

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Praise God for whom all blessings flow! How thankful we are for the wonderful contribution last Lord's Day - over \$23,000. We are grateful for the generous spirit of many of you who made this contribution possible. There are many challenges and opportunities both here and elsewhere to serve the Lord. We are always thankful for those who respond to the appeals which are made to the congregation in many different ways.

We look forward to seeing many of you on Sunday afternoon when we plan to have "Open House" at the preacher's home on Ridgecrest. We plan to have our co-workers, Hillard Hughes and Charles Miles, along with their wives, to help greet those who call.

This is a time of the year when we see more smiles and more expressions of good will perhaps than in any other time. It would be wonderful if there were more of this spirit shown throughout the year. No one knows the date of Christ's birth, but I am glad that some may pause, at any time, to think of the coming into this world of sin the baby of Bethlehem who became the man of Galilee and the Christ of Calvary.

The Lord has given us the first day of the week as a time to remember His death and His resurrection. As Christians we observe this day and meet around the table of the Lord to partake of the bread and the fruit of the vine - emblematic of the body and the blood of Jesus. The emphasis in the New Testament is not on the birth of Jesus, but rather on His death. We do not have any special observance of "Christmas" in our worship, but we are glad to enjoy many of the festivities of this season with our families, our friends, and all of our loved ones in the Lord. We pray that each of you may be blessed during this season and throughout the coming year. GHS

NEW PREACHER AT GLENWOOD

We would like to welcome Charles Siburt and his family to Tyler. They recently moved here to work with the Glenwood church of Christ. His father is a former preacher at West Erwin. Charles has been highly recommended for his ability as a speaker and teacher. Our prayers are with him and the Glenwood church as they work together for the promotion of the Lord's cause in our community. GHS

Congratulations to Debbie Potts and Trudy Howard who will graduate from Stephen F. Austin University in December.

ALL will meet in the auditorium for the midweek service this Wednesday. REMEMBER the Year End Singing at the Glenwood building, Dec. 31.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A. M. Who Do You Say That I Am?

By George H. Stephenson

P. M. Our Greatest Asset.

By Hillard Hughes

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Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer M. M. Haws
Dismiss Kendall Lee Roberson

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements Harold Browning
Prayer K. Max Haws
Dismiss Matt Haws

Serving Communion Sunday

Milburn Cook Wallace Gayle
Sam Sevier Carroll Magee
Mike Munn Wilmer Little
Carl Lott Rick Higginbotham
Kyle McRuiz Kevin Womack

Records

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

WEDDINGS

Miss Linda Hall, formerly of this congregation, and Jeffrey Mount were married December 5 in Burkburnett, Texas.

Miss Marie Wylie and Irving Styron will be married in Abilene at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, December 21.

Miss Teresa Ellis, formerly of this congregation, will be married December 20 in DeSoto, Texas.

In keeping with the regulations of our mailing permit, will will not print The Visitor next week.

THANK YOU NOTES

We want to express our love and appreciation for food and flowers and sympathy shown to us during the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother. The Degge Family

I want to express my thanks for all the prayers, visits and cards and the visits of brother and sister Stephenson and the book they presented to me from the church. Leona Har

IN APPRECIATION

We would like to thank each and every individual that had a part in the benevolent work of the church this past year. Especially, do we thank the ladies for their untiring efforts in making this program effective.

James Massey, Chairman

THANKS TO OUR BUS WORKERS

We have had a number who have worked very faithfully and diligently in bringing others to Bible Study and Worship on our buses. They have devoted many, many hours to this work. I am grateful for every one of them and feel that they will be blessed for the work they have done for the Lo1. For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." Hebrews 6:10 GHS

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS
Invite your friends to watch, KLTV
Each Sunday, 8:00 - 8:30 a. m.

OUR BENEVOLENT WORK

Brother James Massey has expressed his appreciation for all who worked in our benevolent program this year. Many individuals & families have been helped as a result of the benevolence of members of the church. Some have been helped as a result of special contributions. Some have been helped through the gifts of individuals, which have not been known by others. Clothing, food, and other supplies have been sent to Children's homes. Women have made bandages for lepers. They have made quilts. They have brought special gifts for the shut-ins. In addition, we have contributed regularly to children's homes. There is no way that we could place a monetary value on all the good which has been done by the women under the leadership of sister Modena Jones - and by all the others who have given to help others in time of need.

I am of the persuasion that if we are truly converted to Christ we will want to help the poor and needy. Paul wrote to the Galatians, "Only they would that we should remember the poor: the same which I also was forward to do." (Galatians 2:10). To the same Galatians, Paul said, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them of the household of faith," (Galatians 6:10).

I believe that individual Christians - and churches composed of Christians should be filled with compassion and love for all mankind. They should practice "pure and undefiled religion" which the Bible declares is "to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world," (James 1:27).

We hope that West Erwin will continue to help the needy and be able to do even more in 1976 than in 1975. GHS

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OUR SYMPATHY

The father of Willie Freeman passed away suddenly Tuesday. His funeral was Wednesday in Van, Texas.

Larry Caskey, nephew of Bud Caskey and brother of Royce Caskey of the Northwest Church was killed in an automobile accident in Germany. Services are pending at this time.

Services were held Wednesday in Lindale for Mrs. Odes Taylor, sister-in-law to Lonnie Taylor and Mrs. Eula Hoppers.

Services were held last Friday for

Ruth McCauley. She passed away on Wednesday of last week.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Aubrey Byrd remains a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Aubrey Payne is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Roy Roberson underwent surgery Monday in Glenwood Hospital.

YOUNG PEOPLE will sing at Leisure Lodge Sunday afternoon. Meet at the building at 2:15 p. m.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION SUNDAY

Let us remember that this coming Sunday is the day set aside to make up the deficit in our 1975 budget and to help reduce the indebtedness on our property. This is the time to prove the sincerity of our love (II Corinthians 8:8) and to do our part to promote the Lord's cause in Tyler. You have responded liberally in the past and we trust that you will again.

How Much Ought I To Give?

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

Author Unknown

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 Prayer..... Cullen Gilliam
 Dismiss..... Carl Lott

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.
 Announcements..... Fred Powell
 Prayer..... Gerald Montgomery
 Dismiss..... Rick Higginbotham

Records

<u>Bible School</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
December 7... 469	\$3,263.62
November 30 .454	\$2,976.23
A Year Ago.. .442	\$23,629.65
Weekly Budget	\$3,350.00
Under Budget for week	86.38

WELCOME

Mrs. Dorothy Davis, 2425 Belvedere, phone 592-4984, came Sunday to place membership. She formerly worshipped with the Polytechnic church in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Dorothy Mickey, Rt. 7, Box 410 M, telephone 566-3497, came also Sunday to place membership. She formerly worshipped with the Omen Road congregation.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you very much for all the prayers and cards sent in our behalf after our recent accident. You'll never know how much your prayers and thoughtfulness were appreciated.

In Christian love,
 Charlotte and Chuck Cauthen

Thank you for the lovely flowers and kind words of sympathy. My brother will be greatly missed by all our family but we find great comfort in the knowledge that he was a good and faithful Christian.

Penny McDonald

Pete and I want to express appreciation to those who showed concern for me during my surgery and recuperation.

With Christian love,
 Faye Wallace

NEW BABY GIRL

Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCarley of Bullard are the parents of a baby girl, Nikki Lea, born Dec. 5. The George McCarleys are the happy grandparents.

OUR SYMPATHY

Brother R. C. O'Bannon's sister, Ann Smith, passed away in Conroe on Sunday evening. Her funeral service was conducted in Huntsville Wednesday morning.

Two aunts of sister Dovie Norsworthy passed away recently. Esther Lee was buried in Lufkin and Nancy Walker was buried in Center.

A niece of sister E. L. Taylor was buried this week. She died in Dallas.

Our sister Ruby Degge passed away suddenly at her home on Saturday morning. Funeral services were conducted for her Monday afternoon.

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

All gifts for Medina Home should be here for packing by December 16th.

OPEN HOUSE AT STEPHENSONS

The Stephenson's would like to invite the members of the West Erwin congregation to call at the minister's home, 300 Ridgecrest, on Sunday afternoon, December 21 between the hours of 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoon.

YOUTH FUND

A fund is maintained by interested individuals in helping to provide for some of the social activities of the young people. This money is separate and apart from the regular treasury of the church. Parents of high school and junior high young people are asked to make contributions to this fund as they feel able. Of course, contributions from others are appreciated also.

LADIES' CLASS DISMISSED

The Ladies' Class, which usually meets each Wednesday morning, has been dismissed until after the holidays. The class will resume its meetings on Wednesday, January 7. We would like to have more women in the congregation plan to be present each week when the class resumes its meetings.

BUS REPORT

Bus	Sunday	a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Joy Riders"	27	27	35	
Jalopy" Workers	5	4	6	
"Busy Riders"	19	21	32	
Buggy" Workers	4	4	4	
"Sunshine Riders"	8	-	14	
Chariot" Workers	5		3	
Totals	54	48	81	

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Aubrey Payne is a patient in Mother Frances. She continues to be in ICU.

Wallace Gayle's mother is hospitalized in Jacksonville.

Leona Hardin hopes to go home from Glenwood Hospital Thursday.

Mrs. Dale Hamblett has been in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Ruth McCauley is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a business meeting for all men of the church Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel.

We Know and They Know

"We know that we have passed from death to life because we love the brethren! (I John 3:14). "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Here is the badge of discipleship - love for one another. It is a private badge: by this we know that we have ceased from death and started living. It is also a public badge: others know that we are true disciples when they see the genuine love we have one for another. ... Raymond C. Kelcy

REMEMBER the Year End Singing will be at the Glenwood building this year, December 31.

TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THE AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS each Sunday, 8:00 - 8:30 a. m.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION - DECEMBER 14

Sunday, December 14, has been designated as the day for us to make a special contribution toward the deficit in our budget and to help on the indebtedness against the property. The church has responded generously in the past and we hope that you will again.

The church has been engaged in many great works this year. We have done more benevolent work than ever before. We have continued a very active program of evangelism both in Tyler and in mission areas. Inflation has caused a substantial increase in the price of everything we buy. The cost of utilities is much higher than ever before. A number of major repairs had to be made on church property this year - including redecorating the interior of the preacher's home on Ridgecrest and painting the exterior of our church building.

We hope that your contribution will be as liberal as possible. We need to go forward in the Lord's work. This can be done if each of us will use our money and talents in God's service. GHS

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS

We were glad that the showing of the Amazing Grace Bible Class finally had its beginning last Sunday morning. We hope that you will be watching it each Sunday, but most of all, we hope you will encourage your friends to see the program. This can be used as a tool for good if each member will encourage others to tune in Channel 7 (3 on the cable) every Sunday morning from 8:00 to 8:30. GHS

ONE OF THE GREAT PREACHERS of our time, Gus Nichols, died on November 16. For forty two years Gus Nichols had preached for the church in Jasper, Alabama. He knew the Scriptures as few men did. I will always cherish the days he was in a meeting with us at Tenth and Broad Streets in Wichita Falls. He was one of the most godly men I ever knew. Hardeman Nichols, preacher for the Southside church in Fort Worth, was one of his sons. Three of his four sons are gospel preachers and the fourth preacher part time. Three of his four daughters are married to full time gospel preachers and the fourth married to a deacon. The influence for good as a result of the life and preaching of Gus Nichols will be felt as long as our world stands. GHS

THE SICK

Mrs. T. Murry is a patient in the Doctors Memorial Hospital.
Kim Lowrance has had a tonsillectomy.

A BOX OF CLOTHING for Medina Children's Home (for Christmas) will be packed for mailing, December 16. A list of sizes is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

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 Prayer..... Cone Birdwell
 Dismiss..... Wilmer Little

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.
 Announcements..... James Phillips
 Prayer..... R. C. O'Bannon
 Dismiss..... Denton Phillips

Serving Communion Sunday
 C. E. Caskey Foy Richey
 Odell Malone Ike Gaiser
 Charles Lemons Harvey Grier
 Pete Wallace Aubrey Payne
 Bart Lemons Mike Whitworth

Records

Bible School	Contributions
November 30.. 454	\$2,976.23
November 23.. 456	\$3,168.51
A Year Ago .. 438	\$3,537.66
Weekly Budget	\$3,350.00
Under Budget for week	373.77

RESPONSES

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Dudley (Doris) Cooper, 3701 Norma Lane. They are from Beedsville, Ark. and he is a brother to David Cooper. We are happy to welcome them.

Baptized: John Prieto was baptized Saturday evening by Bud Caskey.

Prayer: Mrs. Cora Hughes.

BEST WISHES to Miss Jo Ellen Willis and Joe Clayton who were married on November 25 at the Willis' home. We extend best wishes for a long and happy life together.

LETTER OF APPRECIATION

A letter of appreciation has been received from the children of Mrs. Imogene Myers for the visits, prayers and concern for their mother while in the hospital. She is now at Pine Village Nursing Home, room 506. They ask that we continue to visit her when possible. Her speech is limited to a very few words, but she does seem to respond to visits and enjoys cards. The letter is signed:

Marie, Ruth and Odell

OUR SYMPATHY

Penny McDonald's brother passed away early Friday morning in Temple and was buried there Saturday. We extend our deepest sympathy to Penny and her family.

A brother-in-law to Mrs. Bernice Andrews was buried Sunday afternoon in Athens. We extend sincere sympathy to the family.

NEW BABY BOY

Charlene and Chris Parker are the Parents of a son born Wednesday evening in Mother Frances Hospital. The Charles Grafs are the happy grandparents.

BUS REPORT

Bus	Sunday	a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Sunshine Chariot"	Riders	10	6	13
	Workers	5	5	5
"Busy Buggy"	Riders	17	35	23
	Workers	4	4	4
"Joy Jalopy"	Riders	27	19	33
	Workers	7	4	5
	Totals	54	60	69

HILLARD HUGHES TO STAY HERE

Announcements have been made by the elders that Hillard Hughes will remain with the West Erwin church and will continue his work as educational director. In the five years he has worked here, Hillard has gained the love and respect of members of the church and of many citizens on the outside of the church.

We are fortunate to have Charles Miles and Hillard Hughes both working with us now. Hillard's duties will be concerned primarily with the Bible classes and the working with all phases of our educational program. Brother

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OUR MISSION WORK

We trust that all of you read the mission reports which we receive regularly from Kieth Mitchell in New York City and Rudolf Rischer in Augsburg, Germany. Kieth Mitchell continues to do an outstanding work in teaching people from all over the world and in leading them to Christ.

Rudolf Rischer recently preached in a series of meetings in Wiener Neustadt, Austria where Bob Hare has worked for many years as the local evangelist. Brother Hare has written the following letter of appreciation for the work of brother Rischer:

"Rudi Rischer just closed a meeting with us and we really enjoyed having him with us again. This was his first meeting in Wiener Neustadt, which is a new work.

We passed out 8,800 invitations along with some tracts about the church. We also ran two ads in the two leading newspapers.

The work here is hard because of Roman Catholic pressure. Wiener Neustadt is a city with 40,000 population and so the Roman Catholic church has much power in the smaller cities.

In spite of the Roman Catholic church we had a very good meeting. We averaged 18 in attendance per night for the seven meetings. We had a total of fifteen different visitors in attendance. We believe that much good seed was sown and that God in due time will give the increase.

All of us here thank you for your continued support of Rudi and his family. I have known him now for 25 years. He is doing a good work in Augsburg and everywhere he goes."

Miles will be working with the young people and will be directing our visitation and personal work. Of course, all of us will be working together in every area to help build up the church here and elsewhere.

Brother Miles and brother Hughes are not here to do the work that any of us should be doing. It is our hope that all of us will be encouraged to do even more for the Lord than ever before. I am glad to consider both men as my "partners and fellow helpers," (2 Corinthians 8:23). GHS

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 * AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY! *
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 * WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT THE *
 *
 * AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS *
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 * WILL BEGIN THIS COMING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 *
 *
 * OVER KLTV AT 8:00 A.M. *
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 * BE SURE TO WATCH IT! *
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L. L. Gieger to Conduct Bible Lands Tour

L. L. Gieger, former preacher at West Erwin, plans to conduct a tour of the Bible Lands which will leave from Dallas on June 22, 1976. A number of West Erwin members went on a similar tour in 1971 and felt that this was truly a great experience. Brother Gieger plans to come to Tyler sometime in February, 1976 to meet with all who would like to take this tour. In the brochure describing the tour, brother Gieger states:

"Traveling over the Land of Palestine is the trip of a lifetime for members of the church. This is not Holy Ground in any exclusive sense, but it does hold precious memories for us all. One thrills to see the catacombs in Rome, Acropolis in Athens, Pyramids in Egypt (as well as ride a camel there), and the country from Dan to Beersheba and from the Great Sea to the Jordan River! One cannot imagine the enrichment of such a tour until he goes. On a recent journey, one remarked after the first day in Rome (and we had all of the rest of the trip before us) that if we were to go back home right then, it would have been worth all of the entire cost!

"The Lord willing, my wife and I will be hosting another 15 day Europe, Africa, Asia tour, leaving the States on June 22, 1976. A special treat will be ours this time: two days in London to see Buckingham Palace, Changing of the Guard, Houses of Parliament, the Tower, and so on."

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Dismiss Ron Lott
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Prayer Dale Blackstone
Dismiss Sam Sevier
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Averyt Smith W. S. Little
W. O. Rushing Cone Birdwell
Ray Lott Ken Bennett
Keston McFadden Ron Lott

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November 23...456	\$3,168.51
November 16...454	\$3,100.53
A Year Ago ...427	\$3,733.10

RESPONSES

For Prayer: Mrs. Joe Willis

BUS REPORT

<u>Bus</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>a. m.</u>	<u>p. m.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>
"Sunshine Riders	8	4	11	
Chariot" Workers	5	4	5	
"Busy Riders	10	22	21	
Buggy" Workers	4	4	4	
"Joy Riders	23	33	17	
Jalopy" Workers	7	5	6	
Totals	41	59	49	

Weekly Budget \$3,350.00
Under Budget for week 181.49

MOVING TO HOUSTON

Bob and Cheryl Greenwalt and their children will soon be moving to Houston. Bob is already working there. They have meant much to the church here.

OUR SYMPATHY

Mrs. Dicie Day, who worshipped with this congregation many years ago, was buried Monday in Menard, Arkansas.

THE SICK

Mark Cauthen was injured last Sunday while playing football. He has a broken collar bone.
Dean Freeman suffered a chipped bone in his foot last week.

The Elders and Deacons will meet Monday, December 1, at 7:00 p. m. at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

ZONE 1 will not meet Tuesday evening, December 2.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING DAY

"Be thankful for your blessings all:
The happy memories you recall;
For time, which every heartache mends,
And, oh, be thankful for your friends!"

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. The Tragedy of Unbelief
P. M. Christ, Our King

Be in Bible Class Sunday - 9:30 a. m.
There Is A Class For You

On Thursday of last week I conducted funeral services for Ross Wood, a long time friend of mine, in Sherman, Texas. Brother Wood often expressed his thoughts in poetry. I would like to share with you one of his poems on God's existence. It is wonderful to live and die by such a faith. GHS

GOD IS

A gentle breeze caressed my face
As I looked up into outer space;
A million stars winked back at me
And I knew---God just had to be!
I marvelled at the jeweled sky,
The silvery moon was sailing high;
A glittering sight for all to see,
I knew that---God just had to be!
I heard a jet streak through the night,
Honking geese in V-shaped flight;
A child laughing in jubilant glee,
I knew that---God just had to be!
The moon sank lower out of sight,
The stars vanished with the night;
The sun came up out of the sea,
And I knew that---God just had to be!
The song of a bird came across the way,
Here was the dawning of a brand-new day.
I felt the spirit inside of me,
I knew that---God just had to be!
The evidence of the things I've seen and heard
Are all contained in His written word;
He is Creator, and all things are His;
And I know within my heart---That God is!
Now, my soul is lifted up
And my cup is filled to the brim,
For He is coming in to sup with me,
And---I will sup with Him!

...Ross C. Wood

Guest Editorial. . .

"COMMUNION-ONLY" CHRISTIANS

The worship services of the church today looks a lot like a butcher shop! We have three-quarter worshippers, half-worshippers and one-quarter worshippers. We've chopped ourselves up into all kinds and sizes of worshippers.

Jesus taught in John 4:24 that true worship to God must be in the spirit and in truth. Verse 23 says God seeks only a genuine worship to Him.

Possibly the poorest specimen of worshipper today is in the "Communion-only" Christian. He's a one-quarter worshipper or less! Here is what a Communion-only Christian is: The phone rings. The caller says, "When is your early service?" The answer is, "8:30," The caller than asks, "Do you have the Communion service before or after the preaching?" Answer, "The Communion service comes first." "What time does the Communion service begin? By that I mean how many songs do you sing and is there a prayer before, and when do the announcements come?" The answer, "The Communion service begins about 8:30." "Good," says the caller, "You see, we want to attend an early worship service, then get on the road. We're leaving on our vacation."

OBSERVATIONS

First of all, this person wasn't coming to worship; he was just coming to Communion (high mass, or something like that)! Second, the man either didn't know that the singing and praying and giving, and preaching is a part of the worship, or he didn't care. (the latter seems more likely). Thirdly, this man has been sold a bill of spiritual goods! He's been taught all of his life that "The Communion is the most important part of the worship of Christ." Accordingly, he takes a vacation from the majority of the items of worship to God. Fourthly, the gentleman has neglected and omitted altogether four-fifths of God's worship schedule for man on the Lord's day! He is a one-fifth, Communion-only-Christian. Those who worship in resort areas on vacation just slip in late for the Communion service and those who come early and leave as soon as the Communion is over, are guilty of the same offense - short-worship to God.

QUESTIONS

This Communion-only worship business is a dangerous trend among Christians today. Before continuing such an anti-scriptural practice, several simple questions should be answered:

- 1. Where in God's word did the Holy Spirit inspire the notion that one item of worship is more important than all the rest?

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<u>Bible School</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
November 16...454	\$3,100.53
November 9...466	\$3,307.45
A Year Ago ...411	\$4,180.35

Weekly Budget \$3,350.00
Under Budget for week 249.47

RESPONSES

Membership: Mrs. Ella Mae Hibbard, 1218 N. Pabst, came Sunday to be identified with West Erwin. She formerly worshipped with the North Side church of Christ in Temple, Texas.

Baptized: Mrs. Ivan (Brenda) George of Longview, was baptized Monday by Hillard Hughes. She is the daughter of Mrs. Clara Sims.

SERMONS by George H. Stephenson
Various Kinds of Followers of Christ
Christ, Our High Priest

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

We would like to thank all who were so kind to us while our daughter, Janette Ingram, was a patient in Medical Center Hospital. We especially thank sister Lucille Carpenter and brother Stephenson for waiting with us during the surgery. We are glad to say Janette is getting along fine.

Lerah and Homer Williamson

I appreciate so much the lovely flowers, food, many cards (the one from the young couples class was so thoughtful), and especially your prayers at the time of the death of our father. Words are inadequate to express my gratitude for the prayer offered by brother Stephenson in the hospital room. We appreciate all of our preachers and their kindness. Christian friends mean so much at a time like this.

Naomi McKeever

FUNERALS

Mrs. Will Bell, sister-in-law to Carl Bell was buried Wednesday.

Mr. Kenneth Payne, a nephew of Louis J. Jones and Marvin Jones was buried Wednesday.

An aunt of Ike Gaiser was buried last week.

We extend our sympathy to each family.

Because of the Thanksgiving Holiday
there will be no Ladies Bible Class on
Wednesday, November 26.

"Communion-only" Christians (continued from back page)

2. If Communion is the most important item of all Christian worship, then why cannot all the others be dropped? (Why waste time on unimportant items)?
3. If the Communion service is no more important than the items of singing, praying, preaching and giving, then why aren't they all given equal time and attention?
4. How can a man claim to be a genuine Christian, worshipping in spirit and in truth, and chop the worship service up to suit his own convenience?

We've been praying for years "Lord deliver us from the Anti-Bible School Christian, the Sunday-morning-only Christian, and the I'll-come-but-won't-give-anything Christian." Now, we've got a new prayer to be offered before the throne of Grace, "Lord, deliver us from the Communion-only-Christian who wonders what's happening to the church today?---it's getting so weak spiritually!"
---Wyatt Sawyer

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM WALNUT CHURCH IN TEXARKANA

Annual Sing Song December 5

The 8th annual Sing Song Till Midnight will be held Friday night, Dec. 5, at the Walnut St. building in Texarkana, Texas. Attended by more than 1,500 singers from a dozen states last year, this tremendous gospel singing will again extend from 7:00 p. m. until 1:00 a. m.

V. E. Howard, speaker on the International Gospel Hour and master of ceremonies each year for the big

Sing Song, announces that the featured guest singers this year will be the Harding College A Capella Chorus from Searcy, Ark. under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Davis. Special groups include the Gospelair Quartet of Cleburn; the Ladies' Ensemble, International Bible College Quartet and others.

The latter portion of the Sing Song will be broadcast from 11:00 p. m. to 12:45 a. m. over KWKH, Shreveport, and KCMC Texarkana.

BUS REPORT

Bus	Sunday	a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Busy Riders		26	30	30
"Buggy" Workers		3	4	4
"Sunshine Riders		14	7	13
"Chariot" Workers		2	2	5
"Joy Riders		18	15	33
"Jalopy" Workers		4	3	6
Totals		58	52	76

THE SICK

Sister Imogene Myers has been admitted to the Pine Village Nursing Home, room 506.

Students of the Campus Christian Center will have a Progressive Dinner Sunday evening. The appetizer course will be served at the home of Alice and George Stephenson.

"GOOD NEWS" - The Gospel

From radio, television, and our daily newspapers we are constantly reminded of violence, tragedy and crime in our nation and in our world. As Christians we should be thankful for the good news we can share with others in the gospel of Christ - for the word gospel means "good news."

The fundamental facts of the gospel, according to Paul are the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, (I Corinthians 15:1-4). The gospel of course, contains commands for us to obey and promises for us to enjoy, but the foundation of all our teaching and practice is based upon our faith in Jesus' death for us and in his triumphant resurrection.

The death of Christ, without the resurrection, would not be good news. Had Jesus' body remained in the tomb, he would have been just another martyr among the thousands who have died for their convictions. The resurrection of Jesus gave meaning to his death upon the cross. Without the resurrection, Christianity loses its meaning and we could well dispose of our church buildings and all that we do in the name of the Lord. Paul said, "and if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain... For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised; and if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished," (I Corinthians 15:14, 16-18).

We can place our confidence in the fact of Christ's resurrection. There is as much evidence for believing this as there is to believe in any other fact of history. The disciples said they saw and heard the risen Christ. Even Thomas, who had doubted, believed when he saw the nail prints and the pierced side of Jesus. On Pentecost Peter spoke to the ones who had crucified Jesus and told them Jesus had been raised, (Acts 2:31, 32). This afforded a wonderful opportunity for the enemies of Jesus to refute the claims of the apostles, but the enemies did not because they could not deny the evidence of the empty tomb.

The resurrection of Jesus vindicates all that he taught about the present life as well as the life to come. When death takes our loved ones we can have confidence in the promise of Jesus that he is preparing a place of many mansions for us, (John 14:1-3).

Belief in a future life makes the present life more meaningful. Each deed and each act take on greater significance when we realize that life does not end at the grave. Someone wrote, "He rose! And with him hope rose, and life and light. Men said, 'Not Christ but Death died yesternight! And joy and truth and all things virtuous rose when he rose!'"

Let us celebrate the good news of Jesus' resurrection every first day of the week. Let us proclaim our faith in his death and our hope for his coming again as we meet together around the table of the Lord, (I Corinthians 11:26).

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November 2. . . 451	\$3,501.39
A Year Ago . . . 441	\$3,237.03

Weekly Budget	\$3,350.00
Under budget for week	42.54

BUS REPORT

Bus	Sunday	a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Busy Riders	22	36	33	
Buggy" Workers	4	4	4	
"Sunshine Riders	12	8	17	
Chariot" Workers	5	6	5	
"Joy Riders	25	19	32	
Jalopy" Workers	6	5	6	
Totals	59	63	82	

TO TEACH IN WORKSHOP

Brother Hillard Hughes will teach in a Teacher's Workshop next Saturday in Port Neches, Texas.

REMEMBER. . . The grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here sometime during the week of November 17 - 21 (next week). If possible, bring whatever items you have for them Sunday. A list of their most needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Imogene Myers continues to be a patient in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Elwin Crow is a patient in Mother Frances.

Chris Parker is also in Mother Frances for tests.

Chuck and Charlotte Cauthen, son and daughter-in-law of the Faber Cauthens were injured in an automobile accident Sunday afternoon in Mt. Carmel, Illinois. They both suffered painful injuries and Charlotte is in Intensive Care at this writing. The address is: Wabash General Hospital, Mount Carmel, Illinois 62863.

IN APPRECIATION

We would like to express our deepest appreciation to you for the lovely flowers, and for the prayers offered during the loss of our infant daughter Michelle Renee Staples. Knowing that someone cared was such a great comfort. Gail and Ed Staples

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Come Before His Presence
With Singing
P. M. Christ as Prophet

THE PROBLEM OF WAKING UP by Raymond Kelcy

Waking up and getting out of bed is a painful experience for many of us. But we have to do this if we are to accomplish anything. The same is true spiritually. If we are asleep, we can't accomplish anything for God. Sleeping church members present a real problem; but it is no new problem. "Many are weak and sickly . . . and many sleep" (I Cor. 11:30). "Therefore let us not sleep as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (I Thess. 5:6).

Someone has said: "It is better to wake up 500 Christians than to convert 500 sinners, for if 500 Christians really wake up, they will win more than 500 sinners." All of us must agree with this statement. The greatest problem faced by the church is not that of winning others to the king-

dom, but that of arousing those who are already Christians to a feeling of their responsibility.

Surely, an enthusiastic Christian would win at least one other for Christ within a year's time. If that were being done, the membership of the church would double every year. A member of most any organization, religious or secular, can win others if he is himself committed. Yes, we need to wake up.

Too many of us are playing with Christianity. We are not taking it seriously enough. But we must begin taking it more seriously if we are to be saved and if we are to save others. "It is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed" (Romans 13:11).

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS

The directory supplement you received recently should be corrected as follows.

Address change

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Bynum
P. O. Drawer 597
Whitehouse, Texas 75791
Telephone - 839-2256

Telephone change

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. O'Bannon
834 Trenton - phone 561-3202
(Mailing address - Box 3335)

Add to list

Robert Dzamko's name should be listed instead of Richard's.

Be In Bible Class Sunday - 9:30 a. m.
There Is A Class For You!

LECTURESHIP IN JACKSONVILLE

The Corinth Road church of Christ in Jacksonville, Texas will conduct a Lectureship, November 17 - 20. The theme will be Absenteeism and . . . The Church Image - Monday evening by Mike Warner

The Individual - Tuesday evening by Dan Manuel

Causes and Cures - Wednesday evening by Don Kleppe

Eternal Destiny - Thursday evening By George H. Stephenson

The time is 7:30 each evening.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Gail and Ed Staples in the loss of their infant daughter. Hillard Hughes conducted graveside services Thursday.

Guest Editorial. . .

A Great Need

Somewhere recently I read this statement. . .

"It is a shame that Jonah was not swallowed by a shark instead of a whale, what a story that would have made."

This statement was made in view of the movie "Jaws" that has struck terror to the hearts of many people. The real shame though is that a picture show like "Jaws" or "Towering Inferno" can strike terror in our hearts, but we seem to care little about the moral and spiritual decadence of our time.

We don't need the whale as much as we need a prophet of National stature who is willing to stand up and speak out against the sins of our nation. Next year we will celebrate our bicentennial year. There is not as much optimism about our 200th birthday as there was when we celebrated our 100th one. When the Philadelphia Centennial Exposition was opened in 1776 a 100 gun salute was fired, every steam whistle in America was blown, and a 1,000 voice choir sang Handel's Hallelujah Chorus. Wonder what Madeline Murray O'Hare would say to that today. I am afraid that religion will not play as much a part of our 200th birthday as it did our 100th.

America is still a great nation, but she is not the great nation that she has been in the past. We have fast become the drunkest, dopiest, dirtiest, most divorced nation on earth. Our leaders have come a long way from the basic honesty of George Washington and the cherry tree and Honest Abe. Our morals are simply not what they used to be or what they should be, and it is really hard to know when people are telling the truth. Our news media has specialized in crime, violence, and scandal and Americans are eating it up.

Yes, we need a Jonah today to cry out against sin and we need some national leaders like the king of Ninevah, "who arose from his throne, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes" (Jonah 3:5,6). The citizens of Ninevah and its leadership knew enough about God and His power to know that they would have to change their ways if they were to continue to exist as a nation. Did not the king of Ninevah say, "Who knows, God may yet repent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we perish not?" (Jonah 3:9). Do we have this much sense today?

. . . Jimmy Wood, White Rock Church of Christ, Dallas, Texas



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Records

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November 2...451	\$3,501.39
October 26... 469	\$2,614.12
Year Ago....438	\$3,391.66

BUS REPORT

Bus	Sunday	a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Busy Riders"	24	13	44	
"Buggy" Workers	3	3	4	
"Sunshine Riders"	10	10	17	
"Chariot" Workers	6	5	5	
"Joy Riders"	33	31	37	
"Jalopy" Workers	7	6	5	
Totals	67	54	98	

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Wallace Gayle's home, 1911 Sterling.

Weekly Budget \$3,350.00
Over Budget for week 151.39

IN APPRECIATION

We want to thank the church for the lovely flowers sent to mother's funeral and for all the food sent to the Turner's home to sustain us during our sorrow. Also, for all the words of kindness and beautiful cards, we wish to thank you. The service by brother Stephenson was a lovely tribute to mother and our Lord.

Harry Knight, Jr.
Kathleen Keller
Elaine Neff and Families

The family of Bethel Lackey acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

THE SICK

Mrs. Imogene Myers continues to be a patient in Mother Frances. She is in room 495.

Becky Young and some other band students of ACC were involved in an automobile accident last week. We are happy to report that, except for some painful bruises, Becky was not seriously injured.

Jack Beard is in Glenwood Hospital. Mrs. Olie Cooper suffered a stroke last week and is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Lula Taylor has been ill and unable to attend worship recently.

Mrs. John Voelkle, sister to brother George Stephenson, underwent surgery Wednesday morning in the Wilson N. Jones Hospital in Sherman, Texas.

Have you visited a shut-in lately?

TRUCK FROM MEDINA

The grocery truck from Medina Children's Home will be here sometime during the week of November 17-21. They have a special need for the following items: Syrup, Aluminum Foil, Cooking Oil, Powdered Sugar, Cereals (Hot and Cold), Cake Mixes, Baking Powder, Vanilla, Sugar, Tuna, Spam, Cream Soups, Juices, Canned Fruits, Shortening, Catsup, Cocoa, Corn Meal, Flour, Vinegar, Chili, Jelly, Mayonaise, Eagle Brand Milk.

Also, they have approximately 90 young people and for Christmas the primary emphasis will be to purchase clothing. They range in age from 8 to 18 years. A list of sizes are given below.

Pants	28 thru 34
Shirts	14 - 15½
Blouses	32 thru 36
Little Girls	12 - 14
Panties	5 - 7
Dresses	10 - 11
Little Girls	10 - 12
Slips	Small, Medium, large

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted last week for Lonnie Mulligan, a brother-in-law to Mrs. Ruby Teel.

Also, her cousin, Annie Word, was buried last week. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Teel.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A. M. Steadfast in Prayer
George H. Stephenson
P. M. When Jesus Looks Around
Hillard Hughes

TEACHER'S PRAYER

I want to teach my students how
To live this life on earth
To face its struggle and its strife
And to improve their worth.
Not just the lesson in a book
Or how the rivers flow
But how to choose the proper path
Wherever they may go.
To understand eternal truth
And know the right from wrong,
And gather all the beauty of
A flower and a song.
For if I help the world to grow
In wisdom and in grace,
Then I shall feel that I have won
And I have filled my place.
And so I ask your guidance, God,
That I may do my part. . .
For character and confidence
And happiness of heart.

. . . Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises; that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge; And to knowledge, temperance; and to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness; And to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, charity. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. . . II Peter 1: 4-8

Business Meeting, Sunday 1:30 p.m.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

We have been out of town for two funerals this week. On Monday we attended funeral services for R. G. Meggs conducted at the Skillman Avenue church in Dallas. On Tuesday we flew to Lubbock to help conduct services for A. L. Scoggin at the Broadway church on Wednesday morning.

R. G. Meggs was one of the leaders of the church in our state. For many years I have been privileged to serve with him and other Christian men on the board of Trustees of Boles Home in Quinlan, Texas. Brother Meggs had served on the board since the Boles Home had its beginning. He also was senior member of the board of Trustees of Abilene Christian College and was on the board of Christian Colleges of the Southwest. Brother Meggs was engaged in many worthwhile endeavors, but his greatest work was with the church in Dallas. He was a member and later an elder of the Sears and Summit church in Dallas which later became the Skillman Avenue church. He saw the church grow from a small congregation to one of the outstanding congregations in the nation. As an elder and a Bible School teacher, he played a prominent part in its growth.

Another great man and a friend of ours in Fort Worth was buried on Monday morning, but we were not able to attend his services. He was Dr. Joe Wise, a beloved physician and a splendid elder in the Southside church of Fort Worth.

A. L. Scoggin, for whom memorial services were held in Lubbock, was a life long friend of ours. He had served as a deacon in the Broadway church for many years. He was originally from my home community and I have known him and his family all of my life. He was a successful business man and a loyal Christian.

Every week I hear of those whom I have known who have gone on to their reward. My life has been greatly blessed as a result of my knowledge of some of the great men and women in the church of our Lord. Of course, true greatness consists not in just how well known one may be, but whether or not one has been a true servant of Christ. GHS

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 2

A. M. The Lord's Supper, by George Stephenson P. M. Charles Miles

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October 19...480	\$3,133.21
Year Ago....439	\$2,857.65

Weekly Budget \$3,350.00
Under Budget for week 735.88

RESPONSES

Mrs. Deann Ray came Sunday to be restored.

THANK YOU NOTES

The lovely bouquet, the visits, the food, the beautiful cards and phone calls extended to me while having a bout with pneumonia, is very deeply appreciated by my family as well as Louis and I.

Sincerely,
Modena Jones

I would like all of you at West Erwin to know that the visits, flowers, and prayers offered in my behalf during my recent illness meant so very much to my wife and myself.

In Christian love always,
Skip Steele & family

FUNERALS

Sister Naomi McKeever's father, brother B. A. Lackey passed away Monday. Funeral services were conducted by Mason Adair on Wednesday afternoon.

Brother Stephenson conducted the funeral services for Mrs. Harry Knight on Friday of last week. Sister Knight worshipped here for many years before moving to LaPorte a few years ago.

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

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS

In our bulletin last week we said that the Amazing Grace Bible Class will begin on this coming Sunday, November 2 on KLTv - Channel 7 in Tyler. There is, at present, a possibility that the program will not begin this Sunday due to some delays in the scheduling of present programs on the station. The program will begin soon and we will continue to hope and pray that much good will be accomplished in this effort. There is some possibility that the program will begin on this Sunday.

SERMON ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

On this coming Sunday, October 2 I plan to preach a sermon on "The Lord's Supper." Our observance of this sacred memorial on this Sunday will follow the sermon rather than precede the sermon as is our usual practice. We need to be reminded of the significance of this supper which was instituted by our Lord on the night of his betrayal and which serves as a living memorial to his sacrifice and love for us. GHS

HELP!! HELP!!

Knitters needed for bandages for the Leper Colony in Monrovia, Liberia. If you are willing to help in this project, please call Modean Jones, 593-5568.

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"Busy Riders	35	36	37	
Buggy" Workers	5	5	5	
Totals	76	71	89	

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Harry Collins had surgery on Monday, but is now at home.

Mrs. Imogene Myers suffered a stroke on Monday. She is in the ICU of Mother Frances. It is not known just how long she will be there.

Mrs. Foy Richey has been in the hospital, but has also gone home.

Mrs. Ed Naul had surgery last week but is now at home.

Jo Ellen Willis is in the Medical Center Hospital for tests.

DALLAS DEBATE ON TONGUES

A debate of great interest is scheduled for this coming week in the Memorial Auditorium in Dallas. The speakers for this debate will be Dan Billingsley, who preaches for the church of Christ in Mesquite, and Marvin Hicks of the United Pentecostal Church in Corpus Christi. Both of these men are well qualified to speak. The issues under investigation will be whether there are three or one in the Godhead, and if signs, miracles, wonders, and the speaking in tongues are for today's Christians. The matter of speaking in tongues has been controversial subject among many religious bodies in recent years. A large number is expected to attend November 3, 4, & 5 at 7:30 p. m. The auditorium will seat 10,000.

AREA MEETINGS

November 3, 4, and 5 at 7:30 p. m. there will be a gospel meeting at the Quitman and Center Church of Christ in Gladewater. Murphy Phillips, Sr. of Leesville, La. and Jimmy Phillips of Appleby, Texas, and Murphy Phillips, Jr., the local preacher, will be doing the preaching.

Glen Walton will preach in a meeting October 26 - 30 at the South Main church of Christ in Henderson.

The Campus Christian Center will have the annual "Spook House" for Children - four years to sixth grade, Halloween night from 6 until 9: p. m

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Amazing Grace Bible Class Coming To Tyler!

Beginning Sunday, November 2, the Amazing Grace Bible Class from Madison, Tennessee will be shown each Sunday morning at 8:00 o'clock on KLTN - Channel 7 - (or on 3 on the cable). The West Erwin church will be sponsoring this very fine program and we will be able to advertise our own services as well as provide a great opportunity for spreading the gospel of Christ.

The Amazing Grace Bible Class is a program you will enjoy and one of your friends will be glad to see and hear. Ray Walker, who has been very successful as a professional singer, leads the singing for the class which meets in the 3,000 seat auditorium of the Madison church. The singing of old, well known hymns is an inspiration to all who listen.

Ira North, the dynamic speaker for the program, presents simple, down to earth lessons based on the Word of God. He has been most successful in his efforts to motivate people to be faithful Christians.

We feel that this program affords us a great opportunity to help spread the gospel; however, to accomplish the greatest good possible, every member of the church must help to promote it and advertise it. We want to encourage various groups, among both young and old, to be responsible for helping to advertise the program.

The great church in Madison, Tennessee produces the films for the program and offers the films without charge. They have gone to tremendous expense in doing this. The local congregation pays for the television time. While this is quite expensive, it is very reasonable in comparison with rates in other places. Also, we can teach more people in this way than we can ever teach in our church buildings. We can enter homes where we would never be invited. Your contributions are needed so that this will not be a financial burden to anyone.

May I urge you to be a listener and a promoter of the Amazing Grace Bible Class, beginning Sunday, November 2.
GHS

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October 19...480	\$3,133.21
October 12...485	\$3,388.07
A Year Ago...427	\$2,775.85
Weekly Budget	\$3,350.00
Under Budget for Week	216.79

GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY EVENING

We look forward to hearing Bill Smith of West Monroe, Louisiana speak at our evening services on this Sunday at six o'clock. Brother Smith was the speaker in a campaign which was recently conducted by the Omen Road Church. Those of us who heard him speak were very impressed with his ability. He works with the White's Ferry Road School of Preaching. Be sure to hear him preach Sunday night.

GHS

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to express my appreciation to all of my wonderful Christian friends. Thank you for the visits, flowers, cards, and many acts of kindness that made my stay in the hospital more pleasant. I especially want to thank the Stephensons for their visits. Mrs. A. O. Mayo

Thank you for the cards, flowers and visits - especially the visits of brother and sister Stephenson - while I was hospitalized. Also, I enjoy the tapes of the sermons while I am unable to attend the worship services.

Mrs. Vannie Lee

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brethren:

The singers of Southwestern Christian College and I thoroughly enjoyed presenting our program in the interest of Christian education at your congregation on October 6. Thank you for permitting us to come, present our program, and make an appeal for financial support. The response to that appeal was as follows:

Cash	\$1,084.50
Pledges	95.00
Total	\$1,179.50

This generous donation will mean much to the future of Southwestern and to many young men and women you may never see.

Jack Evans, President

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge. ... Proverbs 1:7

DALLAS DEBATE ON TONGUES

The time is rapidly approaching for the debate between Dan Billingsly, the preacher for the Mesquite church of Christ, and Marvin Hicks of the United Pentecostal Church. The debate will be conducted November 3, 4, & 5 at 7:30 p. m. in the Dallas Convention Center Arena (Memorial Auditorium) downtown Dallas. 10,000 free seats will be made available by the area churches of Christ. The church in Mesquite which is planning the debate pleads for our prayers and support.

TIME CHANGE SUNDAY

Turn your clocks back one hour Saturday evening before you go to bed. Be on time for Bible Class and worship Sunday.

BUS REPORT

Bus	Sunday	a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Sunshine Riders	8	16	15	
Chariot" Workers	5	5	5	
"Joy Riders	28	28	32	
Jalopy" Workers	6	6	6	
"Busy Riders	24	16	29	
Buggy" Workers	5	5	6	
Totals	60	60	76	

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND the 4th Sunday Singing at the Whitehouse Church of Christ, Oct. 26, 2:30 p. m.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A. M. Steadfast in Fellowship
 By George H. Stephenson
 P. M. Sermon by Bill Smith
 from West Monroe, Louisiana

COMMITMENT

Much is heard about mature and immature behavior in one's personality. Let's notice some of the characteristics of mature behavior in one's spiritual nature:

* Studies the Word of God by himself and prays for guidance and wisdom.

* Does good works without being prompted or expecting recognition.

* Evaluates himself in the light of God's Word and applies truths learned to his own life.

* Profits from past mistakes and is not discouraged by minor setbacks.

* Does his own work, yet is interested and helpful in the welfare of others.

* Is able to foresee problems and make correct decisions.

* Leads a life of discipline and determination to do God's Will.

A mature Christian will generally be happy, energetic, friendly, consistent, generous, and have a certain peaceful countenance and spirit that only Christians experience.

...from Pasadena Exhorter

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. David Ingram underwent surgery Monday in Medical Center.

NEW BABY BOY

Mark and Tawana Stewart are the happy parents of a baby boy born this week in Mother Frances Hospital.

Guest Editorial. . .

Too Big and Too Bad

Maybe you can help me. I can visualize 80 to 100 thousand people. I've seen that many at a football game. But when you start talking about millions and go on to mention that there are approximately three billion people on earth, it boggles my mind. It is with this staggering figure before me that I hear the words of Jesus, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." I'm tempted to not even try because the world is too big.

My thoughts then turn from the size of the world to the sins of the world. I think of graft-ridden police forces and corrupt politicians. I think of unethical business concerns and underworld figures. I think of the false cults and religions. I think of a pleasure-crazed society with no interest in Christ. I think of drug addicts, prostitutes, the amoral, the irreligious, the doubters, and the atheists. I'm tempted to throw in the towel and say it can't be done - the world is just too big and too bad to come to repentance.

Did you mention Jonah? What's he got to do with it?

Hmmm. . . I hadn't thought of that.

But maybe you are right. The greatest obstacle to the conversion of Nineveh was not to be in Nineveh. It wasn't the size of the city or the extent of its sin.

Yes sir, you are right. The key to the salvation of Nineveh was Jonah. He was one of God's children and yet he was the biggest problem. The obstacle was in the heart of a pious, prejudiced man named Jonah.

I hear you now. You are saying that God's people are the key to the world's salvation - that you and I have a big responsibility.

Now let me see - where is that prescription you gave me? Oh yes, here it is:

If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.
(2 Chronicles 7:14)

I've got to remember that. Revival begins with the people of God. It begins in our lives, your life and mine.

. . . John Gipson

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October 5... 525	\$3,251.10
A Year Ago.. 445	\$4,027.68
Weekly Budget	\$3,350.00
Over Budget for week	38.07

RESPONSES

For prayers of the church: Denise Freeman and Ray Womack.

BUS REPORT

Bus	Sun.	a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Joy Riders"	17	28	29	
Jalopy" Workers	5	6	5	
"Sunshine Riders	12	7	16	
Chariot" Workers	6	6	6	
"Busy Riders	28	30	29	
Buggy" Workers	5	5	5	
Totals	57	65	74	

THANK YOU NOTES

We do appreciate the cards, visits, flowers, food, and the ones who sat with mother during her hospital stay and most of all the Christian love demonstrated by these acts. The frequent visits of brother Stephenson and the prayers he led sustained us through this period.

Faye Wallace and the family of Irene Holiday

We want to express our thanks and deepest gratitude for your prayers, the many cards, calls, visits, and book while in the hospital. May God bless each and every one.

Delle and Edgar Bullard

A BABY GIRL

A baby girl was born to Kay and Tom Keith last week. Laverne and Weldon Keith are the happy grandparents.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Louis J. Jones continues to be a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. David Ingram, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williamson, is in Medical Center, room 203.

THE LADIES BIBLE CLASS will have a covered dish luncheon at the Stephenson home next Wednesday following the class.

YOUNG PEOPLE will sing at Leisure Lodge Sunday afternoon. Meet at the building at 2:15.

BENEVOLENT WORK

We would like to commend all who have been working with the benevolent committee for the work which they have done this year. Sister Modena Jones has taken the lead among the women of the congregation in this work. James Massey serves as Chairman of the committee, and he and his wife have worked very diligently. We will not attempt to name all of the others who have cooperated in this work, but want each one to know that their work is appreciated.

Some 10 families and individuals have received groceries, clothing and medicine this year. Approximately twenty five garments have been made and sent to the Medina Home valued at at least \$200.00 Groceries estimated in value of at least \$350 have been given to Sunny Glen and Boles Home. Also sheets, pillow cases and bed spreads were sent to Boles Home for one of the cottages.

Many items of very good clothing have been contributed to the Care Center. A pair of crutches has been given to be supplied when the need arises. Through negotiations of Dick Dzamko we have been able to secure a hospital bed and mattress from Mother Frances Hospital for \$10.00. This can be loaned as the need arises.

Ladies of the Wednesday morning Bible Class have filled about 3 dozen jars with hard candies to be taken to the convalescent Homes. Kitty Owings and her class of teen age girls have been doing a good work in visiting these homes. Other small items will be taken in the future to provide cheer for the shut-ins.

Several boxes of good clothing have been sent to the Manuelita Home in Gallup, New Mexico. The women are making new curtains for the class room where Henry McRuiz teaches. One of our women bought a supply of good boys jeans and shirts for the Care Center.

One of the projects of the future is the making of knitted bandages for a leper colony in Liberia, West Africa.

There are many other good works which are being done for the Lord. All of this is in addition to the regular \$450 per month contributions made to Boles, Tipton, and Sunny Glen Homes.

At the present time there is a need for more food to be brought to the pantry. With winter approaching there will be more calls for food. We feel that members of the church will respond to this need.

May the Lord bless each one who shows compassion and kindness toward those who are in need. GHS

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY - October 19 - by George Stephenson

A. M. Steadfast In The Apostles' Doctrine
 P. M. Some Famous Prisoners Of The Bible

HOSPITALITY!!

When have you invited someone home with you? When have you invited those with whom you were not well acquainted? "Use hospitality, one to another without grudging," I Peter 4:9, because you love one another as brethren.

I often hear the complaint, "It costs too much." Just remember, unless our Christianity costs us we really don't have any. The wonderful part is that it always pays more than it costs. When we truly serve God, it's going to have a very big effect on our pocket books if we're truly committed and dedicated Christians who love one another. Our hospitality doesn't have to be excessively costly. We don't have to serve a sumptuous banquet - just share what we have in our every day life. Enjoy the wonderful fellowship that can be ours when we have someone, we weren't too well acquainted with before, into our home to share our food and to develop a closer tie.

Hospitality, when practiced by many members, can give a congregation new life and also relieve our tensions. Our sojourn on earth is short and our material things of little value if we are not using them according to God's will. May I encourage each of us to read the 12th chapter of Romans again and measure our lives and our service by God's rule. "May the grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you always." Romans 1:7.

... from Sharpstown Church - Houston, Texas

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LECTURES ON EVOLUTION

The North Texas State University Coliseum in Denton has been secured for a series of lectures on "Creation - Evolution" beginning Monday, October 13 and closing on Friday, October 16. Sessions will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock each evening.

Dr. Douglas Dean of Pepperdine University will be the speaker for the lectures. Dr. Dean holds several degrees including a Ph. D in science. He is well qualified academically to show the inconsistencies of some of the claims of evolutionists.

The theory of evolution has come to

be accepted as a matter of fact by many in our present society. It should still be regarded as a theory, for it has not been proved. It is good to know that there are scientists who still believe in creation.

Subjects to be discussed by Dr.

Dean are:

Monday, Oct. 13 - Does Evolution Bother You?

Tuesday, Oct. 14 - The Origin of Life.

Wednesday, Oct. 15 - Another Look at Genesis.

Thursday, Oct. 16 - The Missing Link Discovered.

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Announcements . . . Dick Higginbotham
 Prayer James Phillips
 Dismiss Denton Phillips

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Year Ago . . . 458	\$2, 829.96

RESPONSES

Ann Montgomery came Sunday morning to ask for the prayers of the congregation.

BUS REPORT

<u>Bus</u>	<u>Sunday</u>	<u>a. m.</u>	<u>p. m.</u>	<u>Wed.</u>
"Joy Riders"	22	23	29	
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Chariot" Workers	6	6	7	
"Busy Riders	33	33	30	
Buggy" Workers	6	5	6	
	69	61	78	

Charles Miles to Arrive Next Week

Charles Miles will preach his last sermon in Basalt, Colorado Sunday and he and his family will be moving to Tyler where he will be associated with us as one of the preachers at West Erwin. They will be here for our Wednesday evening worship. Let us let them know that we look forward to a good work together for the Lord. GHS

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Brethren,
 We want to thank you for your contribution of groceries which brother Wayne Stubblefield recently secured. He has brought them to the campus and they are currently being used in feeding Boles Home children. Before we inaugurated this program we had an annual outlay for groceries near \$50,000. Helping as you are in this manner substantially reduces such financial outlay. Thank you again for your cooperation and benevolence. Sincerely, Alan Sowders

JACK EVANS, President of Southwestern Christian College, made a fine talk Sunday night following our regular services in regard to Christian education. The singers also presented a fine program in song. I am glad that they came our way. GHS

Be In Bible Class Sunday - 9:30 a. m.
There Is A Class For You!

LECTURESHIP IN VAN

The Church of Christ in Van will conduct a lectureship this coming week using as a theme, "Restoring Important Things That We Might Be Drifting Away From In Our Present Age." George Stephenson will speak on Sunday night at 6:00 o'clock. The Lectureship will continue each night through Wednesday with services at 7:30. Speakers will include Stanley Lockhart of Dallas on Monday evening, Jack Evans of Terrell on Tuesday evening, and Eldred Stevens of Dallas on Wednesday evening. Dean Brookshire, former preacher at West Erwin, is doing a good work as the preacher for the Van congregation.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Holiday underwent surgery the second time last week in Medical Center Hospital. She continues to be a patient there.
 Ed Bullard underwent surgery on Friday of last week in Mother Frances Hospital.
 Vicki Fletcher has suffered a compound fracture of her arm and is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

A. M. The Friend of Sinners
 By George H. Stephenson
 P. M. Serpent and the Serum
 By Hillard Hughes

Seek to be pleasant, seek to be winning, Rudeness and sourness are kin to sinning.

PARENTS, please call the office and give us the address and birthday of your children who are away from home - either in college or in service. Some of the ladies in the Wednesday morning Bible class have a project of correspondence concerning these young people.

LAST FRIDAY we had the opportunity to visit two inmates, Ronald Fitch and Billy Gardner, in the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, Louisiana. They have taken Bible correspondence courses from the church and we have corresponded with them for a number of months. We were glad to visit with them, counsel with them, pray and study God's Word with them. They are nice looking young men 27 years of age and we pray that their lives can be used in a way to honor the Lord who loves us all.

George and Alice Stephenson

AREA MEETING

The Houston and Broadway Church of Christ in Kilgore, Texas will have James Medford for a gospel meeting October 13 - 19. Services, 7:30 each evening.

...brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

... Philippians 4:8

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Do Your Own Thing

I was impressed with an editorial in the Dallas Morning News on Friday, September 26. The writer observed that Sara Jane Moore, who fired a shot at President Ford, was following the philosophy of many of our day who want "to do their own thing." It doesn't make any difference how many people are hurt, just go ahead and do what you want to do.

The editorial said, "The egoism, the self-centeredness of Sara Jane Moore is almost too obvious for words... To fire a gun at the President of the United States would make Sara Jane Moore feel good; she did it, therefore.

The editorial continues, "Sara Jane Moore, then, is spiritually akin to those hooligans, campus or off campus who sought a few years back to tear American society apart, for no better reason than that they, in their infinite, unsearchable wisdom, had pronounced American society worthless if not immoral... The violence of the radicals extolled has of course subsided, though not entirely, it goes without saying. But their rarefied egoism lives on; it infects many who would never have thought of hurling a stone at policemen, or of shooting a president.

"Do your own thing! If it feels good, do it! Premarital cohabitation, then, becomes all the rage; drug taking is winked at and tolerated... The contagion is broad, pervasive, not to say physically dangerous. For that is the trouble with ideas. They are notoriously hard to control, most especially when they feed the endlessly appealing conviction that I am right, I am important, I am all that in any way counts."

The Dallas News has in an excellent way exposed a philosophy which is contradictory to the basic principles of Christ who said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me," (Matthew 16:24). Concerning our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bible says, "For even Christ pleased not himself," (Romans 15:3). To Christians Paul wrote, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves," (Philippians 2:3,4).

I am persuaded that those whose lives are concerned more for others than themselves will find the greatest happiness. GHS

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY by George H. Stephenson
A. M. Busy Here and There. P. M. God's "All Things."

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A Year Ago ..454	\$2,772.02

THANK YOU NOTE

I would like to express my deepest appreciation for the phone calls, cards, and especially the lovely meal brought by Mary Haws to my home. I am very grateful to have Christian friends.
 Laverne Keith

RESPONSES

Mr. and Mrs. Barton Davis, 500 East Houston, Apt. 203, phone 595-3881, came Sunday to be identified with West Erwin. They formerly worshipped in Athens.

Miss Gay Lynn Hood, 1512 North Carlyle, phone 595-0860 also came Sunday to place membership. She formerly worshipped with the Brentwood Church in Fort Worth.

SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAM

I would like to encourage everyone to come to our evening worship this Sunday and plan to remain for the program which follows. You may recall that several years ago we had some singers from Southwestern Christian College and their singing was some of the finest. The president of the school, Jack Evans, is a splendid speaker and is called upon to speak for congregations of white as well as black Christians. Let's have a big number for this very interesting program Sunday evening. GHS

FAIR BOOTH REPORT

Another Fair week has come and gone and many records were set at our East Texas Fair. From all reports the attendance was outstanding and this helped our booth work. Even though it seemed to some of our workers that we were not having much activity we did have 127 to enroll in our Bible correspondence course with several others having questions that are to be answered. A very special "Thanks" goes to the more than sixty workers that were in our booth during the week. Also, thanks to Fred Powell and Henry McRuiz for co-ordinating the work schedule. This is only one way that we have to teach the Lord's Word in our area. HH

The Parable of the Tools

Some years ago R. T. Moore penned an interesting parable based on the words of Paul in I Cor. 3:9. It seems, he says, that the Carpenter's tools had a conference. Brother Hammer was in the chair, but the others had informed him that he must leave because he was too noisy. "All right, I'll go, but if I leave, brother Screw must go also. Why, you have to turn him around again and again to get him to go anywhere." To which brother Screw replied, "If you wish, I'll go, but brother Plane must leave as well. All of his work is on the surface. There is never any depth to it." To this brother Plane replied, "Well, brother Rule will also have to withdraw if I do, for he is always measuring folks as though he were the only one who is right." Brother Rule in turn complained about brother Sandpaper, saying, "I just don't care, he's rougher than he ought to be, and he's always rubbing people the wrong way."

In the midst of the discussion, the Carpenter of Nazareth walked in. He had come to perform His day's work. He went to the bench to make a pulpit from which to preach the Gospel to the poor. He employed the screw, the sandpaper, the saw, the hammer, the plane, and all the other tools. After the day's work was over and the pulpit was finished, brother Saw arose and said, "Brethren, I perceive that all of us are laborers together with God." Oh, how many Christians are just like those tools - fussing at each other because we think someone does not do things just the way he should. There was not an accusation made against any one of the tools but that was absolutely true; yet the Carpenter used every one of them. There was not a place where he employed them that one of the others could have served as well.

Let us be careful not to find fault with any of God's chosen tools, for all of us are laborers together in the holy task He has assigned.

--via Davenport, Iowa

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"Busy Riders	30	36	30	
Buggy" Workers	6	6	6	
"Joy Riders	29	29	23	
Jalopy" Workers	5	7	5	
"Sunshine Riders	10	5	18	
Chariot" Workers	7	7	5	
Totals	69	70	71	

The Elders and Deacons will meet at 7 o'clock Monday evening, October 6 at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. A. O. Mayo is a patient in the Medical Center Hospital.
 John Teague is in Medical Center.
 Ed Bullard is in Mother Frances.
 Joe McBee has been in Medical Center for tests but is now at home.
 Mrs. Vannie Lee has gone home from Glenwood Hospital.

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus..." I Timothy 2:5.

Our Visit to Madison

Elsewhere in the bulletin we tell about those who made the trip to the workshop of the Madison, Tennessee church of Christ. I do not see how anyone could attend the workshop and the worship of the Madison church without being inspired to be more diligent and zealous in the work of the Lord.

The Madison church limits the number who come to the workshops, which are now held once every two months. Members of congregations were present from Ashland, Kentucky; Jasper, Alabama; Cincinnati, Ohio; as well as Tyler. In addition, there were groups present from a Christian Church and a Lutheran Church. How wonderful that the success of the Madison Church has caused people from various denominations to come with a desire to find out how the Church has made such fantastic growth! In their coming they also learn about our plea for restoring New Testament Christianity.

The Madison Church has grown from a fairly small congregation twenty-five years ago to a membership at present of about 5,000 people - the largest in our brotherhood. I believe that the church is sound and loyal to the preaching and teaching of the simple gospel of Christ. However, they not only preach the gospel, but demonstrate in their many, many works of benevolence and compassion their love for all mankind. Of course, much of the success of the church is due to Ira North and his good wife. Ira North has been preaching for the Madison Church some twenty-two years. His enthusiasm and his marvelous ability to encourage others to work for Christ have helped to build the Madison Church. The members are humble and do not boast of their accomplishments. They are very friendly and cordial. They dwell together in harmony and love. They are ready to bear one another's burdens and come to the aid of their fellow Christians in time of financial need. They have their own homes for needy children and they help feed the hungry each day. Their budget calls for \$17,000 per week. In addition, their Bible classes make a contribution of \$2,500 per week to help care for the children in their children's home.

I wish that each member at West Erwin could have been with us on our visit to Madison. All of us who had the privilege to go will treasure the rich spiritual experience which was ours for the remainder of our lives. GHS

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1975 by George H. Stephenson
 10:20 a.m. Building a Great Church 6:00 p.m. The Last Miracle of Jesus

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September 14.. 508 \$3, 404. 72

A Year Ago .. 443 \$2, 896. 54

Weekly Budget \$3, 350. 00

Under Budget for week 505. 43

BUS REPORT

Bus

"Busy Riders 18 19 35

"Buggy" Workers 6 6 6

"Sunshine Riders 19 11 22

"Chariot" Workers 6 6 6

"Joy Riders 25 28 24

"Jalopy" Workers 6 7 6

Totals 62 58 81

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." II Cor. 4:17.

AREA MEETINGS

Glenwood Church of Christ, Tyler

Lynn Anderson of Abilene will preach in a Gospel Meeting (Youth Emphasis), September 28 - October 1. Services at 7:30 each weekday evening.

Omen Road Church of Christ, Tyler

Bill Smith, West Monroe, La. will preach Sept. 28 - Oct. 3 at the Omen Road Church. Also, there will be a special Area-Wide Ladies Bible Class Tuesday morning, Sept. 30, at 10:00 o'clock. Brother Smith will present a special lesson "The Oneness of Our Family."

Pinetree Church of Christ, Longview

Jay Lockhart of Tulsa, Okla. will be preaching in a Gospel Meeting, Sept. 29 - Oct. 3, 7:30 nightly.

The Pinetree church will have Open House for the new auditorium Sunday, Sept. 28, 2 until 4 p. m.

The 4th Sunday Singing will be at Troup, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 28, at 2:30. All are invited.

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and calls while I was in the hospital. Without our Christian brothers and sisters we could not go on. Again, thank you.

Earnesene Shuford

We wish to thank each and everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, visits and interest shown to us while L. L. was sick.

Gladys and L. L. Prater

THANK YOU

We want to express our appreciation to the elders of the church for providing transportation on the bus for our trip to the workshop of the Madison, Tennessee church.

We also want to thank the two bus drivers, John Porter and K. Max Haws. Of course, without them the trip would have been impossible.

We are thankful for the dedication of those who went on the trip. All who went did so because of their interest in the cause of Christ. It was a sacrifice for many to pay for lodging and food and to give of their time for the trip. Because of some mechanical problems on the bus, we did not arrive home until early 3:00 a. m. Monday. Some had to be back at work by 7:00 that morning. So we want to express appreciation to all of those who gave of their time and money for this trip.

Mr. & Mrs. Louis J. Jones	Mr. & Mrs. Jack Beard	Mrs. Mary Gaiser
Mr. & Mrs. K. Max Haws	Mr. & Mrs. Foy Richey	Miss Leona Hardin
Mr. & Mrs. G. H. Stephenson	Mrs. Mary Evelyn Grier	Mrs. Ralph Rowe
Mrs. Mary June Green & Matt	Mr. & Mrs. Ronny Jones	Mrs. D. C. Lemmons
Mr. & Mrs. Roy Roberson	Mrs. Cheryl Greenwalt	Mrs. Adela Scogins
Mr. & Mrs. John Porter	Mrs. Beatrice Holland	Mrs. Maxine Freeman
Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Caskey	Mrs. Johnnie Stringer	

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

A baby girl, Kimberly Marie, was born on Tuesday of last week to James and Connie Sublette. Monroe and Cleo Sublette are the happy grandparents.

Southwestern Christian College of Terrell will present a program of singing following our regular evening service on Sunday, October 5. Jack Evans, president of the college will be in charge of the program. He is a most excellent gospel preacher and the singers will have a program you will enjoy.

BE A WEDNESDAY NIGHTER!

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Vannie Lee continues to be a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Holiday, mother of Fay Wallace, underwent major surgery on Monday in Medical Center Hospital.

"And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first-begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen" Rev. 1:5, 6.

About Saints

The news media reports that thousands of Americans have been to Rome for the week long celebration in Vatican City in which the pope announced that Elizabeth Ann Seton has been proclaimed a saint. This is the first person born in the United States to be proclaimed a saint. Mrs. Seton was the mother of five children and became a Catholic after her husband's death. She founded the Sisters of Charity and established a school from which the Catholic parochial school system evolved. She died in 1821. Since her death several have claimed they were healed as a result of prayers offered in her name. This helped her to become qualified as a saint according to Catholic theology.

According to the New Testament one does not have to wait until after death to be recognized as a saint. "Saints" are mentioned 62 times in the New Testament and in the majority of these times reference is made to living individuals. In Paul's letters to the Romans, the Corinthians, the Ephesians and Philippians, he addresses the saints in these various churches. Paul declared that before his conversion that he had "shut up in prison many of the saints," (Acts 26:10). At the raising of Dorcas, the Bible says concerning Peter that "he gave her his hand and lifted her up and when he had called the saints and widows presented her alive," (Acts 9:41).

One of the great promises given us is found in Hebrews 6:10, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

All who are Christians, in the New Testament usage of the word, are saints. A saint is one who is set apart from the world for the service of God. None of us have achieved sinlessness, but all of us are seeking to do the will of the Lord. The saints in the Bible were not sinless, but they did belong to the Lord. If we are saints we do recognize that we are not our own, that we have been bought by the blood of Christ and our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, (I Corinthians 6:19,20). Since we are saints we are to present our bodies as living sacrifices to God, (Romans 12:1).

We do not pray in the name of any saints, living or dead. Our one mediator is Christ himself, (I Timothy 2:5) and it is in His name that we offer our prayers and worship before the throne of God. How wonderful it is that we do not depend upon some proclamation of a man that we are saints, but that each of us who seeks to do God's will is recognized by our heavenly Father as a saint.

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APPOINTMENTS

Sunday Morning - 10:20 a. m.

Announcements Roger Knight
Prayer Ron Lowrance
Dismiss Gerald Montgomery

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements Fred Powell
Prayer Johnny Owings
Dismiss Jim Franklin

Serving Communion Sept. 21 & 28

Gerald Montgomery Bruce Raley
Travis Fletcher Willie Freeman
Joe McBee Bill Whitworth
Don Chaffin David Demic
Ray Magee Denton Phillips

Records

<u>Bible School</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
September 14. . . 508	\$3,404.72
September 7. . . 506	\$3,300.60
Year Ago. 443	\$2,555.02
Weekly Budget	\$3,350.00
Over Budget for week	54.72

RESPONSES

✓ Restored to Fellowship: Don O'Bannon.

BUS REPORT

Bus	Sunday	a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Sunshine Riders	12	8	24	
Chariot" Workers	6	5	5	
"Busy Riders	31	31	30	
Buggy" Workers	6	6	6	
"Joy Riders	30	34	31	
Jalopy" Workers	6	7	5	
Totals	73	73	85	

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

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated. The spray of yellow Carnations were beautiful. We wish also to acknowledge the many lovely cards, and thanks to those who helped with the food. What Christian love was shown. We love you all.

Leona and Gaither McElroy

I simply can never find words to express my love for all who have been so sweet to both myself and Verda in our illness. I appreciate so much your cards and expressions of love in the loss of my precious Verda. May all of you know that I love you.

Mrs. Lula Taylor

Thank you for your kind expressions of love and concern over the loss of our precious loved one. We are grateful for the visits, calls, flowers, and cards for our family. Your prayers are appreciated and will give us courage through the troubled days ahead.

In Christian love,

The Family of Verda Driggers

BIBLE BOWL

Congratulations are in order several of our young people who participated in the Annual Bible Bowl at Gilmer. Even though they did not place in the top three, they did finish near the top. I was very pleased and happy for them in this activity.

YOUNG PEOPLE will sing at Leisure Lodge Sunday afternoon. Meet at the building at 2:15.

Charles Miles to work at West Erwin

There will be three gospel preachers working with the West Erwin congregation with the coming of Charles Miles sometime before October 15. The elders announced Sunday that brother Miles will be an additional minister for this congregation. He has been supported by the West Erwin church in mission work in Basalt, Colorado. He is a zealous worker, sound in the faith and will be a great asset to the work of the Lord here. We will be glad to have him as a co-laborer and glad to have his lovely wife and daughter as a part of the West Erwin family. With God's help and the co-operation of the members of the church, we can do greater things for Christ. GHS

DAVID MATHIS TO PREACH SUNDAY

David Mathis will speak for both services on this Sunday in the absence of brother Stephenson who will be in Madison, Tennessee. Brother Mathis is a talented speaker and formerly served as the evangelist for the Glenwood church in our city.

THIRTY ONE MEN AND WOMEN

are scheduled to leave Friday morning for Madison, Tennessee, a suburb of Nashville, where they will attend an all day workshop on Saturday and worship with the Madison church in their early services on Sunday. After the services, the group will return to Tyler.

"Keep yourselves in the love of God."
...Jude 21

EAST TEXAS FAIR

Again this year our booth will be at the Fair with several of our people working each day. This has been an excellent way for the church to be seen by hundreds of people in this area. Last year 150 people signed up for the correspondence course that was offered free of charge. About 25% of these people finished this course with some taking additional studies. Let me encourage you to visit the booth when you are at the fair this year. HH

THE SICK

Mrs. Ruth McCauley is a patient in Parkland Hospital, room 1076, in Dallas.

Tom Williams continues to improve following heart surgery. He hopes to come home this week.

Mrs. Vannie Lee is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Holiday, mother of Fay Wallace, will undergo surgery Monday in Medical Center.

We are glad to know that Jack Haws, son of the M. M. Haws, is improving after several weeks of illness at the home of his parents.

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday for Mrs. Louise Haynes, aunt of Laverne Keith. Laverne has been in El Paso recently to help care for her.

We extend sympathy to John Porter whose brother passed away this week in California.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Visit to Boles Home

I always enjoy my association with the other trustees of Boles Home in Quinlan. Monday was our meeting day. We meet once every three months. I did not attend the last meeting, so it had been six months since I had been on the campus.

I think Alan Sowders is doing a commendable job as superintendent of the home. I was impressed with the youngsters on the campus and with the training they receive. Boles Home is now over fifty one years old and has done untold good in showing compassion and help for needy children during these many years.

There are some needs the Home has in a financial way. The increased cost of utilities and other expenses caused the home to spend much more money in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 than the income which was received.

The lovely Teddlie cottage was built this past year. This was the first permanent structure erected on the Boles campus in a number of years. Many of the buildings are showing that they are old. The Teddlie cottage was built to honor Tillit S. Teddlie, one of the first superintendents of the home. Brother Teddlie is known for the great songs which he composed and which we often sing. Perhaps the best known is "Heaven Holds All to Me." It was hoped that many would want to contribute to this building to honor brother Teddlie and help provide a home for needy children for many years. While many have made contributions, the amount is not yet sufficient to pay for its construction. I hope that many in the brotherhood will want to help in paying for this needed building named for one of the great men in the church who is now about ninety years of age.

We appreciate the contributions many of you make to the home. We are grateful for all who have brought groceries for the truck this week. The Lord will bless every act of mercy and kindness shown by each of you. Many of our members are working in various ways to show their benevolence and love for those who may be less fortunate than we.

GHS

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

10:20 a. m. Impurity

By George H. Stephenson

6:00 p. m. Soldiers of The Lord

By Hillard Hughes

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 Announcements Mack Bynum
 Prayer C. B. Hardin
 Dismiss Wilmer Little

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.
 Announcements Steve Mankin
 Prayer Ray Lott
 Dismiss Carl Lott

Serving Communion Sunday
 Harley Turner John D. Porter
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September 7... 506	\$3,300.60
August 31 ... 467	\$2,592.04
Year Ago ... 378	\$3,350.00
Weekly Budget	\$3,350.00
Under budget for week	49.40

RESPONSES

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. Mac (Vivian) McCall, 419 Top Hill, came to be identified with West Erwin. They recently moved to Tyler from New Orleans where they worshipped with the Gentilly Church of Christ.

Baptized: Dean Freeman, son of Faye and Willie Freeman was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. He is a 7th grade student.

June Cole, 531 Southgate, was baptized Tuesday evening by Joe McBee. June is a senior in John Tyler.

BUS REPORT

Bus	Sun.	a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Sunshine Riders		10	11	20
Chariot" Workers		7	6	6
"Busy Riders		28	22	28
Buggy" Workers		6	6	5
"Joy Riders		31	35	26
Jalopy" Workers		5	6	5
Totals		69	68	74

BUSINESS MEETING SUNDAY

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

BACK TO COLLEGE

We are sorry that we left out Edwin Pickle's name last week when we listed the young people in college. He is attending Texas A & M.

FUNERAL

Funeral services were conducted on Monday for Robert Rogers, brother of sister G. W. McElroy. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother L. L. Prater is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Tom Williams underwent surgery Tuesday in St. Pauls in Dallas. He came through the surgery fine and is getting along well.

James Hardin, son of C. B. and Dot Hardin is in Medical Center.

But the salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble. --Psalms 62:2

FEAR OF CRITICISM

The Madison Church of Christ determined many years ago not to be afraid of petty criticism. It has been castigated, cursed, discussed, and criticized many times. But we learned a long time ago that a church that was afraid of criticism was a church that could not be in a position to receive great blessings of God.

When the course is clear and we know that what we do is right, we are not deterred or even slowed by criticism. We are determined that the "dissenters will not make the decisions."

In summary, the philosophy of the Madison church is one of growth and progress. It is a philosophy of "ceiling unlimited." It is a philosophy of hard work, prayer, abundant sowing, and complete trust in God to give the increase. ... Ira North

Speak in Kindness and Love

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

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

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

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

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

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY - THERE IS A CLASS FOR YOU!

Two Things I Do Not Understand

I continue to be shocked and amazed at the ever increasing numbers of marriages which are ending in divorce. The news media recently reported that Bud Wilkinson, who gained fame as an athlete and successful football coach, and his wife of 37 years are being divorced. It is beyond my comprehension to imagine how two individuals could share the intimacies of marriage, having children, sharing joys and sorrows together for thirty seven years and then divorcing one another! For that matter, I have never understood how two individuals who have pledged their love for one another for life could ever bear to be separated or divorced. But I must realize that not everyone has had as happy a marriage as I have had. If young people would only realize that marriage vows are not to be taken lightly and that they can make a success of their marriage, there would be fewer and fewer divorces. The key to a happy marriage is very simple - love God and love one another. While this is simple, yet learning the true meaning of love of God and love for one another involves a life time of growth and maturity.

As difficult as it is for me to understand how individuals who have pledged their love and loyalty in marriage could ever divorce, it is even more difficult for me to understand how one who has once known the love of Jesus and has known the joy of fellowship in the church could ever depart from Christ. Yet, we know there are those who have forsaken the Lord and His church all around us. How sad it was in the life of Christ when we read, "From that time many of his disciples went back and walked no more with him," (John 6:66). And it was also sad when Paul wrote the poignant words, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world." (II Timothy 4:10).

When the Lord asked the disciples if they would also go away, Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God," (John 6:68,69). Peter was right. Where can we go if we turn from Jesus? There is no other one to offer us pardon for sins, comfort in sorrow, purpose in living, and hope in dying. Let us be prayerful and genuinely concerned about those who have wandered away from Christ. The Lord is ever ready to forgive and to receive back into his fold all who wander from him. May we always be true to such a Saviour. GHS

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 Prayer Fred Strait
 Dismiss Ron Lott
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Year Ago.....442	\$3,042.29
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"Joy Riders	27	32	23	
Jalopy" Workers	5	6	5	
"Sunshine Riders	11	8	20	
Chariot" Workers	7	5	6	
"Busy Riders				
Buggy" Workers				

Christians never see each other for the last time.

RESPONSES

Miss Debbie Tarpley, the granddaughter of Mary and Ike Gaiser, came Sunday evening to be baptized into Christ. She lives in Garland, Texas.
 Miss Marie Wylie came Sunday morning to ask for the prayers of the church. She is attending ACC.

CALLING ALL WOMEN

Our weekly class for women will resume its regular meetings on this coming Wednesday, September 10. All the women of the church are invited to be present at ten o'clock in the Chapel. We are going to begin a study of the book of Job and use as an aid in this study, "More Precious Than Gold," by Lottie Beth Hobbs. This study has been used by some of the classes in the past, but we feel that it will be an interesting and profitable study for everyone. GHS

THANK YOU NOTES

Fay and I thank you for the acts of kindness expressed in many ways during the illness and death of my father. Pete Wallace

I want to express appreciation for the prayers, cards, calls, and many acts of kindness while I was in the hospital. Kathy Krewall

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - Sept. 7

By George H. Stephenson
 A. M. Covetousness
 P. M. Slothfulness

MAJOR CHANGES

When we have changes there is confusion. This Sunday we will be making class room changes for all students from the first grade through our college class. To avoid confusion, check your children's room number and make the proper change Sunday.

Class	Room	Class	Room
5 yr. old	202	7th grade	204
1st grade	302	8th grade	214
2nd grade	304	9th grade	215
3rd grade	305	10th grade	203
4th grade	303	11th grade	209
5th grade	301	12th grade	211
6th grade	206	College	213

EVERYBODY COME!

We want everybody to come to the Rose Center Building Tuesday night, September 16 for a fellowship of members and friends. Bring plenty of food for your family and guests. We will spread it together and enjoy our time together. The time is 7:00 p. m.

THE BOLES HOME GROCERY truck will be here sometime next week to pick up items we have for them. A list of the most needed items is on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Tom Williams entered St. Pauls in Dallas on Wednesday.
 Mrs. Earnesene Shuford, Jim Willis, Roger Knight's father, and Jack Beard's Mother are all patients in the Glenwood Hospital.

FUNERAL

Sister Roy (Verda) Driggers passed away Saturday morning. Her funeral was conducted Monday morning. We share in the sorrow of her family and express our sincere sympathy to Roy and the girls and to Mrs. Taylor and each loved one.

YOUNG PEOPLE attending college this fall are:

Tyler Junior College

Kenneth Browning	Pam Little
Debra Driggers	Carl Lott
Lou Ann Driggers	Mike Mackey
Jimmy Fuller	Ann Montgomery
Nina Fuller	Karen Porter
Rick Higginbotham	Pam Potts
Tim Holt	Marty Stitt

TJC - Texas Eastern School of Nursing

Laneva Turner
Abilene Christian College
 David Fuller Mark Whitworth
 Grant Knight Holly Womack
 Paul Knight Marie Wylie
 Julia Phillips Becky Young
 Walker Weathers

Lubbock Christian College

Ken Jones
North Texas State University
 Terry Stephenson
Stephen F. Austin University

Debbie Potts
University of Texas

David Tuel
Southwest Texas State

Marc Lemons	<u>Texas A & M</u>
<u>Texas Tech</u>	Tony Fears
Kelly Pickle	Brenda Lott
Dwain Strait	

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Several months ago an inmate in the State Prison in Angola, La., Ronald Fitch, enrolled in one of our Bible correspondence courses. He has since completed several courses and has encouraged others to enroll in these courses. Among the others was Billy Gardner who recently obeyed his Lord in baptism. He wrote the following article and said in a letter, "I just thought that maybe if some young people would read it, that it might help them to make up their mind and accept Christ. I would love to have it printed and passed out to the young people in your community. It would make me feel that at long last I finally did something good that really helped someone." GF

From Sin to Salvation ...by Billy Gardner

I started my life of crime at the age of 14 - with only small acts of crime, such as stealing bags of candy and cigarettes from grocery stores. Little did I know that those small acts would soon blossom into much larger acts. After that I tried burglary which brought me two prison terms. The prison terms taught me nothing, so I went to more serious crimes, such as robbery. I was caught at robbery and received a sentence of 15 years. I did two years on that sentence, but then managed to escape.

I fled from my home town of Montgomery, Alabama to the great city of New Orleans, where I stayed for about six months. Everything went pretty smooth until a friend told me the F. B. I. had pictures of me displayed in the neighborhood where I was living. I knew that I had to leave town and fast - but I had no money. I got my hands on a gun, walked into a small bar, and robbed the owner of all the money he had. As I was leaving the bar, I turned my head for just a split second, and the owner shot me through the chest two times. As I was lying on the floor - apparently dying - all I could think of was God. A few minutes later I passed out. The doctors told my family I wasn't going to make it, but as you can see I did.

After I finally got well I was tried and sentenced for thirty years. I thought I was doomed forever. About two years later I was sitting on my bed in a solitary cell - just thinking - when all of a sudden my entire past flashed through my mind. As I continued to think of the past, it occurred to me that out of all that had happened - God could teach me a lesson. My life was not doomed as I had thought. I have recently accepted Jesus as my Lord and am to be baptized.

The true message here is that it is never too late to turn from sin to salvation.

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Prayer C. N. Strait
DismissRick Higginbotham

RECORDS

Table with 2 columns: Bible School, Contributions. Rows include August 24, August 17, A Year Ago, Weekly Budget, and Over Budget for week.

RESPONSES

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne (Sylvia) Reynolds, 3900 Old Bullard Rd. Apt. K-24, phone 597-1821, came Wednesday evening to place membership. They formerly worshipped with the Robbins Road Church of Christ in Athens. Sylvia is the daughter of the Ferman Carpenters.

Becci Albright, 8208 Columbia, phone 561-2747, came Sunday to place membership. She formerly worshipped with the Glenwood church.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. "Anger"
P. M. "Gluttony"

FUNERALS

A. B. Wallace, the father of brother A. B. (Pete) Wallace died Saturday in Gilmer. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning in Hughes Springs, Texas.

Funeral services will be Friday at 2:00 p.m. at the Baptist church in Mineola for Mrs. Harold Holcomb, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Houston Holcomb. She passed away Tuesday night in Marian, Oklahoma.

We extend our sincere sympathy to each family.

BUS REPORT

Table with 5 columns: Bus, Sunday - a.m., p.m., Wed. Rows include Busy Riders, Buggy Workers, Joy Riders, Jalopy Workers, Sunshine Riders, Chariot Workers, and Totals.

SCRIPTURES READ by the young people this past week:

9th grade 512 11th grade 2,329
10th grade - 12th grade 729

From the Preacher's Desk

(continued from back page)

Thank you, Billy, for the essay. We need to warn our youth that one wrong deed can easily lead to another. We also should encourage everyone that it is never too late to turn to the one who can cleanse us of every sin.

GHS

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

IF ONLY 10

The account of Sodom and Gomorrah is found in Genesis 18 and 19. This is the account of a man of God taking a stand for an entire city as he talked with God. A city that God said had very grave sin within and His plan was to destroy it. However, Abraham stood before the Lord and asked that the city be saved if 50 righteous souls could be found. He continued to bargain with God for a number down to 10. This was not just for the 10 people, but an entire city. Here a city hung in the balance of salvation and destruction and the determining factor was 10 individuals. How often do we find ourselves in similar circumstances - a town saved or lost because there aren't enough to each others. It seems that churches find themselves hanging between Heaven and eternal destruction because there are too few leaders. What would we think of Abraham today if he had not taken his stand for those people. A people full of sin and wickedness and yet God was willing to give them a chance to be different. Jesus died so people would have an opportunity to be different; not to look different, not different in their physical appearance, but a real difference in their lives. A way that would make a difference in how they spend eternity. Christians (Christ-like people) today would want everyone to have their share of glory and happiness with their Savior. "Love your neighbors as yourself." Unless???

HH

IN THE HOSPITAL

Maurice Henderson is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Remember the grocery truck from Boles Home will be here sometime during the week of Sept. 8 - 12.

IF. . .

If you were paid \$25.00 for each service of the church you attend during the year - Bible school, morning and evening worship, and Wednesday evening Bible study - just how many services would you plan to attend? Would you plan to attend more services than you now attend?

If you were paid \$50.00 for each person you persuade to attend the Bible school, would you make a diligent effort to bring others to the Bible school?

If you were paid \$100.00 for each person whom you help to learn and obey the gospel this year, would you try to teach others the gospel or invite them to come and hear the gospel?

The Lord has not promised to pay us in money for the doing of these things; but actually He has promised to reward us with something far better and more enduring than money. Perhaps putting the matter on the basis of dollars may help us to see and realize that we should, and can well afford, to always be very diligent in striving to do these things.

...from Brief for Church Bulletins

Mrs. Ford's Liberal Views

In our present society, with its permissive attitude toward pre-marital and extra-marital sex relations, we should not be too surprised to read the headlines of the Dallas Morning News for Monday, August 11 which said, "Mrs. Ford Approves Pre-marital Sex." However, it is most distressing and heart breaking to those who believe in Christian ideals that our national leadership has sunk so low.

Mrs. Betty Ford's comments on the CBS - TV's "60 Minutes" on Sunday night in which she does not see much wrong with pre-marital sex and marijuana will not help to raise the standards of virtue and honor for our nation. It will further encourage promiscuity and law violation in the use of marijuana. However, it is encouraging to know that many thousands of our nation will not condone the reckless and foolish statements of the one who is supposed to be First Lady of the Land.

I was thankful to know that W. A. Criswell of Dallas, who preaches for the largest Baptist church in the world, has spoken out against the views of Betty Ford in no uncertain terms. It is true, as Criswell stated, that there is a vast amount of promiscuity today and many would approve of it. However, this does not make it right and Christian people will still hold to the standards of morality set forth in the Bible.

Sex came from God and God has instituted the marriage relationship as the proper use of this sacred gift. If we are to find lasting happiness it will not be through living as animals, but as precious beings - men and women - created in the image of God. What is to become of us as a nation if we continue to disregard the standards of righteousness and purity? I believe it is still true that "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people," (Proverbs 14:34).

I believe that Jesus loves every sinner and that he has compassion toward all who have surrendered to temptation, but he does not approve of our sins. He would speak to us as he did to the adulterous woman, "Go, and sin no more," (John 8:11).

It is to be hoped that the leaders of this nation will be made aware that there are still many who still preach and teach the "old fashioned" virtues which we believe helped to make this nation great. GHS

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY - by George H. Stephenson

A. M. Fools Make a Mock of Sin P. M. But There Is a God In Heaven

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 Matt Haws Randy Fletcher
 Foy O'Neal Johnny Owings
 Jack Beard Jack Stringer

RESPONSES

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Venable came Sunday to be identified with this congregation. They formerly worshipped in Dallas. We are happy to have Gilbert and Lorene come "back home" to West Erwin.

Mrs. Bula Alexander came Sunday evening to be identified also. She formerly lived at Leonard, Texas. Her present address is 2306 Lex, phone 593-3192. We welcome her.

THE AREA WIDE YOUTH MEETING will be at the Northwest Church of Christ Tuesday evening, August 19, 7:30 p. m.

NOTE OF THANKS

We want to thank you for the flowers, food, visits and other expressions of sympathetic interest in the loss of my father. Knowing that you cared was a great comfort. Carp and I thank you.

Sincerely,
 Lucille, Carp & Angel

INJURED

Roy Lane Roberson was in an accident on his bicycle last Saturday and has bones broken in both hands, and has lacerations.

A BABY GIRL

Kim and Peggy Smith are the happy parents of a baby girl born Sunday. The grandparents are the Jim Pauls and the Averyt Smiths.

TO SPEAK IN CANTON

Brother Hillard Hughes will speak to the church in Canton, August 22, concerning their Bus Ministry.

We congratulate Carolyn Womack, who will receive her master's degree in Speech Therapy this week from East Texas State University.

BUS REPORT

Bus	Day	a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Busy Buggy"	Riders	22	25	35
	Workers	6	6	5
"Joy Jalopy"	Riders	25	24	20
	Workers	6	7	5
"Sunshine Chariot"	Riders	11	9	19
	Workers	6	6	5
	Totals	58	58	74

SIGN UP FOR MADISON TRIP NOW!

If you plan to go to the Workshop of the Madison, Tennessee church on September 20, please sign the sheet in the foyer at once. We need to let the people in Madison know how many are coming and who will be coming. Please let us know no later than Sunday, August 24 if you plan to go.

There will be no charge to riding the bus which will leave Friday morning, September 19, and return from Madison on Sunday, September 21. We will stay in a motel on Friday night and in homes of the Madison members on Saturday night. If you feel unable to pay the motel charge, there are those who will assist you.

This is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship for those who go. Then the opportunity to observe and learn more of the tremendous work being done by the Madison church should cause everyone to want to go.

The church in Madison consists of some very humble, dedicated Christian men and women. They say, "Please understand, we do not consider ourselves oracles, or authorities on matters of church leadership - nor pathfinders for new areas of religious enterprise. These Workshops are valuable to Madison as an opportunity to consider and evaluate TOGETHER ideas and programs that can be helpful in the Lord's work."

GHS

DO YOU KNOW that our bus program is growing every week? If you have noticed the "Bus Report" each week, you have noticed that we have a steady growth of riders. This glory goes to our God who makes all things possible. We continue to have 20 to 30 each Saturday knocking the doors of our neighbors and inviting them to ride our buses and attend our services.

DO YOU KNOW that Friday school is near? Our enrollment is bigger this year than any previous year. It is so big in fact that we have already begun a "waiting list." Many of our own children are not enrolled. WE NEED more teachers and helpers. If you can help with this program, please let Elaine Roberson know. Elaine is the coordinator for this school and does an outstanding job.

DO YOU KNOW that August 15 we begin our 6th year here at West Erwin. May I express appreciation to all of you from the Hughes family for the wonderful way you have treated us. It is our hope that the entire congregation will be blessed by our Lord.

HH

OUR SYMPATHY

Mrs. Ollie Rogers, a sister to Mrs. Pat Ragsdale, was buried Tuesday in Magnolia, Arkansas.

ATTENTION YOUNG PEOPLE

Junior High and High School Young People will sing at Leisure Lodge Sunday afternoon, 2:30.

Seven Deadly Sins

I have been quite interested in the book, "Whatever Became of Sin?" written by the eminent psychiatrist, Karl Menninger. While I do not agree with all of Menninger's book, yet there is much in it that is very good. It is good to know that a psychiatrist realizes the need for recognition of sin. Menninger stresses the importance of the preacher's role in preaching against sin. He says:

"And the clergyman is a very special 'someone.' He stands in a special place; he has special authority. Not just because he has had education in theology and perhaps in psychology, but because he is 'a man of God.' He is dedicated. He is unselfish. He has no wish to hurt but only to help people - and this is rare.

"If the minister says, 'This is clearly sin,' we usually accept that decision. Criminal or not, symptomatic or not, sinful he says it is, and the wages of sin are death. But there is a solution: penitence, confession, restitution, atonement. Relief from a sense of guilt then begins automatically.

"The human conscience is like the police; it may be eluded, stifled, drugged or bribed. But not without cost. We know some of these costs.

"Some clergymen evade responsibility with the advice, 'Sin is an old fashioned notion. No need to feel guilty and repent to me, old fellow. You are no sinner but either sick or criminal, so I need only direct you to the left or to the right, to the doctor or to the police.' The clergyman cannot minimize sin and maintain his prayer role in our culture. If he, or we ourselves 'say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us,' (I John 1:8). We need him as our umpire to direct us, to accuse us, to exhort us, to intercede for us, to shrive us. Failure to do so is his sin."

Menninger has a chapter entitled, "The Old Seven Deadly Sins (and some New Ones)." Beginning Sunday it is my plan to preach a series of sermons on the "Seven deadly sins." I hope you will plan to hear each of these topics:

- August 24 a. m. "Pride" p. m. "Envy"
- August 31 a. m. "Anger" p. m. "Gluttony"
- September 7 a. m. "Covetousness" p. m. "Slothfulness"
- September 14 a. m. "Impurity"

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 Prayer H. McCarty
 Dismiss Kevin Womack

RECORDS

Bible School	Contributions
August 17.....501	\$2,943.15
August 10.....491	\$2,935.26
Year Ago 417	\$2,931.80
August 13 (Wed. Eve.) - 313	
Weekly Budget	\$3,350.00
Under Budget for week	\$ 406.85

THANK YOU

We can never adequately express our gratitude for all the calls, cards, visits, and kindnesses shown to us during Tom's illness. It is indeed a joy to belong to the Lord's family at West Erwin with Christians such as you. Please keep us in your prayers.

Barbara and Tom Williams

THE GROCERY TRUCK from Boles Home will be here sometime during the week of September 8 - 12, to pick up any supplies we have for them. A list of the most needed items is posted.

REMEMBER if you plan to make the trip to Madison, Tennessee for the workshop with the church there, be sure to sign the sheet in the south foyer by Sunday, the 24th.

MOVED FROM TYLER

Foy and Margie O'Neal have moved to Crosby (near Houston) where he will manage an auto supply store. We shall miss them from the congregation here.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Dorothy Lowry is in Mother Frances Hospital.

PARENTS OF BOYS

Our benevolent committee has let us know that there is a real need for boys clothing of all sizes. Any shirts, jeans, or dress slacks can be used, especially in slim sizes.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

The Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible class will have its first meeting of this season on Wednesday, September 10. We hope that many will be planning to attend at ten o'clock in the Chapel.

Bring non-perishable canned food for the pantry.

"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9

CHURCH BUILDERS

When you think of those who build churches, do you think of a contractor or a Bible School Teacher? It certainly should be the latter. Without teachers a congregation will have little or no growth. Of course, there are other factors which determine growth. However, Bible School teachers set the pattern for growth. Teachers of God's Word have the responsibility of many souls within their grasp on every occasion their class meets. They encourage spiritual growth of the individual. Teachers must be motivators of people who are looking for guidance, not only in the spiritual realm but also with their everyday problems. Bible School teachers must be sensitive to the needs of their students. They should be aware of the family life and their relationship to God and His teachings. A truly dedicated teacher is a soul winning person. Teachers are church builders! They are building on a foundation that cannot be destroyed. We should always encourage our teachers, praise them, help them, and pray for our church builders. HH

BUS REPORT

Bus	Sunday	a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Joy Riders"	28	32		25
Jalopy" Workers	6	5		6
"Sunshine Riders	10	9		18
Chariot" Workers	5	5		5
"Busy Riders	18	31		41
Buggy" Workers	6	6		6
Totals	56	72		84

LITTLE PEOPLE SCHOOL at the Glenwood Church of Christ has a few openings for three and four year old children. Three year old children attend Tuesday and Thursday and the four year old's attend Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The cost is \$12.50 and \$17.50 per month. The hours are from 8:30 a. m. until 11:30 a. m.

Have you visited one of the elderly or shut-in members recently?

SCRIPTURES READ by the young people for the past week:

9th grade 1,282	11th grade 3,589
10th grade -	12th grade 110

DO YOU HAVE DISHES here at the building? Look in the room under the east stairs in the south foyer.

Once there was a Christian,
 He had a pious look;
 His consecration was complete,
 Except his pocketbook.

He put a nickel in the plate,
 And then with might and main,
 He'd sing, "When we asunder part,
 It gives us inward pain."

... Copied

Pray for the work at West Erwin

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial . . .

Just Between Us

My best friends are preachers. Some of them I have known all of my life. Others are of more recent vintage. But through the years I have learned that it is dangerous to make any statement which begins, "preachers are. . ." Generalization is frequently wrong. And it works that way about preachers, too.

Preachers are people. They are not a third sex or so "super holy" that their feet never touch the ground. (There may be some like that, but I haven't met them yet). A preacher comes out of the same background you came from, and his experiences have been much like yours. So it's a little hard not to laugh when some member finally walks up and says, "Why, Brother Gipson, you are just like a real person."

Preachers know as much about life as any person you're likely to meet on the street. They do not live a sheltered life. They deal daily with all of the problems common to humanity. They talk to drunkards, homosexuals, murderers, drug addicts, bums, and saints. And after a few years in the ministry they are not likely to hear anything so new that it's going to shock them.

Some preachers are smart and some are not. Some have extremely high I. Q's, and others are more or less mediocre. But most of the ones I know love the Lord and want to be of service to their fellow man. (And despite opinions to the contrary, most could make a living in some other field.) They are dedicated people and not afraid of work.

Preachers are the funniest people I know (don't take that in the wrong way). I just wish you could sit in with a group of preachers sometime and listen to their humor. You would hear more good stories than you are likely to come across on the best TV program.

Despite what you might think, most preachers are bashful, sensitive, sincere, genuinely concerned men with a need for encouragement.

Your preacher is not God. He's a fellow pilgrim with you on a road that is often hard to travel.

. . . John Gipson

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THANK YOU NOTES

We are deeply grateful for every expression of love and concern shown during the extended illness and death of our loved one. The prayers, calls, visits, cards, food, and flowers were all a source of encouragement and inspiration and will always be remembered. May God's richest blessings be with each of you.

The Family of Theo Murry

We appreciate the cards, letters, flowers, and kindness shown during the illness and passing of our loved one, Virgil L. Robbins.

Estaleta and Family

I want to thank everyone for the visits, prayers, and cards during my recent stay in the hospital. Especially did I appreciate the lovely book from West Erwin, the card from the 20's class, and the thoughtfulness of the Stephensons. May God bless each one for your thoughtfulness.

Naomi McKeever

I do not know the source of this little poem, but it truly expresses our sentiments in the loss of our beloved mother.

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
or sat quietly in a chair;

Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words,
as any friend could say.

Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts,
We thank you so much whatever
the part.

For all of you we are grateful.

Audrey O'Bannon

FUNERALS

Services were conducted Monday morning for Curtis Caskey, a former member of this congregation and a nephew of C. E. Caskey.

The father of Lucille Carpenter and Daisy Old was buried last Sunday in Daingerfield, Texas.

We extend our sympathy to those in the congregation who have suffered the loss of loved ones.

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	Workers	8	7	5
"Joy Jalopy"	Riders	9	20	17
	Workers	7	7	4
Totals		42	62	69

FRIDAY SCHOOL will begin September 5 and we have had many calls since our ad appeared in the newspaper this week. If you have a child (two, three, or four years old) to enroll, please call the office as soon as possible. Classes will be limited to fifteen each.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - Aug. 10

By George H. Stephenson

A. M. Enemies of Christ

P. M. What Did the Healing Christ
Come to Heal?

IN THE HOSPITALS

Tom Williams remains in Medical Center. He hopes to go home by the end of this week.

James Skeeters continues to be a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Gus Krewall is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Robert Parris is in Mother Frances Hospital.

SCRIPTURES READ by the young people this past week are:

9th grade 576 11th grade 2,073
10th grade 433 12th grade 285

BE SURE TO SIGN THE SHEET in the foyer if you plan to attend the workshop in Madison, Tennessee on Sept. 20. The bus will leave Friday, Sept. 19, returning from Madison following the early services of the Madison church on Sunday, September 21. This promises to be an enjoyable and inspirational experience for all who go.

CONGRATULATIONS

Dianne and Wilmer Little are the parents of a baby boy born Tuesday in Mother Frances. The happy grandparents are Sherrill and Darleene Little.

Life's Greatest Joy

Have you ever helped another?

Ever earned a grateful smile?

Ever asked a weary brother

In to ride with you a mile?

Have you ever given freely

Of your means and of your worth?

If you haven't, then you've really

Missed the greatest joy on earth.

Has a thrill of pride possessed you?

Have you felt your pulses run,

As a weaker brother blest you

For some good that you have done?

Have you seen eyes start to glisten

That were sad before you came?

If you haven't, stop and listen -

You have missed life's finest game.

FOR THE PANTRY - Canned fruit

"Ready To Every Good Work" - Titus 3:1

We are very thankful for the many dedicated Christians at West Erwin who are working in various capacities to help build the Lord's Kingdom. There are many who work in quiet, unassuming ways whose work is known by just a few. However, the Lord knows and we are told in His Word, "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister," (Hebrews 6:10).

All of those who help in our bus ministry especially deserve our praise. There are dedicated "door knockers" every Saturday and teachers and workers every Sunday morning, Sunday evening and Wednesday evening. There are those who drive the buses and those who help maintain them. There are those who help provide food for those who "knock doors" each Saturday. The Lord is blessing their labor. How thrilling to know that seventy two were brought on the buses last Wednesday - seventy two who were brought to study God's Word. We have every reason to believe that this ministry will grow and grow as time goes by.

Some wonderful work is also being done by our women and our men who assist in the field of benevolence. Many needy people have been assisted this year. Our women have made clothing and quilts which are beautiful. They may be compared to Dorcas who was "full of good works and almsdeeds which she did," (Acts 9:36). When Dorcas had died, and before her restoration to life, the Bible tells how the widows stood by weeping, "and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them," (Acts 9:39). Our praise to all who help the church practice "pure and undefiled religion," (James 1:27).

There are others in the church working in other areas - such as grading Bible correspondence courses from various parts of the world - visiting the sick, shut-ins, and lonely - preparing meals for the bereaved, etc. And there are the talented women who devote hours and hours in preparing materials and in helping West Erwin to have one of the best Bible Schools anywhere.

There is work for all of us in the vineyard of the Lord. What a privilege to be used of the Lord in the greatest institution on earth, the church for which he gave his blood.

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Mrs. Pat Ragsdale, 512 So. Fleishel, phone 597-7849, came Sunday to place membership. Sister Ragsdale formerly worshipped with the Omen Rd. congregation. She is a Licensed Vocational Nurse.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. C. (Jay) Payne (Colena), 8314 Columbia, phone 561-5170, recently moved to Tyler from Dallas, and came Sunday evening to be identified with the West Erwin Church. They formerly worshipped with the Skillman Ave. congregation in Dallas. Brother Payne is co-owner of Tyler Golf Center. Sister Payne is a homemaker and is a sister to Jane Jones.

FUNERALS

Brother O. C. Becker's sister, Mrs. Frank Foley, was buried in Houston on Thursday of last week. Funeral services were conducted on Friday afternoon of last week for brother George Hale, father of Myra Turner and Lauree Hale. We extend our sympathy to each family and their loved ones.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Christian Friends,
 We want to thank you for the beautiful pot plant from the Church and we want to thank each of you for the cards, visits, and kind words of comfort we received during the illness and death of our dear sister, Mrs. Ella Foley. We love each of you and God bless.
 Lillian and Oscar Becker

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 George Hale.

Thank you for the pleasant visits, pretty cards, calls, and prayers in my behalf while I was a patient at Glenwood Hospital. It is so wonderful to have Christian brothers and sisters as you. I appreciate you very much.

Sister Dean Brookshire

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
 A. M. Blame Yourself
 P. M. Sources of Power in Paul's Life

TRIP TO MADISON, TENNESSEE

There is a great experience waiting for those who go on the bus to Madison, Tennessee for the workshop to be conducted by that great church on Saturday, September 20. Those who go will be guests of the members on Saturday night after spending a day full of activities and instruction in the various aspects of the work of the largest church in our brotherhood. There will be opportunities for observation and instruction in the fields of Bible School, evangelism and benevolence. Those who go will enjoy the fellowship and be inspired to do a greater work for the Lord. The bus, according to present plans, will leave Tyler on Friday morning, September 19 and start its return trip Sunday morning, September 21 following the early worship of the Madison church.

If you plan to go on this exciting trip, please sign the sheet you will find in the south foyer of the church building. GHS

IN THE HOSPITALS

Tom Williams suffered a heart attack Sunday evening and has been in ICU in Medical Center. He may be in a room by the time you read this. Ted Snipes is a patient in Glenwood Hospital. James Skeeters remains in Glenwood Hospital. Naomi McKeever and Betty Strait have gone home from the hospital.

FRIDAY SCHOOL

We are nearing the time for our Friday School sessions to begin. September 5 is the opening date and if you have a child to enroll please call the church office. The newspaper ad will be out early next week and we will be having many responses. We will have classes for two, three, and four year old children with a limit of fifteen per class. Please contact us NOW !!

BUS REPORT

Bus	Sun. -	a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Busy Buggy"	Riders	19	21	30
	Workers	5	5	5
"Joy Jalopy"	Riders	23	16	18
	Workers	5	3	3
"Sunshine Chariot"	Riders	9	16	24
	Workers	5	4	5
	Totals	51	53	72

James and Frances Phillips and family are vacationing in Colorado and have visited with Charles Miles and his family, our missionary there.

SCRIPTURES read this past week by the young people are:
 9th grade 232 11th grade 2, 913
 10th grade 847 12th grade 810

OUR PANTRY needs to be restocked. This week bring canned vegetables.

AREA YOUTH MEETING at Corinth Rd. in Jacksonville, Aug. 5, 7:30 p. m.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

I look forward to preaching at West Erwin on this coming Sunday after an absence of two Sundays. I was on vacation one Sunday and in a meeting at Bullard last Sunday.

While we were away from Tyler, we were glad to be in Lubbock for three days. I had the privilege of reading the marriage ceremony for a young woman whom I had baptized years ago. The marriage took place in the beautiful chapel of the Broadway church building. It was good to visit with our friends of years ago when we lived in Lubbock and worked for the Broadway congregation. There was one note of sadness while we were visiting in Lubbock. Mrs. John White died. She was the wife of the first superintendent of the Lubbock Children's Home. Brother White, her husband, was with us at West Erwin in the Leadership Workshop of 1974. The Whites are loved by many people for their great work with needy children.

We enjoyed a few days of vacationing. We noticed that in spite of the "recession" and "inflation" that many people are still vacationing. We are thankful that we live in America and that we do have an opportunity for the changes afforded us in regular vacation time. I am grateful to our elders for permitting us to be away at this time.

Since our evening worship at Bullard was at 7:30, we were able to come to West Erwin last Sunday evening at 6:00. I was glad to hear my friend, John Stevens, President of Abilene Christian College, deliver a very fine lesson. I wish that everyone could have heard it.

I am glad to be associated with the Bullard church and their preacher, J. C. Tate. Brother Tate is a true Christian and is doing a fine work in Bullard where he is highly esteemed and loved. We appreciate the interest of a number from West Erwin who have attended the meeting. Please pray for us as we pray for you.
GHS

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Prayer G. W. McElroy
Dismiss Charlie Cook
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements . . . Tom Williams
Prayer Bob Greenwalt
Dismiss Mike Franklin
Contributions Bible School

July 20...\$2,963.32458
July 13...\$2,992.03488
Year Ago \$2,724.43445

Serving Communion Sunday
Milburn Cook Wallace Gayle
Sam Sevier Carroll Magee
Mike Munn Wilmer Little
Carl Lott Ron Lott
Charlie Cook Denton Phillips

RESPONSE

Joe Clayton, Rt. 7, Box 515 K, phone 566-1257 was baptized Sunday by Bud Caskey. We are very happy to welcome Joe into the fellowship of West Erwin.

"BUS REPORT"

Table with 5 columns: Bus, Sunday, a. m., p. m., Wed. Rows include Sunshine Riders, Chariot Workers, Busy Riders, Buggy Workers, Joy Riders, Jalopy Workers, and Totals.

Pray for the work at West Erwin

FUNERALS

Funeral services were conducted last Friday morning for brother T. Murry.

Sister Russell O'Bannon's mother was buried in Huntsville, Texas on Monday and recently brother Maurice Henderson's mother was buried in Palestine, Texas.

We share in the sorrow of those who have lost loved ones and extend our sympathy to each family.

IN APPRECIATION

Sister Marvin Jones was recently hospitalized and has expressed a special thanks to brother Stephenson and to sister Grace Walker for their kindnesses. We are glad she is able to attend worship again.

From Oakley, Kansas

Dear Brethren:

This is just a personal note to express my THANKS to your congregation for sending Hillard, Jeanine, Paul and Barbara and a very dedicated group of young people to help us in our recent VBS. They just did a splendid job of teaching and making friends and we really appreciate it.

May you continue to grow in the Word and in deeds like this.

Yours in the Lord,
Terry and Ann Nelson

THE AREA YOUNG PEOPLES meeting will be Tuesday evening, 7:30 at the Pine Tree congregation in Longview, Texas.

MOVING

Brother and sister E. V. Rushing will be moving from Reese to Port Isabell the week of August 3, where he will be preaching. He has asked that we give everyone their regards. We will miss the Rushings from this area and pray that they will be very happy in their new home.

We miss Charlene and Chris Parker who have moved to Lufkin, Texas.

TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

Several in the congregation are in Abilene for the Workshop at Abilene Christian College this week. Those attending are: Louis and Jane Jones, Dick and Sue Higginbotham, Jalna Gayle, Jan Knight, Mary Evelyn Grier, Mary Haws, Faber Cauthen, and Hillard Hughes.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Brother Johnny Ramsey will preach in a meeting, July 27-31, 8:00 p. m. each evening at the Highway 31 church of Christ in Brownsboro.

There will be a gospel meeting in Gilmer, July 28-August 3 with brother John Davis preaching. Weekdays, 7:30 p. m.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE are to be commended for the number of scriptures read in the past week.

9th grade 1,038 11th grade 3,580
10th grade 958 12th grade 3,029

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the 4th Sunday Singing at Bullard, 2:30 p. m. Sunday.

Christ has no hands but our hands to do his work today;
He has no feet but our feet to lead men in his way.
He has no tongue but our tongue to tell men how he died;
He has no help but our help to bring men to his side.

We are the only Bible the careless world will read;
We are the sinner's gospel; we are the scoffer's creed.
We are the Lord's last message, given in deed and word,
What if the type is crooked? What if the print is blurred?

"Let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." Gal. 6:9

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY JULY 27

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Our Misunderstood Bible
P. M. Paul's Ministry

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Naomi McKeever entered Medical Center Sunday morning.

Brother George Hale has suffered a broken hip and underwent surgery in Medical Center on Tuesday.

Sister Fred Strait is in Medical Center Hospital for tests.

James Skeeters, son of sister Marie Skeeters is in Glenwood Hospital.

"Keep yourselves in the love of God." ... Jude 21

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MORE ON MADALYN MURRAY O'HAIR

A recent United Press International release stated that Madalyn Murray O'Hair was very upset to learn that the FBI had been keeping a file on her and her activities. In her statement to the press she said: "I sure as hell think the people of the United States need to know this... is going on."

Since she is the most outspoken atheist in our country, I was surprised and yet pleased by her reference to "hell." She said, "I sure as hell..."

Now, "hell" is a Biblical doctrine. It is described as the eternal place of punishment reserved for the Devil and his angels and the wicked of the earth. The Lord Jesus Christ had more to say on the subject than any other teacher in the Bible.

The thing that amazes us is that there are a lot of people who claim to believe in Jesus and the Bible who state that they do not believe in hell; and yet, here comes Mrs. O'Hair, who does not believe in God, Jesus, or the Bible, and who speaks of hell as a sure thing.

When people want to enforce something they are saying, they use an oath. She is sure that the people of the United States need to know what is going on in the FBI. In fact, so sure, that her statement was backed by her surety that hell exists.

That's remarkable isn't it! Could it be that she really does not believe in hell and that she like a lot of people doesn't watch what she says? Many take God's name in vain and flavor their speech with phrases from the Bible like "hell" and "damn" and call God to witness by using the phrase, "by God." Instead of making us believe them, it makes us doubt them. For the oath they are taking, they take lightly and just throw in here and there. Jesus said, "Let your yea be yea and your nay be nay." In other words, say what you mean without the oaths and expletives.

Probably Mrs. O'Hair does not believe in hell. She just made a slip. But when you are trying to convince someone of how sure you are, you shouldn't say as "sure as hell" when you don't believe in hell.

I think hell is pretty sure. We had better give some thought to it now.

... Harvey Porter
from bulletin, Albuquerque, New Mexico

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 Dismiss Dale Blackstone
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 Announcements Fred Strait
 Prayer..... Ray Lott
 Dismiss Willie Freeman
Contributions Bible School
 July 13....\$2,992.03 488
 July 6....\$3,112.11 466
 Year Ago..\$2,645.30 438
Serving Communion - July 20 & 27
 Milburn Cook Wallace Gayle
 Sam Sevier Carroll Magee
 Mike Munn Wilmer Little
 Carl Lott Ron Lott
 Charlie Cook Denton Phillips

RESPONSE

Robert Dzamko, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dzamko, was baptized Sunday evening. Robert will be in the 11th grade at Lee this fall. We are happy to welcome Robert.

"BUS REPORT"

Bus	Sunday - a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Sunshine Riders	8	7	16
"Chariot" Workers	4	3	5
"Joy Riders	14	16	9
"Jalopy" Workers	5	5	6
"Busy Riders	10	12	12
"Buggy" Workers	5	5	5
Totals	32	35	37

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for all of your kindness, visits, calls and the book by Leroy Brownlow that brother Stephenson brought to me at the hospital. It is always nice to be remembered.
 Jim Willis

Thanks to everyone who sent birthday cards to me on my birthday. It made my day a happier one because of Christian friends like you.
 Verda Driggers

The prayers, visits, cards and personal services during my recent stay in the hospital were greatly appreciated.
 Pauline Daughtry

OUR SYMPATHY

We were saddened to learn this week of the death of Virgil Robbins, a former member of this congregation. He died early Monday and was buried in Hico, Texas. We extend our sympathy to Estaleta and the family. The address is Rt. 2, Hico, Texas 76457.

THE AREA YOUTH MEETING will be at the Mobberly Ave. church in Longview Tuesday evening at 7:30. Our bus will leave the building at 6:30.

Brother George Stephenson will conduct a meeting with the church in Bullard next week beginning Sunday.

Brother Mike Warner will preach in a meeting at the Troup Church of Christ, July 21 - 25.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO "An Evening with Abilene Christian College." Sunday, July 20, 1975, 7:30 p. m. at Wyatt's Cafeteria (Dutch Treat). A short presentation of "The State of the College" by President John C. Stevens. An impressive multimedia audiovisual film presentation, PROMISES TO KEEP - A TRIBUTE TO DON H. MORRIS. This film shows highlights of the life of Brother Morris, late president of Abilene Christian College and the fulfillment of some of his dreams for the college.

KILL THE UMPIRE

Have you ever heard a crowd cheer the umpire? I haven't. I've heard him booed lots of times, but never cheered. He's clearly the most unpopular person on the field. Players can be either heroes or heels, but not the umpire. If he makes a controversial call - as surely he will for that is his job - he's a heel. Even if he performs to perfection he receives no applause.

The umpire's duty is to judge plays and players. It is impossible for the players to judge the game correctly. Coaches can't make those judgments, and it's certain the crowd can't. So, we have to have an umpire. Everybody agrees we've got to have him, but nobody likes him.

Job asked for an umpire. His friends had assumed the right to call the game from the sidelines. From their vantage point they couldn't tell when he

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - JULY 20
 10:20 A. M. Good People
 by Hillard Hughes
 6:00 P. M. Dr. John C. Stevens
 President Abilene Christian College

A WORK SESSION will be held each Monday afternoon in the Teacher's Workroom. All ladies who can give an hour or more are invited to help.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Brother T. Murry is in Doctors Memorial Hospital.

stepped out-of-bounds, but that didn't keep them from shouting penalties at him. They judged wrongly because they couldn't see.

So Job asked God for Jesus - centuries before he came into the world. Talk about being "born 40 years too soon." Job was born centuries too soon. He said, "There is no umpire between us." He wanted someone who knew the game, and could see every play clearly, to call it.

After awhile Jesus came. He was the perfect umpire. He never made a bad call. He judged thoughts and actions - yes, even motives were tested by Him. The people hated every call. "Kill the umpire!" they shouted. And they did!

... Joe R. Barnett
 Via bulletin, Sunset Church of Christ
 Dallas, Texas

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Promptness

Chesterfield said, "Promptness is important in the business world." We should realize it is surely important in our worship of the Lord.

On a number of occasions, we read that Jesus arose early in order that he might do the work of the Lord. In Mark 1:35 we read that He arose early in the morning, before day, in order that He might pray. In John 8:32 we read that He came early in the morning into the temple in order to teach the people. We should arise in plenty of time to be present on time to worship God.

In some of our services on the Lord's Day, several have been known to be late. When you are late, you miss a portion of the worship. It may be that you miss only the announcements, but we feel that the announcements are important. They inform us of many activities of the church in which all of us who are members should have a vital interest.

If you are late in the song service, then you fail to contribute to that part of our worship, and the songs which have been sung are meaningless so far as you are concerned. The same is true concerning the prayers or any part of the worship you may miss. Not only do you miss a part of the worship, but your tardiness can also distract and disturb others in their worship.

There are unavoidable circumstances which may arise and which may cause us to be late, but each of us should put forth an effort to be on time at every service. The man who is habitually late to his job soon may not have a job. Coming early to the worship helps us to be in a better frame of mind for worship. If the Lord should announce that He were coming at 10:20 next Lord's Day to take all who are His to heaven, I wonder how many of us would be late? Certainly, the Lord has not made such an announcement, but at all of our services of worship, we believe the Lord will be there. Let us all resolve to be here promptly on time.

GHS

Sermons for Sunday, July 13, by Hillard Hughes

A. M. Three in a Chariot

P. M. Christian Parenthood

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Dismiss. Mike Whitworth
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements. . . . Don Crowder
Prayer. Cone Birdwell
Dismiss. Kelly Pickle

Contributions Bible School
July 6. . \$3,112.11 446
June 29. . \$3,184.94 472
Year Ago. \$2,898.52 450

Serving Communion - July 6 and 13
Ed Bullard C. B. Hardin
Averyt Smith W. S. Little
C. E. Caskey Foy Richey
Cone Birdwell W. O. Rushing
Ray Lott Ken Bennett

Greeters D. C. Jones
Cone Birdwell John Brem

THE GROCERY TRUCK from Medina Children's Home came June 26th to pick up the items we had for them, which amounted to about \$150.00.

"BUS REPORT"

Table with 5 columns: Bus, Sunday, a. m., p. m., Wed.
Rows include Sunshine Riders, Chariot Workers, Joy Riders, Jalopy Workers, Busy Riders, Buggy Workers.

RESPONSES

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Lowrance (Lyn), 910 South Fannin, came recently to place membership. They formerly worshipped at the Northside congregation in El Paso where Ron was the minister. We welcome them back to West Erwin.

We are happy to welcome Mike and Jody Dean as members of West Erwin. Their address is 2217 West Erwin, phone 592-9191. They recently moved to Tyler from Hot Springs, Arkansas. Dave Thompson came Sunday asking for the prayers of the church.

THE SICK

The following have been in hospitals but have returned home: Cleo and Monroe Sublette, Ruth McCauley, Pauline Aven, Bernice Andrews, and Lelia Browning.

T. Murry remains ill at home; he and Anne would appreciate visits.

Jack and James Beard are in Glenwood Hospital after being injured in a car wreck. Also in Glenwood are Pauline Daughtry, David Hannah, and James Skeeters.

The mother of Audrey O'Bannon remains critically ill in Houston.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. George McCarley are the grandparents of a girl born June 27 to the Jimmie Brookshires.

AREA YOUTH MEETING at Longview on Sunday evening, July 13.

God Bless America

"When America ceases to be good, it will cease to be great," said Alexis de Tocqueville. In this statement we are reminded that the greatness of a nation does not rest in its military power, technological advancements, political acumen or its national wealth. A nation's greatness is found in the quotient of its goodness. Righteousness is the determining factor in a country's future. Solomon, the wisest of men, said: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34).

Theodore Roosevelt warned, "The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life." Is it possible that this day is drawing near? To a great extent our objectives have become: success, status and security. These are followed closely by: self-indulgence, pleasure and comfort. Our permissive society turns freedom into license; rights into riots; and pornography into profit. Concerned about a higher standard of living, we often fail to live by a standard. Riches are elevated above righteousness; power over piety; and science above the Saviour. We abandon the moral law and then shake our heads in disbelief as crime increases. Look out, America! Remember the words of Will Durant: "No great nation has ever been overcome until it has destroyed itself."

If you really desire to be a patriot; if you are truly concerned about America; if you earnestly want God to bless her -- THEN LIVE A LIFE IN HARMONY WITH THE WILL OF GOD. Only then does one have a right to truthfully sing:

God bless America, land that I love; Stand beside her, and guide her, Through the night, with the light from above. From the mountains to the prairies; To the oceans, white with foam; God bless America, my home, sweet home.

-John Gipson-

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Psalms 33:12

SPECIAL THANKS goes to Glenda Wright for signing up 11 bus riders. SCRIPTURES read by the young people for the past week are: 9th grade 1,365 11th grade 2,017 Business Meeting-Sunday, 1:30 p. m. 10th grade 350 12th grade 1,628

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It was great to know that we had over 500 in Bible School last Sunday - following the drastic drop in attendance for two weeks. We are thankful for the increase which we have had this year and feel that we will have many more in attendance before the year ends. If you are not now in a Bible class, there is one for you at West Erwin. The Bible School provides you with an opportunity to learn more of God's Will and an opportunity also for closer fellowship with fellow Christians. One of our gospel preachers said many years ago, "As goes the Bible School, so goes the church." A strong, active Bible teaching program will make for a strong church.

We were glad to hear Hillard's report last Wednesday night concerning the Vacation Bible School in Oakley, Kansas. We are thankful for the dedication of those who went on the trip. We are thankful for the fine words of commendation for the young people from West Erwin. They let their light shine - and we know they will be blessed as their lives have blessed others.

This is vacation season and we know that many of our members will be out of town from time to time. We are thankful that most of us are granted vacation time with pay. We are glad that you have the opportunity for a vacation, but please remember not to take a vacation from the Lord. Wherever you go be sure that you not neglect your worship. May I also remind you that the expenses of the church continue whether or not you are here. Please remember to make up your contribution either before or after your trip - preferably before.

Last Friday I attended and had a part in the funeral service for my last surviving aunt (my father's sister) in Henrietta, Texas. She had no children of her own, but always showed a special interest in her three nieces and six nephews. She reared one of her nephews. Last Christmas, in spite of her advanced age, she mailed over 300 Christmas cards and wrote personal notes on every one. She wrote me and all of her other nieces and nephews regularly. We will miss her, but had expected her death for several weeks. Once again we were reminded of the changes life brings. It seems such a short time ago when we were children and spending a few days at Aunt Mary's. How quickly the years pass by! Let us make each day count for good. GHS

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 Year Ago..\$2,565.45 421

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 Jim Franklin Harold Browning
 Odell Malone Harvey Grier
 Ike Gaiser Charles Lemons
 Pete Wallace Aubrey Payne
 Ray Magee Mike Franklin

Greeters: D. C. Jones
 Louis J. Jones Steve Mankin

Responses - Ron Jones came Sunday evening for prayers of the church.

THE AREA YOUTH MEETING will be at the West Erwin building on Tuesday evening at 7:30. The following week, July 8, the meeting will be at the Glenwood building.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
 10:20 a. m. The Great Disturber
 6:00 p. m. The Citizenship of Paul

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for every kindness shown while I was in the hospital. The prayers, visits, flowers, and cards are so appreciated. We covet your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for us.

Ralph Lowrance and Family

I certainly do appreciate the nice Bible given to me at the baccalaureate service. Also, I appreciate West Erwin, the elders, preachers, and all my Bible teachers through the years. I especially thank brother Bynum for his personal interest and help which he has given me.

Tony Fears

IN THE HOSPITALS

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

Tom Parsons continues to be a patient in Glenwood Hospital. We were glad that he was able to come to worship on Sunday.

Jim Willis entered Glenwood Hospital this week. He is suffering from pneumonia.

Jack Bennett is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Denise Terry had oral surgery in Waco on Wednesday.

Mrs. Dean Brookshire from Van is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Lula Taylor was able to be in Bible class and worship again Sunday. We are glad she is feeling better.

If you know of someone in the hospital, please call the church office.

BUS PROGRAM NEWS

Our efforts continue to be blessed by God as we run our busses. Many lives are touched each week by Christians interested in teaching and bringing others to be taught. We continue to meet each Saturday making calls on our present riders and trying to contact new prospects. There is a need for more ADULTS. Many of our teens are coming only to find no adult partner with whom they can work. Monday of this week one of our ladies signed up 11 in her neighborhood. This shows that it can be done. We need you Saturday morning at 9:30. You'll be blessed. HH

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Chariot" Workers	5	3	4	
"Joy Riders	16	5	11	
Jalopy" Workers	5	5	5	
"Busy Riders	18	9	19	
Buggy" Workers	5	5	5	

The Annual Bible Teacher's Workshop at Abilene Christian College will be held July 21 - 24. The Broadway Church in Lubbock will conduct the workshop this year.

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family of Dr. Ralph Rowe. His sister-in-law passed away very suddenly and was buried Monday in Houston.

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

Hundreds of interested, unsaved persons in other nations are being taught by many people in our country. Several of our own members here at West Erwin are sending Bibles and grading correspondence courses for these who are studying. Some have as many as two hundred contacts. This can be done by people who cannot be active in many other works of the Lord's Church. You might begin this effort and be responsible for many souls being saved in a country such as Africa. If you have a desire to help, write: World Bible School, P. O. Box 146, Palos Verdes Estates, California 90274 HH

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Wayne and Molly Terry have a new granddaughter, Kimberly Beth, born June 23 in Waco to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clem Malone.

The West Erwin Visitor will not be printed next week in keeping with our mailing permit.

Daily living seemeth weary
 To the one who never works;
 Duty always seemeth dreary
 To the one who duty shirks.
 Only after hardest striving
 Cometh sweet and perfect rest;
 Life is found to be worth living
 To the one who does his best.

- Selected

POSITIVE PREACHING

More and more over the past few years we have heard how desperately we need to hear "positive preaching." I would guess that there are few preachers who haven't heard people suggest this to them. I agree, preachers need to preach positively. We have something to offer to the world and we must unashamedly offer it. We must not hide the gospel message in anything that will detract from its beauty. If this is what those who beg for a positive gospel have in mind, then I voice a loud "amen!"

However, I have found that some folk who really press home the point about "positive preaching" have something else besides the above in mind. When given the chance to elaborate it often comes out sounding like the following: "Don't preach on specific sins," "Don't preach about religious error," "Don't preach on worldliness," etc. (All of which strikes me as a rather negative approach to positive preaching!)

While I restate my agreement that we should preach Christ in a positive way, I must remind us all that Paul said that "preach the word" includes rebuking as well as exhorting (2 Tim. 4:2). One would be out of balance in his preaching to be constantly reproving and rebuking, and the church that listened to him very long would be unbalanced. One is just as much out of balance to preach only from a "positive" viewpoint, and the church that listens to such preaching for very long will also be unbalanced.

If those who continue to cry for "positive preaching" mean that we should really uphold what the word says and what the world needs (they correspond perfectly), then I could not agree more. But if they mean, as some apparently do, that all they care to hear from the pulpit and class room is love (as they define it), mercy, grace, Jesus (as they picture Him) and faith, apart from their accompanying themes of sin, obedience, works, the church Christ and judgment, then I could not disagree more.

The religious seas are strewn with the rotting hulks of religious movements that tried to sail wholly under the banner of extreme negativism (binding laws God has not bound) or extreme positivism (loosing laws God has bound). The only infallible and safe course is charted by God's word which teaches a wholesome respect for both principles. God help us to strike the balance between the two and to hold firmly to them both!

... Dub McClish

Via Haskell Observer

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Contributions Bible School

June 15. . . \$3,063.23 380
June 8. . . \$3,967.73 423
Year Ago. . \$4,437.10 350

Serving Communion

Jim Franklin Harold Browning
Odell Malone Harvey Grier
Ike Gaiser Charles Lemons
Pete Wallace Aubrey Payne
Ray Magee Mike Franklin

Greeters:

Louis J. Jones D. C. Jones
Steve Mankin

Responses

Last Wednesday evening Bob Turner
came to be restored.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 22

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. What Did The Shepherds See?
P. M. Paul, The Christian.

THIS WEEK we heard from Lem and
Vivian Ford in Hastings, Nebraska.
They are both getting along just fine
now and send their greetings and love
to everyone at West Erwin.

IN THE HOSPITALS

The Jess Kings went to Oklahoma
City last week to be with his sister
who had major surgery on Friday.
Also, her brother is very ill follow-
ing a heart attack. He also lives in
Oklahoma City.

Laura Drummond is in Mother
Frances Hospital.

Myra Chandler underwent surgery
on Tuesday in Glenwood Hospital.

Tommy Parsons is in Glenwood
Hospital in traction.

Charles Miles, Sr., husband of
Ruby Miles is a patient in Glenwood
Hospital.

Marc Lemons had oral surgery this
week in Mother Frances Hospital.

GIRLS BIBLE CLASS

Each Friday there is a Bible class
for high school and college age girls.
This class is conducted by three col-
lege girls from Tyler. This week
you are invited to bring your lunch to
Bergfield Park for this study and
fellowship. More of our girls are
needed to help make this a good study.
Take a friend. HH

NOTICE

There are several "lost"
Bibles in the foyer by the W. Erwin
Street entrance. Some have been
there for a long time. Won't you
check and see if one of them belongs
to you.

ALSO, there are several dishes in
the back of the building in the foyer
by the south door.

YOUTH MEETING

There will be a Youth Meeting next
Tuesday evening, June 24, in Hender-
son at the So. Main Street church of
Christ. We will plan to leave here
at 6:00 p. m.

BIBLE TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

July 21 - 24 are the dates for the
21st Annual Teacher's Workshop.
This year the Broadway church in
Lubbock will be conducting the work-
shop. We are looking forward to hav-
ing a large group from West Erwin to
attend. We have brochures available
if you are interested in more details.

HH
REMEMBER the grocery truck from
Medina Children's Home will be here
sometime during the week of June 23-
27. A list of items is posted on the
bulletin board in the South Foyer.

SCRIPTURES read by the young people
that we have a record of this week are:

9th grade 1,547 12th grade 195
11th grade 1,683

ISN'T IT STRANGE!!... If you are angry at the dog, do you kick the cat? Once
when asked why he had ceased to attend the worship services a man replied;
'They haven't treated me right over there!' The querist asked: 'Then why
don't you go home and beat your wife?' Recovering from his surprise, the
man replied, 'My wife hasn't done anything against me.' Well, replied the
other person, 'Has the Lord Jesus Christ done anything against you?' Taking
offense at the brethren and forsaking the Lord is about as logical as being
angry at the dog and taking it out on the cat.

CLIFTON ROGERS of Dallas will be preaching in a meeting at the Robbins
Road church of Christ in Athens, Texas - June 22 - 27. You are invited
to attend. Monday - Friday services - 7:30 p. m.

IF YOU LIKE TO

CAMP,
HIKE,
CONTEMPLATE,
PICNIC,
EXPLORE,
HUNT,
MEDITATE,
BIRD-WATCH,
BREATHE,
WALK,
WADE,
RELAX,
ROMP,
CLIMB,
INHALE,
SWIM,
FISH,
RIDE OR
DREAM,
CONGRATULATIONS!
YOU'RE HUMAN!
BUT DON'T FORSAKE
THE ASSEMBLY
TO DO IT!
Heb. 10:25

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

This is a time for thanksgiving and praise to the Lord for the wonderful way we were blessed last week. We had a great meeting with wonderful response to the gospel preaching of Gary Beauchamp and with a very fine week of Vacation Bible School.

We are thankful that Gary Beauchamp came our way. We are thankful that he is using his splendid talents for the Lord. We are thankful that he preaches the simple gospel of Christ in a manner which reaches the hearts of those who hear him. We hope and pray that Gary may have many years preach and teach God's Word.

I would also like to express appreciation to Jim Paul for the fine way he directed us in our singing. I feel that his direction helped us to have a more successful meeting. We should commend him for his giving his time for this most important work.

We are thankful to Hillard Hughes for directing the Vacation Bible School. We appreciate the co-ordinators, the teachers, and all who worked in any way in this area of teaching. Many hours were spent by all of our teachers in their preparation. We will never know the great good accomplished in the Bible School. Our prayers are with Hillard and all who went with him to Oakley, Kansas this week to assist in a Vacation Bible School there.

West Erwin is going forward! With the continued help of the Lord we are going to grow. We have seen much progress this year and we can expect even greater things if all of us will work, worship, serve and give. We are a part of the greatest institution in the world - the church of our Lord for which he bled and died. Many came forward in the meeting to rededicate their lives to Christ. May this be a time for all of us to rededicate ourselves to building up of the church in love. Let us follow the instruction of Paul to the Ephesians:

"So that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when every part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love," (Ephesians 4:14-16 R.S.V.).

GHS

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Contributions Bible School
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"BUS REPORT"

Bus	Sun. -	a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Sunshine Riders	1	2	8	
Chariot" Workers	1	1	1	
"Joy Riders	15	8	12	
Jalopy" Workers	6	5	5	
"Busy Riders	8	10	3	
Buggy" Workers	4	4	6	

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, June 15

By George H. Stephenson
 A. M. Why Should We Give?
 P. M. Paul, The Convert.

SCRIPTURES read this past week by the young people are as follows:

9th grade 1,962 11th grade 1,300
 10th grade 1,596 12th grade 352

RESPONSES

Baptized: We rejoice that the following were baptized into Christ last week during our meeting with brother Gary Beauchamp:

Chris Parker - 2729 Garden Valley Road, phone 592-6485.
 Mrs. Dale (Carolyn) Blackstone, Rt. 12, Box 104, phone 595-0130.
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Patricia) Dzamko and their two girls, Diana and Lesley, 2719 So. Broadway, Apt. 246, phone 595-3997.
 Mr. and Mrs. David J. (Anita) Clayton, Rt. 3, Box 518-1, phone 566-1257.

The following came to ask for the prayers of the church and to rededicate their lives in the service of Christ:

Kim Hughes Denton Phillips
 Nona Freeman Julia Phillips
 Mike Whitworth Cathy Crow
 Nancy Owings Rick Higginbotham
 Jane Jones Nadean Bullard
 Molly Terry Ruby Degge
 Frances Phillips Norah Jones
 Alice Stephenson Dorothy Hulsey
 Faber Cauthen Tommy Lowrance
 Elwin and Pat Crow
 Johnny and Kitty Owings
 Ben and Patsy Young
 Ed and Vernon Naul
 Jamon and Clay Kirby
 Dick and Sue Higginbotham
 Milburn and Jan Cook
 Louis and Modena Jones

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

There is a class for you!

THANK YOU NOTES

During a time like this we realize how much our Christian friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Natalie Dobbs.

In Christian love,
 The Raye Dobbs Family

Mrs. Lillie Knight has expressed appreciation for the pot plant and expressions of sympathy extended to her at the time of the death of her sister.

With grateful hearts, we thank the members of West Erwin for the beautiful flowers and expressions of sympathy during our time of sorrow.

Don & Mary Jo Crowder & Family

Dear Friends,

Your concern and love expressed individually and in the many calls, cards and flowers has been very comforting and touching at this time of my father's death following a long, difficult illness. And, I appreciate so much your friendliness toward him while he lived. West Erwin was special to him and the last time he was able to attend church was here last October.

In Christian love,
 Marian Rowe

Thank you to every one who sent me so many lovely cards and for the visits and prayers offered. I will always treasure your thoughtfulness that made my hospital stay more pleasant. I love you all. I also will remember how good you were to Verda.
 Lula Taylor

We want to thank all of our sweet Christian friends at West Erwin for the flowers, cards, telephone calls, and many other deeds of kindness at the hospital and after returning home. May God love and keep each of you always.
 Lillian & Oscar Becker

Walker Weathers and Rick Higginbotham have expressed appreciation to the elders for the Bibles received at the baccalaureate service.

WE WANT TO COMMEND Charlotte Chandler for assisting teachers of VBS with posters and hand work. We are glad Charlotte was able to attend several days of the school. Her help was most welcomed.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Olie Cooper is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

James Cole, husband of Thelma Cole, is a patient in the East Texas Chest Hospital.

James Beard is in Glenwood Hospital.

THE GROCERY TRUCK from Medina Children's Home will be here sometime during the week of June 23 - 27 to pick up groceries and other items we may have for them. The following is a list of the most needed items: Shortening, Ketchup, Peanut Butter, Salad Dressing, Vegetable Soups, Canned Meats, Instant Tea, Crackers, Cake Mixes, Jellies and Jams, Canned Fruits, Vegetable Oil, Fruit Juices, Jello, Corn Meal, Noodles, Flour, Sugar (all kinds).

Guest Editorial. . .

Argument With A Blind Man

A blind friend and brother in Christ and his Christian wife were guests in my home recently. I was astonished at their great learning, good common sense, and the remarkable way they had gained such a wide experience in life, all without vision. He is employed as a piano tuner. His wife is a medical secretary. All without sight. Amazing!

But in spite of a natural reluctance to argue with a guest I was sorely tempted when he made one statement. "The doctors wanted me to submit to a number of tests and procedures which they thought might restore my sight," he said. "I told them," he continued, "since improper oxygen control took away my vision in the incubator I have never seen. I have accepted the world without vision for twenty-five years and I have no desire now to make the great adjustment to seeing, even if it is a medical possibility."

I wanted to say, brother Roy, you have no idea what you are missing. You can't possibly know what it means to willfully miss an original painting by God in the sunset of each day. You can't know what you are missing in failing to read the delicate shades of thought and feeling on the faces of friends as you converse with them. And how about such privileges as driving a car - how that could enrich your life. On and on my argument would have gone.

But then, I thought of how much like my blind friend all of us are. Do you want examples? Many who have adjusted to living in sin want nothing better. They haven't experienced the joy of forgiveness and have no desire to know how sweet it is. Thousands who are hooked on drugs can't imagine how beautiful and wonderful reality can be. Half-converted brethren who never felt the joy of real sacrifice can't possibly know the happiness of a truly surrendered life. Lazy, listless church members who are slow of heart and dragging their feet are often so well adjusted to their indifference that they can't picture what a zealous life of Christian activity could mean to them.

And all of us - not just my sightless friend - have uncharged cells, unchallenged areas of imagination, undeveloped talents, unrealized potentials. We all too often find it so much easier to adjust to what we are, rather than enduring the pain of becoming something fuller.

Joe Goodspeed via Walnut Hill Newsletter

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Prayer Ray Womack
Dismiss Kevin Womack

Table with 2 columns: Contributions, Bible School. Rows for June 1, May 25, and A Year Ago.

Serving Communion Sunday

Table with 2 columns: Name, Name. Rows for James Phillips, Tom Williams, Tommy White, Mike Whitworth, Charles Hall.

RESPONSES

For Prayer: Miss Barbara Glidewell and Paul Montandon.

"BUS REPORT"

Table with 5 columns: Bus, Sun., a. m., p. m., Wed. Rows for Sunshine Riders, Chariot Workers, Joy Riders, Jalopy Workers, Busy Riders, Buggy Workers.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, June 8

By George H. Stephenson
a. m. Shipwreck of Faith
p. m. Paul, The Debtor
(First in a series of sermons on Paul)

THANK YOU NOTES

Brother Walter Goode wants to express his appreciation for the cards, flowers, prayers and kindness shown to him since he has been ill. He is at home but not able to be out.

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

The family of Mrs. Verna Gray The beautiful Bible presented to me at the Baccalaureate service is a treasured gift and one which I shall make use of daily. Thank you very much. Laneva Turner

I wish to say thank you in my humble way for the visits, cards, flowers, gifts, and food and especially for the prayers in my behalf during my recent illness and surgery. In Christian love, Mrs. Aline M. Beard

OUR SYMPATHY

Services for Mrs. Carey Davis of Denison were held Thursday at Edom. She was a sister to our sister Lillie Knight.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon in Abilene for Brother Medley, a brother to sister Don Crowder.

Graveside services were conducted by brother Stephenson Wednesday afternoon for the infant daughter of Ray and Debbie Dobbs.

We extend our sincere sympathy to each family.

Business Meeting - Sunday, 1:30 p. m.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Elmer Hawkes is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Ralph Lowrance underwent surgery Monday in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Carrie Burt, aunt of Mrs. Jack Bennett, is a patient in ICU of Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Dean Brookshire, from Van, continues to be a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Olie Cooper is in the Glenwood Hospital.

BEST WISHES

We extend best wishes to David Turner and Miss Glenda Merchant who were married last Friday afternoon. Hillard Hughes said the ceremony. They will make their home at South Point Mobile Home Park.

REMEMBER, Wednesday night, June 11, Foy Richey and K. Max Haws will present a report of their recent visit with Kieth Mitchell in New York and Rudolf Rischer in Germany.

WHAT COULD I PREACH

"For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the Saviour of the body." (Ephesians 5:23)

Suppose I should want to preach on some subject pertaining to Christ but not talk about the church, what could I preach?

If I should preach about the headship of Christ, I would have to tell about that of which He is the head, and that is the church.

If I should preach about Him as our Saviour, I would have to tell that He is the Saviour of the body which is His church (Ephesians 1:22, 23).

If I should decide to preach about His blood, I would have to tell that His blood was the purchase price of His church (Acts 20:28).

If I should preach about His giving spirit, I would have to tell that He was always giving and said it is more blessed to give than to receive; I would have to tell that He finally gave Himself for the church! (Ephesians 5:25).

If I should preach about being subject unto Christ, I would have to report that it is the church that is subject unto Christ (Ephesians 5:24).

If I should preach about the love of Jesus I could not afford to leave out the fact that He loved the church and gave Himself for it (Ephesians 5:25).

If I should tell about His sanctifying and cleansing power I would have to tell that Christ sanctified and cleansed the church with the washing of water by the word (Ephesians 5:26).

If I should preach about the care and concern and the sustaining power of Jesus, I would tell that He nourishes and cherishes the church (Ephesians 5:29).

. . . From The Exhorter, Valdosta, Georgia

Pray for the work at West Erwin - Bring someone to Worship with you.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
A GREAT WEEK OF BIBLE STUDY
AND GOSPEL PREACHING

HEAR GARY BEAUCHAMP of Houston, Texas

Sunday, June 1 10:20 a. m. & 6:00 p. m.
 Monday - Friday 7:30 p. m.
 (June 2 - 6)

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday - Friday 9:00 a. m. - 11:00 a. m.
 (June 2 - 6)

Classes for all ages

Support this evangelistic effort with your PRESENCE and PRAYERS. Invite your FRIENDS and NEIGHBORS to attend.

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 Dismiss Ron Lott

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May 25...\$3,029.61503
May 18...\$2,763.24498
Year Ago.\$2,172.70443

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Tommy White	Roy Driggers
Mike Whitworth	Bart Lemons
Charles Hall	Mack Bynum

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT, JUNE 11, Foy Richey and K. Max Haws will show slide pictures and present a report of their recent visit with Keith Mitchell of the International Mission in New York and Rudolf Rischer in Germany. This will be on the first Wednesday night following our Gospel Meeting. Be sure to hear this report. GHS

THANK YOU NOTE

We wish to express our deepest gratitude to the members of West Erwin for the sympathy and assistance given to us following the death of our little daughter, Elizabeth Ann. The spirit of pure and genuine Christianity manifested in your actions helped support us in the darkest hour of our lives and will always be remembered.

The Jerry L. Hughes Family

FUNERALS

Services for Mrs. Verna Gray, sister of Mrs. Audie Grier, were conducted last Thursday in Edom.

The father of Marian Rowe, Mr. D. C. Lemmons, passed away in Brownwood on Tuesday. Funeral services were held for him there on Wednesday morning.

The sister of Mrs. Walter Clyburn was buried Tuesday in Houston.

We express sincere sympathy to each family.

George Stephenson conducted funeral services for Leola Tatum at the Broadway church in Lubbock on Tuesday morning. Mrs. Tatum was a life long friend of the Stephensons. She and her two step sons built and donated the Tatum Youth Center at the Children's Home in Lubbock.

SCRIPTURES read by the High School Students last week are:

10th grade	374	12th grade	2,732
11th grade	1,019		

IN APPRECIATION

Recently the ladies of West Erwin served as hostesses for a group of "senior citizens" from the West Berry Street church in Fort Worth. A lunch was prepared and served at the Garden Center Building. The group from Fort Worth enjoyed the visit and enjoyed looking at Tyler's famous rose garden even though it was raining at the time. I appreciate the women from West Erwin who prepared for this occasion. We have received the following note from West Berry:

Dear Christian Friends,

I want to express my thanks to you ladies for the wonderful food and hospitality shown to us on our visit to Tyler. The food was wonderful and it made our trip such a pleasure to meet with all of you. I hope some time in the near future you can come to Fort Worth and we can entertain all of you. Thanks again.

In Christian love,
 Catherine Cowart

PLEASE TAKE TIME to read the mimeographed reports from our missionaries in Germany, Colorado, and New York which are regularly distributed among the various classes. All of these men whom we support are faithful, dedicated Christians. Let us continue to remember them in our prayers. GHS

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY
 There is a class for you!

THE SICK

Mrs. McCauley, from Canton, continues to be a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Hazel Fagan is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Dr. Roger Knight's father has been a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. E. L. Taylor remains in the Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Foy O'Neal's mother continues to be a patient in a Paris Hospital. Because of her illness and also the serious illness of a brother-in-law in Richardson, Foy and Margie must be out of town often on week-ends.

Mrs. Dean Brookshire, from Van, is in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

THE WEST ERWIN CHURCH is indebted to our brethren in Augsburg, Germany for a beautiful work of art depicting the city of Augsburg. This is hanging in the church office and each one is invited to see it. On the back of the picture are these words:

In Thanks and Love

Your Augsburg Brothers and Sisters

May 13, 1975 "Love With You"
 Presented to Foy Richey and K. Max Haws for the West Erwin Street Church of Christ. From Rudolf Rischer and Josef Achatz.

You may determine today whether yesterday's failures shall be stepping stones to success or only stumbling-blocks to further failure.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Biographical Sketch of Gary R. Beauchamp

Raised in Abilene, Texas, Gary has received both the BA and MS degrees from Abilene Christian College. He has done Doctoral studies at Baylor University. He has been preaching for the past twelve years, serving congregations in Ranger and Waco before moving to serve the great Westbury congregation in Houston early in 1971. Gary has held over seventy gospel meetings in twelve states, has spoken extensively to youth groups and has appeared as a featured speaker on five college's lecture programs. Mr. Beauchamp is a teacher of Family Relations and Christian Ethics at the University of Houston. He is a writer for 20th Century Christian and Power for Today.

Gary has been active in community affairs having served as past President of Rotary, past Director of the Ranger and Waco Junior Chamber of Commerce, past Pony League President, past City Commissioner, past Head of the Community Development Council. He is presently on the Executive Committee of the Greater Houston Safety Council, the Chairman of the Annual Houston Prayer Breakfast and on the Board of the Cherokee Home for Children. Mr. Beauchamp is the Chairman of the Board of Orate Incorporated of Houston.

Mr. Beauchamp was nominated the "Outstanding Men of the South" and "Outstanding Young Men of America" awards in 1970 and 1971. He received the "Fred Brown Memorial Award" presented by the Texas Jaycees in 1971. In Portland, Oregon in the summer of 1972, Gary was awarded the "Outstanding Speaker of America Award" by the National Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Gary is married to the former Deanna Kirk. Deanna has been active as a writer of Bible School materials, an active interpreter to the Deaf and teaches a weekly Ladies Class of over one hundred ladies. Mrs. Beauchamp has appeared on two college campuses and lectures extensively to ladies groups. Gary and Deanna have three children: Greg, 10; Betsy, 7; and Katie, 1.

HEAR THIS GREAT PREACHER

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Announcements	Sam Sevier
Prayer	Cone Birdwell
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Announcements	Jay Bynum
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<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Bible School</u>
May 18....\$2,763.24498
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Year Ago..\$2,599.61424
<u>Serving Communion Sunday</u>	
Don Weathers	K. Max Haws
Bill Whitworth	Wayne Terry
David Hubbard	Tom Parsons
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Roger Knight	Elwin Crow

RESPONSES

Restored: Elizabeth Prieto, Sue Ann Ferguson, Lorie Henderson, and Mary Veach.

"BUS REPORT"

Bus	Sun.	a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Sunshine Riders	7	3	5	
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"Busy Riders	13	14	10	
"Buggy" Workers	6	3	6	
Totals Riders	38	26	32	

You are invited to 4th Sunday Singing, Whitehouse church of Christ, 2:30 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER SUNDAY NIGHT

Darrel Beard, a member of the Glenwood church, will speak for us this coming Sunday night, May 25, at 6:00 o'clock. Brother Beard will tell us of the very challenging opportunities for caring for children in foster homes. He was very active in this work in Houston before moving to Tyler a year ago. The Glenwood church recently began an active foster care program. Be sure to hear about this very fine work on Sunday evening. GHS

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Christian Friends,

We are so humbly grateful for all the evidences of loving concern you have shown our family during my hospitalization. We thank you for your prayers in our behalf and pray that you continue to remember us.

Lamern Bailey

Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for your kind expressions of sympathy in visiting with our mother and bringing food and other acts of kindness shown to her during her illness and death.

Janie Chelf's Family

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. G. C. Northcutt is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. E. L. Taylor had surgery on Monday in Mother Frances.

O. C. Becker has been in the cardiac unit of Mother Frances, but is now in a private room.

CONGRATULATIONS to Betsy Parris Abrahams, daughter of sister Mildred Parris. Betsy received her Master's Degree in Special Education on Saturday, May 17th from Texas Tech in Lubbock. Mildred attended the Commencement exercises.

SCRIPTURES read this past week by the young people are as follows:

9th grade 1,577 11th grade 1,883
 10th grade 533

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 25, 1975

A. M. Refusal of Duty by George Stephenson P. M. Darrel Beard

AFRAID OF STRENGTHS

It is true men are afraid of their vices--temper, whiskey, overeating, smoking, etc.; it is equally true (usually never considered) men are afraid of their TALENTS! The "one talent" man hid his. Many talented men reject promotions, reject jobs of responsibilities, reject leadership roles. Many who could be great church workers sit on the sidelines--they're afraid of their strengths! This is evident many ways in the church:

- (1) We are afraid of men who THINK! We like a Bible class of familiar comments with no challenges nor disagreement. True some are disruptive in classes--but is thinking encouraged? Is a thinker usually put down or run off? Many men who can think are never heard in church!
- (2) We're afraid of men with MONEY! It's true money oft times rules! But is it not also true much money is unconsciously rejected? Many wealthy men give elsewhere! There is resentment and jealousy.
- (3) We're afraid of men with ACTION! Men who constantly press for decisions, changes and good works are dangerous! They are many times fought and crucified. They rock the boat!
- (4) We're afraid of YOUTH! Youth are allowed to do little in church yet Six Flags makes millions with energetic, talented youth. So far as I know they haven't taken over the Six Flags Management!
- (5) We're afraid of BIG MEN! Great men of character, vision, kindness, wisdom and patience are "cut down" by little, petty men running the church their way. Why must we be afraid of our strengths? "When little men cast long shadows it is nearly sunset." ... Charles Hodge

NEW GRANDSON

Phil and Barbara Maddox are the parents of a boy, Jeffrey Miller, born April 23 in Houston. Mrs. Ethel Payne is the proud grandmother.

WE EXTEND our deepest sympathy to Jerry and Thelma Hughes in the loss of their infant daughter last Saturday. Sister Cora Hughes is the grandmother. Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The Temptation of Strength

Strange though it may seem, sometimes our strengths are our greatest weakness.

That is one of life's ironic twists. We fret and stew about certain weaknesses which might cause us to fail and be disgraced. A girl, for example, may worry because her nose is too long or not long enough. Her brother may be uptight because he can't hit a curve ball or throw a touchdown pass. The truth is that such "weaknesses" will do little to hamper their happiness.

The girl might have real cause to worry if her nose was "just right" so that she was a knock-out beauty. Then she would face temptations and pressures that girls with average noses and average prettiness never confront. If the boy were a second Hank Aaron or Joe Namath, then he might have real cause to be uptight, for he would face temptations and decisions that normal, unathletic kids never know.

So our anxiety about our weaknesses is often quite pointless. The real threats to our holiness and happiness are our strengths and abilities.

Satan could pose real temptations to our Lord only because Jesus had the power to follow his devilish suggestions. Christ was able to turn stones to bread. He was able to summon angelic rescuers if he swan-dived off the top of the Temple. Jesus could become a king if he wanted to. Had the Lord been weak and unable to do these things, they would not have tempted him. The temptations were real and great precisely because he was able.

If you want to avoid moral or spiritual failure, spend your time considering your strengths instead of your weak points. Those things you do best, those qualities people most admire about you, those things you are proudest of will be the targets of Satan. To be able is to be tempted. . . . Gene Shelburne

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1975

A. M. Sermon by Dr. Paul Faulkner, P. M. The Figurative World
Professor of Religion and Psychology by George H. Stephenson
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Prayer Bob Threadgill
Dismiss Ron Lott

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements Tom Williams
Prayer Travis Fletcher
Dismiss Randy Fletcher

Table with 2 columns: Contributions, Bible School. Rows for May 11, May 4, and Year Ago.

Serving Communion - May 18 & 25

Table with 2 columns: Names, Names. Rows for Don Weathers, Bill Whitworth, David Hubbard, Walker Weathers, Roger Knight.

RESPONSES

Dale Blackstone came Sunday to be baptized. He was immersed as a young man but did not feel it was for the proper reason.

Mrs. Paul Montandon, Elizabeth Reynolds and Denise Freeman came for prayers of the church.

IN APPRECIATION

I would like to express my true gratitude for all that was done for me and my family during my illness. I would like to thank you for all the cards, calls, visits, and beautiful flowers while I was in the hospital. Also, thank you for all the good food served for me and my family. Finally, your prayers for my recovery were

felt and I truly appreciated all the kindness and Christian love. Again, thank you so very much.

Verda Driggers

NEW BABY GIRL

Congratulations to Nancy and Elvin Stanley who are the parents of a baby girl, Elizabeth Ruth, born May 4th. Ruth and David Hannah are the happy grandparents.

THE SICK

Sister Aline Beard had surgery on Monday in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister McCauley, from Canton, is recovering from surgery in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister E. L. Taylor is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Walter Goode continues to be a patient in Medical Center.

GRADUATES

Last week we listed in the VISITOR our graduates and some of their accomplishments that we were told of.

JIMMY FULLER is a member of the National Honor Society, Vice President of the Latin Club, and was charge of lighting in the John Tyler production of South Pacific.

LANEVA TURNER is a member of the Health Occupation Club. She is Sentinel Officer and elected to the Club's Hall of Fame. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is graduating in the top 25% of her class at John Tyler.

Paul Faulkner to Preach Sunday

Paul Faulkner, a professor in the field of Psychology of Religion in Abilene Christian College, will be our guest speaker this Sunday morning, May 18. He and Carl Brecheen are conducting the Marriage Enrichment Seminar at the West Erwin church building this Friday and Saturday. Carl Brecheen will be speaking for the Northwest church of Christ on Sunday morning. The Marriage Enrichment series has been sponsored by the Northwest and West Erwin congregations.

We look forward to hearing brother Faulkner on Sunday. He is a very interesting speaker and applies the principles of Christianity in a very practical way in his teaching. Faulkner, a native of Fort Worth is married to the former Gladys Shoemaker and they are the parents of four children. He holds the B. S. and M. S. degrees from Abilene Christian College and the M. R. E. and Ed. D. degrees from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. In addition to his duties with Abilene Christian College and his numerous speaking engagements, he maintains a private practice of family counseling in Abilene. GHS

First Week of June - A Great Week

The first week in June will be a great week for the West Erwin church. From Monday through Friday - June 2-6 - we will be having our annual Vacation Bible School. The teachers in the school are working now in preparation for their classes.

During this week we will also be engaged in a gospel meeting with Gary Beauchamp, the very capable preacher of the Westbury church in Houston, as the guest evangelist. This meeting will begin on Sunday, June 1 with preaching each night Monday through Friday. Brother Beauchamp is an outstanding speaker and you will want to bring your neighbors and friends to hear him. Let us do our part to make this meeting a great success. This is our last scheduled gospel meeting at West Erwin during 1975.

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CAMP DEER RUN

Last Wednesday evening brother Ray Womack presented a film about Camp Deer Run to the congregation. The Camp, located near Winnsboro on Farm Road 2088, is in need of additional funds to pay for increased facilities. They would like very much to have a monthly income in order to plan for future growth. You can help by using a bank draft - even a very

small amount on a monthly basis will be appreciated - or a cash contribution. Brother Womack is a member of the Board of Directors for the Camp and will be glad to give you additional information. He would like to express appreciation to those who contributed for this work on Wednesday evening. This is a worthwhile activity for young people where Christian principles and ideals are taught.

An Ounce of Prevention

I have always been told that "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

We lament the increasing number of dissolved marriages and broken homes in our present society. It is alarming to know that many leaders in churches we have known - deacons and sometimes elders and preachers are divorcing their companions. So many marriages are ending in divorce that it has caused some skeptics to say that marriage as an institution will not survive. I believe that these are wrong. There are too many who still endeavor to live their lives according to God's Will for marriage no longer to exist. However, there is a real need for us to promote all that will encourage a happier and more wholesome relationship between husbands and wives in marriage.

We are privileged to have two outstanding men coming to Tyler to share with us their knowledge and experience gained through years of study, teaching and counseling with others. Dr. Carl Brecheen and Dr. Paul Faulkner of Abilene Christian College conduct MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINARS each month in various sections of the country. Their seminars have received the greatest praise from those who have attended.

It is much better to do everything possible to "enrich, strengthen and vitalize the marriage relationship" as the seminar proposes to do than to try to pick up the pieces of a broken, unhappy marriage. We will never know how many marriages which ended in failure might have been saved with only an "ounce of prevention."

And even if yours is a happy marriage now it may be that you can learn principles which will avoid pitfalls in the future. I have been preaching sermons on making marriages successful and happy for many years. My wife and I have been happily married for many years, but I still look forward with much anticipation to hearing Carl Brecheen and Paul Faulkner.

The cost for the materials used in the seminar will be \$15 per couple. This fee will go to Abilene Christian College. It may well be the most profitable \$15 some couples will ever spend. Sessions will be held Friday night, May 16 - 7:00 - 10:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 17 - 9:00 - 12:00 a.m., 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. We hope many from this area will be here.

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GHS

THE CHURCH IN FRANKSTON IS planning a tent meeting May 11-18 with Rufus F. Johnson preaching. The theme of the meeting is "Let the Bible Speak." The meeting is designed es-

pecially to reach black people with the gospel, however everyone is encouraged to attend. An extensive door knocking campaign will be conducted in the area.

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Dismiss Charles Hall

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May 4 \$3, 256. 08 480
April 27. . \$2, 825. 49 524
Year Ago. \$2, 609. 83 405

WE WELCOME Mrs. Thelma Cole, 531 Southgate, phone 597-4866, who came Sunday evening to be restored. Mrs. Cole and her children were contacted through the bus ministry. We are happy to welcome her.

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted last Sunday afternoon for sister Janie Chelf.

Services were also held on Sunday for the wife of a grandson of brother and sister Leo Prater.

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new bus Riders	13	13	-	
Workers	6	6	-	

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister Sam Bailey is a patient in the Medical Center Hospital.

Brother Walter Goode suffered a heart attack last week following a car accident. He is in Medical Center.

Sister C. T. Beard is in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

Sister Gus Krewall's brother is very seriously ill in Oklahoma City.

Brother George Stephenson's sister, Mrs. Voelkle, has been hospitalized in Sherman but is now at home.

We were happy that Verda Driggers could attend worship last Sunday.

LAST SUNDAY WAS THE BEGINNING of a successful 3rd bus route. Some 20 workers made contacts Saturday signing up 22 new people to ride, with 13 riding each time on Sunday. This route should be a productive one as far as numbers go, and with God's help, many will be taught.

A big thanks goes to the ladies who take care of food preparation for the workers each Saturday. Juanita Graf was the food coordinator for last month and did an outstanding job. Frances Phillips will be in charge of this program for May. If you are willing to help in any way with the food, please contact Jeanine Hughes. Your help is always appreciated. HH

THANK YOU NOTE

We shall always remember with deep gratitude your visits, cards, flowers and calls in the death of John's brother. The John Porter Family

RECOGNITION AND CONGRATULATIONS

It is time again to make you aware of the fine group of graduates in the West Erwin church. They represent both of our high schools and we are proud that these young people are Christians with many high goals in life.

Tony Fears		Rick Higginbotham	Mike Mackey
<u>John</u> Jimmy Fuller	<u>Robert</u>	Tim Holt	Ann Montgomery
<u>Tyler</u> Bruce Jones	<u>E.</u>	<u>Linda</u> Henniger	Kelly Pickle
Laneva Turner	<u>Lee</u>	Paul Knight	Marty Stitt
Holly Womack		Grant Knight	Walker Weathers

We have learned of some of the accomplishments a few of the young people have had in the last two years of high school.

TONY FEARS in his junior year was a member of the Student Senate and the Civitan Club. His senior year he was Class President and Secretary of Jr. Engineering Technical Society. Also, he was a member of the National Honor Society and received the Optimist Club "Young Texan Award." He will enter Texas A & M this fall.

RICK HIGGINBOTHAM has been on the Lee Tennis Team his junior and senior years. He was a member of the Drama Dept. as a senior receiving Honorable Mention to the all star cast in district competition. He was selected to the All Star Cast in area competition.

GRANT KNIGHT was a member of the Lee Junior Varsity Basketball team and Captain of the Varsity Basketball team. He was also a member of the "T" association, Captain of the Lee Cannoneers and school representative for Student Government Day. He plans to attend ACC this fall.

PAUL KNIGHT is President of the Lee Spanish 3 Year Club and a member of Lee Gentlemen. He plans to attend ACC this fall.

MIKE MACKKEY is a member of the Lee Football and Baseball teams and was active in Drama. He is an Eagle Scout - a member of the "Order of the Arrow."

KELLY PICKLE was a letterman both his junior and senior years on the Lee Swim Team and also a member of the "T" association. He received a scholarship in swimming to Midland College this fall.

HOLLY WOMACK was a member of the National Honor Society her junior and senior years. Also, secretary of the Senior Class, secretary of the Letterman's Club, member of Student Senate, Valentine Sweetheart and Sweetheart of VICA representing Metal Trades Class. She also lettered in swimming. Holly plans to enter ACC in the fall.

THE NORTHWEST CHURCH began their new bus program last week with a great response. On Saturday morning over 60 people made calls in two areas and signed up 85 riders. On Sunday they had about 30 to ride. We congratulate them on this wonderful start. HH

IMPORTANT EVENTS COMING

Marriage Enrichment Seminar
 Paul Faulkner and Carl Brecheen of Abilene
 May 16 and 17

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Gospel Meeting
 Gary Beauchamp of Houston
 June 1 - 6 (Each Night)

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Vacation Bible School
 June 2 - 6 (Each Morning)

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Abilene Christian College Bible Teacher's Workshop
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jim and Teresa Handy, 524 S. Hill, phone 597-6818, came last Wednesday to place membership. They are from the Walnut St. Church in Texarkana.

NEW BABY GIRL

James and Mildred Massey are the happy grandparents of a baby girl born April 22, in Tacoma, Washington to Melvin and Judy Massey.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for your kind expressions of love and concern over the loss of our precious Daisy. The friendship of so many dedicated Christians gives us courage to meet each new tomorrow. But we are comforted when we remember the scripture, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." Love,

Audrey O'Bannon

Thank you for every expression of sympathy shown to us. We are especially grateful for the visits, calls, cards, and Dr. Knight's prayer for the family.

The Family of Ernest Shuford

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 Mrs. Janie Chelf continues to be a patient.

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SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
 A. M. Voices From Hell.
 P. M. By Whose Authority?

THE ELDERS AND DEACONS will meet Monday evening, May 5, at 7:00 p. m. at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

SCRIPTURES read by High School students last week:

9th grade 1,798 11th grade 2,751
 10th grade 1,518 12th grade 1,408

NEW BOOKS FOR THE CHURCH LIBRARY

The following are titles of new books now available in our library:

Bible Dictionary, Theology of Old Testament, All the Apostles of the Bible, Roll Jordan Roll (biography of Marshall Keeble), Review of the New Versions, Sermons of Miracles of Jesus, The Wonderful Word, Elect in the Son, The Miracle of Hope, The Miracle of Love, The Christian Family, Restoring New Testament Church, Resurrection, Churches of the New Testament, Person to Per-

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

We would like to thank everyone who contributed money for helping us pay our doctor and hospital bills.

We were overwhelmed by your calls, visits, and flowers when the twins were born. We must have received over twenty calls from you during that time. We had never received such loving and thoughtful treatment from people we really didn't know. We were very inspired.

It also made a wonderful impression on our relatives who are not members of the Church of Christ. On Easter Sunday morning, my (J. P.'s) mother, sister and brother-in-law, niece and nephew, and aunt all attended services with us at West Erwin Church of Christ. As far as I know, this was the first time any of them had ever attended services at a Church of Christ in their lives. We were so

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

son, The Need for Revival, For Freedom (biography of John Nelson Armstrong), Great Preachers of Today, Sorrow and Joy, What Lack We Yet? God Knew He Needed Her.

We have Bible study Textbooks of the following: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, Numbers, Psalms, Samuel, Chronicles, Matthew, Deuteronomy.

We appreciate so much the good work that the H. McCartys do in cataloging the books and getting them ready for our use.

pleased, and we just wanted you to know about it as it was mostly the result of your fine example of Christian love to us in your calls and visits that overwhelmed them. Thank you so much.

Then, in our time of financial stress you contributed a gift that paid over half of our medical expenses for the twins. We cannot put into words our thanks that our son is now as healthy as our daughter. We also cannot find words to properly express to you our deep thanks for your financial help. Thank you all so much.

We love you all, and we will miss you. You are so filled with love through Christ. May God bless you all.

J. P. and Jeri Smith
 (J. P. and Jeri now live in Stephenville, Texas.)

"... his eye sees every precious thing."

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The Lord's Day

What does the Lord's Day mean to you? The apostle John said, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day," (Revelation 1:10). James LeFan, the well known preacher in Temple, expressed in a very beautiful way the meaning of the Lord's Day to him in the following article.

The Lord's Day is my tower of strength. It is the day for soul refreshment. In my moments of quiet meditation, I have often asked myself, "How long would strength remain in my heart, if it were not for the soul rewarding worship of the Lord's Day." How wise my heavenly Father was to provide this day for His children.

As the Lord's Day dawns and the hour of worship approaches, my hungry soul grows eager with anticipation. It is this time that God has especially planned and provided spiritual food for my hungry soul. This hour is too important to be consumed with the trivial non-essential. It is not the time for entertainment. I want to hear a life giving and soul saving message from God. I want instruction on how to overcome temptation, reassurance of God's love and providence, and a brief glimpse again of the glory of the Father's house.

I do not ask that the message be easy, only that it be true. Let God's man point my way to duty, and let me be wise enough to follow it. Let the messenger lay bare my sins, and let me be humble enough to repent. And, oh, my God, grant that thy messenger may never lose the courage to faithfully rebuke my sins, or otherwise it may destroy me forever. If there is sin in my life, may he know that he has not been true to my eternal interests until he has discovered it to me, and helped me to find cleansing.

I look forward each Lord's Day to meeting with my fellow Christians. It is both a joy and a responsibility to stand in the pulpit and endeavor to make known God's will as revealed in His Word. As we assemble for worship let us remember the promise that Jesus will be with us, (Matthew 18:20). We hope to see you in Bible School and in worship this coming Lord's Day. GHS

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NOTE OF THANKS

I want to thank everyone for all the kind expressions of love sent to me while in the hospital and recuperating. I am feeling fine and to-date my condition is very good.

Ray Womack

"Keep yourselves in the love of God." ... Jude 21

IN APPRECIATION

A letter of appreciation for the sewing of new clothing for children at the Medina Children's Home was received recently by Cheryl Greenwalt. Nine more new garments are cut out and ready to be made by ladies in their homes. Contact Cheryl or Modena Jones if you can help in this project.

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Rocky Chambless had knee surgery Thursday in Mother Frances.

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday morning in Pearland for Daisy Green, sister of Mrs. R. C. O'Bannon. We extend our sincere sympathy to Audrey and her family.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. He Held the Saviour In His Arms.
P. M. Three Crosses on Calvary.

SCRIPTURES read by the High School students last week are:

9th grade 1,716 11th grade 1,819
10th grade 2,466 12th grade 964

"Every tomorrow has two handles - you may grasp by the handle of anxiety or by the handle of faith."

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

How can an unhappy marriage be saved and a happy marriage made happier? This is the subject of a 12 hour Marriage Enrichment Seminar to be held May 16 and 17 at the West Erwin Church of Christ.

Dr. Paul Faulkner and Dr. Carl Brecheen will conduct the Seminar. Both are professors of Bible at Wilene Christian College and both are actively involved in family counseling. Dr. Faulkner is a clinical member of the American Psychological Association. Dr. Brecheen teaches the popular "Family Relations" course at ACC.

The Seminar, which explores Biblical principles of the marriage relationship, is open to married and to-be-married couples. Cost is \$10 per person or \$15 per couple. This covers the cost of materials printed by ACC and used in the Seminar. Each person (or couple) retains the manual for future use. Titles of each of the sessions follows:

Friday: Commitment to God's Design
Saturday: Commitment to Husband/Wife
Commitment to Communication
Commitment to Oneness

Let this Seminar make your home and marriage happier. HH

MEETING IN HENDERSON

The South Main church of Christ in Henderson will conduct a Gospel Meeting April 27 - May 2. Services are 10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. each week-day.

MONDAY, APRIL 28 - Foy and Mary Richey and K. Max and Mary Haws plan to leave on a journey to New York City and Augsburg, Germany to visit with two of the missionaries supported by this congregation. They will be in New York City Monday evening and Tuesday for a visit with Kieth Mitchell and his family. Tuesday evening they will fly to Augsburg for a week or ten day visit with Rudolf Rischer and his family and the church there. We pray for an enjoyable and safe journey.

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."

"The closing of the ears to unkind words spoken about others is the next best thing to not speaking them ourselves."

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Looking For A Perfect Church?

Are you looking for a perfect church? If so, you are going to be disappointed. Yes, the church of our Lord is perfect from the divine side. Its origin, mission, and destiny originated in the mind of God. (Ephesians 3:10,11). The church has a perfect head, Jesus Christ, our Lord, (Ephesians 1:22,23). The church has a perfect pattern revealed in the New Testament. This pattern is perfect for our lives as individuals and for congregations composed of individuals.

While we have a perfect pattern, who can say that he has perfectly lived according to that pattern? We have a perfect example to follow in the steps of Jesus (I Peter 1:21), but who is perfectly living as Jesus lived?

It has been my privilege for many years to be associated with some very wonderful Christians in various congregations of the Lord's people in a number of different places. I have known some godly men and women. I have known some fine elders, preachers and other leaders in the church. But, I have never known any who were absolutely perfect.

The beloved apostle John was indeed a great and wonderful Christian, but even he said, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," (I John 1:8,9). Anyone who studies the life of Paul must be impressed with the nobility of his character, yet even he said, "Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect; but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus," (Philippians 3:12).

If you found a church filled with perfect people, would you feel at home with all of your own imperfections? The church is composed of sinners who have been saved by grace. In the church some have achieved a greater spiritual maturity than others. Those who are stronger are admonished to bear the infirmities of the weak, (Rom. 15:1). All of us want to become stronger.

To say that no one is perfect should not mean that we try to justify ourselves for our failures and our neglect. We do have a perfect standard, and all of us should strive, through God's help, to achieve it. "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection." (Heb. 6:1). Let us work and pray each day that we, as individuals and as a congregation of the Lord's people, will become more and more like Christ wants us to be.

Some day, by faith we as Christians expect to live in a place of absolute perfection. Our own stained robes will be made white in the blood of the Lamb. With all of the imperfections of our lives removed we will live in a land free from sorrow, sickness and death. There we will render perfect praise and perfect service to our perfect Saviour.

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 Dismiss Wilmer Little
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 Prayer Carroll Magee
 Dismiss Grant Knight
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SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, April 20
 By George H. Stephenson
 A. M. Swift to Hear, Slow to Speak,
Slow to Wrath.
 P. M. The Sin of Criticizing God.

BUS TALK

Bus	Sun. - a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Joy Riders"	19	15	10
Jalopy" Workers	7	7	6
"Sunshine Riders	2	6	7
Chariot" Workers	7	6	6

Brother Luther Thompson is now at his home, 508 West Selman. He hopes to be in Tyler for a while and would enjoy your visits.

THANK YOU NOTES

We thank you for every act of kindness shown during my illness. It is a real joy to be able to come again to church. God has blessed us so. Each prayer, visit, card, food and flowers are so appreciated. We covet your prayers and pray God's blessings on each member.

Wes H. Turner and Family

My sincere appreciation goes out to all of you for everything that you did for Dale and me during my illness. Your prayers, cards, visits and the lovely flowers meant so much. God bless you all.

Carolyn Blackstone

I would like to thank all the ladies in the Wednesday Morning Ladies Class who helped to furnish the food and who helped to prepare the dinner for the students at the Bible Chair at Tyler Junior College on April 8. These students were very appreciative. June Walker

OUR SYMPATHY

John Porter's brother was buried Tuesday in Fort Worth.

Funeral services were conducted at Burks-Walker Tuesday afternoon for Ernest Shuford.

A nephew of Mrs. E. L. Taylor, Charles Davis, passed away Tuesday in Big Sandy.

We extend our sincere sympathy to each family.

A GOOD WORK

Each Friday morning, during the school year, approximately 75 children attend Friday School here at the building. Over half of these children - from 2 through 5 years - are from homes not members of the church of Christ. From 9 until 11:30 a. m. they engage in many activities such as: Bible stories in their rooms, other stories, and also a time for play. The highlight of the morning is Chapel. At this time brother Hillard Hughes has a Bible story and singing with the children. Some of these boys and girls are told of Jesus and His love for them for the first time in Friday School. Each teacher and each helper is to be commended for they make this school possible. Elaine Robertson has done a marvelous work in directing the school this year. "Well Done" to each of the following ladies.

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| *Debbie Dobbs | *Janell Fletcher | Pat Williams | Judy Walker |
| *Dianne Little | *Maxine Freeman | Sharon Chambless | Faye Freeman |
| *Gayle Ford | *Fleta Butler | Betty Strait | Adela Scogins |
| *Tawana Stewart | *Mary Jo Crowder | Daisy Roberson | Zeffie Beard |
| *Glynnis Lynch | Barbara Mankin | Sara Powell | June Walker |
| *Joyce Willis | Edith Porter | Sher Sevier | Betty Jo Collins |

The ladies who have an * by their names are presently in the school on a regular basis. The others are kind enough to help out when the need arises.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Janie Chelf is a patient in the Medical Center Hospital.

J. B. Gray will enter M. D. Anderson Hospital in Houston this week.

Little Michael Krewall is in Mother Frances Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mike and Betty Rhoades. They are the parents of a boy born, April 16 in Aurora, Colorado. Jean Oliver is the proud grandmother.

MEETING AT OMEN ROAD

Brother Charles Hodge of the Rosemont church of Christ in Fort Worth will be in a gospel meeting with the Omen Road church next week, April 21 - 25 at 7:30 each evening.

Tuesday, April 22, at 10:00 a. m. all ladies are invited to attend the Omen Road Ladies' Class and hear brother Hodge.

SCRIPTURES read by the High School class. . . 9th grade, 1,000; 10th grade, 1,509; 11th grade, 2,438; 12th grade, 792.

SPECIAL EVENT

May 16 and 17 . . .
Marriage Enrichment Seminar
 Paul Faulkner and Carl Brecheen will conduct the Seminar.

"Keep yourselves in the love of God." . . . Jude 21

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

"Casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you," (I Peter 5:7).

Does God Care?

Does God really care for us? We sometimes think of God as a great force or power in the world but do not think of Him as a personal God interested in every individual.

The psalmist asked in the long ago, "When I consider thy heavens, and the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained; what is man that thou art mindful of him?" (Psalm 8:3, 4). Today this question is even more significant when we know more about the vastness of the universe. We are told that the sun is a million times larger than the earth and there are other stars yet a thousand times larger and hotter than the sun. Our earth floats as a tiny speck in the solar system, and yet there are other solar systems much larger than ours. In the midst of such a universe, can we believe that God is interested in such a small creature as man? Is it presumption to believe that God cares for us?

No, it is not presumption to believe that God is interested in every individual person. We do not determine the value of something by its size only. No doubt God takes delight in the stars of the heavens, but His greatest delight is in man, created in God's own image. The stars are wonderfully big, but they cannot think; they cannot reason; they cannot feel; they cannot love. A tiny baby is far more precious than the biggest machine ever built. Which had you rather be - the biggest star in the sky or a lover beneath the stars with the lady of his heart?

Let us have confidence in the promise that God does care for every individual. One who knows little about a machine may see it as a whole, but the expert mechanic is able to know the individual parts. Jesus taught that God watches the sparrow's fall and that even the hairs of our head are numbered.

Let us never allow the disappointments and sorrows of life to cause us to doubt God's care. Rather, let us take our burdens and cares to the Lord and have the assurance He will sustain us. We should never forget the great love God had for us in giving His Son to die for us. Every Lord's Day we are reminded of the marvelous love as we assemble with the saints around the Lord's Table. What a privilege we have in taking our prayers, supplications, and thanksgiving to God, and then to have a peace which passes understanding, (Philippians 4:6, 7).

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 Prayer Foy O'Neal
 Dismiss Dale Hamblett

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Kevin Womack	Kyle McRuiz
Hunt Rowe	Keston McFadden

Contributions

April 6 . . . \$3,115.77	Bible School 498.9
March 30 . \$2,907.63 521
Year Ago. \$2,971.07 445

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A. M. "What God Hath Joined Together."
 By George H. Stephenson
 P. M. "Too Hard For Me!"
 By Hillard Hughes

"Bus Talk"

Bus	Sun. - a. m.	p. m.	Wed.
"Joy Riders	14	10	8
Jalopy" Workers	6	8	6
"Sunshine Riders	3	3	5
Chariot" Workers	7	7	6
	17	13	13

REMEMBER - MAY 16 & 17 IS THE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

RESPONSES

Membership: We are happy to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Titus (Velma) Holland to Tyler and as members of West Erwin. Their address is Village East Apts., #109, telephone 597-1256. They recently moved to Tyler from San Antonio where they were members of the MacArthur Park Church of Christ.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Joann) Hall and their son Chuck came Sunday place membership. Their address is 4624 Leisure Lane, phone 561-4327. They formerly lived in Arlington. We welcome Charles, Joann and Chuck (a 6th grade student) to West Erwin.

Baptized: Marvin Mickey, Rt. 7, Box 410-M, Phone 566-3497, came Sunday to be baptized into Christ. He has attended Bible classes regularly. We are happy to welcome him.

SCRIPTURES read by the High School classes. . .

9th grade 1,802	11th grade 2,399
10th grade 1,327	12th grade 1,162

This is an increase of 3,157 over last week.

BUSINESS MEETING: The regular monthly business meeting of West Erwin will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 1:30 in the Chapel.

CONGRATULATIONS to Skip and Penny Steele, who have a new baby girl, born March 27th at Mother Frances. The baby has remained hospitalized, but is now improved.

A REWARDING WORK

Our bus program is now in its 12th week of operation. The enthusiasm of Don Chaffin and myself is even greater today than ever. Along with the ones involved in this program, I want to express my appreciation to our elders for authorizing this great program at West Erwin. The efforts in this work are very rewarding. Let me encourage all of you when possible to join us in this work.

There are some I would like to mention for their dedicated efforts. We do appreciate so much Hillard and Jeanine for their work, and the encouragement of George and Alice. The workers on the Sunshine Chariot bus are: Secretary, Kaye Chaffin; Bus drivers, Ray Womack and Gerald Montgomery; Workers, Jolly Womack, Kevin Womack, Laneva Turner and Mike Whitworth. Workers on the Joy Jalopy bus are: Secretary, Charlene Parker; Workers, Kim Hughes, Kay Montgomery and Laurie Rowe. Margret Montgomery has worked so faithfully in call backs and door-to-door contacts on Saturday along with being Co-Captain.

In our eleven weeks of work our bus driver, Chris Parker, has been so faithful. Every time we have run our route, which included Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday, he has been present.

We have the best bus crews to be found anywhere.

Don and I want to express our appreciation to all of you involved in this work. We are looking forward to greater things with more people involved.

This is the year for West Erwin to come alive. . . . Joe C. McBee

A BIG YOUTH RALLY is to be held on Saturday in Lufkin. We plan to go! All Junior High and High school students are invited to attend this Rally. We will leave the building Saturday morning at 8:00 and return around 6:00 p. m. Take a friend with you.

HH

THE JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET will be held April 26. If you would like to help with this event, please give your contribution to either Hillard Hughes or Jamon Kirby.

"Keep yourselves in the love of God." . . . Jude 21

BEST WISHES to Ron Jones and Miss Lynn Davis who were married March 29. We extend our best wishes for a long and happy life together.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Ray Womack underwent surgery on Monday in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Dale (Carolyn) Blackstone had surgery Monday in Medical Center.

Mrs. Sam (Lamern) Bailey is in the Medical Center for tests.

Mrs. Roy (Verda) Driggers came home from Baylor last Thursday.

The Wayne Reynold's baby boy is in Mother Frances and cannot have company at this time.

Treasures Which Last

Mack Craig, Dean of David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tennessee is a remarkable Christian and a splendid gospel preacher. Years ago he lost his beloved wife who died of cancer. He had the faith and courage to fulfill his preaching appointment of the day of her death. He had to assume the responsibility of rearing three children without the help of their mother. All three are now fine Christians.

Recently, brother Craig had two engagements in Texas, a Christian Education Seminar in Houston and a meeting with the Broadway church in Lubbock. Following the completion of the meeting in Lubbock, brother Craig flew to Florida to be with his father who underwent surgery for removal of many cancerous tumors. Upon his return to Nashville he was met at the airport by his family who brought him the news that his home had burned to the ground.

Brother Craig lived in a very beautiful and historic old mansion called Piney Wood. It was furnished with beautiful antiques. The home, with its contents, represented the life investments of this man of God. The greater part was not insured.

H. L. Goodwin, in the bulletin of the Garden Oaks church in Houston wrote, "When I expressed my sorrow to him (brother Craig) he reminded me that he had asked my prayers that God guide him to make a decision about that home. He felt that it was too important to him. He simply stated, 'Buddy, the Lord knew that I loved that old house and its beautiful antiques too much. He answered my prayer by showing me that it was no more than a she s and dust.'"

Brother Craig lost a beautiful house with irreplaceable furnishings, but he has many treasures which can not be destroyed. He has two fine sons who are gospel preachers and a lovely Christian daughter. He has lived a life of devotion and consecration to the Master. He has many treasures on earth but most important he has treasures in heaven which will last forever. In a few years all of us will leave behind whatever we may own on this earth, but the treasures of heaven will be ours for eternity. Tillit S. Teddlie expressed the truth in his well known song, "Heaven Holds All to Me," when he wrote, "Earth holds no treasures but perish with using, however precious they be, Yet there's a country to which I am going: Heaven holds all to me."

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Prayer.....Foy Richey

Dismiss..... Jim Franklin

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Prayer.....Jack Beard

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RESPONSES

Membership: Mrs. Barbara Southerland, 5105 Old Bullard Rd., Apt. P-23, phone 561-1529, came Sunday evening to place membership. She formerly worshipped in Homer, La. We are happy to welcome her to Tyler and as a member of West Erwin.

Restored: W. H. Wright, 1512 Graham Dr. came Sunday to be restored. Also, Mrs. Karr Collins, 336 Robert E. Lee Dr., came Sunday to ask for the prayers of the congregation.

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MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

A Marriage Enrichment Seminar conducted by Dr. Carl Brecheen and Dr. Paul Faulkner of Abilene Christian College is scheduled for Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17. The seminar will be presented by the Bible Department of Abilene Christian College. The Northwest church and the West Erwin church are working together in sponsoring the seminar to be held at the West Erwin church building. In this day when the home is breaking down and so many marriages fail, we feel that this seminar provides a wonderful opportunity for us to render a service to the couples of this area. We hope that many from East Texas will plan to attend. Further announcements will be made about this important seminar. GHS

MEETING AT NORTHWEST

Brother Ray Chester of the Brentwood church of Christ in Austin, Texas will be with the Northwest church of Christ in a gospel meeting beginning Sunday to continue through Wednesday. Services are at 7:30 each week night. On Tuesday he will be the guest speaker for their Ladies Class. All ladies are invited to be present for the lesson at 10:00 a. m. and for the luncheon to follow.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson

A. M. What Lack I Yet?

P. M. Body and Soul.

WHAT A GREAT DAY

Sunday was the greatest day that West Erwin has experienced in many years as far as attendance is concerned. There were 521 present for our Bible classes and an overflow crowd for worship. This excellent occasion can be attributed to several things. Our first thoughts are on God and his blessings on us. People are made aware of Him by the beauty of His handiwork at this time of the year as the flowers and trees begin to come forth. Also, God continues to bless our Bus Program. We thank Him for those who are riding to each service. These children and adults are a blessing to those of us who are in contact with them. I wish you all could get to know each one of these individuals - all of them are precious souls. Our desire now is to continue to grow in all our programs and meet the 500 mark consistently. H.A.

BUS REPORT

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"Joy Riders	17	9	8	
"Jalopy" Workers	6	7	6	
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"Chariot" Workers	6	4	7	

THE FOLLOWING CLASSES read a total of 3,533 scriptures last week:
9th grade 535 11th grade 1,475
10th grade 913 12th grade 610

The Elders and Deacons will meet Monday evening, 7:0'clock at Wyatt's Cafeteria.

NOTE OF THANKS

Words cannot express our deep appreciation to the members of the West Erwin church, not only in the last few days, but during the many months of our mother's illness. Your love, prayers, cards and flowers made each day brighter and for this we want to say, "thank you, and God bless each one." For the beautiful songs, the food brought for the family, and to brother Stephenson for his help and kind services, we thank you. It is the love and understanding of our friends that makes a time like this easier for all. Mr. and Mrs. George McCarley
Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Brookshire
Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCarley

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Roy Driggers hopes to come home this week from Baylor Hospital.

Mrs. Carrie Burt continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

The T. Murrays are now back in their home.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL TEACHER'S Workshop at Canton will be, April 7, 8, 10, 11 - 7:30 - 9:00 p. m. Hillard Hughes and Margret Montgomery will teach. Also, Gay Townsend from the Northwest congregation will teach.

A NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Sister Cora Hughes has a new grandbaby. A girl was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hughes.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It is that time of year again! The time when the azaleas, dogwoods, tulips, and other spring flowers make Tyler a fairyland of beauty. Visitors by the thousands will be coming to our little city to enjoy the beauty of the season.

It is so easy to take for granted the beauty which surrounds us at this season of the year. Every year we see the spring flowers and we become accustomed to them and tend to forget just how beautiful they are. This is typical of all of us. We take for granted too many of the blessings of life. We fail to express appreciation to our loved ones and to the many people who bless our lives. We just take them for granted until one day they are gone from us and then it is too late to tell them how much we cared. We have wonderful blessings in the West Erwin church. I wonder if we appreciate as we should those who spend hours in prayer and study to help make the church what it is. I speak of elders, deacons, Bible school teachers and all others who help to lead us, teach our children, and do so much to help make the West Erwin congregation what it is.

As beautiful as the spring flowers are, we know that their season is very brief. Their beauty will soon fade away. This is typical of life itself. We sometimes sing, "As the life of a flower, as a breath or a sigh, so the years that we live as a dream hasten by." We need to make each day of our lives one of beauty and one which is loved for the Lord. Soon we must come to the end of the way, but we look forward to living in a land of eternal beauty, eternal youth, and eternal joy with the Lord.

The coming of spring is always a reminder of the greatness of God. The grass is getting green again; new leaves are on the trees. The God who brings us the miracle of a new life every spring will surely give us new life in glory.

We will be thinking about the resurrection on this Sunday - the day called by many Easter Sunday. However, we remember the Lord's resurrection every first day of the week. On this day and every first day we remember the Lord's death for us as we observe the Lord's Supper and remember His resurrection on the first day of the week. We hope that many will be with us as our visitors Sunday and that they will want to be with us again as we seek to worship our Lord each Lord's Day. GHS

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 1975 by George H. Stephenson
A. M. When The Books Were Opened P. M. No More Night

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Singing School - Corinth Road church of Christ, Jacksonville - March 31 - April 4, 7:30 'till 9:00 p. m.

THANK YOU NOTES

We want to thank our friends of the West Erwin church of Christ for your prayers, visits, cards, and calls while my husband and son were in the hospital. God bless you all.

Gene, Marjorie, & Blanche Rountree

I want to express my appreciation to you for the lovely flowers, cards, and for the prayers offered in my behalf during my illness.

John D. Brem

I would like to express my appreciation for the lovely flowers, food, cards and words of sympathy in the death of my sister. I am sincerely grateful. Elva Lee Mackey

RESPONSES

Baptized: Sunday evening Marshall Phillips was baptized into Christ. He is in the 5th grade and the son of James and Frances Phillips.

Membership: Aubrey (Skip) and Penny Steele, 321 So. Bois d'Arc, Apt. 1, came last Wednesday to place membership. They formerly worshipped in Bullard. They have a baby girl, Christy, 2 years old. Skip works for Kelly-Springfield.

Restored: Mrs. Sue Wehunt, 2111 Miller, phone 597-5732, came last Wednesday evening to be restored. Sue has three children: James - 6th grade, John - 4th grade, and Jeana - 3rd grade. She works for Tyler Mirror and Glass.

We are happy to welcome each one.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Roy (Verda) Driggers continues to be a patient in the Baylor Hospital in Dallas, room 3105.

Mrs. Robert (Pat) Stokes is recovering from a heart attack in the Brackenridge Hospital in Austin. Her room number is 525.

Mrs. Jack Bennett's aunt, Carrie Burt is in Mother Frances.

Continue to pray for the sick. We were happy that brother and sister W. H. Turner were able to attend the worship service last Sunday.

OUR SYMPATHY

We share in the sorrow of those who have lost loved ones.

Mrs. Eula Pool passed away Sunday and funeral services were conducted for her Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Roger Knight's uncle was buried in Denton on Monday.

A nephew of D. C. Jones was killed in a military airplane crash Friday.

NEW RADIO PROGRAM

Dean Brookshire, Evangelist for the church in Van will speak over FM Station KNUE, beginning April 6th at 8:30 a. m. They plan to continue this effort for an indefinite period of time and invite everyone to listen and help advertize the program.

WHAT IS SAID WHEN YOU ARE ABSENT? by Bob D. Smith

Have you considered the comments made by fellow Christians when a member of the church is absent from a service? They usually provide a good clue to the faithfulness and dependability of a church member. Note the following. "There must be something wrong!" This is usually heard when a member is absent who is ordinarily present for every service. It indicates that he is not one who lets trivial things keep him from worship. He is always in his place unless something serious is wrong.

"Oh, they're on vacation." This remark about an absent family pictures Christians who are responsible. They let others know they are going to be away. They make arrangements for classes they teach and leave their contribution so the church can carry on its work even though they're absent.

"They're probably out of town for the weekend." One gets the impression on hearing this that these make a fairly regular habit of being gone over Sunday. It causes one to feel that they are not exactly being fair to be gone so much and leave the teaching and other duties up to the other members.

Nothing is said. When this occurs, it probably means that the person is absent more than he is present. He may be absent so much that no one notices it any more, or they just assume that he is willfully forsaking the assembly.

What do people say when you are absent? What does it say about you?

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Several of our ladies are spending Tuesday working in our Service Center preparing clothing and other items for those who can use our help. This week-day has had a fair response; however, there is a need for more ladies to work. You may be unable to give all day, but an hour will help. If you can work, bring your lunch and have this good fellowship while doing a good work. HH

BUS REPORT

Bus	Sun. - A. M.	P. M.	Wed.
"Joy Riders	12	9	6
"Jalopy" Workers	6	6	5
"Sunshine Riders	3	5	8
"Chariot" Workers	7	8	6

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It was very thrilling and most encouraging to see the large numbers present for both morning and evening worship last Sunday. It was good also to see the increase in our Bible School. With an attendance of 470 we had the largest number we have had in a long time - and that without any special drive.

As time goes by we are going to see more and more coming to Bible School and worship as a result of the bus ministry. All who are working in this program deserve our commendation. The bus captains, Don Chaffin and Joe McBee, devote over 24 hours per week in this ministry! They - along with all the others who are working with them - surely deserve our commendation and encouragement. We need others who are just as dedicated and who are willing to sacrifice their time and give of themselves for the work of the Lord.

We were thankful to have Dick Daughtry, the splendid preacher of the Manhattan church in New York, preach for us on Sunday night. We are appreciative of his willingness to preach and were glad to hear his excellent sermon. He is accomplishing much good in the great city of New York. He left Tyler for Abilene to help tape some sermons for the Herald of Truth. Dick grew up in Tyler and his mother is a member at West Erwin. He brought us greetings from the Lloyd Rutledges who worshipped with us for a while. Also, he commended Kieth Mitchell very highly for his work with the International Mission of churches of Christ in the World Trade Center Building in New York City. We are thankful that we have fellowship in this work which is reaching individuals from various nations in the world.

There were 303 present last Wednesday evening and I wish more of you had been here to hear the devotional presented by the boys taught by Paul Montandon. The boys were just fine and we pray that everyone will become a great and useful man in the Lord's service.

We are truly thankful for each member who loves the Lord and works for His Cause at West Erwin. Our hearts are saddened when we realize some are no longer faithful, but we pray for them and stand ready to be of assistance to them if we may help in any way. Let us all continue to love one another, pray for one another, and work together to honor the name of Christ in Tyler.

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Announcements	David Demic
Prayer	M. B. Beard
Dismiss	Mike Franklin
<u>Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.</u>	
Announcements	Sam Sevier
Prayer	Johnny Owings
Dismiss	Willie Freeman
<u>Serving the Lord's Supper</u>	
Jack Beard	Jack Stringer
Henry McRuiz	Guy Potts
Wayne Fears	Dale Hamblett
Matt Haws	Randy Fletcher
Foy O'Neal	Johnny Owings
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RESPONSES

Baptized

Miss Barbara Glidewell, Box 4, Whitehouse, Phone 839-2147 was baptized into Christ last week by J. C. Tate, and wants to be identified as a member of the West Erwin congregation. We are happy to welcome her.

For Prayer: Mrs. Deann Ray came Sunday evening for prayer.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. The Face of Jesus
P. M. The Night of the Shipwreck

THANK YOU NOTES

It is with sincerest appreciation that the members of my family and I want to thank each of you for the lovely flowers, food, cards, and other kindnesses shown during the loss of our dear mother. Your love and concern helped to give us strength to bear this great loss. With Christian love,
Mrs. Pauline Daughtry

We want to express our appreciation for the calls, the cards and the words of sympathy in the death of our sister-in-law. In Christian love, we say,
Thank you.

B. B. & Ann Lambert

I would like to express my thanks to the congregation for the prayers, cards, visits and delicious food for me and my family during my recent illness. I am sincerely grateful for all the kindness shown to me.

In Christian love,
Miller Dial

Sister Berry's son continues to recover nicely from open heart surgery. He is now at his home in Houston and expresses his appreciation for the cards, letters, and prayers in his behalf.

NEW ADDRESS

Sister Beatrice Holland has moved to the Embarcadero Apts., Apt. 167. Old Bullard Road. Her telephone is 561-4836.

MISSION CONFERENCE

The Glenwood church in Tyler has announced a Mission Conference March 23 - 28 in which missionaries supported by them from various parts of the world will participate. Special services will be held each week day at 11:00 a. m., 7:00 and 8:00 p. m. Friday, March 28 has been announced as a day of prayer and fasting.

There will be an area-wide youth meeting Sunday afternoon, March 23 at three o'clock. Albert Winstanley of England will speak.

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted last Sunday for Mrs. Buie, sister of Elva Lee Mackey. We express our deepest sympathy to sister Mackey and her family.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mr. and Mrs. David Grier are the happy parents of a boy born Wednesday. Mary Evelyn and Harvey Grier are the grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Scottie Smith (Jackie Krewall) are the parents of a boy also born last Wednesday. Kathy and Gus Krewall are the grandparents.

SCRIPTURES read by the High School young people last week...

9th grade 691 - 10th grade 1,730
11th grade 2,065 - 12th grade 734

Have you visited with some of the elderly or shut-ins lately?

THIS DOESN'T INCLUDE US

Excitement continues to grow here at West Erwin and so this story doesn't include us.

It is said that two men sat in one end of a life boat after being shipwrecked at sea. They watched as those at the other end bailed furiously to keep the boat afloat. One of the men said to the other, "Thank heaven the hole is not in our end of the boat."

Life is filled with people that say, "that's not my job." However, in the Lord's church all of us can be involved in many programs. We can visit or help those in need, teach, or work in the bus program or help provide food for those workers. If you are not involved, we need you to help "bail." Be here Saturday. We need 50 to work in our neighborhoods contacting people to ride our buses.

Bus	Look at our Record		
	Sun.	A. M.	P. M.
"Joy Riders"	21	12	14
"Jalopy" Workers	7	6	6
"Sunshine Riders"	5	8	11
"Chariot" Workers	7	7	7

IN THE HOSPITALS

At this writing arrangements are being made to move sister Verda Driggers to a Dallas Hospital.

Ralph Walls from Antlers, Oklahoma had surgery Tuesday in Medical Center Hospital. He would appreciate your visits and cards.

Pray for the sick and for their families.

"By This Shall All Men Know..."

Jesus declared, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another," (John 13:35).

We need to be reminded again and again that the badge of genuine discipleship is love one for another. It is important for us to be sound in doctrinal teaching and for us to be able to show from the Scriptures that our practice is right; but we may do these things and still not be true disciples of Jesus if we do not love one another.

All of us rejoice when members respond to the invitation and we want the church to grow, but numbers alone will not make for spiritual strength. A building may have in it many bricks and stones, but the building will not be strong unless the bricks and stones are joined together in mortar and cement. We constitute living stones in God's temple, but we must be joined together in love for strength and stability, (see I Peter 2:5; Ephesians 4:16).

All Bible students are familiar with the teaching found in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. Concerning this chapter, McGarvey said, "It has been admired by all ages, but, unfortunately it has been practiced by none." I do not agree with McGarvey in his saying that it has been practiced by none. I believe it is being practiced, but perhaps by all too few. Remember these great words:

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have not love, I am nothing," (I Corinthians 13:1-3, RSV).

Paul is simply telling us that all of the eloquence in preaching, all of our fine buildings, all of our big budgets, and all of our church programs, and even all of our sacrifice and service will be empty and vain without love.

John tells us in his epistles again and again how we must love one another and how we must not hate our brothers. He said, "If any man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?" (I John 4:20).

It is reported that the world spoke of the early Christians and said of them, "Behold, how they love one another; they are ready to die for one another." May the ties of love bind all of us together at West Erwin as we seek to do the will of Christ.

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WE NEED YOU SATURDAY! Right now the Lord continues to bless West Erwin. The field is open - we are growing and excitement runs high. Be here and receive your treat.

Record for the week

Bus	Sun.	A. M.	P. M.	Wed.
"Joy Riders	13	12	6	
"Jalopy" Workers	8	6	6	
"Sunshine Riders	5	8	9	
"Chariot" Workers	7	6	7	
	17	20	19	

FUNERAL

We extend our sincere sympathy to sister Pauline Daughtry. Her mother, Mrs. Belle Williams, was buried on Tuesday morning.

RESPONSES

Barry Hamblett, 4701 Stratford, was baptized on Sunday. He is the son of Dale and Vonnie Hamblett and is in the eighth grade.

Miss Lynn Davis, Rt. 1 Box 293, phone 894-6787, was also baptized into Christ on Sunday. She is the fiancee of Ron Jones.

We are happy to welcome Barry and Lynn into the fellowship of this congregation.

THANK YOU NOTE

I want to express my sincerest appreciation to you for the lovely flowers, the cards, and for the prayers offered in our behalf during the period of anguish and sorrow shared by my family in the loss of my father. Knowing that you cared was a great comfort. David and I thank you. Sincerely, Virginia Demic

THE SICK

Mrs. Roy Driggers is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Ross Walker is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Robert Stokes, formerly of this congregation, is a patient in the ICU of Brackenridge Hospital in Austin suffering from a heart attack.

E. B. Rountree, Mrs. Blanche Rountree's son, will enter Methodist Hospital in Houston this week.

ALAN BRYAN will speak at the Glenwood church of Christ, Sunday at 2:30 p. m. He will speak on Bus Evangelism.

Below is an article that is so true to life in many cases that I wanted to share it with you. I am unfamiliar with the author, Wayne Matthews; however, we can all learn from the point he is making. Can we really let our children make all their decisions? HH

Truancy

Try this telephone conversation on for size: "Hello... Yes... Oh, you're Johnny's teacher. I've been meaning to call you" ... "No, he isn't planning to be in school this year. You see, he has so much work to do at the church - church school lessons, church services, youth activities and such to take up his time; then there are daily devotions at home and other interest, so that there isn't any time left for school."

"Well, yes, I know that school is important, and I know that you are doing a fine job with the kids in this community - and I've been intending to write a letter of appreciation to the school about it. I surely would hate to live in a place where there were no schools."

"To tell you the truth, though, Mrs. Ernest, Johnny didn't like school too well last year. Besides all those examinations, having to bring a report card home showing his progress was very embarrassing to him. He also suffered some psychological effects because so many girls were attending school, he thought it was 'sissy' to go. So he decided he just wouldn't attend school this year."

"Am I going to make him go? Of course, I'm not! I knew a family once that made their child go, and he wound up hating school... No, I don't think his educational growth will be harmed. I will use my influence to get him to attend football games, class plays, musicals and other special events of the school. When hunting season is over, his father will be able to take him. I really do think the old methods of education are out of date now, anyway..."

"Yes, if he were to decide that he wanted to return to school, it would be all right with me. I just want to make sure that the decision is his."

CONGRATULATIONS

Miss Gail Malone and Edward Staples were married Friday, March 7. They will make their home in the Seasons Apartments. We extend our best wishes for a very happy life together.

"Keep yourselves in the love of God." ... Jude 21

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. To Whom Shall We Go?
P. M. The Night of the Shipwreck.

SCRIPTURES read by the high school classes - 9th grade, 1,373; 10th grade, 2,056; 11th grade, 2,985; 12th grade, 515.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The annual Bible Lectureship last week at Abilene Christian College was truly great. I am thankful that Alice and I had the opportunity to attend and wish that all of you could have shared with us the fellowship, instruction, and inspiration of the delightful days we had in Abilene. Even the weather cooperated to make it a pleasant time, although it had been bad before we went.

The theme of the lectureship this year was, "I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel." An unusual feature was that men over sixty-five years of age were the principal speakers. It was thrilling to hear all of these men, with their many years of experience in the Lord's Kingdom, remind us of the fundamental truths of the gospel of Christ. I was especially glad to hear E. W. McMillan, who taught me Bible in years gone by and was an inspiration to me when I was a young student speak with the same power he had years ago concerning the wonderful love of God. It was truly remarkable that a man nearly 86 years of age could still be such a powerful preacher. All of the lessons were great, but one of the grandest things about the lectureship was the opportunity to visit with many friends from many places. The joy of fellowship with some of the greatest people in the world is one of the highlights each year in Abilene.

It is great to see the enthusiasm we now have in West Erwin concerning our bus ministry and our benevolent work. Our bus workers, led by the bus captains, Don Chaffin and Joe McBee are just "bubbling" with enthusiasm. Great things are in store for us at West Erwin. May God bless all of you as you work for Him.

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SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 1975

A. M. The Water of Life

By George H. Stephenson

P. M. Spiritual Arithmetic

By Hillard Hughes

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Unfailing courtesy, kindness, tenderness and consideration for others are some of the greatest ornaments of the character of the child of God.

THE CHURCH IN SAN BENITO has just completed a beautiful new building. Since this church serves the Sunny Glen Home, contributions were made by many churches to help the construction of the building. West Erwin contributed \$500 toward this project and a letter signed by all of the elders at San Benito has been received. The letter states:

"Praise the Lord from whom all blessings truly flow! Through His blessings and your help our new church auditorium has been completed. Enclosed are two pictures of the inside and outside of our new building.

"This letter is an invitation to come and worship with us at any time you are in the Magic Rio Grande Valley. Our prayers are you will be able to see it in person in the near future. You are very much a part of making this new auditorium a reality.

"All of the children at Sunny Glen Children's Home and all the other members send our thanks. We know our Lord will continue to bless you for your concern for those in need of your help."

MOVED
Sister Beatrice Harris recently moved to Sulphur Springs where she is working for her son, David, in his business there.

After all is said and done, there is usually more said than done.

THE LORD WINS AGAIN

After five weeks we see that the Lord's Will is being done. We say this about our Bus Program. I'm confident the Devil has worked as hard as he could to discourage some of us and to try to tear down these efforts. Don't be one that he works through by trying to find something wrong. This program is being blessed by God. Again, last Saturday there were 35 adults and young people knocking doors, and again, we were rewarded by signing up several to ride our buses. In this short period of five weeks we have 73 that have promised to ride with us. Of course, this means at one of the three services. But isn't it wonderful to know we have this opportunity to teach God's Word to these children and several parents. I wish you could get to know some of these children. They are beautiful. They love God. Don't get in the way of Don Chaffin or Joe McBee - they'll have you on a bus. HH

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for the calls, cards, visits, flowers, and for the food at the birth of our new son, Brandon Scott.

Rocky and Sharen Chambless

We are appreciative of your prayers, cards, visits, flowers, and kind words during this time. We love you and pray God will bless you all throughout eternity.

Julia B. Langham
Corrie J. Holland
Buddy Langham

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister F. L. Trammel from Giddings, Texas will have surgery this week in Mother Frances.

Mr. J. A. Harris from Henderson is a patient in the East Texas Chest Hospital. He was a brother to John Harris.

Brother John D. Brem is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Arlie Berry's son had open heart surgery in Houston Saturday.

E. B. Rountree, son of sister Blanche Rountree, is in ICU of Mother Frances.

FUNERALS

Brother B. B. Lambert's sister-in-law was buried Monday in Houston, Texas.

A cousin to sister Jack Bennett passed away recently in Florida.

Mr. Vernon Wilhoit, father of Mrs. David Demic, died Tuesday evening. Funeral services were Thursday in Tahoka, Texas.

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

THE SCRIPTURES read by the high school young people are as follows: 9th grade, 2,596; 10th grade, 2,190; 11th grade, 2,332; and 12th grade, 1,461. All classes have an increase in Bible reading.

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

Sarcasm is an insult in dress.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial . . .

PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT

"What the world needs now is love, sweet love."

This is the title of a popular song which expresses something that the world does need. However, just as love is needed, so is personal involvement. The same holds true in the church. Ask yourself, "How involved am I?" I heard someone say that in any congregation only 20% is active in the Lord's work. What's wrong with the other 80%? To which group do you belong? If you had a business with 10 employees and only 2 worked, how long would you keep the other 8? Many times Jesus likened His kingdom to a business. Do you think God is happy when 80% or more of His people are not interested, are lazy; too busy with this world, or are apathetic? We should be warned by what Christ says to Sardis and Laodicea. Apathy is one sin that is condemned by Christ over and over in many of His parables. Why? Because apathy expresses the attitude, "I don't care."

How can we not care when He showers His blessings on us constantly?

...Hal Howell

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SCRIPTURES read by the High School Students last week are as follows: 9th grade, 1,324; 10th grade, 1,885, 11th grade 1,553; and 12th grade, 692.

Thank You
Dear Christian Friends,

Thank you for the cards, visits, and telephone calls during my recent hospitalization. Especially am I appreciative of your prayers in my behalf, and request a continuation of them.
Georgia S. Lee

Mrs. Mary Sims wishes to express her appreciation for the remembrances of her during the past few weeks. She had a fall in her home and has suffered from pain and bruises. She also expressed thanks for the Cheer Basket during the holidays.

THE SICK

Miller Dial expects to go home this week from Medical Center Hospital. Sister Roy Driggers had surgery on Tuesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

"You are young only once, but you can stay immature indefinitely."

Reminding You

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

Wrong is wrong, even though everybody does it; and right is right, even if nobody does it.

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

THE ENTHUSIASM on Saturday mornings is contagious. Between 35 and 40 workers came last Saturday to work in the Bus Program. As the buses return and the workers begin to discuss the mornings' activities the enthusiasm builds. Won't you come next Saturday and be a part of this good work and have lunch with this group when you return.

THE BOLES HOME GROCERY truck will be here sometime during the week of March 3 through 8. Here is a list of the most needed items: Toilet tissue, paper towels, table napkins, shampoo, tooth paste (Colgate, Crest, Gleem), Cream or Roll-on Deodorant, Razors and blades, 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 & brown), Griffin, Blackburn, Jellies and preserves, Honey, Peanut Butter, Shortening (Crisco, Snowdrift, Mazola), Cooking Oil (Crisco, Wesson, Mazola), gar (granulated, powdered) Catsup, Nestles Quick, Hershey's Chocolate syrup, Pickles, Salad Dressing, Aluminum foil, Barbecue Sauce.

CONGRATULATIONS

Rocky and Sharen Chambless are parents of another son, Brandon Scott, born in Medical Center last Thursday evening. Gus and Kathy Krewall are the happy grandparents.

BEST WISHES

Miss Peggy Paul and Kim Smith were married February 8 at the Smith home. We extend our best wishes for a long and happy life together.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Facing the Future
P. M. A Night in Jail

WHEN JESUS CAME . . .

The Creator became creature,
The heavenly became earthly,
The promise became fact,
The Divine became human.
The transcendent became immanent,
The invisible became visible,
The eternal became contemporary,
The infinite became finite.
The hidden became manifest,
The Spirit became flesh,
The truth became personal,
The word became audible!

...George Earle Owen

MEMORIES IN A PIG PEN

While in the pig pen, the prodigal son began to think about his father's home. He knew from past experiences that he would be received by the father. The prodigal child especially needs to know that the home is open and that he will be received in love. What if he had been from a bitter, bickering, or broken home? If your child becomes a prodigal son and destitution leads him to think of home, will the memories call him back or drive him deeper into despair?

...James D. Bales

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

I Am Grateful

I am truly grateful that Jim Bill McInteer and his lovely wife, Betty, came to Tyler and to the West Erwin congregation to bless us with their wonderful Christian spirit and with the excellent sermons from God's Word preached by Jim Bill. I regret that I was in the hospital and unable to be present during the meeting, but each of the sermons preached by brother McInteer was taped and I had the privilege of hearing each one. Brother McInteer's love for the Lord and His Word are evident - as well as his love and appreciation for people - in all of the sermons.

I am grateful for Hillard's work during the meeting and for his preaching in my absence. His duties are very heavy and have increased greatly with the leadership in our bus ministry. I appreciate his willingness to assist and help in every worthy endeavor. I know that all of you appreciate Hillard and Jeanine and their lovely family.

I am also grateful to our brother W. D. Metcalf for his teaching some of my classes in recent weeks. He has a wealth of Bible knowledge as a result of his years of diligent study. West Erwin is indebted to him for the service he rendered in preaching for this church in years gone by without financial remuneration during some of the difficult years of the depression. He and his wife have the love and respect of the entire congregation and we pray that God may bless them with many more years.

I am grateful also for the many who are working for the Lord in countless numbers of ways. We have a group of Bible school teachers who cannot be excelled anywhere. Our teachers in Friday school are especially deserving of our praise. They give of their time - without pay - to try to impress boys and girls with the love of God. We have some very dedicated workers going on Saturdays to "knock doors" and others working in various capacities for the bus ministry. And then we have a wonderful group who are working enthusiastically on behalf of our enlarged benevolent program.

It is no fun to be sick and to be confined in the hospital and at home for several days, but even illness has some compensations. Your many cards and other expressions of concern and interest have meant so much to me. Thank you for your prayers and for your love. Please continue to pray for the Lord's blessings to be with all of us and that His name may be exalted in all that we endeavor to do.

GHS

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Announcements Foy Richey
Prayer Ben Young
Dismiss Stafford Franklin

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.
Announcements Faber Cauthen
Prayer Milburn Cook
Dismiss Charlie Cook

Serving the Lord's Supper
Sam Sevier Jim Paul
Mike Munn Wilmer Little
Carl Lott Ron Lott
Charlie Cook Denton Phillips
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Contributions Bible School
February 16...\$2,697.56430
February 9...\$3,186.94447
A Year Ago ...\$2,973.31419

RESPONSES

For Prayer: Mrs. C. E. Caskey and Denise Terry.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear Christian Friends,
We want to express our sincere gratitude for the lovely book, cards, and visits on behalf of the new daughter God has blessed us with.

Steve, Barbara & Kami Mankin
Thank you for your prayers and all the remembrances of me during my recent hospitalization.

Blanche Shuford
Sister Leora Tate has expressed appreciation for being remembered by the young couples class (20's) at the time of the death of an aunt.

This class of young couples is to be commended for their thoughtfulness and service to others.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Sister R. C. O'Bannon's mother underwent surgery last Thursday in St. Joseph's Hospital in Houston.

Brother F. L. Trammel from Giddings, Texas is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. His wife and daughter have worshipped with us while here with him. They would appreciate our visits to him. He is in room 483.

Mr. Miller Dial suffered a heart attack last week and is in ICU in Medical Center Hospital.

Mr. Yarbrough from Van, father of sister Ruby Miles, is in Medical Center Hospital.

Scriptures read by the young people in high school are as follows: 10th grade 2, 065; 11th grade, 2, 330; and 12th grade 732.

"OUR" MISSIONARIES

There is a sense in which all of us should be missionaries whether we live in Tyler or elsewhere. All of us should be engaged in a mission for the Lord. However, we usually think of those who work for us in other areas as "our" missionaries. We are thankful for the devotion and work of each of these - Rudolf Rischer in Augsburg, Germany, Charles Miles in Basalt, Colorado, and Kieth Mitchell with the International Mission in New York City. We hope that each member at West Erwin reads the interesting reports received each month from these men. We make copies of them and distribute them in the various classes.

All of "our" missionaries are worthy of our continued love and support. Brother Rischer has had a number of problems in recent weeks - including some painful back trouble. Also, some of the members in Augsburg have sustained heavy loss due to a fire. We especially pray for the Rischers in their troubled times. GHS

FUNERAL

Brother Truman Langham passed away early Wednesday. Funeral services will be Friday, 10:30 a. m. at Lloyd James Funeral Home with the burial in Palestine. We express our deepest sympathy to sister Langham and the family.

THE GROCERY TRUCK from Boles Home will be here sometime during the week of March 3 - 8. A list of most needed items is posted in the South Foyer.

TIME CHANGE

We will go back to Daylight Savings Time Feb. 23. Turn your clocks forward one hour Saturday evening before going to bed.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Sickness - Physical and Spiritual
P. M. The Night of Agony

BUSES AND EXCITEMENT

I know that we had a number of children that we are excited about studying with us last Sunday. They were children that rode our buses. Even though we don't always get the results we would like to have, these young people were made aware of God and His teaching. Saturday of last week produced some good contacts and rides. This was accomplished by having 35 adult and young people knocking doors. There were a number of adults here for the first time with some signing up some riders. "Thank you," isn't much, but I hope it will be sufficient to let you know of our appreciation. Also, may I thank Paul Montandon and Don Chaffin for conducting the worship services for our young people. If you want some excitement be here Saturday at 9:00 A. M. - work awhile and have lunch with us when you return. HH

PARABLE OF THE LIFE SAVING STATION

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a crude little lifesaving station. The building was just a hut and there was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought for themselves, went out day and night, tirelessly searching for the lost. So many lives were saved by this wonderful little station, that it became famous.

Some of those who were saved, and various others in the surrounding area, wanted to become associated with the station, and gave their time, money and effort for the support of the work. New boats were bought and new crews were trained. The little lifesaving station grew.

Some of the members were unhappy that the building was so crude and poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea. So, they replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged building.

Now, the lifesaving station became a popular gathering place for its members, and they decorated it beautifully and furnished it exquisitely because they used it as a sort of club. Fewer members were interested in going to sea on lifesaving missions, so they hired lifeboat crews to do the work. The lifesaving motif still prevailed in this club's decoration, and there was a liturgical lifeboat in the room where the club meetings were held.

About this time a large ship was wrecked off the coast and the hired crews brought in boatloads of cold, wet and half-drowned people. They were dirty and sick, and represented every skin color under the sun. The beautiful new club was considerably messed up. So the property committee immediately had a shower built outside the club where the victims could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting there was a division in the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the social life of the club. Some members insisted that lifesaving was their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a lifesaving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save the lives of all the various kinds of people who were shipwrecked, they could begin their own lifesaving station.

They did. As the years went by the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. It evolved into a club also, and thus another lifesaving station was founded. Today, you will find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown. . . . Selected

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 Prayer..... Roy Roberson
 Dismiss..... Rick Higginbotham

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.
 Announcements..... Steve Mankin
 Prayer..... Paul Montandon
 Dismiss..... Dwaine Thedford

Serving the Lord's Supper
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February 2...\$3,228.70394
A Year Ago ..\$2,205.08421

Attend Bible Class - Sunday, 9:30 a. m.

RESPONSES

Membership: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Smith (Jerri), 1225 West 4th, phone 595-1898, came Sunday to place membership. They recently moved to Tyler from College Station. J. P. is employed by Barron Nursery and they are the parents of twins, a boy and a girl, 6 weeks old. We are very happy to welcome this fine young couple.

Restored: Kim Hughes & Nona Freeman

THANK YOU NOTES

May God bless each of you for your acts of kindness during my illness. The prayers, cards, visits and calls meant much to us.

Laura Drummond

My family and I appreciate so very much the beautiful cards, visits, calls, and most of all your prayers during my hospitalization.

Kathryn Fears

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Donna and Glenn Howard are the parents of a baby girl born February 4 in Medical Center. Jean Oliver is the happy grandmother.

THE NUMBER OF SCRIPTURES read last week by the high school students are as follows: 9th grade, 1,100; 10th grade, 2,422; 11th grade, 2,421, and 12th grade, 806. The 10th and 11th grades increased last week.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother W. H. Turner underwent surgery Wednesday in Medical Center.

Brother Truman Langham is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Brother George Stephenson entered Glenwood Hospital Monday morning, but is improved at this writing.

Mrs. Ann Smith, sister of brother R. C. O'Bannon, had major surgery Tuesday in Conroe, Texas.

THE BENEVOLENT COMMITTEE

of the church is making preparation to begin an emergency phase of the local benevolent work. At this time we need non-perishable foods. Most needed items on the list are: washing powder, hand soap, paper towels, canned meats, coffee, toilet paper, hand lotion, deodorant, tooth paste, oat meal, salt, pepper, and first aid items.

Clothing, especially for children of all ages, and sizes, is needed.

Such things MUST be clean, mended and ready for distribution at this time.

Bring all items to the Benevolent Building on Tuesday, or at any church service. If you can't bring these items, call the church office and someone will pick them up.

The Benevolent Committee
 James Massey, Chairman

Pray For The Bus Program

BUS THEM IN

After two Saturdays of contacting our Tyler neighbors, the bus program is showing signs of growth. We have about 26 signed up and ready to ride. I don't know what you might have expected but it looks to me as if we are doing very well. As has already been announced we do need more adults for our Saturday contacting of homes. We have an excellent number of young people turning out but they need an adult partner. Won't you give us about two hours of your valuable time this Saturday at 9:00 a. m. It's most rewarding to see the enthusiasm of our bus crews. Joe McBee, Captain of the "Joy Jalopy" was determined to have riders last Saturday and took his crew out for more door knocking after lunch last week. That - is dedication. May I also express appreciation to the Northwest congregation for the use of their bus Wednesday night while one of ours was in the shop. They are also working toward a bus ministry. You cannot be involved and not be excited.

HH

Jr. High and High School

There will be a Valentine Party Sunday night for all of you at the Campus Christian Center following our services. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship.

HH

Sermons for Sunday by Hillard Hughes
 a. m. Our Most Important Day
 p. m. You, The Builder

A SPIRITUAL FEAST

Will Be Ours When Jim Bill McInteer
Of Nashville, Tennessee Breaks The
Bread of Life Each Evening at 7:30.

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY
February 10 - 13

He Will Also Speak Wednesday Morning
at 10:00 a.m.

PLAN TO SUPPORT THIS EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN
WITH YOUR PRESENCE AND PRAYERS - AND BE
SURE TO INVITE OTHERS!

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Announcements..... Roger Knight
Prayer..... Tommy Lowrance
Dismiss..... Grant Knight
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.
Announcements..... Fred Powell
Prayer..... Gerald Montgomery
Dismiss..... Ron Lott

CONTRIBUTIONS BIBLE SCHOOL
February 2...\$3,228.70394
January 26...\$2,791.70465
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RESPONSES

Baptized: Lorie Henderson, 1002 Hudnall, came Sunday to be baptized. Lorie is the daughter of Maurice and Evelyn Henderson. She is in the 6th grade.

C lark Lemons, Rt. 9, Box 94-A, also came Sunday to be baptized into Christ. He is the son of Charles and Velma Lemons, and is a 7th grade student.

Restored: Rick Higginbotham

ABOUT THE LEM FORDS

We were glad to receive word from brother Lem Ford that his wife is recovering from heart surgery in Denver and that he is also improving from his accident. In a splendid letter and also by telephone, brother Ford has expressed appreciation for the prayers and financial assistance received from friends at West Erwin.

"Joy Jalopy" and
"Sunshine Chariot" Roll

Our Bus Program began with fantastic enthusiasm. Rain soaked people worked Saturday contacting many people and inviting them to be included in our Bible classes and worship periods. Though the total number was not large, the prospects are bright. Again, this Saturday we will work and I'm sure be rewarded for our efforts. Can you be here? We need 50 people. If you can't help this way, maybe you could help provide lunch for the workers. If you can, please contact Jeanine Hughes. Thanks to the parents for bringing your children to ride the buses Sunday. God is glorified by our efforts and you will be uplifted by the almost overwhelming excitement that is generated. Just talk to our bus staff and try not to get excited - you can't. They are ready for bigger and better things that are to come. SEE YOU SATURDAY AT 9:00 A. M. ! HH

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, Feb. 9

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Precious Promises
P. M. The Night of Betrayal

Business Meeting - Sunday, 1:30 in the Chapel. All men are invited to attend.

The 57th Annual Bible Lectureship at Abilene Christian College will be conducted February 23 - 26.

Pray For The Work at West Erwin

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother Truman Langham is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Sister Georgia Lee is recovering from surgery in Mother Frances.

Brother W. H. Turner has been in Medical Center Hospital for tests.

SCRIPTURE READING

The 9th grade and the 12th grade increased the number of scriptures read last week. The classes and scriptures are as follows: 9th grade, 1,268; 10th grade, 1,946; 11th grade, 1,123; and 12th grade, 1,785.

OUR SYMPATHY

Miss Orrie Baird was buried Tuesday in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. She was an aunt of Ruby Bell, Ruth Brem, Leora Tate, and Beatrice Holland.

"Be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."
I Tim. 4:12

THANK YOU NOTES

There is no way to use words to express my feelings for what you have done for me and my family. I have tried to put into words how I feel at having fallen into the midst of people such as I find at West Erwin. I can only say I find it unbelievable. You are "an enclosure" set apart from this world yet a part of it. Not just a place of safety and security, but a place to find safety and security.

People of West Erwin church of Christ - thank you.

Nell Prieto

I want to thank those who helped in a financial way following the losses in the fire in our dorm room at Lubbock Christian College. Ken Jones

We want to express our thanks to those of you who expressed concern and those who gave money to help Kenny and Ken recover their loss from the fire in their dorm room at LCC last week. We are unable to place a value on Christian fellowship, but we deeply appreciate the evidence of Christian love here at West Erwin.

Nelda, Harold, and Kenny Browning

We are grateful to those who expressed concern during my illness. The cards, calls and visits were all appreciated. Through your faith and prayers we are blessed.

Mary Richey

Thankyou forthe many acts of kindness shown at the tragic death of our loved one. The cards, phone calls and prayers were appreciated very much.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Metcalf

We would like to thank each and every one of you for the beautiful flowers, and also for the wonderful food that was brought to the house. Thank you all so much.

A. A. Brett and Family

BOOST OUR BIBLE SCHOOL

There is a Bible Class for YOU
Sunday - 9:30 a. m.

HE BROUGHT 2,700

Some time ago an article appeared in the Ft. Worth Star Telegram telling about a man who brought 2,700 people to church. The man's name is Kenneth Ritchel. His business - selling cars in the Dallas area. Brought 2,700 to church! Sounds incredible, doesn't it? But it actually happened.

Mr. Ritchel took it upon himself to get more people to attend church services. He determined he would fill the building of the First Methodist Church for an evening service. He operated upon the conviction that almost everyone will attend church if properly invited.

What the one man determined soon became a reality. He invited hundreds of people - entire clubs, a host of celebrities. Nearly everyone in Dallas heard of the one-man campaign. Newspapers, radio, and television helped him spread his invitation. He used persuasion, personal letters, and hundreds of personal invitations to get his friends out to the service. As a result, 2,700 came.

We cannot help but admire this man with so much zeal and energy. It shows what one man can do when he sets his heart to something. His enthusiasm leaves the rest of us somewhat embarrassed. It reminds us that we can do something we aren't doing.

You wouldn't necessarily have to bring 2,700 to be an effective worker for Christ. But how long has it been since you invited just one person out to hear the gospel? We would all be surprised at what we could accomplish with a strong determination, faith in God, and an energetic effort.

...Raymond Kelcy
Oklahoma City, Okla.

HOW MANY WILL YOU BRING TO HEAR JIM BILL McINTEER

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Prayer..... K. Max Haws
Dismiss Matt Haws

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements.....Jamon Kirby
Prayer..... Harold Browning
Dismiss Paul Knight

Serving the Lord's Supper

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January 19..\$2,985.36443
A Year Ago.\$2,560.82411

The Elders and Deacons regular
monthly meeting will be Monday, Feb.
3, at Wyatt's Cafeteria. (7:00 p. m.)

RESPONSE

Mrs. Clista Pumphrey Key, 313
Ferrell, came Sunday to be identified
with this congregation. She formerly
worshipped with the Ridgewood church
in Beaumont. We extend a cordial
welcome to sister Key.

IN APPRECIATION

We are deeply grateful for every
expression of love and concern dur-
ing my illness. The cards, flowers,
food, calls and visits have been a
source of inspiration and encourage-
ment. Through your faith and prayers
we have been truly blessed.

In Christian love,
Margret Montgomery

CONGRATULATIONS

Steve and Barbara Mankin are the
happy parents of a baby girl, 8 lbs.
and 7oz., born Monday evening in
Mother Frances Hospital. They have
named her Kathryn Marguerite and
will call her Kami.

Jim and Judy Frazier of Dallas are
the proud parents of a boy, Robert
Brian, born December 30. The mother
is the former Judy Brown who wor-
shipped here a few years ago.

WE EXTEND BEST WISHES to Carl
and Ruth Bell who will celebrate their
Golden Wedding Anniversary, Febru-
ary 5.

WE EXPRESS SYMPATHY to the
Metcalfs in the loss of their niece
last week.

HISTORY BEING MADE

This Saturday will be a history making day at West Erwin. It will be the day we begin making contacts for our Bus Program. We will need 50 people here Saturday morning at 9:00. We'll meet at the building and leave for the two areas to be worked. Many of our young people are planning to be here, but we also need many adults. The Bus team for the Dodge Bus is Captain, Margret Montgomery, Alternate, Joe McBee; Driver, Christ Parker; Secretary, Charlene Parker; Youth Workers, Kim Hughes, Kay Montgomery, Mike Whitworth, and Laneva Turner. Working on the International Bus are: Captain, Don Chaffin; Driver, Ray Womack; Secretary, Kaye Chaffin; Youth Workers, Holly Womack, Kevin Womack, and Laurie Rowe. These workers make up two great teams with lots of enthusiasm, not only for the Bus Program, but also for the Lord.

HH

IN THE HOSPITALS

Blanche Shuford remains in Medical Center and will undergo a second eye surgery on Friday,

Mrs. Audie Grier hopes to go home from Mother Frances in a day or two.

Mrs. Georgia Lee had surgery on Thursday in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Wayne Fears had surgery Wednesday in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Dorothy Lowrey is in Mother Frances Hospital.

SCRIPTURES read by the High School students last week are as follows:

9th grade, 1, 085; 10th grade, 2, 657; 11th grade, 1, 933 and 12th grade, 819.

SERMON TOPICS - February 2

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. What The New Testament
Teaches on Baptism

P. M. The Night of The Tempest

NO TIME

I knelt to pray, but not for long;
I had so much to do
Must hurry off and get to work,
For bills will soon be due.
And so I said a hurried prayer,
And jumped up off my knees;
My Christian duty now was done,
My soul could be at ease.

All through the day I had no time
To speak a word of cheer
No time to speak a word for God;
They'd laugh at me, I feared.
And when before the Lord I came
I stood with downcast eyes,
Within His hand He held a book;
It was the Book of Life.

God looked into His book and said
"Your name I cannot find;
I once was going to write it down,
But never found the time."

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

I would like to say "Amen" and lend my endorsement to the article by Hillard Hughes in regard to the two programs of work for 1975 - the benevolent work and the bus ministry.

The Bible teaches us to be "ready to every good work," (Philemon 3:1). Many congregations have found that an active bus ministry is a good work. It is a method of bringing the lost to Christ and of strengthening the local congregation. We appreciate the work done by Hillard and others who have worked with him in making preparation for this work. Let us work and pray that the Lord may bless us as we launch this ministry of teaching boys and girls and others about the Lord.

Another activity for which we should pray is the gospel meeting which will soon be in progress. This will be for four nights - Monday through Thursday - February 10 - 13. Last week, in our bulletin, we told you some of the facts about Jim Bill McIneer. He will be an inspiration to all who hear him as he speaks to us from God's Word. Let us get excited and enthusiastic about this special endeavor. Let us determine now to attend every service. Let us encourage others to come with us. May this be a time of rededication of our lives and a time for building up the cause of Christ here at West Erwin.

We had a good number present to hear Melvin Wise as he spoke for our all zone meeting. He is one of three preachers at the Walnut Hill Church in Dallas. The church there has a very active visitation program and a "Brother's Keeper" program. It is my persuasion that nothing can substitute for personal contact and personal visitation in the work of the Lord. We should want to visit - not just as a "program of work" - but because we are truly interested in others.

We look forward to seeing you in Bible School and in worship Sunday.

GHS

Leadership Workshop At Glenwood

The Glenwood church of Christ will host the seventh annual East Texas Leadership Workshop on Monday and Tuesday, January 27 and 28 from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m.

The theme of the Workshop is "Shepherds of the Flock." Participants include: John Butts of Nacogdoches, Ben L. Hearn of Palestine, Gerald Pinson of Longview, and Harvey Grant, Edwin Rasco, and Jim Welch of Tyler.

A special feature each evening will be a presentation by Dr. Carey B. Looney, a psychologist and an elder in the Lake Highlands church in Dallas.

The workshop is designed especially for present and potential leaders, however, any Christian will benefit from the lessons and all are invited.

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TUESDAY night is a work night for all who will help in the Teacher's work room and supply room.

RESPONSE

Miss Elizabeth Prieto, 1023 East Earle, came Sunday to be baptized into Christ. Elizabeth is in the 6th grade.

THANK YOU

The family of Morris Dunn acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Mrs. Lilla Tigert wishes to express appreciation for the lovely "Cheer Basket" received during the holidays.

NEW BABY BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Dwaine Thedford are the parents of a new boy, Clinton Dwaine, born Saturday morning in Mother Frances. The happy grandparents are Charles and Juanita Graf.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Miss Blanche Shuford underwent eye surgery Wednesday in Medical Center Hospital.

Charlotte Chandler is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Audie Grier remains a patient in Mother Frances.

Mrs. A. Z. Aven's brother is very ill in a Sulphur Springs' hospital.

Travis Fletcher is in Glenwood hospital.

Mrs. Gerald Montgomery underwent surgery Wednesday in Mother Frances Hospital.

Miss Laura Drummond had eye surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances.

THE TIME IS NOW

Two great programs are beginning to take shape here at West Erwin. For a long time many of us have wanted to see some programs that will cause overwhelming excitement in this congregation. Now we have two! Our elders are to be thanked for their efforts and courage to step out in front and lead us to heights we haven't attained before. Everyone can be a part of either one or both of these programs. We are beginning a benevolent program that will be second to none anywhere. We have rented part of the brick building on the southwest corner of our property to be used for this work. Plans haven't been finalized, but there will be a work area for our ladies to do sewing and quilting along with any other clothing production. We will be looking for areas to help but mainly in Tyler. Also, our plans will include furniture repair and distribution.

The second program will be a bus program. A goal of 100 to be brought in by July 1 and 250 by January 1, 1976. These are high goals, but they can be met! You will be called on to help in some phase of this effort. There is absolutely no reason every person here cannot help. There will be a need for teachers, helpers in class rooms, bus drivers, and on and on we could go... Your prayers are needed, your time is required, and your encouragement for another will be a blessing. Don't wait until everything is going smoothly before you enter a program of work - be there when they start! HH

SCRIPTURES read by the High School students this past week are as follows: 9th grade, 373; 10th grade, 1,547; 11th grade, 2,733, and 12th grade, 530. The 4 year old class was 100% in attendance last Sunday.

FUNERAL

Mrs. A. A. Brett passed away last Thursday morning and funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

SERMONS TOPICS - January 26

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. The Good Confession
P. M. The Night of Gideon's Victory

FROM THE RISCHERS

Dear Brethren,
Greetings from Augsburg, Germany. Thanks to all of you who have sent us seasons greetings. Thanks also for the Christmas bonus. We hope that you all are doing well.

In Christian love,
The Rischers

We enjoy reading the interesting reports each month from brother Rischer. They are distributed in the various Bible classes. Let us continue to pray for the Rischers in their work for the Lord in Germany.

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

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Jim Bill McInteer is Coming!

You will be glad you heard Jim Bill McInteer preach the gospel of Christ. You will be glad that you invited your friends to hear him. This great gospel preacher will be with us at West Erwin just four days - Monday through Thursday, February 10 - 13.

Here are just a few of the facts about Jim Bill:

He was born in Franklin, Kentucky and began preaching at the age of eighteen in Whites Creek, Tennessee. He is a graduate of David Lipscomb College and Harding College. His wife is the former Betty Bergner and they have two grown children, a daughter and a son.

For the past nineteen years Jim Bill has preached for the West End church in Nashville, Tennessee. He is on the editorial staff of the 20th Century Christian and Power For Today and serves as business manager for both publications. He has written for several other papers, both religious and secular. He is the author of three books and six tracts.

Brother McInteer is on the board of directors of Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, and of Potter Orphan Home in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He operates a farm in Kentucky and has been active in many civic organizations. He is a "Kentucky Colonel" and a "Tennessee Colonel." Among the many honors he has received was that of being named a Distinguished Alumnus of Harding College.

Brother McInteer says, "I never remember missing a Lord's Day worship. The closest call was when I broke my leg at 5:30 on Saturday night but was able to preach although sitting with my leg in a cast the following Sunday morning. In fact, during that period I conducted an entire meeting, both preaching, leading the singing, and teaching a young peoples class at Preston, Kansas while preaching from a chair with my leg in a cast."

Let us begin to work and pray now that many people will hear this gifted man tell us of Christ and his gospel. GHS

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The Business Meeting has been re-scheduled for Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel.

RESPONSES

Baptized: Steve Harris, 127 Mobile Drive, phone 561-3817. Steve is a junior in Lee High School.

For Prayer: Dawn Knowles.

IN APPRECIATION

Additional expressions of appreciation for the "Cheer Baskets" received during the holidays have been received from:

- Mrs. Zora Lunceford
- Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Turner
- Mrs. Hattie Thomas
- Mrs. Eula Hoppers and Lois

FUNERALS

Brother John Harris passed from this life early Sunday morning and funeral services were conducted for him Monday afternoon. We extend our sympathy to sister Harris, Billie, and other members of the family.

Sister Harris and Billie have asked that we express their appreciation for the flowers, food, and every expression of kindness toward them.

Brother Morris Dunn, father of Mrs. Travis Fletcher, passed away Tuesday evening. Funeral services were held on Thursday. We extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

Ladies, please pick up your dishes from the Pantry (room under the east stairs in the new south foyer).

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

- By George H. Stephenson
- A. M. "Repentance"
- P. M. "A Night With Wild Beasts"

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP
AT GLENWOOD

The Seventh Annual East Texas Leadership Workshop will be hosted by the Glenwood church on January 27 and 28 from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. The theme of the workshop will be "Shepherds of the Flock." A special feature of the workshop will be a presentation each evening by Dr. Carey B. Looney, an elder in the Lake Highlands church in Dallas, who devotes his full time to Christian counseling. His topic will be "The Sensitive Shepherd." Other participants in the workshop include elders from area congregations. GHS

THE SICK

Mrs. Audie Grier is still a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Guy Potts is in the Glenwood Hospital.

Henry McRuiz has been in Mother Frances Hospital for tests.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Murry are living temporarily at 1903 So. Roberson, phone 593-9814. Brother Murry had a fall recently and is unable to be out.

We have learned that Mrs. Sweeney (Maude) Copeland, former members of this congregation, recently underwent surgery and is in Wadley Hospital in Texarkana, Texas.

Mrs. Faber Cauthen is in Glenwood Hospital.

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

Ronny Lowrance will have throat surgery on Friday in El Paso.

Series on

THE PLAN OF SALVATION

Last Sunday I preached the first in a series of sermons on the plan of salvation using as my topic, "Faith." Other sermons in the series include:

- "Repentance" January 19
- "Confession" January 26
- "Baptism" February 2

While we need to grow in our Christian living and need to study many lessons in regard to Christian responsibilities and attitudes, I feel that from time to time we need to be reminded of some of the first principles of the gospel. It takes just one generation of untaught Christians for the church to depart from the faith. GHS

HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

The High School students are reading more scriptures each week. A total of 3,050 read last week. Classes are as follows: 9th grade, 255; 10th grade, 805; 11th grade, 1,657 and 12th grade, 333. Keep up your efforts young people. The 4 year class was the only one with 100% in attendance last Sunday.

KICK-OFF TUESDAY

The Spring semester "kick-off" meeting will be held at the Campus Christian Center on the Tyler Junior College Campus Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. All college students are urged to attend and get acquainted with everyone at the Center.

BE IN A BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Are We Mature?

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things," (I Corinthians 13:11).

Each of us should seek to become mature in our attitudes, words and deeds. Paul said, "Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men." (I Corinthians 14:20) I want to share with you some thoughts on maturity which recently appeared in a newspaper column and given to me. I think these statements are worthy of our consideration.

Maturity is the ability to control anger and settle differences without violence or destruction.

Maturity is patience. It is the willingness to pass up immediate pleasure in favor of the long-term gain.

Maturity is perseverance, the ability to sweat out a project or a situation in spite of heavy opposition and discouraging setbacks.

Maturity is the capacity to face unpleasantness and frustration, discomfort and defeat, without complaint or collapse.

Maturity is humility. It is being big enough to say, "I was wrong." And, when right, the mature person need not experience the satisfaction of saying, "I told you so."

Maturity is the ability to make a decision and stand by it. The immature spend their lives exploring endless possibilities, then they do nothing.

Maturity means dependability, keeping one's work, coming through in the crisis. The immature are masters of the alibi. They are the confused and disorganized. Their lives are a maze of broken promises, former friends, unfinished business and good intentions that somehow never seem to materialize.

Maturity is the art of living in peace with that which we cannot change.

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RESPONSES

Kathleen Reynolds, Rt. 9, Box 54C, came Sunday evening to be restored.

OUR SYMPATHY

We share in the sorrow of the Roy H. Roberson family in the loss of their father and grandfather last week. Funeral services were conducted on Friday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Roberson have attended worship here frequently.

THANKS TO VISITING SPEAKERS

We were glad to have Ronny Lowrance and his family "back home" for the holidays. He spoke for us on Sunday night, December 29, and challenged us to do more for the Lord. Ronny's work in El Paso has resulted in many conversions last year.

Also, we were glad to have "our" evangelist from Basalt, Colorado, Charles Miles, to speak for us at the Wednesday night (January 1) and Sunday night (January 5) services. It was good that his lovely family could be here too. We are thankful for the fine report and the excellent sermons brought by Charles. Let us continue to support Charles with our prayers and encouragement. GHS

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. B. M. Wells is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.
Mrs. Eula Pool is in Glenwood Hospital.
Mrs. Emsley Walker is in Medical Center Hospital.
Mrs. Audie Grier is in Mother Frances Hospital.

THANK YOU NOTES

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

The family of Avie Lee Hardin (sister of C. T. Langham)

We want to thank you for the calls, cards, and prayers since my illness.

C. T. Langham

Thank you so much for the cards, calls, and visits during my illness, and a special thanks to the Young Couples class (20's) for their interest.

Jack Bennett

During a time like this we realize how much our friends really mean to us. Your prayers, your deeds, your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered by the loved ones of Roy H. Roberson.

During the holiday season "Cher Baskets" and flowers were distributed among many of the elderly and shut-ins. Notes of appreciation have been received from:

- Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy
Mrs. Troy Ginn
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Trentham
John and Wyche Harris
Mrs. Georgia Lee
Mrs. Lillie Knight
Mrs. Lula Taylor
Mrs. Evalyn Stone
Mrs. Houston Holcomb
Mrs. Eula Pool

Business Meeting, Sunday Afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel. All men invited.

BE SURE TO HEAR MELVIN WISE

We want to urge everyone to hear Melvin Wise as he speaks for us on Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, the 14th, at Wyatt's Cafeteria. This is an all zone meeting. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship as well as the talk by brother Wise. He is a great preacher and a great man. Let us have a large number to hear him. Go through the cafeteria line before 7:00 if possible. GHS

SCRIPTURE READING

Scripture reading is being encouraged by our high school teachers as they begin a new year of study. So that we all might know how they progress, the total scriptures read each week will be printed in The Visitor. Last week the 11th grade read a total of 1,398 verses followed by the 10th grade with 638, 12th grade, 131 and 9th grade, 94 verses. Of course, the size of the class will make some difference, but we all need more Bible reading and study.

Congratulations goes to the 4 year old class, 4th grade and 6th grade for perfect attendance last Sunday. Our Bible classes are growing both in number and spiritually. Our teachers are to be commended. HH

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A. M. Faith - George H. Stephenson
P. M. Whatever He Says, Do It.
By Hillard Hughes

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial...

AN ALL-SEEING EYE

"...his eye sees every precious thing." (Job 28:10)

Watching yo=ou, wa-atching you,
There's an all-seeing eye watching you.

Anyone who went to Sunday afternoon singings a generation ago will remember that song.

I didn't like it. It frightened me. I just knew God was watching every move I made, trying to catch me breaking the rules so he could put a black mark by my name.

We have some brethren like that, assuming the role of brotherhood policemen -- scanning every bulletin, monitoring every sermon -- ready to pounce on anything a tad to the left, or right of center (center being determined by where they stand). They're not saving many -- not "bringing in the sheaves." But no one can doubt their skill at stretching the tight rope for others to walk.

I'm glad I will be judged by God, not by self-deputized brotherhood bounty hunters. God does have an all-seeing eye, alright. He is aware of our misdeeds. But he also "sees every precious thing." He sees every good deed, every spiritual ambition, every unselfish prayer. Like a proud parent he is anxious to note the good things done by his children.

Some see the sinner in the saint. God sees the saint in the sinner. Look what he found in Matthew, Peter, and Paul. Many of us would have permitted them in the kingdom with great reluctance -- and would have made them serve a period of impossible probation before fully accepting them.

And the woman taken in adultery. Jesus let her off much too easy, don't you think? No! He saw possible good in her, and was insistent that she be given favorable opportunity to become what she could with His help.

"...his eye sees every precious thing."

...Joe R. Barnett

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THE ELDERS AND DEACONS will meet for their regular monthly meeting, Monday evening January 6, at Wyatt's Cafeteria, 7:00 p. m.

THANK YOU NOTES

I want to express my appreciation for all the wonderful cards, prayers, and visits while I was in the hospital. Thank you for the beautiful book of flowers. It meant so much to me. Thanks again to each and every one of you.

In Christian love,

Mrs. A. O. Mayo

I want to thank all of my Christian friends for the visits, calls, cards, and flowers while I was in the hospital.

Mrs. C. N. Strait

The family of Mary E. Rowland Savely acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

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 William H. "Bill" Butler, Sr.

We appreciated so much the kindness shown to my mother and dad recently. They enjoyed the fruit basket so much. You are beautiful people. God bless you all.

Corrie Holland

(daughter of the C. T. Langhams)

REMINDER

Jim Bill McInteer will be with us February 10 - 13 to conduct a Gospel Meeting.

"The wages of sin is death, unless we quit the devil before pay day."

BROTHERHOOD GROWTH

Christian Life Magazine has just released its list of 100 largest Sunday Schools in the nation. The Sunday School of the Madison Church of Christ in Nashville is 11th and the Broadway congregation in Lubbock is 38th.

The Millington congregation has a tremendous Bus Program! They recently had 282 riders in addition to their 61 workers on seven buses. They converted 14 souls during the month of November.

The East Walker church at Sumiton, Alabama, where Hardeman's brother, Flavil, is the minister, started less than four years ago with the partial consolidation of three congregations, eighty-five attended the first service. Just over four hundred attended services the week before I started a meeting there last month! They have a dynamic Bus Program conducted by some very dedicated and deeply committed brethren.

While we rejoice over our growth, isn't it wonderful to see the magnificent things that are happening across our brotherhood? --James Horton (From the Pillar - Bulletin of Southside Church of Christ - Ft. Worth)

IN THE HOSPITALS

Roy Roberson, the father of our brother Roy Roberson, is a patient in ICU of Medical Center Hospital.

Sister Eula Pool is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

ATTEND BIBLE CLASS SUNDAY

MELVIN WISE to speak - January 14

A special meeting will be held at Wyatt's Cafeteria on Tuesday evening, January 14 at 7:00 o'clock. Melvin Wise of the Walnut Hills church in Dallas will be our guest speaker. He will be here to encourage us in our visitation. All of us should be vitally interested in this important work of the church. Brother Wise is a man of rich experience in the Lord's service. He has worked with some of the great churches in the brotherhood. He has been a great personal worker himself. We urge every one who is interested in the growth of the church to be present. We will go through the Cafeteria serving line in time for us to have a dinner by 7:00. Please be there! GHS

THE LADIES Bible Class will meet Wednesday, January 8, at ten o'clock. All ladies are invited to be present and to attend a "covered dish" luncheon in the Stephenson's home, 300 Ridgecrest, following the class.

MOVING TO SULPHUR SPINGS

We are sorry that David and Janell Harris and their two children have moved from Tyler. They are now living in Sulphur Springs, Texas. We hope they will be happy in their new home.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. What Manner of Persons Ought Ye To Be?
P. M. A Night With Wild Beasts.