I am thankful for the encouragement he gave me. Outside of the church and the influence of my wife and parents, the greatest influence for good in my life came from the godly men and women I knew in Abilene Christian College.

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SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY - JANUARY 20

By George H. Stephenson

10:20 A. M. The King's Business 6:00 P. M. The Lord is my Shepherd

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Dismiss Kyle McRuiz

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A Year Ago..\$2,304.26417

RESPONSES

Membership: We welcome Howard and Joanne Wheeler, 125 Savannah, phone 595-2397. The Wheelers moved to Tyler from Beaumont and have visited with us many times. They have two children, Melanie and Timothy. Timothy was baptized into Christ on Sunday morning.

Also coming to be baptized on Sunday evening was Sheri Rene Dobbs, daughter of Jerald and Sharon Dobbs.

For Prayer: Becky Cates and Denise Terry.

OPEN HOUSE

You are invited to attend Open House at the Campus Christian Center, 1415 So. Baxter - on the Campus of Tyler Junior College - Sunday afternoon, 2-3:30. All high school students are invited to come about 3:15 and plan to go to the Colonial Manor for singing.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUCCESS
OF THE EAST TEXAS LEADERSHIP
WORKSHOP MONDAY & TUESDAY,
JANUARY 21 - 22, 7:00 - 9:00 P. M.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Darrell Holt became ill near the close of the worship last Sunday morning and was taken to the hospital. He is in Medical Center.

Sister Russell O'Bannon underwent eye surgery Friday and is scheduled to have surgery on the other eye this week. She is in Medical Center.

Sister Ola Dunwoody is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Mr. W. R. Riley remains a patient in Medical Center.

A former member of West Erwin, brother W. H. Land of Grand Saline, is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Lilla Tigert is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Sister Faber Cauthen is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I wish to express my appreciation for the visits, phone calls and cards while in the hospital. Also the food, and most of all your prayers helped so much. In fact, there is nothing more appreciated than Christian friends. In Christian love,

Julia Langham

Sister Janie Chelf wishes to express appreciation for the poinsettia she received during the holidays.

LEADERSHIP CLASSES FOR EVERYONE

Monday and Tuesday, January 21 and 22

YOUNG PEOPLE

We realize the importance which young people play in the work of the church, both now and in the future. Lanny Henninger of Austin will be directing the classes on Monday and Tuesday evenings which are designed especially for young people. Parents of young people are also encouraged to attend.

WOMEN

The women of the church will profit from the lessons taught by Lottie Beth Hobbs of Fort Worth. Her books have had a wider circulation than any other books written by women in the church. In addition to her classes on Monday and Tuesday nights, she will teach a class on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock. The regular class for women on Wednesday morning will not be held on this Wednesday, January 23.

MEN

All elders, deacons and others interested in church leadership are urged to attend the class taught by John White of Lubbock each night. He is a man of faith and vision. He will encourage everyone to do a greater work for the Lord.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY JOE BARNETT

Everyone is encouraged to be in the auditorium on Monday and Tuesday nights to hear Joe Barnett speak at 8:15 on the topic, "Building Up The Church." Joe Barnett is truly a church builder. His work with the largest congregation in Texas, the Broadway church in Lubbock, has been outstanding. Every member of the church should hear the two great lessons which will be delivered by brother Barnett.

GHS

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

We are thankful to our Lord for the great day we had at West Erwin last Lord's Day.

Many people attended our special services and open house on Sunday afternoon. Everyone expressed appreciation for our splendid new class rooms. Most everyone was surprised at the large amount of room provided on the second floor of the new building.

We are thankful for the fine work of the building committee, James Massey, Roy Roberson, and Jack Beard, who have devoted hours and hours of work on the building project. We are thankful for the vision of the elders who decided to undertake this building project and for Hillard Hughes who devoted much time in helping with the plans for the educational work. We are thankful for all who have given of their money and who have worked in any way in this endeavor.

The Boles Home Chorus was fine. This was a wonderful group of young people who showed splendid talent and training. We were glad to have Alan Sowders, superintendent of the home, and his wife with us. He gave some interesting and informative facts in regard to Boles Home to the Chapel class.

We are now looking forward with great anticipation to the East Texas Leadership Workshop which will soon be in progress - January 21 and 22. There will be something of great value in this workshop for every member of the church. Everyone will want to hear the two lectures by Joe Barnett on "Building Up the Church." There will be three outstanding classes - one especially for elders, deacons and other church leaders - one for young people and their parents - and one for Christian women.

I appreciate the slogan adopted by many congregations and one which is appropriate for us, "Let us do more for the Lord in '74." GHS

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Announcements Roy Roberson
Prayer Willie Freeman
Dismiss David Tuel

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RESPONSES

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Sherry) Munn, 1411 Alamo - phone 597-1039, came Sunday evening to place membership with us. They formerly worshipped at the College St. church in Waxahachie, Texas. They have two children, Amanda and Jeff. We are happy to welcome this family to Tyler and West Erwin.

Restored: Nona Freeman.

FUNERALS

Mrs. Maxine Freeman's mother, Mrs. Mary Scruggs, passed away last week and services were conducted for her on Saturday in Jacksonville.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday in Greenville for the mother of A. Z. Aven.

We express our sincere sympathy to each family in their loss.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Christian Friends:

Words are inadequate to express my deep gratitude to all of you for your many acts of kindness and love extended to me during my hospital stay and recovery at home. Thank you so much for the home cooked meals and for the basket of fruit at the holiday season. May God bless and keep you always in His love.

Ruth McCauley

The following have expressed appreciation for the "Cheer Baskets" and other remembrances during the holiday season.

Mrs. Lillie Knight
Mrs. W. M. Kissinger
Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Riley
Mrs. Hattie Thomas
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Trentham
Mrs. Mary Sims
Mrs. Vannie Lee

The family of Glenn Steffee acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

THANKS TO ROY AND FRED

Thank you, Roy Roberson and Fred Strait, for the work you do in serving as the treasurers for this congregation. I am sure that few people realize how much time you spend in keeping the books, writing the checks and all of the other details involved in your work. For all that you do we are truly grateful.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Julia Langham has been in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

Mrs. Ola Dunwoody is a patient in Medical Center Hospital. She suffered injuries from a fall last week on the ice and will be in the hospital for several weeks.

Mr. W. R. Riley entered Medical Center Hospital Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Russell O'Bannon will enter Medical Center Hospital for eye surgery on Thursday. She will be in the hospital for about two weeks.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

A. M. Why We Give
By George H. Stephenson
P. M. Let Us Alone
By Hillard Hughes

ALL MEN of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend the business meeting, Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel.

NEW GRANDSON

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chandler are the happy grandparents of a new boy. Marvin and Nadine Hollingsworth are the parents of a son born Wednesday in Killeen, Texas.

THE PANTRY

We need to restock our pantry with non-perishable food in order to have food as the need arises. Please leave your contributions at one of the entrances to the building.

From the Campus Christian Center

On behalf of all the fine Christian young people of the Church of Christ Bible Chair at Tyler Junior College, I wish to express our heart felt thanks for your spiritual and financial support of our work during 1973.

We have just completed a very rich and rewarding semester at the Bible Chair. Hundreds of Christian and also non-Christian students have passed through our Center's doors. It has been our prayer and goal to proclaim Biblical Christianity to each young person. We appreciate your sharing in this work with us - we could not have made it without you!

Yours in Christian service,
Larry C. Heath

The following is a schedule for the Spring Semester, 1974.

Bible 123 - New Testament Survey
MWF - 8:00 A. M.
Bible 213 - Life and Teachings of Christ, MWF - 11:00 A. M.
Bible 123 - New Testament Survey, TTh - 11:15 A. M.
Bible 213 - Life and Teachings of Christ, Thurs. night.
Bible 111C World Religions
1:00 P. M. Wed.

ALL COLLEGE STUDENTS are invited to a "Tip-off" Dinner Sunday evening, 7:45 at the Campus Christian Center.

ATTEND A BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

YOU ARE INVITED

to attend

A Service of Prayers, Thanksgiving, and Singing

In Observance of the Completion
of the New Addition to Our Building

Sunday, January 6, 2:00 P. M.

Hear the Bel Canto Chorus from Boles Home

Inspect the Beautiful and Spacious Class Rooms

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Prayer..... Louis J. Jones
Dismiss..... David Fuller

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RESPONSES

Restored: Miss Sue Ann Ferguson

IN APPRECIATION

"Cheer Baskets" and Poinsettias to express love and appreciation were given to many in the congregation during the holidays. Expressions of thanks have been received from the following. Also, the greetings made by the 3rd grade class were greatly appreciated by all.

- Mrs. Olie Cooper
- Mrs. Eula Hoppers and Lois
- Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy
- Mrs. Evalyn Stone
- Mrs. Dexter Browning
- Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Turner
- Mrs. E. L. Taylor
- Mrs. Troy Ginn
- Mrs. Zora Lunceford
- John and Wyche Harris

BEL CANTO CHORUS HERE SUNDAY

We look forward to having the young people in the Bel Canto Chorus of Boles Home present with us on this coming Sunday morning. They will be present for our special services on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock and will present a short program of singing. These young people are a fine group of singers. They are worthy of our encouragement and we appreciate their coming to be with us.

FUNERAL

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Mr. Glenn Steffee. Funeral services were conducted for him Wednesday, December 26. He was related to many in this congregation.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Brother Charles Turner from Gilmer is a patient in Medical Center. He is suffering injuries from a fall.

SERVING THE LORD'S SUPPER

Men serving the Lord's Supper the first two Sundays in January are:

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|--------------|-------------------|
| Ed Bullard | C. B. Hardin, Jr. |
| Foy O'Neal | Johnny Owings |
| George Welch | Wayne Fears |
| Jack Beard | Jack Stringer |
| Marty Stitt | Tony Fears |

ELDERS AND DEACONS will meet for their regular monthly meeting, Monday evening, 7:00 o'clock, Jan. 7 at Wyatts Cafeteria.

THE WALLS in the new class rooms have been decorated in a most attractive manner. Thought provoking mottoes have been placed in an artistic way in every room. Many hours of work have gone into the preparation of these rooms. We are thankful for the very talented teachers we have and for their willingness to use their talents for the Lord. Among those who deserve our appreciation for the art work in the new building are: Margret Montgomery, David and Virginia Demic, Clay Kirby, Jeanine Hughes, Mary Evelyn Grier, Margaret Franklin and Velma Lemons. Also, a number of our young people helped with this work. They are: Laurie Rowe, Rosemary Center, Sheila Strait, Linda Hall, Ann and Kay Montgomery, Laurie and Kim Hughes, and Stafford Franklin.

TIME CHANGE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6 is the date set for the nation to again return to Daylight Saving Time. Set your clocks ahead 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

We cannot change yesterday,
That is quite clear;
Nor begin tomorrow
Until it is here.
So all that is left
For you and for me
Is to make today
As sweet as can be.

JANUARY 21 - 22 Please keep these dates in mind. This is the time for the sixth annual East Texas Leaders Workshop which will be conducted at the West Erwin church building. Some very talented teachers will be here. This will provide a wonderful opportunity for all the churches of this area to be instructed and inspired to do greater things for the Lord.

ARE YOU A DAILY BIBLE READER?

If you are not, this would be a wonderful time to begin reading some each day from God's Word. I believe you will be a stronger Christian at the end of this year if you take time for God's Word to be in your heart and life. Just a few minutes reading the Bible each day will enable you to read the Bible through this year. GHS

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

- By George H. Stephenson
- A. M. What Kind of a House Are You Building?
- P. M. Ten Rules for Living.

OUR GUESTS

During the holidays we have had many of our young people home for a visit and many in the congregation have had relatives visiting. We hope you will return at every opportunity.

"It takes the enthusiasm of youth and the wisdom of age to make the wheels turn."