

From the Preacher's Desk...

Read Your Bible!

The Bible tells us of the many blessings which come to those who read and study its contents. Paul told Timothy, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works," (2 Timothy 3:15-17).

The Bible tells us of people in Berea who were more noble than others, because "they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily, whether these things were so," (Acts 17:11). The prosperous man, according to the psalmist, is one who meditates on the law of the Lord day and night, (Psalm 1:2).

The Bible has had a greater influence on our civilization than all other books combined. It has inspired poets, artists, authors and musicians. It has been the object of more study and research than any other book. The influence of the Bible in the lives of our forefathers helped to make America. George Washington said, "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible." Abraham Lincoln declared, "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Saviour of the world is communicated to us through this book." Daniel Webster said, "If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering - but if we and our posterity neglect its instruction and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in obscurity."

The Bible continues to be a best seller, but there is a tragic amount of ignorance of the book. While our age is an age of knowledge, there is too little spiritual knowledge.

With the beginning of a new year let us determine that we will read and study our Bibles more. By reading three chapters each week day and five chapters on Sunday, you can read the entire Bible through this year. Read the Bible in your home and be present for Bible Classes on Sunday morning and Wednesday nights to enrich your knowledge of God's Word. 1977 will be a better year for you if you feed daily upon God's precious word. GHS

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Welcome



David and Pam and Julie Anderson moved into the house at 203 Alpine this week. We are very happy they have arrived to work with our young people and in the educational program of the church.

We are happy that Foy and Mary Richey have returned home from Puerto Rico. They have been gone for several weeks.

Also, it is tood to have Mrs. Charles Miles, Sr. home again after being in Singapore for several months.

MACK BYNUM ...Elder

We were pleased to hear the recent announcement of the return of Mack Bynum to serve as one of the elders of this congregation. It was understood at the time of his resignation due to his work taking him out of town, that he would serve again when he felt that he could. We are glad to know that he will be recognized once more as an elder along with the other elders, C. E. Caskey, Ferman Carpenter, Faber Cauthen, and Dr. Roger Knight. GHS

Attention, Ladies!

Alice Stephenson will speak for the Ladies' Class on Wednesday, January 5 at 10:00 a.m. Her topic, "Overcoming Hate with Love," should be of interest to everyone. We hope that a large number of our women will be present for the class.

Men to Serve

Sunday Morning - 10:20 a.m.

AnnouncementsF. C. Carpenter
Prayer..... David Anderson
Dismiss Bill Butler, Jr.

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

Announcements .. Dick Higginbotham
Prayer Olen Holland
Dismiss Charles Graf

Serving Communion Sunday

Mack Bynum Henry McRuiz
Ben Young Harold Browning
Bill Whitworth Francis Bullard
Dick Higginbotham Mike Munn

The Record

Contributions	Bible School
December 26...\$2,676.75	....362
December 19...\$3,354.34	....411
A Year Ago ...\$2,490.94	....434

THANKS

Your expressions of sympathy through your cards, flowers, food and prayers will always be remembered by the family of Wayne Ray.

WEDDING

Brother George Stephenson said the marriage ceremony, Friday evening, December 17, for Mary Jo Glenn and Roy Driggers. We extend our best wishes for much happiness.

Be Present

Every Sunday!

EVANGELISM GOALS FOR 1977

At the present time the elders and I are finalizing plans for local evangelism and visitation for 1977. These will be printed and distributed to our members in the coming weeks.

The Chamber of Commerce tells us that we have approximately 70,000 people in our city. When we compare this population to the number of Christians worshipping here we find that less than four percent are faithful members of the Lord's church. There is no doubt that the city of Tyler is indeed a mission field.

Jesus had made the primary responsibility of the church saving souls. And sad to say, it seems that oftentimes we place more emphasis on other aspects of the work than we do on local evangelism.

In 1977 one of our primary objectives for the West Erwin congregation will be that of becoming 'soul conscious.' The borders of God's Kingdom will only be enlarged in direct proportion to the amount of teaching the lost in which we engage ourselves. ...Charles Miles

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Attention!

Young People and Their Parents

David Anderson would like to meet with all Junior High and Senior High young people Sunday morning for Bible Class in the large room upstairs (over the south foyer). This will include grades 7 through 12.

Also, Sunday evening following the Zone 1 meeting, David would like to meet with the parents of all junior high and senior high young people in the Chapel.

SPECIAL!

ZONE 1 will meet Sunday night in the Chapel immediately following worship service. Visitation cards will be handed out at this time and plans for the new year discussed. CM

YOUTH



A "GET-ACQUAINTED" PARTY!

All Junior High and Senior High young people are invited to a get acquainted time with David and Pam Anderson Sunday evening following worship, at the home of Hillard and Jeanine Hughes, 3704 Birdwell.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Ivah Miller was able to go home from Glenwood Hospital on Tuesday.

Mrs. Lonnie Taylor underwent surgery on Wednesday of last week and went home from Medical Center on Monday.

Mrs. C. B. Hardin's father, Mr. McFadden, is in Medical Center.

The baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ellis is in Glenwood Hospital.



Wishing you joy during the holidays...
and always!



May happiness arise with you to meet the dawn,
May every hour be fruitful and fulfilling,
May peace come calling at your door when day is gone,
And may each tomorrow bring more joy... God willing.

George H. Stephenson

Nelda Browning

Charles Miles

Frances McBee

Dalton Jones



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Men to Serve

Sunday Morning - 10:20 a. m.

Announcements Charles Miles
Prayer F. C. Carpenter
Dismiss Ron Jones

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements James Phillips
Prayer Mack Bynum
Dismiss Roy Lane Roberson

Serving Communion Sunday

Roger Knight Elwin Crow
John Teague Carroll Magee
Roy Roberson Averyt Smith
Randy Fletcher Matt Haws

The Record

Contributions	Bible School
December 12...\$24,331.84	....393
December 5 ... 3,786.70	....442
A Year Ago ... 23,361.44	....457

RESPONSES

Last Wednesday morning during the Ladies Bible Class Mrs. Roy H. Roberson came to be restored and to place membership with this congregation. Her address is P. O. Box 391, Chandler, Texas and her phone is 849-6832. We welcome her to West Erwin.

Sunday morning Olen and Clara Holland, 1714 Easy Street, phone 561-6285, came to place membership. They formerly lived in Knoxville, Tennessee. We are happy to welcome the Hollands to Tyler and West Erwin.

THANK YOU

For Your Generosity

We are truly thankful for all who gave generously last Sunday and enabled us to have a contribution of \$24,331.84. We are thankful that the Lord has prospered us and that we were able to have a contribution of this amount. While we regret that we are far short of retiring the debt on the south wing of our building, yet we are thankful that there will be a reduction in the debt and that we will be able to enter the year 1977 with confidence and hope for great things to be done for Jesus. May the Lord richly bless you as He alone can do.

GHS

THANKS

Thank you for your remembrance of me during the time of my hospitalization and since returning home.

Georgia Lee

MEMO

A CREED FOR EVERYONE

SILENCE when your words would hurt.
PATIENCE when your neighbor's curt.
DEAFNESS when the scandal flows.
THOUGHTFULNESS for other's woes.
PROMPTNESS when stern duty calls.
COURAGE when misfortune falls.

WE LOOK FORWARD to the coming of David Anderson and his family to Tyler. He will work with the young people and the educational program of the church, beginning January 2.

You teach LITTLE by what you SAY, but you teach MOST by what you ARE.

MY PRAYER

Teach me, Lord, to keep sweet and gentle in all the events of life, in disappointments, in thoughtlessness of others, in the insincerity of those I trusted, in the unfaithfulness of those on whom I relied.

Help me to put myself aside, to think of the happiness of others, to hide my little pains and heartaches, so that I may be the only one to suffer from them.

Teach me to profit by the suffering that comes to me. Help me to use it that it may mellow me, not harden or embitter me; that it may make me broad in my forgiveness; kindly, sympathetic, and helpful.

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HEAR CHARLES MILES

Sunday Evening

We hope that a large audience will be present this Sunday evening, December 19, to hear Charles Miles preach concerning divine healing. He has been doing considerable research on this topic and we feel that he will have a lesson you will want to hear.

GHS

FAITH - Makes all things possible

HOPE - Makes all things bright.

LOVE - Makes all things easy.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Brother M. H. Shaffer is in Medical Center Hospital.

LADIES' CLASS DISMISSED

For Holidays

The Ladies' Class which meets each Wednesday morning will be dismissed until after the holidays. The next class meeting will be on Wednesday, January 5, 1976.

AWARDS FOR SERVICE

Monday evening, at a dinner honoring the Boles Home Staff and the Board of Directors, George Stephenson and Ross Walker each received a plaque in appreciation for service as a member of the Board of Directors for the home. Brother Stephenson's was for nine years of service and brother Walker's was for sixteen years.

NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK

In keeping with our mailing permit regulations. The Visitor will not be published next week.

Remember

THE YEAR END SINGING with all of the congregations participating will be held at the West Erwin building this year. This is always an enjoyable occasion for everyone. It will be the last Wednesday evening of the year, December 29 at 7:30.

**You Are Needed
In Bible School Sunday and Wednesday**



JOHN III

16 ¶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

JOHN X

17 Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again.

18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

ROMANS V

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.

8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

II CORINTHIANS VIII

9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

II CORINTHIANS IX.

15 Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

I gave my life for thee,
My precious blood I shed,
That thou might'st ransomed be,
And quickened from the dead.
I gave, I gave my life for thee
What hast thou giv'n for me?

Remember the special contribution Sunday, December 12, 1976

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Men to Serve

Sunday Morning - 10:20 a. m.

Announcements	C. B. Hardin
Prayer	Don Chaffin
Dismiss	Jay Bynum

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements	Milburn Cook
Prayer	Faber Cauthen
Dismiss	Henry McRuiz

Serving Communion Sunday

Ed Bullard	Faber Cauthen
Milburn Cook	Fred Kniffen
Odell Malone	Harvey Grier
Stafford Franklin	Marshall Phillips



Contributions

Bible School

December 5....	\$3,786.70	....442
November 28...	\$2,916.90	....202
A Year ago....	\$3,263.62	....469

ARTICLES have recently been published written by two of the teachers in the congregation. Audrey O'Bannon has an article, "The Beautiful Heart" in the September issue of The Christian Woman. Margret Montgomery has an article in the December issue of The Christian Teacher. The title is "The Student Teacher."

IN THE HOSPITALS

Modena Jones' sister, Mrs. Barron, is in Medical Center Hospital.

Travis Fletcher's brother is very ill in Glenwood Hospital.

THE BUSY MAN

If you want to get a favor done
 By some obliging friend,
 And want a promise, safe and sure,
 On which you may depend,
 Don't go to him who always has
 Much leisure time to plan;
 But if you want your favor done,
 Just ask the busy man.
 The man with leisure never has
 A moment he can spare,
 He's always "putting off" until
 His friends are in despair.
 But he whose every waking hour
 Is crowded full of work,
 Forgets the art of wasting time,
 He cannot stop to shirk.
 So when you want a favor done
 And want it right away,
 Go to the man who constantly
 Works twenty hours a day.
 He'll find a moment sure, somewhere,
 That has no other use,
 And fix you while the idle man
 Is framing an excuse.

MANY THANKS. . .

to those who came Saturday morning to help with the food pick up and to all who gave food. Our pantry is now in good condition for the months ahead.

to James Massey, Louis J. Jones, Dalton Jones, and Bruce Raley who repaired and painted the fence around the air conditioner and storage building on the west side of the building. It is a great improvement.

to Naomi McKeever who faithfully brings homemade cookies each week for Friday School. This is a good work Naomi volunteered for last fall.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It was good to see our audience back to normal last Sunday after such a small audience on the preceding Sunday. The preceding Sunday was a day of inclement weather. Also, numbers of our people had not yet returned from various places they had gone for the Thanksgiving holidays.

The response to the food drive for our pantry was tremendous. We appreciate the work of Charles Miles in organizing the drive and the work of young people and adults in gathering the supplies from your homes.

Our fine women who work in our Christian Service Center have made some beautiful quilts for Boles Home. The truck from Boles Home will be here one day next week to pick up the quilts and a generous amount of groceries which you have contributed.

Most of the children now in Boles Home are older children who have come from environments which are far from ideal. They are children with many problems and it is wonderful that they are given an opportunity to grow emotionally and spiritually. I know that you will be as glad as I was when I learned that thirty seven of these young people at Boles Home were baptized into Christ this year.

Have you prayerfully considered just how much you will be able to give on this Sunday? We hope that you will want to make a real sacrifice to do your part in reducing the debt on our building. God bless you in your efforts to do His will. GHS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Emmons
and

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Piper
invite you to share in the ceremony
uniting their children

Adelene Virginia
and

Dale Alan

Friday, the seventeenth of December
nineteen hundred and seventy-six
at seven o'clock in the evening
at College Church of Christ Chapel

Abilene, Texas

Reception following

OUR SYMPATHY

Wayne Ray, son-in-law to the Jack Bennetts, passed away Tuesday evening. Funeral services were Thursday. We extend our sympathy to the family.

A SOLEMN QUESTION

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

Courtesy is a duty the servants of Christ owe to the humblest person on earth.

BUSINESS MEETING - SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 IN THE CHAPEL.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIFT

IS NEEDED DECEMBER 12

. . . In order to retire the debt of \$46,000 on the south wing of our building erected in 1973.

THIS WILL MEAN . . .

A saving of thousands of dollars in interest payments.

We will be relieved of payments of \$741.62 per month.

(At the present time we are making two monthly building payments. In addition to the \$741.62 per month we are paying \$1,123.50 per month on the educational unit on Erwin Street).

HOW MUCH ARE YOU ABLE TO INVEST IN THE LORD'S CAUSE AT WEST ERWIN STREET? . . .

As much as \$10,000? \$5,000? \$1,000? \$500, \$100? \$50? \$10?

CONSIDER PRAYERFULLY YOUR OWN ABILITY AND REMEMBER. . .

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," Acts 20:35.

"He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver," II Corinthians 9: 6, 7.

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Stafford Franklin Marshall Phillips

OUR RECORD

Contributions Bible School

November 28..\$2,916.90292

November 21..\$3,315.47408

A Year Ago...\$2,976.23454

Thank You

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 Lula M. Taylor

Remember

Saturday morning, December 4th the young people of the congregation with the help of several adult drivers will conduct a food drive to restock our pantry to aid in the benevolent program of the church. Please sack your groceries and place them on your porch. This will help the collection to be made more quickly. If you live on a route please bring your contributions with you Sunday.

An Invitation

The Central Church of Christ in Lufkin, Texas announces a Homecoming Day, December 12, 1976. All former members and other interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

Sympathy

An aunt of Mrs. Roger Knight died Tuesday in Wichita Falls. Funeral services were held on Thursday.

HELP!

There will be a "Work Night" to do bulletin boards, etc. Tuesday evening, December 7 at 7 o'clock.

GOSPEL MEETING

Doug Kostowski will be the guest preacher in a meeting at the Glenwood church, December 5 through 8. You are invited to attend. There will be noon services and week night services at 7:30.

YEAR END SINGING

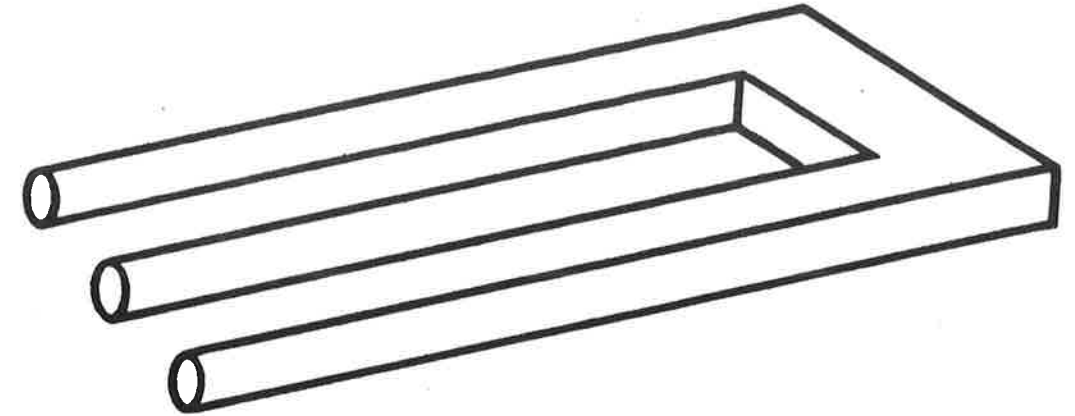
The Year End Singing will be at the West Erwin building this year, Dec. 29.

NO INTEREST???

"I can't get interested in the church," a person remarked.

"No," was the reply, "You can hardly expect to. It is somewhat like getting interest at the bank. You have to put in something first; and the more you put in through prayer or money or time, the more the interest grows."

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," (Matthew 6:21.)



THIS IS NOT A TRUE FIGURE BUT NEITHER IS THE PERSON THAT WILLFULLY MISSES WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Amazing Grace BIBLE CLASS

KLTV - CHANNEL 7 EVERY SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 TO 8:30

From the Preacher's Desk...

David Cord Anderson To Work Here

We were delighted to know that David Cord Anderson of Lubbock will soon be working with us as an additional minister for the West Erwin congregation. He will be working with our young people and will be assisting in the educational program of the church.

David is married to the former Pam Tillman. They are the parents of a two year old daughter, Julie Elizabeth. They will begin their work here by January 1, 1977.

David is a graduate of Odessa High School and of Texas Tech University. He served in the U. S. Army for nineteen months. He was co-ordinator for the Army with the State Department and the U. S. Embassies in Europe.

David was active in the youth program of the Parkview church of Christ in Odessa and the Broadway church of Christ in Lubbock. He did an outstanding work as an associate minister with the Edgefield church in Dallas and the Bammel Road church in Houston.

At present he is working with the Sentinel Book Store in Lubbock and has helped to setup courses of study for churches of Christ throughout West Texas.

David and his wife are dedicated Christians. I feel that their coming to us will be a great blessing to this congregation. We pray God's blessings to be with them and with all of us to the end that our work together will bring honor to the name of Christ.

GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

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Bob Threadgill C. B. Hardin
B. J. Tucker Steve Barnett
Wayne Fears Ron Campbell
David Fears Jeff Munn

The Record

Table with 2 columns: Contributions, Bible School. Rows for November 21, November 14, and A Year Ago.

RESPONSES
For Prayer: Mrs. Bessie Willis and Mrs. Margret Montgomery.

WE ENJOYED our meeting with the good congregation in Daingerfield. We found some fine Christians there. We were glad to get better acquainted with Robert Colley and his wife who recently moved there to work with the church. I feel that they will do much good in their ministry. It was good to be back in the pulpit here on Sunday. GHS

Sunday's Sermons:

By George Stephenson
A. M. Church Members Who Hinder
P. M. Running The Race

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

December 12

On December 12 we will have a special contribution to help take care of the deficit in our 1976 budget and to help reduce the indebtedness on our building.

At the present time we are making monthly payments on two loans - one on the educational wing on West Erwin Street and the other on the latest addition to the building on the south side. We owe about \$46,000 on this latest addition. It would be wonderful if this debt could be retired. There would be a saving of thousand of dollars in interest which could be used in other ways in the Lord's work. We would then have only one building payment to meet each month - that of the educational wing on Erwin Street.

We hope that every member of the church will make a sacrificial gift on December 12. GHS

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. C. T. Beard had surgery on Monday in Glenwood Hospital.

J. B. McKeever entered Medical Center Hospital Monday for tests.

Wayne Ray remains in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Georgia Lee remains in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Alberta Morris is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

SYMPATHY

A sister to Mrs. F. A. Jones was buried last week in Arkansas. We extend our sympathy to the family.

CONGREGATIONAL FOOD DRIVE

December 4th has been designated as a day for a congregational food drive. Our young people will be by your home (if you live within the loop, or just outside the loop) to pick up your grocery gifts between the hours of 8:30 and 12:00. If you will place your sacked groceries on your front porch the collection can be made much faster.

Last year your response to the food drive was exceedingly good. Our young people did a great job collecting the food. We received enough food to fill the needs of local benevolence and the children's homes we support for a year. We anticipate an even greater response this year.

If you live on a route out of town, please bring your contribution with you on Sunday, Dec. 5th.

CHARLES MILES

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

You Are Needed
In Bible School Sunday and Wednesday

BEST WISHES

We extend best wishes for a happy life together to Brenda Lott and Paul Anderson who were married last Saturday evening at the West Erwin building. They will live in Indiana.

NEW GRANDSON

John and Juanita Teague are the happy grandparents of a boy born in Oklahoma on Monday.

THANKS

Thank you so much for the cards, visits, and the inquiries while I was hospitalized and since returning home. G. C. (Doc) Wright

Alice Stephenson will speak for the Ladies Bible Class at the Omen Road Church of Christ, Tuesday morning, November 30 at 10 o'clock.

More on "Not For A Million Dollars"

In the September 23 issue of the Visitor I had an article on the above title. Later I was surprised to see this article in the Firm Foundation. After its appearance in that publication I received letters of criticism from a woman in Hillsboro and a woman in Honey Grove. I am sorry that my article left the impression that I favor the Miss America Contests or that I am in favor of women parading in bathing suits. I did not view the contest, but I was impressed with the present Miss America's stand against many of the popular evils of our day. This stand against these things and her refusal to accept a million dollars to go against her own principles was all that I intended to commend. My letter from the Christian woman in Hillsboro said in part:

"Just once, I'd like to read praise for all the godly women who would 'not for a million dollars' parade down a stage, before an audience of millions, in a tight, immodestly cut swim suit! ... So how about some recognition for the small minority of women today who forego exhibiting their bodies to the world regardless of the dictates of fashion. Surely a godly woman is more beautiful because of her modesty than the most physically beautiful women of the world, including Miss America! If Christian men do not praise Christian women for modesty, but rather hold up women who are immodest (and even indecent) as examples of beauty and womanliness, is it any wonder that more and more Christians are going the way of the world fashion wise? If men praise and admire women in bathing suits, there will be more women in bathing suits! After all, we women (even those of us who pretend we're "liberated") spend the greater part of our time trying to please you men !!"

To this letter I replied:

"I am sorry that my article 'Not For A Million Dollars' which I wrote for our church bulletin and which was later copied by the Firm Foundation has caused you to have some misunderstanding.

"My dear Christian lady, I agree with you that "a godly woman is more beautiful because of her modesty than the most physically beautiful woman of the world, including 'Miss America.' " For forty years I have been married to a woman who is beautiful to me and more attractive than all of the Miss Americas. She is a true Christian. I commend her

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Prayer R. C. O'Bannon
Dismiss Harley Turner
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Announcements Ray Womack
Prayer Joe McBee
Dismiss David Cooper
Serving Communion Sunday

Bob Threadgill C. B. Hardin
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David Fears Jeff Munn

The Record

Contributions	Bible School
November 14... \$3,139.52 352
November 7... \$3,612.40	.... 435
A Year Ago ... \$3,100.53	.... 454

RESPONSES

Restored: Denise Terry

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock, November 23 at the F. C. Carpenter home.

ABOUT YOUR PICTURES. . .

We have had word from Campbell's Church Directories that the pictures you ordered will be mailed from their office within the 6 weeks period as promised. They will be sent to your homes, probably around the first week in December.

THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, the visits, and the cards during my stay in the hospital. I am enjoying the beautiful yellow mums very much. May God bless you for your Christian love.

Harry Collins

Your comforting expression of sympathy will always be remembered with deep gratitude. The pink carnations were lovely and your thoughtfulness and prayers will long be appreciated.

The Hattie Nichols Family

CONGRATULATIONS

Jay and Jackie Bynum are the happy parents of a baby son born late Saturday in Mother Frances Hospital. The Mack Bynums are the grandparents.

The R. M. Mayos have a new great grandson born Wednesday at Mother Frances to Mike and Donna Hayley.

LADIES, there are a number of dishes in the foyer that have been returned from homes where food has been carried.

WE NOW HAVE the tract, The Misunderstood Church, by Avon Malone in our tract racks. This is a good "teaching" tract.

"A man all wrapped up in himself makes a small package."

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

and all the other fine Christian women who live according to the principles of God's Word. For many years I have believed and taught, "Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord she shall be praised." (Proverbs 31:30)

"I did not watch the Miss America contest, nor did I intend by my article to lend endorsement to such contests. I did watch an interview of Dorothy K. Benham on the Today Show and read in the Dallas Morning News about her refusal to accept a million dollars to pose in the nude. It seemed to me that Miss Benham did show some wonderful traits of character in her refusal. Also, it was refreshing to see her stand against smoking, drinking, drugs and pre-marital sex. She displayed some apparent traits of decency which are not always found among winners of beauty contests.

"I hope that most people got the main point of my article - that we should not compromise any of our convictions - not even for a million dollars. I assure you that I have always admired and commended Christian women for their modesty.

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"It's not the critic who counts or how the strong man stumbled and fell or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotion, and spends himself in a worthy cause. If he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that he'll never be one of those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat. . . . Theodore Roosevelt

ARE YOU IN THE ARENA?

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Georgia Lee continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. Wayne Ray is in Medical Center. Mrs. Naomi McKeever's husband will undergo tests Tuesday in Medical and Surgical Clinic.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted last Friday afternoon for Mrs. E. L. (Lula) Taylor. She passed away early Thursday morning. We extend our sincere sympathy to her family.

From the Preacher's Desk...

We have truly had a great week at West Erwin. Avon Malone has brought powerful sermons from the word of the Lord. Many have come to hear him and to join in the singing directed by Jim Paul. I feel that the meeting has been a real "revival" of interest and zeal for the Lord.

Charles Miles did a fine job in helping to promote and advertise the meeting. A number of contacts have been made as a result of the cards which were mailed and which were handed out door to door. All who helped in any way in the work for the meeting deserves our commendation. We will see results from this special effort for a long time to come.

It was a pleasure to be associated with the good people down at Bullard in my meeting there last week. The church there has a very beautiful and comfortable new house of worship. J. C. Tate, who lives here in Tyler, is doing a great work as he preaches for this congregation. He does a very effective work as a preacher of the gospel.

Beginning this Sunday I will be in a meeting with the church in Daingerfield. The meeting continues through Thursday night. As you know, David Ingram has served as the preacher there but is now in Belo Horizonte in Brazil. West Erwin is now making a monthly contribution to this work. Robert Colley recently moved to Daingerfield to serve as the evangelist for this good church. Many in the congregation here knew brother Colley's father when he served as the preacher at New London many years ago.

Please pray for our meeting in Daingerfield and we will pray for the services at West Erwin. I know that Charles will be preaching sermons which you will be glad to hear.

GHS

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS

It is amazing to realize how many people are watching the "Amazing Grace Bible Class" every Sunday morning. There were people present from many congregations in this area on the afternoon of November 7 when the Bullard church had open house for their new building. Again and again I was told by those present of how much the program meant to them in their communities. Eris Ritchie, gospel preacher and long time resident of Troup, said that the Amazing Grace Bible Class is one of the greatest things to happen for the cause of Christ in East Texas. I believe everyone will be blessed by listening to the singing and teaching on the program. Tell your friends to watch every Sunday morning on KLTV at 8:00 o'clock.

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Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements Sam Sevier
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October 31....\$2,986.28407
A Year Ago...\$3,307.45466

RESPONSES

Restored: Mark Cauthen

IN APPRECIATION

We would like to express our appreciation to everyone for your kind expression of sympathy during the loss of our infant son, Brandon Scott Staples, and for your prayers.

Gail and Ed Staples

We want to thank you for the kind expressions of sympathy in the passing of our brother, Clifford Richards. Your thoughtfulness means so much at a time like this. May the grace of our Lord be with each of you.

Vera and Bernie Beard

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. W. H. Turner underwent surgery Monday and hopes to go home today (Wednesday).

Mrs. E. L. Taylor is very seriously ill in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Georgia Lee continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

L. L. Prater has gone home from the hospital.

Doc Wright has gone home from the Glenwood Hospital.

Wayne Ray continues to be a patient in Medical Center.

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted last week in Elkhart, Texas for Fred Hemby, uncle of Eleanor Birdwell. He passed away in Florida.

TOO BUSY

Too busy to read the Bible,

Too busy to wait and pray!

Too busy to speak out kindly

To someone by the way!

Too busy to care and struggle,

To think of life to come!

Too busy building mansions,

To plan for a heavenly home.

Too busy to help a brother

Who faces the winter blast!

Too busy to share his burden

When self in the balance is cast.

To busy for all that's holy

On earth beneath the sky;

Too busy to serve the Master,

But - not too busy to die!

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Ray Lott request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter
Brenda Kay

to

Mr. Paul Robert Anderson
on Saturday, the twentieth of November
Nineteen hundred and seventy-six
at half past seven in the evening
West Erwin Church of Christ

Tyler, Texas

Reception following
Rose Center Building

RONNIE LOWRANCE has accepted the invitation of the church in Farmersville to become their preacher and will begin his work on November 21. He has been living in Tyler and preaching for the church in Chandler. Our prayers and best wishes go with Ronnie and his family in their new work.

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DIRECT MAILING RESPONSE

This year we printed all of our meeting brochures with an offer of a free Bible Correspondence Course. Thirty-seven hundred of these were hand addressed and mailed to designated areas of our city. 7,429 were mailed to 13 rural routes of our city and 930 were handed out house to house.

So far, we have had 35 people to enroll in our course. Of these, 3 have indicated that they would like a home Bible study. Listed below are some comments that we received from these people.

"The correspondence course is a wonderful idea. I'm sure it will help me. Thank you."

"I love to read the Bible."

"I would like to understand the Bible and be able to help others."

". . . I'm always interested in Bible learning."

"Thank you for this opportunity."

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in this great work. It's always refreshing to see direct and immediate response to our work.

BUSINESS MEETING - SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 IN THE CHAPEL.

AREA MEETINGS

The Alpine congregation in Longview, Texas is hosting a special Christian Family Lecture Series. The theme is "Today's Family Faces Today's World." Harold Hazelip of the Harding Graduate School of Religion is the speaker. You are invited to attend, November 14 - 17, 7:30 each week night.

The Queen and Debard church in Palestine will have a series of lessons designed specifically for those of us who are Christians. Maxie Boren will speak each evening at 7:30. The dates are November 14 - 19.

CLOTHING for children (sizes 3 thru 18) is needed in our benevolent work. Also, coats and jackets for boys and girls are needed. Clothing should be clean and in good repair.



WONDERFUL LESSONS FROM THE BIBLE

WILL BE PRESENTED BY

AVON MALONE
Bible Teacher of Harding College

NOVEMBER 7 through NOVEMBER 10

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9:30 a. m. - Combined Adult Classes in the Auditorium
10:20 a. m. and 6:00 p. m.

MONDAY through WEDNESDAY

10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

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The Record

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October 31...\$2,986.28 407
October 24...\$3,179.96 344
A Year Ago...\$3,501.39 451

RESPONSES

Mrs. Earl (Meeta) Clucas, 841 So. Blackwell, phone 592-8245, has been attending services here for some time and has asked to be recognized as a member of this congregation.

Mrs. Cora Hughes came forward Sunday to ask for the prayers of the congregation.

THE SHOWER for Barbara Montandon has been postponed until November 20, 322 Winchester from 2:30 to 4:00 p. m.

EVERYONE BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL
SUNDAY!

HOSPITALS

Wayne Ray continues as a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. W. H. Turner will enter Medical Center Hospital Sunday.

Mrs. E. L. Taylor is a patient in Mother Frances.

Doc Wright is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Georgia Lee is scheduled for surgery Thursday in Mother Frances.

L. L. Prater is a patient in Mother Frances following surgery.

Mrs. J. D. Baird, from Gilmer, a sister-in-law to Leora Tate, is in Medical Center Hospital.

THANKS

Thank you my dear friends for your prayers and other expressions of love shown for me while I was in the hospital. I am enjoying the mums very much. May God bless you.

Aubrey Payne

Congratulations!

Shawn Paul Montandon, 6 lb. 12 oz. was born Thursday afternoon of last week to Barbara and Paul. Bud and Louise Caskey are the happy grandparents.

CLARK LEMONS received his Eagle Scout Award Monday evening at the First Baptist Church.

All adult Bible Classes will meet together Sunday morning, 9:30 a. m. for a lesson by brother Avon Malone.

LET'S MAKE THIS GOSPEL MEETING A GREAT SUCCESS!!

"Ready to every good work" Titus 3:1

Avon Malone will be with us this Lord's Day to begin our revival. Much work has already been done advertising this meeting to the public and to members of the church. One of the most important areas of work still remains to be done.

Please meet with the preachers, elders, and deacons in the chapel at 9:00 a. m. Saturday morning for a brief devotion. Immediately following our worship, assignments will be made for canvassing. With everyone participating, designated areas of the city can be covered by 11:30 a. m.

Primarily, we will be knocking doors house to house handing out meeting advertisements, personally inviting people to our meeting, and enrolling interested people in our free Bible Correspondence Course.

After canvassing, we will meet for a fellowship meal in the banquet room of Loggins Restaurant at 11:45.

Sympathy

The infant son of Gail and Edward Staples was buried Friday afternoon. The Odell Malones were the grandparents.

Funeral services were conducted last week for the sister of Mrs. W. H. Turner.

We express our sincere sympathy to each family.



MEDINA HOME TRUCK

The grocery truck from the Medina Children's Home will be here to pick up groceries sometime during the week of November 15 - 21. They can use any merchandise but have a special need of the following items.

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| dry milk | paper towels |
| crackers | detergent |
| sugar | aluminum foil |
| cornmeal | fruit juices |
| powdered sugar | soap |
| dishwashing soap | jelly |
| toilet tissue | cream soups |

RESPONSE TO DIRECT MAILING

We have just received our first response to our direct mailing. The woman is a Methodist and she has requested our free Bible Correspondence course. She said, "I don't know very much about the Bible, but want to very much. I can't get much out of it from just reading it. I think a study guide would help me very much."

We want to thank everyone who addressed our meeting advertisements and those who prepared them for mailing. May God continue to send us prospects like this fine woman.



MEETING APPROACHES!

What You Can Do

What is the greatest achievement that a person can make in a lifetime? TO LEAD A SOUL TO CHRIST! Try the following daily:

SELECT ONE Choose the soul you will seek to win. Be definite! The world can only be won on an individual basis. Surely there is one lost soul somewhere you are concerned about! Seek to win it.

LOVE ONE "Love never faileth." Speak tactfully of your love and interest to let the soul know you love it.

TEACH ONE No one can become a Christian until he knows what God requires of him. Offer to study the Bible or to show the film study on the Bible.

PERSUADE ONE So many have been taught the gospel but have not obeyed it. Such need your love and kind words of persuasion. Your prayer-

ful encouragement maybe the one thing needed to move him. Paul said, "Knowing the terror of the Lord we persuade men." But do not do this at the building. Such will cause the unready to quit coming. Let the sermon, songs, and prayer have free course here.

BLESS ONE Pray earnestly that the soul you are seeking to win may be saved. Ask God to help you say the right thing in the right way. Prayer can be the one thing needed to remove the last barrier.

BRING ONE Bring the soul you seek to win to every service of the church that you possibly can.

ABANDON NONE When the soul is won, continue to nourish it till it grows strong in the Lord.

--The Exhorter

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From the Preacher's Desk...

Meet Avon Malone

Avon Malone will be the visiting evangelist in our Gospel Meeting scheduled for November 7 - 10. He comes to us highly recommended for his speaking ability and for his knowledge of the Scriptures.

At the present time brother Malone serves as minister of the Westside Church of Christ in Searcy, Arkansas and teaches in the Bible Department of Harding College. He has served as a minister for churches in Waukegan, Illinois; Aurora, Colorado; Fort Worth and Amarillo, Texas. He taught in two Schools of Preaching before going to Harding College - Preston Road in Dallas and Bear Valley in Colorado. He is the author of many Bible tracts and articles.



AVON MALONE

Avon Malone is married to the former Mary Ann Hart and they are the parents of two daughters and one son. His father, Joe Malone, is a well known preacher who has preached in meetings at West Erwin. He also has a brother who is a gospel preacher.

Brother Malone will be here for just four days and nights. Plan to hear him every time he speaks. Your life will be enriched by the lessons he will bring from God's Word.

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October 10...\$2,859.53388
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THANK YOU
 We are still thinking of your nice visit with us. We enjoyed having you so very much. We feel honored to have you come that distance to visit with us. We are grateful for your interest in the children here. We appreciate the nice things you brought to help supply the kitchen needs for the home. Larie Cantrell
 Administrative Assistant
 Boles Home

Thank you so much for your prayers, food, visits, and cards. May God bless all of you. Betty Strait

ADDITIONAL RESPONSE

A few weeks ago we completed our work at the East Texas Fair. We reported that we had 1,000 lessons of Does God Exist? correspondence course taken and had enrolled 12 others in a different course. Recently we received a letter from one who enrolled in our course. The following is an excerpt from that letter.

"I indeed have enjoyed this first Bible lesson. I really look forward to the next 7 lessons. I am 23 years old and I feel these lessons help me to get closer to God. They also help me in my everyday life. I am a member of the Shady Grove Baptist Church. I thank you for this chance to try to better myself so that I may someday see Jesus."

Sometimes success is difficult to judge. As brother Stephenson pointed out in his sermon last Lord's Day, we oftentimes have a great influence in the lives of others without ever realizing it. Certainly, we rejoice when we learn of good accomplished for the Lord and His Kingdom.

FOURTH GRADE HELPERS

As a result of a World Bible School student from the Church of Christ in India, our 4th graders brought over nine pounds of clothing and sent it to India.

Congratulations!

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Walker will celebrate their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary, October 27.

SOME BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Camp Deer Run - Twenty seven young people, including three from West Erwin, were baptized at Camp Deer Run this year. We cannot begin to measure the good which this Camp does from year to year as it encourages young people to give their lives to the Lord. We are glad that Ray Womack of this congregation takes an active part as one of the directors of the Camp.

Many were saddened recently when Mrs. E. H. Smith, wife of the superintendent of the camp, died following a lingering illness. She had worked faithfully with her husband in helping to exert a wholesome influence in the lives of countless numbers of boys and girls.

The Broadway Church in Lubbock recently honored Horace Coffman and his wife, Dott, for their thirty years of service with that great church.

Area News

Glynn Purdy will preach for the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson, October 24 - 28.

The Reese Church of Christ will be in a gospel meeting, October 25 - 28 with H. I. Taylor preaching.

The Fourth Sunday Singing at Whitehouse will be Sunday, Oct.24 at 2:30.

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Report of Our Sick

W. H. Turner entered Medical Center Hospital Wednesday for surgery on Thursday.
 Wayne Ray is in Medical Center

Horace has served as an associate minister for the same church for the longest period of time of any other man in the brotherhood. He has served with all four men who now live and who were preachers for the church. They are Norvel Young, Bill Banowsky, Joe Barnett, and myself. I am glad that it was our privilege to know and work with the Coffmans.

You probably heard that the Madison Church of Christ had 7,084 present for Bible School on September 12. This was by far the largest attendance for Bible School in any congregation in the brotherhood. The Madison Church, with its dynamic preacher Ira North, continues to go forward to greater and greater things. Be sure to listen to their Amazing Grace Bible Class every Sunday morning over KLTv at 8:00 o'clock which is sponsored by West Erwin.

WORKSHOPS

Recently, Margret Montgomery was invited to conduct a one day (Saturday) Bible Teacher's Workshop in Fort Worth. This weekend she has been invited to hold one in Houston. We are fortunate to have Margret, with her special talent, as a part of the educational program here at W.Erwin.

Hospital. He is seriously ill.
 Margaret Franklin is a patient in Mother Frances.

DON'T GIVE UP!!!

The successful life required of Christ demands faithfulness unto death - steadfast perseverance; fighting the good fight of faith.

There are temptations to overcome; disappointments to handle; personal sins that plague us; burdens that depress us. And Satan is standing by urging that we quit trying. But our comfort is in Christ, "who endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you may not grow weary and lose heart," (Heb. 12:3).

When former heavyweight champion James J. Corbett was asked the most important thing to do to become a champion, he replied, "Fight one more round." The Duke of Wellington said that the British soldiers at Waterloo were not any braver than Napoleon's soldiers, but were braver for five minutes longer!

Dag Hammerskjold once wrote: "When morning's freshness has been replaced by the weariness of midday - the climb seems endless, and suddenly nothing will go quite as you wish - it is then that you must not hesitate."

These attitudes are those Christ requires of us. They are the Christian's secret of success. Fight for just one more round. Be brave for just five more minutes.

Waymond D. Miller

TRIP TO BOLES HOME

There were some eighteen people who went to Boles Home Tuesday taking some of the supplies which had been contributed by various individuals. We are indebted to Charles Miles for driving the bus for us. We are indebted to the Home for the wonderful reception given us. We were

served a lovely meal at noon and were shown through one of the cottages, the "sewing building," the commissary, and the new facility for caring for their meat. All who went were very thankful for the opportunity to visit this home which is helping to provide the spiritual and physical needs of many boys and girls.

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a look ahead

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 Ron Jones David Demic
 Jeff Munn DeRay Bennett

<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Bible School</u>
October 10....\$2,859.53	....388
October 3....\$3,628.66	....459
A Year Ago...\$3,388.07	....485

WELCOME

Beth Darrow, 2720 So. Broadway, Apt. 214, came Sunday to place membership. She formerly worshipped with the Eastern Hills church of Christ in Marshall, Texas.

WELCOME Rose Festival Visitors

This week-end is the climax of the annual Rose Festival. We encourage all to bring your out of town visitors to Bible class and worship on Sunday.

THANK YOU NOTES

Nowhere will we find such thoughtful and lovely friends than at the West Erwin church of Christ. For the many cards, visits and gifts, thank you. I love everyone of you.

Naomi Haws

We wish to express our thanks for your kindness, and for all the nice cards, letters, and prayers, and especially to brother Stephenson for all of his visits to the hospital. Bless all of you. We love all of you.

Mother and Dad Turner

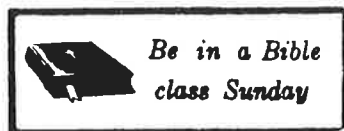
Thank you for all the cards, calls, food, the pot plant and all your kindness during the time I was in the hospital.

Mrs. E. L. Taylor

Thank you one and all for aid in the benediction and passing of our father. Luther W. Thompson, Sr. loved and cherished each moment of fellowship with you in worshipping our Almighty God. To those who brought food, flowers, to the choir for their inspiration, to brother Dean Brookshire for his benediction, to his life long friends who aided his journey - brethren Cauthen, Walker, Threadgill, Knight, Haws, and Hardin, Thank you.

To each and all for their prayers and sympathy, thank you. Our love and God's blessings to all.

The Thompsons



Mr. and Mrs. Gus Krewall
 and
 Mrs. Anita Maldonado
 invite you to share in the joy of
 the marriage uniting their children
 Catherine Gail
 to
 Antonio Maldonado

This celebration of love will be on Saturday, the twenty-third of October Nineteen hundred and seventy-six at seven-thirty in the evening at the Woman's Building 911 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas

Reception immediately following

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Jack Beard had surgery Monday in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Earnesene Shuford is a patient in Glenwood Hospital.

Sister W. H. Turner's sister, Mrs. Nichols, is very seriously ill in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mr. W. R. Riley continues to be a patient in Medical Center.

Mike Mackey has suffered an eye injury and is in Medical Center.

Mrs. Jim Willis is in Glenwood Hospital.

Remember

Ladies are encouraged to come to the Christian Care Center on Thursdays - 9:30 a.m. Several ladies are presently needed to help cut out quilt squares.

WEDDING

Brother Stephenson performed the marriage ceremony Sunday afternoon for Mrs. T. (Anne) Murry and Mr. P. J. Bryant. We extend our congratulations and best wishes for a happy life together.



LADIES BIBLE CLASS each Wednesday morning, 10 o'clock.

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m. at the home of K. Max and Mary Haws.



"Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God, (I John 4:7).

From the Preacher's Desk...

Last Sunday was a great day with a big increase in Bible School, a house filled at the worship hour, and the appointment of five additional deacons. We congratulate these men and pray that God may bless them as they assume the responsibilities of deacons: Don Chaffin, Milburn Cook, Don Crowder, Wallace Gayle, and Ray Lott.

Many people were involved in working for the Lord last week. Many gave of their time in working in the booth we had at the Fair. Also, there were numbers of our Christian women who worked in the making of appointments and in serving as receptionists for the making of pictures for our new directory. These endeavors would have failed completely had it not been for the dedicated Christians who were willing to serve. We have many at West Erwin who work in various ways for the Lord's Cause. We especially appreciate those who work in the Friday School and those who work each Thursday morning in our Care Center. And, we must not forget those who are working in their homes in grading correspondence courses. May I remind everyone who is working in any area for the Lord, "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).

The time for our fall meeting will soon be here. We look forward to hearing Avon Malone who now teaches in Harding College. Brother Malone is a very excellent preacher of God's Word. His father, Joe Malone, has preached in meetings here in the past. Be sure to mark your calendar - November 7 - 10, and plan to attend every service in the meeting. Do you have friends who need the gospel? Do you have friends who may have wandered from the Lord? Will you do your part to see that they hear the preaching in our meeting? We have just four days set aside for this endeavor. Let us make these days really count for the Lord!

GEORGE H. STEPHENSON

Business Meeting

Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel. All men of the congregation are invited to be present.

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WELCOME

Brother P. G. Bryant from Lindale wants to be identified as a member of this congregation. He was a member of this church many years ago when the membership met on Mary St.

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. E. L. Taylor is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital for tests.

Wayne Ray continues to be a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

Jim Willis has gone home from Glenwood Hospital.

Bill Billingsley is very seriously ill in Dallas.

Mrs. Clara Riley's husband is very ill in Medical Center Hospital.

DIRECTORY PICTURES . . .

Make-Up Time

Tuesday evening, October 12th from 6 until 7 p. m. has been set aside for make-up pictures. If, for any reason, you were unable to have your picture made last week, please take advantage of the make-up time. The congregation is to be commended for the good response to this project. We would like for everyone to have their picture in the new church directory.

FROM BOLES HOME

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 co-operation and benevolence.

Alan Sowders



VISITATION IS THE KEY TO CHURCH GROWTH!

Zone 2 will meet Tuesday, 7 p. m. at Maxine Freeman's home.

EAST TEXAS FAIR

We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who prepared and worked in our fair booth this year. During the first two days we were plagued with mechanical breakdowns in our equipment. After these were repaired the rest of the week went smoothly.

It's very difficult to assess the amount of good that was accomplished during this past week's work. Several hundred tracts were passed out on the theme, "What Is the Church of Christ?" Approximately 1,000 correspondence courses of the Does God Exist? series were also distributed. In addition, we had 12 others to enroll in another Bible correspondence course.

Some of our workers reported that a few individuals watched our entire 40 minute filmstrip on, Does God Exist? Also, a few listened to the entire cassette in our learning center on the same theme.

Again we want to thank everyone who participated in this work.

CHARLES MILES

Thank you for the cards, calls, flowers and prayers in my behalf while in the hospital and at home.

Mrs. Jo Metcalf

I would like to thank everyone who sent the lovely cards. Also, thank you for the prayers and visits during my recent illness. Your concern was appreciated very much.

Charlie Shuford

" 'Twas a Sheep, Not a Lamb"

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that strayed away

In the parable Jesus told;

A grown-up sheep that had gone astray

From the ninety and nine in the fold.

Out on the hillside, out in the cold,

'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd sought;

And back to the flock, safe in the fold,

'Twas a sheep the Good Shepherd brought.

And why for the sheep should we earnestly long,

And as earnestly hope and pray?

Because there is danger, if they go wrong

They will lead the lambs astray.

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,

Wherever the sheep may stray;

When the sheep go wrong, it will not be long

Till the lambs are as wrong as they.

And so with the sheep we earnestly plead,

For the sake of the lambs today;

If the lambs are lost, what terrible cost

Some sheep will have to pay!

Coming our way..

GOSPEL MEETING

November 7 - 10

Avon Malone, Preaching

"We do not prove our love by giving "things" - a child can see through that. We prove our love by giving of ourselves."

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial . . .

" . . . the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are indispensable." (I Corinthians 12:22)

WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?

You have what's needed to do the job God wants you to do. Your talents may be limited, but you have what is needed to do the job God wants you to do. Your assignment may not be very flashy, but you have what's needed to do the job God wants you to do.

God gave Moses a rod, David a sling, Samson the jawbone of a donkey, Shamgar an oxgoad, Esther beauty and courage, Dorcas a needle, and Apollos an eloquent tongue. No two of them had the same assignment. But each had what was needed to do the job God had for him. And by faithful use of that gift each wrote a significant chapter.

God has given you a gift. That puts you under heavy obligation. God's gifts must not be squandered! They must be faithfully used -- for the purpose for which He has given them. One day He will call for an accounting of your stewardship.

We have all that's needed to preach the gospel to the world. It has been distributed to various parts of the body. Getting that body to function as a unit is the rub. We find ourselves walking with crutches because of a lame leg; tapping cautiously with a cane because the eyes have failed; bedridden because of a weak heart. Our evaluation of faithfulness often begins and ends with church attendance. That's about as sensible as judging a worker's worth by how often he shows up at mealtime.

God doesn't ask for more than you can deliver. He doesn't require you to do something you can't do. You can't preach? That's okay. You can't teach a class? That's okay. You can't give thousands of dollars? That's okay.

What can you do? That's what He wants you to do. Are you doing it?

... Joe Barnett

(Contributed by Weldon Dawson)

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RESPONSES

For Prayer: Judy Kniffen

SPECIAL!

FOR THE LADIES

The Omen Road congregation has invited the ladies to meet with them on Tuesday, October 5th, for an Area-Wide meeting during their "Back to the Bible" Campaign. The time is 10:00 a.m. J. J. Turner of the White's Ferry Road School of Biblical Studies will be the speaker. The title of the lesson will be, "Christianity is Other Person Centered."

Grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.

THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to thank every one for remembering me with flowers, food, visits, cards, phone calls and prayers during my stay in the hospital and after returning home. Your love and concern has helped me so much.

Birdie Norris

I want to express my appreciation for the prayers, cards, visits and calls during the time I was in the hospital.

Louise Malone

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and interest shown by your prayers, cards, calls and visits. Especially do we thank brother Stephenson for being with us during surgery.

L. L. Prater and Family

NEW GRANDSON

Mildred Parris has a new grandson born to Betsy and Gary Abrahams in Lubbock, Texas.

Report of Our Sick

Sister M. M. Haws is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital in ICU.

Sister Fred Strait underwent surgery last Thursday in Medical Center.

The son-in-law of the Jack Bennetts, Wayne Ray, will have surgery Thursday in Medical Center Hospital.

Visitation

- ✓ Brings Back the Absentees
- ✓ Enlists New Members
- ✓ Encourages the Skeptics
- ✓ Blesses the Caller
- ✓ Edifies the Church
- ✓ Increases Attendance

THE INVESTMENT OF A SMILE

Most people feel intuitively that the simplest things in life are the most important. The most important things in life are the simple things. This profound discovery helps us put life in its proper perspective. What is more important to us than breathing? Until recently fresh air has been taken for granted - yet the air we breathe doesn't cost us a penny. Deprived of air we will die in a few minutes.

Another important but simple thing is a 'smile.' A smile costs nothing in money, time or effort; but it can be of supreme importance in one's life. A smile affects your whole body from skeleton to skin including the nerves and muscles and blood supply. It affects the functioning of every organ; it influences every gland. You cannot smile without affecting your whole body favorably. Even one smile relaxes a surprising number of muscles. When smiling becomes a habit you cannot imagine the effect it has on you or those who know you. Last year's smiles are paying you dividends today!

The effect of a smile on the other people is remarkable. It disarms suspicion, melts away fear and anger and excites what is best and noblest in the other person. This is immediately returned to you.

A smile is to a Christian what oil is to machinery--no intelligent Christian ever neglects lubrication!

"The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable..." Proverbs 10:32.
... Howard Mahle, Via Heights Herald

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Ross McGlathery who will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, October 2nd. They are former members of West Erwin and now attend the Omen Road church.

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted on Thursday of last week for brother Luther Thompson. He passed away late Tuesday. We express our sincere sympathy to the family.

Funeral services were conducted this week for an aunt of sister John Teague.

GOSPEL MEETING

Avon Malone, a professor of Bible in Harding College, will preach from November 7 - 10.

We need YOU
in Bible School!

Not For A Million Dollars

A recent news item reports that the new Miss America has turned down an offer of a million dollars to pose in the nude. I have never been especially interested in the "Miss America" contests, but it is most refreshing to read of the high ideals of Dorothy K. Benham who recently won this title.

Miss Benham, whose home is in Edina, Minnesota, does not smoke, drink, use drugs, gamble or believe in premarital sex. She is opposed to abortion and has expressed some doubts about the ERA. I saw her being interviewed on the TV "Today Show" and was impressed with her beauty, her poise and her apparent sincerity. I hope that she will continue to maintain her high standards of conduct during this year in which she will be reigning as Miss America.

When a magazine approached Miss Benham with the offer of a million dollars for her to pose in the nude, she said, "That is absurd." Some have said that everyone has his price - and that for a sufficient amount everyone will compromise his or her convictions. How refreshing it is to find a young woman who will not surrender her values even for a million dollars!

How many have compromised their convictions and have gone against their conscience for much, much less than a million dollars. There are many who have left the church just for an increase in salary or the opportunity to advance in a material way. Every Lord's Day there are many who have forsaken the Lord for a few hours of fun and recreation.

The Bible tells us of the infamous treachery of Judas who sold his Lord for only thirty pieces of silver. Today there are those who sell their Lord for even less. In so doing one sells himself as is expressed in the verse:

"Still, as of old, man by himself is priced
For thirty pieces Judas sold himself, not Christ."

It is good to have money for the needs of this life and for the good we may do with it, but we must never forget that there are many, many things more precious than millions of dollars. The love of family, the encouragement of friends, the fellowship of Christians are so much more precious than silver or gold. And the hope of living with Christ and the redeemed forever means more than all of the treasures of earth. May we always remember the words of Christ?

"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world,
and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange
for his soul?"

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RESPONSES

Baptized: John Wehunt, 2111 Miller, phone 597-5732. John is the son of Sue Wehunt and is in the 6th grade. We are very happy for his decision to obey Christ.

For Prayer: Mrs. Earnesene Shuford

T H A N K S

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

Report of Our Sick

Brother L. L. Prater remains a patient in Mother Frances.

Sister Zora Lunceford is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Brother Tommy White is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

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

OUR SYMPATHY

The step grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Taylor, Jimmy Avery, was injured in an automobile accident last Tuesday in Houston. He died early Monday morning. Funeral services were held for him Wednesday in Abilene.

THE 4th SUNDAY SINGING will be at the Bullard Church of Christ, Sunday, September 26th, 2:30 p. m.

DISHES - DISHES!

There are many dishes which have been brought to the church building from the homes of those who lost loved ones. You have been very kind to furnish food and now you may find dishes which are yours in the foyer.



FIVE YEARS AND 54 PREACHERS: Marvin Bryant, a convert from denominationalism, makes the following report: "Five years have passed since this ministry began in 1971. We have assisted 54 preachers (in denominations) in becoming a part of the fellowship of churches of Christ. This is an average of almost one a month. Fourteen of these were reached in 1975... Of the 54, one half were Baptist. One third were preachers from the independent Christian Church or Church of Christ, instrumental. The other nine came from the Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Methodist, and Church of God denominations. Of the 54, 32 are now serving as the evangelist of some local congregation. Three are working as associate ministers under good elders where they are being intergrated into the ministry of the Churches of Christ. Five are doing secular work and preaching. Five are in schools."

DEBATE IN DENTON

I am looking forward to hearing the debate in Denton this week, Monday through Thursday. Antony Flew, Professor of Philosophy of the University of Reading in London, England will deny the existence of God. Thomas Warren, Professor of Religion and Christian Apologetics in Harding Graduate School of Religion will affirm the existence of God. I hope to give my impressions of the debate publicly after our return.

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THE NATIONAL TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE, the first-ever professional teacher educational program developed for the Churches of Christ, will make its area debut in a Workshop hosted by the Glenwood Church of Christ in Tyler on October 1 - 2. Personnel for Tyler include: Winston Bell, Golf Course Road Church of Christ, Midland (Administration); David Wray, Highland Church of Christ, Abilene (Early Childhood--ages 2-5); Libby Weed, Co-Author, Bible Handbook for Young Learners, Austin (Children--grades 1-6); Gary Skidmore, Sweet Publishing Co., Austin (Youth--grades 7-12); and Byron Williamson, Richland Hills Church of Christ, Ft. Worth (Adult).

The registration fee for this intensive six-hour training program is \$18 per person. Sessions will be held on Friday night and Saturday morning. For details contact Jack Colvin at the Glenwood Church of Christ, (214) 592-3858.

PLEASE - Have your Picture Made!

It is our hope that every member and his or her family - will want to have pictures made for our directory. It will cost you nothing and you will be furnished a directory when it is completed. Opportunities will be provided for you to purchase photographs - but you do not have to buy anything. Contacts are being made for appointments but if you have not made an appointment, please call the church office.

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Amazing Grace Bible Class

Below are some excerpts from some of the many responses we have had to the Amazing Grace Bible Class on KLTv each Sunday morning at eight o'clock.

From Grand Saline - "I view the Amazing Grace Bible Class over KLTv Tyler, Texas and enjoy it very much. My husband, A. D. Fagg, passed away May 29, 1976. We made it a point to watch the class every Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. Pray for me for I'm lonely."

From Jacksonville - "I have been listening to you on TV for several weeks now. I am interested in your Bible study class. I looked up the research question. I went to Sunday School and church then came home and looked it up. I think it is good for someone to look something up in the Bible. And so many times if the question isn't asked, then we read over it several times without ever seeing it. Thank you so very much for making the program."

From Sacul, Texas - "I listen to your program every Sunday morning and enjoy it so very much. I am in a wheel chair. I don't get to attend church as often as I would like to."

From Athens - Rt. 3 - "I have heard your program again last Sunday. My husband and I see your program each Sunday morning before we go to our own church in Murchison - First Baptist."

From Hawkins - "We are members of the church here and listen to the Amazing Grace Bible Class each Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. We'd like your material on Proverbs. Thank you and may God continue to bless you in your great work."

From Kilgore - "I hear your program at 8 a. m. Sunday on KLTv. I have been a Christian 55 years. I enjoy the Amazing Grace Bible Class. God bless and keep you."

From Longview - "I saw your television Amazing Grace Bible Class and I received a great blessing from listening to it. I was wondering how I could take one of the free Bible courses. May God bless you in everything you do. Thank you for your time. I'll be looking forward in hearing from you."

From Marshall - "I would like to know more about Christ. I study the Bible but some say I don't divide the Word right. Will you help me? I don't want to be lost. I believe the whole Bible but I am told there is a difference to what I read and the way I understand it - I am really confused. Thanks for the help in advance."

These are just a few of the many letters from residents in this area. There are two Tyler residents who have received Bibles as a result of the drawing each Sunday. Also, we have sent Bibles and Testaments to several who expressed a need for them. We have contacted local congregations in regard to those who expressed a need for teaching. We would encourage you to boost this missionary effort.

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Plume Drive came Sunday to be identified with this congregation. Fran is a junior high student.

CORRECTION

We stated in last week's bulletin that Steve Brown (recently baptized) is a teacher at TJC. He is associated with Texas Eastern University and not TJC.

MOVED FROM TYLER

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Gilliam recently moved to Greenville, Texas. They will be missed from West Erwin but we hope they will be happy in their new home.

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Gerald Montgomery home.

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IN APPRECIATION

To all of our dear brothers and sisters in Christ who have so unselfishly offered help in so many ways during Ernest's lengthy illness and since his death, I feel humbly grateful. Ernest loved the church, his family and friends and wanted so much to get well, but he realized the seriousness of his illness and had said if it was not meant for him to get well, he was ready. How wonderful it would be if everyone had a chance to make it right with the Lord before departing this earthly home. Ernest never wanted much of this earth's goods, but family and friends meant much more to him. He was made that way.

I ask your prayers in the days ahead. I will miss him but I have the cherished memories of 45 years together.

Most sincerely,
Jewell Pickle

I would like to express appreciation for the prayers offered in behalf of my sister. Also, for the food, calls, cards, visits, and the book from West Erwin, we thank you.

Georgia Lowery

We cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciate the thoughtful kindness that you extended to us in the loss of our loved one, Mary Henderson. We are very grateful for the phone calls, the food, cards, and many lovely flowers. To each of our Christian brothers and sisters in whatever way you expressed your love and concern, we sincerely say, "Thank you so much and God bless you."

Loved ones of Mary Henderson

"DOES GOD EXIST?"

West Erwin will have a booth again this year at the East Texas Fair (Sept. 27-Oct 2). The theme will be "Does God Exist?" We will be using material by John Clayton. Brother Clayton was an atheist who came to believe in God through his study of science. He came to have confidence in the Bible as God's Word through his attempts to show it scientifically incorrect. He is a public school teacher of physics, chemistry, mathematics and earth science in South Bend, Indiana. He is a graduate of Indiana and Notre Dame Universities holding two master degrees. His materials show the evidence available to man from science that there is a God and the Bible is His Word. Please pray for the success of this work.

CM

Fred Hudson to Speak for Ladies...

Fred Hudson, who preaches for the Omen Road congregation in our city, will speak for the Ladies' Class on this coming Wednesday, Sept. 22. The class meets at ten o'clock in the Chapel. Maxine Freeman also teaches a class for pre-school children at the same time. Brother Hudson is a splendid teacher and we urge the women to hear him on Wednesday.

A NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Letters have been mailed to members of the congregation about our proposed new directory containing pictures of families in the congregation. These directories are helpful to all of us in becoming better acquainted with others in the congregation. We want your picture to be there, because we want the directory to include everybody.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Why Was The Rich Man Lost?
P. M. In The Resurrection Whose Wife Shall She Be of the Seven?

ABOUT OUR SICK

L. L. Prater is in Mother Frances Hospital following major surgery. David Thurman underwent oral surgery last week but is now at home. Mrs. Odell Malone is a patient in Glenwood Hospital. Mrs. Zora Lunceford is in Mother Frances Hospital. The husband of Mrs. Bob (Thelma) Cole is a patient in the V. A. Hospital in Shreveport, La.

ANOTHER SON

Dwaine and Audeen Thedford are the parents of a baby boy born last Friday in Mother Frances. The Charles Grafts are the happy grandparents.

GOSPEL MEETING 7 WEEKS AWAY

One of the activities for this fall will be our gospel meeting - just 7 weeks from now. Avon Malone, a professor of Bible in Harding College, will preach from November 7 - 10. Please mark your calendar now and make your plans to do your part in making this meeting successful.

"DOES GOD EXIST?" THE DEBATE OF THE CENTURY!



September 20-23

N. Texas St. Univ. Coliseum
Denton, Texas

THOMAS WARREN

GOD DOES EXIST
Affirmative -

Thomas B. Warren, Ph. D., Vanderbilt University, Philosophy and Religion. Professor of Religion and Christian Apologetics, Harding Graduate School of Religion, Memphis, Tennessee. Renowned Author, Editor, Radio Speaker, Teacher.

Negative -

A. G. N. Flew, Ph. D., Professor of Philosophy, University of Reading, London, England. Internationally known defender of the atheistic position.



ANTONY FLEW

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September 5...\$3,410.34 ...413

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Baptized

Steve K. Brown was baptized Saturday afternoon by brother Stephenson. His address is 216 S. Fannin. Steve is a teacher at TJC. We welcome him to Tyler and to West Erwin.

We are very happy to report that Howard Galletly, son-in-law of Joe and Frances McBee, was baptized Monday in Mabank, Texas.

Restored and Membership

Mrs. Betty (Oliver) Rhoades, came Sunday to be restored and identified with this congregation.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening, 7 o'clock at the Ben Young home.

Report of Our Sick

Brother L. L. Prater underwent surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances.

Sister Harley Norris had eye surgery in Mother Frances Tuesday.

Brother Charlie Shuford has gone home from the hospital.

Sister Russell O'Bannon had a lens implant Tuesday in Methodist hospital in Dallas. She hopes to return home Friday.

Sister W. D. Metcalf is now at home after being hospitalized several days.

Sympathy

Services were conducted by brother Stephenson on Monday morning for Mary Henderson, daughter of the Maurice Hendersons. She died Saturday in a Houston Hospital.

Monday afternoon brother Stephenson said words of comfort to the family of sister L. E. Carpenter. She was a former member of this congregation, but had recently lived in Alabama.

Mrs. Juana Felecia, the sister of Mrs. Georgia Lowery, passed away Friday in Houston and was buried Saturday at Center, Texas.

A brother-in-law to sister Charles Gilstrap was buried here Saturday.

We extend our sincere sympathy to each family in their loss.

IN APPRECIATION

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

Thank You

OVERWHELMING is the only word that might express our feelings of last Thursday night's dinner and program. Our appreciation to the people of West Erwin could never be expressed fully. Even though Jeanine and I were credited for many programs of work, we realize that not one of them could have been successful without each person involved. Any program is only as good as its workers. A special thanks goes to Margret Montgomery for her many hours of preparation for last week's program. Also, thanks to everyone that made it such a wonderful success. Many unforgettable occasions were highlighted by each of you. Thanks to Mike Warner and Jamon Kirby for their "too real" bus trips. The more than generous check that further showed your love was most appreciated. September 2, 1976, will be a night long remembered by the Hughes family. Our love continues for you at West Erwin.

Hillard and Jeanine
Kim, Laurie, Shannon & Trey



The grocery truck from Boles Home will be here sometime next week. A list of their most needed items is on the bulletin board in the south foyer. Also, a list of the most needed items for the church pantry is posted.

Friday School begins September 17.



Ladies

YOU ARE INVITED

The first session of our Wednesday Ladies' Bible Class will be conducted on September 15 at ten o'clock. We look forward to an interesting study on "The Christian's Everyday Problems." We plan to use the book by this title written by Leroy Brownlow as an aid in our study. GHS

A COVERED DISH LUNCHEON is planned following the class this Wednesday in the Stephenson's home at 300 Ridgecrest. Come - bring some food and let us enjoy a period of fellowship together. Men are welcome to the luncheon also.

IMPROVEMENTS TO BUILDING

The outside wall on the west side of the church auditorium is having a "face lift." The bricks are going to be plastered to match the educational wings of the building. Many of the bricks have deteriorated and portions of them have fallen off the wall. The work will make the building more attractive, but it will also help to preserve the building. There is a need for contributions to help care for this work, for it is not one of our budgeted items for this year.

Business Meeting

The regular monthly business meeting of the men of the church will be Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel.

From the Preacher's Desk...

The Compassion of Jesus

"But when he saw the multitude, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted and were scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd," (Matthew 9:36).

One of the many wonderful attributes of Jesus was His compassion. The word "compassion" is a combination of sorrow, sympathy and love. It is a stronger word than "pity." We may have pity for someone we consider inferior, but we have compassion when we have a genuine feeling of sympathy and understanding toward our brother. We do not usually want others to pity us, but we long for their compassion.

We are thankful that the Jesus of the Bible was not a cold, hard hearted dictator, but a kind, loving, and compassionate Saviour. The compassion of Jesus led him to feed the hungry multitudes. His compassion was evident in the many miracles He worked even though they were performed primarily to show His divine power. The compassion of Jesus led Him to endure the anguish of Gethsemane and the suffering of Calvary. It was His compassion for guilty sinners - and that means all of us - which caused Him to lay down His life. Today He is our faithful and merciful High Priest and He is still pictured as one who is filled with compassion. He is described as one who is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities," (Hebrews 4:15).

If we who claim to be Christians are representative of Christ on the earth we too must be filled with compassion toward others. One of the great needs in our world of anxiety, suffering, and sin is for compassionate hearts who truly "rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep," (Romans 12:15). Genuine compassion in our hearts will cause us to spend more time helping others and less time criticizing others.

The church should be known for its compassion for the lonely, the poor, the sorrowful, and the needy. The church should minister to the needs of others, both spiritual and material. May we not be among the number to whom Jesus will say, "I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty and ye gave me no drink. I was a stranger, and ye took me not in, naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. . . . Inasmuch as ye did it not to me." (Matthew 25: 42, 43, 45).

According to our ability and our opportunity, let us do good to all men. (Galatians 6:10).

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 Dismiss Roy Lane Roberson

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T H A N K S

I would like to thank every one for the beautiful cards, the visits, and the prayers during my recent stay in the hospital. Your Christian love and concern is appreciated more than words can express. Jo Butler

SERMONS

By George H. Stephenson
 A. M. Blessings of Worship.
 P. M. By What Authority?

Report of Our Sick

Mr. Roy Bell, brother-in-law to Ferman Carpenter, is very seriously ill in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Mary Henderson, daughter of the Maurice Hendersons is critically ill in Medical Center in ICU.

Mike Gregory remains a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Bruce Raley is in Glenwood Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS

David Michael, Jr. was born to Pam and David Wells on Thursday of last week. All are well. The grandparents are Sherrill and Darlene Little.

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted Friday morning at the church building for brother Ernest Pickle. He passed away Wednesday evening. We all share in the sorrow of Jewell and the family.

A GREAT RESPONSE

The wonderful women of the West Erwin church responded in a fine way to our appeal for cakes and cookies for Boles Home. We had our automobile filled with all kinds of lovely cakes and cookies and took them to Boles Home on Thursday. We appreciate all of you and know that the children - and adults - at Boles Home were provided with a most delightful treat with the many cakes and cookies you provided. GHS

OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Tyler Junior College

Ginger Bray	Stacey Lowery
Rosemary Center	Mike Mackey
Rick Higginbotham	Ann Montgomery
Tim Holt	Kyle McRuiz
Bart Lemons	Terry Stephenson
Ron Lott	Holly Womack

North Texas State University

Kenneth Browning

Texas Eastern University

Debra Driggers

Texas A & M

Tony Fears

Carl Lott

Edwin Pickle

Abilene Christian University

David Fuller

Walker Weathers

Grant Knight

Mark Whitworth

Paul Knight

Mike Whitworth

Laurie Rowe

Kevin Womack

Sheila Strait

Becky Young

Texas Eastern School of Nursing

Laneva Turner

Lubbock Christian College

Ken Jones

Southwest Texas State

Marc Lemons

Texas Tech

Marty Stitt

Dwain Strait

University of Texas

David Tuel

ZONE 1 will meet Tuesday evening, September 7, 7:30 o'clock at the home of Maurice and Cathy Hallman.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

We were happy to learn that David and Jeanette Ingram arrived safely in Brazil on Monday. West Erwin will be partially supporting them in this mission work. Their address is:

Mr. David Ingram
 Caixa Postal 1514
 30.000 Belo Horizonte,
 Minas Gerais, Brasil

Last Saturday morning there were approximately twenty-five people present from West Erwin and local congregations for a pre-school workshop conducted by Margret Montgomery and Jeanine Hughes.

Sunday night after worship, approximately twenty-five junior high students went to Ken's Pizza and then had a short devotional at Bergfeld Park.

THE GROCERY TRUCK from Boles Home will be here sometime during the week of September 13. A list of their most needed items is posted on the bulletin board in the south foyer. Also, the following is a list of the most needed supplies for the pantry here at the church.

flour	canned tomatoes
sugar	canned spaghetti
shortening	(with sauce or
rice	meat balls)
chili	dry beans
tuna	canned stew
fruit cocktail	canned fruits
washing powder	canned soups

**THERE'S SPIRITUAL POWER
 AT THE EVENING HOUR**

From the Preacher's Desk...

We feel that the members of the West Erwin church will be glad to read the following letter. We do appreciate the efforts you put forth and the efforts of all the people in our community who opposed the legalized sale of liquor.

GHS

Dear George:

As I reviewed the newspapers upon arriving home from a two-week vacation, I was greatly impressed and most grateful for the advertisements the men of your church placed in the newspaper in behalf of righteousness and sobriety before the Liquor Election, August 10th!

The fact that voices were being heard - other than those of the "Citizens For A Better Community" - was most significant and powerful.

So, I would not be true to the deepest feelings of my heart if I did not write this personal note of appreciation to you and the members of your congregation for your contribution to the VICTORY on August 10th!

It distressed me greatly that my vacation took me away in the last days of the struggle, but I had set the dates for my vacation in the middle of May, and since it involved overseas travel, there was no way I could adjust at the last minute.

No doubt, the difference was the unity demonstrated by all who want to uphold righteousness in our community, and the dedication and determination of our people to "get the voters to the polls."

Two weeks in Europe gave me another chance to look closely at what happens to a nation or people when wine, beer and liquor are made legally available everywhere. In fact, I came home with an even deeper conviction that the French and Italian people are no longer immoral - they are amoral. It is pathetic!

I can only say "thank you," but I can pray that the Lord will bless you...and reward you...as only HE can!

Sincerely,
W. M. Shamburger
First Baptist Church

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RESPONSES

Membership: We are happy to welcome Jack and Mary Paul and their children to Tyler and West Erwin. Their address is 111 Heritage Drive, phone 561-4359. Jack is a very talented preacher and song leader. He and Mary have two children, Jeana, a 7th grade student and Jonathan, a 4th grade student. They recently moved here from Kansas City, Mo.

Membership and Restored:

Mrs. Mike (Marilyn) Terry, Rt. 10, Box 900-22, recently moved to Tyler from Frederick, Oklahoma. We are happy to welcome Marilyn to West

Erwin and hope that she and her husband will be very happy in Tyler.

Miss Cindy Taylor came Sunday to be restored.

Baptized: John Patrick Baranco came Sunday to be baptized into Christ. He and Cindy Taylor will be married on Friday evening and plan to move to Louisiana.

We are happy that Jerry Brown, husband of Linda Byrd Brown was recently baptized into Christ.

Thanks

Our thanks again for the continued prayers and concern for Ernest from the dear Christians at West Erwin. Also, for the cards, calls and visits, we thank you. With love,

Jewell & Ernest Pickle

PRE-SCHOOL WORKSHOP

A workshop for all pre-school teachers with special emphasis on Friday School teachers will be held here at our building this Saturday, August 28 from 9:00 - 11:30 a. m. Jeanine Hughes and Margret Montgomery will be teaching. All teachers of pre-school children and all who are interested in teaching this age are encouraged to attend and invite your friends.

Congratulations!

We congratulate two ladies of the congregation who have received their Masters degree this summer, Marian Rowe in Nursing and Pauline Aven in Early Childhood Education.

Have you... HEARD?

AN ALL CHURCH GATHERING. . .
September 2 - 7:00 p. m.

There will be an all church get-together in honor of the Hillard Hughes Family on Thursday evening, September 2nd at the Rose Garden Center Building. Hillard Hughes has been associated with this congregation for the past 6 years. He is no longer working full time with the church but we are delighted that he and his family will continue to live in Tyler and worship with us. We hope all will be able to come to the dinner and show our love and appreciation to this family. Bring food for your family and guests. Plates, napkins, bread, drinks and eating utensils will be furnished. We will plan to eat by 7 o'clock.

BIBLE SCHOOL PROMOTION

. . . August 29
Our Bible School promotion for all grades through high school will be this Lord's Day. Students will promote to their next class level at the end of class and will begin their new curriculum on the next Lord's day, September 5.

Our Wednesday night classes will promote at the end of their class period, Sept. 1. In this way the Wednesday night lesson can follow up the previous Sunday morning lesson.

If you have any questions concerning promotion, please give us a call. CM

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
Our mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin F. Jones, will be honored at a reception celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, the twenty-ninth of August at the Woman's Building, 911 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas.

You are cordially invited to be our guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Smith
Bobby, Jeanie
Mr. and Mrs. James H. Phillips
Julia, Reagan, Denton, Marshall
two to four o'clock

Calendar of Events

The East Texas Fair will be September 27 - October 2. We plan to have a booth again this year.

Our Gospel Meeting this Fall will be November 7 - 10 with Avon Malone preaching.

Ladies Bible Class will begin Wednesday, September 15.

We will begin work on a new church directory the last week in September. The Campbell's Church Directories will be making pictures Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2, and 3. Our last directory was completed in January of 1974.

OUR SICK

Ernest Pickle has returned home.
Mike Gregory had back surgery this week in Mother Frances Hospital.
Charlie Shuford remains in Mother Frances Hospital.

Be Present

Every Sunday!

From the Preacher's Desk...

We had a very busy, yet enjoyable time last week while I was preaching and teaching in a Gospel Meeting and Vacation Bible School with the Airways church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee. This was my fourth meeting with that church.

It was good to see many friends in Memphis, including Stoy Pate who has preached for the Airways church for some thirty five years. We have many fond memories of the years we lived in Memphis and I preached for the Highland Street congregation. While it has been nineteen years since we lived there, it is wonderful to know that we are still loved and remembered.

The Airways church had a combination Vacation Bible School and Gospel Meeting from 7:00 to 9:00 each evening, Monday through Friday. I had an adult class to teach each evening in addition to a sermon to preach. On Sunday I spoke four times. So you see I had a busy schedule. The church seemed to appreciate our efforts and felt that the school and meeting were successful.

We were glad to hear good reports from the preaching of Charles Miles while we were away. Charles is a very capable preacher and always prepares and delivers his sermons well.

We were glad to receive the good news of the outcome of the election on August 10. Those opposed to the sale of alcoholic beverages in Tyler won the election by a strong majority. Tyler continues to be one of the most desirable cities to be found anywhere. There will always be those who are victims of alcoholism, but I believe it is the responsibility of all Christians to point out the dangers to health, both physical and spiritual, of those who drink.

This is the season of the year when many of our people are out of town and our attendance suffers as a result. Soon the vacation season will be over and we look forward to a growth in all phases of our work this fall.

We look forward to seeing you in Bible School and worship on Sunday.

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T H A N K S

I want to express my appreciation for the flowers, cards, food and prayers during my stay in the hospital and since coming home. I cherish the love of the Christian people at West Erwin.

Mrs. Lilla Tigert

**You Are Needed
In Bible School
Sunday and Wednesday**

*H*OSPITALS

Don O'Bannon is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

Charlie Shuford is in Mother Frances Hospital following surgery.

Mrs. Bill Butler, Jr. underwent surgery Tuesday morning in Mother Frances Hospital.

Ernest Pickle remains a patient in Mother Frances. He is in a private room now.

The son-in-law of Jay and Colena Payne underwent serious surgery on Monday in Wichita Falls.

John and Juanita Teague's son was seriously injured recently in an automobile accident. He is hospitalized in Denver, Colorado.



Recently we heard from sister Velma Bell, formerly of Tyler, who now lives in Raleigh, North Carolina. She sent greetings to her many friends here. She wrote that her son-in-law, Bob Lowry, and four other men were recently appointed elders. The church in Raleigh is in a building program to care for the continued growth of the church. We miss sister Bell but are glad that she can be near her daughter and family.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Last Sunday night approximately 90 young people from the church of Christ in Henderson and from West Erwin enjoyed a period of fellowship at the Roy Robersons.

Last Tuesday night we had an excellent turn out for our Zone 2 meeting. Approximately thirty people participated in visiting newcomers to our area.

CAKES FOR BOLES HOME

We have been asked to furnish cakes for Boles Home one day next week. Ladies, if you will bring your cakes Wednesday or Wednesday evening to the church building they will be taken to the home early Thursday morning. Let's have a large number of cakes for the children at Boles Home.

FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING. . .

in Overton, August 22 at 2:30 p. m. All are invited to attend.

FRIDAY SCHOOL

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these," Matthew 19:14 (The New International Version).

Friday school is an educational nursery school for ages 2 - 5 years. The curriculum and format consists of Bible study, training in Bible principles, worship, kindergarten readiness activities, supervised play, and social development.

Our Friday school will begin September 17th and classes will be from 9:00 till 11:30 a. m. We will start taking our enrollment the last week of August. At this time we are still in need of teachers for this great work. If you are interested, please let me or Elaine Roberson know as soon as possible.

... Charles Miles

FUNERAL SERVICES will be Thursday in North Richland Hills for Kenneth Keith, nephew of Laverne and Weldon Keith. He was fatally injured in an auto-train accident.

JACK PAUL said the benediction for the Republican Convention on Tuesday evening. Before moving to Tyler Jack preached in Kansas City.

PROVIDENTIALLY HINDERED?

A young couple states, "We would have been there Sunday, but we were providentially hindered." Another couple explains, "Well, you know how it is, we were just providentially hindered." What do they mean? Actually, these people are trying to excuse their absence from the services of the Lord without telling the real reason they weren't in attendance. By using the phrase, "providentially hindered," they are in hopes that no more questions will be asked. They don't want to lie, but neither do they want anyone to know why. What does this phrase really mean?

According to the dictionary, the word "providential" means: a divine intervention into the events of man. Also, the word "hinder" means: to delay or hold back. Now, from these definitions one is forced to conclude that "providentially hindered" means: delayed by God.

Let us analyze the situation. God commands us to assemble, Hebrews 10:25. Now a Christian misses and states that he or she is "providentially hindered." They are saying, "I would have been there, but God delayed me." It just does not make good sense to have God command us to assemble and then hinder our coming.

Everyone realizes that sickness, emergencies, and other temporary events will arise from time to time and hinder our attendance. But, brethren, a headache every Sunday morning or friends over every Sunday night or working late every Wednesday night is just not "providentially hindered." It is rebellion toward God. We need first to stop blaming God, second to repent of sin of neglect and third become diligent in attendance, Acts 26:20.

via Collierville, Tenn. ... Charles R. Williams

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A. M. Giants In The Land

P. M. Let No Man Deceive Himself

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NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome Mr. Joe M. Carroll and his mother, Mrs. Kathleen Carroll to Tyler and West Erwin. Their address is 1909 Sybil, #137. They come from the Corinth Road church in Jacksonville, Texas.

Meeting at Broadway church in Tyler

The Broadway Church of Christ invites you to hear Gary Workman, their new preacher, each evening at 7:30, August 15 through 20, at 911 So. Broadway (the Woman's Building).

"Those who begin by telling 'little white lies' soon go colorblind."

Report of Our Sick

Mrs. Vannie Lee is in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Lilla Tigert underwent surgery Tuesday in Mother Frances.

Ernest Pickle is again in Mother Frances Hospital.

Homer Williamson entered Medical Center Tuesday for tests.

Remember to pray for the sick and for their families.

Congratulations!

We are happy to report the arrival of Rebecca Chalease to Dale and Carolyn Blackstone last Thursday at Medical Center Hospital. All are well.

Jack and Johnnie Stringer are the happy grandparents of a baby boy born to Dr. and Mrs. Don Faubus in Richardson.

Memo

Every week we mail between 700 and 750 copies of The Visitor on a second class permit. We are required to pay postage on any of these which are returned to us. At one time we were paying 10¢ each, and then 13¢ each; but the rate is now 25¢ each. If you move, please give us your change of address and we can avoid the expense of having these returned to us.

GOSPEL MEETING

Our Fall Meeting with brother Avon Malone will be, November 7 through 10.

WHAT IS FRIDAY SCHOOL?

Friday School is made up of concerned teachers who love Christ and want to share Him with little children. It provides us with an excellent opportunity to plant the seed of the kingdom in young hearts that might not learn of the Master otherwise. Last year, 69 out of the 75 children enrolled came from homes where the parents either had no religious affiliation or were members of a denomination.

Not only did we have the opportunity to teach little children whom Jesus loves, but we also were privileged to meet their parents who were able to see the church at work. Many barriers and prejudices concerning the Lord's church have been removed this way.

What is Friday school? Friday school is EVANGELISM. If you would like to be involved in this year's Friday school, Jesus needs you now. Our school will begin September 17th and classes will be from 9:00 - 11:30 a. m. If you are interested in this great work, please contact me or Elaine Roberson as soon as possible. ... Charles Miles

ZONE MEETING

Zone 3 will meet Tuesday evening, 7:00 o'clock at the Ed Bullard home.

I'M GLAD THIS CHURCH NEEDS MONEY!!

I'm glad this church needs money! If it did not it would mean it wasn't supporting missionaries and preaching the gospel in other places. No missionary zeal.

I'm glad this church needs money! If it did not it would mean it wasn't doing anything to support the homeless, helpless and needy. No compassion.

I'm glad this church needs money! If it did not it would mean it had "topped out" and wasn't interested in expanding into others areas of needed service. No vision.

I'm glad this church needs money! If it did not it would mean it wasn't interested in providing wholesome activities for our teenagers. No concern.

I'm glad this church needs money! If it did not it would mean it wasn't expanding its outreach. No evangelism.

I'm glad this church needs money! If it did not it would mean it wasn't interested in teaching children in those impressionable, formative years. No future.

Yes, sir! I'm glad this church needs money! The fact that it does means it has not forfeited its zeal, compassion, expansion, vision, concern, evangelism, future. This church needs my gifts and I'm glad of it. I wouldn't want to be a member of any other kind. ... Joe R. Barnett

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From the Preacher's Desk...

This coming Tuesday, August 10, will be a very important day in the city of Tyler. I am sure that everyone is aware that an election will be held to determine whether alcoholic beverages may be sold legally in our city.

Tyler is a beautiful place. One of the attractions of our city is the fact that package stores, beer parlors, and such are not to be found here. It is pointed out that we do have "clubs" where people drink freely. I am sorry that these clubs exist, but it will not improve our situation by having liquor openly all over our town.

It is true that there will be those who drink regardless of the outcome of the election. However, the liquor interests would not spend their money promoting their cause if they did not realize they would be able to sell more of their products if they win the election. According to reports from reliable authorities, when restrictions on liquor sales have been removed, a corresponding increase in crime has resulted. For example, in Marshall thefts increased 45%, resisting arrest increased 36%, and aggravated assault increased 76%. Similar statistics are available from other cities.

Christian people are interested in promoting that which is good and honorable. They are opposed to that which is harmful and produces evil. They recognize that drunkenness is a work of the flesh and can destroy one's soul, (Galatians 5:21). Abraham Lincoln said, "Liquor has many defenders, but no defense."
GHS

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August 1....\$3,150.44

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Bible School

....332

....419

....440

BAPTIZED

We are happy to report that Mary Elizabeth Keith was baptized while at Camp Deer Run. Mary will be in the 5th grade this fall. She is the daughter of Laverne and Weldon Keith.

T H A N K S

Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

The Family of Willard Whitworth

Thank you for the prayers, calls, cards, and visits during my stay in the hospital. I appreciate your concern so much. May God bless each of you.

In Christian love,
Vera Beard

We appreciate so very much each act of kindness - the cards, the calls, the lovely flowers - during the loss of our mother. It is such a comfort to know that our brothers and sisters in Christ are always ready to comfort and console. May God bless each of you.

In Christian love,
Naomi McKeever



The last weekly meeting of the area wide youth meetings will be August 10th at the Corinth Road Church of Christ in Jacksonville.

BEST WISHES

Miss June Cole and Steven Gowen were married Friday evening, July 30 in the Chapel. We extend best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Congratulations

Cullen and Mary Ruth Gilliam are the happy grandparents of a baby boy born last week in Dallas.

NOTICE

If you need a ride to vote in the election, August 19, call Cone Birdwell.

Report of Our Sick

Brother Ernest Pickle was taken back to Mother Frances Hospital last Saturday.

ACU TEACHER'S WORKSHOP

We want to take this opportunity to thank the elders of this congregation for making our trip to the Abilene Teacher's Workshop possible. Everyone who attended was spiritually edified and returned home with renewed enthusiasm for doing the Lord's will. In all, we had thirty-three people to attend. This number includes twenty adults and eight teenagers and five children.

We are also very proud of Margret Montgomery who was one of the teachers for this workshop. Each year names are submitted by Christians around the brotherhood of those they feel are the best qualified teachers to participate in the workshop. Out of all the thousands of teachers in all the churches and of all the hundreds whose names are submitted, Margret was selected to participate in the workshop this year. This is a great tribute to her and we are honored to have her working with us in our educational program at West Erwin.

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

We have been asked by the Mental Health Regional Center of East Texas to announce some of the services which they offer and we are pleased to do so. For those over sixty years of age there is a 24 hour information and referral service. If help is needed with transportation, meals, health care, or other services, older people are advised to call the Health Center in Tyler, phone 597-1351.

Also, the Health Center is looking for foster parents to care for mentally retarded children. Training for foster parents in the care of these children is provided. Also, natural parents may receive guidance and counseling to assist them in caring for their mentally retarded children. GHS

DUTY does what it has to - and grumbles.

LOVE does all it can - and gratefully rejoices.

THIS IS IMPORTANT

It is very important for us to know the names and amount of contributions of those who contributed fifty dollars or more in our efforts to oppose the legalized sale of alcoholic beverages in Tyler. While we regard this as a moral issue, yet it is a political election and we have learned that our committee must report contributions of fifty dollars or more.



ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday evening, August 10, at the home of Wallace and Jalna Gayle.

BUSINESS MEETING

The regular monthly business meeting of the men of the church will be 1:30 Sunday afternoon in the Chapel.

"Christians never see each other for the last time."

From the Preacher's Desk

Eight years.... Can it be possible that eight years have passed since we moved to Tyler to work with the West Erwin church? The calendar shows this to be true, for we began our work with you on August 1, 1968.

How quickly these years have passed by making us eight years older - and eight years nearer our eternal destiny. How many things have taken place in our city, our nation and in our efforts to serve the Lord during these eight years!

We have seen boys and girls grow into manhood and womanhood. We have seen younger people marry and have families. Some of our boys and girls do not remember when I was not working as a preacher here. Many who were with us have now gone on to their reward. All of these thoughts make us more keenly conscious of the brevity of life and the fact that we should make the most of each day that God gives us.

I am most grateful for the love shown us and for every kindness and courtesy extended to us during these past eight years. I am especially grateful to the elders of the church for permitting us to be associated with you. We remember very fondly the men who served as elders in the past. None of the men who were elders when we moved here are now serving in this capacity. We appreciate our present elders and are thankful for our continued association with them.

Our years with you have been filled with many joys and many sorrows - many times for rejoicing and also times of disappointment. In all of our many experiences, we are thankful for the faith we have that God has been with us and that there is no power in heaven or earth which can separate us from his infinite love.

We wish that we could have done more, but we have endeavored to live up to the promise made in the Visitor June 27, 1968....

"I want to promise you that it will ever be my aim to preach the gospel of Christ as faithfully and as earnestly as I know how. My wife and I look forward to using whatever talents we possess in a way which will accomplish the most good. We solicit your prayers and look forward to the support and cooperation of each of you in the work which we endeavor to do for the Lord. May all of us be used by our Lord in such a way that the cause of Christ may be built up in Tyler and in other places where the influence of the West Erwin church may be felt".

For whatever time I may be privileged to continue as your preacher, I would like to repeat the promise made eight years ago and I would like to encourage each of us to rededicate our lives to the service of our Master and to look forward to that great day when He may say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant - enter thou into the joy of thy Lord".

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Year Ago.\$2,981.16 440



The area-wide youth meeting will be at the Queen at DeBard Church of Christ in Palestine Tuesday evening at 7:30. You are invited to come and find out "Why Clyde Wanted to Hide".

SERMON TOPICS - August 1

A. M.

"The Changing and The Changeless"

P. M.

"Is My Name Written in Heaven?"



Be in a Bible
class Sunday

✓ Sherri Bray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bray, was baptized last Lord's day. Sherri will be in the 9th grade, and is a faithful member of our Bible School.

THANK YOU

The family of John Costlow acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Your cards, visits, flowers and phone calls while I was in the hospital recently were appreciated so much. Thank you for your concern. In Christian love,

Mary Butler

We are deeply grateful for every kindness shown during the death of our loved one; the prayers, visits, cards, calls, food and flowers were a source of encouragement. May God's richest blessings be with each of you.

Mrs. C. I. Gilstrap

Tommy, Donna & Michael Lowrance

CONGRATULATIONS

Travis and Donna Stodghill are the parents of a baby girl born July 25. The happy grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ted Snipes.

Robbie Butler has a new brother. A baby boy was born to Bob and Fleta Butler on July 24.

These are incredibly significant days for the Christian. A renowned political science professor at MIT states that unless immediate steps are taken in the Middle East, widespread financial chaos and the most serious threat to world peace in decades will descend upon us.

That is very frightening and may very well be true. But the one whose faith rests in Jesus Christ can say, "Nevertheless (in the face of all this), when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay."

When the frustrated disciples had unsuccessfully fished all night and were instructed by Jesus to fish from the other side of the boat, they simply responded, "Nevertheless, at Thy word..."

Paul, under physical strain, enduring tensions, facing conflicts everywhere he went, gripped with the feeling of insecurity and dread within, discovered, "Nevertheless" God comforts those that are cast down! And again as a Christian testifying of

Jesus, Paul was subjected to many fully humiliating experiences. Yet facing all that, he could say, "Nevertheless, I am not ashamed."

Hearing of those who had left the faith and followed the current theological trends popular in that day, Paul could still state with profound assurance, "Nevertheless, the foundation of God standeth sure!"

Peter prophesies that one day the heavens will burst into flames and disappear from sight and all the natural elements will be melted by the tremendous pressure of heat. So?... "Nevertheless we look for new heavens and a new earth"... (anyway).

In the face of anything and everything that ever could possibly happen to us individually and to the visible universe around us, we still have every reason to maintain our hope. In the face of all our adversities we can defiantly say, looking to Jesus, "Nevertheless!" Say it now..."nevertheless"... Does something to you, doesn't it? Copied...

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted Saturday in Maplewood, Missouri for Willard Whitworth, twin brother of Bill Whitworth.

Services for Mrs. Lula Lackey, mother of Mrs. J. B. McKeever, were conducted Wednesday in Tyler.

We extend our sympathy to these families.



NOTICE

BE SURE TO VOTE AUGUST 10

It is very important that those of us who oppose the sale of liquor in Tyler be sure to cast our vote for the August 10 election. If you are not going to be in town on that day may I urge that you vote absentee. Your vote is important!

From the Preacher's Desk...

Guest Editorial . . .

The Weekenders

None of us is apt to be surprised by the statistic that two and a half million American men between the ages of 30 to 60 suffer heart attacks every year. Last week at Rotary, though, I heard a heart statistic that did startle me. The speaker said that 76 percent of the two and a half million heart attacks occurred on weekends.

While the speaker berated the Rotarians for being so soft and so flabby, my mind took another track. He was a physical fitness nut, who voiced a legitimate concern about the physical deterioration of the American Male. But I was a spiritual fitness nut equally alarmed about other symptoms of decline in our populace.

What bothered me even more than the number of heart attacks on the weekends was what the men were doing on the weekend in the first place. Not many of our ancestors died of heart attacks on the weekends. Most of them spent the weekend worshipping the Lord instead of slogging up ski slopes or repairing backyard fences. Back then, of course, the weekend consisted of one day and that was the Lord's day. It was a day for R. and R. -- not for Rest and Recreation, but for Rest and Religion!!!

I'm afraid the heart trouble most common to the American male is not physical. Ours is a sickness of the soul. For too many Americans Play has replaced Praise. Fun has taken the place of faith. We have given up God for Games.

Of course, the speaker was right. Most of us are in lousy shape. Our bodies need some help. But the Apostle spoke truly when he said that compared to the blessings of learning and godliness and contentment, "Bodily exercise profits little."

Our Sundays can either ruin our bodies or restore our souls. The choice is ours. Much depends on whether we make the Lord's day HIS day or OURS! Heart attack figures are not the only indication that our weekends may be the death of us yet.

... Gene Shelburne

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July 11...\$3,199.98409
Year Ago.\$2,963.32458

Baptized

We are very happy that Kelly Womack was baptized recently at Camp Deer Run. She is the daughter of Ray and Carolyn Womack and is in the 5th grade.

T H A N K S

We appreciate so very much each act of kindness shown us during our recent sorrow. To know that so many Christian friends are always ready to comfort and care is of great consolation.

In Christian love,
Wallace and Jalna Gayle

Thank you for the cards, calls and visits as well as your loving concern. I pray that God will bless each of you.
Ann Lambert

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted in Poynor, Texas last Saturday afternoon for Mr. John Costlow. He was the grandfather of Mrs. Maurice Henderson.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday in Longview for the brother-in-law of Ralph Lowrance.

We extend our sympathy to each family.

Report of Our Sick

Ernest Pickle is now back in a room in Mother Frances Hospital.

Dick Ferguson underwent heart surgery on Monday at St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas. We have had a report that he is doing well.

Mrs. Mary Butler has been in Mother Frances, but is now at home.

Tommy White's brother is improving in Medical Center.

LEAVING TYLER

Mrs. Charles Miles, Jr. will be leaving on the 25th to join her husband in Singapore.



The area-wide youth meeting will be at the Mobberly Church of Christ, Tuesday evening, 7:30.

BEST WISHES

Miss Jan Stanley and Bobby Glenn Porter were married Saturday night here at the building. Brother Stephenson said their ceremony.

Miss Martha Jean Lynch became the bride of Ferman Lynn Carpenter Saturday evening in Broadway Church of Christ in Lubbock. They will live in Corpus Christi.

AREA MEETINGS

Perry B. Cotham will preach in a meeting, July 25 - 30 at the Oakdale Church of Christ. Evening services will be at 8:00 p. m.

Kermit Upshaw will conduct a gospel meeting for the So. Palestine Church of Christ in Athens, July 26 thru 30, 7:30 each evening.

Dan Billingsley will be with the Quitman and Center Church of Christ in Gladewater, July 25 - 28. Week-night services, 7:30.

The Glenwood Church of Christ . . . presents THE WHOLE FAMILY IN A BROKEN WORLD, a workshop for the entire family, Monday - Friday, August 2 - 6. Classes for all ages will be conducted from 7:00 - 8:00 p. m. each evening followed by a general assembly from 8:40 - 9:00 p. m.

Brochures with additional information are in the south foyer.

**The Wages of
Sin Have Never
Been Reduced.**



You are invited to attend the wedding of Miss June Elaine Cole and Marl Steven Gowen, Friday evening, July 30 at 7 o'clock, in the Chapel of the West Erwin Church of Christ.

MARY HAD A LITTLE BOY

Mary had a little boy,
His soul was white as snow.
But he never went to Bible school
'Cause Mary wouldn't go.
He missed the story of the Christ,
That thrills the childish mind.
While other children learned of God
This child was left behind.
And as he grew from babe to youth
She saw to her dismay
A soul that once was snowy white
Become a dingy gray.
Realizing now that he was lost
She tried to win him back.
By now the soul that once was white
Had turned an ugly black.
She even started back to church,
And Bible study, too.
She begged the preacher, "Isn't there
Something you can do?"
The preacher tried, and failed, and said
"We're just too far behind.
I tried to tell you years ago,
But you would pay no mind."
And so another soul is lost,
That once was white as snow.
Bible study would have helped,
But Mary wouldn't go.

From the Preacher's Desk...

Since our last bulletin two weeks ago we have observed the 200th anniversary of the founding of this country in which we are privileged to live, work, and worship our God. I am glad that in this great land opportunities have been provided for preaching the simple, yet powerful, gospel of Jesus Christ. Not everyone in the world has been blessed with such blessings as you and I enjoy. Jesus said, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required," (Matthew 12:48). Since we have been so richly blessed in America, surely the Lord will expect much from us. We need to realize the great responsibility resting on us to do our part in telling the good news of the gospel to others.

I have been pleased with the good attendance we have had on Sunday mornings in spite of the fact that we are in the middle of the vacation season. Many of our members are away each week, but we are always blessed with numbers of visitors.

It is good if you have the opportunity to have a vacation, but please remember that you should not take a vacation from the Lord. Worship with the saints wherever you may go. Remember, too, that the expenses of the church continue while you are gone. Your contributions are needed each week if the church is to do the work we have planned and which must be done.

I hope you have read the most encouraging reports from Rudolf Rischer in Germany and Kieth Mitchell in New York. A great campaign was conducted in Augsburg with much interest shown and six baptized into Christ. Kieth Mitchell continues to report several baptisms each month in his contacts with outstanding people from all over the world.

And we are glad to tell you that someone from the East Texas area writes nearly every day to the Amazing Grace Bible Class. From all indications there are thousands of people watching this program every Sunday morning in Tyler and surrounding communities. We hope you will encourage your neighbors and friends to view the program. This is a mission work in which you may have a part!

Let us all work, pray, love the Lord and love one another - and make this church truly be pleasing in the sight of the Lord. GHS

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RESPONSES

Brother and sister George (Esther) Kester, 314 Clemson, 561-0974, placed membership Sunday, July 4th. They presented a very fine letter from the College St. Church of Christ in Lebanon, Tenn. where they formerly worshipped. We are happy to welcome the Kesters to Tyler and W. Erwin.

MEMBERS WHO live in Zone 2 will meet Sunday evening, following the worship, at the Smith Building in the Rose Garden for a fellowship.

T H A N K S

I do thank you for the kind words and cards. I miss every one of you and think of you daily. It was so nice to see the O'Bannons at our home coming.

Love to all,
 Emma Earl Carter

I am very grateful for your interest shown by the calls, cards, visits and the beautiful book.

Thank you,
 Bessie Willis

Thank you so much for the kindness shown to me during the time I was in the hospital. Thank you for the lovely book, Flowers of Friendship.

Rose Rushing

Report of Our Sick

Brother Ernest Pickle remains in Mother Frances. He is now in a private room.

Brother Dick Ferguson will have open heart surgery this week in St. Paul's Hospital in Dallas.

Brother Tommy White's brother is very seriously ill. He underwent surgery Tuesday in Medical Center.

Sister Glenn (Dell) Howard from Hawkins is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.



Tuesday, July 20, the area-wide Youth Meeting will be at the Northwest building here in Tyler.

FUNERALS

Brother Wallace Gayle's mother was buried on Thursday, July 1 in Alto.

Graveside services were conducted last Friday afternoon by brother Stephenson for the sister-in-law of brother H. McCarty.

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon in Sulphur Springs for an uncle of Mrs. Foy Richey.

We extend our sincere sympathy to each family in their loss.

TOM JONES TO SPEAK WEDNESDAY

Tom Jones, who preaches for the church in Natchitoches, Louisiana, will be a guest speaker in our services Wednesday evening, July 21, at 7:30. Tom worked with this congregation a number of years ago as educational director. We urge that you hear him Wednesday. All classes above the sixth grade will be dismissed and stay in the auditorium to hear brother Jones.

BIBLE TEACHERS WORKSHOP

We want to encourage all Bible teachers and those interested in teaching to attend the workshop at ACU, July 26 - 29. At the present time we have about 25 teachers planning to attend. We are pre-registering the congregation so there will be no fee when you arrive at ACU. Each teacher will receive \$50.00 to help pay for meals and lodging while at the workshop. Nursery facilities are available during classes for pre-school children. The cost is \$1.00 per session. Also, there will be a

APPRECIATION TO ROY AND FRED

For a number of years Roy Roberson and Fred Strait have served as treasurers for this congregation. Both of these men have given many, many hours to this important and essential work. Unless one is familiar with all that is involved in keeping the books, writing the checks, etc., he can not realize just how much time one must spend in this work. Thank you, Roy and Fred, for all that you have done!

We now have Ray Lott and Wallace Gayle serving as treasurers. We are thankful for the dedication of these men as they assume this responsibility. GHS

OUR SYMPATHY

Mr. Charles Gilstrap died suddenly Wednesday morning. No arrangements have been made at this writing. We express our sincere sympathy to his wife, Mrs. Lottie Gilstrap and to his daughter, Mrs. Tommy Lowrance, and to the other members of the family.

Day Camp for young people beginning Tuesday, July 27. The cost for this is \$10.00 for the three days.

Young people who are interested in learning to teach are encouraged to attend the workshop. Special sessions are planned for them at 1:30 in the afternoon and 7:00 in the evenings.

If you have not made plans to attend, please reconsider. If you have any questions that I can help you with concerning the workshop, I would be glad to assist you. Charles

Guest Editorial . . .

Flag-raising have changed since I was a boy.

It was always an honor to be chosen to put up or take down the flag at school. Some of the older fellows always drew that prestigious post. They learned the esoteric art of flag-folding. And they warned us all in whispered tones about what would happen to the hapless guy who ever slipped and let the stars and stripes touch the dirt. Somehow the honor of their job kept us from noticing the holes in the knees of their Levis. Or the grime on their sixth-grade hands.

Today, they do it different. Every morning as I mosey up the front sidewalk at Amarillo High School, a drill team of R. O. T. C. cadets dressed in impeccable uniforms snap through the precision drill of raising Old Glory. They even let girls do it now. One of our church kids, Sheri Bingham, helps out almost every day. Their professionally crisp movements make our old way of flag-raising look pretty sloppy. But the idea behind it all is still the same. Nothing must defile the symbol of our nation's pride and power. The flag must never touch dirt.

I like that. We ought to honor our nation's banner. But in my book, there are some things even more sacred than a flag. They, too, should never touch dirt.

Marriage and parenthood and homelife are examples of what I mean, "Let the marriage bed be undefiled," the Bible warns. "Honor your father and mother," the good Book commands. At a time when homes are being buried by the garbage of divorce and adultery and abortion and "just living together," we must take special pains to keep our families from touching dirt.

I feel the same way about the church. Somehow during the sixties church turned into a dirty word under the category of "the establishment." Not so for me. The church is my family in the faith. She is the pure bride of Christ. In a filthy world she stands for all that is true and moral and good. Handle her with care, like a flag. She does not belong in the dirt!

...Gene Shelburne via Pasadena Exhorter



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SERMON TOPICS - July 4, 1976

By George H. Stephenson
 A. M. Freedom in Christ
 P. M. Christ's Kingdom Not of This World

CONGRATULATIONS. . .

To the Glenwood Church of Christ on their 25th Anniversary. A special program will be in their auditorium from 1:30 - 3:00 p. m. Sunday, and an afternoon worship service at 3:30. You are invited to attend.

Report of Our Sick

Brother Ernest Pickle remains a patient in ICU in Mother Frances.
 Sister Ann Lambert and brother W. H. Turner were both patients in Medical Center last week, but are now at home.
 Brother Wallace Gayle's mother suffered a heart attack last week and is in the hospital in Jacksonville.

THANK YOU

The flowers you sent to let us know you were thinking of us at the time of my brother's death meant so much to our children, Dick and me. It is a comfort to know that Christian friends are praying for us and sharing our sorrow in our loss. Also, thank you for the prayers since Dick's illness. They are precious to us all.

Molly Ferguson

We would like to express a special "thank you" to all who have placed books in the church library in memory of Verda Driggers.

Roy, Lou Ann and Debbie
 Mrs. E. L. Taylor

THANKS TO Jack Paul for the very fine sermon he delivered Sunday. We were glad to have him with us.

WORKSHOP

All ministers and elders are invited to attend and enjoy the fellowship of a workshop, July 12, 10:00 a. m. at the Frankston Church of Christ.

AS OF JULY 1st I will no longer be working as a staff member of the West Erwin congregation. It goes without saying that some of the dearest friends that my family and I have are here in this congregation. It is with mixed emotions that we leave the work here. However, we feel that we can continue to work with the church and have a part in the efforts that this congregation will put forth in the future. Our relationship with George and Alice has been most rewarding. George Stephenson is a man of God that will always help a congregation. Nelda and Frances are two that are often forgotten, but without them our work would have been impossible. To you that have supported us in our programs of endeavor for the past six years goes our deepest appreciation and love. We hope that our association with West Erwin will continue for many years to come. We ask your continued prayers not only for us, but for the work at West Erwin.

Hillard Hughes and Family



Tuesday, July 6, the area-wide Youth Meeting will be at the Glenwood church building. July 13th, it will be at the Alpine Church of Christ in Longview.

A SINGLES SEMINAR will be held, July 10 at the Austin Street church in Garland, Texas. Gary Beauchamp will be the speaker.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
 Congratulations to brother and sister C. N. Strait. Last Saturday was their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

NEW BABY BOY
 Raye and Debbie Dobbs are the parents of a baby boy born last Thursday in Mother Frances. The W. S. Littles' are the happy grandparents.

Because of our mailing permit regulations we will not print the "Visitor" next week.



We need YOU

in Bible School!

From the Preacher's Desk...

It was good to be back at West Erwin Sunday and to see the large audience present for worship. We are grateful for the delightful week's vacation we had in Mexico City. Several of us joined a fine group from Dallas in making the tour to Mexico.

Mexico City is one of the largest cities in the world with a population of some twelve million people. It has many modern beautiful buildings erected on some of the finest avenues in the world. The principal religion is Catholicism. While we saw evidence of riches, we were saddened to see the poverty in many areas. Elegant cathedrals containing millions of dollars of gold can be found in many places, while thousands live in poverty. On Sunday we worshipped with the little congregation of our brethren in the city. We especially enjoyed the singing on that day and were glad to meet with fellow Christians while many miles from home.

It is good to live in the United States and to enjoy all of the abundant blessings we so often take for granted. We have been blessed both physically and spiritually more than most of the people of the world.

There was one note of sadness upon our return home and that was learning of the resignation of Hillard Hughes after six years of faithful work with this congregation. We have enjoyed a happy association in our work together all of these years. Hillard will be engaged in secular work and we predict that he will be very successful in this work. We are pleased to know that he will continue to be a part of our West Erwin family and will continue to be useful in the Lord's work here. Our prayers are with Hillard, Jeanine and all the family.

Charles Miles has been asked to assume some of the responsibilities which have belonged to Hillard. There is much work for all of us to do as we endeavor to build up the Lord's church here in Tyler. May God's blessings be upon each of us in this noble task. GHS

Sunday's Sermons:

A. M. Heroes At Drinking Wine
By George H. Stephenson

P. M. Do You Like A Good Fight?
By Hillard Hughes

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 Prayer Harold Browning
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TUESDAY EVENING, June 29, the area-wide youth meeting will be in Kilgore at the Houston and Broadway Church of Christ. Meet at the church building at 6:30 to go on the bus.

*H*OSPITALS

Brother Ernest Pickle was returned to ICU in Mother Frances Hospital on Sunday.

Thank You

Thank you so very much for all the prayers, calls, cards, visits and concern you have shown for Ernest to this time. Remember to keep us in your prayers. God bless you all.

Jewell and Ernest Pickle

My family and I want to thank all our friends for the flowers, cards, food, and most of all the prayers in my behalf.

Louis Jones

Thank you sincerely for sharing our sorrow. Your kindness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

Family of Mary Sims

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

The Family of Emma B. Venable

ABILENE WORKSHOP

This is important to all TEACHERS. You are reminded of the 22nd Annual "Bible Teacher's Workshop" at Abilene Christian University, July 26 - 29. I believe this workshop is the best training series any teacher can attend. We have reservations for rooms on campus and we must let them know how many we will have who will need rooms. The church will pay for registration of all those who attend and will provide transportation plus each teacher will be given \$50.00 for any other expense you have. This money will be used to cover room and meals. Please plan to ATTEND. HH

**We Can't Do Much GROWING UP
 While We Are TALKING DOWN**

Man has outcast the drunkard, strung an embarrassing red "A" around the neck of the adulteress, hung the witch, and cut off the hands of the thief. But the grumbler has been acquitted.

Whoever heard of tying the grumbler to a stake and pulling out his tongue by the roots?

But in a list of warnings to the Corinthians, Paul has "grumbling" with these unrighteous sisters: lust; idolatry; fornication; and trying the patience of God.

If "birds of a feather flock together," this covey shows grumbling for the spiritually filthy sin it is.

And you know why! The grumbler spreads unhappiness and discouragement everywhere he opens his mumbling mouth. He casts a black vapour of noxious fumes everywhere he gives vent to his pessimism. He pours polluted water on the plants of creativity we are trying to nourish. He verbally kicks and stamps into the ground the courage and hope we are trying to develop.

Adults: Let's build up and encourage our young people and put an example of uplifting, optimistic conversation before them. Young people: Bad mouthing your parents or low rating the church is a sin - one that you can't afford and a discouragement that you surely don't want (Maybe you haven't thought of it.)

There have been times when our conversation has "talked down" the church, has disheartened the faith of others, has thrown cold water in the face of Christ. Let's be careful.

Let's "talk the church up." Encourage the brethren. UP WITH THE CHEERS. CAREFUL WITH THE JEERS. Morale is everybody's business!

...Joe Goodspeed

Amazing Grace
 BIBLE CLASS

KLTV - CHANNEL 7
 EVERY SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 TO 8:30

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

The following excerpts are from students in Nigeria who are studying from courses from members of this congregation. Approximately 1,000 people are enrolled in India and Africa.

"...I married in the Catholic church because both myself and my wife are Catholics by religion. However, I was brought up in the Anglican church up to the end of my Secondary Modern School age in 1958. When it was time to employ us as teachers, the Anglican church rejected me because my parents were not Christians. From then, June 1959, I became a Catholic. My wife has been a Catholic from youth. What bothers me is how to save my soul, and not to what church I belong,

Your son in Christ,
Emmanuel AKPOTOZOR

"...Having read from a sister about you, I decided to be one of your students. I am very much interested in your teachings because your teachings come directly from the Bible. I promise to be a very good reader and bring converts to you. Send pamphlets to me in quantity as I will send to friends and brothers who want to join.

Thanks I am faithfully yours,
Sunday NWAEBICHI

"...I pray God so that this World Bible School which He introduced should grow more spiritually so that you people could enlighten some of the children whom the false prophets are misleading like these Jehovah Witnesses. May the light shine over the children of God which are still in the world, so that they could through the light of God discern evil and holy way. (AMEN)

A child of God and God's slave,
Amos Robert Omrehoko

Several members of the West Erwin congregation are involved in the World Bible School. Letters are received daily from people in India and Africa wanting to know more about the Word of God. Several have been baptized for the remission of their sins because of the courses they have received.

Participating in this great work are: Mrs. Troy Ginn, Mrs. Arlie Berry, Mrs. Sybil Thacker, Mrs. Jean Oliver, Mrs. T. F. Holland, Mrs. R. L. Trentham, the Edgar Bullards, the John Teagues, the Bill Whitworths, and the D. C. Jones'. More volunteers are needed. If you would like to become a part of this work, contact Pauline Jones.

Charles Miles

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MEMBERSHIP

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis (Rhonda) Wright, 5105 Old Bullard Road, D-26, phone 561-1879, came Sunday evening to place membership. Dennis is the grandson of the Doc Wrights. We welcome them to West Erwin and to Tyler.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Our Father In Heaven
P. M. A Friend In Chains

ABSENTEEISM
Is More Than Just Missing A Service

THANK YOU NOTES

I would like to thank you for the New International Version of the New Testament that was presented to me at the Baccalaureate service. I would also like to express my appreciation to the ministers, Bible school teachers and Christians that have loved, taught and guided me during the past 18 years. Kyle McRuiz

This is to say thank you for the New Testament. I really appreciate it. Jo Ellen Clayton

The New International Version of the New Testament is greatly appreciated. I'll read it often. My sincere thanks. Bart Lemons

IN THE HOSPITALS

Ernest Pickle continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital. He is improving and it is hoped that he will be moved soon from ICU into a private room.

Louis J. Jones remains in Glenwood Hospital.

Dick Ferguson has been moved to Dallas for further tests.

A. D. White, brother of Tommy White, remains in ICU in Medical Center Hospital.

DO YOU PRAY. . .
for wisdom?
for the sick?
for the work at West Erwin?
for the growth of the Lord's Church?
...men ought always to pray, and not to faint. Luke 18:1

"WET" - "DRY"

These are two words we will be hearing a lot of in the next few weeks. Our city is facing a trial - a trial that will affect every person here. This should be a concern of every Christian. How do you stand on the subject? Oh, not whether it is right or wrong, but are you prepared to fight the "wet" opposition? Have you registered to vote? Will you vote when the time comes? If any of us are complacent, then our town has a real chance of becoming a town "with problems." I'm convinced God's Word teaches against drinking, but in today's society we have become relaxed and even reluctant to condemn anyone for just "social" drinking. Our elders have taken a stand against drinking and plans are to make this public. Your support will be asked for and all be needed to see that Tyler will continue being a "Dry" community - a beautiful town in which to live. HH

REGISTER TO VOTE

GOOD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Even though our numbers did not reach the highs of last year, we had a good week. Our young people seemed to enjoy the classes and other activities. Of course, this was done through the efforts of the teachers. These people put in many hours of preparation before the week began besides the time spent in the class room.

There was also another group for which we are very grateful - the ladies who baked the cookies during the week. If you were not here you cannot imagine how many were baked and how good they were. To all who had any part in our VBS - a BIG thank you. HH



Tuesday evening, June 22, the area-wide youth meeting will be in Mineola, Texas. Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL be singing at Leisure Lodge Sunday afternoon.

THERE'S SPIRITUAL POWER
AT THE EVENING HOUR

Is Faith Important?

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Heb. 11:6

What Is Faith?

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Heb. 11:1

How Do We Get Faith?

"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17

From the Preacher's Desk...

For many years I have enjoyed reading "Sissy's Sendout" which is a monthly newsletter edited by Mrs. Burton Coffman and published by the Central church in Houston. She tells of various friends of theirs - (many of them are our friends also) - and news of interest in the brotherhood. The latest "Sendout" has this encouraging report concerning mission work of churches of Christ:

"In an interview with Firm Foundation's editor, Reuel Lemmons, I learned he now has the names and addresses of over 1,400 missionaries being supported by churches of Christ in more than 200 foreign countries. Only two religious groups claim to have more than we, the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Mormons. Our Christian colleges are graduating 200 preachers each year, and 40 preacher's schools are sending out 400 per year. There are 91 child care arrangement centers conducted by the churches, too. Lemmons believes that there are over five million people connected with the church, as members, ex-members, and children of members."

Debate on Existence of God

A debate is to be held in Denton, Texas September 20 - 23, 1976 which has been billed as the "Debate of the Century." Brother Thomas B. Warren, professor of Philosophy and Christian Apologetics at Harding Graduate School in Memphis, Tennessee will debate the renowned atheist, Dr. Anthony Flew, professor of Philosophy at Reading University in London, England. The debate will be on the question, "Does God Exist?"

Brother Warren has spent much study in the realm of philosophy and religious faith. He has a strong faith in the Bible as God's Word. He holds the B. S. degree from Abilene Christian University, the M. A. degree from the University of Houston, the M. A. and Ph. D. degrees from Vanderbilt University. He has had additional study in Southwestern Baptist Seminary and in Texas Christian University. We feel that he will be well qualified to answer Dr. Flew's attacks upon faith in God.

It would be good for you to mark the dates September 20 - 23 and plan to attend this unusual debate which will be held in the huge coliseum on the campus of North Texas University. Let us pray for Brother Warren as he makes preparation for this debate.

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Sympathy

Gilbert Venable's mother was buried Sunday afternoon in the Dean Community.

A brother of Molly Ferguson was buried in Nacogdoches on Sunday afternoon.

Dr. Ralph Rowe and Hunt attended the funeral of an uncle in Arkansas last Sunday.

We extend our sincere sympathy to each family in their loss.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon for Doyle Ware, of the Omen Road church, and at one time a member of West Erwin. We extend sympathy to his family.

T H A N K S

Thank you for the cards, letters, visits and prayers during my recent illness and hospitalization. A very special thanks to the Stephensons.

Annie McDonald

We can't find words to express our gratitude and appreciation for the love and kindness shown to us during my illness. Our heart felt thanks to everyone for your prayers, beautiful flowers, cards, calls, visits, and for the lovely book, "Flowers For You," presented by brother George. Our special thanks to brother George and Alice for their help and devotion. God bless you always,

Tommie and Moselle White

HOSPITALS

Mrs. Dorothy Davis has been in the Glenwood Hospital.

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

Mrs. Jim Willis has been dismissed from Glenwood Hospital.

Ernest Pickle remains in Mother Frances Hospital in ICU.

ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday evening 7 o'clock at the home of Marie and Bob Threadgill.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and best wishes to John D. and Ruby Brem. Tuesday, June 15 will be their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS

We regret that the Amazing Grace Bible Class was not on the air last Sunday. We have been promised that this will not occur again. The response which we receive in the mail to this program indicates that there are thousands in the East Texas area who see this program. We urge that you continue to tell others about this program over KLTU every Sunday morning, 8:00 to 8:30.

Recently Batsell Barrett Baxter, well known speaker on the nation wide Herald of Truth program, spoke for the Broadway church in Lubbock. Joe Barnett made this interesting report: "Let me give you an example of the seed-sowing process of television. Following the second morning wor-

BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday afternoon, 1:30 o'clock, will be the time for the regular monthly business meeting for the men of the congregation.

ship period a gentleman approached brother Baxter in the foyer, telling him that he used to watch him on television in Oklahoma. He'd heard that Batsell was going to be here and wanted to come hear him. 'The next time I see you,' he said to Batsell, 'I want you to baptize me.' This resulted in a relatively brief conversation-which was followed by Archie Sarten being baptized into Christ. Little chance that this would ever have occurred had it not been for television. If it's really true that one soul is worth more than the world we've already received a thousand fold return on Sunday's investment."



Tuesday evening, June 15, there will be a Youth Meeting at Big Sandy. All young people - jr. high and up - meet at the church building by 6:30 p. m.

JOHNNY RAMSEY will preach at the Broadway church on Friday evening, June 11 at 7 o'clock.



**ARE YOU
 WATCHING
 OR
 WORKING?**

From the Preacher's Desk...

The Christian Citizen

The Bible teaches that civil government was ordained of God. "For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God," (Romans 13:1).

Of course, God does not approve of evil in any government. God ordained the home, but He does not approve of evil in the home.

A Christian has a dual citizenship. He is a citizen of the country in which he lives and he is also a citizen of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus taught that we have obligations both to God and to the state when He said, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's," (Matthew 22:21).

The practice of Christian principles, such as honesty, industry, kindness and generosity will produce good citizenship. The Bible teaches that Christians should pay their taxes, give honor to those deserving honor, and to pray for the rulers of the land, (Romans 13:6-8; I Timothy 2:1, 2).

In these crucial days of national and international unrest, Christians should pray fervently for the leaders of the nations of the world. During this year in which we observe the two hundredth birthday of our nation, we should give thanks for our freedom and pray that this freedom may continue for our children and grandchildren.

The Christian citizen recognizes that should there be conflict between God's laws and the laws of man that God's laws must take precedence. When Peter and John were told not to preach in the name of Christ they replied, "We ought to obey God rather than men," (Acts 5:29).

We are blessed in America with a government in which everyone may have a voice. Christians should exercise their right as citizens in helping to select our officials and in voting for that which is right. Let us not forfeit this privilege by failing to register as qualified voters. Important elections are likely to be held in the future in regard to the legalized sale of alcoholic beverages. We hope that Christians will be prepared to do their part to keep Tyler as free as possible from that which destroys lives and homes.

Christian people are the greatest asset of any nation. History will verify the truth taught in the Bible that "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people," (Proverbs 14:34).

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Thanks to You

Thank you so much for the beautiful New Testament I received at the service Sunday night. I really enjoy reading the New International Version. I appreciate your thoughtfulness at this special time. Thank you again,
 Laurie Rowe

Thank you so much for the nice Bible that you gave me for graduation. I did not have this particular version and I will use it constantly so that I may gain a better knowledge of the scriptures. Thank you so much.
 Rosemary Center

We want to thank each and everyone for the flowers, food, and words of comfort during our hour of sorrow. Without the love and help of Christian friends, life would be hard to bear. May God bless all of you is our prayer. Morene Sant and Family

We would like to thank everyone for their kindness shown to us during the loss of my father. The prayers, cards, the lovely plant, and food provided by the ladies, and your Christian love has been a great comfort. Words cannot express what we feel in our hearts. God bless you all.
 The Dzamko Family

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

Sympathy

An uncle of sister Louise Caskey, Major Qualls, was buried last Saturday in Denver. We extend our sympathy to the family.

HOSPITALS

Louis J. Jones is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

Ernest Pickle remains in Mother Frances and is improving.

Bill Billingsley remains in Dallas in the Veteran's Hospital.

WEDDING INVITATION

In the spirit of Christian joy
 Ginger
 and

J. N. Metcalf, Jr.

will vow their lives to one another on Friday, the eleventh of June at seven-thirty in the evening
 Winona Baptist Church
 Winona, Texas

We invite you to worship with us and witness their vows. If you are unable to attend, we ask your presence in thought and prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rozell

Reception immediately following ceremony in Fellowship Hall

Sunday's Sermons:

By George H. Stephenson
 A.M. Abundant Living
 P.M. Lecture on Bible Lands

We were pleased with the number who saw and heard our presentation last Sunday night on the story of Christ. We hope you will be present this Sunday evening as we present some other slides with emphasis on the life of Paul. GHS

You can always find excuses for not doing the things you do not want to do - - - -

A BABY GIRL was born to Joe and Glynnis Lynch Tuesday, June 1 at Mother Frances Hospital. Dalton Jones is the proud grandfather.

THE GROCERY TRUCK from Medina Children's Home will be here the week of June 14 - 18 to pick up what we have for them. A list of the most needed items are on the bulletin board in the south foyer.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School begins Monday, June 7 and continues through Friday, June 11. There is a class for every age, including adults. The hours are from 9 a. m. until 11 a. m. The theme is Life Together in the Christian Family.

JUNE 7 - 11



From the Preacher's Desk...

It Bites Like a Serpent

A very vivid description of the consequences of drinking is to be found in Proverbs 23:29-35. In this Scripture the man with "woe and sorrow" is the one who "tarries long at the wine." Here it is said the wine at the last "biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." These words, written ages ago, are still descriptive of the effects of alcohol on those who become its victims. In Proverbs 20:1 we read, "wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

The Bible lists drunkenness as one of the works of the flesh and then declares that "they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God," (Galatians 5:21).

According to authorities over fifty percent of all traffic fatalities are caused by drunken drivers. Some 55,000 people lose their lives on the highways of our country every year and over half of them die because of drinking!

Judge Gummell of the Chicago Municipal Court said, "Liquor is the mother of crime. It gives life and sustenance to slums, dives, brothels, gambling dens and pay off joints. It gives nerve to the homicide, the stick-up man, the burglar, the thief and the thug."

Research by Tane, Inc. shows that after Terrell, Texas voted to legalize the sale of liquor that arrests for drunkenness doubled. Police forces were increased 60% and the cost per capita for police protection in that city increased 253%. Statistics show that 98% of the crime in Terrell, since voting "wet," has been connected with liquor.

Daniel D. Walker, former chaplain in San Quentin Prison, declared that there was almost always an association of drinking with crime. He said concerning the men he counseled, "Some of the men were hardened criminals: some seemed as innocent as you and I. Some were repeaters: others were in prison for the first time. It didn't matter. In this one respect their stories varied no more than their drab uniforms. 'I was drunk when I did it, or I never would have got in this mess.' Again and again sounded the refrain."

Total abstinence is the one guarantee that one will not become a drunkard. One out of every ten who drinks become an alcoholic, according to authorities. The risk involved is entirely too great.

The prevention and cure for alcoholism may be found in the Bible: "And be not filled with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." The life of the Spirit gives us strength to overcome sin. Christ will give us strength to lead sober and godly lives if we will trust and obey Him.

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IN THE HOSPITAL

Mrs. Carl Bell entered Mother Frances Tuesday for tests.

Mrs. Annie McDonald is in Medical Center Hospital. She has pneumonia.

Ernest Pickle remains in ICU in Mother Frances Hospital.

Tommy White continues to improve. He is in Medical Center Hospital.

Bill Billingsley remains in the Veteran's Hospital in Dallas.



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| Sugar | Spam |
| Cold Cereal | Pears |
| Eagle Brand Milk | Brown Sugar |
| Chili | Cooking Oil |
| Powdered Sugar | Flour |
| Catsup | Jelly |
| Detergent | Fruit Juices |
| Cleanser | Jello |
| Kool-Aid | Tuna |
| Mustard | Cake Mixes |
| Vinegar | Mayonnaise |
| Hot Cereal | Tea |

ON BEING LIKE JESUS

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus (Phil. 2:5). Jesus left us an example so that we might "follow in His steps," (I Peter 2:21).

We want to be like Him as He walks on the water, but we don't want to walk the dirty floor of a poor man's hovel.

We would raise the dead, but will not hold the hand of the sick.

We would turn water into wine, but will not turn our own money into food, clothing and shelter for the needy.

We would still a storm on Galilee, but will not calm the troubled heart of a neighbor.

We would open the eyes of the blind but will not share the light with those who live in darkness.

We would miraculously heal crippled bodies, but will not aid the handicapped.

We would restore the deaf man's hearing, but will not share with him what they need most to hear.

We want to be like Jesus, but we prefer to walk with Him in triumph over palm branches, not under the weight of the cross. We want the crown, but not the cross. We would like to have a scepter, but not a shepherd's staff. We prefer to be robed in a royal garment of purple, not girded with the towel of lowly service.

We want to be like Jesus as King and miracle worker, but not as a servant.
 ... Max Hughes

GOSPEL MEETING

Johnny Ramsey will preach in a Gospel Meeting, May 30 - June 4 in Brownsboro - Highway 31 Church of Christ - 8:00 p.m. each evening.

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS
 KLTV, Channel 7 - 8-8:30 a.m.
 Each Sunday

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - May 30

By George H. Stephenson
 A.M. Respectable Sinners
 P.M. The Story of Christ
 (Slide Presentation)

We hope that you will be present Sunday evening as we show slide pictures of the Bible Lands as we tell the story of Jesus.

APPOINTMENTS

Sunday Morning - 10:20 a.m.

Announcements Charles Miles

Prayer Roger Knight

Dismiss Sam Sevier

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p.m.

Announcements Henry McRuiz

Prayer Joe McBee

Dismiss Kyle McRuiz

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OUR RECORD

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May 23....\$2,880.82420
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Our Sympathy

Mr. Gene Sant passed away Sunday afternoon and funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning. We express our sincere sympathy to Morene and her family.

Mrs. Imogene Myers passed away early Monday morning. Her service was conducted Wednesday morning at the church by brother Metcalf and brother Stephenson. We express our deepest sympathy to her children and loved ones.

VBS is Coming Soon! June 7 - 11

We need YOU in Bible School!

"YE VISITED ME NOT. . ."

"...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth, and is baptized, shall be saved; but he that believeth not, shall be damned." Mark 16:15,16.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

Jesus will speak to those on the day of judgment and say, "... Depart from me, ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

"Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily, I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me. And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal." Matt. 25:41-46.

Throughout the Word of God we are impressed with the responsibility that we as Christians have to visit. We have a plain teaching and command to take the gospel to the lost, instead of waiting for the lost to come to us. We sense the urgency of visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction, instead of at our convenience and leisure. And, it is frightening to grasp the idea that on the day of judgment, our eternal salvation will partly depend on how faithful we were in visiting the less fortunate.

Brethren, we have many opportunities at West Erwin to "Go" and to "Visit." On the first, second, and third Tuesdays of each month we have zone meetings that are especially designed to help others. We would like to encourage each of our members to reserve one of these Tuesday meetings each month and join others of the congregation in this work. If you are not sure what zone you are in or when your zone meets, give us a call at the office.

Charles Miles

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY - May 23

A. M. The Greatest Thing In The World. P. M. Sermon by Charles Miles
By George H. Stephenson

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BAPTIZED

Morris Hallman, Rt. 11, Box 258F, was baptized Monday evening by Charles Miles. His wife, Cathy, wants to be identified as a member of West Erwin. They formerly lived in Dallas.

WEDDING

Mary June Green and Cooper Goodson, Jr. were married Saturday evening. Hillard Hughes said their ceremony. Their address is 725 David.

THANK YOU NOTE

I wish to express my thanks for the cards, visits, and many expressions of kindness during my recent illness.
W. D. Metcalf

From the Elders

ARE YOU INVOLVED?

It is a desire of great importance to the leadership of this congregation that each and every member be involved in whatever your talent requires of you. An outstanding example we might point out is in regard to the local benevolent work being accomplished at the Christian Care Center under the competent direction of Louis and Modena Jones and James and Mildred Massey. Each of these men serve as co-chairman of the entire program of benevolence.

We wish to commend these as well as those who have assisted so faithfully and given so unselfishly of their time and talents to a worthy cause. A personal compliment from each member of the congregation to each of those who work with this program would be of great encouragement.

Foy Richey

IN THE HOSPITALS

Brother E. C. Pickle underwent major surgery Friday and again on Saturday. He is in ICU in Mother Frances Hospital. He is improving.

Brother Tommy White suffered heart attack last week and has been in ICU in Medical Center, but is now in room 276.

GRADUATE

Jo Ellen (Willis) Clayton was not listed among the graduates in last week's bulletin. She is a graduate of Chapel Hill High School. We extend congratulations. They are now living in Longview.

What About Public Requests For Prayer? by Norman L. Bales

On four recent occasions I have been present when large numbers of people came forward to request prayer. I have heard some negative comment as to the appropriateness of such mass responses. Is a public request for prayer good or bad? It seems to be that it can be both.

On the one hand a confession of sin needs to be only as public as the sin is. There is no need, for example, to make a public confession of one's evil thoughts. Such a sin needs to be confessed to God and God will surely forgive it, (I Jno. 1:9). On the other hand when a brother offends the body (as he most certainly does if he absents himself from the assembly to play golf when the saints are gathered for worship) he needs to confess his wrongs to the body he has offended, as well as to the Lord. I'm sure we have some people who confess sins publicly which do not need to be confessed and I'm equally sure that we have others who need to come forward but refuse to do so.

But where did we ever get the idea that the only reason a Christian can come forward is to confess sin? Is it not scriptural to ask our brethren to pray for our needs? (See Col. 4:3; I Thess. 5:25; II Thess. 3:1). We design response cards for baptism, confession of sin, and placing membership. But what's wrong with a man asking the saints to pray that he might be a better husband and father? What scripture is violated if a person asks the church to pray for divine guidance in soul winning? Is it really harmful for a young person to ask the church to pray that he might have the strength to resist temptation? I can't believe that it is.

A few weeks ago, a Christian lady went forward at a college lectureship. She didn't go forward to confess sin. She wanted the prayers for those 3,000 Christians who were present in order that she might be able to live the sacrificial life that Jesus demands. If we believe that "...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16), then does it not stand to reason that the fervent prayer of an entire assembly of saints is also effective. Brethren, it is the right of the child of God to ask for the prayers of his fellow Christians. Let's not be guilty of suppressing that right.

(via Sharpstown church of Christ)

OUR SYMPATHY

The father of Mrs. Richard Dzamko passed away Saturday in Danbury, Conn.

The grandmother of Charles Miles passed away Wednesday morning in Galveston.

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

SPECIAL ZONE MEETING

We want to take this opportunity to invite everyone to a banquet at Wyatt's (dutch treat) next Tuesday evening, May 25, at seven o'clock. Newcomers to the congregation will be honored.

Charles Miles

From the Preacher's Desk...

In my column last week I failed to mention our very enjoyable time in Atlanta, Texas when I was preaching in a series of meetings there. We had very good attendance and interest throughout the week. There were six who came forward for prayers and rededication of their lives to Christ.

It was good to get acquainted with the capable preacher in Atlanta, Tom Hooten. He has a very lovely wife and three sweet little daughters. His wife is the daughter of a gospel preacher, Bomer Gist. Bomer and his wife were class-mates of mine in Abilene Christian College.

The church in Atlanta has a very nice building which was constructed some seven or eight years ago by our own Jim Paul. The church is now talking of expansion. It is good to see the growth and progress of the church in many areas.

GHS

Graduation exercises were recently held at Abilene Christian University. My long time friend and college room mate, Leroy Brownlow, was awarded an honorary doctor's degree. Leroy is probably the most prolific writer in the brotherhood. He has written numerous gift books which have had a wide circulation throughout the country. His book, Why I am a Member of the Church of Christ has sold one million copies. For many years Leroy did an outstanding work as the preacher for the Polytechnic church in Fort Worth. I was glad to know that Abilene Christian saw fit to honor a man who has been an outstanding preacher of the gospel. We need to encourage more and more fine young men to give their lives to the preaching of the gospel.

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Sunday's Sermons:

Sunday, May 16

By George H. Stephenson

A. M. If I Lose My Soul

P. M. The Fault-Finder

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Library News

by the McCartys

You may want to read Why I Am A Member of the Church of Christ by Leroy Brownlow. You will be able to give scriptural answers to this and other questions most often directed to members of the Lord's church. It is in the Library!

God's Psychiatry, The Miracle of Love, The Miracle of Hope - these books are part of the Charles Allen Treasury. They are books of inspiration, and will help you cope with life's daily problems.

What does the Bible teach about baptism? This question and others are capably answered by outstanding ministers of the brotherhood. You will find this book - Oft Asked Questions by George Bailey and others in the library. It is indexed under J. T. Marlin.

ATTENTION WOMEN

The last session of the Women's Bible Class for this season will be held on Wednesday morning, May 19. Following the class a "covered dish" luncheon will be held at the preacher's home at 300 Ridgecrest. Any who would like to come - including men - are invited to bring a dish and enjoy the food and fellowship together.

APPOINTMENTS

Sunday Morning - 10:20 a. m.

Announcements Wallace Gayle
 Prayer John Teague
 Dismiss Wilmer Little
Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

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ZONE 3 will meet Tuesday, May 18, at the Hillard Hughes home, 7 o'clock.

THANKS

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to each of you for your concern for me during my long stay in the hospital. Thank you for the many acts of kindness, the flowers, cards, gifts and prayers. May the Lord bless you.

Don R. O'Bannon, Sr.

VBS Is Coming Soon! June 7 - 11

Congratulations

We are pleased to announce that the following young people will be graduating from high school this month.

Ginger Bray	Rosemary Center
June Cole	Bart Lemons
Ron Lott	Stacey Lowery
Kyle McRuiz	Laurie Rowe
Sheila Strait	Melanie Wheeler
Mike Whitworth	Kevin Womack

The following information has been turned in concerning the accomplishments of some of the graduates.

Rosemary Center - Member of the National Honor Society and Future Homemakers of America. She was a member of the John Tyler A Cappella Choir and the Blue Brigade her Sophomore and Junior years. Her Senior year she has been involved in Government and Biology subjects.

Kyle McRuiz is a member of the National Honor Society and Secretary of Future Farmers of America.

Congratulations to JANET KNIFFEN and her partner, Buffie Faulkner, for going to the State Semi-finals in tennis. These two young ladies have done an excellent job this year in their tennis competition.

**You Are Needed
 In Bible School
 Sunday and Wednesday**

Laurie Rowe - President of Foreign Language Club and Vice President of Science - Math Club, Jr. and Sr. years. Her Senior year: Vice President of the Chapel Hill Band, Vice President of National Honor Society, Treasurer of Future Teachers of America and Second Vice President of Medical Explorer Post #695. Also, member of singing sextet "The Group." Received Varsity Track Letter first year in high school. Distinguished Foreign Language student for 1974-75, Homecoming Queen nominee, '75-'76. Received the Rotary Award '75-'76 and was Salutatorian of her class. Also, was voted Senior Class Favorite, and Most Likely To Succeed. Laurie is a member of Who's Who Among American High School Students and the Society of Distinguished American High School Students.

Ron Lott - Junior Year won first in District and first in State on Chimney Cap built in ICT. Won first in District and third in State on Speed Skills. Senior year won first in District and fourth in State in Speed Skills in ICT. Senior year received Industrial Co-operative Training Honor Award.

HOSPITALS

Bill Billingsley is in the Veteran's Hospital, room 707, in Dallas.

Naomi McKeever's young grandson had a tonsillectomy Tuesday morning in Medical Center Hospital.

E. C. Pickle will enter the hospital this week for surgery.

Charlotte Chandler is in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

From the Preacher's Desk...

We heard good reports concerning the preaching of Charles Miles last Sunday. We regret that the attendance was down. We were also sorry to hear about the resignation of two of our elders, R. C. O'Bannon and Mack Bynum. Both of them felt that they could not continue the responsibilities of this office at this time. Our love and prayers will be with these men and we know they will continue to be interested in all of the work at West Erwin. We appreciate all that they have done in the past.

We hope that you have been reading the regular reports from Rudolf Rischer and his work in Augsburg, Germany. He has baptized several adults in recent months and has begun a great work among the children. Kieth Mitchell continues to do a fantastic work with the International Mission in New York City. Recently, Jack and Aiko Suzuki were baptized. Jack has headed up a large Japanese shipping company in the World Trade Center for five years and is now returning to Tokyo to live. He has been a Buddhist and after "counting the cost six months" was willing to forsake all to follow Jesus.

We thank God for each one of you who helps to make it possible for the gospel to be preached here and elsewhere. GHS

APPRECIATION FOR BENEVOLENCE

Jack Sikes, superintendent of Westview Boys' Home in Hollis, Oklahoma has written a nice letter expressing appreciation for the bed spreads, curtains, sheets and pillow cases which were sent to the home from members of this congregation. Our women who made these items are deserving of our commendation. We appreciate all that they have been doing to help those in need.

In the letter from brother Sikes he mentions that Danny Thomas, one of the "boys" from the Home is a sophomore in college at Altus and is preaching in Blair, Oklahoma. The letter also told of another of the "boys" from the Home who has finished his student teaching at Southwestern and will be getting his degree this spring. We are truly thankful for the Westview Boys' Home and the other homes which are training boys and girls to become useful citizens in the Lord's service. GHS

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VBS WORKSHOP

This Sunday afternoon our Vacation Bible School teachers will be in a workshop conducted by Clay Kirby, Margret Montgomery, and Jan Knight. The meeting will begin at 3:30 p. m. with each day's lesson being covered by these coordinators. Please be ready at the appointed time. HH

**THERE'S SPIRITUAL POWER
 AT THE EVENING HOUR**

THE SICK

Aubrey Payne underwent eye surgery Monday in Methodist Hospital in Dallas. After he is dismissed from the hospital they will continue to stay in Dallas for a few days with Floia's brother.

Mrs. Cora Hughes had a fall while at work and has a broken arm.

Brother R. M. Mayo has been dismissed from East Texas Chest Hospital and he and sister Mayo are now at their home.

Don O'Bannon is improving and may go home very soon.

Sunday's Sermons:

A. M. Satan Desires To Have You
 By George H. Stephenson
 P. M. The Happy Home
 By Hillard Hughes



SUCCESSFUL BANQUET

It is wonderful to be associated with so many good people as we have at West Erwin. Your support of the annual Junior-Senior Banquet is very much appreciated. About 110 attended the banquet and from the comments it seems that all enjoyed themselves. It is always a pleasure for Jeanine and me to work with Jamon and Clay Kirby each year. HH

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 kingdom, 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).



TUESDAY OUT

Last Tuesday about thirty-five of us had a great day together. We were given an excellent tour of Dr. C. C. McDonald's Holy Land replica. To those ladies that provided food for us, goes a great big THANK YOU! These two outings have been very enjoyable for everyone. We are planning one more good time together before the summer heat arrives. HH

VBS Is Coming Soon!

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Do You Want To Be Great?

The philosophers of the world have had an entirely different concept of the meaning of greatness from that given to us by Jesus. NIETZSCHE, the German philosopher who had a great influence on the thinking of Hitler, taught the idea of a superman who would be great because of his physical and intellectual superiority. This superman would use the mass of humanity only as his servants to help him achieve his selfish aims.

How different are the teachings of Christ! He said, "But whosoever will be great among you, let him be your servant," (Matthew 20:26). Most of us would reject the philosophy of Nietzsche, yet do we really believe the teaching of Christ? Do we measure greatness by worldly fame and acclaim rather than by character, hard work and service to others? Is the ultimate of success attained when one becomes a great celebrity or when one achieves financial independence?

True greatness, according to Jesus, may be revealed in the conversation he held with the mother of James and John. This mother requested that one of her sons occupy the right hand and the other the left hand of Christ on His throne. Like many others, this ambitious mother did not understand the true nature of the Kingdom of Christ. She thought that Jesus would reign in a material kingdom and did not know that His kingdom was to be spiritual - consisting of all who submit themselves to the will of Christ. Jesus spoke to Peter and John about drinking the cup he was to drink and being baptized with the baptism with which he was to be baptized. The other ten disciples were envious of James and John and seemed to think they would receive some special favors from Christ. This prompted Jesus to tell them that while in worldly kingdoms the great exercise dominion and authority, but in Christ's kingdom the one who is great is to be a servant, (Matthew 20: 20 - 28).

Throughout the life of Jesus we are able to see a living demonstration of one who served others and whose life is the greatest ever lived. The teaching scene of Jesus' washing the disciples' feet impresses us with the thought that no task was too lowly for the one who is our Lord and Master. On that occasion Jesus was not describing an item of church worship, but he was teaching that we should be willing to perform any service, however humble it may be. GHS

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OUR RECORD

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April 18...\$3,083.98412
April 11...\$3,062.70441
A Year Ago\$3,191.54475

RESPONSES

Richard Dzamko, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dzamko was baptized into Christ Sunday morning. We are happy for Richard's decision. He is a sixth grade student.

Mrs. Jesse Laws, 210 So. Boon, was baptized Tuesday evening by Joe McBee following a series of home Bible studies.

Following a study by Bible Correspondence Course from West Erwin, Gregory White, an inmate of the Louisiana State Prison at Angola, La., was baptized recently by brother Emerson who preaches in Baton Rouge.

Mrs. Clista Pumphrey Key came Sunday evening confessing neglect and expressing her desire to be restored.

THANKS

Thank you for thinking of me. You are all very special to us. Love,
Audrey O'Bannon

I want to express my appreciation for the lovely book, Flowers For You. My thanks to George and every member of West Erwin that made my stay in the hospital more pleasant. It was nice to be home. Jo Warner

OUR SYMPATHY

The father of Mrs. Don Crowder was buried Monday in Abilene, Texas. Tommy White's mother was buried this week in Hillsboro, Texas. We extend our sincere sympathy to each family.

TUESDAY OUT

Some good plans are being made for a very select group of our West Erwin members. If you are 60 years of age or older you are invited to be our guests next Tuesday morning at 9:45 to visit Dr. C. C. McDonald's lay-out of the Holy Land. We hope many of you will participate. We'll leave the building not later than 10 o'clock and make the tour and enjoy lunch together before returning home. If you are planning to go, please call Audrey O'Bannon by Sunday afternoon. HH



HOSPITALS

Mrs. Mary Sims is critically ill in Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Earnesene Shuford returned home this week.

Ralph Lowrance is a patient in Medical Center Hospital.

R. M. Mayo continues to be in the East Texas Chest Hospital.

W. D. Metcalf was hospitalized early Monday morning, but hopes to be back home in a day or two.

Don O'Bannon is in Mother Frances Hospital but hopes to go home soon.

Charles Miles, husband of Ruby Miles and father of Charles, underwent surgery Wednesday in Glenwood Hospital.

AREA MEETINGS

Jay Lockhart will be conducting a gospel meeting at the Northwest church here in Tyler, April 25 - 28.

The Tenneha Church of Christ in Tyler will conduct a meeting, April 26 - May 2 with David C. Benford preaching.

George Stephenson will be preaching in a meeting with the church in Atlanta, Texas, April 26 to continue through Sunday night, May 2.

Invitation to Ladies

The Ladies' Bible Class of the Northwest church has invited the ladies here to be their guests Tuesday morning, April 27 at 10 a. m. Jay Lockhart will speak. Nursery and pre-school classes will be provided. You are also invited to a Coffee following the class.

OUR LIBRARY

Members of the West Erwin church have a wonderful privilege and opportunity in our church library. We would like to invite you to feel free to browse among the books at your convenience. Have you read the book, ALL THE APOSTLES OF THE BIBLE by Herbert Lockyer? This is a complete series of studies on the lives, times and ministries of the men chosen by God to declare His message to the world. We recommend it.

The McCartys

APRIL 29 - MAY 1, 1976

Workshop For Christian Service
Pleasant Grove Church of Christ, Dallas, Texas. This workshop will emphasize evangelism through church leadership and the Bible school.

Details are on the bulletin board in the south foyer.

This is the time of year we lose one hour. The last Sunday in April is the date for the time change, so before you go to bed Saturday evening turn your clocks forward 1 hour.

Amazing Grace Bible Class
KLTU, Channel 3, each Sunday
8 - 8:30 a. m.

The Glenwood Church will be registering children for Thursday School for the fall semester between 9 a. m. and 1 p. m. the next two Thursdays at their building.

Let Us Do More For Christ

From the Preacher's Desk...

WHY DOES THIS ARTICLE SEEM SO RIDICULOUS?

"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 interests, 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 of this community - and I've been meaning to write a letter of appreciation to the school. I certainly would hate to live in a place where there were no schools.

"To tell you the truth, Johnny didn't like school too much last year. Besides all these examinations, having to bring home report cards showing his progress was embarrassing to him. He suffered some psychological

effects because so many girls were attending school, he thought it was 'sissy' to go. So, he decided he would not 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. I don't think his educational growth will be harmed. I will use my influence to get him to attend football games, plays, etc. When hunting season is over, his father will be able to take him. I really think the old methods of education are out of date anyway.

"Yes, if he were to decide that he wanted to return to school it would be alright with me. I just want to make sure the decision is his own."

Author unknown

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The family of Milton Terry appreciated your thoughtfulness in sending flowers for the service of our loved one. God bless you,
Mrs. Terry and Family

Thank you for your kindness while I was ill. It helped so much to have good friends like you!

Lorene Venable

Thank you so much for the lovely flowers and for the acts of kindness and comfort in the loss of our mother.

Tommie and Moselle White
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Petty
Mr. and Mrs. A. D. White

MOVED

We regret that Jim and Teresa Handy have moved to Beaumont. We miss them from the work here, but hope they will enjoy their new home.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Lillie Knight underwent eye surgery Tuesday morning in Mother Frances Hospital.

Don O'Bannon continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

R. M. Mayo continues to improve in the East Texas Chest Hospital.

A brother of A. Z. Aven suffered a stroke last week in Orange, Texas and a sister is in ICU in Greenville, Tex. following a heart attack.

NEGLECTING SALVATION?

When Paul wrote to the young evangelist Timothy he said, "...from a child thou hast known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ." (II Timothy 3:15) How does a person learn about salvation? Paul says the answer lies in a knowledge of the holy Scriptures.

To the brethren at Thessalonica the same writer made this statement, "But we are bound to give thanks always to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth; whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle." (II Thessalonians 2:13-15) Again we learn that salvation is extended only through the gospel.

Many would have us believe that spiritual matters are to be learned through a study of astrology, by listening to prophets and prophetess, by direct revelations from heaven to men, by miraculous signs and wonders, by angelic beings, or from man's own intellectual prowess and reasonings. However the Word of God is very clear and emphatic on this question. Salvation only comes through an understanding and definite response to the written revealed Word of God.

According to the Hebrew writer it is possible for the Christian to neglect salvation. "...we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him." (Hebrews 2:13) Here the question that is asked has an understood answer, "They will not escape if they neglect so great salvation."

Brethren, one of the best ways to assure our salvation is to become diligent students of the Word of God. We need to develop a love for the Scriptures and have a readiness and eagerness not only to study and search the scriptures, but to also make the proper application of truths learned to our lives.

Charles Miles

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, May 2, 1976 by Charles Miles

A. M. Great Men of Faith

P. M. Responsibilities of the Church to the Elders

APPOINTMENTS

Sunday Morning - 10:20 a. m.

Announcements Hillard Hughes
Prayer R. C. O'Bannon
Dismiss Dick Higginbotham

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements Jamon Kirby
Prayer James Phillips
Dismiss Dwaine Thedford

Serving Communion Sunday

Louis E. Jones Louis J. Jones
David Cooper O'Neal Tuel
B. J. Tucker David Thurman
Robert Dzamko T. J. Parsons

Our Record

Contributions

April 25...\$3,152.08
April 18...\$3,083.98
Year Ago . \$3,191.54

Bible School

.....385
.....412
.....475

RESPONSES

Mark Wilson, 313 Ferrell, came Sunday to be identified. We welcome Mark to West Erwin.

Sympathy

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at the building for Mrs. Mary Sims. She passed away Saturday. We extend our sincere sympathy to each member of the family.

VBS Is Coming Soon!

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FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

I was delighted to see such a fine number present for worship last Lord's Day including many visitors. We were glad to be back home following our four day meeting with the church meeting on Rockwall Street in Terrell.

We had good interest and attendance in our meeting. One young man was baptized into Christ. We were pleased to know that a number of visitors from the community attended the meeting. Lowell Wallace, grandson of the pioneer preacher, Foy Wallace, Sr., and nephew of several well known preachers, is doing a good work as the local evangelist. William Butler is a fine young preacher working with the congregation in the area of personal evangelism.

Alice spoke to an enthusiastic Ladies' Class on Tuesday during the meeting. She and I enjoyed the hospitality of the Reeve Holmes. They are leaders in the church of our Lord in Terrell and elsewhere. Brother Holmes devotes much time to Boles Home having served as Chairman of the board of directors for many years.

While in Terrell we received the report of a great meeting which was recently held at the church meeting at Boles Home. There were 19 teenagers who were baptized into Christ. Eight teenagers were restored. Many of these young people have come to Boles Home with various problems and it is good to know that they have been influenced to become Christians. Alan Sowders, superintendent of the Home, said that there has been a wonderful spirit prevailing among the students since the very successful meeting.

While in Terrell I visited one of the chapel services at Southwestern Christian College. I was impressed with the fine young people attending this school.

This coming Sunday will be a time when large numbers will be "going to church." Many will gather together to be reminded of the resurrection of Jesus on the day which has been designated "Easter Sunday." We will meet this Sunday - as we do every first day of the week to remember the glorious resurrection of Jesus. We remember His death for us as we eat of the Lord's Supper and we remember his victory over death because He was raised on the first day of the week. Come - share with us the joy of Christian worship and fellowship.

GHS

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IN APPRECIATION

Brother and sister R. M. Mayo have expressed their sincere thanks for all the remembrances of them these past weeks. Your cards, calls, many kindnesses, and especially your prayers are deeply appreciated.

RECORDS YOU HELP MAKE:

Contributions	Bible School
April 11...\$3,062.70	.....441
April 4...\$3,260.72	.....402
Year Ago..\$2,720.97	.....499

DIRECTORY UPDATE

Johnny and Kitty Owings and family are now worshipping with the Glenwood congregation. Suzanne Pickle has also transferred her membership to Glenwood. Our love and prayers go with these Christian people. GHS

IN THE HOSPITALS

Carolyn Womack underwent surgery Monday in Glenwood Hospital. She is now at home.

Mrs. Mary Sims remains in Glenwood Hospital.

Lorene Venable went home (to Dallas) from Mother Frances Hospital.

R. M. Mayo continues to be in the East Texas Chest Hospital. He is improving.

Don O'Bannon is in Mother Frances. His leg was put in a cast last week, and he is now able to be up some.

Earnesene Shuford is with her son in Houston, but still under the doctor's care.

Young Chris Sevier had a tonsillectomy Tuesday in Medical Center.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. The Story of Jesus
(All Scripture Sermon)
P. M. Stilling The Tempest

*The Eternal Destiny
Of Some Soul Is
In Your Hands!*

The Church of Christ, 402 So. Main, in Henderson will conduct a meeting, April 18 - 23 with Charlie Garner preaching. Evening services, 7:30.

FOR MEN OF TODAY

The areas where men are needed in the Bible School program are most trying. These classes range from early junior high through most adult classes. (The exception being special ladies' classes.) Men usually have very busy schedules which limit study time and so they feel inadequate as teachers. However, there is a growing need for men to develop themselves as teachers so they might train others in the Way more perfectly. The elders here are very concerned about the lack of men willing to grow in this area. Your attitude may have a great influence upon some individual that would become a Christian if you would use your talents in teaching. It should be the desire of every man to either become a teacher or improve as a teacher. Of course, it goes without saying, everyone does not become a classroom teacher, but if you have some ability there, it should be developed. Jesus left instructions for us to "go and teach." That command holds true today. Men take heed to your Lord and remember your responsibilities. HH

FUNERALS

Services were conducted Tuesday afternoon in Gainesville for the father of Wayne Terry.

Services were held on Wednesday for Claude Barron, brother-in-law to Mrs. Louis J. Jones.

A brother of Mrs. Ella Mae Hibbard was buried this week in Houston.

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

Pine Tree Church Announces Lectures

The Pine Tree church of Christ in Longview has announced a special lesson series on the family entitled, "A Christian View of Sexuality." Dr. Carl Brecheen (Bible Professor at Abilene Christian University) and Dr. Roy Willingham, M.D. (an elder of the College church in Abilene) are the featured speakers.

The date is Saturday, April 24. The first session is for husbands, fathers and sons. It will be from 10:30 a. m. to 12:00 noon. The second session is wives, mothers and daughters. It will be from 1:30 p. m. to 3:00 p. m.

A fellowship meal is planned from noon to 1:30 p. m. Each individual or family may bring sandwiches, chips and cookies.

Arlis Vandiver, who preaches for the Pine Tree Church said, "We feel this Special Series is a great opportunity for all young marrieds, engaged couples, teen-agers, fathers and mothers. The world is fostering much confusing, erroneous and unscriptural propaganda about sex today and the Lord's people need to know the truth about the matter." HH

JUNIORS AND SENIORS

The time is here again. The annual Junior-Senior Banquet is less than three weeks away. We urge you to make reservations now. We hope everyone will take advantage of the occasion since it is a special event for you. The date is May 1, at the Red Carpet Inn at 7:00 p. m. Get a date and be ready for a great night. HH



FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial . . .

"How the gold has grown dim, how the pure gold is changed!" (Lamentations 4:1).

TARNISHED GOLD

I clearly remember my first teenage girlfriend. I saved money, earned from my paper route, to buy her a birthday gift. I had my eye on a gold bracelet in the window of the jewelry store. Then one day, being assured by the proprietor that it was really gold, I laid down the cash.

Afraid that someone would discover my intention of giving a girl a present, I slipped the bracelet in my secret vault. . . a cigar box under my bed. When time came for the present to be given I took it from its hiding place. To my utter disappointment I found that lovely bracelet lusterless and dark. "It's not really gold," I muttered angrily.

But, my suspicion was unfounded. Investigation revealed that the gold bracelet had been rubbing against metals of lesser value in that cigar box until it had become dull, tarnished.

The world is hostile to Christianity. When the believer rubs against worldliness he runs the risk of losing his spiritual brightness and beauty. James states it clearly: "Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?" (James 4:4). The Christian who defiles himself with worldliness is certain to lose the gleam of his influence.

The bracelet was still gold. But, before it could be acceptable it had to be polished and the tarnish removed. If "friendship with the world" has tarnished your life, permit the Lord to cleanse you and renew your spiritual luster. You are still valuable and beautiful . . . you just need to be polished clean.

Joe R. Barnett

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RESPONSES

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Billingsley (Lorene), 1914 So. Donnybrook, phone 592-4580, came Sunday to be restored to fellowship. We welcome the Billingsleys back to West Erwin.

Suzanne Kirby and Wade Weathers were baptized last Wednesday evening during the meeting. Suzanne is in the 6th grade and Wade is in the 9th grade. Both are regular members of the Bible school.

Benevolent Work . . .

Please bring clean sheets for bandages (colored sheets are useful also.)

HOSPITALS

Mrs. Mary Sims is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. R. C. O'Bannon entered Medical Center on Sunday morning.

R. M. Mayo has been moved to the East Texas Chest Hospital.

Don O'Bannon is in Mother Frances.

Mrs. Earnesene Shuford remains in John Sealey Hospital in Galveston.

Mrs. Morene Sant's husband is very seriously ill in the Mineola hospital.

Mrs. Gilbert Venable is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Evelyn Denton is in Medical Center hospital for knee surgery.

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you so much for the beautiful book, Flowers For You, that I received while in the hospital. It says in beautiful words, what I cannot say about all the visits, flowers, food, cards, calls and prayers that all of our friends at West Erwin have bestowed on my family while I've been ill. You all mean so very much to our family and we do appreciate every act of love and kindness shown.

In Christian love,
Mary Haws

Thank you for the cards, the gift from the ladies class and especially for the prayers during my hospitalization.

Earnesene Shuford

Holland Boring, Jr. will conduct a meeting, April 11 - 14 at the Pine Tree Church of Christ in Longview.

Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School is just two short months away, June 7 - 11. This week can be one of the most effective weeks we have in such a short time if used properly. To begin with, we are in need of teachers. If you would be willing to work, please see me soon. It is very important that preparations start now. HH



Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Will be conducted at the Midtown Church of Christ, 1701 Oakhurst-Scenic Drive, Ft. Worth, Texas. This 12 hour seminar will be held April 16 -17. The cost is \$10 single/\$15 per couple. For any in this area who would like to attend, reservations should be in by the 12th.

THANKS TO JIM PAUL

We appreciate the wonderful way in which Jim Paul conducted the song service during our recent meeting. We are grateful to others in the congregation who lead our singing from time to time.

FUTURE MEETINGS AT WEST ERWIN

Last week we brought to a conclusion a very fine meeting in which Johnny Thompson did the preaching. Our next scheduled meeting will be conducted by Avon Malone. Definite dates for the meeting which will be in the fall of 1976 will be set in the near future. It would be well for you to keep the following list of future meetings.

1976	Avon Malone	Fall
1977	Harold Taylor	Spring
1977	Harvey Porter	Fall
1978	Virgil Trout	Spring
1978	Gary Montgomery	Fall
1979	Wyatt Sawyer	Spring
1979	Joe Barnett	Fall
1980	Truman Spring	Spring

A NEW GRANDSON

Cameron Thomas Cobb was born April 1 to Ted and Suzanne Cobb in Scottsdale, Ariz. The happy grandparents are Barbara and Tom Williams.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 11

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Hindrances To Spiritual Growth
P. M. Stilling The Tempest

Business Meeting Sunday afternoon, 1:30 in the Chapel.



FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

This has been a great week for the West Erwin church. Johnny Thompson has been doing some of the greatest preaching I have ever heard. His sermons will surely bear fruit in the lives of all who have been blessed by hearing him. We were glad to have Johnny's charming wife, Sue, and their fine son, John Tom, with us for the beginning of the meeting. Our prayers will be with the Thompsons as they begin their new work in Nashville, Tennessee. I know that the church in Harlingen regrets to lose this fine family.

Brother Thompson began the meeting on Saturday night by speaking to a fine group of young people. It was easy to understand why he has been so successful in his work with young people. I know that every young person present was impressed with the sermon and was inspired to live a better life for Christ.

On Thursday night of last week we enjoyed the Teacher's Appreciation Banquet held at the Red Carpet Inn. It was one of the finest Teacher's banquet we have ever had. Bryan Teagle, who serves as the educational director for the Garland Road church in Dallas, brought a great lesson. We sincerely appreciate the contributions of all who helped to make this banquet possible. We do not do enough to show our appreciation for the dedicated service of our fine Bible School teachers. We thank each of them for the work they do and we thank Hillard Hughes for his arranging this program and for his many activities with the educational program.

On this coming Sunday I am to begin a four day meeting with the Rockwall Street church in Terrell. Lowell Wallace and William Butler serve as ministers for this congregation. I solicit your prayers for us as we engage in this series of meetings in Terrell. I will be thinking and praying about you also as you meet for worship and for Bible study at West Erwin. GHS

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March 21...\$3,301.78438
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RESPONSES

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon (Mary) Dawson, 1021 Queenspark, telephone 561-5784, came Sunday to place membership. They recently moved to Tyler from Ardmore, Okla. We are happy to welcome them to West Erwin.

Julie Higginbotham was baptized into Christ Tuesday evening. Julie is a student in the 6th grade and is the daughter of Dick and Sue Higginbotham.

MONDAY EVENING, April 5th will be the date for the monthly meeting of the elders and deacons - Wyatt's Cafeteria, 7:00 p. m.

T H A N K S

We appreciate the beautiful book that was presented to me after my return home from the hospital. We will always treasure it. It will be very helpful in raising our children in a Christian home. Thank you very much. Doris and Dudley Cooper

Words cannot express my sincere gratitude for all the kind deeds and prayers during my recent illness. The many cards, flowers, and calls concerning my progress will always be remembered and cherished as a reminder that people really do care and want to help in our time of need. May the blessings of God be with you is my prayer. Mary Drummond

From Westview Boy's Home

Hollis, Oklahoma
 Dear Ladies,
 I know that Jack has already thanked you for the beautiful double knit quilts, but when I thought about them again this morning, I decided to drop you a thank you note also. Everyone in the office just gasped when we opened the box and saw how beautiful they were.

We have saved them back for the new 5th Cottage and know those boys will really enjoy sleeping under such beautiful quilts. Thanks ever so much for sending them and we are looking forward to seeing the other bedspreads and curtains you are making.

In Christian love,
 Mrs. Jack Sikes

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

A class in defensive driving will be conducted by the Department of Public Safety in the chapel beginning next Thursday night, April 8. The class will meet for three sessions, April 8, April 15, and April 22. This provides an opportunity for us to become safer drivers and at the same time be provided an opportunity for a discount in our car insurance premiums. The cost for the course will be two dollars per person. If you have already indicated that you will take the course, you are asked to turn in your fees to the church office. There is still room for others to be in the class. Remember that it begins Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock.

BIBLE TEACHERS WORKSHOP

The Church in Canton, Texas will present the Sixth Annual Teachers Workshop, April 5, 6, and 8, 9, from 7:30 - 9:00 o'clock. The theme for the workshop is Freedom in Christ. Hillard Hughes will teach the class for Junior High teachers and Margret Montgomery will teach the class for Primary teachers.

SYMPATHY

Mrs. David Cooper's sister was buried Monday in Canton, Mississippi. We express our sincere sympathy to Pat and her family.

HOSPITALS

Mrs. Earnesene Shuford underwent exploratory surgery Monday in John Sealey in Galveston. She remains in the hospital to undergo further tests.

Mrs. Glenn (Jo) Warner, formerly of this congregation, underwent surgery on her foot Tuesday in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. K. Max Haws underwent surgery last Friday in Medical Center. She is now at home.

G. C. Wright has been a patient in Glenwood Hospital for tests.

Don O'Bannon continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

R. M. Mayo remains in Medical Center Hospital. He has improved and has been removed from ICU to a private room.

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS

Every week we receive letters in response to the Amazing Grace Bible Class program. There are many watching this program throughout the East Texas area. Here is a letter which came to us from Winnsboro:

"Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: I listen to you every Sunday. I am 87 the 27th day of this month and can't go to church. . . I stay at home and hear preachers all morning on the television and it is all from Tyler on Channel 7. Please pray for me I love your program. . ."

Mamie Harris



to Show Thyself
 Approved...

Come to the
MEETING!

Your Invitation to Attend
Our
GOSPEL MEETING

March 28 — April 2



JOHNNY THOMPSON

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

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10:00 a.m.

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Announcements..... Charles Miles

Prayer Mack Bynum

Dismiss Denton Phillips

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements..... Louis E. Jones

Prayer Bob Threadgill

Dismiss Mike Franklin

Serving Communion Sunday

Cullen Gilliam K. Max Haws

Henry McRuiz Jamon Kirby

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Marty Stitt Tim Holt

Our Record

Contributions Bible School

March 21....\$3,301.78438

March 14....\$6,284.45382

A Year Ago..\$2,967.93458

Responses

James Wehunt, 2111 Miller Dr. and John Powell, 1124 Dogwood were baptized Sunday. James is a junior high student and John is in the 5th grade.

Amazing Grace
BIBLE CLASS

KLTV - CHANNEL 7
EVERY SUNDAY MORNING 8:00 TO 8:30

WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICE

We plan to have one morning service during our meeting in addition to our regular Sunday morning service. This will be on Wednesday morning at ten o'clock - the usual time for our Ladies' Class. However, this meeting will be for everyone - men and women alike. It would be fine for you to bring a number of your friends to hear brother Thompson speak that time.

An Enjoyable Occasion

Some of our older members enjoyed riding the bus together to see the Azalea Trail on Tuesday morning. After viewing the beautiful flowers, they went to Bergfeld Park where they enjoyed a delicious picnic lunch prepared by some of the younger members of the congregation. This was a very enjoyable and wonderful occasion for all who went. We are indebted to sister Audrey O'Bannon for planning for this delightful experience and to Hillard Hughes for driving the bus. A number of individuals helped in bringing the people to the church building. Our sincere thanks to everybody who helped to make the occasion a great success.

GHS

THOUGHTS FOR A SUCCESSFUL MEETING

- A mbition to save lost souls
- S incere preparation for the week of service.
- U ndying faith in the "power of God to save."
- C ourage to discuss the Bible with someone now.
- C arrying a carload to every service.
- E nergetic enthusiasm of the young people.
- S inging with the Spirit and understanding.
- S eeking to restore the fallen.
- F aithful attendance of all the members.
- U ndertake to prepare one soul for conversion.
- L istening with the hope of learning.
- M aking all our visitors feel welcome.
- E veryone singing the good old Gospel songs.
- E ncouraging the preacher in his efforts.
- T earing ourselves from television for one week.
- I nviting our friends and neighbors to come.
- N ow is the time to work for it.
- G oing to God each day in prayer in its behalf.

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IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Gilbert Venable is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Earnesene Shuford continues to be in John Sealey in Galveston.

Don O'Bannon remains in Mother Frances Hospital.

R. M. Mayo is in Medical Center.

Mrs. Richard Dzamko's father is very seriously ill at his home in Danbury, Conn.

Wayne Terry's father recently underwent heart surgery at St. Paul's hospital in Dallas.

NOTE OF THANKS

Thank you for the cards, food and flowers sent to us when we lost our mother and grandmother, Mrs. Evalyn Stone. Your love and prayers have given us strength during this time of sorrow. May God richly bless each of you.

Georgia Lee, Mary Butler,
J. Leonard Stone
The Bill Butler, Jr. Family
The Robert Butler Family
Nancy and Mack Kincheloe

YOUTH MEETING

Saturday Night, 7:30

MARCH 28, 29, 30, 31 and APRIL 1, 2

**SOMETHING
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**Gospel
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Dismiss..... Matt Haws

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Announcements..... Ben Young
Prayer..... M. B. Beard
Dismiss..... Rick Higginbotham

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March 7...\$3,206.01395
Year Ago...\$3,117.28470

RESPONSES

David Stephenson was baptized last Wednesday evening.

SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday afternoon for sister Evalyn Stone, mother of Mary Butler and Georgia Lee.

An uncle of Wayne Fears was buried last week.

We express our sincere sympathy to each family.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 21

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Revive Us Again
P. M. We Persuade Men

From the Elders
IN APPRECIATION

We wish to express our appreciation to the men of the congregation who participate in the public worship services from time to time leading prayers, serving at the Lord's Table and ushering. We feel that brother K. Max Haws and those who assist him in this endeavor are doing an excellent work to make the services each week more meaningful and useful. We feel blessed beyond measure that we have many talented members of this congregation, and our prayer is that you will continue this good work. Foy Richey

CONGRATULATIONS

Dudley and Doris Cooper are the happy parents of another boy born Sunday in Henderson, Texas.

For sometime we have had some of the inmates in the Louisiana State Prison in Angola, La. to take Bible Correspondence courses. The Stephensons have corresponded with some of them. Last week they visited in the prison with two inmates, Ronald Fitch and Billy Gardner. They report an interesting and profitable period of Bible study and prayer with these men.

THANK YOU NOTES

The family of Pat Beard acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

The family of Newell Rushing Lacy acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

ARE YOU CYNICAL? by Eldred Stevens

Henry Ward Beecher said, "The cynic is one who never sees good quality in a man, and never fails to see a bad one. He is the human owl, vigilant in darkness and blind in light, mousing for vermin, and never seeing noble game." There is no more unhappy being than that one who is distrustful, cynical, and who can hardly think a happy, positive, constructive thought - because of pre-occupation with what's wrong with everybody and everything. CYNICISM has no place in the life of a TRUE CHRISTIAN. "He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth friends." (Proverbs 17:9). "Love suffereth long and is kind... is not provoked, taketh no account of evil; rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoice with the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." (I Cor. 13:4ff).

The New Testament pulsates with hope, optimism, love, faith, courage, kindness, trust in others. How tragic to be so dwarfed as to have neither the capacity to receive life's pleasures nor the unselfish wisdom to extend to others. How sad to be leaving a gray atmosphere wherever one goes and in whatever he does. One of the biggest problems in the church is cynicism. Congregations are constantly upset by cynical members whose forte is dropping remarks or asking questions that spread a feeling of pessimism and discontent. Such people are to be pitied because cynicism is a character defect evidencing a weakness in one's structure. However, pitiable or not, they present a real problem as they seek to make others suspicious, pessimistic, and unhappy as they are. SUCCESS IS BUILT UPON TRUST, GOOD FRIENDS, TOLERANCE, APPRECIATION, OPTIMISM AND KINDNESS.

THANK YOU

For all the kind expressions of sympathy shown toward us at the loss of Michael's dear grandfather, we sincerely thank you.

Michael and Sherry Munn

IN THE HOSPITALS

Don O'Bannon continues to be a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

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

Mrs. Earnesene Shuford entered John Sealey Hospital in Galveston on Sunday for tests.

YOUTH MEETING

YOU ARE INVITED TO HEAR JOHNNY THOMPSON

Saturday Evening, March 27, 7:30
West Erwin Church of Christ
Tyler, Texas

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Johnny Thompson Will Be Here Soon!

The time will soon be here for our spring meeting in which Johnny Thompson will be our guest evangelist. He is scheduled to speak for a youth rally on Saturday night, March 27 and then to preach in our meeting from Sunday, March 28 through Friday, April 2.

While this will be the first time for Johnny Thompson to preach in Tyler, he is well known for his preaching ability throughout the brotherhood. He is in his ninth year as minister for the Eighth and Harrison congregation in Harlingen, Texas.

Brother Thompson is a graduate of Abilene Christian University where he wrote his Master's Thesis on problems of young people in the church of Christ. He has conducted teacher training series, gospel meetings, and youth rallies throughout the brotherhood and has appeared on all of the major Christian college lectureship programs. In addition to his speaking for churches and Christian colleges, Thompson also is much in demand as speaker for civic and community organizations.

Brother Thompson and his wife, the former Sue Armstrong, periodically accompany youth groups on mission tours of this country, Canada and Europe. He is the Intermediate Editor of Christian Bible Teacher and for many years authored the "Dear Johnny" column in Teenage Christian. His latest publication is entitled, "The Home - An American Tragedy."

Brother Thompson was announced as the recipient of the Reagan Morris Humanitarian Award for his contribution in "solving the ills of today's youth." He is on the National Development Council of Abilene Christian University. The Thompsons are the parents of a fifteen year old son, John Tom.

I would encourage every member at West Erwin to plan to be present at every service in our meeting and to be planning to bring your friends to hear this talented speaker as he preaches the gospel of Christ. GHS

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Wayne Terry Joe Willis
David Hubbard David Cooper

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A Year Ago. \$4,387. 66463

RESPONSES

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. (Beulah) Bedford, 3403 Cloverdale, telephone 593-0340, placed membership with us last Sunday. They formerly worshipped with the Greenlawn church in Lubbock, Texas. Brother Bedford is retired. We welcome them to Tyler and West Erwin.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 14

A. M. The Growth of the New Testament Church
By George H. Stephenson
P. M. Translations of the Bible
By Charles Miles

THANK YOU NOTES

Thanks seems such a small word to express my appreciation for all the wonderful deeds of kindness performed by my lovely Christian friends during my illness. As I observe the stack of get well cards, the beautiful flowers (some still pretty and blooming), my record of visits, telephone calls concerning my condition, all the attention, it causes me to feel so humble and unworthy. I feel real happy and proud to be numbered among the Christians at West Erwin. No better people ever lived. May God richly bless each of you.

In Christian love,
Beatrice Holland

The book, Flowers of Friendship, presented to me while in the hospital is appreciated so much. Also, my thanks for the flowers, cards and your prayers for my recovery. A special thanks to Hunt Rowe for remembering me. Lera Bennett

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted Saturday morning in Bellaire, Texas for Mrs. A. P. Lacey, sister to brother W. O. Rushing.

Brother Jack Beard's brother was buried Monday in Brownsboro.

Brother Mike Munn's grandfather was buried Tuesday in Winnsboro.

We extend our sincere sympathy to each family.

"A clear conscience is often no more than a poor memory."

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Mary Drummond returned to Dallas for surgery again in Baylor Hospital on Wednesday.

Mrs. Evalyn Stone continues to be very seriously ill in Mother Frances.

Don O'Bannon remains in Mother Frances Hospital.

R. M. Mayo is in ICU in Mother Frances Hospital.

Ray Womack has been in the Glenwood Hospital.

Hillard Hughes' dad is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

At Omen Road Church of Christ The East Texas Leadership Workshop will be held at the Omen Road church of Christ in Tyler, March 17 - 19 from 7:30 to 9:30 each evening. There will be some excellent speakers on the program and we would urge that all who are interested in the leadership of the church attend. The program is as follows:

Wednesday

"Need for Leadership" - Hugh Minor

"Developing Leadership" - J. J. Turner

Thursday

"Mission of the Church" - Carl Allison

"Elders Role In The Church" - Jim Moral

Friday

"Why Churches Don't Grow"

Bill Smith

"How To Grow A Church"

Edward Myers

BE IN BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

TEACHERS TO BE HONORED

Some of the most important people in a local congregation are its Bible class teachers. Because they are important we are planning a banquet in their honor. All teachers are urged to make plans to attend, March 25 at the Red Carpet Inn at 7:00 p. m.

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S CLASS

Are your Junior High and High School students attending the classes provided for them on Sunday evening at 5 o'clock? Many of them are; however, we would like for all to be present. We believe that both classes can be helpful to all who attend. Encourage your children to be present.

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NEW FAMILIES

Recently we have had several new families to begin working with this congregation and for them we are very grateful. If you have not yet become acquainted with them make a special effort to meet and welcome them here. The three most recent are: Steve and Vicki Barnett, Cliff and Arenia Clough, and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bedford.

We know they can be a great influence for good in our community.

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

Amazing Grace Bible Class

KLTV, Channel 3, each Sunday

8 - 8:30 a. m.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Christian Sacrifice

Paul wrote to Christians, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service," (Romans 12:1).

In the Old Testament, God's people offered up their sacrifices of cattle and sheep. Always, their sacrifices were to be the best, not the poorest, of the flock. God has always wanted to occupy first place in the hearts of His people. Jesus taught, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you," (Matthew 6:33).

A Christian is one whose body is offered as a living sacrifice to the Lord. This does not mean that his offering is an atonement for sin. Only Christ could atone for our sins. This He accomplished when He gave Himself and offered His precious blood for us, (Hebrews 9:25,26). Every Lord's Day we are reminded of the great sacrifice Jesus made for us as we eat the bread and drink the cup as a memorial to His body and blood offered for us.

Reading the New Testament, and reading a history of the church following the close of the New Testament, will impress anyone with the tremendous sacrifice made by early Christians. They endured every form of persecution and slander which their enemies could devise; many had to give up their possessions, and many had to give up their lives for their faith. When we consider the great blessings which are ours in this great land of America, where religious freedom is granted to all of us, and where we are privileged to enjoy the many wonderful material blessings of a rich country, not many of us make sacrifices for our faith.

Too many of us want to be considered Christians as long as no sacrifice is demanded. We worship God only if it is convenient to do so. We give to His cause only if we have provided for our own luxuries first. Inflation has "hit" all of us, but we continue to enjoy our recreation and entertainment. We cut down on our giving, but continue to have what we want.

Perhaps we would sacrifice more if we could know the joy of genuine sacrifice. Paul said, "Yea, and if I be offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all," (Philippians 2:17). The sacrificial giving of the Macedonians was a result of the joy they had found in serving Christ. Concerning them Paul wrote, "Now, brethren,

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RESPONSES

We want to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Vicki) Barnett and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Clough to West Erwin. The Barnetts recently moved to Tyler from Greenville where they were members of the Johnson St. Church of Christ. Their address is Rt. 4, Box 532, Lindale, Texas - phone 882-4244. Cliff and Arenia Clough, 2314 Sampson, come to us from the 12th and Walnut St. Church in Texarkana, and formerly lived and worshipped here in Tyler with this congregation. Their phone is 593-3390. We are happy to have each family as members of the West Erwin church.

THANK YOU NOTE

I appreciate the lovely book given to me when I was hospitalized. It has meant a great deal to me. We read it every morning at the breakfast table. Thanks so much.

G. W. McElroy

THE BIBLE CLASS, New Testament Interpretation, taught by Charles Miles will meet Monday evening (room 301, 7 o'clock.

ZONE 2 will meet Tuesday, March 9 at the home of the Jay Paynes.

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 7
By George H. Stephenson
A.M. Obedience To God Necessary For Salvation?

P.M. Questions You Have Asked.

PRAY and WORK
for our

GOSPEL MEETING
March 28 - April 2

Johnny Thompson will be preaching

THE TENNEHA CONGREGATION will have a program and reception honor their minister and his wife for ten years of service. You are invited to attend Saturday evening, 7 o'clock at the Tenneha church building.

GOSPEL MEETING - Broad Street Church of Christ in Mineola, Texas. March 7 - 12 at 7:30 each night. Gary Workman of Dallas will preach.

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

IN THE HOSPITALS
Mother Frances Hospital

Mrs. Evalyn Stone is seriously ill.
Don O'Bannon
Gina Dobbs, daughter of Debbie and Raye Dobbs.

Estelle Brown has been hospitalized with pneumonia but is now at home.
Medical Center Hospital

R. M. Mayo remains in ICU.

Mrs. Mary Sims son, Johnny Sims, has been in ICU following a heart attack. He is now in room 480.

Glenwood Hospital

David Hannah
Jack Beard's mother and brother.
Charles Miles, husband of Ruby Miles and father of Charles Miles, underwent surgery last week but is now at home.

DISCOURAGED?

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

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

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

1. It cuts us down to size. Uninterrupted success makes some people difficult to live with. Discouragement is a great counterbalance to conceit.
2. It fires strong men with real determination to win. Some men are like drums and you never hear of them unless they are beaten.

It is a good thing to remember in the time of discouragement the things that encourage. Your discouragements can be counted on one hand, your blessings cannot be numbered. Remember, too, the release that comes through prayer. Blessed is the man whom discouragement sends to his knees. "Let us come boldly unto the throne of grace..." (Hebrews 4:16).

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we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality," (2 Corinthians 8:1,2). New American Standard Bible) GHS

THERE WILL BE A work night at the building Monday evening, 7 o'clock.

LADIES WORK DAY

Each Tuesday Morning - 9 o'clock
Christian Service Center

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS
KLTV, Channel 7, 8-8:30 a.m. Sunday

BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS

There are several programs of study and some changes in our Bible School program of which you need to be aware.

First - This Sunday morning all class rooms from the first grade through College will be changed. These classes will be moved to opposite sides of the building. Someone will be there to guide you to your new rooms.

Second - Beginning Monday night, March 1, Charles Miles will begin an adult class that will interest many of us. This course - New Testament Interpretation - will last 8 weeks. Each lesson will last approximately an hour and a half and every lesson requires homework to be done by the students that will be self graded in class. The class will be taught how to use various reference books such as: analytical concordances, Bible encyclopedias, Bible dictionaries, expository dictionaries of New Testament words, critical commentaries, etc. Also, explained are the differences between translations, paraphrases and various versions of the Bible. The class will meet in room 301. This class should help us to be able to study the Bible more effectively. Make an effort to participate.

Still another class will begin on Wednesday night, March 10 on the "Christian Home." This class will be one based on a program presented by Carl Brecheen and Paul Faulkner some months ago. I hope many of you will plan to attend this class each week.

Also, there are plans for still another class to begin on that date which will be announced soon.

SPECIAL: Beginning March 3, we will return to our original practice of meeting for our Devotional before the class sessions.

These efforts and classes are for you and for your edification. However, you must be willing to put forth the effort to attend and study for them to be effective. Attend a Bible Class Sunday morning and Wednesday night - you'll be happier!
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Prayer Tommy Lowrance
Dismiss Mike Franklin

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Travis Fletcher O'Neal Tuel
Joe McBee Bill Whitworth
Gerald Montgomery David Demic
Ray Magee Denton Phillips

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Thank you sincerely for your kind expression of sympathy. It was deeply appreciated.

The Family of Mrs. A. O. Mayo

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

By George Stephenson

A. M. The New Testament

P. M. The Old Testament

The Monthly Meeting of the elders and deacons will be Monday evening, March 1, 7 o'clock at Wyatt's.

PRAY for our Gospel Meeting
March 28 thru April 2

A GOOD WORK

This congregation and our young people are to be commended for the successful work of re-stocking our pantry last Saturday morning. Although some were missed, our young people tried to call on every home in the congregation within the city limits. Your response was marvelous.

The Day's Result

Is anybody happier
Because you passed this way?
Does anyone remember
That you spoke to him today?

The day is almost over,
And its toiling time is through;
Is there anyone to utter now
A kindly word for you?

Can you say tonight, in parting
With the day that's slipping fast
That you helped a single brother
Of the many that you passed?

Is a single heart rejoicing
Over what you did or said?
Does the man whose hopes were fading
Now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it,
Was it well or poorly spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness
Or a scar of discontent?

As you close your eyes in slumber,
Do you think that God would say,
"You have earned one more tomorrow
By the work you did today?"

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FIFTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Our Mother and Father, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie K. Taylor, will be honored at a reception celebrating their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on Sunday afternoon, the twenty-ninth of February at the Woman's Building, 911 South Broadway, Tyler, Texas.

You are cordially invited to be our guests.

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Browning

Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Taylor, Jr.

two to four o'clock

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THE PASSING OF THE BLUSH

". . . they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush" (Jer. 6:15).

Jeremiah had the goods on Israel. They deserved doomsday because (1) they had stuffed cotton in their ears, refusing to hear God; (2) they were greedy for unjust gain; (3) they glossed over the nation's real condition, saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace; and (4) when they sinned they "were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush" (Jer. 6:10-15).

Hey! that sounds like a page of the last quarter of the twentieth century. Sin is having a heyday. We can hold hands with it without the slightest blush.

When just one curse word was used in the movie, "Gone With The Wind," people gasped, the nation's face turned red. Some were up in arms. But that's gone with the wind. . . mild stuff now. . . bland as a brand new color-book. Most "family movies" now are generously salted with profanity. Gutter language spews into the family room via TV, books, magazines. Even the educational value of the daily newspaper is more than offset by the filth of the movie-advertisement page.

Whatever happened to good old-fashioned guys and gals who could blush? We've really arrived - nothing is dirty enough to make us blush. A real mark of intellectual sophistication, wouldn't you say?

Ezra was embarrassed by the people's sins. He fell to his knees saying, "I am ashamed, and blush to lift my face to thee, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens" (Ezra 9:6).

The iniquities of our age are stacked higher than that, Ezra, but not high enough to make us blush!

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Mrs. Jack Bennett is in Mother Frances Hospital.

Mrs. Evalyn Stone is in Mother Frances Hospital.

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Mrs. R. M. Mayo has been moved to Leisure Lodge.

... Joe R. Barnett

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Atheist's Petition Rejected!

Madeline Murray O'Hare continues to gain notoriety for her militant and vicious attacks upon religion and faith in God in our nation. We are glad to learn that her efforts to ban religious programs on television and radio have been defeated.

O'Hare supposedly secured 27,000 signed letters protesting the decision of the astronauts to read the Bible to the world from their space craft while orbiting the moon in December, 1968. She presented the letters to NASA with the demand to prohibit any further demonstration of religion by public leaders. She petitioned the Federal Communications Commission for the elimination of all religious programs on the air. According to reports which we have received, the atheist's petition has been rejected and denied by the FCC. It is reported that the FCC received more mail from individuals protesting the petition of O'Hare than any other subject they have ever considered.

Another interesting item which recently appeared in the news media states that a son of Mrs. O'Hare has rejected atheism. It should be obvious to any student of American history that our nation was founded by believers in God. The Declaration of Independence speaks of those rights given to us by our Creator. Chaplains have all had a place in our military and legislative life. Prayers have always been offered at the inauguration of our presidents. From the early history of our nation, a day has been set aside as Thanksgiving Day - a time to give thanks to God for His many gifts. On our coins we have inscribed, "In God We Trust."

While believers rejoice in the defeat of Mrs. O'Hare's proposal, yet we are deeply concerned about the large number of our people who are leaving God out of their lives. They neglect His Word, His worship, and His church. Many of the religious denominations have "a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof," (2 Timothy 3:5). They still maintain their church buildings, but deny the supernatural in the Bible and the deity of Jesus Christ. Let those of us who truly believe that God lives and that Jesus Christ is His Son, demonstrate in our daily living that there is a genuineness and a reality in the faith we profess!

GHS

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Don Chaffin Bruce Raley
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Joe McBee Bill Whitworth
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Records

Contributions	Bible School
February 15..\$2,889.38398
February 8..\$3,506.87401
A Year Ago ..\$2,697.56	....430

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A. M. Some of the Wonders of the Bible.
By George H. Stephenson
P. M. Sermon by Charles Miles

MEETING IN VAN

Willie E. Hamblen of Garland will be preaching in a meeting at the Van Church of Christ, Feb. 29 - March 3. Services are at 7:30 p. m.

FOURTH SUNDAY SINGING at Whitehouse, Sunday at 2:30 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Jack Bennett underwent knee surgery Monday in Mother Frances.
Mrs. T. F. Holland is in Medical Center Hospital.
Mrs. W. D. Drummond remains in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mayo continue to be patients in Medical Center.
Don O'Bannon is still hospitalized in Mother Frances.
G. W. McElroy went home from the hospital Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones were in an automobile accident Tuesday. She suffered cuts and bruises and was taken to the hospital for treatment.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Mrs. Mac (Vivian) McCall will be teaching the Ladies Class next Wednesday morning. Brother Stephenson will be attending the Lectureship in Abilene.

OUR SYMPATHY

Funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon for Mrs. A. O. Mayo. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

WATCH The
Amazing Grace Bible Class

INVITE
Your Friends to Watch Also.

K L T V, Channel 7, Tyler
8 - 8:30 each Sunday Morning

JUST SUPPOSE

Just suppose that you, as a church member, had to run for renewal of your membership each year. Suppose that your election depended on your attendance, your cooperation, your giving, your helpfulness to others?

Suppose you had to put on paper the number of prayers you have prayed, the number of kind deeds you have done, the people you have led to Christ this year, and the many other acts that will determine your eternal salvation?

Would you be elected for another year?

From Plainview Proclaimer
(contributed by Louise Caskey)



USE
YOUR
PHONE

ARE YOU
WORKING AND
PRAYING
for
our meeting?

March 28 thru
April 2

Johnny Thompson
from
Harlingen,
Texas
will be preaching.



PRAY

UNWARRANTED CONCERN?

I'm not so sure we have a need to be so concerned about our recently low attendance. This isn't to say that we are unconcerned about attendance but we must remember the sickness that has taken its toll. As we compare numbers of the past we are running ahead of the past two or three years. HOWEVER, we do wish to encourage everyone to be present each Lord's day and Wednesday evening as we study together. Don't be among those that criticize teachers, classes and attendance; be a builder with a POSITIVE attitude. HH

WEDDING

Wedding vows were exchanged by Rebecca Ann Smith and Charles Stephen Sublette in a private double ring ceremony on Saturday, February 14 at 5 p. m. Vows were heard by Stanley Lockhart, Minister of Skillman Ave. Church of Christ in Dallas.

The ceremony was held in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Stone, 2810 Glenbrook, sister of the bride. Attendants were Mrs. Sandi Waslin, sister of the bride and Tom Reece of Dallas. Among family members from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Herring of Midland, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Sublette, Mr. and Mrs. James Sublette of Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Sublette of Fort Worth and Wm. Gordon of Houston. After a honeymoon in the Virgin Islands the couple will be at home in Dallas.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Guest Editorial. . .

WHAT IS PERSONAL WORK ?

1. It is discussing Christianity with a friend.
2. It is giving him an article on a particular subject.
3. It is telling and showing your neighbor the happiness of being a Christian.
4. It is inviting the postman to worship with you.
5. It is ringing doorbells in the name of Christ.
6. It is teaching or hosting a cottage class.
7. It is visiting in the home of a student in your Bible class.
8. It is gathering the neighborhood children into your home for a Bible class.
9. It is bringing a friend to Ladies' Bible Class.
10. It is telling an employer about Jesus.
11. It is planting the Word in someone's heart.
12. It is writing a letter to a loved one expressing your interest in his soul.
13. It is having a prospect in your home for dinner and fellowship.
14. It is the encouragement given to a new member.
15. It is any deed that shows the Love of God working through you.

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and works."

...Richard Jones

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Records

Table with 3 columns: Contributions, Bible School, and values for February 8, February 1, and A Year Ago.

WE EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHY to Mrs. G. W. McElroy. Her nephew was buried this week in Marble Falls.

THANK YOU NOTES

Special thanks to all our Christian friends for the visits and for sending me cards, flowers and food while I was in the hospital. Thanks also to the beautiful people who took over my Sunday and Friday School classes. I love you all. Joyce Willis

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jones and Bonnie Williamson have expressed appreciation for the remembrance of them during the Christmas holidays.

Thank you for the lovely mums and your prayers. During a time like this we realize how much our brothers and sisters in Christ mean to us. Your kind expressions of sympathy will always be remembered and appreciated by the loved ones of Lula McKeever.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mayo remain in Medical Center Hospital.

Don O'Bannon continues to be a patient in Mother Frances.

Mrs. W. D. (Mary) Drummond underwent surgery Tuesday in Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

Mrs. Titus (Velma) Holland is a patient in the Glenwood Hospital.

Mrs. Forest (Mary) McFadden is a patient in Mother Frances Hospital.

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

Manuel Sant, husband of Morene, is in critical condition following a heart attack. He is in Mineola General Hospital.

Many in the congregation are ill or recovering from colds and flu.

We plan to discuss your Bible questions again on Sunday night, March 7

If you have questions you would like to have answered, please turn them in on the back of your attendance cards. We will carefully consider each Bible question. GHS

THE GROCERY TRUCK from Boles Home will be here sometime during the week of March 8 - 12. A list of the most needed items is posted on the bulletin board.

IN APPRECIATION

To Friday School Workers

Many individuals of this congregation are making very worthwhile contributions of their time and talents to further the cause of Christianity here at West Erwin.

We wish to pay our compliments this week to those who are teaching and assisting in any way to the Friday School. Upwards of 75 children at a very young and tender age are being instructed in the way of the Lord on Friday of each week on a regularly scheduled basis. We are aware of the devotion and sincerity that these adults have in administering this work realizing at the same time of their sacrifice from their homes and families. Surely there is room for more adults to participate in this work and should you feel that you would like to make a contribution in this manner, please contact Hillard Hughes.

Foy Richey for the Elders

SERMONS FOR FEBRUARY 15

A. M. Keep Yourselves In The Love of God.

By George Stephenson

P. M. Sermon by David Ingram

ONE OF THE TAPE RECORDERS (a Bell and Howell) belonging to the church has been misplaced. If you have borrowed it for some reason, please call the church office. We need to locate it.

Zone 3 will meet Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. at the Ed Bullards.

DAVID INGRAM

to Speak Sunday Evening

David Ingram, who preaches for the church in Daingerfield, will be a guest speaker at West Erwin on this coming Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock. David and his wife, Jeanette, plan to move to Belo Horizonte, Brazil in August of this year and become a part of the mission team in that city.

David and Jeanette are both former members of the West Erwin congregation. She is the daughter of the H. C. Williamsons who have been West Erwin members for many years. The Ingrams are very dedicated Christians and we hope that all of you will want to hear David preach. The work in Belo Horizonte is one of the most challenging mission endeavors among our brethren today. GHS

GOSPEL MEETING

Six Weeks From Now!

Our Spring gospel meeting with Johnny Thompson doing the preaching begins just six weeks from this Sunday - March 28. It is now time for us to begin making our plans to help make this meeting a great success. A Young People's Rally will be held on Saturday, March 27. Brother Thompson has conducted numerous meetings especially for young people. He is doing a fine work with the church in Harlingen and we look forward to his meeting with us. GHS

Young People will sing Sunday afternoon at Leisure Lodge.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

Do We Really Love The Lord?

There is no doubt that God expects us to love Him. Jesus has said, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment," (Matt. 22:37,38). Jesus has even said that we must love him more than father or mother or son or daughter, (Matt. 10:37).

There is no doubt that God is worthy of our love. He is the source of life and every blessing which we receive from day to day. We will never understand the greatness of God's love for us. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us," (Romans 5:8). "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God," (I John 3:2).

Do we really love the Lord? If we do, we will do more than sing, "Oh How I Love Jesus." We will seek to obey the Lord. "For this is the love of God that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not grievous," (I John 5:3). Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words," (John 14:23).

If we really love the Lord we will love one another. "If a 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? And this commandment have we from him, "That he that loveth God love his brother also," (I John 4:20, 21). If we are filled with ill will and malice in our hearts toward our fellow Christians we are deceived if we think that we really love the Lord. If we love one another we will be genuinely concerned for the welfare and happiness of one another. We will seek to help one another and show compassion and understanding for one another.

If we really love the Lord we will show it in our giving. Paul told the Corinthians that the proof of their love was to be found when they gave their money for the Lord's Cause. (2 Corinthians 8:8). If everyone of us loved the Lord as we should I am persuaded that we would more than meet our budget each week.

Someone said, "He gave His head for a crown of thorns. He gave His back to the cruel lash. He gave His face to rude human spittle. He gave His shoulders to be draped with the robe of mock royalty. He gave His hands and His feet to be nailed to the cross. He gave His body for the life of the world. He gave His blood for the remission of sins."

Should we not show our love for Jesus by giving of our money and our time in loving service to Him?

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<u>Contributions</u>		<u>Bible School</u>
February 1... \$4,032.92	409
January 25... \$2,944.49	442
A Year Ago .. \$3,228.70	394

Weekly Budget	\$3,600.00
Under Budget for Year	985.59

WATCH The
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THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for your interest in our loved one. The prayers, the beautiful flowers, cards and kind words of sympathy have meant much to us.

The Family of
James Murrell Skeeters

Mrs. Houston Holcomb has expressed appreciation for the remembrance at Christmas time.

We want to thank each of you for your visits, cards, flowers, and the book, "Flowers For You." We especially appreciate your prayers and want each of you to continue. We love you and miss sitting in "our pew." Raymon and Burla Mayo

SUNDAY SERMON SUBJECTS

A. M. Kept By The Power of God
By George H. Stephenson
P. M. Are You Rich Enough?
By Hillard Hughes

BUSINESS MEETING

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

OUR SYMPATHY

The mother-in-law of Mrs. Naomi McKeever was buried last Sunday. We extend our sympathy to the family.

ONE OF THE MINISTERS will be in the church office each Saturday morning from 9:00 to 12:00.

PRIVATE CLUBS AND TEENAGERS

Have you looked around Tyler lately at the "Private Clubs?" This must be one of the wettest towns to be a supposedly dry community as can be found anywhere. A recent survey showed that 28% of the nation's teens have a drinking problem. Out of 13,000 students across the country, 28% reported themselves drunk at least four times in the past year. The survey was done for the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism by the Research Triangle Institute. To accuse anyone, especially teenagers, of participating in drinking is not wise, but I believe you as a parent should be aware of a possible problem. I do know that some of our young people have gone to school functions and find themselves drinking and even drunk. Sure, this happens in Tyler! Parents, this by no means says that your child indulges in drinking, but some of the places, parties and activities are subject to a close scrutiny by you and our city. Our young people have access to these clubs where they go and LISTEN TO THE MUSIC. The above mentioned survey showed that less than 18% of the nation's 17 year-olds have never taken a drink, although the legal drinking age in all states is at least 18. Look around and know what is taking place. HH

The Ten Commandments of Human Relations

Speak to people. There is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting. Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown, only 14 to smile. Call people by name. The sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of his own name. Be friendly and helpful. If you would have friends, be friendly. Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you did were a genuine pleasure. Be genuinely interested in people. You can learn to like everybody if you try. Be generous with praise - cautious with criticism. Be considerate with the feelings of others. It will be appreciated. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. There are three sides to a controversy - yours, the other fellow's and the right one. Be alert to give service. What counts most in life is what we do for others.

Zone 2 will meet Tuesday evening, 7 o'clock at the Elwin Crows.

IN THE HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Mayo are both patients in Medical Center Hospital.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

The Church Budget

Last Sunday the budget of the West Erwin church for 1976 was submitted to the congregation. The budget was prepared after much careful and prayerful consideration by the deacons on the financial committee and the elders. Someone has written the following: GHS

What Is The Church Budget?

- 1) It is a GOAL. It is looking to the future, believing that certain things can be done.
- 2) It is a PLAN, which may be called the blueprint of the church program of work.
- 3) It is a MAP, which points out the best road to follow in the use of our liberalities.
- 4) It is a PICTURE, in which the financial program of the church is so drawn that all may see.
- 5) It is a LADDER, which challenges Christians to climb still higher, and thereby walk the mountain tops in righteous stewardship.
- 6) It is an OPERATION, which cuts out all unscriptural means and schemes for financing God's work.
- 7) It is SATISFACTION, in which every member can have a part in shaping and carrying on congregational activity. It is not really "The Church Budget." It is OUR budget; it is MY budget; it is MY personal obligation.
- 8) It is an OPPORTUNITY for all, from the youngest to the oldest; from the richest to the poorest; from the largest to the smallest. It is a thrill; it is a joy. Here everybody knows where their money is going and what it is accomplishing.

"As He Purposeth In His Heart"

Paul says "As he purposeth in his heart" (2 Cor. 9:7). To purpose is to "decide before-hand." This calls for a prayerful study of what the Bible teaches about giving. In this same chapter Paul teaches that we should give "bountifully" and "liberally." He also promises that if we "sow bountifully" we shall also "reap bountifully."

SERMON TOPICS FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1 - by George Stephenson
A. M. Am I A Pharisee? P. M. Questions You Have Asked.

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IN APPRECIATION

Mrs. Zora Lunceford, Mrs. Bula Alexander and Mrs. Ruby Teel have expressed thanks for the remembrances during Christmas holidays.

Area Meeting

Johnny Ramsey, well known preacher of the gospel, will be preaching in a meeting with the church in Frankston this coming week, Feb. 1 - 6.

CONGRATULATIONS

David and Anita Clayton are the parents of a baby boy born last week in Medical Center Hospital.

BOOST

The Amazing Grace Bible Class

We are receiving more and more letters from people throughout the East Texas area who are watching the Amazing Grace Bible Class. A listener in Tyler has received one of the Bibles given away on the program according to the announcement last week.

One of the letters received this week said,

"My husband and I enjoyed the program again Sunday morning. We are members of First Baptist church in Murchison, but we enjoy hearing the Bible taught by anyone who teaches the real truth."

We want to urge that you tell others about this program. We believe it affords a wonderful opportunity for people of this area to become acquainted with the simple plea we have for New Testament Christianity.

SPRING MEETING DATES

The time has been set for our meeting this spring - March 28 thru April 2. Please mark these dates on your calendar and begin making your plans so that you will be sure to be here during the meeting. Johnny Thompson of Harlingen, Texas will be the guest evangelist for this meeting. He is well known for his speaking ability and is very active in his work with young people. He will be with us in a Youth Rally on Saturday, March 27.

BEHIND THE SCENES

So many good things are done by people behind the scenes of regular activities. These people usually go unrecognized by us, but without them our building would not look as nice as it does. Last Thursday night our Art Department worked on several bulletin boards in our rooms and foyers. SUE PAUL is doing an excellent job overseeing this work. She was assisted by PAT COOPER, JEANINE HUGHES, MARGRET MONTGOMERY, and GAYLE FORD. These ladies will be working once or twice each month seeing that our rooms are always looking nice. Monday night of this week another good group assembled for a general work night. Here again is a work that goes un-noticed by most people, but which must be done in order to have materials with which to work. These eight or ten people are engaged in several other areas of activities, yet they were willing to give extra time. The next time a work night is announced, if you are able please help. HH

BIBLE LECTURESHIP AT ACC

The fifty eighth annual Bible lecture-ship at Abilene Christian College will be conducted this year, February 22 thru February 25. We hope that many from Tyler will take advantage of the opportunity to go to this great period of Bible teaching, inspiration, and fellowship. There are some who attend the annual "Sing-Song" on Saturday, February 21 preceding the lectures.

As usual, some of the outstanding speakers and teachers in the brotherhood will be featured during the lectureship. Theme of the lectures will be, "Freedom in Christ." You will have a great spiritual "uplift" if you attend this lectureship.

IN THE HOSPITALS

R. M. Mayo is in Medical Center Hospital.

Mrs. Zora Lunceford remains in Medical Center Hospital.

QUESTIONS YOU ASKED

On this Sunday evening we plan to discuss the following questions which have been submitted to us. If you have questions which you would like for us to consider at another time, please let us know.

- 1) Blasphemy is to be the unpardonable sin, what about suicide?
2) In Romans 1:30 it mentions "inventors of evil things." I thought there was no such thing as a "new sin."
3) Who is Elijah as referred to in the New Testament?
4) Is God prejudiced?
5) Will heaven be segregated?
6) Why should we be baptized?

OUR SYMPATHY

Sunday afternoon funeral services were conducted for James Skeeters, son of sister Marie Skeeters. We extend our sincere sympathy to each member of the family.

The Suffering of Christ

The Bible teaches that suffering was an essential part of the work of Christ on this earth. On the road to Emmaus, Jesus asked two disciples, "Ought not Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into his glory?" (Luke 24:26).

The Bible teaches that the sufferings of Christ were essential for His perfection. "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. For it became him for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings, (Heb. 2:9,10).

This does not mean that there was ever a time in Jesus' life when he ever did wrong. His life was always a life of sinlessness. The work of Jesus was made adequate and complete through His sufferings. It was necessary for Him to suffer and die in order that He might be perfectly qualified to become our High Priest. The Bible says, "For in that he himself hath suffered, being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted." (Heb. 2:18).

In Hebrews 5:7-9, we read this wonderful statement about Jesus: "Who in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared; Though he were a Son yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered, and being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him."

Living in the flesh, Jesus knew the meaning of hunger, thirst, weariness, suffering and pain. While He was the Son of God, He was also the Son of Man. The Scripture we have just noted declared that Christ offered up strong crying and tears, and that He was heard. Jesus had to drink the bitter cup of suffering, but His prayers in Gethsemane were heard. He left the garden and went out to endure the suffering of the cross and to face with courage the doing of God's will in the offering of Himself in love for us.

Through the ages Christians have had the assurance that the suffering Christ is able to sustain them in their sufferings. "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him," (2 Timothy 2:12). It is through some of the trying experiences of our own lives that we may become more Christ-like in our character. An old proverb says, "All sun and no rain makes a desert." We are often reminded of the peace of mind which should be ours - and this is good. However, let us remember that the symbol of Christianity is not a pillow, but a cross. Genuine Christianity will fill our hearts with peace and

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January 18...407	\$3,177.49
January 11...455	\$3,353.10
Year Ago ...443	\$2,985.36

RESPONSES

For Prayer: Ginger Rozell and Rick Higginbotham.

JULIA PHILLIPS completed her work at Abilene Christian College in December. She is teaching in Lampasas, Tex.

SERMON SUBJECTS FOR SUNDAY

"As We Purpose In Our Hearts"

George H. Stephenson
Sunday evening sermon
Charles Miles

WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE letters from people in the East Texas area which indicate that many people are watching the Amazing Grace Bible Class. Tell your friends about it. Watch every Sunday morning, KLTV 8 o'clock.

THANK YOU NOTE

I am deeply grateful for every expression of love and concern during my illness in the hospital. Thank you for the prayers, visits, calls, and beautiful cards. Also, a special thanks to the young people's class (20's) for their interest. I want to thank brother and sister Stephenson for their visits and prayers and for the book they presented to me from the church.

Mrs. T. Murry

Marikate and I want to sincerely thank you for your prayers, cards and letters. We feel very close to this congregation of Christians and value highly your expressions of love and concern.

Marikate and Bob Davis

Additional thank you notes have been received from those receiving flowers or fruit during the holidays.

Hattie Thomas, Vannie Lee, Pearl Carruthers, Ann Murry, Mary Sims, The W. H. Turners, and Cora Hughes.

The red tulips are beautiful. The food was delicious. The prayers, visits, cards, and spoken words of sympathy are very comforting. We say thank you with Christian love and gratitude.

Johnny, Kitty, Nancy,
Molly, Scott Owings

SEVERAL HAVE turned in Bible Questions for me to consider on Sunday night, Feb. 1. If you have a question, please turn it in on your attendance card this Sunday. GHS

1976 BUDGET

The 1976 Budget, prepared by the Finance Committee, has been approved by the elders and will be presented to the congregation on this coming Sunday, January 25. Dr. Roger Knight, one of the elders, will make the presentation. We commend the following deacons on the Finance Committee for their faithful and diligent work in preparing the budget: Louis J. Jones, Francis Bullard, Roy Roberson, Fred Strait and Louis E. Jones.

I QUIT

What would we think of Peter if history had recorded him as a quitter when things began to get hard. How would Paul have influenced us if he had quit preaching and traveling throughout the world when he was mistreated. Of course, neither would mean much to us if this were the truth. Sure, they had some of the Christians that were not as faithful as they would have desired, and there must have been those who disappointed them but they never stopped their efforts to preach God's word. Our world is very similar to the times of Peter and Paul. People, as a whole, are about the same. Some today are like these two great men - they continue to do all they can to see that the truth is taught. There are also others who QUIT. They quit for various reasons, either they don't agree with the elders, the programs aren't organized just right, or something or someone has disappointed them. Jesus has always had followers that just wanted what was easy and free. John 6:25-26, "Master, when did you come here?" "Believe me," replied Jesus, "you are looking for me now not because you saw my signs but because you ate that food and had all you wanted. You should not work for the food which does not last but for the food which lasts on into eternal life." HH

The Suffering of Christ (continued from back page)

joy, but this is, in spite of, and not because of outward circumstances. Paul was filled with joy even though he endured great suffering. Christians should not spend their lives in gloomy pessimism, but they need to prepare themselves for the inevitable sorrows, disappointments and sufferings of life. Christians should be able through Christ to turn every sorrow into a glorious victory of faith. GHS

URGENT NEEDS for the pantry paper towels - toilet tissue- kleenex tissues - laundry soaps - toilet soaps. Also, clean old sheets are needed to be torn into strips for bandages. Ladies to roll the bandages are also needed.

IN THE HOSPITALS

Mrs. Gus Krewall has pneumonia and is in Glenwood Hospital. James Skeeters is also in Glenwood Hospital. Mrs. Zora Lunceford is in Medical Center Hospital.

Guest Editorial . . .

THE PETUNIA

Flower shows feature the earliest tulips to the last poinsettia, but no one ever exhibits a petunia. Brides carry flowers from the edelweiss of the mountains, to the lilies of the valley from the swamps, but no bride would consider carrying a petunia. Everyone ignores the petunia - but it goes right on blooming. It is time someone appreciates it.

Perhaps church leaders should be sensitive to flowers because flowers remind them of people. In fact, any group has its "roses" which must be handled with kid gloves, to "irises" which are susceptible to rot, if they are not constantly in the sunshine. We could go on and on, from "asters" that wilt, to "snapdragons" that rust. There are the shrinking "violets" who need to be encouraged; the stubborn "glads" who simply cannot be bent once their stem is formed, and the regal "chrysanthemum" which stands out in any crowd and fits into any situation only if it is in command; the tender "morning glory" which blooms in splendor at the beginning of the day and fades at noon. Every variety of people need some special attention to make them bloom - except the petunia.

You can understand why petunias are dear to any church leader's heart. They are those folks who go on doing their part without any special attention. No one fusses over them or pampers them or cultivates them. No one praises them for their dependability or loyalty. Like the petunia in the garden, they do not seem to mind. They contribute their efforts without expecting to win a blue ribbon. They give all of their beauty without begrudging the demands of others. They cause no trouble. They create no commotion. Like petunias, they just keep blooming the best they can. But at the end of an especially difficult and disappointing day there arises a very special prayer; "Dear Lord, thank you for the petunias."

...from The Beckon - Bridge City, Texas

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Richard Dzamko Mac McCall

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January 11...455	\$3,353.10
January 4...429	\$3,506.41
Year Ago406	\$2,829.86

RESPONSES

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

LESLIE LAUDEN received her B. A. degree from Texas Christian University in December. She is now living at home, 2002 Willowbrook. We are happy to have her as a member of West Erwin again.

SERMONS FOR JANUARY 18

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Lord, What Will You Have Me To Do?
P. M. Why Are You Sad?

AMAZING GRACE BIBLE CLASS

We have received reports from various ones in other communities about the Amazing Grace Bible Class. We have received some letters and others have told us about hearing the program. We have been informed that a number are watching the program in one of the convalescent homes in Overton. Be sure to tell your friends about the program every Sunday morning at 8:00 over KLTV (Channel 7). GHS

THANK YOU NOTE

During the holiday season "Cheer Baskets" and flowers were distributed among the elderly and shut-ins. Expressions of appreciation have been received from:

- Mrs. Lillie Knight
- Mrs. Lilla Tigert
- Mrs. Lula Taylor
- Mrs. Dovie Norsworthy
- Mrs. Eula Hoppers and Lois
- Mrs. Ola Dunwoody
- Mrs. Myrtle Ginn
- Mrs. Evalyn Stone
- Mrs. R. L. Trentham

IN THE HOSPITALS

Henry McRuiz is in Mother Frances Hospital for tests.
Mrs. Wayne Berryman of Kilgore, formerly of this congregation underwent surgery in Glenwood Hospital on Tuesday.

Be in Bible School Sunday
There is a class for you.

STRENGTH FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

"I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." (I John 2:14) In John's writing, he indicated that our strength comes from having God abiding in us...faith. Of course, the strength to which we refer is spiritual and not physical. Most young people admire a strong body and they respect a strong mind, but too often forget the powerful soul. This power comes only by developing and using God's word for their strength. This is not done by associating with the devil during the week and trying to find God on Sunday. The Psalmist wrote, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." There must be strength of faith to form character. The "things not seen" and "hoped for" control the life of the believer. They engage his attention. They call forth his energies. They mold his habits. They direct his affections. The conviction and the confidence which make his character what it is are grounded, not upon knowledge, but upon testimony. Young people, do you have great faith or little faith? Do you have an active faith or is it more inactive? Those who have been converted are "delivered out of the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of the Son of His love," (Colossians 1:13). HH

Preaching by Hillard and Charles

We appreciate the co-operation and work of our other two preachers, Hillard Hughes and Charles Miles. We had good reports concerning their preaching the last week of December when we were on vacation.

According to our present arrangements, Hillard and Charles will each preach one Sunday night per month. Hillard will preach on each second Sunday night in the month and Charles on each fourth Sunday night in the month. We realize that various circumstances may arise to change this schedule, but this will be the usual schedule at present. Be sure to hear them. Their lessons will be helpful to all of us. GHS

ANY BIBLE QUESTIONS?

If you would like for us to answer some Bible questions, please write the question on the back of your attendance card. I plan to devote my Sunday evening lessons on each first Sunday night to a discussion of Bible questions which may be submitted. We hope that this will be helpful for all of us. GHS

OUR SYMPATHY

The mother of Mrs. Johnny Owings was buried Sunday in Midland, Texas. We express our sincere sympathy to Kitty and her family.

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

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SPECIAL MEETING

For our 1976 Visitation Program

Monday Night - 7:00 o'clock in the chapel

Take advantage of the opportunity to hear

GARY BEAUCHAMP

Help us make 1976 a great year for the cause of Christ!

WEST ERWIN VISITOR

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APPOINTMENTS

Sunday Morning - 10:20 a. m.

Announcements. . . . Hillard Hughes
Prayer. C. B. Hardin
Dismiss. Mark Cauthen

Sunday Evening - 6:00 p. m.

Announcements. . . . Roy Roberson
Prayer. Fred Powell
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January 4. 429	\$3,506.41
December 28. 434	\$2,490.94
A Year Ago. 459	\$3,217.83

THANK YOU NOTES

Thank you for your interest in our loved one. The prayers, beautiful flowers, cards and kind words of sympathy have meant much to us.

The family of Anne O'Bannon Smith

Aubrey and I wish to thank each of you for your many expressions of love and kindness shown us during my illness. May God Bless You.

Floia Payne

RESPONSES

We extend a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. David Thurman (Connie), 2 Treasure Cove, Rt. 1, Bullard. They formerly worshipped with the Northside congregation in Lancaster.

Mrs. Ernest Pickle came Sunday evening asking for the prayers of the church.

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SERMON SUBJECTS - JANUARY 11

A. M. - By George H. Stephenson
"Misused Words"
P. M. - By Hillard Hughes
"The King and I"

ZONE 2 will meet at the Milburn Cook home Tuesday evening at 7:00.

BUSINESS MEETING Sunday in the chapel at 1:30.

OUR SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to sister Mac McCall in the loss of a brother.

IN THE HOSPITALS

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

Patti Ingram, daughter of the David Ingrams, is in Medical Center for tests.

CONGRATULATIONS to

Pam Little and David Wells who were married Tuesday evening. They will live in South Carolina.

TEACHERS

Many new challenges will face each one of us this year. However, we should be better prepared to handle them since we have completed another year. We as teachers must recognize the seriousness of our work. A teacher has a great task and burden because of this seriousness. We are teaching God's word and must handle it aright. Make these promises to yourself.

I PROMISE:

1. To grow more like Christ in every relationship of my life.
2. To study and improve my method of teaching.
3. To be in my room at least ten minutes before the session begins.
4. To make thorough and adequate preparation for the teaching of each lesson.
5. To be regular and punctual in attending all the services of the church.
6. To conduct my everyday activities according to the principles of Christ.
7. To give full cooperation as a worker on the Bible team while working with the leaders of the school.
8. To grow in my knowledge of the Bible, my textbook.
9. To sincerely and earnestly pray every day for wisdom while preparing and teaching the lesson.

Never underestimate your value as a teacher, nor the value of the work you are doing. The greatest work in the world is molding lives in the Lord's kingdom. We have some fine teachers at West Erwin, but it may be wise to look at ourselves and seek more wisdom from our God. H. H.

OUR BENEVOLENT WORK

The following letter of appreciation was received from the Medina Children's Home from Dempsey Simpson, Superintendent.

"The two boxes of clothing arrived today. This is such a nice gift, and a good variety of items and sizes. Thanks so very much for sharing with the Medina Home. We're thankful for all the past interest you have given to us. Our very Best Wishes for the New Year."

ARE YOU READY?

All ladies of the congregation that can possibly be at the Christian Service Center Tuesday morning are urgently needed. The benevolent work that has been done will be discussed with bigger plans for 1976 to be considered. All ladies are asked to be in attendance at 9:30 to find your place to help. You are needed, if you are ready! Just an hour will help.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

It hardly seems possible that another year is passing into history. As we look back over the year we are reminded of many great experiences and high points in our lives and in the life of the church. We also look back over some sad and disappointing experiences. As the old year ends it behoves each of us to look forward with hope and anticipation to a new year.

It is our hope that as Charles Miles and Hillard Hughes work with us that the Lord will bless our efforts in this coming year. We need the co-operation of every member as we seek to reach others with the gospel. We hope that more will become involved in personal work and visitation. We hope that the Amazing Grace Bible Class each Sunday morning on KLTv will provide us with greater opportunities for teaching our friends and neighbors. We trust that the benevolent work will continue to involve us in ministering to the needs of others.

As the year 1975 comes to a close I am reminded of the many favors and acts of love which have been showered upon us. We are most thankful for the various gifts and the countless numbers of greeting cards we received during the holiday season. We were glad to have many of you call at our Open House. We have been greatly blessed by our association with so many of you wonderful people at West Erwin.

It is natural for us to think of resolutions for the New Year, however, I have found that resolutions are easily made and easily broken. We do need, however, to rededicate ourselves to the Lord and to seek His divine guidance in all that we do. Let us remember that we do not know the future, but we can know the one who holds the future in His hands. May each day of the year be lived fully and with a consciousness that one day will be our last day. Many of our loved ones have left us this year and have gone on to their reward. None of us knows when we may also be called to meet our maker. For Christians this can be a sobering thought, yet it should not be morbid. Christians look forward to living in the place where they count not time by years but where they live forever in eternal joy in the service of our King. GHS

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Ron Jones Dale Blackstone
Skip Steele Paul Montandon
Tim Holt Marty Stitt

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December 21.. 462	\$3,028.13
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THANK YOU NOTE

For your every act of kindness and consideration extended to our beloved wife and mother during her illness and death, we shall forever be grateful. She loved the church above everything and your love and concern during this very difficult time was a comfort to her and to us.

Sincerely and with love,
The Family of Ruth McCauley

Thanks so much for your prayers, cards and visits while I was in the hospital and shut-in at home.

In Christian love,
Bertha Byrd and Family

THE STAFF at the church building is planning to have a devotion each morning - Monday through Friday - at 8:45 a. m. We will start each day with Scripture reading and prayers. We would be glad to have any one come by any morning and have this devotion with us. We plan to begin the devotions on this coming Monday, January 5. GHS.

LADIES - We want you each week in our Wednesday morning class at 10 o'clock. We have a few more studies in Lottie Beth Hobbs' book, "More Precious Than Gold" based on the book of Job.

NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Jim and Bessie Willis have a new granddaughter born December 23 to Lynn and Doug Hart.

THE SICK

Mrs. R. H. Davis, formerly of this congregation, and mother of Carolyn Womack fell last week and suffered a broken leg. She is hospitalized in Cleburne, Texas. Their address is 127 San Mar Court

Cleburne, Texas 76031

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

SERMONS FOR JANUARY 4, 1976

By George H. Stephenson
A. M. Successful Living
P. M. The Sweetest and Saddest Word

ABSENTEEISM

Is More Than Just Missing A Service

Things A Christian Should Do
Without Being Told, Pampered, Petted, or Begged!

Send Cards to the sick, lonely, shut-ins and bereaved.
Visit and encourage absentees from Bible class and worship.
Greet and make all our visitors feel welcome at every service.

Control your own children during worship service.

Increase your giving when your income increases.

Leave or make up your contribution when you visit.

Attend EVERY service of the church, be on time, and contribute to reverence.

Let God speak to you each day through study of His Word.

Speak to God each day through prayer.

Be enthusiastic, be responsible, be dependable.

Remember, God will know your efforts and reward you before all at the judgment.

... From the Henderson Herald

SPIRITUAL PLANS

What are your plans for 1976? This time every year many articles are written trying to encourage church members to be more active. Everyone knows without being reminded that nothing can be done if people aren't willing to be involved. However, there will be continued efforts to encourage all members to be more aware of programs that are in progress. Every preacher and elder would be willing to do anything they could if all mem-

bers would see a need to find their place of work. All of us grow by learning better ways of doing, better ways to teach or a better way to serve. You will feel more a part of the family (congregation) if you express your ideas on the over all program or lead someone to a greater spiritual life. 1976 can be a year you'll not forget if you are a more mature Christian because you were involved all year.

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Invite your friends to watch KLT V

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Each Sunday Morning

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